

Sovereignty of Sri Lanka would not be betrayed - President

The Government does not wish to be associated with the power struggles in the Indian Ocean region by the global giants, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said. He noted that the sovereignty of Sri Lanka would not be betrayed by allowing other countries to achieve their geopolitical needs by introducing separatism under the guise of power devolution. The President made these remarks addressing the gathering at the beginning of the 16th

"Discussion with the Village" program held at the Derangala Maha Vidyalaya premises in the Kiriwelkele North 3rd Step Grama Niladhari Division which falls within the limits of Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara

District on Saturday (27). "We will face the Geneva challenge without fear. We will never succumb to pressures. We are a free nation. We will not be a victim of big power rivalry in the Indian Ocean." President stressed. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



SUFFICIENT FUEL STOCKS IN COUNTRY - MINISTER

NO IMPACT FROM SUEZ IMPASSE

NO OIL PRICE HIKE

NEXT FUEL SHIPMENTS NOT COMING THROUGH SUEZ

Sri Lanka has sufficient stocks of fuel for at least another two weeks, Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said. Speaking to the media, he said the blockage of Egypt's Suez Canal by a giant container ship (Ever Given) would not have an impact on Sri Lanka's oil supply. "Sri Lanka's next fuel shipment will be

coming from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and not from any port close to the Suez Canal," the Minister said. As per the statistics, international oil prices rose about two per cent amid growing fears that it could take weeks to remove the 'Ever Given' container ship blocking the Suez Canal, which would hold up supplies of crude and refined products. The

crisis entered the fifth day yesterday, with no immediate solution in sight. Minister Gammanpila said the Government does not intend to increase the oil prices in the coming weeks. "Sri Lanka's last fuel price increase was on September 1, 2019. The Government will not increase prices despite suffering losses," he added. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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The ceremony for the depositing of treasures at the Square Chamber of the Sandahiru Seya was held yesterday with the patronage of Defence Secretary Gen (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne amidst the blessings of the Maha Sangha. The construction of the Stupa began on November 11, 2010, on a concept of the then President and incumbent Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, in memory of all war heroes who sacrificed their lives to save the country from the 30-year long LTTE terrorism and in remembrance of the war victory in 2009. Minister S.M. Chandrasena, several political representatives, the IGP and the Tri-Force Commanders also participated. **Picture by Sulochana Gamage.**

ITI lab tests on imported coconut oil

Carcinogenic substance identified in a stock

The Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) and the Consumer Affairs Authority (CAA) have commenced investigations on the imported coconut oil consignment allegedly containing a poisonous

substance known as 'Aflatoxin'. The ITI received the samples on Saturday and laboratory tests have begun, ITI Director General Radhika Samarasekera told the Media. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

20 wounded in Palm Sunday attack on Indonesian Church

A suspected suicide bomb attack outside a Catholic Church in the Indonesian city of Makassar in Sulawesi Island has left at least 20 people wounded, police say.

Police said an explosion happened as two people tried to enter the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Palm Sunday, the first day of Easter. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Police watch on school vans, buses

Classes begin with less than 15 students

SHAVINI MADHARA

Legal action will be taken against the drivers and the owners of the vehicles transporting schoolchildren without following health instructions, Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana stated. DIG Rohana noted that children



should not be permitted to remove their face masks when travelling in vehicles. He further stated that the risk for COVID-19 is yet to be eliminated from the country and that drivers and conductors of school transport are expected to be more vigilant in this regard. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Seasonal shoppers warned of thieves

The Police yesterday requested the public to be extra vigilant over snatching, burglary and theft during the Sinhala and Tamil New Year season. Police spokesman DIG Ajith

Rohana said petty offences of the above nature have risen lately and that there is a tendency of such offences increasing during the New Year season. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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Law's delays will be addressed with more Judges - Minister

MOHAMED RASOOLDEEN

It is a priority of the Government to roll out a holistic solution to the perennial problem of law's delays, Justice Minister Ali Sabry PC said.

He said Sri Lanka has close to 800,000 pending cases at the moment and we are determined to double the number of judges within the

next five years and introduce a strategy to resolve this issue. One is to put in motion a practical programme to increase the efficiency of hearing cases," he said.

The Minister was speaking at the 47th Convocation of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka held at the BMICH on Saturday, where Saliya Pieris PC was inducted as its 26th President succeeding Kalinga Indatissa PC. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Police not acting against bus overloading - Minister

Gazette to stipulate numbers, IGP re-reminded

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Transport State Minister Dilum Amunugama said he will write to the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to take stern action against buses carrying passengers more than

the seating capacity violating the stipulated health guidelines.

He said a Gazette stipulating that all public transport buses must only carry passengers to the number of seats available

Buses making profits with recent fare hikes

had been issued and is still effective. He said he wrote to the IGP on a previous occasion too drawing his attention to the matter, but the Police do not seem to take adequate action in this regard. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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Defence Secretary Gen. (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne and the Prelates at yesterday's event in Anuradhapura. Pictures by Sulochana Gamage.

Sandahiru Seya, a tribute to the valiant war heroes - Defence Secretary

The erection of the *Sandahiru Seya* is purely a tribute to the valiant war heroes, Defence Secretary Gen. (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne said.

"It is a pride for us to vest this Stupa for the future generation as adept by the ancient Sri Lankan kings, Gen. Gunaratne said, recalling the large number of fallen, injured and permanently disabled war veterans.

The depositing of treasures and sacred relics at the Sandahiru Stupa Square Chamber was held auspiciously amidst religious blessings of Maha Sangha at the Stupa premises in the sacred city of Anuradhapura yesterday.

A large collection of precious artefacts and sacred relics offered by Ven. Maha Sangha

and devotees around the country along with an engraved stone inscription depicting comprehensive details of the Stupa with its dimensions were deposited during the historic religious ceremony.

The driving force behind the project, Defence Secretary and the Chairperson of 'Archaeological Heritage Management Presidential Task Force' (PTF) for Eastern Province, Gen. Kamal Gunaratne (Retd) offered a coffer containing sacred relics to Maha Sangha while arriving at the Square Chamber of the Maha Stupa.

The Theras deposited all the relics and treasures accordingly while observing the religious proceedings during the occasion.

The sacred recitals were



chanted by Ven. Maha Sangha to invoke blessings for the mammoth construction.

The three and a half-foot high crest-gem designed to be placed at the tip of the Conical Spire embedded with precious stones and gold was offered to the At-

masthana Chief Prelate Ven. Dr. Pallegama Siriniwasa Thera by Arthur Senanayake, a devotee and a patron of sacred construction.

The precious crest-gem was handed over to the Defence Secretary afterwards by the At-

masthana Chief Prelate for onward constructions.

Tri-Forces and the Civil Defence Force (CSDF) were also offered precious artefacts to be placed at the square chamber during the ceremony. The event was organized on successful

completion of the hemispherical dome of the gigantic Stupa and the portion of Square Chamber erection would be initiated following the depositing of treasures today.

Accordingly, the assembly of square chamber, erection of conical spire and minaret, placing of sacred symbolic crest-gem at the pointing tip, engravings, carvings and art work will be the other associated work in the pipeline.

Sandahiru Seya construction was a concept of the fifth Executive President of the country and the present Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa built in appreciation of the noble services rendered by the Security Forces personnel to rid the country of terrorism.

Afterwards, the construction process was steered under the directives of the former Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa who is the current President.

Venerable Maha Sangha including Malwathu Chapter Lekadhihari Most Ven. Rajakiya Panditha Dr. Pahamune Dharmakirithi Sri Sumangala Thera, Government Ministers, the North Central Province Governor, Parliamentarians, Ministry Secretaries, Navy and Air Force Commanders, Inspector General of Police, Director General of CSD, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority and a large gathering of devotees and invitees were also present at the event.

Unrefined coconut oil imports to be banned

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala corr.

State Minister Arundika Fernando told the media that action will be taken to stop importing unrefined coconut oil henceforth.

"About 180,000 metric tonnes of coconut oil is required annually to meet the country's demand. Steps are now underway to increase local manufacturing of pure coconut oil to meet the demand. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has given instructions in this regard," he said.

ITI lab tests on... From page 01

She said the report would be issued as soon as the tests were completed. The CAA has begun collecting coconut oil samples in all districts to test whether those are contaminated as claimed by some. The CAA spokesman told the media that district officials were instructed to obtain five samples of coconut oil from each district to test for substandard products, adding that those would be tested in laboratories.

The Customs took measures to seal the questionable stocks of coconut oil in stores until investigations conclude. The Customs stated that the containers were released only to the warehouses of the respective companies. The Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) has confirmed that the coco-

nut oil of one of the four importers is substandard as per its test results. The Food Safety Unit of the Health Ministry recently confirmed that a highly carcinogenic substance was identified in a stock of imported coconut oil.

The Government said the coconut oil stock in question would be re-exported if it was found to have been contaminated.

"The questionable stocks of coconut oil have not gone to the market. Those have been sealed in warehouses. The Opposition is making false allegations for political advantages. Their intention is to inconvenience the Government," Minister Rear Admiral (Retd) Dr. Sarath Weerasekera told the media yesterday.

Police not acting... From page 01

He was speaking at a press conference in Kandy on Saturday. "The Government permitted a fair increase of bus fares to minimise the loss to the bus owners from the newly imposed restrictions. However, we cannot let bus operators continue to overload passengers like before while also taking the advantage of increased bus fares. The Gazette was issued because oral instructions in this regard were disregarded. Now we have made it a

law and the Police should pay more attention to this matter," he said.

"The COVID-19 risk has not been eliminated. If the people disregard health guidelines in the coming Sinhala and Tamil New Year season, there is a possibility that the virus may spread fast again," he added.

He pointed out that several employees of the Northern depot have been instructed to quarantine as at present.

Police watch on... From page 01

The Education Ministry issued a special circular with health guidelines to re-open Western Province school today. According to the circular issued by the Education Ministry, classes with less than 15 students can be conducted on a daily basis. And also, classes with 16-30 students will have to be divided into two groups and conducted week after week.

Classes with 30 or more students will have to be divided into three groups and classes must be conducted equal number of days.

Sovereignty of Sri Lanka would... From page 01

The President also stated that much of his time was spent on righting the wrongs of the previous Government which in turn caused various issues.

He observed that the foundation has been laid for the country to move forward while correctly identifying and resolving the problems faced by the people for a long time now. "The Government is bound to meet the basic needs of the people. It is not only the responsibility of the Government but also that of the officials as well. This foundation will strengthen the economy in a manner that is most effective for the country and will prioritize addressing the issues of the rural people," he explained.

"Foreign and local forces who cannot stand this progress and the mafias



which support them are misleading the public. The devastation caused in the last five years can repeat if the true progress is left unnoticed and you choose to believe lies and misled yourself. If you give into those lies the damage could be irreversible," President said.

"National security was ignored due to the wrong priorities of the previous Government. The Easter Sunday attack was a result

of that. War heroes were imprisoned on baseless charges. The country's sovereignty was compromised by co-sponsoring the Geneva resolution. The country was thrown into a crisis by entering into agreements such as the MCC Compact and the Eastern Container Terminal Agreement," the President observed adding those were being resolved at the moment. The President highlighted that those who created and supported all the above issues are now protesting against the present Government adding that several prominent figures from the former government pretend as if they were never in power. The President observed that although it was not his way to respond to baseless allegations, now he has to answer and expose lies.

Sufficient fuel stocks... From page 01

The BBC and other news outlets reported that the blockage of Egypt's Suez Canal by a giant container ship is causing a "traffic jam" in the Red Sea, according to a merchant seaman on a nearby ship.

Joe Reynolds, chief engineer of the Maersk Ohio, told the BBC the number of vessels (container ships and tankers) waiting at the Canal's southern entrance was "growing exponentially". "It's going to affect shipping schedules around the world," he warned.

Tugboats and dredgers are trying to dislodge the Ever Given, which is wedged diagonally across the waterway. The 400m-long (1,300ft), 200,000-tonne vessel ran aground on Tuesday morning amid high winds and a sandstorm that affected visibility.

Specialist salvage companies have been brought in to help refloat the ship, and an adviser to Egypt's President has said he hopes the situation will be resolved within two to three days. But experts have said it could

take weeks if some or all of the vessel's 20,000 containers need to be removed. Experts say the loss to the global economy from the Suez impasse will be close to US\$ 10 billion.

Completed in 1869, the 194 Km-long Suez Canal is one of the most vital shipping lanes that connects the East and the West. It is the only place that directly connects the waters of Europe with the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean and the countries of the Asia-Pacific. Without the Suez,

shipments traveling between those parts of the world would have to traverse the entire continent of Africa, adding hefty costs and substantially extending their journey times.

The time saved by the passage is almost invaluable. Today, a ship traveling from a port in Italy to India, for instance, would cover around 4,400 nautical miles if it passed through the Suez Canal - a journey that, at a speed of 20 knots, would take about nine days. But the second-quickest

way to complete that same journey would be via the Cape of Good Hope and around Africa. At the same speed, it would take three weeks to traverse the route, which is 10,500 nautical miles long. The canal's strategically important position means it hosts nearly 19,000 vessels each year, according to Lloyd's List, a shipping industry journal. A multinational summit resulted in an agreement that the canal would be free for all countries to use, both in peace and war.

Law's delays will be... From page 01

"There has been key progress made over the last few months. The increase of Supreme Court and Court of Appeal judges was the first such increase in over 40 years. Justice sector reform has been allocated a record 20 billion from the budget which reflects the largest ever commitment by a government towards the reform of the justice sector," the Minister noted.

The convocation was graced by Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya, PC, Attorney General Dappula De Livera, PC, Court of Appeal President Arjuna Obeyesekere, acting Solicitor General Sanjay Rajaratnam, PC among guests.

Minister Sabry said that the legal profession is unique and it rests with the Bar Association a

heavy responsibility to the citizens of this country, and to the country itself.

Speaking further Sabry said the BASL has a vital role in protecting the rule of law, maintaining the independence of the judiciary and protecting the sovereignty of the country. "This responsibility is not a passive one, it is a positive one where there is a need for the legal profession to be at the forefront of positive social change."

"Lawyers, therefore, the minister said, form a core part of the judicial arm of the state. Lawyers are by their very nature officers of court and on many levels the gatekeepers to justice."

In his address, Saliya Peiris said: "I am committed to the objectives of the Bar Association.

Amongst which are upholding the Rule of Law, safeguarding the independence of the judiciary, and fostering the fundamental rights of the people of Sri Lanka, the promotion, observance and protection of human rights and liberties including right of access to courts are an essential component of the Rule of Law and are among the objectives of the bar association".

"The Bar should not hesitate to let its views be known whenever the Rule of Law or the independence of the judiciary is imperiled. In fact, the objectives of the BASL require the intervention of the Bar in situations of national importance whenever the Rule of Law or the administration of justice is affected," he concluded.

20 wounded in Palm Sunday... From page 01

A destroyed motorbike and body parts were found at the scene and police said the two attackers had died.

Militant Islamists have attacked churches in the past but no group has yet said it was behind the bombing.

Religious Affairs Minister Yaqut Cholil Qoumas condemned the attack and urged police to increase security measures at places of worship.

"Whatever the motive is, this attack cannot be justified by any religion because it only does harm to other people," he said.

The explosion happened at about 10:30 local time (03:30 GMT) at the end of a service for Palm Sunday.

"There were two people riding on a motorbike when the explosion happened at the main gate of the church - the perpetrators were trying to enter the compound," National Police spokesman Argo Yuwono said.

A priest at the church, Father Wilhelmus Tulak, told Metro TV that security guards had tackled one suspected bomber.

The attacker, he said, arrived by motorbike and tried to get into the church.

Police said at least 20 people were injured, including the church officials who stopped the attackers from entering

the grounds of the cathedral. The blast happened by the church's side entrance. Footage from security cameras showed fire, smoke and debris being blown into the middle of the road.

Makassar Mayor Danny Pomanto said that if the explosion had happened at the main entrance, it could have led to far more casualties.

Gomar GulTom, head of the Indonesian Council of Churches, said the attack on people celebrating Palm Sunday was "cruel".

He urged people to stay calm and trust the authorities.

Churches have been targeted in the past by extremists in Indonesia, the world's biggest Muslim-majority nation.

In 2018, dozens of people were killed in bomb attacks on churches and a police headquarters in the port city of Surabaya.

Police blamed an Islamic State-inspired network, the Jamaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD) group, for the attacks.

Indonesia's worst ever terror attack was in Bali in 2002, when 202 people - mostly foreigners - were killed in an attack on a tourist nightlife district.

That attack was carried out by the Jemaah Islamiah (JI) militant network and prompted a sustained crackdown on militants. (BBC, agencies)

Seasonal shoppers warned... From page 01

He said that the Police have identified that drug dependents and organized gangs are involved in these type of offences.

He requested jewellery shop owners to be extra vigilant and have a contingency plan to confront such instances and have a police emergency number to dial immediately.

He said the thieves would most probably wear full face helmets to hide their identity.

He said the Police have deployed mobile patrols to tighten security in the New Year season.

Moreover, the Police Spokesman also warned the public to take precautionary measures to prevent road accidents dur-

ing the upcoming New Year season.

DIG Rohana said 11 people died on Saturday due to motor traffic accidents. He urged drivers to desist from driving under the influence and to be cautious of road rules and safety of pedestrians when driving.

The Police Spokesman also requested the people to adhere to health guidelines during the season and to wear face masks all the time. He requested the shop owners to pay more attention in this regard. He added that about 3,400 people had been arrested since October 30, 2020 for violating quarantine regulations such as not wearing face masks and not maintaining social distancing.

Public cautioned against severe lightning

The Meteorology Department yesterday issued an advisory for severe lightning.

"Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur at several places in the Central, Sabaragamuwa, Western and North-Western Provinces and in the Galle and the Matara Districts. Heavy showers above 100 mm are likely at some places in these areas.

There may be temporary strong winds during thundershowers. The public is requested to take adequate precautions to minimise damages caused by temporary strong winds and lightning," the advisory stated.

"Showers or thundershowers will occur at several places in the



Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Western, Central and Uva Provinces during the evening or night. Fairly heavy rainfalls above 50 mm can

be expected at some places. Several spells of showers will be in the Northern, North-Central and the Eastern Provinces. Mist will be at

some places in the Central, Sabaragamuwa and Western Provinces during the morning," the Department said.

The Department advised the people to seek shelter, preferably indoors and never under trees, during lightning. "Avoid open areas such as paddy fields, tea plantations and open water bodies during thunderstorms. Avoid using wired telephones and connected electric appliances during thunderstorms. Avoid using open vehicles, such as bicycles, tractors and boats. Beware of fallen trees and power lines. For emergency assistance, contact the disaster management authorities," the Department added.

Dates from Saudi Arabia for Ramadan

ASHRAFFA.SAMAD

The Government of Saudi Arabia has provided 75 MT of dates for Ramadan this year.

The stock was handed over to Prime Minister and Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on March 16 by Deputy

Ambassador of Saudi Arabia in Sri Lanka Riyab Al Sharif at the Prime Minister's official residence.

The Prime Minister handed the dates over to Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs Department Director A.B.M. Ashraf. The dates will be delivered to the registered Mosques in the country.

'Universities to re-open after New Year'

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, KURUNEGALA CORR.

University Grants Commission Chairman Senior Prof. Sampath Amaratunga has informed Vice Chancellors to take steps to re-open State Universities after the Sinhala and Tamil New Year.

The Vice Chancellors have been instructed to ask undergraduates to attend universities in groups.

The new entrants to the universities will be enrolled soon, the UGC Chairman said.

Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill gazetted

The Government last week gazetted the 'Colombo Port City Economic Commission' Bill to establish a Special Economic Zone within which there is ease of doing business that will attract new investments.

The new Bill has been published under the orders of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and it will be presented to Parliament for the First Reading shortly.

"The Colombo Port City Special Economic Zone" will be an international business and services hub with specialised infrastructure and other facilities to promote and facilitate economic activities. It will facilitate international trade, shipping logistic operations, off-shore banking and financial services, information technology and business process outsourcing, corporate headquarters operations, regional distribution operations, tourism, and other ancillary services.

The Zone will facilitate the diversification of the service economy and will promote the inflow of foreign exchange while generating new employments.

The Bill will establish a Commission to grant registrations, licences, authorisations and other approvals to carry on businesses and other activities in the Zone. The Commission will consist of not less than five members and not more than seven members who will be appointed by the President.

It will also provide for the identification of a Single Window Investment facilitator to promote ease of doing business within the Zone while determining and granting incentives and other exemptions to promote businesses of strategic importance.

Seminar on Graphic Design and Multimedia Technology

Sri Lanka Institute of Printing under the State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation has organized a workshop style seminar on Graphic Design and Multimedia Technology.

This seminar will be held on March 30 from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm at the Institute. It will give an exposure and understanding of the use of essential graphic software packages in the industry and guide school leavers and other professionals who wish to gain knowledge in graphic designing skills in day to day work and presentations.

The Multimedia session will discuss the use of essential software packages in Web Design, Non-Linear Editing and Digital Animation and guide the school leavers and other professionals who wish to gain knowledge in Web Design, 3D Animation, Non-Linear Editing skills in relevant projects.

It will be useful for those who take up Web Design, 3D Animation, Non-Linear Editing and Graphic Designing as careers, which have a high potential for employments.

The intake will be limited to capacity and those who are interested in participating in the seminar should reserve a seat by contacting Sri Lanka Institute of Printing on 011 2686162 or 011 2679791 or 0777 706995 or by visiting Sri Lanka Institute of Printing, Department of Government Printing, No. 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo.

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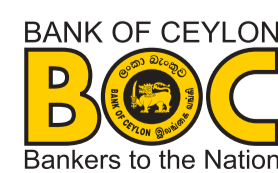
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‘Discussion with the Village’

Meeting basic needs of the people a priority – President

“The government is duty-bound to meet the basic needs of the people. It is not only the responsibility of the government but also that of the officials as well. This foundation will strengthen the economy in a manner that is most effective for the country and will prioritize addressing the issues of the rural people,” President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said.

The President made these remarks addressing the gathering at the beginning of the 16th ‘Discussion with the Village’ programme held at Derangala Maha Vidyalaya premises in the Kiriwelkele North Third Step Grama Niladhari Division which falls within the limits of the Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District, on Saturday (27).

He observed that the foundation has been laid for the country to move forward while correctly identifying and resolving the problems faced by the people for a long time. “Back in the day, Colombo was developed into a green city. Strategies are now in place to utilize renewable energy sources to the tune of 70 percent of energy requirements by 2030. Steps have been taken to supply electricity to the main power grid from over 7,000 solar power systems. The use of chemical fertilizer will be reduced by 25 percent every coming year. All these projects are aimed at conserving the environment as well as strengthening the economy,” President Rajapaksa said.

“Foreign and local forces who cannot stand this progress and the mafia which supports them are misleading the public. The devastation caused in the last five years can happen again if true progress is left unnoticed and you choose to believe lies and mislead yourself. If you give into those lies, the damage could be irreversible,” the President said.

He said national security was ignored due to the wrong priorities of the previous government. The Easter Sunday attacks were a result of that. War heroes were imprisoned on baseless charges. The country’s sovereignty was compromised by co-sponsoring the Geneva resolution. Attempts were made to destroy the culture and religion associated with our unique heritage.

“The country was thrown into a crisis by entering into agreements such as the MCC Compact and the Eastern Container Terminal Agreement.” The President added that they are being resolved today.

President Rajapaksa highlighted that those who created and supported all the issues are now protesting against the present government adding that several prominent figures from the former government pretend as if they were never in power. The President observed that although it was not his way to respond to baseless allegations, now he has to answer and expose lies.

The ‘Discussion with the Village’ programme commenced on September 25, 2020 from the Badulla District. Thereafter programmes were organized covering the Matale, Ratnapura, Anuradhapura, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Kalutara, Moneragala, Kegalle, Kandy, Puttalam, Trincomalee, Kurunegala, Galle and Nuwara



Eliya districts. The idea behind this programme is for the President to talk to the rural communities living in remote and difficult areas without intermediaries, about their long-standing unresolved problems and to present them directly to the officials in order to find solutions. Problems that can be solved on the spot are instantly addressed. The rest which take time to deal with are noted down to find solutions later. The objective of the programme is to reach out to the people of the village, understand their problems and find solutions giving consideration to their own suggestions.

Kiriwelkele North Third Step Grama Niladhari Division is located 12km away from Pitabeddara town. It is a highland colony established in 1958 and it became Kiriwelkale village following the settlement of people in the area. It is the most difficult village which falls within the limits of the Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat area. The total population of the Grama Niladhari Division is 2,990 comprising 622 families. Most of the owners of small tea holdings in the Matara District live here. The main sources of income are tea, cinnamon, rubber, black pepper and coconut.

President Rajapaksa arrived at Dehigasppe Dudley Senanayake Maha Vidyalaya, Pitabeddara and from there he made it to Derangala Maha Vidyalaya to attend the ‘Discussion with the Village’ programme.

President Rajapaksa conversed with the people gathered on both sides of the road as well as the people and students gathered in close proximity to Derangala Junior College and inquired into their problems.

President Rajapaksa opened the ‘Smart Classroom’ facilitated with a high-speed internet connection donated by Sri Lanka Telecom (SLT) Mobitel to Derangala Maha Vidyalaya and presented the laptops with internet connections donated by SLT Mobitel and the TV set and the internet connection provided by Dialog Axiata to the Principal of the Seelarathana Junior School, Banagala.

Another objective of President Rajapaksa is to develop school library facilities in all areas where the ‘Discussion with the Village’ programme is held. The President presented sets of books to schools under the programme “A generation empowered with knowledge”. Each school receives 500 books covering a number of subjects to assist students in their further education.

A programme to grant title deeds to the families who had been in possession of government lands without clear ownership was begun recently. President Rajapaksa symbolically presented title deeds to five families in the Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat Division.

It was decided at the ‘Discussion with the Village’ programme to expedite the

development of bridges including Pahu-ruthota, Jambugasdola, Mederipitiya and Velangavita which were destroyed by floods.

The President instructed the officials to resolve the issues regarding the unauthorized use of land belonging to the Land Reforms Commission and conduct surveys following a joint inspection of large tracts of land under plantation companies.

It was decided to hold a “Land Day” to resolve all existing land issues in Pitabeddara and adjoining villages.

The Road Development Authority was tasked with identifying unsafe slopes on roads in the area and constructing safety fences.

President Rajapaksa instructed the relevant officials to develop about 120 km of roads including the Derangala road near the Podidahayakanda bus stand, the Mahena Ella road and the Nagahahena 517 road in Banagala East within the next few months.

Farmers apprised the President regarding the difficulties faced by them in selling cinnamon produce. The President instructed to formulate a proper system and monitoring mechanism to end the injustice caused in purchasing grade A cinnamon as grade B. The Plantations Ministry was directed to distribute high-quality cinnamon seedlings to nurseries owned by the Cinnamon Farmers’ Associations.

The small-scale tea plantations in the area have a history of over 35 years. It takes more than two years to replant and collect tea harvest. The President emphasized the need to expedite the replanting of tea by providing an annual allowance for two years to compensate the loss of income during this period, as a remedy.

The President instructed the Education Secretary to take steps to eliminate the issue of shortage of teachers and develop infrastructure facilities in schools including Thalapekumbura Junior School, Derangala Maha Vidyalaya, Siyambalagoda West Junior School and Kalubowitiyawa Maha Vidyalaya as well as to construct a flyover at Alapaladeniya Secondary School.

It was instructed to implement a drinking water project in Morawaka and to establish a number of small community water units covering 60 Grama Niladhari Divisions.

The President also directed the officials to renovate the Derangala Health Centre and provide immediate solutions to a number of public problems including infrastructure development and filling vacancies in health centres in the area.

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, Minister Dullas Alahapperuma, Southern Province Governor Dr. Willie Gamage, State Minister Kanchana Wijesekera, Members of Parliament Nipuna Ranawaka, Weerasumana Weerasinghe, Karuna Kodithuwakku, Principal Adviser to the President Lalith Weeratunga, people’s representatives of the district, Secretaries to Ministries, Heads of Government Institutions and the Security Forces were present at the ‘Discussion with the Village’ programme held on the premises of Derangala Maha Vidyalaya.



Sri Lanka chairs IORA WGMSS 2nd meeting

The IORA Working Group on Maritime Safety and Security (WGMSS) 2nd meeting chaired by Sri Lanka was held virtually from March 18 to 19 with its member States and the Secretariat.

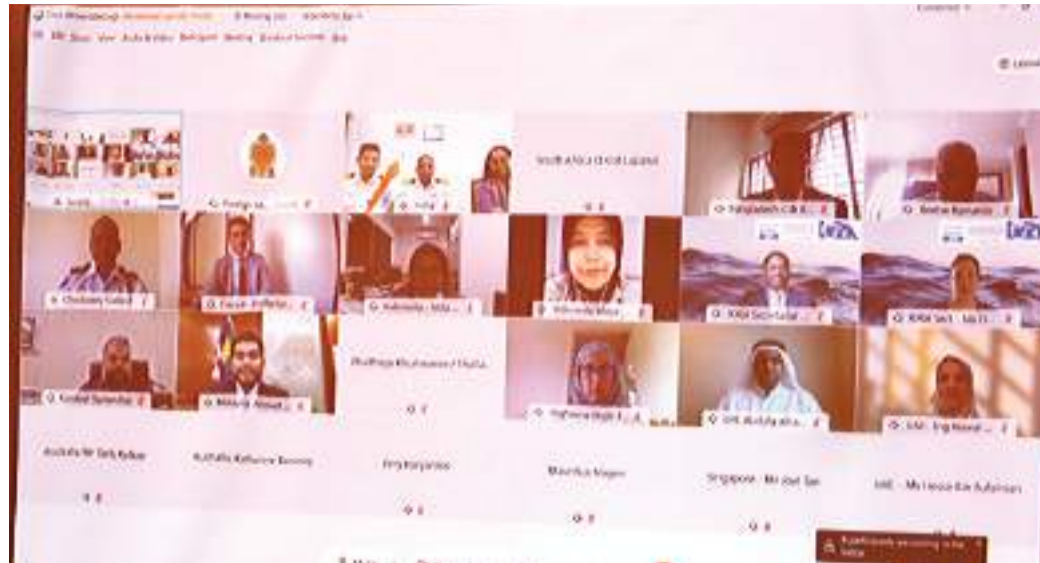
Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage inaugurated the meeting and highlighted that the time is opportune to translate discussions on maritime safety and security issues into action. He referred to the maritime crime trinity – narcotics, human and weapon trafficking, which is increasing, despite numerous initiatives by the Global Maritime Crimes Programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and several other regional and international entities and national governments.

He said that 40 per cent of fishing comes from IUU fishing in the Indian Ocean, quoting a UN Food and Agriculture Organization Report. The Foreign Secretary noted the impact of IUU fishing on the marine environment and the sustainable management of fisheries resources. He said how fishing boats are involved in the increase in trafficking

and polluting the marine environment, recalling the dead zone of 60,000 square kilometres in the Bay of Bengal and the large garbage patch in the southern part of the Indian Ocean. "With humans releasing at least eight million metric tonnes of plastic every year to the oceans, soon there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish, resulting in unhealthy scenarios".

He said that now, again, another three trends are emerging or already have emerged in the Indian Ocean. "Number one, the politicisation of the maritime trade; number two, the politicisation of maritime-related infrastructure and number three, increased militarisation of the Indian Ocean". "We need international rules-based maritime order and enhance maritime trade connectivity as there is a huge asymmetry in the Indian Ocean Region," he said.

The Foreign Secretary said that Sri Lanka is looking forward to continuing its leadership role in the next tenure as the lead country for the IORA – WGMSS and that Sri Lanka is also looking forward to play-



IORA members participating in the virtual meeting.

ing an effective role to benefit the IORA family during its tenure as Vice-Chair, which will begin around the fourth quarter this year, for enhanced regional cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region.

IORA Acting Secretary General Dr. Gunawan H. Gatot extended his sincere appreciation to the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka for the exceptional arrangements made to host the

IORA WGMSS second meeting in a hybrid format despite the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

"Prevention cannot depend on anticipating how threats to maritime safety and security will evolve. During these ongoing challenging times, we must recognise the opportunity to enhance cooperation through stronger partnerships and effective coordination and planning. I hope that today, through

this hybrid Meeting, we can engage in constructive discussions on the way forward to review and update the IORA WGMSS Work Plan, and to share best practices that strengthen cooperation within the IORA Maritime Safety and Security Framework," he said.

The Inaugural Ceremony was held in accordance with COVID-19 protocols and was attended by Heads of Missions

and other diplomats of IORA Member States and Dialogue Partner countries in Colombo, UN Resident Coordinator, Head of Global Maritime Crime Programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (GMCP-UNODC) and senior officials from other stakeholders.

The meeting was chaired by Director General of Ocean Affairs, Environment and Climate Change of the Foreign Ministry Hasanthi Urugodawatte Dissanayake.

Prior to the meeting, March 17, an informal virtual meeting was held to discuss the agenda and modalities by the Eight Cluster Group Member States of IORA WGMSS of 20 delegates. The Cluster Group comprises Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and the United Arab Emirates.

An introductory session was held to stimulate the participating Member State representatives on Maritime Safety and Security issues. The session included a presentation by Head of GMCP – UNODC Alan Cole on "The Emerging

Threats to Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean Region" and on "Maritime Safety and Security: Challenges and Solutions from Stable Seas Perspective" by Stable Seas Organization Jay Benson. This introductory session was moderated by Commander of the Eastern Naval Area and Chief Hydrographer of Sri Lanka Navy Rear Admiral Y. N. Jayarathna.

Forty four delegates joined virtually representing 15 Member States out of 23 and discussed the succeeding Work Plan of the IORA WGMSS for 2022-2026. Deliberations involved taking into consideration drawbacks in the earlier Work Plan, in terms of format, implementation responsibilities and the COVID 19 pandemic and new activities proposed by the Member States. The Work Plan for 2022 to 2026 was finalised with more specific activities and individual Member States or the IORA Secretariat taking responsibility for each activity, which was considered, as more pragmatic in moving forward. It also included uncompleted activities from the 2019 – 2021 Work Plan.

Fifty four Indian fishermen in Sri Lankan custody released

Sri Lanka has released all 54 Indian fishermen who were arrested this week for allegedly poaching in the country's territorial waters, Indian officials confirmed on Saturday.

The Indian official sources here said that 40 of them were released on Friday and the remaining 14 have been released this morning.

The 54 Indian fishermen were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy on March 24 at two different locations in the North and Northeastern seas. The Navy also seized their five trawlers.

Upon their arrest, the Indian High Commission here said that they were providing consular assistance to the arrested fishermen.

It said the fishermen's issue needed to be treated in a humanitarian manner. The Indian High Commission in a statement said that the bilateral mechanisms were being utilised to see an expeditious settlement of the issue.

Fishermen from both countries are arrested frequently for inadvertently trespassing into each other's waters. The fishermen issue has become a major irritant in bilateral ties of the two countries.

In January, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visited Sri Lanka and met Sri Lanka's Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda and raised the fishermen issue and reviewed bilateral cooperation in fisheries.

"We look forward to the early return of our fishermen from Sri Lanka," Jaishankar had said. Later, a three-member committee was

appointed by the Sri Lankan Government to make recommendations on measures to stop poaching by Indian fishermen inside the country's waters after four people were killed when an Indian trawler capsized after colliding with a Sri Lankan Navy vessel. - indianexpress.com

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Winning Numbers
19 49 50 62

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TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES
Rs. 10,464,600/-

Saturday
Date: 27.03.2021
Draw No.: 3565
Colour: Green

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 5,007,700/-

Winning Numbers
25 53 54 60

English Letter
J

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

English Letter & Winning Numbers
Draw No: 707
Colour: Green
Date: 26 March 2021
Friday

06 16 20 39

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,059,880/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 78,524,870/-

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

Saturday
Date: 27.03.2021
Draw No.: 1235
Colour: Yellow

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 5,948,820/-

Winning Numbers
24 32 63 76

English Letter
K

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Date : 26-03-2021
Draw Number : 3115
Colour : Blue

Rs. 2,464,596/-

Winning Numbers
04 13 18 22

Taurus

TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES
Rs. 12,257,020/-

Oceanlust cleans coral reef



Leaning the beach.

Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne inaugurated the 1st Reef Cleaning Project in 2021 organised by Oceanlust e-magazine at the Malima Club House, Uswetakeiyawa on Saturday. The natural coral reef from the Kelani Estuary and the neighboring shoreline were cleaned.

Naval divers cleared plastic and polythene debris. Members of the Men in Whites, their family members, Naval and coast guard personnel, members from the Marine Environment Protection Authority, Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management, various government and non-government organizations and residents of the area broke a sweat to clean a 5km long beach area from Uswetakeiyawa to Preethipura on the sidelines of the main event. Navy Seva Vanitha Unit President Chandima Ulugetenne, Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander Western Naval Area Rear Admiral Meril Sudarshana, officers and sailors took part in the event.

Boy bathing in tank dies in croc attack

M. S. ABDUL HALEEM,
Mullipothana Group Corr.

A 15-year-old boy bathing in a tank in Sampur died when he was attacked by a crocodile.

The victim was identified as Konalingam Lenujan, a student of Toppur-School, Ithikulam. The boy had gone to bathe in the Ithikulam tank along with two other boys and had been dragged down by the crocodile. Later, his body was found, police said. Sampur police are investigating.

Date : 27-03-2021
Draw Number : 422 | Colour : Red

Rs. 11,445,968/-

English Letter
F

Winning Numbers
05 17 18

Fate Number
9

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,229,720/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 11,584,712/-

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

Draw Number ▶ 1408
Colour ▶ Pink
Draw Date ▶ 26.03.2021
Date ▶ Friday

Winning English Letter and Numbers
M 28 51 55 63

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,399,700/-

The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

Friday
Date: 26.03.2021
Draw No.: 3564
Colour: Orange

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 4,697,140/-

Winning Numbers
33 43 47 60

English Letter
G

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Draw Number ▶ 064
Draw Date ▶ 27.03.2021
Saturday

Winning Numbers
20 31 49

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,457,440/-

Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 14

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

Governments urged to prioritise seafarers, aircrew in vaccination programmes

They travel across borders at all times

In a Joint Statement international organisations called on Governments to prioritise seafarers and aircrew in their national COVID-19 vaccination programmes.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Organization for Migration (IOM) and World Health Organization (WHO) issued a joint statement last week on prioritization of COVID-19 vaccination for seafarers and aircrew.

"The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has triggered devastating consequences for

human life and the global economy. Maritime and air transport are two essential activities that underpin global trade and mobility and are key to a sustainable socio-economic recovery.

"More than 80 per cent of global trade by volume is moved by maritime transport. The global economy depends on the world's 2 million seafarers who operate the global fleet of merchant ships. Seafarers have been severely impacted by the travel restrictions imposed during the pandemic. As of January 2021, it is estimated that some 400,000 seafarers are stranded on board commercial vessels,

long past the expiry of their contracts and unable to be repatriated. A similar number of seafarers urgently need to join ships to replace them.

"Passenger air transport carried about 5.7 billion passengers in 2019 while air-freight represents 35 per cent of the value of goods shipped in all modes combined. The total number of licensed aviation professionals, which include pilots, air traffic controllers and licensed maintenance technicians, was 887,000 in 2019, according to ICAO personnel statistics. Application of stringent public health rules to air crew, including quarantine, has

resulted in hindered connectivity, operational complexity and significant cost.

"Maritime and air transport rely on seafarers and aircrew. They are key workers required to travel across borders at all times, which may result in the need for them to present proof of a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition for entry in some countries. This is despite WHO recommendation that, at the present time, countries should not introduce requirements of proof of vaccination for international travel as a condition of entry, as there are still critical unknowns regarding the efficacy of vaccination in reducing transmission and

limited availability of vaccines. For shipping and air transport to continue to operate safely, the safe cross border movement of seafarers and aircrew must be facilitated. We reiterate our call upon countries that have not done so to designate seafarers and aircrew as key workers.

"With this statement, our organizations also call on governments to prioritize seafarers and aircrew in their national COVID-19 vaccination programmes, together with other essential workers, in accordance with the advice from the WHO SAGE Roadmap for prioritizing the use of COVID-19 vaccines in the con-

text of limited supply published in November 2020. Seafarers and aircrew need to be protected through vaccination as soon as possible, to facilitate their safe movement across borders. We also call on governments to identify and prepare for the challenges of COVID-19 vaccination of seafarers and aircrew, particularly for seafarers spending long periods of time away from their home country.

"Our organizations fully support the timely development of an international harmonized framework for vaccination certificates, to facilitate international travel for seafarers and aircrew.

"In December 2020, WHO established a Smart Vaccination Certificate working group to ensure that digitalized versions of vaccine certificates are interoperable, and the UN Crisis Management Team for COVID-19, under the leadership of WHO, recognized that all countries should consider seafarers and aircrew, who are required to travel across borders during the pandemic, for essential allocation of vaccines. We invite governments and other stakeholders to bring the contents of this joint statement to the attention of the competent authorities and all parties concerned," the statement read.

Russian envoy calls on Defence Secretary

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Sri Lanka, Yury Materiy met the Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd) at the Ministry on Friday.

The Defence Secretary and the Ambassador Materiy had a cordial discussion on matters of bilateral importance and mutual relevance during the occasion,

the Defence Ministry said. General Gunaratne thanked the Russian envoy for their continuous support for Sri Lanka that further strengthened the bilateral ties between the two countries.

Defence Attaché to the Russian Embassy in Sri Lanka, Colonel Denis I. Shkoda and Additional Secretary (Defence) PBSC Nonis were present.



Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Sri Lanka, Yury Materiy in discussion with the Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd) at the Ministry.

UN commission pushes equality for women in decision-making

The 65th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) ended its two-week long gathering on Friday by adopting a document that recognises the need to significantly accelerate the pace in ensuring women a place in government and public sector leadership. The so-called Agreed Conclusions acknowledge that temporary special measures, such as quotas, and increased political will are needed as an enabling pathway to this goal.

"This is the first session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 15 years to engage with the issue of women's participation in public life and these Agreed Conclusions make important advances", said Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, the Executive Director of UN Women, which serves as the CSW Secretariat.

Against the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic, the Agreed Conclusions affirm that the crisis is deepening the pre-existing inequalities that perpetuate multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.

However, recent data show that women have been mostly absent from COVID-19 government task forces around the world – making up only 24 per cent of the 225 task force members examined across 137 countries.

As such, the document recommends concrete actions to remedy the situation, such as changing laws that hinder women's equal participation in public life; setting timelines for gender balance in government through measures such as quotas or appointments; and encouraging the nomination of as many women candidates as men.

600,000 Sinopharm vaccines here on Wednesday



Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines

A stock of 600,000 Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines was handed over to Beijing Capital Airport last evening (28) to be sent to Sri Lanka.

The stocks will arrive in Colombo on Wednesday (31) morning via the SriLankan Airlines, the Chinese Embassy in Sri Lanka said.

COVID-19 – Global Education Recovery Tracker launched

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted education for 1.6 billion children worldwide over the past year. To help measure the ongoing global response, Johns Hopkins University, the World Bank, and UNICEF have partnered to create a COVID-19 – Global Education Recovery Tracker.

Launched on Friday, the tool assists countries' decision-making by tracking reopening and recovery planning efforts in more than 200 countries and territories.

The effort captures and showcases information across four key areas:

- Status of schooling
- Modalities of learning (remote, in-person or hybrid)
- Availability of remedial educational support

The Global Education Recovery Tracker seeks to build upon Johns Hopkins University's pivotal work in gathering quality data on COVID-19 cases, testing, and vaccinations, along with the strategic roles that the World Bank and UNICEF play in operational and policy support to countries during the pandemic.

"Throughout the pandemic Johns Hopkins has demonstrated the vital role for universities in providing accurate, evidence-based data and information for the world," said Johns Hopkins Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Sunil Kumar. "We hope the work of this partnership will build understanding of how COVID-19 continues to affect students everywhere."

Data through early March 2021 show that 51 countries have fully returned to in-person education. In more than 90 countries, students are being instructed through multiple modalities, with some schools open, others closed, and many offering hybrid learning options.

Regionally, there are emerging indications of shifts in learning modalities. Remote learning continues to dominate in the Middle East and North Africa where schools were largely closed in recent weeks. However, in Sub-Saharan Africa, most students are physically attending school. In the East Asia and Pacific region, in-person education has mostly resumed, with stringent social distancing measures. The regions of South Asia, Central Asia, and Europe are mainly relying on hybrid education where the infrastructure allows. Across Latin America, countries are using mixed approaches that include remote, hybrid, and in-person education. However, the majority of schools remain partially or fully closed to in-person classes with remote education as the most used modality.

"The world was facing a learning crisis before COVID-19," said Jaime Saavedra, World Bank Global Director for Education. "The learning poverty rate – the proportion of 10-year-olds unable to read a short, age-appropriate text – was 53% in low- and middle-income countries prior to COVID-19, compared to only 9% for high-income countries. A year into the pandemic, continued disruptions to schooling, shifts in learning modalities, and concerns for students' well-being are ever greater, and this learning crisis is getting worse. COVID-19 related school closures are likely to increase learning poverty to as much as 63%." Saavedra emphasized the importance of this Tracker, "In many countries, students and teachers need urgent supplemental support. The return to school requires accelerated, remedial, and hybrid learning, as well as other interventions.

Collecting and monitoring this data on what countries are doing is critically important to help us understand the magnitude of what support is needed as we go forward, learning from the major trends observed among countries."

-www.unicef.org

Acknowledgement



MUTHUSAMY NADARAJAH

The family of late Muthusamy Nadarajah wish to express their appreciation to those who offered such kindness support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement.

16th Day Ceremony (Karumadi) will be held at **Sarasvathi Hall, No. 75, Lorensz Road, Colombo 4** on 31st March 2021 from 12 noon onwards.

Thank You

PCR lab in BIA will not be privatised – Minister Prasanna

IRANGIKA RANGE

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said that certain trade unions were spreading rumours that the PCR lab in the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), Katunayake will be handed over to the private sector.

He charged that these rumours were spread to inconvenience the Government.

"There is no truth in the reports in the social media that the PCR lab at the BIA to be privatised and that I am

involved in this process. Even though the airport had been closed, the PCR tests were conducted for Sri Lankan migrant workers from other countries. The PCR samples from various parts of the country were also tested at this lab. However, we had to take special safety measures with regard to outsiders and vehicles carrying samples for PCR samples to the lab when the airport became more busy with the reopening of the country for tourists since last January," the Minister said.

Two books launched at J'pura Uni.



Professor E.R. Jansz (Centre) at the book launch.

The launch of the two books, Pitfalls, Rewards and Reflections of a Retired Scientist and Weerasinghe Land and Other No-fictional Stories, by Vidya Jyothi Emeritus Professor E.R. Jansz was held on March 20 at the Board Room of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

At this occasion, Prof. Jansz was appreciated for his monumental contribution to the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The Chief Guest, was Senior Professor Sudantha

Liyanaige, Vice-Chancellors of the University. "The best way to assess a scientist is not by measuring the individual achievements but by assessing the long term impact he has made. Department of biochemistry, being only the department in the university that produced two awardees of the vice-chancellor award for scientific publications is a testimony to his untiring efforts to build the academic capabilities of the university," Prof. Liyanaige said.

Senior Professor Aloka Pathirana, Dean, Faculty

of Medical Sciences, has also commended his services particularly, for his efforts during the formative years of the faculty by shouldering a greater amount of administrative and academic responsibilities. Senior Professor UG Chandrika, one of his students, an awardee of prestigious vice-chancellors award for scientific publications, made a special speech on behalf of all the students and highlighted how Prof Jansz had transformed the lives of hundreds of thousands of students in the country.



MARK PERERA

Dearly beloved husband of Srimali Pigeera, most affectionate father of Renuka, Chamila and Lakmal, most loving father-in-law of Royce, Thushitha and Randhika.

Grandfather of Dulasha, Shehali, Inuk and Oshela, much loved brother of Bridget, Bernard, Stella (Australia), Patricia, Hyacinth and Remigus (Australia), loving brother-in-law of late Vincent Rodrigo, late Srimali Seneviratne, late George Martinus, late Joseph Jayasinghe, Judith Perera, John Amaratunga, Niranjan Pigeera and Sriyantha Pigeera. Cortege leaves "Ruksevana", Hewagama, Kaduwela on Monday 29th March at 3.00 p.m. for **Weliwita Cemetery**.

Death Acknowledgements

AMARASINGHE - RANIL MANURAJ

With profound sorrow we announce the death of RANIL MANURAJ AMARASINGHE. Beloved son of late Marshal & Gladys Amarasinghe, precious brother of Ranjanie, Dr. Lalanthra, Sawithri (UK), Mohan (Canada), late Dr. Maithriya (Mike), (UK), MALA, Manel (UK) & Virendra, brother-in-law of Annesley, Dr. Priyanganie, late Amithra (UK), Indra (Canada), Niranjalie (UK), Saliya and Salome (UK). He passed away peacefully on Sunday the 21st March after a brief illness. The funeral was held according to his wishes. The family wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who took care of him during this time, our relations and friends for their presence, expressions of love, sympathy & support and to Pastor Lalith Perera along with the members of C.R.L. Church for their presence, worship & prayer at the parlour, which was greatly appreciated in our time of grief. "He may be unseen and unheard but will always be loved & missed deeply by all. May he rest in peace in the Arms of Jesus. We regret we are unable to thank everyone individually.

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Obituaries

BLAKE, PADDY (IRMA) nee

NEWMAN, age 88, slipped away peacefully in Toronto on March 5th, 2021, while enjoying a visit with her children. Beloved wife of the late Jumbo (James) Blake, dear sister of the late Nora de Ruijter, loving mother of Penny, Diana, James (and Gertrud), and the late Elizabeth. Beloved grandmother of Benjamin (and Kamla), Alexis (and Luke) and great-grandchildren Ethan, Lennox, Troy, Evelyn and Bridget. Dear sister-in-law and aunt to many nieces and nephews. Paddy will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by family and friends of all ages and across several continents. Remembering Paddy's love of children and her career as a wonderful music and kindergarten teacher, memorial donations may be sent to the Toronto Rotary Club for the Sri Lankan Orphanage Project, an orphanage that Paddy supported. To contact family - blake.ceilao@gmail.com 023829

NAVAMANIE, GILBERT T.D.

Beloved husband of late Therese, precious father of Ronald, late Indira and Ranjana, father-in-law of Albert and Marsha, loving grandfather of Rukshan, Dharshini, Shyamala and Miriam, great grandfather of Kyle, Mike and Matteo, brother of late John, late Lucy, Flory, Hepzie, Rupert and late Stella. Remains will lie at the **Anglican Chapel, General Cemetery, Borella**, from 10.00 a.m. on Monday, March 29, funeral service at 2.15 p.m. followed by burial at 2.45 p.m. 024376

RANDENIYA - PREMA (retired

English Teacher). Beloved wife of late AG Ariyaratna, loving mother of Gamini (USA), Jagath (Italy), Ashoka (Bangladesh), Geetha (UK), Chandrani (Italy), Renuka (UK). Remains lie at "Saketha" Rankoth Vihara Mawatha, Godavana Kulegoda. Cremation at Ambalangoda Cemetery on Monday 29th March at 3.00 p.m. 024379

Late Obituaries - I

SILVA - MAHESH Beloved son of Tony Silva and late Mercy Fernando, loving husband of Chandrani Abeygunaratne and beloved father of Kevin Saliya (Sri Lanka Airlines) and Ivanka, former leader of Band Simple and Proprietor of Bread'n Bun Bakers Moratuwa. Cortege leaves residence on Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 2.30 p.m. for Services at St. Michael's Church, Korawella Moratuwa, thereafter burial at **Church Cemetery, 21, Vidyala Mawatha, Korawella, Moratuwa**. 0112658884. 024380

327 Naval recruits pass out

Three hundred and seventy seven recruits of the 241st intake of Sri Lanka Navy's Regular and Volunteer Forces passed out in Poonewa on March 27 after completion of their basic training.

Director General Logistics and Director General Budget and Finance, Rear Admiral Udaya Hettiarachchi graced the passing out parade at the main parade ground of Sri Lanka Naval Ship (SLNS) Shiksha and took the salute. The ceremony held in a dignified sequence saw trophies were awarded to recruits

who excelled during their basic training. Recruit R.N.N.W. Jayatilake was adjudged the Best Recruit of 241st intake and won the award for his achievement. D.M.N.W. Disanayake won the award for securing the highest aggregate in overall subjects. B.M.N.K. Basnayake and L.M.N.S. Bandara won awards for the Best Marksman and Best Sportsman of the 241st intake. The *Dhathusena* Division became the Best Division of the entire intake. A fascinating drill

display presented by the recruits of 241st intake and sparkling performances of the Navy Band and Cultural Troupe added much glamour to the evening. Religious dignitaries, Commander North Central Naval Area Rear Admiral Sanjeeva Dias, Commandant SLNS Shiksha Commodore M.S.K. Mahawatta, Naval Officers and Sailors, Senior Officers from the sister services, Police and Civil Security Department, Government Officials and parents participated.



Receiving the awards.

Mihindu Housing Programme begins

The Mihindu Housing Programme in Anuradhapura was inaugurated on Saturday. Families of the Bikkhus without proper housing facilities will be facilitated by the Mahindu Housing Programme. It was launched based on a concept of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. Rs 600,000 is granted under the programme to the parents of each Buddhist monk for constructing a new house or completing a half-constructed house.

Housing State Minister Indika Anuruddha handed over cheques each for Rs 100,000 to 68 parents of the Buddhist monks on Saturday at the Anuradhapura Samabuddha Jayanthi Temple. The State Minister laid foundation stones to two houses at the Buddhannegama village in Saliyapura.

Infrastructure being developed to uplift rural economy - State Minister Lanza

Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said that the Government has given priority this year to develop rural infrastructure and uplift the economy of the rural people.

State Minister Nimal Lanza was participating in the inauguration ceremonies of several road programmes in Katana on Saturday.

The carpeting of the Adibambalama-Kimbalapitiya Road and the Muruthana-



State Minister Nimal Lanza opening the project.

Bambukuliya Road in Katana has commenced under the National Programme to develop 100,000 km under the

'Vision of Prosperity' Policy of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at a cost of Rs. 142 million. The Provincial Road

Development Authority initiated the project.

The Adibambalama and the Kimbalapitiya Roads could be used as part of an alternative route to avoid traffic congestion in Kochchikade.

State Minister Nimal Lanza said that women will be empowered to strengthen the rural economy.

"In many countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, and France, some areas are still

closed to the effects of the corona epidemic. But Sri Lanka has opened up because it has controlled the COVID pandemic. People are giving priority to health care practices and are now carrying out their daily activities. Everyone will be vaccinated in the next three to four months," he said.

Katana Pradeshhiya Sabha Chairman Nanda Wijeratne and its members were present.

Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Ceylon Motor Sports Club

Date : Wednesday 31st March 2021 at 3.00 p.m.

Venue : Otter Aquatic Club 380/1, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.

Hony. Secretary 06th March 2021

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26 & 27.03.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 1,458,168
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS Rs.138,677,732.00
Super Prize Rs. 79,621,662.00 01 Rs.2,000,000.00 PRIZE 02 Rs.1,000,000.00 PRIZES 02 Rs.1,00,000.00 PRIZES 51

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Draw Number: 1586
 Date: 26/03/2021

Winning Numbers: 03 21 31 52

1st Prize	All 4 Numbers are correct	Rs. 2,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	Super Number & 03 Numbers are correct	Rs. 20,000.00	15
3rd Prize	03 Numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	142
4th Prize	Super Number & 02 Numbers are correct	Rs. 200.00	300
5th Prize	02 Numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	1,428
6th Prize	Super Number & 01 Number is correct	Rs. 50.00	4,804
7th Prize	01 Number is correct	Rs. 20.00	16,516
8th Prize	Only the Super Number is correct	Rs. 20.00	16,001

TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 3,505,020.00

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.

SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 3,141,790.00

MEGA POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS

Draw Number: 801
 Date: 27.03.2021

Winning Numbers: 20 31 46 69 77

1st Prize	If all 4 Numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	Rs. 100,000.00	03
3rd Prize	If all 3 Numbers are correct	Rs. 5,000.00	93
4th Prize	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	Rs. 500.00	217
5th Prize	Only 2 Numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	5,162
6th Prize	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	Rs. 40.00	3,313
7th Prize	Only 1 Number are correct	Rs. 20.00	13,364
8th Prize	Only English Letter are correct	Rs. 20.00	15,472

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 125,435,438.80

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE
 Rs. 20,938,204.80

NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE
 Rs. 10,000,000.00

Total Prizes Won in This Draw
Rs. 3,125,740.00

Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS

Draw Number: 2734
 Draw Date: 27/03/2021

Winning Numbers: F 45 72 74 78

1st Prize	If all 4 Numbers correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	If Letter & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	05
3rd Prize	If ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	181
4th Prize	If Letter & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	374
5th Prize	If ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	9,609
6th Prize	If Letter & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	6,370
7th Prize	If ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	158,332
8th Prize	If ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	28,791

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 203,663

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 85,815,822.00

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 60,000,000.00

Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes of Rupees Five Lakh and above are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity card is a must.

DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results

Date: 27/03/2021

Draw Number: 476

Winning Numbers: E 08 41 43 71

1st Prize	If all numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	01
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	79
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	222
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	5,040
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00	3,357
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	84,544
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	16,167

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 3,406,640.00
Number of Prize Winners in this draw: 109,538

Next Draw Super Prize
90,353,677.20

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 27-03-2021

Winning Numbers: Y 7 3 1 0 4 0

1st Prize	7 3 1 0 4 0	Rs. 2,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	3 1 0 4 0	Rs. 100,000.00	13
3rd Prize	1 0 4 0	Rs. 10,000.00	125
4th Prize	0 4 0	Rs. 1,000.00	1,253
5th Prize	4 0	Rs. 100.00	12,363
6th Prize	0	Rs. 20.00	122,901

Prize structure - from left to right

7th Prize	7 3 1 0 4	Rs. 10,000.00	13
8th Prize	7 3 1 0	Rs. 1,000.00	130
9th Prize	7 3 1	Rs. 100.00	1,210
10th Prize	7 3	Rs. 50.00	12,296
11th Prize	Y	Rs. 20.00	49,385

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 11,492,820.00

The Super Prize of next draw
Rs. 13,305,189.00

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Draw Number: 1108
 Draw Date: 27/03/2021

Winning Numbers: 9 9 6 9 0 7

01	9 9 6 9 0 7	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
02	9 9 6 9 0 7	Rs. 100,000.00	04
03	6 9 0 7	Rs. 10,000.00	34
04	9 9 0 7	Rs. 1,000.00	344
05	9 0 7	Rs. 100.00	3,551
06	0 7	Rs. 20.00	35,110
07	9 9 6 9 0	Rs. 10,000.00	03
08	9 9 6 9	Rs. 1,000.00	24
09	9 9 6	Rs. 200.00	381
10	9 9	Rs. 100.00	3,459
11	9	Rs. 20.00	29,258
12	Matching 0 or winning numbers in any order	Rs. 200.00	48

SPECIAL DRAW RESULTS

Winning Number: 13903

1st Prize: If special number is correct: Rs. 10,000.00/-

2nd Prize: If special number is correct: Rs. 5,000.00/-

Total Prizes Won in This Draw
Rs. 3,312,160.00

Winning Ticket will be valid only for 6 months from the date of draw. Prizes of and above Rupees 5 Lakhs are bound to government tax rules. Producing the National Identity Card is a must when collecting the prizes.

Next Super Prize
Rs. 15,374,324.98

MEGA POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS

Draw Number: 800
 Date: 26.03.2021

Winning Numbers: A 16 31 39 77 78

1st Prize	If all 4 Numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	Rs. 100,000.00	03
3rd Prize	If all 3 Numbers are correct	Rs. 5,000.00	101
4th Prize	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	Rs. 500.00	222
5th Prize	Only 2 Numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	5,661
6th Prize	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	Rs. 40.00	3,742
7th Prize	Only 1 Number are correct	Rs. 20.00	13,054
8th Prize	Only English Letter are correct	Rs. 20.00	16,077

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 125,123,492.40

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE
 Rs. 20,938,204.80

NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE
 Rs. 10,000,000.00

Total Prizes Won in This Draw
Rs. 4,430,400.00

Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS

Draw Number: 2733
 Draw Date: 26/03/2021

Winning Numbers: D 08 16 44 61

1st Prize	If all 4 Numbers correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize	If Letter & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	09
3rd Prize	If ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	169
4th Prize	If Letter & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	418
5th Prize	If ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	10,370
6th Prize	If Letter & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	6,872
7th Prize	If ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	169,699
8th Prize	If ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	30,788

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 218,325

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 6,977,620.00

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 79,621,662.00

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.

DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results

Date: 26/03/2021

Draw Number: 475

Winning Numbers: L 49 61 73 75

1st Prize	If all numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	-
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	105
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	226
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	5,514
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00	3,659
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	92,570
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	17,266

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 4,509,698.00
Number of Prize Winners in this draw 119,341

Next Draw Super Prize
Rs. 90,057,655.20

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 26-03-2021

Winning Numbers: Q 1 7 3 5 7 8

1st Prize	1 7 3 5 7 8	Rs. 2,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	7 3 5 7 8	Rs. 100,000.00	13
3rd Prize	3 5 7 8	Rs. 10,000.00	134
4th Prize	5 7 8	Rs. 1,000.00	1,346
5th Prize	7 8	Rs. 100.00	13,392
6th Prize	8	Rs. 20.00	132,404

Prize structure - from left to right

7th Prize	1 7 3 5 7	Rs. 10,000.00	14
8th Prize	1 7 3 5	Rs. 1,000.00	138
9th Prize	1 7 3	Rs. 100.00	1,343
10th Prize	1 7	Rs. 50.00	13,229
11th Prize	Q	Rs. 20.00	52,791

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 12,102,850.00

The Super Prize of next draw
Rs. 12,294,401.00

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Good tidings for Port City Bill

The Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill was approved by Cabinet this week. This Cabinet nod signals a watershed. It is coming at the right moment. Covid has taken an enormous economic toll all over the world, and Sri Lanka was no exception. But the Port City project promises to create the economic impetus that would propel the nation forward despite the blow dealt by the pandemic.

The project is a daring plan. Its inception was in the tenure of the Mahinda Rajapaksa administration — its second term, to be precise. The criticism of the Port City Project at that time had reached fever pitch. There was a certain political party which lamented that all the granite in the country would have to be used up for the project, but that too would not be enough.

The 269 hectares of land has now been reclaimed, and without any such calamity. It now seems almost as if the building of the city was the easy part. The most important work of the project is in the execution, which involves finding the investors to develop the city and establish the financial hub that it promises to be. It is a special zone, with special laws to facilitate investment and all of the monies to be used for investment have to, by law, be raised overseas. There are special Single Window Investment Opportunities written into the Commission Bill. A Single Window Opportunity means that parties that seek to invest lodge all the relevant documents at a single entry point, and obtain approvals through this Single Window System.

The idea of course is to upgrade the ease of doing business. Will the Port City develop into an investment hub as important as Dubai, for instance?

What can be said is that it is being launched at a very challenging time. But such times are also often the best of times for investment, because on the cusp of the end-period of a calamity such as Covid, entrepreneurs are seeking brand new opportunities that are not hamstrung by the rules and regulations that bedevil traditional business hubs.

It is fitting that this project is being launched when the Rajapaksa administration is back in power. The previous regime was lukewarm towards projects such as Port City, though there was no outright attempt to stop its progress. Initially there were times when the fate of the entire project lay on the balance, after 2015. However, better judgement prevailed and the construction of the Port City was not hampered.

With the present Government, the legal framework for the project has been expedited, and what remains to be seen is how the execution of the Port City plan will take place initially amidst very challenging economic circumstances globally.

However, it needs to be underlined that the City is an example of an idea that was vilified from the start, that has now fired the imagination of entrepreneurial adventurers from around the world. The City can be a financial hub as well as a tech-hub.

It can also be a lifestyle capital, because of the prime location — with offices and apartments within the City being able to obtain a full view of the gorgeous Indian Ocean stretch that fronts the artificial island. It is a grand feat of creative engineering that the Chinese have acquired a reputation for, all over the world.

There is no doubt that the location was chosen with that precise intent in mind — that of making the island a physically attractive location, in addition to being an attractive investment area as well. It's in the tradition of Dubai, but additionally Colombo is no desert and therefore the geographical attributes for creating a lifestyle-oasis are far superior to those of Dubai.

But this Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is not in an oil rich region and there will be no easy investments flowing in as a result of oil wealth as in Dubai. The stability of the hub is guaranteed, and the return of the Rajapaksa administration which collaborated with the Chinese and began the project in the first place, gives investors an idea about the maturity of the democracy that is Sri Lanka.

New investments would however have to be canvassed with superlative campaigns because the global investment outlook is extremely competitive after Covid, with so many economies seeking to recoup their losses. One other thing the Zone has going for it in addition to the geographical ambience, is the fact that the regulatory aspect has been scrupulously codified, and now offers a clear-cut platform upon which investors can build their businesses.

There has been some extremely good thinking going into the execution aspect of the project, and kudos to the local principals and the Chinese collaborators in the project for having thought of all of the special aspects that would make the SEZ so unique.

Five years from now, the people would know how the Port City has performed as a global investment hub. The signs at the inception, it can be said, could not have been more promising.



The accident in Passara

Now & Then BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Last week a private bus travelling from Lunugala to Colombo fell down a precipice of about 200 feet near the 13th milepost on the Badulla Moneragala road, in Passara, killing 15 passengers including children. This is not the first or the last such accident reported on Sri Lankan roads and railway tracks. There were several fatal accidents and there will be more.

If Sri Lankan people remember the past, they should remember the accident which killed four commuters travelling by train while several others were critically injured after a lorry collided with a train at Angulana, Lunawa, while the lorry reversed into the middle of the moving train. It was in February 2018. May be people still remember how a 17-year-old schoolgirl whose birthday fell on October 15 died the same day after falling into an unprotected drain at Nittawela Junction on the Kandy-Katugastota road and was swept away to the Mahaweli Ganga in October 2015. A similar incident happened in Colombo in the past where a woman was killed after falling into an unprotected drain during heavy rain. She had 'stepped' on it as it was hidden in the water. We are in March 2021. But those accidents are very significant and have a direct impact on the safety of Sri Lankan people.

It is good to speak about the 2015 and 2018 accidents because as a result of 'not learning the lesson' last week's Passara accident took place. What is the lesson? Who should learn the lesson? Did they learn the lesson after last week's accident? Will they learn the lesson in future? The simple and short answer is 'No'. This is why we have to talk about this issue today. At least it will open the eyes of victims and their loved ones who should demand justice and compensation from relevant authorities.

According to some media reports published and telecast in the past decades or so, several accidents took place in Sri Lanka directly due to the negligence of the relevant authorities who are serving the public through various state departments. Several people have been killed after falling into unprotected drains. During heavy rains, water fills in these drains and people cannot see the drains. They accidentally step on them and fall into the drains while walking along roads.

But the relevant authorities are deaf and blind to this issue and still keep open holes along the roads. They will do so until the Government takes stern action against them and introduces severe punishments for them. Otherwise they will close them only after people fall into them and die. It is because they are sure that nothing would happen to them even if thousands of innocent people get killed during the years ahead. Those authorities and their loved ones travel in state-owned or private luxury vehicles and never fall into such deadly holes located along roads. Knowing those facts they will never bother about ensuring the safety of poor people who walk along the roads during heavy rains.

Then comes the 2018 February train accident which killed four train passengers and injured several others at Angulana. The passengers were on the

The tragedy of preventable accidents

atuwa train had to travel just two more stations to Panadura in order to save the lives of hundreds of people who travel on the footboard of the Kalutara express train.

After the deaths of four passengers, the railway authorities did extend the Moratuwa slow train up to Panadura enabling Kalutara bound passengers to travel comfortably to Panadura and then get on to the Kalutara express train from Panadura without any trouble. Now both trains are safe because they are less crowded. But the railway authorities did not apply this simple solution until four passengers got killed. They are still waiting without solving this same issue that exists on many other lines.

Then comes last week's Passara private bus accident. Anyone can see that the large boulder that had fallen on the road blocked two-thirds of the road while leaving a

very narrow strip for vehicles to travel. It is funny that this was not observed by any responsible party. Just one week after a private bus went down the precipice of about 200 feet located just opposite this boulder killing 15 passengers including children, the relevant authorities are now removing the boulder. They should have done it just after the boulder fell on the road or before any accident took place in this location. But they did not do it. Even now they are removing it very slowly. No one will be worried about the boulder if it was just a car with a driver which went down killing just one person. No media coverage will be given to such a 'minor' accident and the boulder will be there forever.

This is the existing system in Sri Lanka which has been there since independence without any change at all. This is the sick system President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is trying hard to change on behalf of innocent people of Sri Lanka in the middle of all types of obstacles. But what if one person is pulling hard forward while the rest of the people are pulling hard backward? The result is obvious. It is very easy to pull backwards when the loved ones of victims of negligence do not demand justice and just forget their deceased loved ones when the time passes. This has been proved in the past in Sri Lanka. Justice was not done for victims of ragging, the victims of 1988-1989 era, etc. because there was no one to cry for their human rights. But there are many to cry only if money and other benefits flow their way. Otherwise there will be no one to stand by the rights of the victims and survivors. No NGO will see their plight.

But media reported some plus points related to this same accident. Dr. Palitha Rajapaksha, a doctor who underwent two heart surgeries and had a knee problem went down the 200 feet precipice using a rope in order to save the lives of the injured. He could have avoided doing so due to his health condition and simply ask another doctor to do it. But he did it proving that still there are living gods among us although a lot of individuals and organizations only see the negative side of doctors. Another similar incident was reported a few days after this accident.

That is, a Sinhalese doctor couple adopted three Tamil children who lost their parents due to the same accident. This is called humanity and reconciliation which the UNHRC does not like to accept.



A crowded train

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footboard of the Kalutara bound express train. Therefore they were at risk of getting entangled with anything close to the rail track. This is the situation of the majority of all office trains which run to and from Colombo during rush hours in the morning and evening. After this incident, the railway authorities gave a solution to this specific Kalutara bound express train which runs from Maradana from 4.10pm. But still this issue exists on all the other lines without the problem being solved. May be the relevant authorities are waiting until a few more train passengers get killed in the same way on other lines to solve the issue.

However, a simple solution which cost nothing was available to the railway authorities several years before this accident in February 2018. It was simply extending the Moratuwa slow train which runs from Maradana to Moratuwa (just before this express train) to Panadura. That way, the passengers could get to Panadura comfortably and then get on to the Kalutara express train from Panadura. The Mor-



CCTV footage of the Passara accident



An open manhole

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Open manholes cannot be seen during floods.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Without investment there will not be growth, and without growth there will not be employment.
- Muhtar Kent

UNHRC's Sri Lanka Resolution viewed as 'intrusive intervention'

KALINGA SENEVIRATNE

The Core Group chaired by the UK tabled a shoddy motion based on a hostile UNHRC Report riddled with factual errors and unproven allegations going back to 2009; none of which qualifies as robust evidence," said Lord Naseby, Conservative Party member and the President of the All-Party Parliamentary UK-Sri Lanka Group in a statement issued on March 23 following a vote at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva that called for intrusive human rights intervention in Sri Lanka's domestic affairs.

The resolution, which was tabled at the 46th session of the UN body by the UK on behalf of what is called a "Core Group" consisting mainly of Western nations such as the UK, France, Italy and Austria, would involve UNHRC spending some \$2.8 million to set up an office "to collect, consolidate, analyse and preserve information and evidence, and to develop possible strategies for future accountability processes for gross violations of human rights" that could be used to mount war crimes cases against Sri Lankan military personnel, as well as economic sanctions against the country.

The resolution was adopted with 22 voting for it and 11 against with 14 abstaining among them India and Japan, while China, Russia, Cuba, Pakistan, Philippines and Venezuela voted against it. Lord Naseby argues that it "is a gross intrusion on the sovereignty of a state (to adopt a resolution) based on a simple majority vote when Motions of this significance would need a two-thirds majority".

Sri Lanka has strongly rejected the resolution. Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said the resolution lacked authority and it "was brought by countries supported by Western powers that want to dominate the Global South".

Speaking before the vote, China's Ambassador to the UNHRC Chen Xu said that this resolution is an attempt to "interfere in Sri Lanka's internal affairs and undermine its development and stability under the pretext of human rights". He commended the Sri Lankan government for improving human rights by advancing sustainable economic and social development, to improving peoples' living standards. Russia, Cuba and the Philippines speaking in support of Sri Lanka also expressed similar sentiments.

This battle in Geneva reflects a fundamental difference in the way human rights is viewed by the East and West. Ever since Sri Lanka crushed the LTTE in 2009, Western countries have been using the UNHRC in a witch-hunt against Sri Lanka, mainly because the Sri Lankan Government led by President Mahinda Rajapaksa ignored Western calls for a ceasefire to ship the LTTE leaders overseas - to fight another day. The war was mainly due to Chinese and Russian diplomatic support and military aid.

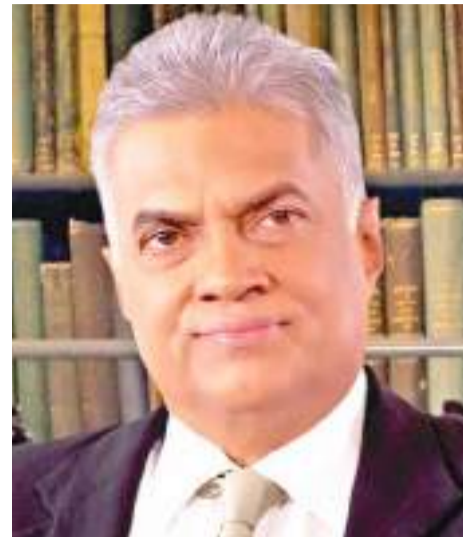
In January 2015, there was a regime change in Sri Lanka, where Rajapaksa was defeated in elections that were mainly fought on human rights and corruption allegations mounted by NGOs funded by the West that influenced young voters. The new Govern-



Foreign Minister **Dinesh Gunawardena**



UN Human Rights Chief **Michelle Bachelet**



Former PM **Ranil Wickremesinghe**



MP **Angajan Ramanathan**



Lord Naseby

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ment led by President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe were considered "subservient" to the West and openly expressed anti-China sentiments. In September 2015, Sri Lanka co-sponsored a resolution that called for setting up war crimes courts in Sri Lanka with foreign judges to try Sri Lankan military personnel. Many Sri Lankans saw it as similar to the 1815 Kandy Convention where the King signed away sovereignty to the British.

The 2019 Easter Sunday Islamic terrorist attacks in Colombo turned public sentiments against the government when it was realised that undermining of the intelligence services

and the military, where many of these personnel were in jail awaiting trials precipitated by the UNHRC resolution Sri Lanka co-sponsored, were a major reason for the attacks.

These attacks helped to solidify a national security focused Sinhala nationalist wave that catapulted the Rajapaksas - who are still credited with having ended a 30-year terrorist war - back to power. After coming to power, the new government informed UNHRC in 2020 that they are withdrawing the co-sponsorship of the resolution, and this year opposed a new resolution.

Initially the UNHRC resolutions called for

half. For the first time in 60 years, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) - a party traditionally identified with Sinhala nationalism - topped the vote in the Tamil bastion of Jaffna fielding a local Tamil candidate.

"Tamils have voted for change (and) this is a big change and the Tamils in Jaffna have spoken in one voice," the newly elected Jaffna MP Angajan Ramanathan, who joined the ranks of the Government, with the SLFP as a constituent party of the Rajapaksa-led alliance, told the *Sunday Observer*: "When it comes to the North, some politicians only focus on the rights of the Tamils. The Government will provide the peoples' basic needs and infrastructure and help them to improve their economic status."

The Rajapaksa regime believes in the Chinese and Singaporean model of economic development which Ramanathan's statement reflects. The UNHRC resolution tends to go in the opposite direction.

After abstaining from the vote in Geneva, which most Sri Lankans see as voting against them, India released a statement saying that they could not support Sri Lanka because devolution of power to Tamil areas agreed to with India in the late 1980s, has not been properly implemented and the Provincial Council (PC) system that is part of it is being undermined by the current Government.

India may have unintentionally given a boost to increasing public sentiments in the country to abolish the PC system because it is seen by most people as an added tier of corruption. People in Sri Lanka want fewer politicians, not more, and they would much prefer to see development funds equally distributed to the Provinces via existing government structures.

Sri Lanka's UNHRC battle is without doubt part of the geo-political power play with the West and India trying to use the UNHRC (with Western support) to control Sri Lanka, while China with heavy investments in the island is seeking support for Sri Lanka at UN forums. The UNHRC's vote may have pushed Sri Lanka further into China's embrace, and since the UNHRC's resolutions are not binding - unlike UN Security Council ones - Sri Lanka will be constrained to bank on trusted China to veto any such moves. Though China could not win the vote for Sri Lanka, China may have won another battle for influence in the Indian Ocean. (*IDN-InDepthNews*)

accountability for 40,000 deaths during the final push to defeat the LTTE in 2009. Neither the UN, international human rights organisations nor the Western media that transmitted these claims were able to provide evidence. Now the UNHRC has quietly dropped this claim and instead the latest resolution talks about reconciliation and militarization of civil administration.

"The impact on thousands of survivors, from all communities, is devastating. Moreover, the systems, structures, policies and personnel that gave rise to such grave violations in the past remain - and have recently been reinforced," said a statement by Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. "The growing militarization of key civilian functions is encroaching on democratic governance," she added.

The UNHRC seems to be out of touch with recent developments in the country, where at the General Elections in August 2020 there was a significant shift in Tamil voter sentiments towards development-based empowerment as opposed to rights-based Constitutional changes the UNHRC resolutions have been promoting.

The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) which has been working with the Tamil diaspora groups to pressure Western governments such as the UK, US, Canada and France to move resolutions against Sri Lanka, had their vote share and seats reduced by over a



A UNHRC session in progress

Bangladesh at 50

KAUSHIK BASU

It feels strange to have known a country since its birth. For much of 1971, Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) was engaged in a war for Independence. With US President Richard Nixon standing firmly behind Pakistan as President Yahya Khan's Army tried to crush the independence movement by resorting to rape and genocide, millions of Bangladeshi refugees poured into India. I was then an undergraduate in Delhi and joined a team of students to work in the sprawling refugee camps that had sprung up in the Indian states of West Bengal and Odisha.

Full-fledged aerial war with Pakistan broke out on December 2. I vividly remember catching the night train in Kolkata to return to college during a curfew, under orders to keep all the lights off in the compartment.

This was the high point of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's career. She had opened India's doors to the refugees and intervened militarily to support Bangladesh, refusing to cave in to US pressure, which included sending the Seventh Fleet into the Bay of Bengal. Khan's Army surrendered to an Indian-Bangladeshi allied force on December 16, 1971. Bangladesh had already declared independence on March 26, but it was effectively born that day in December.

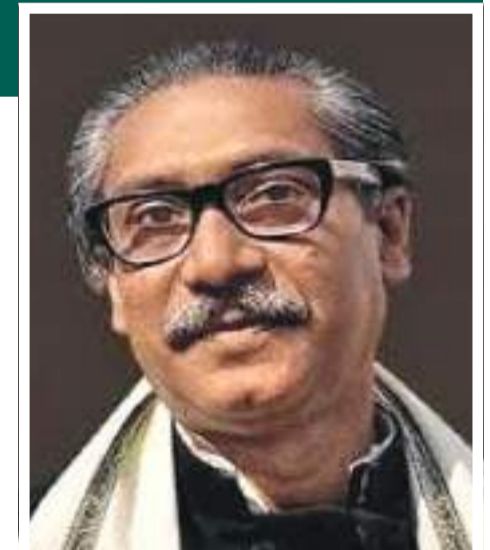
At independence, Bangladesh was one of South Asia's poorest countries - poorer than India, and much poorer than Pakistan. Described by then-US National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger as a "basket case," it flourished for several years, a vast archipelago of poverty and deprivation. Things got worse in 1974, when the Nixon administration suddenly cut off food aid to Bangladesh while the country was in the midst of a famine, on the grounds that it was earning some money by exporting jute bags to Cuba. Today, as Bangladesh celebrates a half-century of independence, the country has become a case study in economic development that few would have predicted. When its GDP growth rate surpassed Pakistan's in



Prime Minister **Mahinda Rajapaksa** with Bangladeshi Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina**



Indian PM **Narendra Modi** with Bangladeshi PM **Sheikh Hasina**



Founder of Bangladesh **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**

2006, many dismissed it as a one-off fluke. But Bangladesh has outpaced Pakistan every year since then, and - astonishingly - is now one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

Bangladesh's GDP per capita now closely rivals India's and significantly exceeds that of Pakistan. Average life expectancy, at 74, is higher than in India (70) and Pakistan (68). The country is a leading global exporter of ready-made garments, and other sectors are taking off, too. Bangladesh's pharmaceutical industry, for example, is thriving. With 300 companies (several of which conduct research) the country now meets 97 percent of domestic demand, and is beginning to export globally.

True, Bangladesh still has much poverty and hardship, rising inequality, and an uncertain future trajectory. Climate change and rising sea levels continue to pose significant dangers, and political instability could yet reemerge and disrupt economic progress.

Nevertheless, Bangladesh's remarkable economic transformation - the World Bank now classifies it as a lower-middle-income economy - deserves praise and can offer important lessons for today's low-income countries.

Bangladesh's rise is a story of both deliberate

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interventions and chance. The country owes a large part of its success to progressive NGOs, most notably Fazle Hasan Abed's BRAC and Muhammad Yunus's Grameen Bank. One particular intervention that played a larger role than anyone expected was Grameen Bank's early decision that microfinance credits would go to the senior female member of the household. I have argued elsewhere that this gave women greater voice in the home, which in turn helped divert household expenditure toward child welfare. This is one of the main reasons why Bangladesh has made strong progress on development indicators such as life expectancy and literacy, and in combating malnutrition.

Bangladesh has one of the world's largest microfinance sectors, which has enabled households to break out of the debt trap and start their own small businesses. Using a computable

general equilibrium model, Selim Raihan, S.R. Osmani, and M.A. Baqui Khalily have shown that microfinance did more than just help the households that received money. By bolstering fiscal and monetary policies, it boosted the country's GDP by 9 to 12 percent.

But Bangladesh's success has also had a lot to do with luck. The Indian subcontinent has complex labour laws, notably the Industrial Disputes Act, which predates Indian and Pakistani independence in 1947, and has thwarted the emergence of large manufacturing firms able to realize economies of scale. Pakistan repealed the law in 1958, but for the wrong reasons, to enable big corporations to control workers. Moreover, it did so in a ham-handed way, thereby contributing to labour exploitation and crony capitalism.

Bangladesh, having once been part of Paki-

stan, was born without the law's baggage. But, unlike Pakistan, the country went on to develop its own labour regulations that were flexible without giving corporations unfettered power. This played an important role in Bangladesh becoming a successful global manufacturing hub.

Finally, a crucial political factor underpins Bangladesh's economic success. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has often been criticized, but she has made one essential contribution to the country's upward trajectory. Although Bangladesh's constitution guarantees religious freedom, it has been challenged by fundamentalist groups that renounce what the prominent Bangladeshi commentator Abul Barkat has described as the "liberal and humanistic origin of Islam in East Bengal." Sheikh Hasina, who is reputed to be innately secular, has kept these destructive forces at bay.

Many countries have succumbed to religious fundamentalism, with disastrous consequences for their economies. Bangladesh is notable for having withstood this danger. Its buoyant, vibrant economy, now with a 50-year track record, is testimony to this success. (*Brookings Institute*)



The view from a boat



Entrance to the Naval Pier

DISHAN JOSEPH

Driven by a desire to travel and explore this beautiful nation, I had begun a quest to visit every fort along our coastal belt. These amazing fortified structures have withstood time itself, and have a history of their own. The better-known forts are found in Galle, Matara, Jaffna, Kalpitiya and Trincomalee. I have visited all of them. Smaller forts and stockades were built by the Dutch in Negombo, Kelaniya, Colombo, Kalutara, Malwana, Hanwella, Seethawaka and Ruwanwella. Today, there are no traces of some of these magnificent buildings. But in the quiet fishing hamlet of Karainagar in the Northern Province stands a unique fort known as Fort Hammenhiel. It is the only fort surrounded on all sides by the ocean, and obviously has no landside access as some of the bigger forts. This would have been a vital defence strategy in that era.

We journeyed from Colombo in search of this beautiful fort. Having reached Jaffna as the sun was receding in the horizon, we stayed at Mandaitivu.

The causeway that leads to Mandaitivu is dotted with green nets on either side as local fishermen have mastered the art of rearing prawns. Early next morning we began our journey towards Karainagar. This island is connected by a long causeway to the mainland. The view from either side of the causeway is refreshing, as small fishing boats meandered on the waterway. Marine birds flew about in their hundreds.

On reaching Karainagar, the dusty road was lined with fences made with palmyrah fronds. A few minutes later, we reached a section of the road where a Hindu kovil rose colourfully amidst a somewhat barren landscape dotted with clusters of palmyrah trees. To reach the small Naval Pier one has to enter through the main gate where Naval sentries stand guard.

After talking to a naval officer we walked towards the pier with much excitement. A Naval coxswain was ready at the boat and another sailor handed us lifejackets. I noticed two large cannons stationed on the right side of the pier.

There is a Navy-operated restaurant on the landside by the pier. On that clear morning, the sturdy rampart of the fort could be seen from the pier.

The sailor guided the boat towards Fort Hammenhiel. As we neared the fort, her defensive turrets zoomed into view. On either side of its entrance, two old can-



Inside the Fort

Discovering the beauty of Fort Hammenhiel

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Aerial view of the Fort

nons were mounted. The boat was moored and we jumped out with anticipation. The name of the Fort was inscribed on a white arch. We entered via the seven-foot gate which is the only entrance to the entire fort.

The Portuguese had realized the strategic location of Karainagar. They built this fort using coral rocks and named it Fortaleza do Caes. It was built to supplement the coastal defence of the Mannar Fort (which is mostly in ruins today).

Both these smaller forts once augmented the security of the approach to the massive Jaffna Fort which was a trading hub and a military symbol of dominance. By March 1658, the Portuguese were in for a surprise when the aggressive Dutch forces laid siege to the fort. The Dutch executed a decisive battle tactic – they first fired their cannons on the wooden water storage tank of the fort.

History records that the tank was broken to pieces. Taking advantage, the troops led by the Dutch trio –

Captains Cornelies Reb, Piester Waset and Van de Reede – attacked the fort with relentless rifle fire. Thereafter the thirsty Portuguese troops, weary from the counter attack surrendered their fort on April 28, 1658.

The jubilant Dutch began enhancing the defensive aspects and increased the gun turrets. As we climbed the flight of 12 steps to the

second tier of the fort, we counted 18 gun turrets that covered the full 360-degree view where one basically had a 'firewall' to defend against an incoming attack.

The Dutch named the fort as Hammenhiel as the shape of the map (in that era) reminded them of a leg of smoked ham. The Dutch Navy considered Hammenheil as the key to the sea area of Jaffna. With

time they realized the fort's structure was not strong enough to bear the weight of their 18 guns and set about consolidating the structure with solid granite stones.

An ammunition storage dungeon was built. In addition, there were five lookout points where cement 'pill boxes' were erected and men kept guard on a watch system. At the topmost point of nearly 30 feet

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from shore level, an ancient telescopic device was mounted. Today, the glass has not been calibrated and the view is out of focus. However the sight to the naked eye is amazing.

To the right of Hammenhiel you see the island of Eluvaithivu. Kays Island is visible along with a clear view of the Karainagar landmass. From this vantage point the fort resembles the lower part of a ship's anchor. The Dutch used a wise system of collecting rainwater in a cement pond.

It is recorded that the Dutch had a garrison of 30 soldiers under the command of a Lieutenant. We saw the nine cells that were once used to hold prisoners. Today they are empty and remind us of those ancient times. Of the nine cells, one is large and has room for seven beds.

The beds are made of solid cement (one square block) and measure 68 inches in length, 30 inches by breadth and 18 inches in height.

A wooden box had been given to each prisoner where they kept their plate, water jug, and soap. The door to each cell is only five feet high. Four rooms once used by British officers have been restored by the Navy.

These British officers would have had a vacation every evening being posted on such a beautiful sea fort. During the British occupation of Hammenhiel they used the fort as a Naval detention barracks and later as an infectious disease quarantine clinic.

In September 2015, the Navy made great efforts to fully restore this fort to her former glory, maintaining its historic beauty. We also observed a wooden rack where six old rifles fixed with bayonets were on display. A Petty Officer took out a rifle and explained its firing mechanism. The bayonets were still sharp after centuries. On special occasions, sailors attired in replicate blue Dutch Naval uniforms present arms to welcome visitors in a fascinating ceremony laden with nostalgia. It was a beautiful moment to watch the changing of the guard.

The Sri Lanka Navy must be commended for restoring and maintaining this ancient maritime edifice, enabling us to get a lovely glimpse into the past. Fort Hammenhiel stands like a majestic sentinel in the serene Northern seas and is a glowing testament to Dutch engineering and architecture.

The view of the sunset with the fort in the backdrop is a travel bonus.

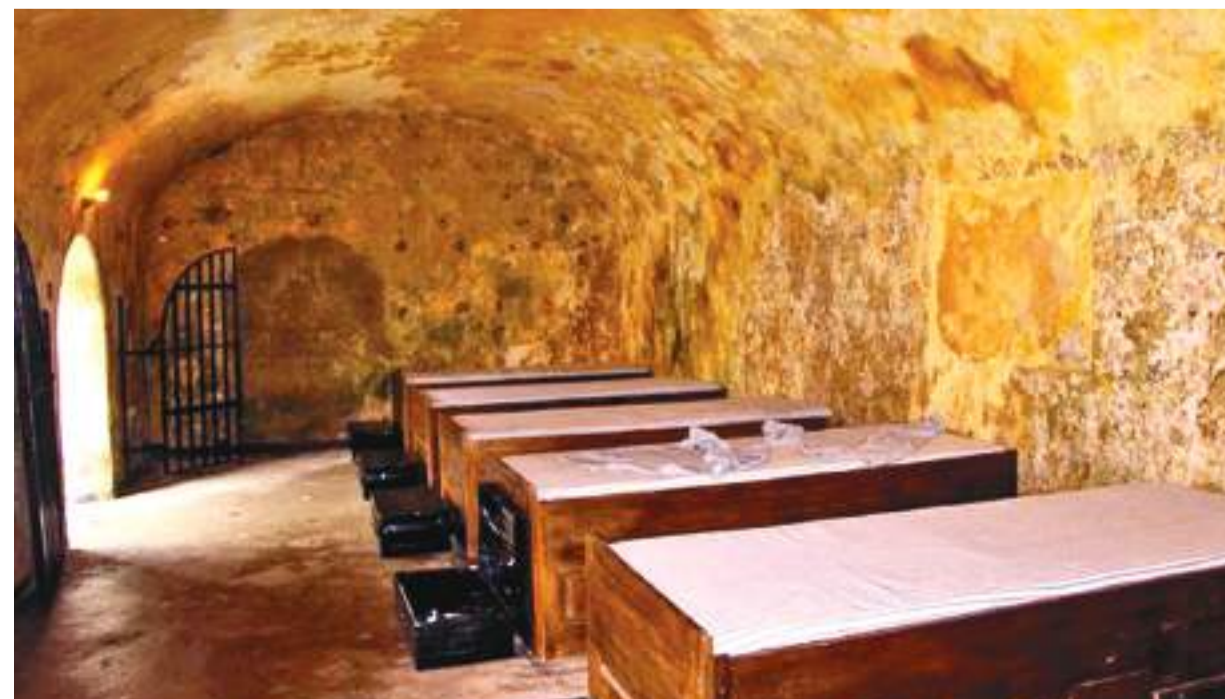
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Naval sentry in Dutch era clothing



The ramparts



Old cell with beds

Luck essential for any successful coronavirus variant - Study

Let's say you are a new member of the SARS-CoV-2 family, with a few genetic tweaks that distinguish you from the rest of the clan. Maybe you have changes in your spike protein that allow you to more easily to invade cells, or a random mutation that helps you elude the virus-killing effects of a COVID-19 treatment.

You could be a contender. But first, you have to get out of the body you're in and infect some more people.

What would it take for you to succeed and prosper? Alternatively, what would cause you to die on the vine, a short-lived experiment in evolution's harsh proving chamber?

A modeling exercise by researchers at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle suggests that for a genetic variant of SARS-CoV-2 to become a menacing new presence, it's not enough to be scary and highly transmissible. It also needs a string of lucky breaks to establish itself.

Most notably, it must gain entree to a superspreader event if it is to have a fighting chance of planting its flag in a population. In the brief period during which its carrier is at or close to his peak viral load, the new variant needs to hitch a ride to someplace like a choir practice, a political rally, a poorly ventilated barroom or a packed

indoor arena where people are mingling at close quarters and many are not wearing masks.

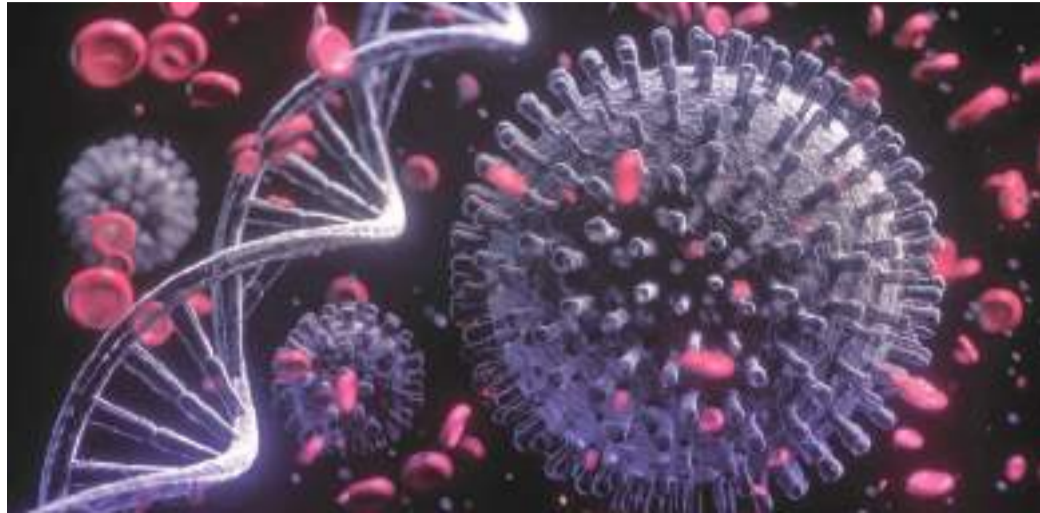
Once there, it needs to infect at least a handful of people. Five would be enough for the new variant to live on to compete for more victims. Infecting 20 or more will give it a real chance of becoming predominant in its new community.

Time is of the essence, the new research suggests: Even for a new variant that's armed with transmission superpowers, that first superspreader event needs to come within a month of its arrival for the variant to stand a chance of becoming established.

That's a lot of narrow windows and a lot of high hurdles, and the likelihood that a new variant will clear all of those obstacles is actually pretty slim, the researchers concluded. And that should offer humans a bit of hope.

But then there's reality: At least five new "variants of concern" have apparently overcome these forbidding odds in the span of about six months.

That suggests something rather ominous: There are probably many more such variants out there, each looking for its lucky break. While few variants will get it, it only takes one or two with the right constellation of mutations to prolong or



escalate the pandemic—or to undermine the vaccines and medicines that could end it.

The team's model was posted this week to MedRxiv, a site where researchers share their research results and seek feedback from colleagues. As such, its findings are considered preliminary.

For researchers hoping to see around the next corner of the pandemic, a modeling exercise like this is more than an idle speculation.

The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 is known to mutate constantly, but almost always in ways that don't significantly change its behavior. So it would be nice to know how these variants are

born and whether there are many more like them. And if there are, it would be useful to know how they can be bottled up quickly.

"Phenomenological" modeling studies such as this one gather the wildly erratic patterns of spread buried in pandemic data, combine them with well-documented cases of super-spreader events, and drop in a new actor that plays by slightly different rules. Then they play out what happens next over and over again in computer models that act as digital test tubes.

One thing researchers are increasingly sure of is that in patients with compromised

immune systems, the coronavirus is more likely to take on not just one but a passel of mutations. Those genetic changes could make it even harder to fight the virus with medicines, masks and vaccines.

A model like this doesn't yield calibrated measurements of how effectively an intervention like universal masking can stop spread. It doesn't generate predictions about the pandemic's next stage. But it does provide insights into how a virus behaves under a range of circumstances, along with probabilistic estimates that can sharpen the intuitions of public health officials.

"We will in all likelihood create new variants on top of

those that have emerged," said Dr. Joshua T. Schiffer, who led the modeling team at Fred Hutch. "And the ones that will win are the ones that dodge the vaccine or transmit more easily."

These variants don't have names yet and may not pop up for months, Schiffer added. But when they do arise, they'll be subject to the same harsh early-life experiences.

After running through thousands of scenarios, the team concluded that variants with potentially frightening capabilities to spread and sicken probably occur frequently in the course of a pandemic the size of this one. After all, there are dozens of branches on the SARS-CoV-2 family tree, and each of them might have been a chance for genetic mischief. Given the punishing attrition rate of new variants, ill-fated ones must be born every day around the world for so many branches to have emerged.

Periods of high transmission seem to create an "all comers welcome" atmosphere for variants.

So when infections are surging, even a variant that's no more transmissible than those already in circulation stands a better chance of elbowing its way into the game, the modeling shows. And a genetic variant that arrives with a biological

advantage in that department is even more likely to succeed.

A clinical lab scientist processes upper respiratory samples from patients suspected of having COVID-19.

All of these newcomers still face tall odds. But if many variants are out there, and if careless societies afford them the chance of an early superspreader event, then it's reasonable to assume that at least one or two may gain enough of a foothold to take off.

Their impact on the pandemic's trajectory will be a genetic roll of the dice.

In the meantime, the research offers some actionable advice for both experts and the general public.

The most effective way to reduce the number of new variants is to prevent "large waves of infection" from happening in the first place, the study authors write. Not only is a surge an ideal environment for generating new variants, it also offers plenty of opportunity for a superspreading event.

And that means we all have a role to play by wearing masks, practicing social distancing, avoiding large gatherings and taking other precautions that can deprive a new variant of the luck it needs. (MedicalExpress)

Ship remains stuck at Suez

A giant container ship remained stuck sideways in Egypt's Suez Canal for a fifth day Saturday, as authorities prepared to make new attempts to free the vessel and reopen a crucial east-west waterway for global shipping.

The Ever Given's owners say a gust of wind pushed it and its huge cargo of more than 20,000 shipping containers sideways in the canal on Tuesday, wedging it between the canal's sandy banks. The massive vessel got stuck in a single-lane stretch of the canal a few miles from its southern entrance. Bernhard Schulte Ship Management, the technical manager of the Ever Given, said an attempt Friday to free it failed.

Plans were in the works to pump water from interior spaces of the vessel, and two more tugs should arrive by Sunday to join others already trying to move the massive ship, it said. An official at the Suez Canal Authority said they planned to make at least two attempts Saturday to free the vessel when the high tide goes down.

A maritime traffic jam grew to around 280 vessels Saturday outside the Suez Canal, according to canal service provider



Leth Agencies. Some vessels began changing course and dozens of ships were still en route to the waterway, according to the data firm Refinitiv.

Shohei Kisen President Yukito Higaki told a news conference at company headquarters in Imabari in western Japan that 10 tugboats were deployed and workers were dredging the banks and sea floor near the vessel's bow to try to get it afloat again as the high tide starts to go out. Shohei Kisen

said in a statement Saturday the company was considering removing containers to lighten the vessel if refloating efforts fail, but that would be a difficult operation.

The White House said it has offered to help Egypt reopen the canal. "We have equipment and capacity that most countries don't have and we're seeing what we can do and what help we can be," Presi-

dent Joe Biden told reporters Friday. A prolonged closure of the crucial waterway would cause delays in the global shipment chain. Some 19,000 vessels passed through the canal last year, according to official figures. About 10% of world trade flows through the canal, which is particularly crucial for transporting oil. The closure could affect oil and gas shipments to Europe from the Middle East.

It remained unclear how long the blockage would last. Even after reopening the canal that links factories in Asia to consumers in Europe, the waiting containers are likely to arrive at busy ports, forcing them to face additional delays before offloading.

Apparently anticipating long delays, the owners of the stuck vessel diverted a sister ship, the Ever Greet, on a course around Africa instead, according to satellite data.

Others also are being diverted. The liquid natural gas carrier Pan Americas changed course in the mid-Atlantic, now aiming south to go around the southern tip of Africa, according to satellite data from MarineTraffic.com.

The Financial Times reported on Friday that a number of shipping groups had contacted the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet over maritime security concerns for vessels that do chose to sail south around Africa, which would put them in waters off the continent's eastern coast that have a long history of piracy.

"Africa has the risk of piracy, especially in east Africa," Zhao Qing-feng of the China Shipowners' Association in Shanghai, told the FT, saying owners could need to hire extra security forces to board their vessels before making the extended journey.

It's just one more factor that could cause a serious slowdown and a potential price-hike for goods moving to Europe and the U.S. from Asia, and one more headache for a global supply-chain system already strained by the coronavirus pandemic.

Egyptian authorities have prohibited media access to the site. The canal authority said its head, Lt. Gen. Osama Rabei, would hold a news conference Saturday in the city of Suez, a few kilometers (miles) from the site of the vessel. (CBS)

Phuket to open for vaccinated tourists



Thailand plans to allow tourists vaccinated against Covid-19 to visit the resort island of Phuket without quarantining on arrival in a step towards reviving tourism.

Starting in April, the country is also shortening the quarantine period for arrivals from abroad from 14 days to 10 days.

Thailand's tourism industry dried up when scheduled passenger flights into the country were barred in April last year to curb the spread of the coronavirus. There has been a limited resumption of flights since then.

The plan for Phuket is set to begin on July 1, and if judged successful, may include other popular destinations such as Samui Island, Krabi, Pattaya and Chiang Mai in October, said

Yuthasak Supasorn, head of Thailand's Tourism Authority.

The Thai government approved the Phuket plan on Friday but it still needs final approval from Phuket and health authorities. Thailand last year repeatedly cancelled various reopening plans as the pandemic expanded abroad.

If all goes smoothly, it is hoped that around 100,000 tourists can be welcomed in the third quarter of the year.

Before the pandemic, Phuket was the country's second-most popular destination after Bangkok. In 2019, it welcomed around 10 million foreign tourists.

According to the Phuket Hotel Association, more than 50,000 employees in its hospitality sector lost their jobs last year. (Yahoo)

EU approves more vaccine production sites

The European Union's stumbling Covid-19 vaccination drive, badly shaken by the recent AstraZeneca safety scare, got a boost Friday from the European Medicines Agency, which approved new AstraZeneca, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccine production sites.

The agency, an arm of the European Union and Europe's top drug regulator, approved sites in the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland. It also loosened regulations for how long the Pfizer vaccine must be stored at ultralow temperatures.

The moves could speed up the Continent's lagging vaccine production and distribution, which have been plagued by delays and setbacks.

Though the European Union is flush with cash, influence and negotiating heft, only about 10 percent of its citizens have received a first dose, compared with 26 percent in the United States and 44 percent in Britain. The bloc of 27 nations was comparatively slow to negotiate contracts with drugmakers, and regulators were cautious and deliberative in approving some vaccines. And it has been stymied by supply disruptions and shortages.

Europe also experienced a scare over the safety of the AstraZeneca vaccine and distribution in several countries was temporarily halted. Most of those coun-



tries have resumed using it, after the E.U. drug agency vouched for its safety. But public confidence in the shot has been severely undermined.

The hitches in Europe's vaccine rollout come as some countries, like Germany, are facing a spike in new cases. "The next few weeks will decide whether we can get the pandemic under control in the foreseeable future," Helge Braun, an aide to Germany's chancellor, Angela Merkel, told the German newspaper Bild am Sonntag. "If the number of infections rises rapidly at the same time as the vaccination, the risk increases that the next virus mutation will become immune to the vaccine."

The agency said a new warning label would be added to the vaccine so that people in the medical community could watch for rare complications that could lead to blood clots and brain bleeds.

Trust in the AstraZeneca vaccine is essential to fighting the pandemic worldwide. The shot is more easily stored and less expensive than Pfizer's or Moderna's, and for now, it is sold without the goal of earning a profit.

The European Union has exported more vaccine doses than it has administered. On Wednesday, it revealed emergency legislation that would curb exports of Covid-19 vaccines manufactured in its countries for the next six weeks.

Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, posted on Twitter on Thursday that the European Union had shipped out 77 million doses since early December, that 88 million were expected to be distributed internally by the end of the week and that 62 million shots had been administered within member nations. (NYT)

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Antibody therapies to be stopped due to variant surge



The US government in coordination with Eli Lilly said it will no longer distribute the Covid-19 monoclonal antibody therapy bamlanivimab for use on its own. The halt is due to the "sustained increase" in coronavirus variants in the United States. The government stopped distributing the treatment on Tuesday.

Last week, the US Food and Drug Administration updated guidance to say the therapy on its own may not work as well against variants. FDA Acting Commissioner Janet Woodcock had said that the US had stopped shipping bamlanivimab to Arizona, California and Nevada due to the variants, and the FDA asked the companies to assess their therapies against the variants.

Bamlanivimab can still be used with etesevimab, another monoclonal antibody treatment developed by Eli Lilly. In combination, the two Eli Lilly treatments seem to work against coronavirus variants.

Operation Warp Speed invested heavily in the treatment throughout its development, and in December, the US government spent \$812.5 million to buy 650,000 additional doses of bamlanivimab. The government has



Antibody therapies

sent out nearly 800,000 doses of bamlanivimab as of March 2. The updated guidance says that if health care providers want to use their existing supply of bamlanivimab, they can.

"We recognize the U.S. government has made the decision to no longer allow direct ordering of bamlanivimab alone due to concerns about the prevalence of the California (B.1.427/B.1.429) and New York (B.1.526) variants of SARS-CoV-2," Eli Lilly said in a

statement Thursday; last week, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the California strains are officially "variants of concern," as they may be more transmissible and Covid-19 treatments may be less effective against them.

"The U.S. government has enabled direct ordering of bamlanivimab and etesevimab together as well as etesevimab alone, to pair with bamlanivimab that sites of care have on hand," Lilly said in the statement. "We believe that sites with access to bamlanivimab and etesevimab for administration together should use that therapy over bamlanivimab alone. We remain committed to ensuring patients who need access to neutralizing antibody therapy can get it."

(CNN)

Merkel aide warns of vaccine-resistant mutations

Germany must bring down coronavirus infections in the next few weeks or risk new virus mutations that are resistant to vaccines, Chancellor Angela Merkel's chief of staff Helge Braun told the Bild am Sonntag newspaper.

"We are in the most dangerous phase of the pandemic," he added. "The next few weeks will determine whether we can foreseeably get the pandemic under control."

If the number of infections rises rapidly again, there is a growing danger that the next virus mutation will become resistant to the vaccine, Braun said.

"Then we would need new vaccines, then we would have to start vaccinating all over again," he pointed out.

To curb the virus' spread, Braun called for the imposition of stricter measures and nighttime curfews in regions with high numbers of new infections.

He spoke out in favor of additional curbs in regions where the number of cases per 100,000 people in the last seven days is more than 100. "That's where regional curfews in the evening and at night can help, because we have the highest infection rates at meetings in people's homes."

He also stressed the importance of testing in reducing virus transmission, urging firms to compulsorily test their



workers twice a week. Speaking to the Tagesspiegel newspaper, Social Democratic Party (SPD) politician and public health expert Karl Lauterbach called on the federal and state governments to immediately implement a "hard lockdown," citing the sharp rise in infections.

"It won't work without a hard lockdown," Lauterbach stressed, defending his call for nationwide curfews. "Curfew restrictions from 8 p.m. for two weeks would work — we've seen it in France, Britain and Portugal."

The sooner a decision was taken, the more lives would be saved, he said.

COVID cases in Germany rising again

Coronavirus infections have risen sharply in Germany in recent weeks, driven by a more transmissible variant of the

virus and moves to ease some restrictions.

On Saturday, the number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Germany increased by 20,472, while the reported death toll rose by 157, according to data from the Robert Koch Institute for infectious diseases.

Braun said he expected the infection situation to ease in May, helped by the impact of vaccinations and the onset of warmer weather: "By Whitsun (May 23) we will see the first positive effects — provided the situation doesn't get out of hand by then."

Meanwhile, popular frustration is growing over the government's pandemic management. Opinion polls indicate that support for Merkel's party has been dropping ahead of a national election in September.

(DW/AFIP)

Employment Opportunities

State Ministry of Canals and Common Infrastructure Development in Settlements in Mahaweli Zones

MAHAWELI AUTHORITY OF SRI LANKA



VACANCIES

Applications are invited from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for the following posts at the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka

Post : VETERINARY SURGEON (GRADE II)
Service Category : Manager (MM 1-1 Service Category)
Salary Scale : Rs. 53,175 – 10 x 1,375 – 15 x 1,910 – 95,575/-
Qualifications : (Qualification 1)
 1. Should have obtained a Veterinary Science degree recognized by the University Grants Commission and
 Should have obtained at least one (01) year's experience in the subject field relevant to the post after obtaining the degree
Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.
Method of Recruitment : Through a written competitive examination and / or a structured interview

Post : ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ARCHITECTURE)
Service Category : Manager (MM 1-1 Service Category)
Salary Scale : Rs. 53,175 – 10 x 1,375 – 15 x 1,910 – 95,575/-
Qualifications : (Qualification 1 or 2 or 3 below)
 1. Should have obtained a Special Degree in Architecture / Built Environment subject field recognized by the University Grants Commission and
 Should have obtained at least one (01) year's experience in the subject field relevant to the post after obtaining the degree
 2. Should have passed the intermediate examination of a recognized chartered professional institute compatible to the subject field relevant to the post
 And
 Should have obtained at least one (01) year's experience in the subject field relevant to the post after obtaining the qualification.
 3. Should have obtained a Proficiency Certificate in the relevant subject field of not less than National Vocational Qualification (N.V.Q.) Level seven (07) issued by a Technical / Vocational Training Institute recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission
 And
 Should have obtained at least one (01) year's experience in government, Government Corporation, board, statutory institution or reputed private institution after obtaining the qualification
Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.
Method of Recruitment : Through a written competitive examination and / or a structured interview

Post : SURVEYOR (GRADE II)
Service Category : Manager (MM 1-1 Service Category)
Salary Scale : Rs. 53,175 – 10 x 1,375 – 15 x 1,910 – 95,575/-
Qualifications (Qualification 1 or 2 below)
 1. Should have obtained a degree in Surveying Science from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission
 And
 Should have obtained at least one (01) year's experience in the subject field relevant to the post after obtaining the degree
 2. Should have passed the intermediate examination of a recognized chartered professional institute compatible to the subject field relevant to the post
 And
 Should have obtained at least one (01) year's experience in the subject field relevant to the post after obtaining the qualification.
Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.
Method of Recruitment : Through a written competitive examination and / or a structured interview

Post : GEOLOGIST (GRADE II)
Service Category : Manager (MM 1-1 Service Category)
Salary Scale : Rs. 53,175 – 10 x 1,375 – 15 x 1,910 – 95,575/-
Qualifications : (Qualification 1)
 1. Should have obtained a degree in Geology from a university recognized by the University Grants Commission and
 Should have obtained at least one (01) year's experience in the subject field relevant to the post after obtaining the degree
Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.
Method of Recruitment : Through a written competitive examination and / or a structured interview

Post : TRANSLATOR (SINHALA / ENGLISH) (GRADE III)
Service Category : Implementation / Consultancy Service (MA 4 Service Category)
Salary Scale : Rs. 37,970 – 10 x 755 – 15 x 930 – 5 x 1.135 – 65,145/-
Qualifications : (Qualification 1)
 1. Should have obtained a degree with Sinhala / English, Sinhala / Tamil subjects recognized by the University Grants Commission
Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.
Method of Recruitment : Through a written competitive examination and / or a structured interview

Post : ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER (GRADE III)
Service Category : Associate Officer (MA 3 Service Category)
Salary Scale : Rs. 32,200 - 445 x 10 - 660 x 11 - 730 x 10 - 750 x 5 - 54,960/-
Qualifications : (Qualification 1)
 1. Should have obtained a degree in Agriculture recognized by the University Grants Commission
Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.
Method of Recruitment : Through a written competitive examination and / or a structured interview

Post: 1. EDITOR (VIDEO) (GRADE III)
 2. TECHNICIAN (GIS) (GRADE III)
Service Category : Management Assistant (Technological) (MA 2-2 Service Category)
Salary Scale : Rs. 30,310 – 10 x 300 – 7 x 350 – 4 x 600 – 20 x 710 – 52,360/-
Qualifications : (Qualification 1 below)
 1. Should have obtained a Proficiency Certificate of not less than N.V.Q Level five (05) issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission relevant to the duties of each post
Age : Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years.
Method of Recruitment : Through a written competitive examination and / or a structured interview

Self prepared Bio Data should be sent by registered post addressed to "Director General, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10" to receive on or before 12.04.2021.

Post applied for should be clearly mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application and the late applications will be rejected. Copies of educational / professional certificates should be enclosed with the application and the applications without the copies of certificates enclosed will be rejected.

Director General of Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka reserves the right to take the final decision regarding these recruitments.

Note: Please note that the required qualifications relevant to each post should have been fulfilled as at the closing date of applications.

**Director General
 Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka**

More European countries tighten Corona restrictions

Several European countries have tightened measures to stem the spread of coronavirus in the face of a worrying rise in infections that is putting further pressure on healthcare systems.



In France, the government on Saturday described the situation as "critical" as it added three more departments to the 16 already under tight restrictions.

Some 20 million people, including those in the greater Paris region, are classed as living in high-infection zones. They are not allowed to travel further than 10km (six miles) from their home unless they have an essential reason.

Officers at train stations, airports and toll-paying motorways began on Saturday to enforce the travel restrictions. Only shops selling food, and book and music stores are open and classrooms in high schools are only running at half the capacity.

Daily cases in France have nearly doubled since the start of March, with more than 200,000 new infections registered every week. On Saturday, it reported another 42,619 daily cases, up from 41,869 on Friday. (AI Jazeera)

Music for vaccinations in New York



Music- vaccinations

On a recent weekday, the sounds of Vivaldi, Mozart and Bach greeted hundreds of just-inoculated New Yorkers as they entered a medical observation area at one of the city's biggest COVID-19 vaccination sites, the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

Hearing the music, many stopped to record videos of the five musicians in a piano and string ensemble gathered onstage, performing live.

For people on the road to immunity from the coronavirus, experiencing live music in the same space that served as a field hospital at the height of the pandemic was a fitting accompaniment on a day of hope.

For some of the musicians, it was something more.

Pianist Barbara Podgurski said her recent performances at the vaccination site were her first in public since the pandemic battered the city last spring.

"There were three months where I didn't play the piano because I felt hopeless," she said. "The reaction ... I haven't heard in a year. You realize how much people need music in their lives, to feel beauty and magic. It gives them hope."

(Westerly Sun)

Wellalage's all-round show was the highlight

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE
The individual brilliance of Dunith Wellalage highlighted the annual Inter-Schools Under-19 traditional cricket encounter between St. Joseph's College and Royal College, which ended in a draw at Darley Road during the weekend.

The promising all-rounder and the captain of St. Joseph's produced his best performance for the current season while stroking a match-saving knock of 71 in the first innings followed by a superb five-wicket haul.

The manner in which he handled the pressure situation with the bat was quite outstanding as he played his natural game while flaying the Royal bowlers to all parts of the ground quite effortlessly.

In fact, the aggressive left-hander cleared the ropes on five occasions and also scored the same number of boundaries during his 76-ball stay at the crease.

Wellalage walked in to the middle at a crucial stage when St. Joseph's had lost three early wickets and soon they collapsed to 74 for five after they had elected to bat first.

But instead of trying to rebuild the innings with a defensive approach, Wellalage decided to attack, which



Royal College wicket-keeper Shehan Herath appeals for a dismissal.
Pix by Samantha Weerasiri

turned out to be a wise move at that point as runs began to flow quite thick and fast.

Even then, the Josephian first innings total of 210 was certainly just above average but Wellalage made it look quite a daunting task for the opposition with a controlled spell of bowling.

His five-wicket haul completely shattered Royal's hopes of piling up another big score as the visitors batted safely before declaring their first innings at 209 for eight.

The turning point in the

Royal innings of course, was the dismissal of inform batsman and Skipper Ahan Wickremasinghe who was trapped leg-before by Wellalage for a 13-ball 18.

However, opener Isiwara Dissanayake held the Royal innings together with a determined batting performance as he carried his bat with an unbeaten 102.

Ananda vs St. Peter's

Ananda College and St. Peter's College played out a

tame draw in their annual fixture where only one innings was completed at Ananda Mawatha.

It was very clear from the start that both teams were not prepared to take a risk as they figured in a run-crawl with the Anandians continuing to occupy the crease even on the second day.

But Ananda's decision to prolong their batting was quite understandable because they were very much short of runs in the first innings after having suffered



Royal College fielders celebrate a dismissal

a batting collapse early in the innings.

That they eventually reached a healthy score of 268 was mainly due to a fighting knock of 81 from Skipper Saviru Bandara who played a lone hand in pulling his side out of real trouble.

The right-hander batting at number eight produced his best batting performance for the current season as he single handedly carried the Anandians towards a position of authority.

This clash altogether turned out to be a battle between the two rival cap-

tains as the final session was dominated by the Peterite Skipper Nipunaka Fonseka who played a similar role for his team.

The elegant left-hander who has been in excellent form this season put his head down once again to construct a fighting half-century that helped his team reach a modest 234 for eight in their first innings.

St. Sebastian's vs Dharmasoka

St. Sebastian's College continued their good

form this season as they went on to dominate their fixture against Dharmasoka College which ended in a draw at Moratuwa.

The Sebastianites produced a centurion in the form of Sanesh Fernando who played the sheet anchor role with the back up support coming from Bihanga Mendis.

Dharmasoka's hopes of getting close to the St. Sebastian's score of 241 never materialised as they collapsed to 136 runs against the spin of

Shenith Fernando and Mehen Silva.

St. Sebastian's then batted for 48 overs in the second innings before declaring with half centuries from Chakila Perera and Avishka Fernando.

Richmond vs Wesley

Richmond College displayed their batting prowess as they hit up over 300 runs in their drawn game against Wesley College at the Galle Stadium.

The Richmond innings was built around three splendid half centuries from Kavindu Nirmana, Janith Kaushalya and Bhanuka Manohara.

All three batsmen performed with a great deal of confidence and authority even though they were maintaining a run-rate of just over three runs per over.

The Wesleyites were left with just two sessions of batting and they lost six wickets during that period for less than 150 runs. Thenuka Perera's unbeaten half century was of great value for Wesley who were at the receiving end for most of the time in this encounter.

Pradeep Liyanage the athlete turned ruggerite

ALTHAF NAWAZ

St. Anthony's College is a leading school located in the hill capital Kandy, which has contributed immensely in the field of Education and Sports producing several personnel who made their 'Alma Mater' proud.

In the field of sports especially in the game of rugby they have unearthed many highly skilled players, who have given fine displays bringing honour and fame to their school.

Pradeep Liyanage was one of them who had the distinction of becoming a prolific player in the game of rugby representing the country both locally and internationally.

Pradeep Liyanage also known as 'Laiya' in the sporting circles was born in 1983 in Kandy. His father is Silva working overseas while mother Subadra is a housewife. He has one brother Nireesh who also attended his school. While they were living in the outskirts of Kandy, Pradeep got an opportunity to enrol at St. Anthony's College, Kandy in junior school in 1995 and

continued his higher studies in 2002, where he concluded his school career.

From his younger days, he had a liking for sports and launched his sporting career playing cricket and engaging in athletics at College in the under-13 age category. His main events there were 100 and 200 metre races in, which he notched up the second and first places respectively at the All Island Championship.

In athletics, he went on to win the same events in Kandy District Athletic Championship in the under-13, 15 and 17 age groups which earned him the 'Best Athlete' at college under the coaching of Keerthi.

His participation in rugby was due to his under-13 rugby coach Nihal Ananda, who monitored and spotted Pradeep's capabilities in athletics mainly the speed he had in his individual events. He finally participated in handling the rugby ball from junior rugby and went on to play in all age groups for his school teams. While he was playing in the under-



Pradeep Liyanage

quarter, after one of their key players who occupied that place was injured, and from there he continued to lock horns

in this position until he hung up his boots. During their unbeaten season they defeated some of the top schools in the fray like Isipathana, S.Thomas and St.Peters few to be named. Playing as second centre, he went on to plant 41 tries in that whole season.

In the final match of the season against Isipathana they pulled off a narrow 10-8 win and it was his solitary try with two penalties which guided them to victory. He was later awarded the Double Eagle.

In 2002, his former school mate Priyantha Ekanayake, invited him to join Kandy Sports Club and continued playing until 2013, later captaining them in 2009. He surged ahead to annex the 'Best Players' award three times and the 'Best Three Quarter' award on six occasions.

In the meantime playing for Kandy as a school boy, he got his National call in

2002. His tenure with the National team spanned until 2013.

He made his debut in 2002 with the Sri Lanka XV side tour of Hong Kong followed by the Dubai Sevens tournament the same year.

He was appointed the Sri Lanka captain in 2010 and led them in several International Tournaments in both sevens and XV-a-side format of the game.

He played his first Rugby Asiad under Pradeep Banayake's captaincy along with some of the best players in the game in that era like Nalaka Weerakkody, Sajith Mallikarachchi, Fazil Marija, Amjad Buksh, Nilfer Ibrahim, Radhika Hettarachchi and Indrajith Bandaranaike. In his rugby career, he was coached by Priyantha Gunaratne, Nihal Ananda, Mohamed Faizal, Tavitha Thulagesi (Laga), late George Simpinkin and Yohan Taylor.

At present he is coaching his school and his wife is Ruwindika Dunuwille and has three children namely Shakya (6), Nathaya (4) and Yeheli (3) years old.

Tharindu Rumesh outstanding athlete and soccer player

(UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA - Kandy Sports Special corr.)

B.Tharindu Rumesh is an old boy of Mahasen Vidyalaya, Bakamuna of the Polonnaruwa District who is an outstanding soccer player who is also an athlete as well as a badminton and kabaddi player.

As an Athlete he became the Champion in the School Sports Meet representing Deepthi House in 100 and 200 Metres and Long Jump events and for four consecutive years he won these three events from Under 12 to Under 15 level.

As a Soccer player Rumesh played for the school soccer team for eight years as an Under 14 up-to Under 19 level player. Then he joined the Youth Sports Club of Bakamuna and continued playing serious soccer and he was selected to the Polonnaruwa District Soccer team and he toured India in 2007 with the team.

He was coached in soccer by Karunaratne Banda and Niroshan Cooray, both



Tharindu Rumesh, the talented Soccer player.

and also followed a Training Course in badminton conducted by the Department of Education as well in the year 2019. After undergoing this training course he was appointed as a Physical Training Instructor at the Siyambalawa Junior School in Polonnaruwa District.

As a talented player he was able to develop the sports activities of the school by training the sportsmen in soccer, badminton and athletics for national and international level.

Apart from Sports Rumesh did his higher studies well and entered the University of Sri Jayawardenapura as an external student and now he is in his second year at the university.

His intention is to improve soccer and bring his soccer team to International Level and he is thankful to his soccer coaches and the staff of the school for the encouragement and the required facilities given to him to improve the game of soccer.



The champion Kalutara District men's football team



RUNNERS-UP Colombo District mens football team

Kalutara District men's football champions

NARAYANASAMY JAYARATNAM - Kalutara Roving Corr.

After a fierce competition Kalutara District men's football team recorded a thrilling victory over the Colombo District men's football team by 7 goals to

6 in a penalty shoot out and emerged champions in their 46th National Sports Festival, Western Province Inter District football championship 2021 which was held on March 21 Sunday at the Vernon U Fernando

Sports Complex Kalutara. Three district champion teams competed in this competition from Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara District and the occasion was graced by the Western Province educa-

tion and sports ministry Assistant Director Jagath Gnan Sri as Chief Guest who awarded the certificates to the winners. Colombo and Kalutara two top teams in Sri Lanka clashed in the final. At the

end of the first half Colombo District men's football team was leading 2 - 1 against the Kalutara District men's football team. However during the last 10 minutes of the game Kalutara District men's football

team was rewarded for their hard work with the equalizer.

Kalutara emerged triumphant with a 7 - 6 lead on a penalty shoot out and qualifying to play in the 46th National Sports Festival.

Matale Thomians have it easy

HAFIZ MARIKAR

St Thomas's College Matale went on to pocket their second successive win in the ongoing SLSCA under 19 division II schools limited over cricket tournament 2021, when they beat Taxila Central Horana by six wickets in Matale.

Batting first Taxila Central scored 98 runs in 25.4overs.

Right arm pacemen Kasun Jayarathne did well with the ball to take 5/36 and left arm spinner Sithul Wijesekara took 2/12.

St Thomas' in their turn scored the required runs in the 18th over with six wickets in hand.

Chief Scores:
Taxila Central 98 all out in 25.4 overs. M. Hettiarachchi 20, A jayalath 14, D Dilmith14, Kasun jayarathne 5/36, Sithul Wijesekara 2/12.

St Thomas' College 101/4 in 17.4 overs. K Senarathne 25, D Madushanka 14, D Ranasinghe 13, Sithul Wijesekara 11, A jayalath 2/20.

Old Antonians confront Old Rathianz in first semi final

HAFIZ MARIKAR

In the Kandy District Cricket Association one day tournament, the top four sides who did well in the tournament have entered the semifinals, and the first semi final will take place on the 1st of April where Old Antonians S.C. will play Old Rathianz C.C. at St. Anthony's College grounds and the second semi-final is between Kandy Youth C.C. vs. Saracens C.C. with the date and venue to be finalized.

This tournament was started on 20th August last year and was halted after 45 games due to coronavirus. On the way to

the semis Old Antonians SC and Saracens SC drew byes and in the last two quarter finals played Old Rathianz Cricket Club beat Onslaught C.C. by 91 runs at the Prisons grounds Pallkelle. Onslaught CC won the toss and invited Old Rathianz C.C. to bat first and they went on to score 142 runs in 27.3 overs S.K. Seelarathne did a superb job with the bat to score 102 runs in 77 balls where he had twelve hits to the ropes and five over it. M.B.N. Jayaweera and G. Tharaka took three wickets each. Onslaught C.C. in their turn were bowled out for 51 runs in 20.4

overs. M.B.N. Jayaweera made 17 and K.R. Karunatilake and A.B. Ketakumbura took four wickets each.

Old Rathianz C.C. 142 all out in 27.3 overs - S.K. Seelarathne 102, Y.P. Kodagoda 17, M.B.N. Jayaweera 3 for 40, G. Tharaka 3 for 44

Onslaught C.C. 51 all out in 20.4 overs - M.B.N. Jayaweera 17, K.R. Karunatilake 4 for 10, A.B. Ketakumbura 4 for 15

In the last quarter-final played on Saturday at Prisons grounds Pallkelle Kandy Youth Cricket Club beat Old Rajans SC by 99 runs. Kandy Youth CC who were invited to bat first made 230

runs in 46.3 overs, with the help of H. Shehan who made 48, and D. Madurnaga 46. C. Rathnayake and C. Weerasinghe took three wickets each. Old Rajans SC in reply were all out for 131 in 35.4 overs, C. Weerasinghe made 40, G. Kaushalya took 5 for 13.

Kandy Youth C.C. 230 all out in 46.3 over's H. Sheehan 48, D. Madurnaga 46, P. Rathnayake 3 for 40, C. Weerasinghe 3for 53.

Old Rajans S.C. 131 all out 35.4 overs C. Weerasinghe 40, K. Weerawansa 27, G. Kaushalya 5 for 13 and D. Dissanayake 2 for 23.

Addalaichenai DS division excel in athletics

(Text and Picture by: I.L. RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Corr.)

Addalaichenai DS division secured nine golds, 12 silver and five bronze medals in the Ampara District Athletics Championship-2021 conducted by the Eastern Province Sports Department held at the H.M. Weerasinghe Play Grounds, Ampara recently.

Ampara District Secretariat Sports Officer M.L.M. Ameer Ali who presided over the Athletics Championship while players in each Secretariat Division in the Ampara District took part in these competitions.

At the event, Addalaichenai DS division secured gold medals in 400m, 1500m, 110m hurdles,



The champion Addalaichenai DS division team

400m hurdles, long jump, triple jump, javelin throw, 4x400m relay and 4x100 relay.

The winners qualified to

compete at Provincial level to be conducted by the Eastern Province Sports Department. The winners were congratulated by the

officials of the sports clubs and Addalaichenai Divisional Sports Officer M.H.M. Aswath.

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WORLD OF SPORTS

LOCAL EVENTS CRICKET

(March 29)
Women's Limited Over Tournament):
Seenigama CC vs Army SC 'A' at Hikkaduwa
Army SC 'B' vs Colts CC at Panagoda
Air Force SC 'B' vs Navy SC at Katunayake
Chilaw Marians CC vs Air Force SC 'A' at Katunayake

CYCLING
(National Sports Festival):
Men's and Women's cycling at Kataragama

TENNIS
Clay Court Nationals at SLTA Courts, Green Path

BASKETBALL
Masters Tournament at Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium

FOREIGN EVENTS CRICKET
(World Test Championship):
West Indies vs Sri Lanka (2nd Test) at Antigua (1st day)

AG recommends NEW COMMITTEE for SLC

The Attorney General's (AG's) Department has recommended that Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) be placed under a new management committee until its election of office-bearers on May 20 as the current committee's term expired on February 20, 2021.

According to the Sports Ministry Secretary Anuradha Wijekoon, on Attorney General's advice, a five-member Committee will be appointed today in place of the current cricket administration until the SLC elections which will be held on May 20.

The advice comes three weeks after the Sports Ministry sought legal advice from the AG when Colts Cricket Club challenged the legality of the current committee headed by Shammi Silva.

(D.R)



Ushan Thiwanka in action

Ushan Thiwanka sets NEW HIGH JUMP RECORD in Texas

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

USA based Sri Lankan athlete Ushan Thiwanka set up a new Sri Lanka high jump record with a performance of 2.28m at the Texas Relays Athletic Championships yesterday.

The 23-year-old athlete, who is presently training and following his higher studies in Texas, was able to erase the long standing record of 2.27m set by Manjula Kumara Wijesekera which was set up in 2004 and equalled in 2005.

Thiwanka's achievement is also rated as the third best performance at world outdoor competitions this year.

The former schoolboy of Maris Stella College, who left the country on a scholarship last year to Texas A and M University-Commerce, also achieved Sri Lanka's Elite National Pool qualification mark of 2.22m, which qualifies him to be included in the Elite National Pool as well as in the top high-performance pool of the Sports Ministry.

Earlier, Thiwanka was able to set up a new

Sri Lanka indoor high jump record of 2.26m. Thiwanka started his athletics career at Karunaratne Buddhist School at Ragama and was able to develop his skills at Maris Stella College under the guidance of his coach Sanarath Fernando.

Thiwanka of course, had a difficult childhood while growing up as both his parents suffered from polio.

However, that did not stop him from achieving great heights in his life, and he is now a step closer to his Olympic dream.

Madarika and Dunukara win NSF RACE WALKING titles



DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Kalahari Madarika of Western Province and Sandaruwan Dunukara of North Central Province won the 46th National Sports Festival (NSF) Women's and Men's race walking event respectively in Kataragama on Saturday.

In fact, Dunukara won the race walking Gold Medal at the NSF for the fifth successive year.

The 29-year-old who won the event in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 clocked a winning time of one hour 38.17s.

Meanwhile, Kalahari finished the race with a clear lead of one hour 51 minutes and 19s to clinch the title.

Sports Ministry Director General Amal Edirisuriya, Nestle Corporate Affairs Vice-President Bandula Egodage, and Monaragala District Secretary Gunadasa Samarasinghe distributed the awards.



Winners of the Women's event with Sports Ministry Director General Amal Edirisuriya and officials of Nestle.



Winners of the Men's event with Sports Ministry Director General Amal Edirisuriya and officials of Nestle.

Results:

Women's Race: 1.Kalahari Madarika (Western) 1:51.19s. 2. L. M. M. S. Jayaratne (North Central) 1:57.44s. 3. J. K. K. M. C.

Dhamayanthi (Uva) 1:58.40s. **Men's Race:** 1. Sandaruwan Dunukara (North Central) 1:38.17s. 2. R. M. D. Rukmal (Uva) 1:39.24s. 3. Niroshan Appuhamy (Western) 1:42.27s.

NEGOMBO STUN Tamil Union in SLC L/O Tourney

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Negombo CC caused a major sensation as they defeated the more fancied Tamil Union by five wickets in their SLC Major Club Limited Over Cricket Tournament match played at the P. Sara Oval in Colombo yesterday.

Tamil Union were skittle out for a paltry 99 runs in 27 overs and the winners hit up 100 for five in reply to record a memorable victory.

Meanwhile, Ace Capital CC were shot out for a dismal 30 runs as NCC romped to a massive 230-run victory at the NCC Grounds in Maitland Place.

Chief scores

- **At Katunayake** (Badureliya CC won by six wickets)
Air Force SC: 143 in 41.4 overs
- **Badureliya CC:** 144/4 in 36.4 overs (Dilshan de Soysa 55).
- **At P. Sara Oval** (Negombo CC won by five wickets)
Tamil Union: 99 in 27 overs.
- **Negombo CC:** 100/5 in 24.4 overs.
- **At NCC Grounds** (NCC won by 230 runs)
NCC: 260/9 in 50 overs (Chamika Karunaratne 63 n.o.)
- **Ace Capital CC:** 30 in 19.3 overs (Chaturanga de Silva 5/17).
- **At Panagoda** (No decision)
Army CC: 318/3 in 41 overs (Ashan Randika 124, Himasha Liyanage 101 n.o., Thisara Perera 52)
- **Bloomfield:** 73/6 in 17 overs.
- **At CCC Grounds** (CCC won by 212 runs)
CCC: 303/5 in 49 overs (Ron Chandraguptha 76, Lasith Abeyratne 100)
- **Kandy Customs SC:** 91 in 30.1 overs.
- **At Maggona** (Nugegoda SC won by 34 runs)
- **Kalutara TC:** 164 in 47.1 overs
- **Nugegoda SC:** 151/6 in 32.2 overs.
- **At Galle Stadium** (Galle CC won by 62 runs)
- **Galle CC:** 218 in 48.3 overs (Eranga Rathnayake 51)
- **Navy SC:** 156 in 39.5 overs (Tharushan Iddamalgoda 50).
- **At Colts Grounds** (Colts CC won by 58 runs on D/L)
- **Colts CC:** 295/9 in 50 overs (Dananjaya Lakshan 69, Santhush Gunathilake 59, Kithuruwan Vithanage 51)
- **Sebastianites CC:** 133/5 in 30 overs.
- **At Moratuwa Stadium** (Moors SC won by 44 runs on D/L)
- **Moors SC:** 291 in 50 overs (Pabasara Waduge 133)
- **Saracens SC:** 153/5 in 34.1 overs.
- **At SSC Grounds** (SSC won by 108 runs on D/L)
- **SSC:** 293/5 in 50 overs (Sammu Ashan 107)
- **Kurunegala YCC:** 130/7 in 35 overs.
- **At Katunayake** (Ragama CC won by 39 runs)
- **Ragama CC:** 178/9 in 41.5 overs (Janith Liyanage 82, Charuka Tarindu 5/35)
- **Chilaw Marians CC:** 139 in 36.2 overs.

SL eye HISTORIC TEST SERIES win against WI

Sri Lanka will look to record their maiden Test series victory in the Caribbean when they take on the West Indies in the second and decisive match for the Sobers/Tissera Trophy at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua today.

The Sri Lankans are brimming with confidence following their excellent performance in the opening Test where they took major honours in the drawn game at the same venue a few days ago.

After conceding the Twenty20 series and the One Day International series to their opponents, Sri Lanka are now well set to create a piece of history in their final outing of the tour.

Sri Lanka have toured the West Indies on four



Kraigg Brathwaite and Dimuth Karunaratne

previous occasions but they are yet to win a series and their last attempt was in 2018 where the three-match series ended in a 1-1 draw.

Sri Lanka's first tour to the Caribbean was in 1997 and the home side clinched the two-Test series 1-0. The Lankans once again toured the Caribbean in 2003 and lost the two-Test series 0-1.

The two teams then figured in a 1-1 draw in the 2007/08 series held in the West Indies.

(Agencies)

Masters Basketball Inter-League Tournament Semifinals held

The Masters Basketball Inter-League Tournament Semifinals were held at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium, yesterday.



Anuja Jayasinghe of NBC crosses through Nilanthi Nivunalla from team Angels to score the winning points, while Shamali Perera of the NBC team looks on.

The competition consisted of 39 teams. The Men's category consisted of the over 35, 40, 45, and 50 age groups; while the Women's category had the over 35 and 40 age groups. The tournament would enable scouting the best players for the Pan Pacific Masters Games, which is to be held in Gold Coast, Australia, later this year. The event is sponsored by Gaja Sports, a pioneer in sports promotion.

Results:

Men's over 40-Police SC vs Old Bens, Carlton Moratuwa to Wattala BC

Men's over 45-Carlton Moratuwa vs Bulls, 76ers vs Untouchables

Men's over 50-Bulls vs Old Sokiens, Police SC vs Old Bens

Women's over 40-Carlton Morratuwa vs Penguins, NBC vs Angels - (AN)

Conway, Sodhi lead New Zealand to EASY T20 WIN over Bangladesh

HAMILTON, SUNDAY: An unbeaten 92 from Devon Conway and a four-wicket burst from Ish Sodhi ensured New Zealand romped to victory by 66 runs in the opening Twenty20 against Bangladesh in Hamilton on Sunday.

Conway, whose rollicking innings included 11 fours and three sixes, shared in a 105-run stand with debutant Will Young (53), as New Zealand posted an impressive 210 after winning the toss and electing to bat.

Mohammad Naim made an enterprising start to the Bangladesh reply with two boundaries off the opening over from Tim Southee.

But once the tourists reached 39 in the fifth over the innings fell apart as first Lockie Ferguson removed Naim for 27 and then Sodhi suffocated the momentum with his four wickets in eight deliveries.

At the end of their 20 overs Bangladesh were 144 for eight and Sodhi had the impressive figures of four for 28.

New Zealand went into the match

without six frontline players including Kane Williamson and Trent Boult and stand-in captain Tim Southee said it was pleasing to see the new blood perform with the bat.

"Devon is just carrying on what he's done at this level, making it look extremely easy," Southee said with Conway now having four fifties and a 65.42 average from 12 Twenty20s.

"It's great to be able to see guys come in and perform. If you had five or six guys out a few years ago we would be scratching around but there's a number of guys now knocking on the door."

'Let ourselves down' (Subhead)

A disappointed Bangladesh skipper Mahmudullah pointed the finger at a mediocre batting display from his side and called for a big improvement before game two in Napier on Tuesday.

"We have let ourselves down in our batting department," he said.

"Ish (Sodhi) is an experienced campaigner, he uses conditions really well, the ball was gripping a little

bit here but we can't make the same mistakes again and again."

After the Sodhi rout, Afif Hossain (45) and Mohammad Saifuddin (34 not out) stretched the innings with a 63-run stand for the seventh wicket but they were unable to lift the scoring rate enough to threaten the New Zealand total.

The one disappointment for New Zealand was Finn Allen's much anticipated debut.

The exciting 21-year-old had set the New Zealand domestic scene alight with an average of 56 at a stunning strike rate of 194 in the domestic Twenty20 competition.

Chief scores:

New Zealand - 210/3 in 20 overs (D. Conway 92, W. Young 53, M. Guptill 35, G. Phillips 24, Nasum 2/30)

Bangladesh - 144/8 in 20 overs (Afif Hossain 45, M. Saifuddin 34, Mohammad Naim 27, Mahmudullah 11, Sodhi 4/28, Ferguson 2/25)

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Suez blockade to disrupt shipping for four weeks

DINESH PERERA
CEO of Shippers Academy Rohan Masakorala noted that the disruption caused by the Suez blockade could continue for about four weeks. Masakorala was certain that freight rates would rise and there

would be considerable uncertainty in international logistics. Following the incident, the Shanghai Freight Index rose sharply. Local agents are uncertain to the extent that global shipping lines will reduce their calls on

local ports. There is also a considerable concern for perishable cargo and the imposition of charges on shipping vessels due to the delay. The backlog and need for rescheduling and storage will cause considerable logistical prob-

lems on all regional ports. Export firms are expected to have to compete to try to secure outbound space in the coming weeks. Local shipping agents are unlikely to be able to give firm assurances to their clients.



Rohan Masakorala



'New demand for retired teachers to offer online education'

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

With the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for online education has increased and there is a new demand for retired teachers who have now moved in to providing online education solutions.

Vice President - Enterprise Business Group at Huawei Technologies Lanka, Indika De Zoysa said that this is due current teachers inability to meet with the growing demand for online learning through Zoom and other means and also since some education providers are hiring retired teachers to provide online education.

He said the government is planning to distribute 96,000 Tabs to schools and this will further increase the demand for retired teachers. To increase the penetration of the internet, Huawei has agreed to partner with the Education Ministry to provide 30,000 internet access points for students' distance learning education. Recently, Huawei has debuted IdeaHub, which simplifies the transformation of online teaching at an International Chinese School in Brazil. Huawei previewed a series of digital transformation solutions last year to support continuous learning and quality education in the Middle East over the coming years.

During the COVID -19 pandemic several new marketing and educating initia-

tives were done by the government, TV stations, marketer's and these initiatives/adaptations were among the first in the region where Sri Lanka can be proud of.

"We have also seen a local entrepreneur who is hiring A/L students on a temporary basis to teach English online to students in London and simpler enterprises are now emerging. He also appreciated the government's ICT driven projects including 'Gamata Sanniwedana' which aims to establish the necessary connectivity infrastructure which is imperative for Sri Lanka to successfully navigate its journey towards digitisation.

The Ministry of Education with Telecommunication Regulatory Commission took steps to provide all schoolchildren, who are at home during the extended school holidays, with access to E-Thak-salawa free of charge through any telephone network. Education programmes on TV too can be accessed free.

He also said that with the C-19 pandemic resulting in the world moving at a faster pace towards digital solutions there is a looming shortage of Tabs and Laptop computers globally.

"In Sri Lanka too this is now evident and this is not because of the current import restrictions, but simply due to demand and supply situation."



Indika De Zoysa

'National Policy on Industries' for Cabinet approval in 2 weeks

Guarantee Fund to ease entrepreneur woes



Aruni Kotalawala receives the Sri Lankan Entrepreneur of the year award on behalf of Wijaya Products (Pvt) Ltd. Picture by Saliya Rupasinghe

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The proposed 'National Policy on Industries' to safeguard, encourage and promote Lankan industrialists and entrepreneurs will be brought before the Cabinet of Ministers for their approval within the next two weeks, Industrial Minister Wimal Weerawansa said.

Minister Weerawansa made these observations at the annual CNCI Achiever Awards 2020, organized by Ceylon National Chamber of Industries (CNCI) in Colombo. Associated Newspapers of Ceylon was the Media sponsor.

A large number of local

industrialists, manufacturers and Entrepreneurs received certificates and awards for the excellent service done by them to improve the Sri Lanka economy to a greater extent during the last year.

Speaking on certain trade agreements, the minister said many trade agreements did not strengthen the Sri Lankan economy and the Government needs to defeat all obstacles faced by our industrialists due to these trade agreements and encourage the country's own industrialists to develop the local market, so that they can even enter the global market.

Speaking further the Min-

ister noted that in addition to the proposed 'National Policy on Industries', steps have also been taken by the Government to introduce a 'Guarantee Fund' for the benefit of Sri Lankan SME sector industrialists to enable them to obtain bank loans with a certain amount of security provided through this 'Guarantee Fund'.

"As we are aware most of our industrialists are today reluctant to obtain bank loans to start new ventures due to high security asked by banks. "The Guarantee Fund will be introduced by the Government in collaboration with the private

sector, so that it will be a great relief to our industrialists," he said.

He said this nature of funds will encourage our industrialists as well as entrepreneurs to invest in more ventures in the future and it will also help to provide more employment opportunities to our youth. Minister Weerawansa also mentioned that the government is now focusing attention towards granting more relief to industrialists by further reducing bank interest rates to a single digit in order to encourage the SME sector to invest in many other commercial ventures.

While mentioning several development activities carried out by former President Mahinda Rajapaksa during his tenure, Minister Weerawansa said due to his far-sighted policies Sri Lankan economic growth had increased to 6.5% during that period. The Minister also highlighted the invaluable role played by the CNCI in the promotion of industries in Sri Lanka and said their contribution to the growth of the national economy is commendable.

The Sri Lankan entrepreneur award was won by Wijaya Products Pvt Ltd.

Enterprise Development Advisory Council meets Minister Cabraal

A meeting of the Enterprise Development Advisory Council (EDAC) was held on March 26 at the Shangri-La Hotel under the patronage of Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Minister of State for Finance and Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reforms.

The progress of the subcommittees on ICT, Doing Business, Stock Market and Automobile initiated during the previous meeting was



State Minister Cabraal with Angajan Ramanathan

discussed. Representatives of public and private banks participated at the

event and explained their programmes for business revival. An EDAC subcommittee was also established to actively support this endeavor.

Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees, a group of entrepreneurs in the energy and construction sector, officials from National Chamber of Commerce and National Chamber of Industries were also present.

World's biggest wealth surge marks rise of billionaire Adani

After spending two decades building a business empire centered around coal, Indian billionaire Gautam Adani is now looking beyond the fossil fuel to cement his group's future. His ambitious plans are getting a boost from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Adani has emerged as India's infrastructure king, diversifying from mines,

ports and power plants into airports, data centers and defense -- sectors Modi considers crucial to meeting India's economic goals. Investors are rewarding the pivot, betting the tycoon's strategy of dovetailing his interests with the government's development program will pay off.

(Business Standard)

Vehicle registrations up in February, hand tractor registrations on the rise



Total Vehicle registrations recorded 3,558 units in February marginally up from 3,256 units in January but significantly down from 31,402 units 12 months ago. The main contributor for the increase was a higher number of hand tractors, a category that is not under an import ban and an uptick from locally assembled vehicles.

Total cars recorded 220 units in Feb marginally up from 195 units in Jan but significantly down from 2,056 units 12 months ago. Of the 95 units recorded under brand new cars in Feb, Zotye - Z100 a locally manufactured car by a subsidiary of United Motors

accounted for 79 units up from 27 units in Jan and 34 units 12 months ago.

Pre-owned cars recorded 125 units in Feb down from 155 units in Jan and significantly down from 1,768 units 12 months ago. SUVs recorded 287 units in February up from 161 units in Jan but significantly down from 819 units 12 months ago. The data shows 31 Toyota Land Cruisers which have been a gift from the Japanese Government to the Police Department. In the locally assembled category DFSK (United Motors) recorded 113 units in Feb significantly up from 14 units in Jan and 6 units 12 month ago and Mahindra

KUV 100 (Ideal Motors) recorded 80 units in Feb up from 61 units in Jan and 1 unit 12 months ago.

Hand tractors (no import ban) recorded 212 units in February significantly up from 94 units in Jan and 83 units 12 months ago. Farm Star accounted for 89 units claiming a category share of 42%. Medium trucks recorded 216 units in Feb down from 259 units in Jan but up from 178 units 12 months ago. Large tractors (no import ban) recorded 485 units in Feb marginally up from 461 units in Jan and 240 units 12 months ago. Tafe (Browns) is the market leader with a 52% share.

LG Ambassador Challenge launched

DINESH PERERA

LG, Abans, and Korea Friends of Hope International Sri Lanka (KFHISL) recently launched the LG Ambassador Challenge at the Colombo City Centre on March 25. The Ambassador Challenge will carry out four CSR projects across the country.

LG Ambassadors were selected after an evaluation process. Chief Marketing Officer Abans Budhika Dharmawardena said, "LG and Abans have consistently undertaken the task of uplifting Sri

Lankan livelihoods. From providing best in class products to our corporate social responsibility schemes we always look to uplift the nation."

Secretary KFHISL Lasitha Nanayakkara noted that the project in Sri Lanka was the brainchild of Korea Friends of Hope International Chairman Daniel Choi.

Chief Guest at the event and Director General of NGO Secretariat Raja Goonaratne noted the need for NGOs to assist in the national goal of poverty alleviation. Goonaratne noted

that though there were 37,000 registered NGOs in the country many of them lacked funds to carry out any activity.

Goonaratne praised the initiative and was happy to see institutions with the financial strength of LG and Abans working towards national development. The Sri Lankan chapter of KFHI is to be registered at the NGO secretariat shortly. In Vavuniya LG Ambassador Kunarathinam Kajanagan through the project 'Drop of Life' will look to provide RO water purification to

the area. The project will hope to over the long term reduce the prevalence of kidney-related diseases.

In Balangoda LG Ambassador U D I Thushara with the project 'Nurturing the Future Generation' will look to rebuild the abandoned Midwife Centre. The building is currently in a state of disrepair and the village does not have facilities for midwives to meet with expectant mothers.

In Ampara LG Ambassador Tuwan Nawshath Allan will look to construct a Volleyball court. The project will look to



LG, Abans and KFHISL at the event. Picture by Dinesh Perera.

create youth engagement and improve physical wellness.

In Batticaloa LG Ambassador Pakkiyarasa Katheswaran will look to provide the local ferry service with much-needed life jackets. The

additional life jackets are required due to the heavy rainfall and the subsequent uncertainty it causes when crossing the body of water. The project would benefit an estimated 8,000 families.

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Star Garments Group opens eleventh factory in Buttala

Leading global manufacturing company Star Garments Group ('Star') recently established a state-of-the-art factory in Buttala in the Monaragala District, with the view of promoting inclusive growth and supporting the nation's efforts in uplifting regional economies.

This is the group's eleventh factory in Sri Lanka and will go on to provide job opportunities for over 1,000 people.

The facility is equipped with modern infrastructure and technology to produce cut and sew knit clothing to some of the world's most renowned brands.

It will generate over Rs. 60 million directly to the local community every month and facilitate the country's export revenue by contributing around USD 12



Charlie Komar and A. Sukumaran

million annually. President and CEO of Komar, Charlie Komar said, "This investment reaffirms our long-term commitment to Sri Lanka's apparel industry and paves the way towards stimulating economic empowerment among rural towns and villages. This is undoubtedly the future of

the industry and we are inspired to be a part of this.

We are challenging the status quo by going beyond conventional thinking to embrace a culture and philosophy where corporate responsibility including sustainability produce both thriving communities and successful enterprises."

Star has been a catalyst in the growth of Sri Lanka's apparel sector with over four decades of experience. The world-class apparel sourcing, design and manufacturing company currently employs a team of over 8,000 people across all its factories, and has a distinctive reputation of being one of the most innovative and sustainable entities in the country.

The company's 70,000 sq. ft Innovation Center was named the 2020 Merit Award Winner for Sustainability at the AIA New York's annual Design Awards. It is the first Passive House design in South-east Asia.

Together with the Carbon Neutral certification across all its 14 facilities, Star takes great pride in being

the largest carbon neutral company in Sri Lanka.

A. Sukumaran, Managing Director - Star Garments Group, said, "We believe the future of the apparel industry in Sri Lanka lies in establishing purpose-driven infrastructure within communities, be it towns or villages, breaking away from the traditional norm of being based in industrial parks. This will spur inclusive economic growth which is highly beneficial to the country in many aspects. Our Star factory at Buttala reflects our intention and passion in this regard."

Star is a Komar company, a global apparel products company, specializing in the design, marketing, sourcing and distribution of sleepwear, loungewear, intimates, and layering products.



The Dialog team with the SLIM awards

SL vote Dialog as Service, Telecommunications and Youth Choice - Service Brand

Sri Lankan consumers voted Dialog as the 'Service Brand of the Year' and 'Youth Choice - Service Brand of the Year' for the second consecutive year, and the 'Telecommunication Brand of the Year' for a record tenth year running at the prestigious SLIM People's Awards 2021.

Voted for by the public to recognise brands that have made a profound impression in the minds of the people of Sri Lanka, the People's Awards crowns the brands that have captured the hearts of the people.

During an unprecedented year faced with the pandemic, Sri Lankans turned to the brands they trusted the most to help get through their challenges. These accolades presented by the people recognise Dialog's exemplary commitment towards addressing societal challenges posed by COVID-19 and its unwavering efforts in supporting its customers, colleagues, communities and the country.

The 'Service Brand of the Year' award, which recognises

es the best service provider across all service industries, is a testament to the diverse range of inclusive and accessible services offered by Dialog, harnessing the transformative power of technology.

Dialog was also awarded the 'Telecommunication Brand of the Year' for a record tenth year running; recognising the delivery on its commitment of empowering and enriching Sri Lankan lives and enterprises. The three awards presented at the SLIM People's Awards that were voted on for by the people of Sri Lanka along with the recognition of being awarded 'Sri Lanka's Most Valuable Consumer Brand' by Brand Finance embodies the brand's virtues of consistently enabling a connected future for every Sri Lankan.

The 'Youth Choice - Service Brand of the Year' award celebrates brand loyalty amid consumer trends and is a recognition by the youth of Sri Lanka for not only addressing the need for meaningful change, but also helping to

amplify it through powerful innovations accessible to all.

Celebrating Dialog's expansive portfolio of innovative service offerings and technological advancements, Sri Lankan youth voted for the brand they felt best unites them and form the nation's overarching experiences.

Commenting, Supun Weerasinghe, Group Chief Executive of Dialog Axiata PLC said, "We are grateful and humbled that Sri Lankans have voted us as the 'Service Brand of the Year' and 'Youth Choice - Service Brand of the Year' for the second consecutive year, and the 'Telecommunications Brand of the Year' for the tenth consecutive year."

"Our long-held commitment towards delivering meaningful customer experiences through innovative technologies and differentiated services encapsulates our unwavering efforts in driving inclusive innovation and sustainable development, despite the challenges posed by the pandemic."

Singer feted at SLIM People's awards 2021

Singer Sri Lanka PLC, a premier consumer durables retailer has clinched prominent awards at SLIM People's awards 2021, reiterating its dominance in the consumer durables sphere.

Singer was crowned SLIM People's Brand of the Year 2021 award for 15th consecutive time topping off a memorable night for the retail giant.

Forging its way to yet another remarkable achievement, Singer clinched the coveted SLIM People's Durables Brand of the Year 2021 award, reaffirming its positioning as Sri Lanka's premier consumer durables retailer.

On a winning streak, Singer also re-claimed SLIM People's Youth Choice Brand of the Year 2021 award after 3 years, because of its renewed focus during the last year to appeal to the youth via a



Singer's winning team at SLIM People's Awards 2021.

targeted communication strategy and introduction of modern products. Proof of strong progress being made of a heritage brand slowly evolving to be more progressive and future oriented.

Held for the 15th consecutive year, SLIM People's awards 2021 aims to recognize brands and personalities with great impact for people.

Mahesh Wijewardene

Group CEO of Singer Sri Lanka PLC said, "We are highly honored to win three awards at one of Sri Lanka's most renowned awards ceremonies. Singer has been winning the People's Brand of the Year award since the very beginning of the awards ceremony. These awards speak volumes for the commitment and passion of our team who steered to transform Singer

into a premier retail destination that caters to the growing demand of our customers."

Shanil Perera, Marketing Director of Singer Sri Lanka PLC said, "We are indeed proud of these awards that further inspire us to reach new heights in the retail segment. We have been implementing innovative marketing approaches over the last two years hav-

ing identified the need to better engage with our consumers and our team has worked tirelessly to position Singer as the leading consumer durables provider in Sri Lanka."

Singer has demonstrated consistency and resilience with strong strategies in place with key decision-making, sales optimization and improving productivity and efficiency of staff.

Sustainable corporate leadership award for Kishu

Celebrity corporate leader Dr. Kishu Gomes was conferred with another national leadership award at a recently held award ceremony at the Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo for his continuous contribution to the country's economic and social development via multiple areas especially focusing on the young workforce of Sri Lanka.

Kishu, the youngest Srilankan to head a truly multinational company and the longest serving multinational CEO, is now heading the Dreamron Group of Companies as its Group Managing Director/ CEO. He held a public sector role



Education Reforms State Minister Susil Premjanyath, presenting the award to Dr. Kishu Gomes.

as Chairman of Sri Lanka Tourism and successfully handled the recovery of the tourism industry following the Easter attack.

Kishu has previously won many prestigious awards

such as, Best Young Director by the Institute of Directors, Best Business leader, CIMA Sri Lanka, TOYP award for leadership and Sri Lankan of the year by the Lions Club to name a few.

The Exterminators wins 'Best Entrepreneur in C-19 pandemic'

The Exterminators (Pvt) Ltd., one of Sri Lanka's premier environmental enhancement solutions providers won three awards at the 'Entrepreneur Awards 2020' at BMICH Colombo.

Awards won by Exterminators are Winner - Best Productive Enterprise, Winner - Best Entrepreneur to have survived the COVID-19 pandemic and Merit - Large Service Sector (Hospitality/Hotels/Other Services). Entrepreneur Awards 2020 was jointly organized by The National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) and the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka for the fifth year.

Exterminators is a premier pest control and pioneer Anti-microbial disinfection solutions provider is the winner of 55 national/international awards and ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, ISO 22000, COVID-19 SLS & Asia's first 'Carbon Neutral'



Marlon Ferreira Founder/Managing Director Receiving the COVID-19 Entrepreneur award.

pest control and the world's first carbon neutral Anti-Microbial Disinfection Service. Exterminators decided that in order to survive this unprecedented situation, the company needed to take some bold steps.

These includes, creating a 'High Risk COVID-19 Team' with 8 specialized disinfectors working from office and 5 sales and operations staff working from home, venturing into new industry named 'Anti-Microbial Disinfection' and many such initiatives.

The services of the company were provided countrywide even during curfew/lockdown periods to help the community

to fight COVID-19 and businesses all over Sri Lanka to get back to business.

Exterminators also disinfected 71 Elders Homes, 30 Police Stations, 15 Religious places, 15 public places including schools, railway stations, bus stations and 'The Lotus Tower' South Asia's tallest tower - covering over one million sq.ft and travelling over 6000 kms since March 2020. Since March 2020, Exterminators has increased salaries of all employees by 10-50% while the directors salaries were reduced by 40%. Four motorbikes were donated to the High-Risk COVID team members.

To support individuals struggling with income loss in pandemic

SANASA General Insurance unveils 'Prathishakthi'

SANASA General Insurance Company (SGIC), the General Insurance arm of leading Life Insurance company SANASA Life Insurance, has launched "Prathishakthi", a unique insurance solution that is tailor-made for any individual whose income is at risk as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic or any other epidemic that may take place in the future.

"Prathishakthi" is a timely insurance scheme that has been introduced to support policyholders of any income level and thereby his/her family as well by providing a daily income if the policyholder suffers from loss of earnings due to the COVID-19 pandemic or any other epidemic. Accordingly, the policyholder can obtain this daily income in the



SANASA General Insurance officials at the "Prathishakthi" launch.

event of loss of income to him/her caused by the individual's neighbourhood being locked down or even if the individual's family is being ordered to self quarantine due to a family member contracting the disease.

One of the unique attributes of the Prathishakthi policy is that it can be gifted to a deserving party by

means of a voucher paying the way for Sri Lankans to help those in need of such financial assistance.

Expressing his views, SANASA General Insurance Company Chief Executive Officer Wasantha Perera stated, "Over the past year, a large number of individuals have been left with no income due to the initial lockdown and the

drastic downturn in business even after the country opened up. After the reopening, some areas were periodically closed off to curb the spread of the virus while certain households were told to self quarantine for days when a person in the household contracted the virus."

"As a company that is in touch with the needs of the

general population, SANASA General Insurance Company has launched this new product 'Prathishakthi' which we're confident will serve the needs of all segments of society, be it a full-time employee, a business owner or a daily wage earner. Now, by paying a basic annual premium, the policyholder can be assured of a steady income or have a ration pack delivered home if they're affected by any pandemic giving them peace of mind during uncertain times."

SANASA General Insurance Company Limited (SGIC) was launched on July 2019 as a subsidiary company of the SANASA Life Insurance, widely-known as a people oriented insurance company in Sri Lanka for nearly 30 years.

Colombo Port City welcomes Cabinet approval for 'Special Economic Zone'

Port City investor company, CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt) Ltd. welcomes the Government's move to establish a Special Economic Zone and expects this initiative will bring more Foreign Direct Investments to Sri Lanka. The approval was granted at the cabinet meeting held on January 4, 2021, to establish the Colombo Port City Special Economic Zone which will be an International business and services hub with specialized infrastructure facilities.

"The Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill" would form the framework law that would be applicable within the Port City and the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal made by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa took necessary steps to publish the relevant bill on the government gazette and submit it to the parliament shortly. The Colombo Port City Special Economic Zone is expected to create a conducive and competitive environment in attracting

foreign direct investment (FDI).

Urban Development via SEZs is not unique to Sri Lanka and there are many successful SEZs in the world. An SEZ will offer relief from various forms of taxation on businesses and individuals who qualify. They also offer superior infrastructure; have streamlined administrative processes in place that results in ease of doing business. SEZ's have been a useful tool for developing nations to upgrade infrastructure,

human capital and institutional frameworks and test out policies and their impact before they are selectively implemented outside the SEZ in the rest of the country.

The establishment of a well-positioned SEZ will benefit the nation by; upgrading resources and capabilities where policymakers can overcome bottlenecks in resource mobility and attenuate the costs of larger-scale implementation or upgrading across the entire country. A successful

SEZ sends an important signal that the country is open for business.

The facilitative environment expected to be created through the "Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill" is supported by the first world infrastructure made available in the 269 Ha of reclaimed Land at Port City and is expected to result in the inflow of both financial and human capital and promote local and foreign entrepreneurs, create employment opportunities and enable talent retention.

It is expected that the SEZ will attract multinational enterprises to set up headquarters or regional offices in Port City and in turn, they will bring in financial resources, technology, technical and managerial know-how.

We hope the establishment of an SEZ will accelerate Sri Lanka's economic growth. A realized master plan for the Port City provides 5.7 million square meters of built-up area valued at \$15 billion that will be home to multinational



enterprises, corporate headquarters, transient workers, and residents. It will be the catalyst for a modern services hub that will help Sri Lanka's transformation into a services-led growth model and elevate the economy to high-income status.

Port City Colombo is a brand-new city development built as an extension of the existing Colombo CBD, with a total reclaimed landmass spanning 269 HA. The government of Sri Lanka owns 100% of all the land in Port City.

INTERVIEW

ADB's new country director takes helm

Sri Lanka is one of the founding members of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) which was established in 1966. The first ADB loan to the country in 1968 was to help modernize tea factories. Since the initial years, ADB has provided \$10.6 billion in sovereign and non-sovereign loans and \$394.8 million as grants to the country.

During its 55-year partnership with Sri Lanka, ADB has contributed immensely towards the country's development, by mobilizing finance resources and providing knowledge services for upgrading infrastructure, improving education and skills-based training, and reconstruction in conflict and tsunami-affected areas. ADB has also supported the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), development of agriculture and natural resources, and management of the public sector.

The following is an interview with Chen Chen who is the new Country Director of the ADB to Sri Lanka.

When was ADB first established? Where are the other South Asian offices?

In 1997, ADB established in Colombo the Sri Lanka Resident Mission (SLRM) to work more closely with Sri Lanka, while better appreciating and understanding the development needs, challenges and opportunities of the country. Outside Sri Lanka and within South Asia, ADB also has resident missions in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Pakistan.

How do you see the development progress of Sri Lanka?

Sri Lanka has made significant strides in its development journey particularly in the areas of social development. Growth since 1977 has averaged nearly 5% and the country is knocking on the door of the upper-middle-income country group. Sri Lanka has made remarkable progress in reducing poverty to low-single-digit rates compared to other countries in South Asia. More recently, the growth has slowed down due to natural disasters, policy uncertainty, terror attacks, and now of course the global COVID-19 pandemic.

What are the main development challenges that Sri Lanka currently faces?

Sri Lanka's economic base has seen a shift from primary to secondary and tertiary sectors over the past 5 decades. There is a need to further identify new areas of economic growth and improve productivity, which requires promoting technology, innovation, and fostering an entrepreneurial culture. A diversified economic base will also help the economy better withstand shocks.

The pandemic is exacerbating many development challenges and the progress in reducing poverty is likely among those being impacted most. Past gains in Sri Lanka have been put at risk. In particular, the population close to the poverty line is at risk of slipping back into poverty as the pandemic adversely affected livelihoods and lives. Putting economic and social progress back on track to make up the lost ground is going to be one of the main challenges.

As we are seeing in many countries in Asia and the Pacific, as well as across the world, public finances have come under stress as a result of the pandemic. Sri Lanka is facing a similar, if not a more challenging, situation. More fiscal space needs to be created for critical development expenditure, social protection schemes, and other social sectors. Public financial management measures such as enhancing domestic resource mobilization by improving tax collection and strengthening domestic capital markets, and improving the performance of state-owned enterprises and expenditure management can help create fiscal space.

Some of the other challenges facing Sri Lanka's development include addressing low female labour force participation, economic imbalance across provinces, youth unemployment and skills mismatch, and an ageing population.

What are the major sectors ADB is supporting in the country?

ADB has a fairly diversified portfolio across many sectors in Sri Lanka supporting both social inclusion and economic growth. The overall active portfolio is \$4.5 billion with 33

projects. For example, our assistance to the energy sector strongly focuses on electricity transmission and distribution, supporting improved reliability, and greater renewable energy penetration using sources such as hydro-power, wind, and solar power generation, among others. Also, we are increasingly focusing on the financial sustainability of the power sector and, in particular the Ceylon Electricity Board, to ensure healthy growth in the sector essential for sustaining the country's socio-economic development.

In the transport sector, ADB support includes road network improvement and railway operation efficiency improvement. One major Programme we are supporting is the Integrated Road Investment Programme. The Programme is widely known as 'iRoad' in Sri Lanka and is now part of the 100,000 km rural road Programme.

In the agriculture and natural resources sector, ADB is working with the government to implement the Mahaweli Water Security Investment Programme to channel water from wet zones to dry zones.

In the urban sector, we support drinking water supply services, wastewater management, and urban infrastructure improvement.

In the finance sector, ADB supports domestic banks to provide a line of credit for SMEs, in particular for underserved SMEs outside the Colombo district and for women entrepreneurs. In December 2020, ADB approved a \$165 million Third Additional Financing loan for SMEs

aspirations of becoming an advanced knowledge economy. The Programme will also train more than 47,000 upper secondary education teachers in inquiry-based and interactive learning approaches.

We also work with the private sector in Sri Lanka. In particular, I would like to mention ADB's Trade and Supply Chain Finance Programme—Sri Lanka is one of the biggest beneficiaries of the Trade Finance Programme. Under the programme, ADB works with partner banks in Sri Lanka to provide loans and guarantees to enable Sri Lankan companies to engage in trade.

If anyone is interested in more details about ADB-funded projects, please visit the ADB website (<https://www.adb.org/projects/country/sri>), where you can find a lot of interesting stories, photos, and videos about the partnership between ADB and Sri Lanka.

How did ADB support Sri Lanka's COVID-19 response? What are ADB's plans to support the health sector in the country?

In April 2020, ADB approved a \$20 billion comprehensive response package to provide immediate support to its developing member countries. In addition, ADB launched a \$9 billion vaccine initiative—the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX)—offering support to its developing members as they procure and

Health System Enhancement Project and handed over the first batch of personal protective supplies to the relevant institutions on 13 March 2020. Since then ADB has supported the government's COVID-19 health, economic, and education responses through new loans and grants, and also by reallocating funds from ongoing projects.

In the health sector, ADB has been working with the government to implement the Health System Enhancement Project which was approved in October 2018. The project seeks to build a healthier, and therefore, more productive nation by strengthening the primary health care (PHC) system. The project will improve the delivery of PHC services in Central, North Central, Sabaragamuwa, and Uva provinces, and also bolster the country's health information system and disease surveillance capacity.

Moving forward, in 2021, we will continue with the next phase of COVID-19 recovery and will work closely with the Government of Sri Lanka to provide support for vaccine access under ADB's APVAX facility.

How is the implementation performance of ADB-funded projects?

The performance of project implementation depends largely on the capacity of the implementing agencies. This is evident from our past experience of many years. Good capacity in project management, procurement, financial management, and social and environmental safeguards help ensure smooth implementation of projects. I am glad to share that in 2020, Sri Lanka received \$745 million in disbursements from ADB, making it one of the best performers in the region and indicating solid progress of project implementation.

A functioning project performance monitoring system will help identify potential issues and address them in a timely manner. In Sri Lanka, such a system has been established for ADB-funded projects for many years by the Ministry of Finance, the line ministries, the implementing agencies, and ADB. In 2020, although the pandemic prevented us from meeting physically, the government and ADB successfully organized a series of virtual project review meetings, which contributed to the record level of disbursements.

Moving forward, we noted that the government intends to rely more on domestic talent for project implementation. ADB can support the government to build the capacity of implementing agencies and to enhance the monitoring system.

How are the ADB loans/assistance disbursed?

ADB disburses loan proceeds in accordance with the loan agreement signed with the borrowers. Most ADB-funded projects are implemented by the responsible agencies. Disbursements happen along with the progress of project implementation.

Take the ongoing Integrated Road Investment Programme, or iRoad, as an example. Since 2014, ADB's Board of Directors has approved a total of \$1.7 billion for iRoad programmes. The Ministry of Highways, Road Development Authority, and provincial authorities formed a joint task force for Programme preparation and implementation. During the implementation, expenditures are incurred for works, goods, and consultancy. The programme implementation units, on behalf of the government, regularly submit requests to ADB to withdraw loan proceeds with supporting documents for incurred expenditures. In addition, ADB regularly fields review missions to discuss project progress with the government and contractors to ensure compliance of project activities with loan agreements. We are glad to see the good progress of iRoad even in 2020, with a total of \$190.8 million disbursed.

What are the advantages to Sri Lanka of borrowing from ADB? How has Sri Lanka's loan servicing been?

For sovereign operations, the repayment period for ADB loans is fairly long and is dependent on the type of intervention. For example, for project loans, the loan term (including repayment period and grace period) is subject to an average loan maturity limit of 19 years. For policy-based loans, the average loan maturity is lower. Though the interest rate differs between project and policy-based loans, in general, inter-



Country Director **Chen Chen**

est rates on ADB loans for sovereign operations are significantly lower than those on external commercial loans and are one of the lowest among the multilateral development partners. In addition, ADB offers technical assistance with project preparation and implementation, building domestic capacity, policy advice, and knowledge services which allows us to bring best practices from our operations around the region to Sri Lanka and vice-versa. Sri Lanka's loan servicing on ADB loans is in good standing.

What are the measures taken to minimize corruption in ADB-funded projects?

ADB's Anticorruption Policy requires all ADB-financed projects and its staff to adhere to the highest ethical standards. Our principle is zero tolerance for corruption. Continuous efforts are taken by ADB to make all stakeholders aware of this policy and relevant anti-corruption guidelines. ADB and the projects' executing agencies make sure that entities and/or individuals that are debarred by ADB for violation of ADB's Anticorruption Policy do not engage in any ADB-financed projects or activities. To prevent and mitigate the risk of fraud and corruption in ADB-financed activities, ADB assesses fiduciary and integrity risks at the project's processing stage and conducts a Proactive Integrity Review during project implementation. This is to ensure that projects comply with ADB's procurement requirements, and project outputs meet the required quality. Moreover, ADB requires annual project financial statements to be audited by an independent auditor throughout the project implementation period. This helps to establish that project funds are utilized for intended purposes giving due attention to economy and efficiency. For purposes of transparency, audited project financial statements are disclosed on ADB's public website and accessible to all.

ADB has a dedicated unit, the Office of Anti-corruption and Integrity (OAI), which is mandated to investigate fraud, corruption and other integrity violations. OAI carries out Proactive Integrity Reviews, integrity due diligence, and anticorruption knowledge-sharing with ADB's stakeholders.

Is ADB considering new areas of assistance to Sri Lanka?

ADB's assistance programme is always aligned with the development priorities of the country. In line with the Government of Sri Lanka's priorities outlined in the Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour, ADB's pipeline of assistance for 2021-2023 will focus on health, education, rural development such as rural connectivity and irrigation, supporting SMEs, and water. We have initiated the preparation of a new country partnership strategy for 2023-2027. During the course of the preparation, we will consult with the government, private sector, civil society, development partners, and other stakeholders to identify priorities for future assistance.

I would like to point out that one of the priorities for ADB in 2021 is supporting the government's COVID-19 vaccination programme, which will contribute to Sri Lanka's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. ADB stands ready to support the government in the vaccination programme, together with other development partners.



The office building and the water tank of the Polonnaruwa-Ikiriwewa rural water supply scheme. The Polonnaruwa-Ikiriwewa rural water supply scheme is an ADB-supported project that provides clean water to more than 600 homes in Polonnaruwa.



Students engage in practical exercises in the laboratory of the Hakmana Methodist Central College. The Hakmana Methodist Central College main building with laboratories, a library, administrative areas, a water tank, the main entrance, and renovated buildings is an ADB-supported project that serves more than 5000 students.

which will provide affordable working capital loans to SMEs affected by COVID-19 and long-term financing to underserved SMEs, including women-led businesses and tea smallholders.

We also have a rapidly growing portfolio in the social sector, focusing on secondary education, higher education, technical and vocational education and training, and primary health care including COVID-19 response. The Secondary Education Sector Improvement programme approved by ADB, also in December 2020, will impart knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), and commerce in today's young population to build a steady stream of highly skilled and agile workers who will be essential to Sri Lanka's

deliver effective and safe COVID-19 vaccines. This was approved in December 2020.

ADB worked proactively with the government and the private sector in Sri Lanka to support preventive and response efforts to fight the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. In 2020, ADB mobilized or repurposed \$442.25 million in sovereign and nonsovereign operations for the COVID-19 response in Sri Lanka. Of this, \$9.0 million was in grants, \$362.45 million was new or repurposed sovereign loans, and \$70.8 million was guarantees or a credit facility through the non-sovereign operations window.

I recall that two days after the first infected Sri Lankan was reported on 11 March 2020, we repurposed a \$600,000 grant from the ongoing



The newly constructed control tower, of the Colombo port. The Colombo port expansion is an ADB-supported project that helps raise the main port to international levels thus assisting small and large scale importers and exporters in their activities.



The bridge at the Vavunikulam tank. The Vavunikulam tank is an ADB-supported project with a 3.5 km bund, a bridge, and a canal as an emergency project to restore and improve the livelihoods through economic infrastructure development in the conflict-affected areas in Vavunikulam.

Excel Restaurants invests Rs. 160 mn for refurbishment, plans Rs. 200 mn development for Go Kart track

Launches Brick Lane Coffeehouse



Executive Director, Excel Restaurants, Eksath Wijeratne at the opening of Brick Lane Coffeehouse

Brick Lane Coffeehouse at Excel World

Excel Restaurants Pvt. Ltd, under Browns Leisure Management, has transformed the ageing Excel World Entertainment Park with a touch of luxury and re-launched the venue investing over Rs. 160 million.

The group also plans to invest over Rs. 200 million to convert the old Go-Kart track to a mega entertainment and dining area similar to Clarke Quay in Singapore.

The long-standing and food counters operated by separate entities have been refurbished introducing an open kitchen and more spacious area with more amenities. The Bar area has been redesigned with new features while the first-floor banquet hall is one of the most sought after venues for wedding, family corporate events and other large gatherings. "It's completely refurbished and could accommodate over 400

guests and we already have a good market for it," said Group General Manager Browns Hotels and Resorts, Executive Director, Excel Restaurants, Eksath Wijeratne.

Fulfilling another void to the Excel World Entertainment Park a Brick Lane Coffeehouse, serving an array of delicious cakes, bakes and coffees in a plush and tranquil setting was launched.

"This is an ideal place to while away the hours with coffee and cakes or grab a quick snack on the go. With its service as warm as the bread rolls straight from the oven, The Brick Lane Coffeehouse promises a relaxed and delectable experience for its patrons."

Operated by Excel Restaurants Pvt. Ltd, which manages a portfolio of prestigious restaurants and pubs in Colombo, The Brick Lane Coffeehouse cre-

ates a cosy and warm feel, with dark blue-hued comfy wooden sofas to sink into while the chic countertop with high stools offers more seating space.

The bread here is made by hand with premium ingredients and packaged in biodegradable packaging.

The Brick Lane Coffeehouse takes pride in serving some of the best cakes in town. Headed by its award-winning Pastry Chef, Janaka Dias, the patisserie delights its diners with speciality cakes from across the world, including deli-

cious black forest cake, imposing red-velvet cake and light and simple Victoria sponge.

Janaka Dias said, "Each morning our team bakes a selection of cakes, pastries and bread; as well as prepares savoury items such as tarts and quiches."

As the coffee shop is tucked inside the Excel World Entertainment Park, it is ideal to grab a quick munch after a game of bowling or a joyful evening at the Adventura Kids' Park. (SS)

Sri Lanka Tourism approves Bolagala Floating Agro Tourism Resort in Katana

Bolagala Floating Agro Tourism Resort in Katana located close to the Negombo tourism hub will be the newest addition to the inventory of unique experiences for tourists visiting Sri Lanka.

This is the first-ever floating resort in Sri Lanka created adopting an agro-tourism theme consists of 50 floating cabanas, including 10 GPS tracker equipped cabanas that could freely move around the picturesque lake giving visitors an exceptional experience: floating swimming pool, floating restaurant, main restaurant, pub and karaoke lounge, underwater spa, gym are the main components of the project.

This sustainable tourism venture introduces the organic farming concept where the tourists are allowed to have hands-on experience of farming in Sri Lanka. This is the first time the organic farming concept is put into use in the Negombo area.

"Sustainable and eco-friendly products are the future for tourism particularly post COVID-19 and we look to the industry to be innovative and create unique experiences such as this project", Chairperson of Sri Lanka Tourism, Kimarli Fernando shared. She further thanked all the government agencies for their collaboration in granting approvals for a challenging project of this nature understanding the value of the project for the tourism industry in Sri Lanka.

The project proponent Kelum Perera is a Sri Lankan entrepreneur who succeeded in realizing his dream of converting abandoned clay mining pits filled with rainwater into a sustainable tourism project. Seeing the environmental devastation left by clay miners with deeply dug out land spaces that could not be used for any other purpose, Kelum Perera started an initiative to convert 13 acres to an agro and aquaculture tourist



A glimpse of Bolagala Floating Agro Tourism Resort

resort to restore the natural ecosystem and the scenic beauty which was once destroyed due to human activities.

The project is planned to be completed in two stages: 1st Stage, completion of 3 Suite Rooms, 27 Deluxe Rooms, 3 GPS Movable Rooms, a floating swimming pool and a restaurant.

In the 2nd stage the rest of the cabanas with the underwater spa and the other activity-based components. Underwater Spa is a unique feature incorporated into this project with 4 Spa rooms (Completely underwater), Each Room with a 4'x6' underwater viewing glass providing the opportunity to enjoy under-

water aquaculture while enjoying Spa facilities. The Project target is to cater to the high-end tourist segment charging above the US \$ 400 per night from mainly European countries. Representatives from international tour operators from Germany, France, UK & Italy have already visited the site to check hotel standards and quality to market it to their clientele. The Middle East market is also targeted in future. The first stage of the project is already completed and will be opening in June 2021 which Sri Lanka Tourism assumes will surely be a perfect match to the post-COVID-19 tourism demand.

Hilton launches Liya Diriya, female career development programme

Aims to empower local women



Hilton Liya Diriya recipients with senior management of Hilton and Kimarli Fernando, chairperson of Sri Lanka Tourism. Picture by Nishanka De Silva

Hilton in partnership with the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM) launched Hilton Liya Diriya – a specially created female development program in Sri Lanka.

Translating to 'female courage,' Hilton Liya Diriya aims to provide training opportunities for local female students keen to build a career in hospitality. Selected participants will undergo two training phases to pick up practical knowledge, skills and experiences, involving a one-month period dedicated to theoretical training with SLITHM and a six-month industrial traineeship at one of Hilton's properties in Sri Lanka.

The current local job involvement in women in Sri Lanka is around 10% while Hilton has around 14.5% female workers which are above the industry average.

The establishment of the program is in line with Hilton's Travel with Purpose 2030 goal of doubling its social impact investment, and underscores its continued commitment to ensuring inclusive growth, sustainable solutions and economic opportu-

nities for all, even during these unprecedented times. Furthermore, by empowering its female participants and enabling them to pursue a career in hospitality, Hilton Liya Diriya also aims to create a positive impact on the community by increasing the historically-lower labor force participation rate for women in Sri Lanka.

On top of the training, participants will receive support from Hilton throughout the duration of the program, in the form of accommodation, allowance and mentoring. Upon graduation, they will also be awarded certifications, as well as employment opportunities at a Hilton property in Sri Lanka or abroad. "Sri Lanka has shown immense potential for us over the years, evidenced by the resilience of the country, its promising tourism sector and ongoing improvements to infrastructure which have laid a strong foundation for us to kickstart our robust expansion plans," said Paul Hutton, vice president, operations, Hilton in South East Asia.

"Despite the challenges caused by the health pandemic, we continue to recognize its long-term

prospects and have doubled down on our commitment to putting Sri Lanka on the global roadmap with the recent opening of DoubleTree by Hilton Weerawila Rajawarna Resort in November – our third Hilton property in the country." Hilton will add two more properties in Yala and Negombo soon.

"Through the introduction of Hilton Liya Diriya, we hope to leverage our scale and capacity to advance women's economic empowerment in the country by identifying and developing the best local talents, and I look forward to seeing them excel in their careers with us."

Kimarli Fernando, Chairperson of Sri Lanka Tourism, said: "We aspire to achieve a higher level of female participation in Sri Lanka's hospitality industry, especially in the skilled and value creation areas which would provide more opportunities for them to further their careers in the longer term. Currently women make up less than 10 percent of the hospitality workforce locally, compared to the 54 percent globally. This is a strategic change for Sri Lanka Tourism."

Thambapanni Leisure wins ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR awards

Thambapanni Leisure, Unawatuna won a Silver in the Provincial Large Category and became the first runner up in the 'Most Innovative Entrepreneur' Provincial category. The hotel group was the first Runner up in the national category as the 'Most Innovative Entrepreneur.'

"We are confident that Sri Lankan Tourism too would bounce back very soon," said Prashan Disanayake, Managing Director-Thambapanni Leisure. Disanayake said that they have been in the

leisure business for over two decades and have seen the ups and downs in the industry. "With the COVID-19 injection process seeding up all over the world we anticipate better times."

The Entrepreneur of the Year 2019 awards were held at the BMICH recently. The event is organized by the Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The beginnings of Thambapanni Leisure goes back to the 1990s when it commenced business as a simple yet



Thambapanni Leisure, Unawatuna with the awards

friendly beach house called Thaprobane Rooms & Restaurant and now has Thambapanni Retreat, Thaprobane Beach House,

Thaprobane Pavilion Resort and Spa and Thaprobane Pavilion Waves.

The group's latest addi-

tion to their portfolio was Thaprobane Galle Fort boutique hotel in Galle Fort with Ayura Holdings Pvt. (Ltd.).

Galadari Colombo awarded 'SLIM People's Hotel Brand of the Year'



General Manager Sampath Siriwardena and Head of Marketing and Business Development Anuradha Wickramanayaka receive the award and the Galadari team

The Galadari Colombo was given thumbs up from the people selected as the People's Hotel Brand of the Year for the second time running at the recently concluded SLIM (Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing)

People's Awards 2021. The uniqueness of the SLIM People's Awards is the fact that it is awarded by the public which shows the popular choice of the Sri Lankan people.

This is the 15th successful

running of the much-anticipated event conducted by SLIM in association with Nielsen which is globally renowned for its measurement and consumer insights.

Having stood the test of

time in the hospitality industry for more than 3 decades the Galadari Colombo is hopeful to remain in the hearts of its people as a brand that is trustworthy and dedicated to service.

Emirates SkyCargo marks one year

Emirates flight EK 2503 took off from Dubai to Kuwait. Although operated on a Boeing 777-300ER passenger aircraft, EK 2503 carried no passengers but about 34 tonnes of bellyhold cargo that was urgently required in Kuwait.

It was the first time in the history of its operations that Emirates had operated a cargo only flight on a passenger aircraft. Coming just four days after COVID-19 had been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO), EK 2503 would be the first of more than 27,800 cargo flights to be operated by Emirates SkyCargo in the year that followed as the cargo carrier worked ceaselessly to keep communities across the world connected to the essential medical and food supplies they needed during the pandemic.

Nabil Sultan, Emirates Divisional Senior Vice President, Cargo said: "It has been exactly one year



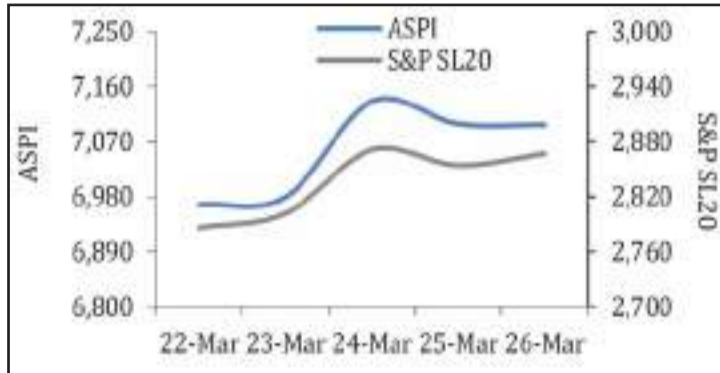
since what was considered impossible in the air cargo industry became not just a reality but a strong operational pillar for Emirates SkyCargo."

"In order to bolster the cargo capacity offered by our 11 Boeing 777 freighters and make sure that we could meet the urgent demand for goods such as PPE, ventilators and other pharmaceutical goods and food supplies from across the world, we proactively made a radical and innovative plan to utilise our widebody passenger aircraft to operate cargo only flights. Over the next few weeks, as regular pas-

senger operations were completely suspended, we started increasing our passenger freighter flights to a point where we had close to 90 passenger aircraft being used for cargo operations.

"Our team worked tirelessly to flesh out a new business model from the ground up - seeking approvals from authorities, drawing up a new route network, drafting new operational and safety guidelines and speaking to our customers around the world - to make sure that as a socially responsible carrier, we were able to maintain essential supplies of cargo into markets and at the same time sustain exports around the world in challenging economic conditions."

"Our passenger freighter strategy has been the backbone of our operations during the pandemic transporting cargo to more than 125 destinations across six continents."



Market recovers with positive economic outlook - Acuity Stockbrokers

The Bourse ended the week on a positive note this week with ASPI increasing by 243.07 points (or 3.55%) to close at 7,097.39 points, while the S&P SL20 Index also increased by 109.21 points (or 3.96%) to close at 2,866.66 points.

Turnover & Market Capitalization

JKH was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 0.90Bn or 14.00% of the total turnover value. Browns investments followed suit, accounting for 13.84% of turnover (value of LKR 0.88Bn) while Expolanka contributed LKR 0.48Bn to account for 7.52% of the week's turnover. Total turnover value amounted to LKR 6.39Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 5.57Bn), while the daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 1.28Bn (14.82% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 1.11Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, increased by 3.54% W-o-W (or LKR 106.10Bn) to LKR 3,100.45 cf. LKR 2,994.36Bn last week.

Liquidity (Value & Volume)

The Capital goods Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 31.70% (or LKR 2.03Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by JKH, Vallibel One, Hayleys & Royal Ceramic which accounted for 86.89% of the sector's total turnover. Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group meanwhile accounted for 16.25% of the total turnover value while Materials Industry Group contributed 16.22% to the weekly turnover.

The Food, Beverage & Tobacco

Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 53.75% (or 171.56Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 1.04Bn. The Materials Industry Group followed suit, adding 13.81% to total volume (44.07Mn shares) while Capital goods contributed 8.10% (25.84Mn shares) to the weekly share volume.

Dividend Announcements

Company DPS(Rs.) Dividend Type Date (XD), THE LANKA HOSPITALS CORPORATION PLC 0.75 Final dividend 31/03/2021, RICHARD PEIRIS EXPORTS PLC 25 First interim 05/04/2021, KEGALLE PLANTATIONS PLC 4 First interim 06/04/2021, NAMUNUKULA PLANTATIONS PLC 8.5 First interim 06/04/2021, FIRST CAPITAL HOLDINGS PLC 5 First interim 07/04/2021, REGNIS(LANKA) PLC 2.6 First interim 07/04/2021.

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

Net Foreign Position

Foreign investors were net sellers this week with a total net outflow amounting to LKR 0.55Bn relative to last week's total net outflow of LKR 0.56Bn (1.3% W-o-W). Total foreign purchases increased by 4.4% W-o-W to LKR 0.39Bn from last week's value of LKR 0.37Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 0.94Bn relative to LKR 0.94Bn recorded last week (1.0% W-o-W).



Iran, China sign 25-year deal

Iran and China on Saturday signed a 25-year strategic cooperation agreement addressing economic issues amid crippling US sanctions on Tehran, according to Iranian state media.

The agreement, dubbed the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, covers a variety of economic activity from oil and mining to promoting industrial activity in Iran, as well as transportation and agricultural collaborations, according to the report.

No additional details of the agreement were revealed as Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Chinese counterpart Wang Yi took part in a ceremony marking the event.

The New York Times reported that China will invest some \$400 billion in Iran in exchange for oil as part of the deal. The two countries will also step up military cooperation with joint training, research and intelligence sharing, the report said. China is Iran's leading trade partner and was one of the biggest buyers of Iranian oil before then US president Donald Trump reimposed sweeping unilateral sanctions in 2018 after abandoning a multilateral

nuclear agreement with Tehran. The deal signed Saturday could undermine US leverage over Iran ahead of expected negotiations and lessen American influence in the Middle East. Ongoing US sanctions against Iran could hamper its trade with China despite Saturday's agreement, however.

The Times report said Iran was prepared to host direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians, further suggesting that US influence in the region could be waning.

The deal also supports tourism and cultural exchanges and comes on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Iran. The two countries have had warm relations and both took part in a joint naval exercise in 2019 with Russia in the northern Indian Ocean.

Reportedly, Iran and China have done some \$20 billion in trade annually in recent years. That's down from nearly \$52 billion in 2014, however, because of a decline in oil prices and US sanctions imposed in 2018 after Trump pulled the US unilaterally out of Iran's nuclear deal with world powers. (Times of Israel)



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, pose for a picture after signing an agreement in the capital Tehran, on March 27, 2021.

NOTICE

Applications are hereby invited from Sri Lankan applicants for the following posts, lying vacant in the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation (SLADC).



01. MOBILE MARKETING ASSISTANT - MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT (NON TECHNICAL) SERVICE CATEGORY (MA 1-1) - 02 POSTS

MA 1-1-27910 - 10X300 - 7X350 - 4X495 - 20X660 - 48,540/= (also entitled to Govt. approved allowances and allowances granted by the Corporation).

(Initial salary step as at 01.01.2021 - Rs. 27,910/=)

Qualifications:

External applicants:

(Mandatory common / general qualifications)

(a) Passed G.C.E. (Ord. Level) examination with

I. Sinhalese / Tamil

II. Mathematics

III. English language

(If required for the position only)

including the above 3 subjects, (04) four credit passes at the G.C.E. (O/L), passed in one sitting with 06 subjects of passes in the same sitting.

(b) Passed G.C.E. (Advanced Level) with a minimum of 3 subjects (except the common general test).

and

(Having followed a computer word processing / type setting, course recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) or similar course of competency could be inserted as necessary qualifications on the relevant occasions).

Other specific qualifications relevant to the post:

Having followed a course in marketing and experience of one year in a recognized institution of marketing.

Internal applicants:

(a) Primary grade - non skilled semi skilled and skilled, service category, employees of 'b', 'c' and 'd', below are eligible to apply for the above posts.

(b) Should have passed the G.C.E. (Ord Level) in six subjects with four credit passes including

i. Sinhala / Tamil

ii. Mathematics

iii. English language (only if required for current task / position only)

(c) Should be in the permanent cadre and have been confirmed in the post.

(d) Should have completed a continuous satisfactory period of at least / minimum of 05 years service of permanent appointment previously, immediately prior to the stipulated date.

Note: A period of service carried out prior to being appointed permanently to a post or a period of training served as a condition to be appointed permanently to post will not be considered or counted as the five years of period for qualification, mentioned in para "d", above periods of a temporary / casual services worked prior to be appointed permanently to a post will not be counted or considered as the qualifying period of 05 years given in para 'd' above.

Age:- Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years of age. This upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal applicants.

02. MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT (PREMISES) - MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT (NON-TECHNICAL) SERVICE CATEGORY (MA 1-1) - 01 POST.

MA 1-1 - 27910 - 10 x 300 - 7x350 - 4x495 - 20x 660 - 48,540/=

(entitled to the Govt. approved allowances and allowances granted by the Corporation, too).

(Initial salary as at 01.01.2021 - Rs. 27,910/=)

Qualifications:

External applicants (Mandatory general qualifications).

(a) Should have passed the G.C.E. (Ord. Level) examination in six subjects, in one and same sitting, with four credits in one and same sitting, including the subjects of

i. Sinhala / Tamil

ii. Mathematics

iii. English language (only if relevant to the present work / position)

(b) Should have passed the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination in minimum of (03) subjects (except the common general test).

and

(Having followed course in Computer word processing / type setting, recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC), or similar level other competencies, could be included as the qualification, on the relevant occasions).

Other specific qualifications relevant to the post:-

Having followed a course of premises management in a recognized institution and obtained one years experience in the related field in a recognized institution.

Internal applicants:-

(a) Employees having qualifications of 'b', 'c' and 'd', below, of primary grade non skilled semi skilled and skilled, service category, are eligible to apply for this post.

(b) Should have passed the G.C.E. (Ord. Level) examination in six subjects, in one and same sitting with four credit passes including;

i. Sinhala / Tamil

ii. Mathematics

iii. English language (only if it is required for the current work)

(c) Should hold a permanent position in service and appointments should have been made permanent in the service.

(d) Should have completed at least 05 years of continuous satisfactory period of service, immediately prior to the stipulated date of appointment to the permanent cadre.

Note: A period of employment service prior to be appointed to a post or a training period served as a condition to be appointed to a post, will not be considered for the period of five years for qualifying, as indicated in para 'd' above. Period of casual services, served prior to be appointed to permanent post, will not be taken into consideration for the 05 years of qualifying period as indicated in the para 'd' above.

Age: Should not be below 18 years and not be above 45 years of age. This upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal applicants.

03. OFFICER IN-CHARGE (HERBAL GARDENS) - MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT (NON TECHNICAL) SERVICE CATEGORY (MA - 1-1) 02 POSTS.

MA 1-1 - 27,910 - 10 X 300 - 7X350 - 4X495 - 20X660 - 48,540/=

(also entitled to the Government approved allowances and other allowances granted by the Corporation)

Initial Salary as at 01.01.2021 - Rs. 27,910/= .

Qualifications:

External applicants (Mandatory general qualifications).

(a) Should have passed the G.C.E. (Ord. Level) examination in six subjects, in one and same sitting, with four credit passes including

i) Sinhala / Tamil

ii. Mathematics

iii. English language (only if it is necessary according to the current task).

(b) should have passed the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination, with minimum of three subjects of passes (excluding the common general test).

and

(Having followed a course in computer Word Processing, Type Setting recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC), or other similar level competencies / qualifications, may be included on the relevant occasions, as the required qualifications).

Internal applicants:

(a) Employees with 'b', 'c' and 'd' qualifications, given below, in primary grade - non-skilled semi skilled and skilled service category are eligible to apply for this post.

(b) Should have passed the G.C.E. (Ord. Level) examination in six subjects with 04 credit passes including

I. Sinhalese / Tamil

II. Mathematics

III. English language

(Only If it is necessary according to the current task)

(c) Should be of permanent appointment in the service and have been made permanent in the relevant appointments.

(d) Should have completed at least five years of continuous, satisfactory period of service in a permanent post immediately prior to the prescribed date.

Note: A period served before being appointed permanently to a certain post or a period of training served as a condition, to be appointed for a certain post, shall not be considered as qualifying period of five years mentioned in the para "d" also, periods served in casual services before being appointed to a permanent post, will not be counted as qualifying period of five years, indicated in para 'd' above.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years of age. This upper age limit ins not be applicable to the internal applicants.

04. MACHINE OPERATOR - PRIMARY - SEMI SKILLED SERVICE CATEGORY (PL2) - 04 POSTS

PL-2-25750 - 10x270 - 10x300 - 10x330 - 12x350 - 38,950/= ,

also entitled to govt. approved allowances and other allowances granted by the corporation.

Initial salary as at 01.01.2021 - Rs. 25,750.

Qualifications:

External Applicants:

Having obtained a competency certificate not less than level 02 of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ Level 2), issued by a technical / vocational training institution, recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC), on machines and machine operation.

Internal applicants:

1) Primary non skilled (PL 1) service category employees with competency of not less than level 02 of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ level 02), confirmed at a trade test compatible to the tasks of the relevant post from a Technical College / Vocational Training Institution, with five years experience in the relevant field.

2) Having obtained a competency certificate, not less than level two of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ Level 2), issued by a Technical / Vocational Training Institution, recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) relevant to the post.

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years of age. This upper age limit will not apply to the internal applicants.

05. BOILER OPERATOR - PRIMARY SEMI-SKILLED SERVICE CATEGORY (PL - 2) - 01 POST

PL -2-25750 - 10x270 - 10x300 - 10x330 - 12x350 - 38,950/=

(also entitled to govt. approved allowances and allowances granted by the corporation also). Initial salary entitled as at 01.01.2021 - Rs. 25,750/= .

Qualifications:

External applicants:

Having obtained a competency certificate not less than level 02 of National Vocational qualifications NVQ Level 2), issued by a Technical / Vocational Training Institution on Boiler operation, recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC).

Internal applicants:

1. Employees of Primary non skilled (PL 1) service category, with competency of not less than level two of National Vocational Qualification (NVQ level 2) confirmed at a trade test, compatible to the tasks relevant to the post, from a Technical College / Vocational Training Authority, with five years experience in the relevant field.

2. Having obtained a competency certificate not less than level two of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ Level 2), issued by a Technical / Vocational Training Institution, recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC).

Age: Not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years of age. The upper age limit will not be applicable to the internal applicants.

Others

Each applicant:

a) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
b) Should be physically fit and mentally sound to serve in any part of the island, and to discharge the duties entrusted to the post.
c) Should be of excellent moral character.

Method of Recruitment:

Recruitments will be made according to the recruitment procedure of the corporation through a structural interview held by panel of interviewers, appointed by the competent authority of appointments.

Appointees should have to contribute 8% and employer 12% of the salary to Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and in addition employer will pay 3% of the salary to Employees Trust Fund (ETF).

Applications from the officers employed in govt, Departments, State Corporations and statutory boards should be forwarded through their respective heads of the Departments / Institutions. Complete bio data (CV) of the applicants, together with entitled photocopies of the relevant certificates, should be submitted attached to applications. Applications sans certified photocopies of the certificates, will be rejected.

Self-prepared applications addressed to the Chairman, Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation (SLADC), No. 94, Old Kottawa Road, Nawinna, Maharagama. by registered post, or email / to: email address: sladcvacancies@gmail.com to be received on or before 07.04.2021. The contact telephone No. of the applicant, and names addresses and contact telephone Nos. of two non related referees should be indicated in the application.

The post applied for should be mentioned clearly on the top left hand corner of envelope, enclosing applications and the email message sent by the applicant.

The corporation shall not bear any responsibility regarding the applications misplaced or delayed while in post or otherwise.

**Chairman,
Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation**

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

Incorporated in the Hongkong SAR with limited liability
HSBC Holdings plc

Consolidated Income Statement		
For the year ended 31 December	2020	2019
	US\$ m	US\$ m
Net interest income	27,578	30,462
- interest income	41,756	54,695
- interest expense	(14,178)	(24,233)
Net fee income	11,874	12,023
- fee income	15,051	15,439
- fee expense	(3,177)	(3,416)
Net income from financial instruments held for trading or managed on a fair value basis	9,582	10,231
Net income/(expense) from assets and liabilities of insurance businesses, including related derivatives, measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,081	3,478
Changes in fair value of long-term debt and related derivatives	231	90
Changes in fair value of other financial instruments mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss	455	812
Gains less losses from financial investments	653	335
Net insurance premium income	10,093	10,636
Other operating income/(expense)	527	2,357
Total operating income	63,074	71,024
Net insurance claims and benefits paid and movement in liabilities to policyholders	(12,645)	(14,926)
Net operating income before change in expected credit losses and other credit impairment charges	50,429	56,098
Change in expected credit losses and other credit impairment charges	(8,817)	(2,756)
Net operating income	41,612	53,342
Employee compensation and benefits	(18,076)	(18,002)
General and administrative expenses	(11,115)	(13,828)
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	(2,681)	(2,100)
Amortization and impairment of intangible assets	(2,519)	(1,070)
Goodwill impairment	(41)	(7,349)
Total operating expenses	(34,432)	(42,349)
Operating profit	7,180	10,993
Share of profit in associates and joint ventures	1,597	2,354
Profit before tax	8,777	13,347
Tax expense	(2,678)	(4,633)
Profit for the year	6,099	8,708
Attributable to:		
- ordinary shareholders of the parent company	3,898	5,969
- preference shareholders of the parent company	90	90
- other equity holders	1,241	1,324
- non-controlling interest	870	1,325
Profit for the year	6,099	8,708
	\$	\$
Basic earnings per ordinary share	0.19	0.30
Diluted earnings per ordinary share	0.19	0.30

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income		
For the year ended 31 December	2020	2019
	US\$ m	US\$ m
Profit for the year	6,099	8,708
Other comprehensive income/(expense)		
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met:		
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,750	1,152
- fair value losses	2,947	1,793
- fair value gain transferred to the income statement on disposal	(668)	(305)
- expected credit losses recognised in the income statement	48	109
- income taxes	(577)	(385)
Cash flow hedges	471	206
- fair value losses	(157)	551
- fair value losses reclassified to the income statement	769	(286)
- income taxes and other movements	(141)	(59)
Share of other comprehensive income/(expense) of associates and joint ventures	(73)	21
- share for the year	(73)	21
Exchange differences	4,855	1,044
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Remeasurement of defined benefit asset/liability	834	13
- before income taxes	1,223	(17)
- income taxes	(389)	30
Changes in fair value of financial liabilities designated at fair value upon initial recognition arising from changes in own credit risk	167	(2,002)
- before income taxes	190	(2,638)
- income taxes	(23)	637
Equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	212	366
- fair value losses	212	364
- income taxes	-	2
Effects of hyperinflation	193	217
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the year, net of tax	8,409	1,017
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year	14,508	9,725
Attributable to:		
- ordinary shareholders of the parent company	12,146	6,838
- preference shareholders of the parent company	90	90
- other equity holders	1,241	1,324
- non-controlling interests	1,031	1,473
Total comprehensive income/(expenses) for the year	14,508	9,725

Loans and advances to customers (net) - By business		
For the year ended 31 December	2020	2019
	US\$ m	US\$ m
Retail banking and wealth management	469,186	443,025
Commercial Banking	343,182	346,105
Global Banking and Markets	224,364	246,492
Other	1,255	1,121
Total	1,037,987	1,036,743

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows		
For the year ended 31 December	2020	2019
	US\$ m	US\$ m
Profit before tax	8,777	13,347
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	5,241	10,519
Net (gain)/loss from investing activities	(541)	(399)
Share of profits in associates and joint ventures	(1,597)	(2,354)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of subsidiaries, businesses, associates and joint ventures	-	(929)
Change in expected credit losses gross of recoveries and other credit impairment charges	9,096	3,012
Provisions including pensions	1,164	2,423
Share-based payment expense	433	478
Other non-cash items included in profit before tax	(906)	(2,297)
Elimination of exchange differences	(25,749)	(3,742)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Change in net trading securities and derivatives	13,150	(18,910)
Change in loans and advances to banks and customers	(14,131)	(53,760)
Change in reverse repurchase agreements - non-trading	9,950	(7,390)
Change in financial assets designated and otherwise mandatorily measured at fair value	(1,962)	(2,308)
Change in other assets	(19,610)	(21,863)
Change in deposits by banks and customer accounts	226,723	79,163
Change in repurchase agreements - non-trading	(28,443)	(25,540)
Change in debt securities in issue	(9,075)	19,268
Change in financial liabilities designated at fair value	(6,630)	20,068
Change in other liabilities	20,323	23,124
Dividends received from associates	761	633
Contributions paid to defined benefit plans	(495)	(533)
Tax paid	(4,259)	(2,267)
Net cash from operating activities	182,220	29,743
Purchase of financial investments	(496,669)	(445,907)
Proceeds from the sale and maturity of financial investments	476,990	413,186
Net cash flows from the purchase and sale of property, plant and equipment	(1,446)	(1,343)
Net cash inflow from disposal of customer and loan portfolios	1,362	1,118
Net investment in intangible assets	(2,064)	(2,289)
Net cash flow on disposal of subsidiaries, businesses, associates and joint ventures	(603)	(83)
Net cash from investing activities	(22,430)	(35,318)
Issue of ordinary share capital and other equity instruments	1,497	-
Cancellation of shares	-	(1,000)
Net sales/(purchases) of own shares for market-making and investment purposes	(181)	141
Redemption of preference shares and other equity instruments	(398)	-
Subordinated loan capital repaid	(3,538)	(4,210)
Dividends paid to shareholders of the parent company and non-controlling interests	(2,023)	(9,773)
Net cash from financing activities	(4,643)	(14,842)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	155,147	(20,417)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 Jan	293,742	312,911
Exchange differences in respect of cash and cash equivalents	19,434	1,248
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 Dec	468,323	293,742
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
- Cash and balances at central banks	304,481	154,099
- items in the course of collection from other banks	4,094	4,956
- loans and advances to banks of one month or less	51,788	41,626
- reverse repurchase agreements with banks of one month or less	65,086	65,370
- treasury bills, other bills and certificates of deposit less than three months	30,023	20,132
- cash collateral and net settlement accounts	17,194	12,376
- less: items in the course of transmission to other banks	(4,343)	(4,817)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 Dec	468,323	293,742

Summary of financial instruments to which the impairment requirements in IFRS 9 are applied			
	31 Dec 2020	At 31 Dec 2019	
	Gross carrying/ nominal amount US\$ m	Allowance for ECL US\$ m	Gross carrying/ nominal amount US\$ m
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	1,052,477	(14,490)	1,045,475
- personal	460,809	(4,731)	434,271
- corporate and commercial	527,088	(9,494)	540,499
- non-bank financial institutions	64,580	(265)	70,705
Loans and advances to banks at amortised cost	81,658	(42)	69,219
Other financial assets measured at amortised cost	772,408	(175)	615,179
- cash and balances at central banks	304,486	(5)	154,101
- items in the course of collection from other banks	4,094	-	4,956
- Hong Kong Government certificates of indebtedness	40,420	-	38,380
- reverse repurchase agreements - non-trading	230,628	-	240,862
- financial investments	88,719	(80)	85,788
- prepayments, accrued income and other assets	104,061	(90)	91,092
Total gross carrying amount on-balance sheet	1,906,543	(14,707)	1,729,873
Loans and other credit-related commitments	659,783	(734)	600,029
- personal	236,170	(40)	223,314
- corporate and commercial	299,802	(650)	278,524
- non-bank financial institutions	123,811	(44)	98,191
Financial guarantees	18,384	(125)	20,214
- personal	900	(11)	804
- corporate and commercial	12,946	(114)	14,804
- non-bank financial institutions	4,538	(10)	4,606
Total nominal amount off-balance sheet	678,167	(859)	620,243
Total	2,584,710	(15,566)	2,350,116

Consolidated Balance Sheet		
As at 31 December	2020	2019
	US\$ m	US\$ m
Assets		
Cash and balances at central banks	304,481	154,099
Items in the course of collection from other banks	4,094	4,956
Hong Kong Government certificates of indebtedness	40,420	38,380
Trading assets	231,990	254,271
Financial assets designated and otherwise mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss	45,553	43,627
Derivatives	307,726	242,995
Loans and advances to banks	81,616	69,203
Loans and advances to customers	1,037,987	1,036,743
Reverse repurchase agreements - non-trading	230,628	240,862
Financial investments	490,693	443,312
Prepayments, accrued income and other assets	156,412	136,680
Current tax assets	954	755
Interests in associates and joint ventures	26,684	24,474
Goodwill and intangible assets	20,443	20,163
Deferred tax assets	4,483	4,632
Total assets	2,984,164	2,715,152
Liabilities and equity		
Liabilities		
Hong Kong currency notes in circulation	40,420	38,380
Deposits by banks	82,080	59,022
Customer accounts	1,642,780	1,439,115
Repurchase agreements - non-trading	111,901	140,344
Items in the course of transmission to other banks	4,343	4,817
Trading liabilities	75,266	83,170
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	157,439	164,466
Derivatives	303,001	239,497
Debt securities in issue	95,492	104,555
Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities	128,624	118,156
Current tax liabilities	690	2,150
Liabilities under insurance contracts	107,191	97,439
Provisions	3,678	3,398
Deferred tax liabilities	4,313	3,375
Subordinated liabilities	21,951	24,600
Total liabilities	2,779,169	2,522,484
Equity		
Called up share capital	10,347	10,319
Share premium account	14,277	13,959
Other equity instruments	22,414	20,871
Other reserves	8,833	2,127
Retained earnings	140,572	136,679
Total shareholders' equity	196,443	183,955
Non-controlling interests	8,552	8,713
Total equity	204,995	192,668
Total liabilities and equity	2,984,164	2,715,152

Customers Accounts - by Business		
For the year ended 31 December	2020	2019
	US\$ m	US\$ m
Retail banking and wealth management	834,759	753,769
Commercial Banking	470,428	388,723
Global Banking and Markets	336,983	295,880
Other	610	743
Total	1,642,780	1,439,115

Group Performance Ratios (%)		
As at 31 December	2020	2019
Common equity tier 1 ratio	15.9	14.7
Tier 1 ratio	18.7	17.6
Total capital ratio	21.5	20.4
Leverage ratio	5.5	5.3
Liquidity Coverage Ratio	139.1	150.2
Return on average ordinary shareholder's equity	2.3	3.6
Return on average tangible equity	3.1	8.4

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December											
	Called up share capital and share premium US\$ m	Other equity instruments US\$ m	Retained earnings US\$ m	Financial assets at FVOCI reserve US\$ m	Other Reserves				Total share-holders' equity US\$ m	Non-controlling interests US\$ m	Total US\$ m
					Cash flow hedging reserve US\$ m	Foreign exchange and other reserve US\$ m	Merger reserve US\$ m	Reserve for equity interests US\$ m			
At 1 Jan 2020	24,278	20,871	136,679	(108)	(2)	(25,133)	27,370	183,955	8,713	192,668	
Profit for the year	-	-	5,229	-	-	-	-	5,229	870	6,099	
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	-	-	1,118	1,913	459	4,758	-	8,248	161	8,409	
- debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	1,746	-	-	-	1,746	4	1,750	
- equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	167	-	-	-	167	45	212	
- cash flow hedges	-	-	-	459	-	-	-	459	12	471	
- changes in fair value of financial liabilities designated at fair value upon initial recognition arising from changes in own credit risk	-	-	-	167	-	-	-	167	-	167	
- remeasurement of defined benefit asset/liability	-	-	-	831	-	-	-	831	3	834	
- share of other comprehensive income of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	(73)	-	-	-	(73)	-	(73)	
- effects of hyperinflation	-	-	-	193	-	-	-	193	-	193	
- exchange differences	-	-	-	-	-	4,758	-	4,758	97	4,855	
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	6,347	1,913	459	4,758	-	13,477	1,031	14,508	
Shares issued under employee remuneration and share plans	346	-	(339)	-	-	-	-	7	-	7	
Capital securities issued	-	1,500	(3)	-	-	-	-	1,497	-	(1,497)	
Dividends to shareholders	-	-	(1,331)	-	-	-	-	(1,331)	(692)	(2,023)	
Redemption of securities	-	-	(1,459)	-	-	-	-	(1			

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Summarised Income Statement		
For the period ended 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
Interest income	25,673	31,075
Interest expenses	(9,001)	(12,441)
Net interest income	16,672	18,634
Fee and commission income	3,169	4,233
Fee and commission expenses	(1,004)	(1,280)
Net fee and commission income	2,165	2,953
Net gains/(losses) from trading	699	1,137
Net fair value gains/(losses) on:	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	393	230
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on derecognition of financial assets: at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
at amortised cost	-	-
at fair value through other comprehensive income	748	380
Net other operating income	49	43
Total operating income	20,726	23,377
Impairment charges	(3,581)	(810)
Net operating income	17,145	22,567
Personal expenses	(3,904)	(4,019)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	(1,044)	(561)
Other expenses	(7,525)	(6,881)
Operating profit/(loss) before VAT, NBT and other taxes on financial services	4,672	11,106
Value added tax (VAT) on financial services	(793)	(1,526)
Nation Building Tax (NBT) and other taxes on financial services	(54)	(1,253)
Operating profit/(loss) after VAT, NBT and other taxes on financial services	3,825	8,327
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Profit/(loss) before tax	3,825	8,327
Income tax expenses	(1,437)	(2,082)
Profit/(loss) for the period	2,388	6,245
Profit attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	2,388	6,245
Non-controlling interests	-	-

Statement of Cash Flows		
As at 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
Cash flows from operating activities		
Interest receipts	26,343	32,203
Interest payments	(8,653)	(10,629)
Net commission receipts	2,165	1,673
Trading income	1,840	1,747
Payments to employees	(3,862)	(4,005)
VAT & NBT on financial services	(748)	(1,649)
Receipts from other operating activities	392	343
Payments to other operating activities	(7,415)	(7,776)
Operating profit before change in operating assets and liabilities	10,062	11,907
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets		
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	(8,713)	(2,407)
Financial assets at amortised cost - loans and advances	54,433	21,066
Treasury bills & bonds	(25,040)	3,709
Other assets	3,284	730
(Increase)/(decrease) in operating liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - due to depositors	27,452	3,932
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - due to other borrowers	(82,298)	(14,187)
Other liabilities	8,159	(7,186)
Net cash generated from operating activities before income tax	(12,661)	17,564
Income tax paid	(2,212)	(4,835)
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	(14,873)	12,729
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(234)	(531)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	25	337
Purchase of financial investments	-	-
Proceeds from sale and maturity of financial investments	-	-
Others	-	-
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(209)	(194)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Profit transferred to head office	-	-
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(15,082)	12,535
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	33,986	23,502
Exchange difference in respect of cash and cash equivalents	1,508	(2,051)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	20,412	33,986

Statement of Comprehensive Income		
For the period ended 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
Profit/(loss) for the year	2,388	6,245
Items that will be reclassified to income statement		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	1,414	(188)
Net gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments in debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	(660)	1,325
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-
Others	-	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will be reclassified to income statement	186	(371)
	940	766
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		
Change in fair value on investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-
Change in fair value attributable to change in the Bank's own credit risk on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Re-measurement of post-employment benefit obligations	(242)	(125)
Changes in revaluation surplus/(deficit)	51	(126)
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will not be reclassified to income statement	99	72
	(92)	(179)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of taxes	848	587
Total comprehensive income for the period	3,236	6,832
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	3,236	6,832
Non-controlling interests	-	-

Selected Performance Indicators		
As at 31 December	2020	2019
Regulatory Capital Adequacy (LKR Millions)		
Common Equity Tier 1	62,408	57,269
Core (Tier 1) Capital	62,408	57,269
Total Capital Base	65,138	59,489
Regulatory Capital Ratios		
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Minimum Requirement, 7%)	20.56%	16.85%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Minimum Requirement, 8.5%)	20.56%	16.85%
Total Capital Ratio (Minimum Requirement, 12.5%)	21.46%	17.51%
As at 31 December	Unaudited 2020	Unaudited 2019
Regulatory Liquidity		
Statutory Liquid Assets (LKR Millions)		
Domestic banking unit	148,237	107,236
Off-shore banking unit	29,940	77,675
Statutory Liquid Assets Ratio (Minimum Requirement, 20%)		
Domestic banking unit	66.30%	50.14%
Off-shore banking unit	23.19%	44.69%
Total Stock of High-Quality Liquid Assets (LKR Millions)		
Rupee	125,724	78,955
All currency	125,764	79,079
Liquidity Coverage Ratio		
Rupee (Minimum Requirement - 100%)	424.02%	231.15%
All currency (Minimum Requirement - 100%)	316.12%	360.57%
Net Stable Funding Ratio - (Minimum Requirement - 100%)	129.66%	121.44%
Leverage ratio - (Minimum Requirement - 3%)	12.26%	9.53%
Assets Quality (Quality of Loan Portfolio)		
Gross Non-Performing Advances Ratio (net of interest in suspense)	0.94%	0.57%
Net Non-Performing Advances Ratio (net of interest in suspense and provisions)	0.83%	0.51%
Profitability		
Interest Margin	3.73%	4.09%
Return on Assets (before tax)	0.85%	1.83%
Return on Equity	3.48%	9.83%

Note: Profitability ratios are based on SLFRS data

Analysis of Deposits		
As at 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
By product - Domestic Currency		
Demand deposits (current accounts)	32,095	21,545
Savings deposits	27,454	24,414
Fixed deposits	78,228	68,367
Other deposits	3,164	2,136
Sub total	140,941	116,462
By product - Foreign Currency		
Demand deposits (current accounts)	28,291	33,935
Savings deposits	28,036	23,514
Fixed deposits	35,483	32,371
Other deposits	4,507	3,523
Sub total	96,317	93,343
Total	237,258	209,805

Statement of Financial Position		
As at 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	20,412	33,986
Balances with central bank	18,454	9,740
Placements with banks	-	27,215
Derivative financial instruments	656	812
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	335	4,751
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Financial assets at amortised cost - loans and advances	219,123	260,155
Financial assets at amortised cost - debt instruments	3,118	3,088
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	136,632	107,855
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-
Investments in associates and joint ventures	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	4,836	5,213
Investment properties	-	-
Goodwill and intangible assets	-	-
Deferred tax assets	368	-
Other assets	20,717	14,518
Total assets	424,651	467,333
Liabilities		
Due to banks	88,302	170,600
Derivative financial instruments	508	1,053
Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - due to depositors	237,258	209,805
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - due to other borrowers	-	-
Due to subsidiaries	-	-
Retirement benefit obligations	246	79
Current tax liabilities	126	358
Deferred tax liabilities	-	366
Other provisions	-	18,445
Other liabilities	27,906	18,445
Total liabilities	354,346	400,706
Equity		
Stated capital/Assigned capital	3,152	3,152
Statutory reserve fund	2,690	2,598
Retained earnings	47,213	45,105
Other reserves	12,290	15,772
Total shareholders' equity	70,305	66,627
Non-controlling interests	-	-
Total equity	70,305	66,627
Total equity and liabilities	424,651	467,333
Contingent liabilities and commitments	530,834	493,622
Memorandum information		
Number of employees	1,020	1,197
Number of branches	13	14

Analysis of loans and advances, commitments, contingencies and impairment		
As at 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
Product-wise gross loans and advances		
By product - Domestic Currency		
Overdrafts	17,737	19,061
Term loans	22,660	49,294
Lease rentals receivable	-	-
Credit cards	21,420	26,038
Pawning	-	-
Other loans	103	27
Sub total	61,920	94,420
By product - Foreign Currency		
Overdrafts	14,226	17,850
Term loans	139,186	134,715
Guarantees	-	-
Bonds	-	-
Other loans	6,724	14,877
Sub total	160,136	167,442
Total	222,056	261,862

Product-wise commitments and contingencies		
As at 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
By product - Domestic currency		
Guarantees	19,370	19,588
Bonds	7,262	7,182
Undrawn credit lines	103,947	89,014
Foreign exchange contracts	62,825	72,488
Other	182	361
Sub total	193,586	188,613
By product - Foreign Currency		
Guarantees	58,732	51,406
Bonds	15,906	12,829
Undrawn credit lines	82,697	82,408
Foreign exchange contracts	147,610	129,754
Other	32,303	28,612
Sub total	337,248	305,009
Total	530,834	493,622

Stage-wise impairment on loans & advances		
As at 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
Gross loans and advances	222,056	261,862
Less: accumulated impairment under stage 1	(889)	(661)
accumulated impairment under stage 2	(1,281)	(507)
accumulated impairment under stage 3	(1,063)	(539)
Net value of loans and advances	219,123	260,155

Movement of impairment during the period		
As at 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
Under stage 1		
Opening balance	661	817
Charge/(write back) to income statement	(87)	(151)
Other movements	15	(5)
Closing balance	589	661
Under stage 2		
Opening balance	507	610
Charge/(write back) to income statement	754	(91)
Other movements	20	(12)
Closing balance	1,281	507
Under stage 3		
Opening balance	539	725
Charge/(write back) to income statement	(524)	(180)
Other movements	-	(6)
Closing balance	1,063	539
Total impairment	2,933	1,707

Stage-wise impairment on commitments and contingencies		
As at 31 December	2020 Rs. 'Mn	2019 Rs. 'Mn
Commitments and contingencies	530,834	493,622
Less: accumulated impairment under stage 1	(40)	(31)
accumulated impairment under stage 2	(54)	(32)
accumulated impairment under stage 3	-	-
Net commitments and contingencies	530,740	493,559

Analysis of Financial Instruments by Measurement Basis				
In Rupee Millions For the period ended 31 December 2020	Amortised cost Rs. 'Mn	Fair value through profit and loss Rs. 'Mn	Fair value through other comprehensive income Rs. 'Mn	Total Rs. 'Mn
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	20,412	-	-	20,412
Balances with Central Banks	18,454	-	-	18,454
Placements with banks	-	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	656	-	656
Loans and advances	219,123	-	-	219,123
Debt instruments	3,118	335	136,632	140,085
Equity instruments	-	-	-	-
Acceptance and endorsements	9,153	-	-	9,153
Total financial assets	270,260	991	136,632	407,883
Liabilities				
Due to banks	88,302	-	-	88,302
Derivative financial instruments	-	508	-	508
Financial liabilities - due to depositors	237,258	-	-	237,258
Financial liabilities - due to other borrowers	-	-	-	-
Acceptance and endorsements	9,153	-	-	9,153
Total financial liabilities	334,713	508	-	335,221

Analysis of Financial Instruments by Measurement Basis				
In Rupee Millions For the period ended 31 December 2019	Amortised cost Rs. 'Mn	Fair value through profit and loss Rs. 'Mn	Fair value through other comprehensive	



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	BANK		BANK		GROUP		GROUP	
	For the year ended 31st December		For the quarter ended 31st December		For the year ended 31st December		For the quarter ended 31st December	
	2020	2019 % Increase/Decrease	2020	2019 % Increase/Decrease	2020	2019 % Increase/Decrease	2020	2019 % Increase/Decrease
	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000
Gross Income	115,813,618	125,998,086	28,274,023	31,060,084	134,436,232	145,400,508	33,260,714	36,611,679
Interest income	103,944,602	115,210,769	24,337,276	27,996,093	112,825,455	124,888,717	26,668,357	30,592,332
Less: Interest expenses	59,235,456	65,997,133	13,447,406	16,615,120	61,988,268	68,533,206	14,201,659	17,460,530
Net Interest Income	44,709,146	49,213,636	10,889,870	11,380,973	50,837,187	56,355,511	12,466,698	13,131,802
Fee and commission income	7,794,929	9,206,399	2,179,642	2,371,698	8,399,641	10,333,772	2,306,023	2,643,349
Less: Fee and commission expenses	249,880	213,176	60,138	67,397	374,084	356,642	84,961	82,957
Net fee and commission income	7,545,049	8,993,223	2,119,504	2,304,301	8,025,557	9,977,130	2,221,062	2,560,392
Net Interest, fee and commission income	52,254,195	58,206,859	13,009,374	13,685,274	58,862,744	66,332,641	14,687,760	15,692,194
Net gain/(loss) from trading	(74,890)	(2,280,969)	580,104	497,370	(54,678)	(2,263,453)	606,997	516,997
Net gain from financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	207,321	187,512	-	-	209,217	190,283	10	235
Net insurance premium income	-	-	-	-	8,907,731	8,365,756	6	2,493,833
Net gain arising on derecognition of financial assets	1,053,543	-	(1,053,543)	-	1,106,649	82,348	1,244	1,080,846
Net other operating income	2,888,113	3,674,375	(21)	121,458	194,923	(37)	3,042,217	3,803,085
Total operating income	56,328,022	59,787,777	14,772,479	14,377,567	72,073,880	76,510,660	16,187,094	19,068,192
Less: Impairment for loans and other losses	15,258,468	9,656,010	58	3,446,940	1,543,714	123	16,046,578	11,426,824
Net operating income	41,069,554	50,131,767	14,717,521	10,930,627	70,530,166	65,083,836	14,140,516	17,641,368
Less: Operating expenses								
Personnel expenses	11,459,352	11,444,259	2,798,003	2,563,158	13,903,432	14,025,540	3,420,995	3,268,439
Depreciation and amortisation	2,359,326	2,246,114	735,601	417,168	2,837,072	2,702,328	5	9,231,631
Benefits, claims and underwriting expenses	-	-	-	-	7,374,868	7,091,214	4	1,682,805
Other expenses	8,300,307	10,067,864	(18)	1,922,661	2,793,946	(91)	10,690,355	12,609,027
Total operating expenses	22,118,985	23,758,237	5,455,665	5,774,272	64,805,227	36,428,109	44	8,665,205
Operating profit before taxes on financial services	18,950,569	26,373,530	5,869,874	7,059,581	21,221,755	28,655,727	(26)	6,564,589
Less: Value Added Tax (VAT) on financial services	3,869,649	4,744,641	(18)	1,096,466	1,229,365	(11)	4,048,466	5,007,307
Less: Nation Building Tax (NBT) on financial services	-	579,061	(100)	-	110,357	(100)	-	608,006
Less: Debt Repayment Levy	-	2,586,825	(100)	-	667,484	(100)	-	2,782,541
Operating profit after taxes on financial services	15,081,180	18,463,003	4,773,408	5,052,375	17,173,109	20,257,873	(15)	5,477,225
Share of profit of joint venture (net of income tax)	-	-	-	-	407,215	186,884	118	128,835
PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX	15,081,180	18,463,003	4,773,408	5,052,375	17,580,324	20,444,757	(14)	5,606,060
Less: Income tax expense	3,618,544	4,430,751	(18)	1,049,728	932,787	213	3,918,061	5,415,685
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	11,462,636	14,032,252	3,723,680	3,982,647	13,662,263	15,029,072	(9)	4,861,791
Profit attributable to:								
Equity holders of the Bank	11,462,636	14,032,252	3,723,680	3,982,647	13,095,420	14,670,104	(11)	4,489,939
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	566,843	358,968	58	371,852
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	11,462,636	14,032,252	3,723,680	3,982,647	13,662,263	15,029,072	(9)	4,861,791
Earnings per share								
Basic earnings per ordinary share (Rs)	22.39	27.41	7.27	11.69	25.58	28.65	(11)	8.77
Diluted earnings per ordinary share (Rs)	22.39	27.41	7.27	11.69	25.58	28.65	(11)	8.77

	BANK		BANK		GROUP		GROUP	
	For the year ended 31st December		For the quarter ended 31st December		For the year ended 31st December		For the quarter ended 31st December	
	2020	2019 % Increase/Decrease	2020	2019 % Increase/Decrease	2020	2019 % Increase/Decrease	2020	2019 % Increase/Decrease
	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000	(Audited) Rs 000
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	11,462,636	14,032,252	3,723,680	3,982,647	13,662,263	15,029,072	(9)	4,861,791
Other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods								
Change in fair value of investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	(1,372,363)	80,480	(1,805)	(238,907)	5,811	(536)	(1,372,363)	80,480
Realised gain from maturity of investments in units	-	136,920	(100)	-	136,920	(100)	-	136,920
Re-measurement of post-employment benefit obligations	(1,556,490)	(1,457,551)	7	(1,556,490)	(1,457,551)	7	(1,608,998)	(1,449,854)
Revaluation of freehold land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	225,622	(100)	-
Share of other comprehensive income of joint venture that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	1,025	(100)	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	2,102	(65,923)	103
Total other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	(2,928,859)	(1,240,151)	136	(1,795,403)	(1,265,820)	42	(2,979,259)	(1,071,730)
Other comprehensive income that will be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods								
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	833,584	1,576,638	(47)	(1,278,972)	(154,962)	725	1,528,985	2,064,768
Reduction of net gains on derecognition of debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income statement	(1,053,543)	-	(1,053,543)	-	(1,106,649)	(79,393)	1,294	(1,080,846)
Net change in expected credit losses of debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	(130,378)	259,065	(158)	358,515	259,065	38	(130,378)	259,065
Transfer (to)/ from life policy holder reserve fund	-	-	-	-	(576,094)	(370,100)	56	153,418
Share of other comprehensive income of joint venture that will be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	26,931	(1,945)	4,596
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	61,588	(441,459)	114	653,104	43,389	1,405	54,565	(447,745)
Total other comprehensive income that will be reclassified to profit or loss	(308,749)	1,394,244	(122)	(1,320,896)	147,492	(996)	(222,640)	1,424,650
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR, NET OF TAX	(3,237,608)	154,093	(2,201)	(3,116,299)	(1,118,328)	179	(3,201,899)	352,320
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	8,225,028	14,186,345	(42)	607,381	4,863,833	(88)	10,460,364	15,381,992
Total comprehensive income attributable to:								
Equity holders of the Bank	8,225,028	14,186,345	(42)	607,381	4,863,833	(88)	9,892,718	14,912,884
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	567,646	469,108	21	342,867
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	8,225,028	14,186,345	(42)	607,381	4,863,833	(88)	10,460,364	15,381,992

	Bank		Group	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	Note	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	25	34,123,562	29,089,189	34,898,957
Placements with banks	26	-	7,602,543	12,126,434
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	27	7,212,395	22,795,332	7,212,395
Reverse repurchase agreements	28	-	2,827,050	2,072,482
Derivative financial instruments	29	1,032,318	527,193	1,032,318
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	30	84,499	1,013,374	1,094,827
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - loans and advances to customers	31	772,580,720	741,769,073	800,815,971
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - debt and other instruments	32	186,605,516	149,720,834	193,349,496
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	33	249,271,658	127,694,982	256,394,644
Investment in joint venture	34	755,000	755,000	2,521,811
Investment in subsidiaries	35	3,017,283	3,017,283	-
Investment properties	36	475,109	480,444	1,028,956
Property, plant and equipment	37	20,705,056	21,076,762	41,827,384
Right-of-use assets	38	5,536,868	5,462,679	1,827,832
Intangible assets and goodwill	39	1,309,172	1,076,641	1,749,994
Deferred tax assets	40	806,539	-	1,728,958
Other assets	41	8,515,839	12,907,234	11,045,479
Total assets		1,291,851,536	1,125,008,565	1,371,482,206
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks	42	89,746,709	86,396,304	89,746,709
Derivative financial instruments	29	337,014	573,365	337,014
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	43	10,361,383	17,569,394	10,361,383
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - due to depositors	44	967,821,404	810,035,114	994,948,912
Dividends payable	45	962,185	980,507	1,466,599
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - other borrowings	46	30,536,261	23,604,039	30,536,261
Debt securities issued	47	1,875,042	1,797,644	2,411,408
Current tax liabilities	48	7,725,731	5,348,985	8,093,584
Deferred tax liabilities	40	-	1,381,754	5,371,390
Insurance provision - life	49	-	17,073,033	14,468,866
Insurance provision - non-life	50	-	3,309,150	2,871,417
Other provisions		3,917,784	3,599,739	4,266,262
Other liabilities	51	16,278,033	14,053,378	15,451,997
Subordinated term debts	52	28,298,365	32,695,221	28,945,457
Total liabilities		1,157,849,911	997,504,409	1,211,823,067
EQUITY				
Statutory capital	54	35,572,329	33,820,905	35,572,329
Statutory reserve fund	55	7,660,000	7,660,000	7,660,000
Retained earnings	56	22,665,227	17,980,160	29,361,200
Other reserves	57	68,104,069	68,643,091	81,655,946
Total shareholders' equity		134,001,625	127,504,164	154,249,475
Non-controlling interests		-	5,409,964	4,962,318
Total equity		134,001,625	127,504,164	159,211,793
Total equity and liabilities		1,291,851,536	1,125,008,565	1,371,482,206
Contingent liabilities and commitments	59	631,948,229	673,230,813	631,948,229
Net assets value per ordinary share (Rs)	63	261.73	249.04	301.28

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above financial statements are in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Hatton National Bank PLC and the Group as at 31st December 2020 and its profit for the year ended 31st December 2020.

(Sgd) **Rajive Dissanayake**
Chief Financial Officer
19th February 2021

We the undersigned, being the Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of Hatton National Bank PLC certify jointly that:

(a) the above statements have been prepared in compliance with the formats and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;

(b) the information contained in these statements have been extracted from the audited financial statements of the Bank, its Joint Venture and Subsidiary Companies.

(Sgd) **Jonathan Alles**
Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer
19th February 2021

(Sgd) **Dinesh Weerakkody**
Chairman
19th February 2021

SHARE INFORMATION		
As at	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
Number of Shares	410,319,604	401,343,863
Voting	101,656,112	99,062,894
Non-voting	-	-
Least Traded Price per share	136.50	172.20
Voting	100.60	133.70
Non-voting	-	-
For the Quarter Ended		
Highest price per share	135.30	188.00
Lowest price per share	105.50	144.00
Voting	110.00	153.00
Non-voting	80.10	

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY - GROUP

	Attributable to Equity Holders of the Bank												Shareholders' Funds	Non Controlling Interests	Total
	Stated Capital			Other Reserves						Retained Earnings	Exchange Equalization Reserve				
	Voting Shares	Non-Voting Shares	Statutory Reserve	Capital Reserve	General Reserve	Fair value Reserve	Life Policy Holder Reserve	Restricted Regulatory Reserve							
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000			Rs 000			
Balance as at 1st January 2019	26,649,460	5,688,566	6,260,000	22,994,510	49,100,000	1,537,723	(197,803)	381,156	66,368	20,181,416	132,661,396	4,673,210	137,334,606		
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	68,488	-	1,359,060	-	-	12,010	13,473,326	14,912,884	469,108	15,381,992		
Net profit for the year 2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,670,104	14,670,104	358,968	15,029,072		
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	68,488	-	1,359,060	-	-	12,010	(1,196,778)	242,780	110,140	352,920		
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	68,488	-	1,359,060	-	-	12,010	13,473,326	14,912,884	469,108	15,381,992		
Transactions with equity holders, recognised directly in equity															
Contributions by and distributions to equity holders															
Dividends to equity holders															
Final dividend 2018 - Scrip	1,190,308	292,571	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,724,277)	(241,398)	-	(241,398)		
Final dividend 2018 - Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,724,277)	(1,724,277)	(140,000)	(1,864,277)		
Interim dividend 2019 - Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(500,407)	(500,407)	(40,000)	(540,407)		
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	1,190,308	292,571	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,948,961)	(2,466,082)	(180,000)	(2,646,082)		
Transfer from life policy holder reserve fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	370,100	-	-	-	370,100	-	370,100		
Realised gain from maturity of investment in units	-	-	-	-	-	(136,920)	-	-	-	136,920	-	-	-		
Transfer of unclaimed dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,922	29,922	-	29,922		
Transfers during the year 2019	-	-	800,000	-	6,000,000	-	-	-	-	(6,800,000)	-	-	-		
Balance as at 31st December 2019	27,839,768	5,981,137	7,060,000	23,062,998	55,100,000	2,759,863	172,297	381,156	78,378	23,072,623	145,508,220	4,962,318	150,470,538		
Balance as at 1st January 2020	27,839,768	5,981,137	7,060,000	23,062,998	55,100,000	2,759,863	172,297	381,156	78,378	23,072,623	145,508,220	4,962,318	150,470,538		
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,095,420	13,095,420	566,843	13,662,263		
Net profit for the year 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,095,420	13,095,420	566,843	13,662,263		
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	(1,489,808)	-	-	23,256	(1,736,150)	(3,202,702)	803	(3,201,899)		
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(1,489,808)	-	-	23,256	11,359,270	9,892,718	567,646	10,460,364		
Transactions with equity holders, recognised directly in equity															
Contributions by and distributions to equity holders															
Dividends to equity holders															
Final dividend 2019 - Scrip	1,404,704	346,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,751,424)	-	-	-		
Final dividend 2019 - Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,751,424)	(1,751,424)	(120,000)	(1,871,424)		
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	1,404,704	346,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,502,848)	(1,751,424)	(120,000)	(1,871,424)		
Transfer from life policy holder reserve fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	576,094	-	-	-	576,094	-	576,094		
Transfer of unclaimed dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,155	32,155	-	32,155		
Transfers during the year 2020	-	-	600,000	(8,288)	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	(1,600,000)	(8,288)	-	(8,288)		
Balance as at 31st December 2020	29,244,472	6,327,857	7,660,000	23,054,710	56,100,000	1,270,055	748,391	381,156	101,634	29,361,200	154,249,475	5,409,964	159,659,439		

SEGMENT REPORTING

As at 31st December	Corporate		Retail		SME		Micro		Treasury		Real Estate		Insurance		NBF ¹		Eliminations/Unallocated		Consolidated	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000
Net interest income	11,408,567	12,693,009	13,162,875	17,679,690	10,284,251	12,233,069	1,058,418	1,147,710	11,867,577	7,618,034	(24,071)	(78,412)	2,443,101	2,189,573	3,075,333	4,388,962	(2,438,864)	(1,516,124)	50,837,187	56,355,511
Foreign exchange income	141,001	216,934	302,708	133,065	174,080	300,060	1,895	2,714	1,220,131	341,585	-	-	-	-	-	-	536,071	(68,076)	2,375,886	926,282
Net fee and commission income	2,049,347	3,188,375	2,120,768	2,182,053	1,914,798	3,232,568	103,971	157,399	446,326	895,877	-	-	140,843	170,992	339,664	812,915	909,840	(663,049)	8,025,557	9,977,130
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,062,258	108,866	997,063	986,972	9,023,037	8,589,241	162,893	332,747	(410,001)	(766,089)	10,835,250	9,251,737
Total operating income	13,598,915	16,098,318	15,586,351	19,994,808	12,373,129	15,765,697	1,164,284	1,307,823	14,596,292	8,964,362	972,992	908,560	11,606,981	10,949,806	3,577,890	5,534,624	(1,402,954)	(3,013,338)	72,073,880	76,510,660
Impairment charge for loans and other losses	6,809,032	4,208,798	3,164,742	758,645	2,459,902	3,861,902	240,984	436,085	2,583,799	362,825	-	-	13,853	(224)	774,256	1,771,037	10	27,756	16,046,578	11,426,824
Net operating income	6,789,883	11,889,520	12,421,609	19,236,163	9,913,227	11,903,795	923,300	871,738	12,012,493	8,601,537	972,992	908,560	11,593,128	10,950,030	2,803,634	3,763,587	(1,402,964)	(3,041,094)	56,027,302	65,083,836
Profit from operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,173,109	20,257,873
Share of profit of joint venture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	407,215	186,884
Income tax expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,918,061)	(5,415,685)
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(566,843)	(358,968)
Net Profit for the year attributable to equity holders of the parent company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,095,420	14,670,104
Segment assets	382,560,873	382,364,216	205,465,205	177,165,905	208,950,182	199,218,901	25,938,834	25,386,323	441,699,725	291,580,743	10,461,958	10,266,129	31,725,478	26,620,723	37,414,117	36,664,705	24,744,323	46,229,917	1,368,960,695	1,195,497,562
Investment in joint venture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,521,811	2,137,665	2,521,811
Total assets	382,560,873	382,364,216	205,465,205	177,165,905	208,950,182	199,218,901	25,938,834	25,386,323	441,699,725	291,580,743	10,461,958	10,266,129	31,725,478	26,620,723	37,414,117	36,664,705	27,266,134	48,367,582	1,371,482,506	1,197,635,227
Segment liabilities	164,499,393	112,150,128	614,340,708	528,438,974	175,585,198	149,687,256	7,444,919	6,287,043	87,457,891	99,117,811	10,461,958	10,266,129	31,725,478	26,620,723	37,414,117	36,664,705	242,552,844	228,402,458	1,371,482,506	1,197,635,227
Total liabilities	164,499,393	112,150,128	614,340,708	528,438,974	175,585,198	149,687,256	7,444,919	6,287,043	87,457,891	99,117,811	10,461,958	10,266,129	31,725,478	26,620,723	37,414,117	36,664,705	242,552,844	228,402,458	1,371,482,506	1,197,635,227
* Business of HNB Finance Ltd.																				
Information on cash flows																				
Cash flows from operating activities	60,251,523	(11,867,620)	73,188,785	45,650,673	28,539,790	27,728,527	1,769,649	2,144,496	28,713,832	27,863,294	550,225	602,469	2,371,954	1,659,917	2,047,581	281,323	(32,659,843)	(39,238,173)	164,773,496	54,824,906
Cash flows from investing activities	5,500,000	2,461,970	-	-	-	-	-	-	(164,297,770)	(48,762,832)	(505)	(688)	(2,058,169)	(965,285)	(423,492)	(389,045)	(710,101)	(919,666)	(161,143,053)	(48,575,546)
Cash flows from financing activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(258,020)	(387,120)	(461,317)	(598,520)	(1,995,960)	1,099,281	(1,443,676)	5,917,834	(2,358,973)	-	6,031,475	
Net cash flow generated during the year	65,751,523	(9,405,650)	73,188,785	45,650,673	28,539,790	27,728,527	1,769,649	2,144,496	(135,583,938)	(20,899,538)	291,700	214,661	(147,532)	96,112	2,275,113	991,559	(34,813,620)	(34,240,005)	1,271,470	12,280,835
Capital expenditure																				
- Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(505)	(688)	(82,901)	(59,965)	(114,836)	(234,684)	(890,286)	(1,148,289)	(1,088,528)	(1,443,626)
- Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(36,702)	(9,584)	(7,065)	(91,327)	(507,094)	(499,080)	(550,861)	(599,991)
Total Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(505)	(688)	(119,603)	(69,549)	(121,901)	(326,011)	(1,397,380)	(1,647,369)	(1,639,389)	(2,043,617)

SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (AS PER REGULATORY REPORTING)

	As at 31.12.2020		As at 31.12.2019	
	BANK			



Hatton National Bank PLC

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Movements in stage-wise impairment of loans & advances during the period

	BANK			
	Stage 1 Rs.000	Stage 2 Rs.000	Stage 3 Rs.000	Total Rs.000
Opening balance as at 1st January 2019	3,336,650	3,714,854	15,592,301	22,643,805
Net impairment charge for the year	7,028	1,112,475	6,801,030	7,920,533
Write-offs during the year	-	-	(363,160)	(363,160)
Other movements	-	-	(31,250)	(31,250)
Closing balance as at 31st December 2019	3,343,678	4,827,329	21,998,921	30,169,928
Opening balance as at 1st January 2020	3,343,678	4,827,329	21,998,921	30,169,928
Net impairment charge for the year	(251,954)	3,231,451	9,381,709	12,361,206
Write-offs during the year	-	-	(692,654)	(692,654)
Other movements	-	-	124,256	124,256
Closing balance as at 31st December 2020	3,091,724	8,058,780	30,812,232	41,962,736

	GROUP			
	Stage 1 Rs.000	Stage 2 Rs.000	Stage 3 Rs.000	Total Rs.000
Opening balance as at 1st January 2019	4,013,172	3,940,900	16,498,029	24,452,101
Net impairment charge for the year	50,811	1,269,463	8,095,724	9,415,998
Write-offs during the year	-	-	(521,925)	(521,925)
Other movements	-	-	(31,250)	(31,250)
Closing balance as at 31st December 2019	4,063,983	5,210,363	24,040,578	33,314,924
Opening balance as at 1st January 2020	4,063,983	5,210,363	24,040,578	33,314,924
Net impairment charge for the year	(264,196)	3,074,259	10,348,410	13,158,473
Write-offs during the year	-	-	(692,654)	(692,654)
Other movements	-	-	124,256	124,256
Closing balance as at 31st December 2020	3,799,787	8,284,622	33,820,590	45,904,999

ANALYSIS OF COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND IMPAIRMENT

As at	BANK		GROUP	
	31.12.2020 Rs.000	31.12.2019 Rs.000	31.12.2020 Rs.000	31.12.2019 Rs.000
2) Gross commitments and contingencies	631,948,229	673,230,813	631,948,229	673,230,813
Less : Accumulated impairment under stage 1	735,571	810,503	735,571	810,503
Accumulated impairment under stage 2	256,104	201,327	256,104	201,327
Accumulated impairment under stage 3	1,218,571	1,123,884	1,218,571	1,123,884
	629,737,983	671,095,099	629,737,983	671,095,099
Product-wise commitments and contingencies				
By Product - Domestic Currency				
Documentary credit	831,794	1,313,902	831,794	1,313,902
Guarantees	55,658,375	56,898,799	55,658,375	56,898,799
Acceptances	227,023	22,445	227,023	22,445
Bills for collection	494,881	228,467	494,881	228,467
Forward exchange contracts				
Forward exchange sales	-	-	-	-
Forward exchange purchases	40,848,058	45,514,841	40,848,058	45,514,841
Cheques sent on clearing	3,851,339	5,236,930	3,851,339	5,236,930
Undrawn credit lines	334,295,507	302,373,055	334,295,507	302,373,055
Sub total	436,206,977	411,588,439	436,206,977	411,588,439
By Product - Foreign Currency				
Documentary credit	27,502,654	23,692,559	27,502,654	23,692,559
Guarantees	48,811,988	64,055,869	48,811,988	64,055,869
Acceptances	25,986,688	16,583,808	25,986,688	16,583,808
Bills for collection	15,633,015	13,248,527	15,633,015	13,248,527
Forward exchange contracts				
Forward exchange sales	28,293,790	43,950,802	28,293,790	43,950,802
Forward exchange purchases	22,911,210	23,363,808	22,911,210	23,363,808
Cheques sent on clearing	-	-	-	-
Undrawn credit lines	26,601,907	76,747,002	26,601,907	76,747,002
Sub total	195,741,252	261,642,375	195,741,252	261,642,375
Total	631,948,229	673,230,814	631,948,229	673,230,814

Movements in stage-wise impairment of commitments and contingencies during the period

	BANK / GROUP			
	Stage 1 Rs.000	Stage 2 Rs.000	Stage 3 Rs.000	Total Rs.000
Opening balance as at 1st January 2019	771,580	230,064	274,280	1,275,924
Net impairment charge for the year	38,923	(28,737)	849,604	859,790
Write-offs during the year	-	-	-	-
Other movements	-	-	-	-
Closing balance as at 31st December 2019	810,503	201,327	1,123,884	2,135,714
Opening balance as at 1st January 2020	810,503	201,327	1,123,884	2,135,714
Net impairment charge for the year	(74,932)	54,777	94,687	74,532
Write-offs during the year	-	-	-	-
Other movements	-	-	-	-
Closing balance as at 31st December 2020	735,571	256,104	1,218,571	2,210,246

ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS

As at	BANK		GROUP	
	31.12.2020 Rs.000	31.12.2019 Rs.000	31.12.2020 Rs.000	31.12.2019 Rs.000
3) Due to Customers - By product				
By product-Domestic Currency				
Current account deposits	59,483,315	42,405,362	58,785,686	42,090,185
Savings deposits	276,530,585	194,914,147	278,833,827	197,711,495
Time deposits	446,100,129	426,439,801	471,916,612	449,220,299
Certificates of deposit	338,098	385,196	338,098	385,196
Margin deposits	1,532,608	1,334,003	1,532,608	1,334,003
Sub total	783,984,735	665,478,509	811,406,831	690,741,178
By product- Foreign Currency				
Current account deposits	4,515,956	7,387,838	4,515,956	7,387,838
Savings deposits	43,134,411	40,084,161	43,134,411	40,032,679
Time deposits	136,047,089	97,003,304	135,752,501	96,817,149
Margin deposits	139,213	81,302	139,213	81,302
Sub total	183,836,669	144,556,605	183,542,081	144,318,968
Total	967,821,404	810,035,114	994,948,912	835,060,146

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY MEASUREMENT BASIS - BANK

As at 31st December 2020	Fair Value through Profit or Loss	Amortised Cost	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	Total Carrying Amount
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	34,123,562	-	34,123,562
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	7,212,395	-	7,212,395
Reverse repurchase agreements	-	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	1,032,318	-	-	1,032,318
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	84,499	-	-	84,499
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - loans and advances to customers	-	772,580,720	-	772,580,720
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - debt and other instruments	-	186,605,516	-	186,605,516
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	249,271,658	249,271,658
Other financial assets	-	2,279,834	-	2,279,834
Total financial assets	1,116,817	1,002,802,027	249,271,658	1,253,190,502
Liabilities				
Due to banks	-	89,746,709	-	89,746,709
Derivative financial instruments	337,014	-	-	337,014
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	10,361,383	-	10,361,383
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - due to depositors	-	967,821,404	-	967,821,404
Dividends payable	-	962,185	-	962,185
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - other borrowings	-	30,526,261	-	30,526,261
Debt securities issued	-	1,875,042	-	1,875,042
Other financial liabilities	-	2,377,854	-	2,377,854
Subordinated term debts	-	28,298,365	-	28,298,365
Total financial liabilities	337,014	1,131,969,203	-	1,132,306,217
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	29,089,189	-	29,089,189
Placements with banks	-	7,602,543	-	7,602,543
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	22,795,332	-	22,795,332
Derivative financial instruments	527,193	-	-	527,193
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,013,374	-	-	1,013,374
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - loans and advances to customers	-	741,769,073	-	741,769,073
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - debt and other instruments	-	149,720,834	-	149,720,834
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	127,694,982	127,694,982
Other financial assets	-	4,341,369	-	4,341,369
Total financial assets	1,540,567	955,318,340	127,694,982	1,084,553,889
Liabilities				
Due to banks	-	86,396,304	-	86,396,304
Derivative financial instruments	573,365	-	-	573,365
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	17,569,394	-	17,569,394
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - due to depositors	-	810,035,114	-	810,035,114
Dividends payable	-	1,449,472	-	1,449,472
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - other borrowings	-	22,604,039	-	22,604,039
Debt securities issued	-	1,797,644	-	1,797,644
Other financial liabilities	-	717,968	-	717,968
Subordinated term debts	-	32,695,221	-	32,695,221
Total financial liabilities	573,365	973,265,156	-	973,838,521

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY MEASUREMENT BASIS - GROUP

As at 31st December 2020	Fair Value through Profit or Loss	Amortised Cost	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	Total Carrying Amount
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	34,898,957	-	34,898,957
Placements with banks	-	12,126,434	-	12,126,434
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	7,212,395	-	7,212,395
Reverse repurchase agreements	-	2,827,050	-	2,827,050
Derivative financial instruments	1,032,318	-	-	1,032,318
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,094,827	-	-	1,094,827
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - loans and advances to customers	-	800,815,971	-	800,815,971
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - debt and other instruments	-	193,349,496	-	193,349,496
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	256,394,644	256,394,644
Other financial assets	-	3,851,392	-	3,851,392
Total financial assets	2,127,145	1,055,081,695	256,394,644	1,313,603,484
Liabilities				
Due to banks	-	89,746,709	-	89,746,709
Derivative financial instruments	337,014	-	-	337,014
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	10,361,383	-	10,361,383
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - due to depositors	-	994,948,912	-	994,948,912
Dividends payable	-	980,507	-	980,507
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - other borrowings	-	30,526,261	-	30,526,261
Debt securities issued	-	2,411,408	-	2,411,408
Other financial liabilities	-	4,652,548	-	4,652,548
Subordinated term debts	-	28,945,457	-	28,945,457
Total financial liabilities	337,014	1,162,573,185	-	1,162,910,199
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	30,263,654	-	30,263,654
Placements with banks	-	15,490,267	-	15,490,267
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	22,795,332	-	22,795,332
Reverse repurchase agreements	-	2,072,482	-	2,072,482
Derivative financial instruments	527,193	-	-	527,193
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,155,339	-	-	1,155,339
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - loans and advances to customers	-	769,392,169	-	769,392,169
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - debt and other instruments	-	156,511,277	-	156,511,277
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	133,953,117	133,953,117
Other financial assets	-	4,697,973	-	

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FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Group measures the fair values of financial instruments using the following fair value hierarchy, which reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

Level 1: Fair value measurement using unadjusted quoted market prices

When available, the fair values of financial instruments are determined using quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available and represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. Accordingly, the fair values of treasury bills and bonds have been derived using the market yields and market prices published by Central Bank of Sri Lanka while fair value of quoted equity securities and Sri Lanka Sovereign Bonds have been valued using the quoted market prices as at the reporting date.

Level 2: Fair value measurement using significant observable inputs

In the absence of an active market for a financial instrument, the fair value is determined using quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active or other valuation techniques in which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data. The spot and forward premiums available as at the reporting date have been used to estimate the fair value of derivative financial instruments while the fair value of unquoted units have been measured using manager's selling prices. The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at amortised cost have been estimated by comparing the interest rates when they were first recognised with the current market rates of similar instruments.

Level 3: Fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs

Financial instruments for which the valuation technique includes inputs that are not observable and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation.

There are no material changes in the fair value of financial assets categorised under Level 3 compared to the values reported as at 31st December 2019. The Group has not changed the valuation models and assumptions used to measure the fair values of Level 3 financial instruments during the year ended 31st December 2020.

FINANCIAL ASSETS & LIABILITIES MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE - FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

As at 31st December 2020	BANK				GROUP			
	Level 1 Rs.000	Level 2 Rs.000	Level 3 Rs.000	Total Rs.000	Level 1 Rs.000	Level 2 Rs.000	Level 3 Rs.000	Total Rs.000
Financial assets measured at fair value								
Derivative financial instruments	-	1,032,318	-	1,032,318	-	1,032,318	-	1,032,318
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	84,499	-	-	84,499	1,094,827	-	-	1,094,827
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	248,801,119	442,700	27,839	249,271,658	255,921,449	442,700	40,269	256,404,418
Total financial assets measured at fair value	248,885,618	1,475,018	27,839	250,388,475	257,016,276	1,475,018	40,269	258,531,563
Financial liabilities measured at fair value								
Derivative financial instruments	-	337,014	-	337,014	-	337,014	-	337,014
Total financial assets measured at fair value	-	337,014	-	337,014	-	337,014	-	337,014

As at 31st December 2019	BANK				GROUP			
	Level 1 Rs.000	Level 2 Rs.000	Level 3 Rs.000	Total Rs.000	Level 1 Rs.000	Level 2 Rs.000	Level 3 Rs.000	Total Rs.000
Financial assets measured at fair value								
Derivative financial instruments	-	527,193	-	527,193	-	527,193	-	527,193
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,013,374	-	-	1,013,374	1,155,339	-	-	1,155,339
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	127,295,862	376,590	22,530	127,694,982	133,541,567	376,590	34,960	133,953,117
Total financial assets measured at fair value	128,309,236	903,783	22,530	129,235,549	134,696,906	903,783	34,960	135,635,649
Financial liabilities measured at fair value								
Derivative financial instruments	-	573,365	-	573,365	-	573,365	-	573,365
Total financial liabilities measured at fair value	-	573,365	-	573,365	-	573,365	-	573,365

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES CARRIED AT AMORTISED COST

As at 31st December 2020	Carrying Value Rs.000	BANK				Total Rs.000	Carrying Value Rs.000	Group				Total Rs.000
		Fair Value			Total			Fair Value			Total	
		Level 1 Rs.000	Level 2 Rs.000	Level 3 Rs.000				Level 1 Rs.000	Level 2 Rs.000	Level 3 Rs.000		
Financial Assets												
Financial assets measured at amortised cost												
Loans and advances to customers	772,580,720	-	779,658,245	-	779,658,245	800,815,971	-	809,129,734	-	809,129,734		
Debt and other instruments	186,605,516	85,006,457	71,807,181	-	156,813,638	193,349,496	1,671,069	162,571,066	-	164,242,135		
	959,186,236	85,006,457	851,465,426	-	936,471,883	994,165,467	1,671,069	971,700,800	-	973,371,869		
Financial Liabilities												
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost												
Due to depositors	967,821,404	-	969,378,444	-	969,378,444	994,948,912	-	997,913,620	-	997,913,620		
Debt securities issued	1,875,042	-	2,158,836	-	2,158,836	2,411,408	-	2,690,447	-	2,690,447		
Subordinated term debts	28,298,365	-	30,422,356	-	30,422,356	28,945,457	-	31,186,685	-	31,186,685		
	997,994,811	-	1,001,959,636	-	1,001,959,636	1,026,305,777	-	1,031,790,752	-	1,031,790,752		

As at 31st December 2019	Carrying Value Rs.000	BANK				Total Rs.000	Carrying Value Rs.000	Group				Total Rs.000
		Fair Value			Total			Fair Value			Total	
		Level 1 Rs.000	Level 2 Rs.000	Level 3 Rs.000				Level 1 Rs.000	Level 2 Rs.000	Level 3 Rs.000		
Financial Assets												
Financial assets measured at amortised cost												
Loans and advances to customers	741,769,073	-	745,297,554	-	745,297,554	769,392,169	-	773,283,903	-	773,283,903		
Debt and other instruments	149,720,833	20,282,735	130,373,630	-	150,656,365	156,511,277	22,327,131	135,422,468	-	157,749,599		
	891,489,907	20,282,735	875,671,184	-	895,953,919	925,903,446	22,327,131	908,706,371	-	931,033,502		
Financial Liabilities												
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost												
Due to depositors	810,035,114	-	810,162,845	-	810,162,845	835,060,146	-	834,806,957	-	834,806,957		
Debt securities issued	1,797,644	-	1,920,059	-	1,920,059	2,368,986	-	2,496,165	-	2,496,165		
Subordinated term debts	32,695,221	-	33,772,622	-	33,772,622	33,345,904	-	34,413,453	-	34,413,453		
	844,527,979	-	845,855,526	-	845,855,526	870,775,036	-	871,716,575	-	871,716,575		

The carrying values of assets and liabilities listed below are reasonable approximation of their fair values since, those are short term in nature or re-priced to current market rates frequently:

Assets	Liabilities
Cash and cash equivalents	Due to banks
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	Securities sold under repurchase agreements
Placements with banks	Other borrowings
Securities purchased under resale agreements	Dividends payable
Other assets	Other liabilities

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The figures are extracted from the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020. External Auditors of the Group/Bank, M/s KPMG carried out an audit for the year ended 31st December 2020 and expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the Bank and the Group for the year ended 31st December 2020.
- There are no changes in accounting policies and methods of computation since the publication of annual accounts for the year 2019.
- There are no material changes during the period in the composition of assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities and of funds raised through debentures. All known expenditure items have been provided for.
- Impact of COVID - 19**
The Covid 19 outbreak in March 2020 followed by the second wave continues to pose challenges due to uncertainties and limitations faced by businesses and industries both locally and globally which in turn has implications on the operations of the Bank/Group. Required adjustments have been made for the potential implications in these financial statements based on the available information and application of judgment as at Reporting date. The Board will continue to monitor the implications and make adjustments, if required.
- Expected Credit Loss Assessment and computation**
The Bank has reassessed the Probabilities of Default (PD), Loss given Default and Economic factor adjustment as at December 2020 and made required adjustments. In respect of the loans subject to moratorium, stage assessment was made based on conditions which prevailed prior to granting of the moratorium unless specific information were available indicating subsequent increase in credit risk. Further, significant increase in credit risk was assessed using qualitative, quantitative and industry specific factors and allowance for overlay has been made based on stress testing of exposures in the risk elevated sectors. The actual losses may differ from the assessment due to the uncertainty. Bank has made adequate impairment provisions as at 31st December 2020 to ensure that the potential impact to its loan book is adequately covered in the Financial Statements.
- Reclassification of Investment in Sovereign Bonds previously measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income as measured at Amortized cost category**
The Bank re-classified its Sovereign Bond Portfolio consequent to the changes to the business model of managing the assets with effect from April 01, 2020 as per the Guidance Notes issued by CA Sri Lanka on Accounting Consideration of the Covid 19 Outbreak (updated on May 11, 2020). Accordingly, Sovereign Bond investments amounting to Rs 47 Bn which were previously classified as Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) were re-classified as measured at Amortised Cost. There was no change to the effective interest rate used and interest revenue recognised for the reclassified assets for the year ended 31st December 2020.
- Basis adopted in the impairment assessment of foreign currency denominated government securities**
Bank recognised additional impairment provision against its investment in Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDBs) and Sri Lanka International Sovereign Bonds (SLISBs) during the year, owing to the downgrading of the country's sovereign rating during the year.
- Reduction of income tax rate w.e.f 1st January 2020**
The Cabinet has approved the reduction of the income tax applicable to the Banking Sector to 24% from 28% with effect from 1st January 2020. The said amendment is yet to be approved by the Parliament and cannot be considered as substantially enacted as at reporting date. As such the Bank continued using 28% in calculating the income tax and deferred tax liabilities/assets as at 31st December 2020. The Bank has a cumulative net deferred tax asset of Rs 5,145.4 Mn recognised through the Statement of Profit or Loss and net deferred tax liability of Rs 4,338.9 Mn recognised through Other Comprehensive Income (OCI).
Had the Bank applied the reduced income tax rate of 24% to calculate deferred tax assets/liabilities as at 31st December 2020, an additional deferred tax expense of Rs 735 Mn and reversal of Rs 619.8 Mn would have got charged to the Income statement and reversed from OCI respectively for the year ended 31st December 2020.
- Proposed dividends**
The Directors recommend that a final dividend of Rs. 8.00 per share (Rs. 4.50 in the form of cash and Rs. 3.50 in the form of scrip) on both voting and non voting shares of the Bank, be paid for the financial year ended 31st December 2020. The final dividend is to be approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 30th March 2021. In accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standard LKAS 10 "Events after the reporting period", this proposed final dividend has not been recognised as a liability as at 31st December 2020.
- There are no material events that took place after the balance sheet date which require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements other than as stated above.
- The consolidated financial statements of the Bank cover the Bank and its subsidiaries HNB Assurance PLC, Sithma Development (Pvt) Ltd, HNB Finance PLC and the Group's interest in Joint Venture Acuity Partners (Pvt) Ltd.
- These interim financial statements are presented in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standard LKAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" and provide the information as required in terms of Rule 7.4 of the Colombo Stock Exchange.
- Where required, figures on the audited annual financial statements have been reclassified to conform to Central Bank of Sri Lanka publication requirements
- The funds raised through debentures were fully utilised for the objectives mentioned in the prospectuses.

20 MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (VOTING) AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Name	No. of shares	% on total voting capital
1. Employees Provident Fund	39,993,959	9.75
2. Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd-Life Fund	36,310,723	8.85
3. Milford Exports (Ceylon) (Pvt) Limited	32,446,141	*7.91
4. Stassen Exports (Pvt) Limited	28,123,237	*6.85
5. Mr.S.E. Captain	26,713,485	6.51
6. Sonetto Holdings Limited.	20,166,790	4.91
7. Citibank Newyork S/A Norges Bank Account 2	19,374,800	4.72
8. Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd-General Fund	18,465,839	4.50
9. Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka Plc	12,582,692	*3.07
10. National Savings Bank	11,773,268	2.87
11. Indra Traders (Pvt) Ltd	9,230,457	2.25
12. SSBT-AI Mehwar Commercial Investments LLC.	8,651,958	2.11
13. Standard Chartered Bank Singapore S/A HL Bank Singapore Branch	7,701,334	1.88
14. Ms.L.A. Captain	7,668,457	1.87
15. RBC Investor Services Trust-RBC Emerging Markets Small-CAP Equity Fund	7,261,129	1.77
16. BNYM SANV Re-LF Ruffer Total Return Fund	6,000,000	1.46
17. Employees Trust Fund Board	4,254,621	1.04
18. BNYM SANV Re-First State Investments ICVC-First State Asia All-Cap Fund	3,817,988	0.93
19. BNYM SANV Re-LF Ruffer Investment Funds :LF Ruffer Pacific and emerging markets fund	3,302,008	0.80
20. BNYM SANV Re-Neon Liberty Lorikeet Master Fund LP	3,084,293	0.75

* Pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Act Directions No. 1 of 2007, the total collective voting rights in the Bank, of Milford Exports (Ceylon) Limited, Stassen Exports Limited and Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka (who collectively hold 17.83% of the voting shares of the Bank) are limited to 10% of the total voting rights of the Bank with effect from 15th March 2012 as the voting rights in excess of such percentage is deemed invalid from that date.

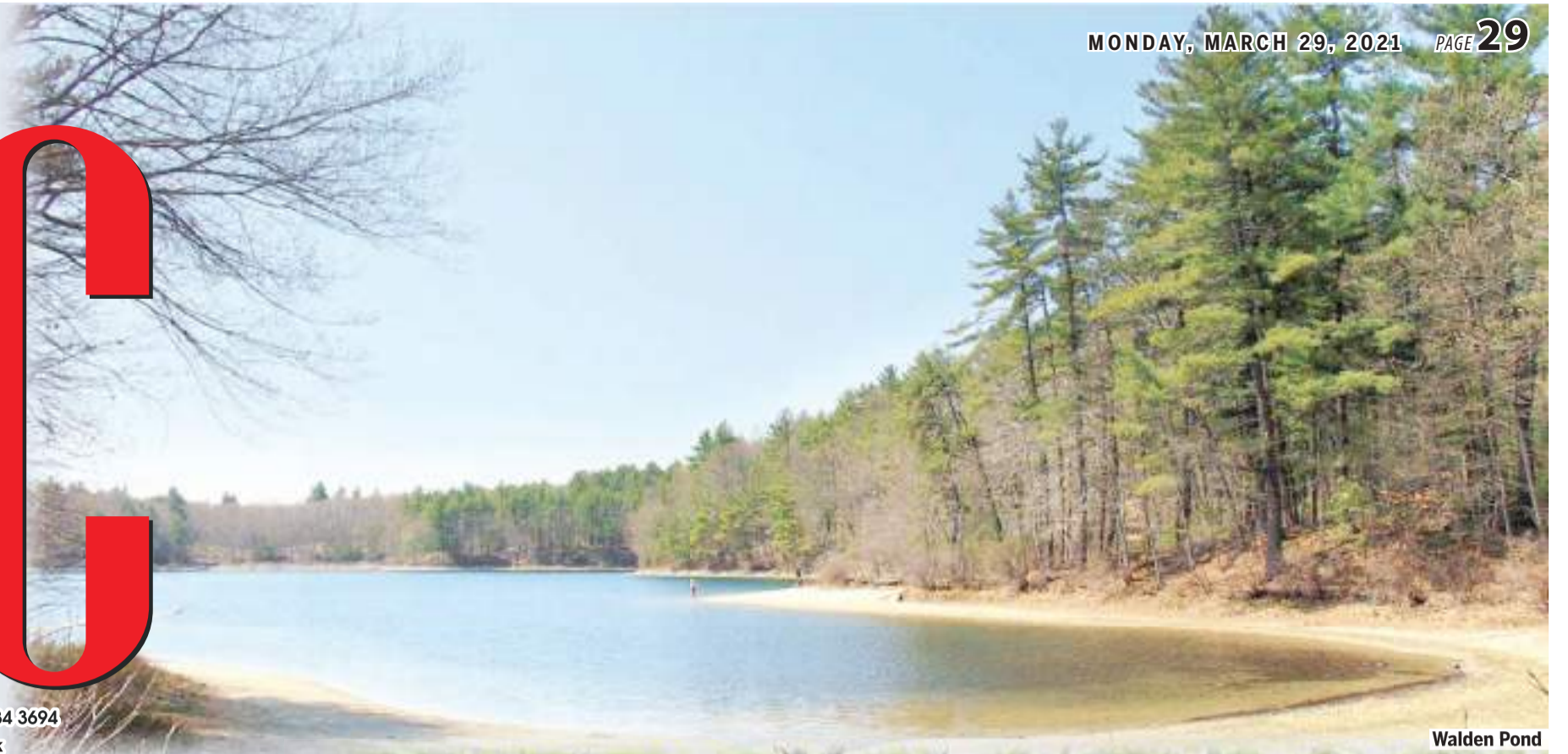
20 MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (NON-VOTING) AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Name	No. of shares	% on total non-voting capital
1. UBS Switzerland AG	9,011,481	8.86
2. BNYM SANV Re-Frontiera Global Frontier Fund LLC	5,623,544	5.53
3. Citibank Newyork S/A Norges Bank Account 2	4,980,831	4.90
4. Akbar Brothers Pvt Ltd A/c No 1	4,080,215	4.01
5. BNYM SANV Re-Neon Liberty Lorikeet master fund lp	3,767,091	3.71
6. BNYM SANV Re-LF Ruffer total return fund	3,000,000	2.95
7. CB Europe PLC Lux s/a Dunross and Co AB	2,101,637	2.07
8. Employees Trust Fund Board	2,023,004	1.99
9. BNYM SANV Re-LF Ruffer absolute return fund	2,000,000	1.97
10. Mr.S.E. Captain	1,574,132	1.55
11. Rubber Investment trust limited a/c # 01	1,492,052	1.47
12. BNYM SANV Re-LF ruffer Investment funds : LF Ruffer Pacific and Emerging Markets Fund	1,286,976	1.27
13. Deutsche Bank AG as trustee for JB Vantage value equity fund	1,081,374	1.06
14. Hatton National Bank PLC A/c No 2	731,535	0.72
15. Saboor Chatoor (pvt) ltd	696,100	0.68
16. Mr.E Chatoor	659,000	0.65
17. The Ceylon Investment PLC A/c # 02	601,427	0.59
18. Deutsche Bank AG as trustee to Assetline income plus Growth Fund	600,000	0.59
19. JN Lanka Holdings Company (Pvt) Ltd	600,000	0.59
20. Phoenix Ventures (Pvt) Ltd	580,889	0.57

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Walden Pond

TWO ETERNITIES AND A Dream

ADITHA DISSANAYAKE

Within the covers of certain books words come together to create stories that are mirrors of ordinary lives. On the pages of such books we meet matchmaking mothers, miserly old men, innocent governesses and righteous shepherds. On the pages of certain other books, penned by different hands, different words come together to open a door into an idyllic paradise. These books invite us to disappear into the woods for a while. To live in a single-room wooden hut, to go to bed when the sun sets and wake up when it rises. To lay on the sandy shore of a pond glittering with crystal clear water and listen to the birds singing an opera in the trees and the soft footsteps of the deer on the green grass growing nearby. Ah, the bliss of tranquility.

Such a book is Henry David Thoreau's 'Walden.' At the age of 27, having graduated from Harvard, taken up a job as a teacher and resigned after only two weeks, Thoreau accomplished a dream all of us nurture at some point in our lives. In 1845 he went to live in the woods near Concord, Massachusetts, building a single-room cabin on the land owned by his friend and mentor, Ralph Waldo Emerson. "I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived," was how he explained his unusual decision. He also added, "I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life."

Thoreau lived in his cabin in the forest for two years, two months and two days, later recording the experience as the journal of a single year onto

WORDS ON WORDS

the pages of 'Walden.' Echoing Indian spiritual writings, he describes why he chose a frugal lifestyle. He argues, we clutter ourselves with possessions and responsibilities to the extent that we prevent ourselves from enjoying what we have. Rejecting the work ethic that's a central component of the American Dream, he says "we have become the slave-drivers of ourselves", and writes of the "seemingly wealthy, but most impoverished class of all, who have accumulated dross, but know not how to use it, or get rid of it, and thus have forged their own golden or silver fetters." Thoreau's views apply to the 21st century too. Productivity and economic growth are often seen as intrinsically desirable, but sadly, at what cost?

As critic Linda Newberry writes, Thoreau records details of his diet and plant husbandry, claiming that only thirty or forty days' work in a year were needed to support himself. Although not strictly vegetarian (he regularly caught and ate fish from the lake) he wrote, "I believe that every man who has ever been earnest to preserve his higher or poetic faculties in the best condition has been particularly inclined to abstain from animal food." In hunting and fishing, he finds "something essentially unclean about this diet and all flesh ... when I had caught and cleaned and cooked and eaten my fish, they seemed not to have fed me essentially ... It cost more than it came to." Clearly his vision of the future is made of a world where the human race no longer eats animals.

Apart from descriptions of a spartan existence, Thoreau also describes the natural surroundings around him. Some of the most beautiful writing in Walden focuses on the waters of the lake at various times of year, and the birds and animals who inhabit it. Thoreau's deep interest in the natural world led to the making of detailed observations of what we now call ecosystems - long before ecology became a distinct scientific discipline. In particular, he was interested in how forestry regenerates after individual trees have been destroyed by fire.

In the Chapter titled Ponds Thoreau provides as near to a concise summary description of Walden Pond as can be found in the book:

"The scenery of Walden is on a humble scale, and, though very beautiful, does not approach grandeur, nor can it much concern one who has not long frequented it or lived by its shore; yet this pond is so remarkable for its depth and purity as to merit a particular description. It is a clear and deep green well, a half a mile long and a mile and

three quarters' in circumference, and contains about sixty one and a half acres, a perennial spring in the midst of pine and oak woods, without any visible inlet or outlet except by the clouds and evaporation."

By Thoreau's own admission, Walden was a place of understated beauty and not what we would now refer to as iconic or epic beauty. It was very humble in its origin. After all, Walden was only a couple of miles away from Concord Massachusetts. And Concord, they say, was not a remote spot even by the standards of the Nineteenth century. But to Thoreau, Walden Pond was extraordinary in several ways. The most important was its depth and purity. Thoreau mentions that the shoreline drops so suddenly that one could take one step into the water and already lose touch with the ground and that no one knew for certain the absolute depth of the pond. The water is so pure that in the right light one's ability to see into the water appears almost unlimited.

Capturing the essence of mindfulness, Thoreau writes, "I have been anxious to improve in the nick of time ... to stand on the meeting of two eternities, the past and future, which is precisely the present moment."

It should be noted, however, 'Walden' was not and is not to everyone's taste. Thoreau has been derided for merely playing at self-sufficiency, regularly returning to his mother with his laundry; Bill Bryson dismissed him as "inestimably priggish and tiresome". E.B. White, quoted by John Updike in a new introduction, was an admirer, but conceded that Thoreau sometimes wrote as if "all his readers were male, unmarried, and well-connected". (He also assumes, they are scholars in Western Classics - the text is liberally scattered with allusions to Greek and Roman mythology.) The tone can be preachy, and he is given to making the same point several times, as in the chapter on Economy. Thoreau also can be patronising, as in his famous pronouncement that "The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation." To a modern ear he is misogynistic, rarely mentioning women.

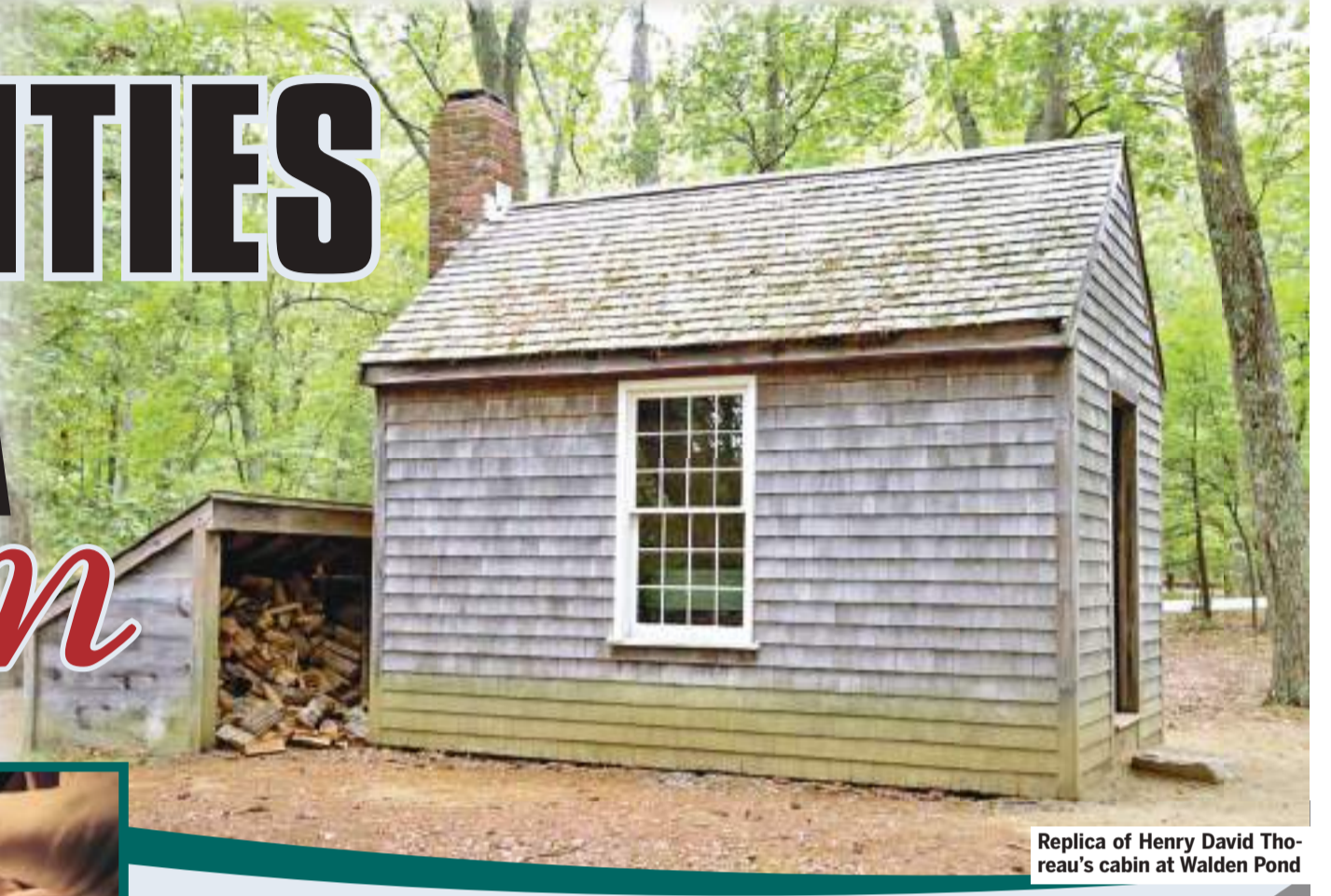
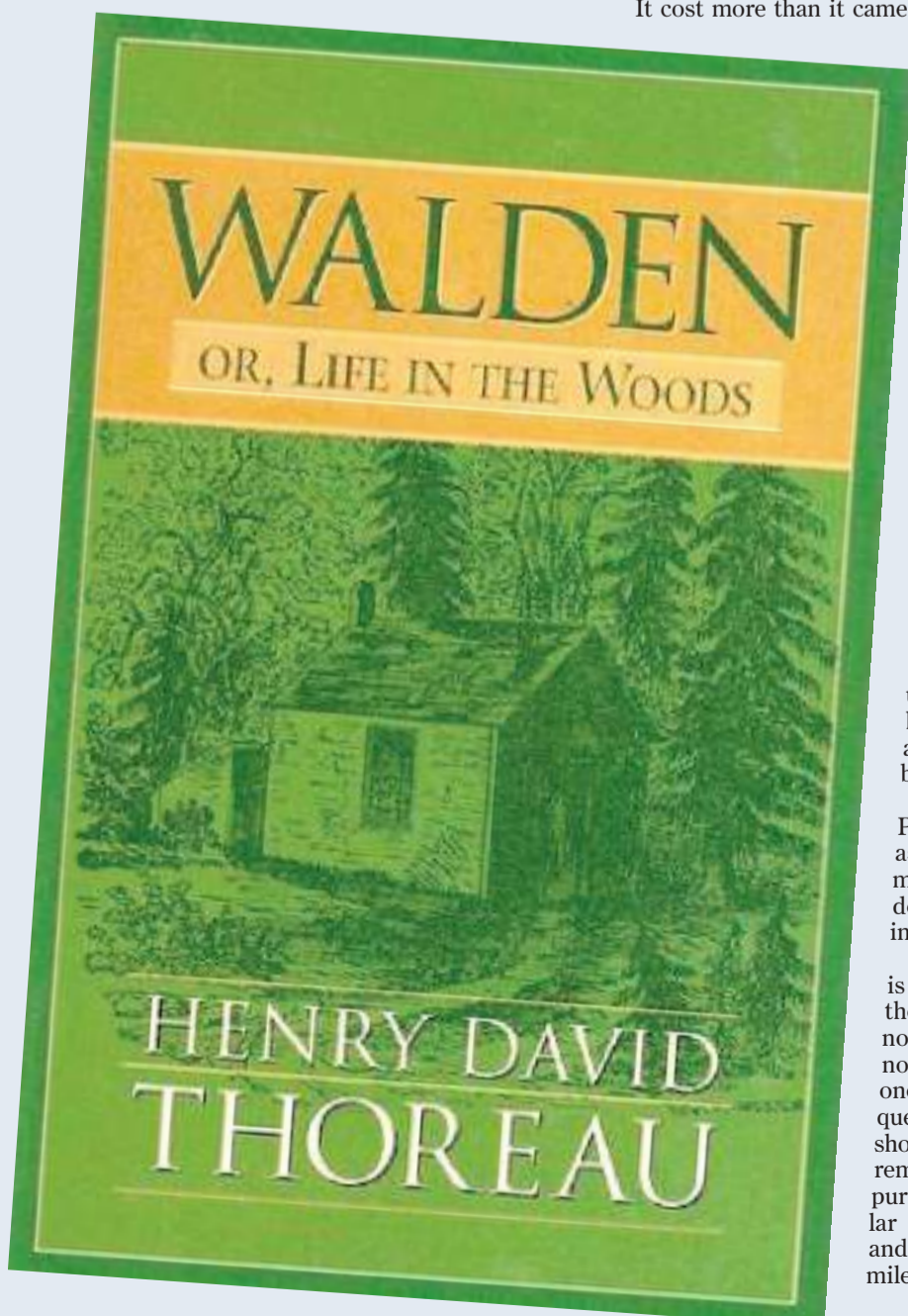
It is also said the land he lived on, which belonged to Emerson was only a mile away from Emerson's residence and he would often dine at his friend's dinner table. He was within hearing distance of the bells of Concord. He also did odd jobs for his mom for doing his laundry and for other people in Concord in exchange for meals. So Thoreau did not accomplish the status of a complete hermit at Walden. Clearly, he wasn't so completely self-sufficient as many think.

Nonetheless, he makes us take a moment and really think about what is important. He brings to light those things we have pushed way down in our conscience. Once we get a glimpse of his life in Walden we are inspired to connect with the natural surroundings around us, to fall in love again with a vision of a more perfect world, and to do good, honest work that is in line with the values of all religions on earth.

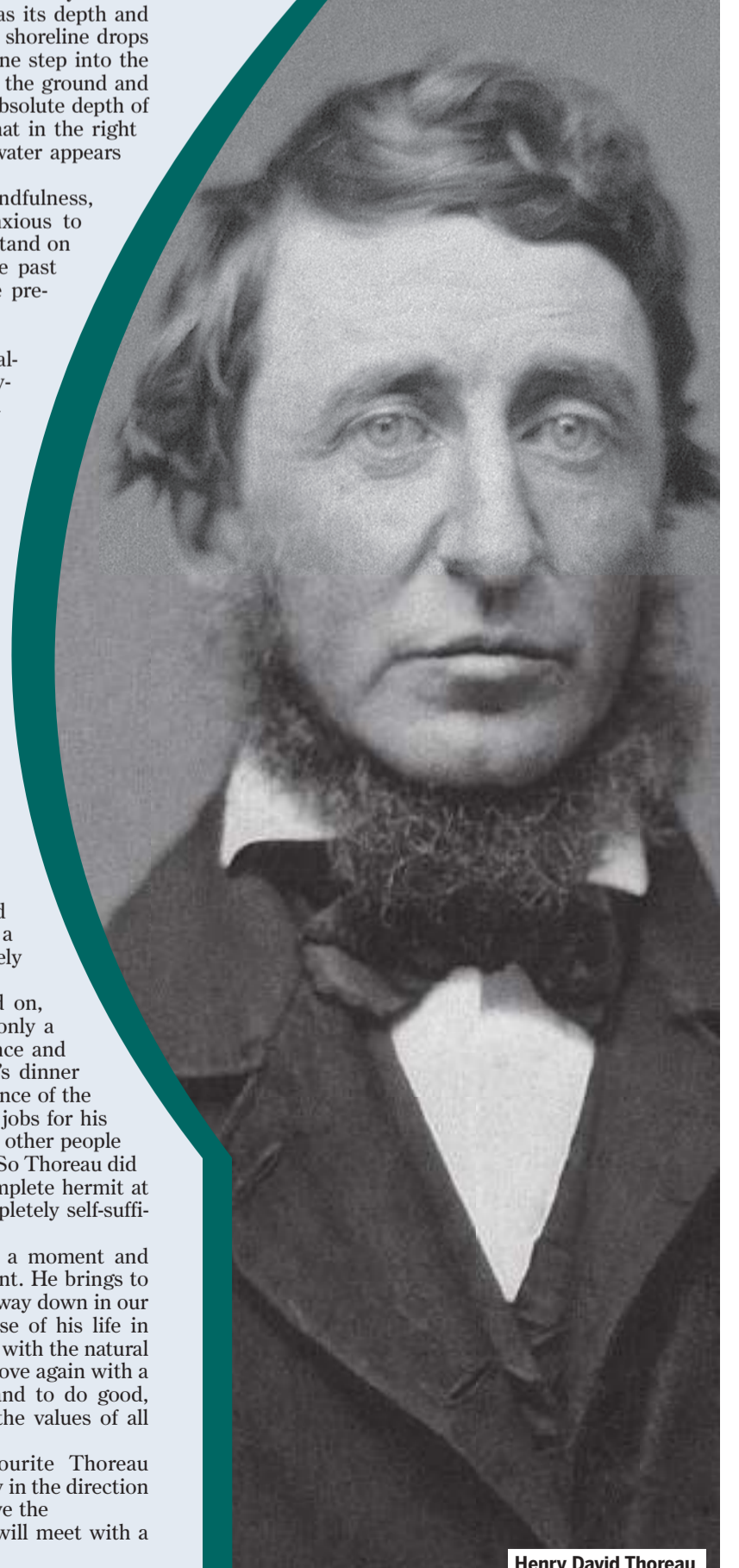
To end with two of my favourite Thoreau quotes: "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a

success unexpected in common hours." And, "Our truest life is when we are in dreams awake."

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Replica of Henry David Thoreau's cabin at Walden Pond



Henry David Thoreau



RE-IMPLEMENT YOUR GRAND PARENTS' PRACTICES!



Butterflies in the home garden

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE
Life is beautiful and all living beings are beautiful. Even ugly old Mr. Spider plays a role in maintaining the balance in the home garden. He does it through that remarkable and beautiful web of his. This is because insects too act as carriers of diseases or contribute to spreading such microbes. One simple example is when there are no spiders in the garden, many flying insects will increase, because when there are no cobwebs these insects can fly freely without getting caught. So, they may be carrying microbes. What about the butterfly? Butterflies play a number of roles in the ecosystem and in our home garden. They act as a pollinator and as a food source for other species. Nearly 90 percent of all plants need a pollinator to reproduce and the butterfly makes this happen. Just because Mr. Spider is not that colorful we denigrate it. Green Thumbs speaks to Co-Founder Green Care Organic, Brand development and export consultant, Udara Rathnayake, on all things small and beautiful.

We know that the home garden can only thrive if it is biodiverse. We know that the bee plays a vital role when it comes to pol-



Earthworms

ination. If there are bees in your home garden, then all the plants in your home garden will have more pollinators giving you lots of fruits. What about earthworms? Without earthworms there is no healthy and rich soil.

Value of biodiversity

"Inviting creatures into your home garden is not a new thing. When we were children everyone had small home gardens full of birds and small insects. Our grandparents always kept a small space for them. As a result, these animals begin to trust humans. But now we are using so many of these artificial chemicals to get rid of so called pests and by doing so we upset the balance in the home garden killing off so many living beings and disrupting the food chain and the biodiversity in the home garden. We need to understand the value of these creatures and the biodiversity. The best thing is to re-implement our grand parents' practices in our home garden," said Rathnayake

She added that most people think they need a big space for gardening. That is a wrong notion. Your space may be somewhat small but you can still create a garden. Now we have new technologies such as the small hydroponic system. Hydroponics is a type of horticulture which is a method of grow-

ing plants without using soil. Plants are grown by using water solutions. It is a water based planting method.

"We can add these technologies to our home garden. If you have a fairly moderate home garden you can even put up a nest box in your garden to invite different kind of birds. You can also do this by offering drinking and washing facilities for birds," stated Rathnayake

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Finally, it's important to remember that yes, your garden birds may eat a few of your crops if you are growing fruits and vegetables. But they are also chomping on insects that would otherwise be harming your plants. It's all about getting that balance in your home garden. Your beautifully balanced home garden is sure to boost your spirits when you see birds and butterflies appearing in your home garden. It is good fun and your home garden will thrive giving you plenty of nutritious foods and vegetables while giving you great aesthetic pleasure.

In your home garden both the prey and the predator is very important for the functioning of your home garden. The food chain is a very important part of your home garden.

Maintaining the food chain

"This is very important for gardening as well as farming. Do you know your home garden is a very busy place as it maintains the food chain naturally? The grass uses



Udara Rathnayake

sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide to make its own food. Like all plants, grass is a primary producer in the food chain. The grass grows and makes more food energy than it needs. Some of the food energy is stored in the plant as grass seed. Worms come to eat the grass and then birds and butterflies come to eat the worms. Also plants and animals that live in your garden are influenced by the top predator's choice in prey and the amount of prey it consumes. It is a natural top down system. Trophic (relating to feeding and nutrition) refers to the levels in a food web, such as primary producers and consumers. The top predator effect trickles down the other trophic levels, indirectly affecting each level," explained Rathnayake.

Only thing is we must use the correct gardening methods and not applying chemicals to get more harvest. If you are using natural methods there will be more worms and butterflies in your home garden. Maintaining the food chain is a very natural thing and it should happen naturally. The garden is a great place to observe the food chain and learn about its importance. It is all interconnected and it will sustain the biodiversity in your garden.

Say no to artificial fertilizers

We impede the functioning of these all important members of our home garden by using artificial fertilizers. These various

chemicals are very harmful to the members of our home garden that support its biodiversity. In previous articles we have discussed growing natural disease controlling/repelling plants among other plants in the garden. This is also a very traditional method. For example, growing Das Pethiya (Marigold), garlic, onions, tulsi, basil or even Lemmon grass among other plants will help to reduce pathogen attacks or some insects. We can even spray a solution - The main ingredients are, neem leaves and oil, castor oil, garlic, ginger, green chilies or kochchi, lemmon grass, citronella grass or oil, das pethiya leaves, cow urine and wood ash.

"There are so many natural pesticides and ways to chase away the harmful insects. We have to focus on biological control methods and using of natural substances extracted from trees (Neem seeds, red onions and marigold). There are various measures of dealing with pests through ecological pest control methods (managing them in a safe and eco-friendly manner). Depending on the severity of the damage caused by the pests, we as human beings, have to use different tactics to handle these little bugs," said Rathnayake.

She added that a home vegetable garden can give you all kinds of benefits such as health and prosperity. It offers you a chance to save money on groceries while enjoying homegrown flavor and freshness. It can also be a way to eat organic food and you can try new varieties of produce that you can't easily get at the store. Home Gardening is also a healthy outdoor activity that gives you exercise while being relaxing. It also involves the family and in this day and age because of the rat race we don't get much time to spend with our loved ones. So it brings the family together. Also it gives you the option of kitchen waste composting.



Bird feeders and nest boxes



Drinking and washing facilities for birds

Caterpillars

REBEKAH PIERCE
What if you could grow a beautiful, productive garden in a pile of garbage? Well, you can – and contribute to a greener environment at the same time! Tire gardening is a great way to recycle old rubber tires to maximize your yields and minimize the amount of work it takes to produce a successful garden. It's easy to start your own tire garden – as long as you pay attention to a few tips and pieces of cautionary advice.

BENEFITS OF TIRE GARDENING

There are plenty of benefits to tire gardening – depending on who you ask. Here are a few:

1. Recycles old materials

Did you know that on an annual basis, nearly 300 million tires are discarded in the United States? It is very difficult to dispose of tires, as most landfills ban them and getting rid of them legally is extremely expensive. The costs get even higher when it comes to disposing of oversized tires like those from tractors or skidders.

In many cases, it's impossible to get rid of them at all, and they end up sit-

ting around, wasting space.

Some people burn tires, which is not safe. It releases dangerous chemicals like polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, styrene, and benzene into the air, all of which are human carcinogens.

There are some ways to recycle old tires, like reusing the rubber for athletic turf or playgrounds and swings. Using tires to grow vegetables is a great way to use up these tires and it is the perfect green solution.

There are some arguments – which I'll address in more detail below – that claim tires are filled with chemicals and metals and therefore are not safe containers. However, other studies suggest that those toxic materials are released only when tires are burned and that leaching is small, if existent at all.

2. Easy to do

Unlike a raised bed made out of wood or stone, building a vegetable garden in a tire requires virtually no construction. You grab a tire, plop it in the garden, fill it with soil, and plant. That's almost all there is to it!

3. Warms and dries soil quickly

If you are unfortunate enough to suffer from wet, clay soil – as I do – a tire garden is a perfect solution. Not only will a tire help warm up the soil faster, providing the perfect environment for growing things like sweet potatoes and tomatoes, but it also stays drier, too. The water

STARTING VEGETABLE GARDENS USING OLD TYRES



drains more effectively from the tire than it does from poor-quality soil.

It also allows for deeper soil if you have hard-packed ground. Clay soil is difficult for the roots of many vegetables – like carrots and potatoes – to penetrate. A tyre garden is a good perfect solution because you can fill it with loose, airy soil at least several feet deep.

4. Allows for early planting

For the same reason as mentioned above, a tire garden can be planted much sooner than crops in other areas of your garden. Not only will you not need to worry about your tire

garden flooding out in a heavy rainstorm, but the soil will stay more protected from frost and intense cold, too. You may be able to move your planting up by several weeks – or more.

A piece of advice, though – even though you can plant earlier in the season, I wouldn't recommend planting cold-hardy crops that you expect to grow all summer long in the tire garden. This applies even if you are planting in early spring. An example would be broccoli that you want to cultivate all spring, summer, and autumn long.

While the broccoli will likely do quite well in the early spring and late fall, the tire will get too warm during the hottest day of summer.

5. Less maintenance

While your watering and fertilizing needs will likely stay about the same, you'll find that you have much less weeding to do when it comes to your tire garden. Since the garden is elevated, it's less likely that weed seeds will make their way into the garden and cause you additional headaches.

A tyre garden is also a great idea if you are gardening in a cramped space – such as an urban garden.

HOW TO START A VEGETABLE GARDEN IN A TYRE

1. Find and cut Your Tire

First, start by locating and cutting your tire. I recommend the largest tire you can find – like one from a tractor.

Check around with local service stations, farms, and other sites. You should never have to pay for the tires because people are always trying to get rid of them.

You will then want to cut the interior rim out of the tire with a saw. This will give you more planting area without an extra "lip" to contend with.

2. Prepare the soil

Put your tire in a sunny location. Fill it with loose, fertile soil and a bit of compost. It's going to take a lot of soil to fill your tire, so you will have to plan ahead for this.

You can sterilize the soil if you'd like. To do this, place a layer of plastic over the soil and leave it there for several weeks (I usually do this over the course of the late fall into the early spring). The plastic can actually remain on the soil if you'd like after you plant, as it can be used to create a miniature solar greenhouse.

3. Plant and harvest as usual

Once your tire is in place and you have filled it with soil, it's time to plant. Your planting process, along with all other care requirements from weeding, watering, fertilizing, and harvesting will be exactly the same as they would be if you were growing in any other kind of raised bed system. It's as simple as that!





Pakistan High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Major General (R) Muhammad Saad Khattak flanked by wife Saeeda and daughter Minahil (L).



Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof Jayanath Colombage, UN Resident Coordinator Hanaa Singer-Hamdy and spouse Ashraf Hamdy



Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne and Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana.



Trade Minister Bandula Gunawardena with Pakistan High Commissioner



Public Security Minister Rear Admiral (Rtd.) Sarath Weerasekara and Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva.



Ayesha and Nabila



Akram and Shafeena



UN Resident Coordinator Hanaa Singer-Hamdy in conversation with Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.



Minahil and Kalsoom



Pakistan High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Major General (R) Muhammad Saad Khattak cutting a cake to mark the National day of Pakistan. Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage looks on.



Pakistan High Commissioner Major General (R) Muhammad Saad Khattak making welcoming remarks.



Minister Mahinda Amaraweera



Ambassador of Turkey to Sri Lanka Demet Sekercioglu and Deputy High Commissioner Australia Amanda Jewell.



Batik, Handloom Fabric and Local Apparel Products State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekera



Romanian Embassy in Sri Lanka Chargé d'affaires Dr Victor Chiujea and Dr Corneliya



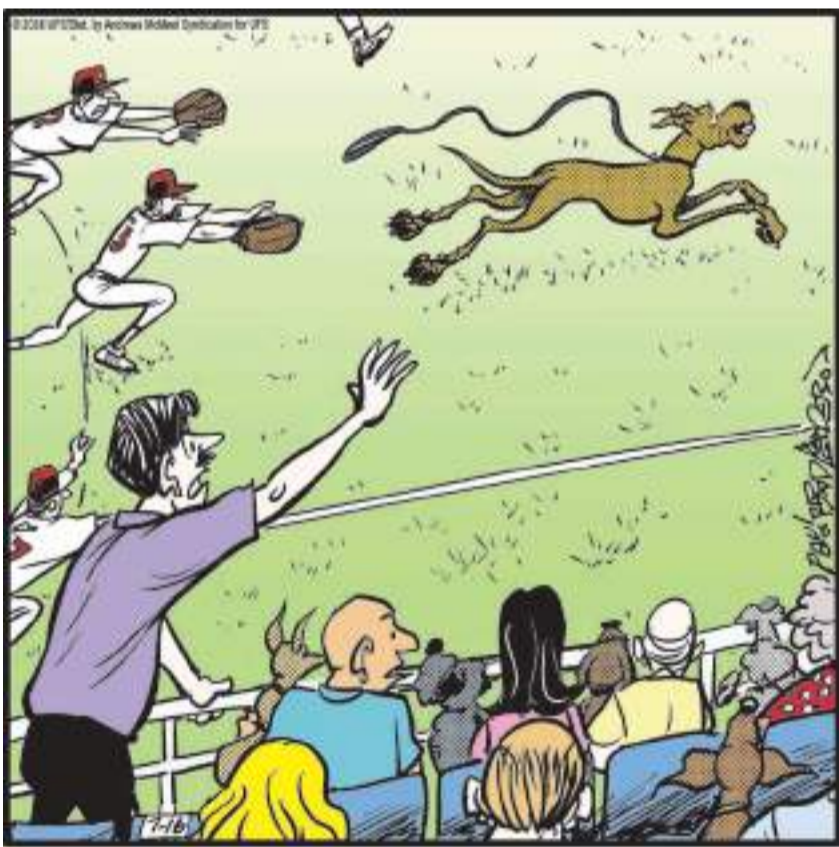
Col. Pavel and Col. Denis

PAKISTAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION IN COLOMBO

Pakistan High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Major General (R) Muhammad Saad Khattak hosted a reception to mark the National day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan at Balmoral, Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo on March 23. Here are some highlights of the event.

Pictures by Sulochana Gamage

MARMADUKE



"Want to bet this is the last time they have 'Bark in the Park' day?"

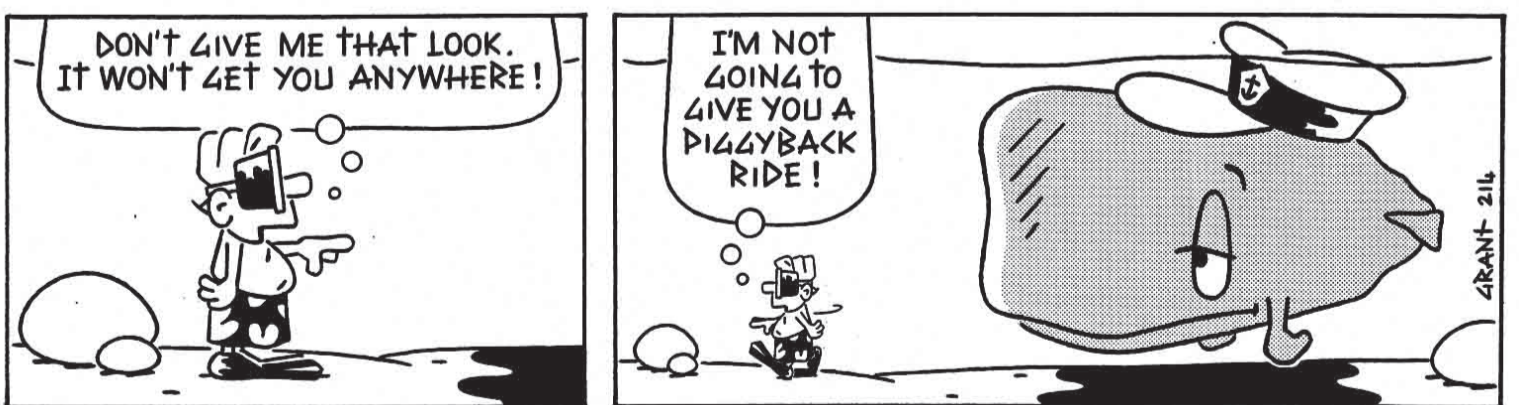
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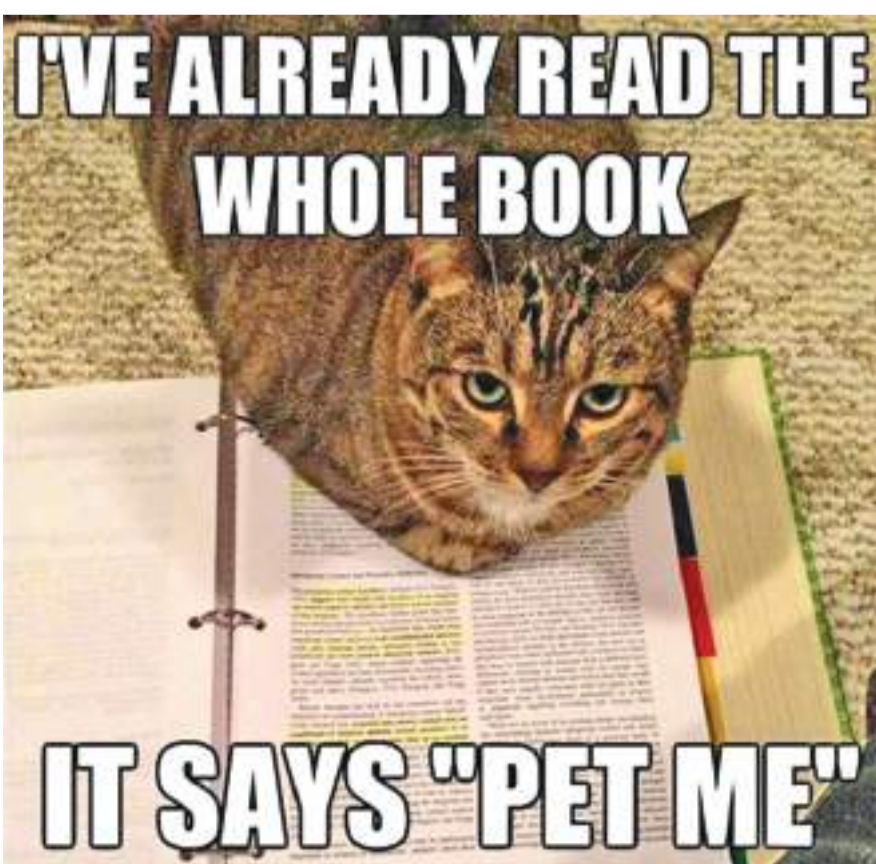
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FISH TALES



UP & RUNNING



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

In concurrence with the National Programme of producing Turmeric requirement, within the country itself the Department of Export Agriculture intends to purchase 45 tons of seed turmeric for the programme of establishment of seed turmeric gardens, implemented by the Department of Export Agriculture.

Since the head office of the Department of Export Agriculture, Peradeniya expects to purchase seed turmeric at a price of Rs. 400.00, per one kg the prospective interested suppliers able to supply a lot of seed turmeric of more than 500 kg are invited to inform the quantity of seed turmeric, able to supply by registered post, or hand delivered mentioning the amount, able to supply to following address.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Department of Export Agriculture,
1095, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mawatha,
Peradeniya.**

If forwarded by Fax:
Fax No. :- 081-2085232

If despatched by post, the caption to the effect "Supply of Seed Turmeric", should be clearly indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelope by the suppliers.

The turmeric (rhizomes) supplied should be free of disease, and pests and should be seeds (rhizomes) in germination stage, obtained from a cultivation, of 9 months or over old Rhizomes should be free of roots sand, soil and dirt, should not be of main tuber or offshoots, included and should be free of dry and shrunk seeds, should be free of planted new sprouts, shoots (Rose coloured sprouts).

At the time of purchases, a nominated officer of the Department will hold a random sample test, to be satisfied whether the above conditions are existing, if the officer satisfied at the inspection the Department will purchase the stocks and get them transported by Dept. itself.

(In case we are not satisfied with the relevant conditions at the inspection as required the Department will reject the seed turmeric to purchase)

The minimum quantity to be supplied by a supplier, should be 500 kg or over, and purchases will be carried out as per the order of receiving quotations.

Telephone No. 081-2388651 - Ext. 140

**Director General,
Department of Export Agriculture,
1095, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mawatha,
Peradeniya.**



SRI LANKA TELECOM TENDER NOTICE

TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF T-SHIRTS & SHIRTS FOR SLT STAFF

(Tender No: L/0230/2021)

Tenders for the captioned subject will be accepted by the undersigned, up to 10:00 hrs. on 20th April 2021.

Tender documents could be obtained via e-mail during office hours commencing from 10:00 hrs. on 29th March 2021, till 7 working days from the date of publishing of this tender by producing duly signed Non-Disclosure Agreement and the receipt obtained after payment of the non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs. 1,000.00 + Tax to any teleshop or cash counter of Sri Lanka Telecom PLC.

Sealed tenders shall be sent by hand or by registered post, addressed to the undersigned to reach him before closing the tenders at 10:00 hrs. on 20th April 2021.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the SLT officials.

For further details regarding Non-refundable deposit, Non-Disclosure Agreement and collecting of tender documents, please call 011-3090662.

**CHAIRMAN- JUNIOR TENDER BOARD
PROCUREMENT DIVISION,
9th Floor, SLT/HQ - A Building
SRI LANKA TELECOM
LOTUS ROAD, COLOMBO 1**

Notice for Divestiture under Section 39A (1) of the Land Acquisition Act

My Ref. No.: 2020/16/ලද/183

The public is hereby informed that it is intended to divest the land described in the below schedule, which had been acquired to the Government. Please see the Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2177/15 dated 29.05.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for more details.

SCHEDULE

Province : Western
District : Gampaha
Divisional Secretary's Division: Kelaniya
Grama Niladhari Division : No. 257A of Himbutuwelgoda
Name of the Village : Himbutuwelgoda
Preliminary Plan Number : Gam. 4145 dated 29.05.2019
Lot Number : 01
Extent : 0.0091 Hectare

**Sgd./A.A.D.C. Nadeeshani
Amarasinghe
Divisional Secretary - Kelaniya
District - Gampaha.**

**Divisional Secretariat - Kelaniya
Mahara - Kadawatha.
on 19th August 2020**



Invitation for Bids Provincial Department of Education - Central Province BID NO-CP/EDU/F08/13/21/01

01. The Chairman DPC now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply, Delivery & Installation of Desktop Personal Computers UPS & Accessories, Photocopy Machines & Equipment & Office Equipment for Four Computer Resource Centers in Central Province under the allocation of Empowering Provincial & Zonal Information Technology Centers Project of State Ministry of Education Reforms, Promotion of Open University & Distance Learning as described below;

Package No.	Brief Description of the type of Goods	Quantity	Bid Bond LKR	Delivery Period
01	Desktop Personal Computers	184	245,000.00	45 Days from the date of agreement
	Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPSs)	195	10,000.00	
	Laptop Computers	06	10,000.00	
02	Photocopy Machines	04	6,000.00	45 Days from the Date of Agreement
	Smart Interactive Boards	07	25,000.00	
	Multimedia Projectors	07	12,000.00	
	Fax Machines	03	1,000.00	
	Television	02	2,500.00	
03	Computer Chairs	284	20,000.00	45 Days from the Date of Agreement
	Executive Chairs	20	5,000.00	
	Office Chairs	43	3,500.00	
	Executive Table - L Shape	04	3,000.00	
	Teacher Tables	07	2,000.00	
	Office Tables	18	4,500.00	
	Filing Cupboards	12	3,500.00	
	Small Iron Cupboards	13	2,500.00	
	Lecture Theatre Chairs	110	7,500.00	
	Lobby Waiting Chairs	40	3,000.00	

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

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the **Procurement Officer, Provincial Department of Education, Kandy (TP: 081-2224041) (Email: cpceduacc@gmail.com)** and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

4. Qualification Requirements.

Package	Minimum Qualification
01	The bidder shall be in the business of supply, delivery, service and maintenance of computers for at least five (05) years. Bidder shall be a manufacturer or a supplier having manufacturers authorization to bid. A margin of preference for eligible locally produced goods offered shall not be applied.
02	The bidder shall be in the business of supply, delivery, service and maintenance of above equipment for at least five (05) years. Bidder shall be a manufacturer or a supplier having manufacturers authorization to bid. A margin of preference for eligible locally produced goods offered shall not be applied.
03	The bidder shall be in the business of supply, delivery, service and maintenance of above equipment for at least three (03) years. Bidder shall be a manufacturer or a supplier having manufacturer authorization to bid.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by the interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given below from 29.03.2021 until 22.04.2021 from 09.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lankan Rupees One Thousand (Rs. 1000.00) for each package. The Method of payment will be by cash. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 19.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m. at Provincial Department of Education.

6. Sealed bids marked "Relevant Package Name & Package No" on top left-hand corner, of the envelope must be delivered under registered cover in duplicate to the address below or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the address below at or before 02.00 p.m. on 23.04.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of Bids in the presence of the bidders' representatives who chooses to attend in person at the address below on 23.04.2021.

7. Bids shall be valid till 23.06.2021 and all bids must be accompanied by Bid Securities from a commercial Bbank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as mentioned above.

**Address : The Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Provincial Department of Education,
Central Province, Kandy.**

**E.P.T.K. Ekanayake,
Chairman of Procurement Committee,
Department of Provincial Education - Central Province, Kandy.
Telephone/Fax: 081-2224041/081-2223343
Web Address: www.centralpcdu.sch.lk**

18.03.2021



STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COAST CONSERVATION,
WASTE DISPOSAL AND COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS

Urban Development Authority

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Contract No. PD/UDA/BWSA/2021/009
PD/UDA/LIHSE/2021/010

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Urban Development Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the undermentioned works as described below.

Table - 01.

Item No.	Project Name & Contract No.	Estimated cost for contracts excluding VAT (Rs.)	Non refundable Fee (Rs.)	Amount of Bid Security (Rs.)	Contract Period (Days)	Eligible CIDA Registration Grade	Bid Security valid up to
01	Proposed Boralesgamuwa Wewa Surrounding Area Development Project - Stage IV PD/UDA/BWSA/2021/009	88,069,000/-	15,000/= plus VAT	900,000/=	180 Calendar Days	CIDA Grade C4 or above (Buildings)	24.08.2021
02	Construction of Low Income Housing Settlement at Beruwanawatta, Eheliyagoda. PD/UDA/LIHSE/2021/010	98,612,000/-	18,500/= plus VAT	1,000,000/=	240 Calendar Days	CIDA Grade C4 or above (Buildings)	24.08.2021

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the requirements given in the above table and the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Head of Procurement, Procurement Unit, Urban Development Authority, 07th Floor, Sethsiripaya - Stage I, Battaramulla (Tel: 011-3049008; Fax: 011-2874546) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the **Head of Procurement's Office on working days from 29th March 2021 to 27th April 2021.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by any prospective Bidder or their accredited agent on submission of a written request to the Head of Procurement, Procurement Unit, Urban Development Authority, 07th Floor, Sethsiripaya - Stage I, Battaramulla **from 29th March 2021 to 27th April 2021** on Working days, upon payment of non-refundable fee as in the above table 01 to Shroff in Finance Division in Urban Development Authority.
- A Bid must be accompanied by a bid Security in the form of bank guarantee as per the specimen in the bidding documents and issued by a commercial bank/Construction Guarantee Fund (CGF) operating in Sri Lanka and registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The value of the bid securities and validity period of bid securities are stated in Table 01 and shall be addressed to the **Chairman, Urban Development Authority.**
- Bids shall be hand delivered or sent by registered post with original and duplicate addressed to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), 07th Floor, Urban Development Authority, Sethsiripaya - Stage I, Battaramulla to be received on or before 28th April 2021 at 11.00 am for Item No 01 and at 11.30 am for Item No. 02 respectively.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing of bids in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at **10.00 am on 06th April 2021** at the Procurement Unit, Urban Development Authority, 07th Floor, Sethsiripaya - Stage 1, Battaramulla. All the bidders are strongly advised to attend this meeting.
- Bidder's previous performance and the liquidity position strictly evaluated in selection of bidders. Poorly performed bidders will not be considered for awarding of any bids.
- The Urban Development Authority has no any responsibility on cost related to preparation of any bids. The Department Procurement Committee (DPC) reserves the right to accept a suitable bid out of the bids received or reject all bids. The decision of the Department Procurement Committee is final.
- Please note that prevailing present COVID-19 pandemic situation, before collecting the bidding document contact Dy. Director (Procurement), Urban Development on **Tel 0113049008, Fax 011-2874546** for your facilitation.

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (DPC),
Urban Development Authority,
07th Floor, "Sethsiripaya" Stage I
Battaramulla.**

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**COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL TREASURE'S DEPARTMENT**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Leasing of Meat Stalls for the year 2021/2022/2023 remaining vacant in the Public Markets.

Amendment to the Advertisement Published on 19.03.2021

The undermentioned sections is also to be included in the schedule which appeared in the advertisement regarding leasing of Meat Stalls for the years 2021/2022/2023 remaining vacant in the Public Markets.

Schedule

Public Market	Stall No.	Nature	Council Price Rs. Cts.	Tender Deposit Amount Rs. Cts.
Dematagoda	50/03	Beef	1,325,000.00	662,500.00

All other details and conditions published in the advertisement dated 19.03.2021 should remain same.

**Municipal Commissioner,
Colombo Municipal Council.**

**Colombo Municipal Council,
Colombo 07.**

Invitation for Bids

**NORTH WESTERN PROVINCIAL
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

Purchase of Medicine Covers - Year 2021

- Sealed bid applications are hereby invited from 9.00 a.m. on 29 March, 2021 up to 10.00 a.m. on 28 April 2021 for the Supply of Medicine Covers of sizes mentioned below to the hospitals of the North Western Province to regularise the distribution of medicine to the sick at these hospitals.
- Bid documents could be obtained on Government working days from 29th March 2021 up to 27th April, 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from the Cashier at the Office of the North Western Provincial Director of Health Services, Negombo Road, Kurunegala after paying the bid form fee as mentioned below and bid documents could be inspected free of charge on government working days on the dates and times mentioned above.

Bid No.	Serial No.	Details	Quantity	Bid Guarantee Rs.	Non-refundable Bid Form Fee Rs.
NWP/PDHS/FN8/ME/2/2021	1	Medicine Covers 4"x3"	28,500,000	391,500.00	3500.00
NW/PDHS/FN8/ME/2/2021	2	Medicine Covers 6"x4"	15,000,000		

03. The top left-hand corner of the sealed envelope containing the bid should be marked with the words "Medicine Covers" and sent to the Chief Accountant, Office of the North Western Provincial Director of Health Services, Puwakgashandiya, Negombo Road, Kurunegala to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 28th April, 2021 or could be hand-delivered to the Bid Box kept in the Chief Accountant's Room at the above address.

04. Bids will be opened at 10.10 a.m. on 28th April, 2021 at the office of Provincial Director of Health Services and bidders or their authorized representatives could participate on this occasion.

05. Further details regarding this bid invitation could be obtained from the Chief Accountant of the office of the Provincial Director of Health Services by contacting on Telephone Nos.: 037-2223231, 037-2223479, 037-7393390.

**Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Department of Health Services,
North Western Province.**

**STATE MINISTRY OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION, ADOPTION OF
SAFETY MEASURES INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF
ELECTRICAL FENCES & TRENCHES AND REFORESTATION AND
FOREST RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**LEASING-OUT OF SALES OUTLETS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS FOR A
PERIOD OF ONE YEAR - 2021/2022**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Board of the Department of National Zoological Gardens from 28th March 2021 up to **2.00 p.m. on 20th April 2021**, for the selection of Contractors to operate the Sales Outlets maintained in the undermentioned Institutions belonging to the Department of the National Zoological Gardens, for a period of one year (2021/2022).

SCHEDULE 1

No.	Description of Sales Outlets	Bid Security (Rs.)
Food Outlets		
1.	Food Outlet near the Aviary - Dehiwala Zoo	50,000/=
2.	Food Outlet near the Elephant Performing Stage - 02 Dehiwala Zoo	5,000/=
3.	Candyfloss Machine 02 - Dehiwala Zoo	5,000/=
4.	Old Food Outlet near the Elephant Hut - Dehiwala Zoo	5,000/=
5.	Food Outlet No. 01 - Safari Park, Hambantota	5,000/=
6.	Food Outlet No. 02 - Safari Park, Hambantota	5,000/=
7.	Food Outlet No.03 - Safari Park, Hambantota	5,000/=
8.	Food Outlet No. 04 - Safari Park, Hambantota	5,000/=
Souvenirs Sales Outlets		
9.	Souvenirs Sales Outlet - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	5,000/=
10.	Souvenirs Sales Outlet No. 01 - Safari Park, Hambantota	5,000/=
11.	Souvenirs Sales Outlet No. 02 - Safari Park, Hambantota	5,000/=
12.	Souvenirs Sales Outlet No. 04 - Safari Park, Hambantota	5,000/=
13.	Automatic Photo Studio - Dehiwala Zoo	5,000/=
Community Participatory Rural Products Sales Outlets		
14.	Rural Products Sales Outlet No. 01 - Safari Park, Hambantota	2,500/=
15.	Rural Products Sales Outlet No. 02 - Safari Park, Hambantota	2,500/=
16.	Rural Products Sales Outlet No. 03 - Safari Park, Hambantota	2,500/=
17.	Rural Products Sales Outlet No. 04 - Safari Park, Hambantota	2,500/=
18.	Rural Products Sales Outlet No. 05 - Safari Park, Hambantota	2,500/=
19.	Rural Products Sales Outlet No. 06 - Safari Park, Hambantota	2,500/=

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
- Bidders should possess the following qualifications and documents substantiating them should be attached with the Bid.
 - Business Names Registration Certificate.
- Bid documents conditions and other details can be obtained from the Head Office of the Department of the National Zoological Gardens at Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala from **28th March, 2021 up to 19th April 2021** during office hours. A written request should be submitted for the purpose along with a payment of an amount of **Rs. 1000/=** per each sales outlet.
- Bids should be submitted in **02** copies as original and duplicate, placed in 02 covers and places of the covers that can be opened should compulsorily be sealed with rubber seals and they should be marked **"Leasing-out of Sales Outlets of the Department of National Zoological Gardens for a period of One Year 2021/2022"** at the left-side top corner. The front of the cover containing the original of the bid should be marked as "Original", clearly.
- Bids, could either be sent by registered post addressed to **"Chairman, Procurement Board, Department of National Zoological Gardens, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala"** or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Department, to be received at or before **2.00 p.m. on 20th April, 2021**. Bids received late will be rejected.
- Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance in the presence of the Bid Opening Board. Bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the opening.
- Each and every bid should be accompanied with either a Bid Security as per Page No. 02 of the Schedule No. 1 obtained from a Bank recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka valid up to **19th July 2021** or the receipt received from the Shroff's Section of the Department of National Zoological Gardens for the equivalent cash payment. Bids without Bid Securities will be rejected without even considering.
- The Department Procurement Board retains the full right in selecting a suitable Bidder. Canvassing in any form in this regard will be treated as a disqualification for selection. The Director General of the Department of National Zoological Gardens retains the full right in taking decisions with regard to any matter that is not covered by this Bid Invitation or the Bid Documents. Further details relevant to this can be obtained from the Chief Accountant of the Department by **Telephone No. 0112896779**.

**Chairman
Department Procurement Board
Department of the National Zoological Gardens,
Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha,
Dehiwala.**

PRADESHIYA SANWARDANA BANK

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

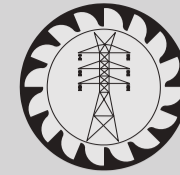
**IMPLEMENTATION THE RDB ATM SWITCH, DEBIT CARD
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND DRIVING OF ATM/CDM/CRM
MACHINES FOR PRADESHIYA SANWARDANA BANK**

The Pradeshiya Sanwardana Bank of Sri Lanka (RDB) Request for Proposals from eligible and qualified Bidders for the following.

Item Name	BID No	Bid Security (LKR)
Implementation the RDB ATM Switch, Debit Card Management System and Driving of ATM/CDM/CRM Machines for Pradeshiya Sanwardana Bank	DGM/HR/RDB/2021/042	200,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB) / International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Procedure**.
- Eligible Bidders Should possess Following Criteria;
 - Bidder shall be a registered Company to carry out Business in Local/International market over a period of three (03) years and two (02) years' experience with similar Service (supplying ATM/CDM/CRM Machines on OPEX Model to the Local or International market).
 - Average Annual Turnover of the Bidder shall be a minimum LKR 100 million last three (03) financial years (2017/2018/2019).
 - Bidder shall be able to provide Technical Support and assistance through qualified Local Partner and experienced Technical Team.
 - Bidder should have installed and running 100 + ATM/CDM/CRMs Local/International in manage services model.
 - Bidder should have a capability to install at least 20 + new ATM/CDM/CRMs per year.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application, which accompany the receipt of payment of a non-refundable deposit of **Rupees 3,000.00**. The bid documents will be issued on working days from **9.00 am to 3.00 pm** commencing from **30th March 2021** up to **21st April 2021**.
- Interested eligible bidders may request in writing further information if any, from Assistant General Manager (Procurement) on or before **21st April 2021**.
- All bids should be accompanied by a Bid-Security (which is en-cashable unconditionally on demand) of Rupees Two Hundred Thousand (Rs.200,000.00) should be obtained from a reputed Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka which should be valid up to 18th August 2021.
- Duly filled RFP, marked **"Original"** and **"Duplicate"** separately in two sealed envelopes, and enclosed both in one sealed envelope marked **"Implementation the RDB ATM Switch, Debit Card Management System and Driving of ATM/CDM/CRM Machines for Pradeshiya Sanwardana Bank - DGM/HR/RDB/2021/042"** on the top left hand corner of the envelope should either be sent by registered post to the following address or deposit in the tender box kept at the Pradeshiya Sanwardana Bank, Head Office, Ground Floor on or before **02.00 pm on 22nd April 2021**. Late bid submissions are not accepted.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person immediately after the bid closing at **02.00 pm, on 22nd April 2021**.
- Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **07th April 2021 on 10.00 am** at Pradeshiya Sanwardana Bank, Head Office, 2nd Floor Meeting Room.
**Chief Human Resource Officer,
Pradeshiya Sanwardana Bank, Head Office, No.933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya.
T.P.011 2035454/011-2035455/011-2035456 Fax.011 2906883, www.rdb.lk, 2021.03.30**

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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

WESTERN PROVINCE SOUTH II - APRIL 2021

AVISSAWELLA AREA	
Avissawella CSC	
2021-04-06	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk & Distribution : Hill Cornate Hotel Distribution : Randivigama, Siri Sanda, Alubodala	
2021-04-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cargills Food City, Diyana Sub, Seethawaka New Water Pump, Textured Jersey Hostel, Great Fashion, H.N.B, New Base Hospital - Avissawella Bulk & Distribution : Sisil, Rushmi Dress Point, Hospital Sewerage Distribution : Nugewatta, Rest house, St. Maries, Avi. Town new S/S - Yatiyantota Rd., Hospital, U.C.Sub, Avissawella Town, Weraluptiya, Police Station, Avissawella Town Diana S/S	
2021-04-28	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Penrith, Penrith Water Pump, Avissawella Telecom Distribution : Ukwatta, Honiton	
2021-04-29	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Aluthambalama - Preema, German Lanka Saw Mill, Gold Wood Lanka Distribution : Beragala, City of Leisure - Kosgama, Miriswatta Road, Aluthambalama, Miriswatta	
Hanwella CSC	
2021-04-03	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Elephant House, Pizzakraft Lanka pvt Ltd, Kodikara Metal Crusher, Ventures Enterprises, SMS, Ceylon Cold Stores (Lumbini Estate), CBL Foods, Deutsh Lanka - Tech Stroom, Elephant House - Ice cream Bulk & Distribution : Sing Lanka Distribution : Near Elephant House, Torinton City, Batewela - Near Ele. House, Yashodara Mawatha, Laksiri Garden, Dedigamuwa, ELEPHANT HOUSE, Embilladeniya	
2021-04-04	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : OSPREY CLOTHING, Supper Appraels - Ranala, Lokupitiya Metal Crusher, CERAMCO MINERALS, Gamini Fashion, Gamini Furniture, Ospray 3, Jinadasa Garment, Quality Pack Lanka - Nawagamuwa, Star Packaging, YGA Perera, Access Engineering Distribution : Siyabalagaha Junction - Ranala, Undugoda Land Sale, Kurunduwatta, Sarasavi Nawagamuwa, Thalapatiya - Undugoda, Nawagamuwa Super City, Jalthara Junction	
2021-04-07	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Halpe Estate Distribution : Hewagama Estate	
2021-04-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Lanka Decals, Sachico International Distribution : Batawela, New Leaf	
2021-04-27	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : KRAEUR MIX, Ultra Textile Printing Distribution : Walpita - Co - op	
2021-04-30	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Akfa Sole Industries - Jaltara, Jaltara Housing - Sewerage, Centry Mechanical System, Lanka Tile New, Nuwro Meat Products, Mal Lanka, Jalthara Distribution : Jaltara Housing Scheme 3, Deegalla Estate, H.P.T- Jaltara, Jaltara Housing Scheme 1, Nemico - Jalthara - Co - op, Jaltara Housing Scheme 2	
Padukka CSC	
2021-04-01	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Araliya Land-panagoda, Tharanga Place, Arliy Land New 02, Green Horizon I	
2021-04-05	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Access Natural Water, Pussella Farm-Bope Distribution : Gurulana, Madakada, Ayer Estate, Dialog-Bope Kanda, Ihala Bope, Udagama_New, Udagama R.E., Rupavahini-Hingurala Kanda, Water Mart	
2021-04-07	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : B.D.N. Rubber Factory Bulk & Distribution : Millewa Estate Distribution : siyabalawa, Udumulla New, Weragala R.E., Weragala Estate, Miriyagalla, Padukka Estate, Angamuwa Prime Land	
2021-04-08	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Beira Parawood, E.B.Creasy & Co., E.B.Creasy & Co.-Millewa, Pussellawa Farm-Udumulla, Stylish Casual Wear, Sankalpa Saw Mill Distribution : Angamuwa, Pittuhena, Arukwatta New, Telecom - Padukka, Liyanwala Disanayaka Pedesa, Padukka Town, Padukka Town New (Udumulla), Pinnakanatta-Millewa, Udumulla Junction, Millewa, Poregedara, Arukwatta, Kotigamgoda, Angamuwa New	
2021-04-21	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Rainbow Aqua Bulk & Distribution : Poly K . Lanka Distribution : Minvisithuru Village, Wewelpanawa, Uggalla, Uggalla_New	
BANDARAGAMA AREA	
Bandaragama CSC	
2021-04-01	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Kesbewa Rd.	
2021-04-03	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Kimcy (pvt) Ltd Distribution : Mahinda Mawatha, Danketiawatta, Kesbewa Rd., Mahagedarawatta, Mahinda Mw.Belikele, Batadombathuduwa	
2021-04-06	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Rich Colour Exports Distribution : kindelpitiya Junction, Welmillla, GETABADUWA JUNCTION-NEAR RICH COLOUR, Hemaloka Himi Mawatha, Senapura, Kindelpitiya New (wimala Mw.), Maningamuwa, Sumana Akmeemana Road	
2021-04-07	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Prashanthi Hall Bulk & Distribution : Wickrama Rubber Mills-Kumbuka, Wijaya Lanka Sportswear Garment Fa. Distribution : Somaliyawatta, Jeff Co, Kumbuka ii, Wanameekanda (Kumbukawatta)	
2021-04-19	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Rambukkana Sub., Massila i	
2021-04-21	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Lanka Transformers Ltd, David Peiris-Walgama, Chaina Harbour-Walgama, Wealth Fashion Distribution : Heangoda, Kanattagoda New, Kanattagoda Jayadagama, weedagama Lokapila, Batapota, Walgama Cemetery, Wewa Para, Baddegoda, Weediyaagoda, Betmegoda	
2021-04-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sancken Overseas, Sanchiya (pvt) Ltd/Original Apparel, Christy Leema, Sarwodaya, David Peiris Motor Company, H & H Fashion Bulk & Distribution : Woodstock Pvt Ltd Distribution : Alothiyawa-Galkade, Kamburugoda Cemetery, Medagama River Road, Kamburugoda, Aluthgama, Aluthgama-Ganthera, Gammanpila, Medagama	
2021-04-27	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Lakpa Footwear (pvt) Ltd, CHEMITRATE INDS. (PVT) LTD, Wijedasa Metal Crusher(Kandewatta) Bulk & Distribution : Greenway Distribution : THAMBANGODA, Godigamuwa, Walan Maduwa, Olaboduwa Hou.Schem	

2021-04-29	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Medi Tex-Mahabellana, Tofan Forms, Best Life International, Samaranyaka Rubber Mill Bulk & Distribution : Mahabellana Weaving Mill, Weediyaagoda Saw Mill Distribution : Mahabellana Thotupola Rd., Raja Samaranyake Rd., Aruggoda Deshan Junct., Ratiyalagoda New, H.Y. Rodrigo Mw., Janapadaya Junction, Ratiyalagoda, I.R Perera Mw., Mahawatta-Mahabellana, Cross Junction, Tissa Mawatha, Aruggoda	
Millaniya CSC	
2021-04-08	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Halthota, Kelesgamuwa-Welikala, Lagana, Lenawara Millaniya	
2021-04-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Econopack, Art Decoration Distribution : Pilekade, Galthude, Galthude-Maragashandiya, Bamunumulla	
HOMAGAMA AREA	
Homagama CSC	
2021-04-01	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cargills - Godagama, Singer Homes, Center for R & D - Army Signal Regiment Distribution : Godagama Borella Road, Panagoda Pelandagoda Jun. Romiyal, Godagama Junct., Keremulla, Mobitel (Godagama), Romiyel Mw. New, Willuda Uyana	
2021-04-03	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Bus Stand, J.K.Marketing - Makumbura, Sarasavi Industries, Sarasavi, Asoka Garment, Cargills Food City - Makumbura, Hilan Hospital New, Link Apparel, N.S.B. - Homagama, Nevop Corporation, Nuwan Sub, Hospital Junct. - Water Board, Midiya Ceramic, Modern Pack Lanka Ltd, Wilfred Company, Gunawardena, Upali Motors, Upali Newspaper Distribution : Mahakatuwana, Galawilawatta Hospital Junctio, Galawilawatta, Sarasavi, Wijaya Mawatha, Homagama New Bus Stand II, Vidarshana Mawatha, Walawwa	
2021-04-04	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Rapid Creation, Sisara Printers, Electro Metal Pressing, Leyland Factory, Tiran Tyreec, Asian Tyre, Bitumix Panagoda, Body Fab, Reb Mech, Rocell Bathware, Sachitha Plastic, Saneema Trading, DIL Foods, Noel Samaraweera, S & T Steel - Panagoda, Suneedha Metal (N.B.Newton), Bitumix, Gamage Enterprises, Seico Gas (Ovin Gas), Vicky Plantation, A.P.Lanka, Chandeepp, Sierra Ready Mix Bulk & Distribution : Industrial Complex, Rubco, Viridise Distribution : Industrial Complex, Pelandagoda	
2021-04-05	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Jambugasmulla, Galkanda Rd, Pubudu Uyana - Talagala Junction, Nuge New, Nuge	
2021-04-06	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Crown Crescent, Halwathkada Rd, Pasal Mw. - Teekotuwa, PUNCHIMUKALANA, Kurunduwatta	
2021-04-07	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Mount Clipper Distribution : Araliya Land, Rivinka Hotel, Wedage Mawatha, Magamma, Mount Clifford Magamma, Uduwana, Mount Clifford, Munasinghegama Housing Scheme, Magamma Temple, Regal Range - Batahena Road	
2021-04-08	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Hiripitiya, Mona Plastic, Neoprex, Senevi Rubber Mills, Raigam Soya, Deeped Product, Haykem, Reb Mech Distribution : Kithulawila Road, MINUWANDENIYA, Suwapubuduwegama New, Thoramulla, Deepangoda, Kiriwaththuduwa, Redeemudala - Delgahakanda, Suwapubudugama, Hiripitiya, SKY PARK 2, Bancon Watta, Jayagath Mawatha - Brahmanagama, Dolekade Junction, Dolekade New, Koswatta, Brahmanagama, Gangani Land, Govijanapadaya, Jambolagawatta, Munamalewatta, Kendaketiya, Yakahaluwa	
2021-04-09	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Hotel Green Court (near H'gama), Free Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Roshan Perera Bulk & Distribution : Hospital New Sub Distribution : Galawila Road, Pinketha, Malapalla, Wekada Road, Homagama Hospital	
2021-04-10	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Army Hospital, Army Camp Engineering, Army Camp GE Panagoda, Army Camp Panagoda HQ, Army Camp SLI, Army Camp Quarters	
2021-04-19	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Army Camp - Habarakada Side, Matro Engineering, Thudawe Brothers Distribution : Welikodaya Watta, Welipillewa, Panagoda Temple	
2021-04-20	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Homagama C.T.B., Hiripitiya, Kendalanda Army Quarters Distribution : Mawathagama New, Mawathagama Temple, Brahmanagama, Deepangoda, Jayagath Mawatha - Brahmanagama, Krushi Mawatha, Dolekade Junction, Jambolagawatta, Dolekade New, Hiripitiya	
2021-04-21	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Kajugahadeniya, Kandanawatta	
2021-04-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Diyagama New Playground, UOM NDT, Jayantha Rupasingha Distribution : Niyandagala, Commercial Credit - Magamma, Sauvsiri Uyana, Diyagama, Piskalwatta	
2021-04-23	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Universal Ceramic, Buddhist University, Laxapana Battery, Seylan Bank, Army Camp - Water Pump, Godagama Reach Hotel, Buddhist & Pali University Bulk & Distribution : Technical College Distribution : Pitipana Maitreedasa Mawatha, Amalya Hotel, Gabadawatta, Rodrigowatta, Gabadawatta 11, Gabadawatta Estate (Gurulugomi Mw), Godagama Textile	
2021-04-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Homagama Tele. Exchange, Prasad Textile, Subani Gamage, Cargills - Manathunga Mw, Arpico - Homagama, Cargills Food City, Geekiya, Highlevel Textile (Miyami Export), Bank of Ceylon, Homagama Court Complex, Henry & Co. (Robin Metal) Bulk & Distribution : Susipka, Unapandura Junction, Thermo Plastic, B.M.D.Asanka Jayasekara, Water Pump Distribution : Homagama Town Sub, Banks Sub, Kurunduwatta, Manathunga Mawatha, Millenium, PUNCHIMUKALANA, People's Bank, New Town - C.W.E., Ranasingha Sub, Wekanda Road (Wimana), Halwathkada Rd, Market Sub, NEAR HEALAN, Pasal Mw. - Teekotuwa, Mobitel - Wekanda Road, OLD BUS STAND HOMAGAMA, Walawwa Junction, Crown Crescent, Gemunu Mawatha - Pankotuwa, Homagama Station	
2021-04-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Satharasinhe Saw mills, Sithma Panagoda, Copper Craft, Darshana Printers, Manchee Fame, Shiny International, Avon Iplex, Finco, Form Chemi, MANCHEE BISCUITS, Orient Lanka, Outer circular Highway, PUBUDU ENGINEERING, RIDNAC, Hawk Helmet, HI Fashion Holdings, Lanka Auto Land, Nippon Marchi, Ranlanka Garment, Stylish Garment, Dic Lanka, Impression (Avery Dennison), International Foodstuff, Morex Lanka, Nofolle, Soft Shoe Lanka, U.S.N.Packaging, Vouge Pack, Finco Pvt Ltd, Flora Tissue, Hi Fashion Holdings, Innotech, J.B.Decorators, Machintec, Manchee, Reggee Advertising, 3K Holdings, Farmchemie, Inoku Packaging, Kings Food, Meg Paper, E.D.M.Packaging, Mapa Lanka, Norfolk Ltd, Penguin Industries, Polycrom, Pubudu Coating, Trans Lanka, Wichy Plantation Bulk & Distribution : Industrial Complex No.3 Distribution : Industrial Complex No.4, Manchee New, Industrial Complex No.1, Industrial Complex No.2	

2021-04-27	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : W.A.Perera, WAPCO CONCRETE, Asif Plastics, Janatha Finance Distribution : Sumanasekara Pura, Thuruliya Uyana, Yasawardanaramaya, Welipillewa 11	
2021-04-30	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Hiripitiya Distribution : Deepangoda, Hiripitiya, Brahmanagama, Dolekade Junction, Dolekade New, Jambolagawatta, Jayagath Mawatha - Brahmanagama	
Pannipitiya CSC	
2021-04-01	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Amith Chandima, Keels Super - Hokandara, Transnational Lanka, CARGILS FOOD CITY HOKANDARA, Eden Garden Distribution : Hokandara South, Singapura, West Wood Park, Parakrama Mw., Interbex, Samagi Mw, Awarihena Old, Awerihena New, Cemico, Samagi Mawatha - Hokandara	
2021-04-03	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Thushara Mw.	
2021-04-05	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cargills -Depanama, Prasadi Ranaweera, Cargills Pannipitiya, Meditation Centre- Weera Mawatha, Beauty Garment, Kadawatharachchi, Senok Tea Pvt. Ltd, Supply Room, M.T.V., Sathuta Bulders, Uniworkers, Sumanagiri Lanka (Multivision) Distribution : Trical Factory, Pasal Mw. - Kalalagoda, Isuru Mawatha, Araliya Uyana, Polwatta Samagi Mawatha, Weera Mawatha, Sri Nanda Jothikarama Road, Wele hanidiya - Polwatta, Depanama	
2021-04-06	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Prime express , Radakantha Niwasa, Prime Land - Mattegoda, Jayamuthugama, Sisil Sevana Garden	
2021-04-07	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Kottawa Interchange Distribution : Makumbura	
2021-04-19	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Telecom - Mattegoda, Mattegoda Housing Scheme No.1, Ordiant Garment, Gripnordic, Mattegoda Housing Scheme No.3, Cargills - Mattegoda, Sauri Printers, ALPHA FACTORY Bulk & Distribution : Mattegoda Housing Scheme No.4 Distribution : Mattegoda Finance, Mattegoda Housing Scheme No.2, Bandaranyaka pura - Mattegoda, Sandunpura	
2021-04-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Preethimahal, Vishwa Graphics, Kings Super, Salsa Villa Hotel, Lucky Homes, Mahalwarawa, Pannipitiya Medical center, Cargills Food City II, People's Bank Bulk & Distribution : Laugfs Super, Kottawa Old Distribution : Poragodella, Dharmapala School, Ratmaleniya Road, Koshena, Moraketiya New, Ratmaleniya, Kottawa - Highlevel Road, Sumana Aamarasekara	
2021-04-28	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Mattegoda Army Camp, Raksha Garment, Richard Peiris Co., Richard Peris Co. (Plastishells), L. A. W. Lankanatha, Arpitag, Richard Peris Co., Suntlet Tower, Wishwa Graphics Distribution : Mattegoda Temple S/S, Pubudu Mawatha, Siyabalagoda, Jayamuthugama, Jayapura, Prime Land - Mattegoda, Sambodiya Watta, Dikhenawatta, Vidyadeepa - Horana RD, Prime express , Salgas Junction, Sisil Sevana Garden, Prime Elsiem, Siyabalagoda New, Radakantha Niwasa, The Village	
2021-04-29	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Kanvin City, New City, Nugemulla, Dedigama Jewellers, Home Makers, Pasmanhandiya	
HORANA AREA	
Bulathsinghale CSC	
2021-04-01	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk & Distribution : Halwathura Farm II Distribution : Christombo Farm, Etakanda	
2021-04-04	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Aluthakanda	
2021-04-06	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Bothalegama Tea Factory Distribution : Bothalegama, Hillwood Estate, Hingurakanda	
2021-04-08	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Koongashenna, Navodya Gammanaya, Mahapiella, Halwathura Samagipura	
Horana CSC	
2021-04-01	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Hegatile, HALTHOTA SPRINGS, J.B. Metal Crusher Distribution : Gungamuwa, Sisilwatta, Welikala, Welikala New, wijemanna, Wijayamanna Rubber Mills, Sidurangala Watta, Ranpokuna Village	
2021-04-06	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : D.P.J. Barcode & Lable, Fal Fashion, Nature Secret Distribution : Gorakagoda, Gorokgoda II, Kuda Uduwa, Mabiliyakanda - Akkara 72, Weligampitiya, Malosela, Weligampitiya II	
2021-04-08	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Maha Uduwa, Sathsara Adawiya (Seetadola)	
2021-04-10	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Randara Distribution : Oviyagalala, Gewal 84 Tea Sakthi, Medankara College	
2021-04-16	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Weligampitiya, Weligampitiya II	
2021-04-20	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Base Hospital - Horana, Seven Super, MOH Office Distribution : Batagoda, Horana Hospital Road	
2021-04-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : JAYAWARDHANA ROCELL, Wijaya Radio, Co-operative - Horana, Dimuthu Products, Keels, Cargills Ravindra Kiriwaththuduwa, Farm Oil Factory, Pisco Lanka, Sorana Watta Bulk & Distribution : Ellakanda, Dikheha I Distribution : Udawatta Road, Labugama, Medi Health, Seelarathana, Udawatta - Dammarithana, WIJAYAMANNA, Horana New Bus Stand, Iiimba II (Eden Park), Isipathana, Dikheha II, Galkaduwa, Munagama CTB, Somananda Mw, Iiimba Junction, MAHAMEWANAWA, Dikheha III, Geladadugoda, Kirigala, Mahena, Mahena Wewa Paara	
2021-04-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Pisco Lanka, Horana - Telephone Exchange, Keels, Seven Super, Senato (pvt) Ltd, Sorana Watta, The Finance, Horana Cargills, People's Bank, Sri Lanka Telecom - Keselhenawa, Ama Fashion, MOH Office, Farm Oil Factory, New Ply (pvt) Ltd, B.A. Lalith Wijayasiri - Horana Town, CIB, Horana Boo Tree, Base Hospital - Horana, D. I. Garment, Texima Bulk & Distribution : Dikheha I, Ellakanda, Perera Studio - Horana, Bellapitiya Drug Stores, Horana Town Sub., Keselhenawa Pitimola	

Horana CSC	
2021-04-25	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Dombagoda Ganekanda, Horana Pola, MAHAMEWANAWA, Ariyawilasa, BELLAPITIYA TEMPLE ROAD, Ilimba II (Eden Park), Yala Mobitel, Dikhenha III, Horana Hospital Road, Ilimba Junction, Sahana Idam, Batagoda, Bus Stand, Good Hope Watta, Pethigamuwa kanda - Balasuriya, Sathosa Building, Kalunadegama - Ilimba II, Keselhenawa, Pethigamuwa, Prabuddagama, SUGATHA RASAYANA, Walpita, Munagama CTB, Super Market, Werawatta, Wewala Kanda, Yala I, Yala II, Yala Temple, Bus Stand UDA, Dikhenha II, Dombagoda Seelarathana, Grezeland, Kirigala, Remuna R.E.S.	
2021-04-27	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Fal Fashion Distribution : Weligampitiya II, Weligampitiya	
2021-04-29	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk & Distribution : Pinnakolawatta (Thalagala Rubber) Distribution : Olabodukanda, Cooray Watta, Thilinaapura	
Ingiriya CSC	
2021-04-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sunquick Lanka, Sussex College	
2021-04-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Body Line (pvt) Ltd, Sussex College, Body Line (pvt) Ltd II, Sunquick Lanka Bulk & Distribution : Sun Quick	
2021-04-30	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Arakawila	
SRI JAYAWARDANAPURA AREA	
Malabe CSC	
2021-04-01	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Asiri Industries, Comcol Polythene - Kahanthota Road, Camp Master, I. Ranathunga, M.I.T. Park, D.D. Dayarathne, Mahawela Road - Indian (P.V.Lanka), Pure Packaging, S & S Reefer Logistics, Ruwanthi Garment, Trimurti Lanka Distribution : Kahanthota R.E., Teamia Housing, Aron Perera, John Keells - Kahanthota, Mahawela New, Galwarusawa Junction, Kahanthota Malwatta Road, Cinec View Kahanthota - Namal Mawatha, DARMASHOKA MAWATHA (NEW -KAHANTHOTA ROAD), Halbarawa Keells Housing, Mirishena Off Kahanthota Road	
2021-04-03	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Abayapura	
2021-04-05	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Moratuena	
2021-04-06	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : MAHAJANA MAWATHA Bulk & Distribution : Polysack Distribution : Kammalwaththa - Waduramulla Juntion, Millennium - 04 (Kananththa), Oruwala Junction, Millennium - 05 (Abayathissa Mawatha), Lake Terrece, Mahajana Mawatha (New), MDH, Prime City - Mahajana Mawatha, New Dis. Sub near L N Polysak, Field View, Vidyala Mawatha, Millennium - 06	

2021-04-07	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : S.B. Mahalekam (Collection), Jay Jay Marketing - Pore, Food City - Athurugiriya, K.R. Pathberiya, Rathna Printers, PRINT XCEL(PVT) LTD, Sathosa Bulk & Distribution : Bakmeegaha Road (B.I.H.) Distribution : Koskandawila, Boralugoda Kananththa, C Jayasinghe (Samanala Mawatha), Jayanthi Road Junction, Lotus Garden, Mega City - Athurugiriya, Millennium - 08, Thalathena Temple, Bakmeegaha Road, Bakmeegaha Road 02, Pore Temple, Athurugiriya Town, ATHURUGIRIYA-II	
2021-04-08	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Jayanthi Road Junction, Gamini Enterprises Muththetugoda, Muththetugoda New	
2021-04-09	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Alucop Cable, Sierra Industries Bulk & Distribution : N D Plastic Distribution : Ranasinghe Waththa (Shelton Palihena), Oruwala Junction, Galwarusawa Junction, Prime Pinnecl, Koratota Ayurvedaya, New Dis. Sub near N D Plastic, Pahalagama watta	
2021-04-22	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Pahalagama watta, Rathuwila watta	
2021-04-23	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : MAHAJANA MAWATHA Bulk & Distribution : Polysack Distribution : New Dis. Sub near L N Polysak, Oruwala Junction, Millennium - 04 (Kananththa), Millennium - 06, Kammalwaththa - Waduramulla Juntion, Millennium - 05 (Abayathissa Mawatha), Mahajana Mawatha (New), MDH, Prime City - Mahajana Mawatha, Vidyala Mawatha	
2021-04-24	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Cinec View Kahanthota - Namal Mawatha, Mahawela New	
2021-04-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Dialog - Shanthalokagama, Pathberiya, N.I.P.M, CARGILLS ATHURUGIRIYA-II, Oruwala Water Board, Nandasiri - Athurugiriya, S.B. Mahalekam (Collection), Sampath Timber-Athurugiriya, Sathosa, Cargills - Millennium City Bulk & Distribution : Cargills - Santhalokagama Distribution : Athurugiriya Town, C Jayasinghe (Samanala Mawatha), Magnet Wire, Rathuwila watta, Stalmage, Abayapura, ATHURUGIRIYA-II, Commercial Bank - Athurugiriya, Lake Terrece, Mailangama, Millennium - 01, Field View, Gnanawimala Mawatha, Moratuena Jaya Mw, Mega City - Athurugiriya, Millennium - 03, Millennium - 08, Moratuena, New Moratuena Temple, Warakanaththa Prime Land, Millennium - 09, Pahalagama watta, Millennium - 10, Paradise City, Olympas	
2021-04-27	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Wandelight	
2021-04-28	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Field View, Stalmage, Udawaththa	
2021-04-29	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Susithapura, Pore Temple	
2021-04-30	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Kahanthota R.E., Anura Mawatha - Kottawa Road	
Thalangama CSC	
2021-04-02	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Bandarawatta, Weera Lable, Grindail Distribution : Etisalat Lanka (pvt)Ltd -Dialog Tower, Celinco New (Pipe Road), Pipe Road (Ekamuthu Mw), Richad De Soysa, Pipe Road II	

2021-04-03	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : International Trimming Distribution : I. V. Y. Park, Jothikaramaya, Ruhunu Pura, WEERASEKARA MAWATHA, Hokandara Road (Nimal R Peris), Siripura, U.D.A - W 'singhepura	
2021-04-06	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Bankhill Garden, Rathnayaka Mawatha, S.L. Army - Rathnayaka Mw	
2021-04-10	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Pothuarawa New, Akuregoda, Mandakini Housing Scheme, Wewa Road, Sama Padanama	
2021-04-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Agriculture Ministry, Speakers House, RAVI KARUNANAYAKE, Sanjeeva Samaranyake, Sri Jayawardanapura GRID, Land Commissioner Distribution : Edirisinghe Housing Scheme, Timber Corpor.Rajamalwatta	
Welivita CSC	
2021-04-01	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Kambojaye Temple, Jayakamala Metral, Multi Steel (Sri Industrial Corporation), N & A Engineering, Lufo Chunge, C E B Vegetable (Consulates Business Systems), Chico Pump House, Dialog Axia, Rohana OII (V k Enter), South Asian Institute (Medicine) Bulk & Distribution : Z Metal Industries, Rohana Metal Distribution : Ashokaramaya, The Finance -Pulunkanatta, Asokarama Road Bomiriya, Bomiriya Maha Vidyalaya, Rassapana Old, Waikkiya Watta - Ilukmandiya, Horizon Drive, Rassapana - Paththinimathagama, Ubaya Metal	
2021-04-04	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Dishahena Wewa Road	
2021-04-05	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Supul (P.K.Sunil), Near Telecom, KEELS-ANGODA Distribution : Rahula Road, Wimalaramaya, Kumara Mawatha, Siri Parakum Mawatha - Mulleriyawa, Telecom	
2021-04-09	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Accessory Network, J F I Printers, Metroof, B.G.S.Niroshana, Cyntacy Factory, Star Garment, Amalgamated Buliding - Iron Factory Bulk & Distribution : Sumanathissa Mawtha (N J N Enter) Distribution : Sumanathissa Vidyalaya, Beauty Furniture, Sumanajothi Mawatha, Celltel Sub, Sumanathissa, Nawagamuwa Devalaya, Nawagamuwa Junction, Wadurammulla	
2021-04-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cyntacy Factory, B.G.S.Niroshana, Star Garment, Accessory Network, Amalgamated Buliding - Iron Factory, Metroof, Nimal Enterprises, Nimal Enterprises, J F I Printers Bulk & Distribution : Hainnan Lanka (Cycle Factory), Sumanathissa Mawtha (N J N Enter) Distribution : Beauty Furniture, Sumanajothi Mawatha, Sumanathissa Vidyalaya, Nawagamuwa Junction, Sumanathissa, Wadurammulla, Celltel Sub, Nawagamuwa Devalaya	
2021-04-29	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Metroof, Nimal Enterprises, Nimal Enterprises, J F I Printers, Accessory Network, Cyntacy Factory, B.G.S.Niroshana, Amalgamated Buliding - Iron Factory, Empire Tea, Star Garment, Tea Hereby Bulk & Distribution : Sumanathissa Mawtha (N J N Enter), Hainnan Lanka (Cycle Factory) Distribution : Celltel Sub, Nawagamuwa Junction, Sumanathissa, Nawagamuwa Devalaya, Wadurammulla, Bandaranyaka Walawwa, Millennium Teas, Sumana Mawatha, Sumanathissa Vidyalaya, Beauty Furniture, Sumanajothi Mawatha	

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**Bid Invitation for the Sale of Waste Materials
Suitable for animal fodder,
generated from the Thriposha Factory and
other discarded items.
(Biannual) - 2021**

1) Sealed quotations will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Thriposha Limited for the disposal of the undermentioned waste material, generated from the Thriposha Factory at Jaela, suitable for animal fodder and other discarded items, up to 2.00 p.m. on 08th April 2021.

01. Waste materials suitable for animal fodder

- Maize Soya mixture removed sweepings - Dry (In tablets / strips)
- Maize Soya mixture removed sweepings - wet (in tablets / strips) Grade I (wet) Grade II (liquidize)
- Thriposha powder
- a) Soya Hulls Grade I and Soya Hulls Grade II
b) Maize hulls / pieces

02. Other (discarded) waste items

- Used empty milk powder paper bags
- Used corrugated boxes and cardboard
- Waste paper
- Used Polythene
- Paper Reels (Rolls)
- Used empty polybags - Soya/maize
- Used empty poly bags - mineral

2) Relevant bid documents can be obtained from the Admin Section of the Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited, P.O. Box 17, Kapuwatta, Jaela, up to 07th April, 2021, on weekly working days, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m., on submission of the receipt received from the Shroff of the Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited on payment of a non refundable fee of **Rs. 4,000/=** by cash, along with written request letter.

3) All bids should either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited, P O Box 17, Kapuwatta, Jaela or placed in the bid box kept at the Admin Section of the Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 08th April, 2021. The cover containing the bid should be clearly marked, "Bid Invitation for the sale of waste materials suitable for animal fodder and other discarded items (Biannual) - 2021" at the left side top corner.

4) Acceptance of bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 08th April 2021 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the undermentioned address. Bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the bid opening.

5) Further details relevant to this can be obtained from the Senior Manager on telephone Nos. 011-2236588 / 011-2237418.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited,
P.O. Box 17,
Kapuwatta, Jaela.**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for Bids

**State Ministry of Rural & Regional Drinking Water Supply
Project Development**

Department of National Community Water Supply

The Chairman of the Department Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following works:

Name of Contract	Qualifications	Bid Security Requirement (Rs.) (Bank Guarantee & Validity period)	Non Refundable Fee(Rs.)	Bid validity period (Day's)	Place of Issuing of Document & Contract Person And bid closing date
Design, construction, supply, installation and commissioning water treatment plant Contract No:DNCWS/PRO/2021/WT /01	1. Minimum 5 years experience in water quality improvement works.	Lot A- 260,000.00 Lot B-185,000.00 Lot C-255,000.00 Lot D-300,000.00 (Valid up to 27/07/2021)	20,000.00	91	Place of Issuing of Document & Contract Person Director (procurement) Department of National Community Water Supply, No.1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawatugoda TP 0112774927 Bid closing date and time 20 th of April 2021, 10.00 A.M.

General instructions and conditions for above subject

Instructions:

- Bidding Documents will be issued on submission of a written application on the applicant's letterhead and deposited slip of non refundable fee (Director General, Department of National Community Water Supply, Account No:-0007040440) to the Department of National Community Water Supply.
- Bidding Documents can be collected between 09.00 hours & 15.00 hours up to 19th of April 2021 on normal working days (please make an appointment to collect documents via telephone).
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Department of National Community Water Supply and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.
- Duly completed bids shall be either deposited in the Tender Box which is placed in the 2nd floor of the department or dispatched by registered post or courier to the address given below at or before 10.00 a.m. on 20th of April 2021
- All bids will be opened at the same address on 20th of April 2021 at 10.15 a.m. in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.
- Bid security should be addressed to Director General, Department of National Community Water Supply, No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawatugoda.

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Department of National Community Water Supply,
No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawatugoda
29/03/2021**

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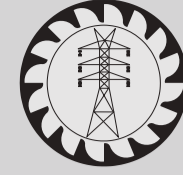
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WESTERN PROVINCE NORTH - APRIL 2021

KELANIYA AREA	
Mawaramandiya CSC	
2021-04-03	08.30-17.00
Samadana Mawatha.	
2021-04-05	08.30-17.00
Towards Kottunna Tank, towards Mihidu Vidyalaya, towards Kottunna wewa, Bekery Rd, Around Bandara Saw Mill area, Samagi Mw, Kalyani Mw, towards Yatawatta Rd, Jana jaya Mw, Sama Mw, Towards Yatawaththa Rd, towards Sama Mw, Yatawatta Rd, towards Samagi Mw.	
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00
Interrupted Locations: Towards Sapumal uyana, Kithsiri pedesa, gurugedara circuler Rd, Obawatta J/N, Udana Mw & Pinlinda area, Dewamiththa Aramaya, Dewamiththa Place & Thai temple Area, towards Waduwegama, Siyabalape J/N area, Kurusa kanuwa church, Walahena, towards Mabima J/N, towards Mihidu vidyalaya, Kanaththa J/N, Central Rd, Garden Rd & towards Keselpadura J/N.	
2021-04-08	08.30-17.00
Udaya Mawatha I, II, III lane, Isuru Mw, Pelengahahena junction, Vilahena towards Pelengahahena, towards Makola Y J/N, I, II lane, III, IV lane & towards Amarasooriya Car sale, towards Anagarika Dharmapala Mw, Around Janaka printers, Sath sewa Mw, towards Central Collage, Denimulla Rd, towards Vilahena, Kariyapperu Mw, Temple area.	
2021-04-09	08.30-17.00
Towards Thai temple, Gunasiri bekera Rd & Dewatakade Rd, towards Obawaththa J/N.	
2021-04-20	08.30-17.00
Interrupted Locations: Gamunu Mw, towards Highway, Jayantha Mw & towards Biyagama vile , Yatawaththa Rd.	
2021-04-25	08.30-17.00
Denimulla, towards Power house, towards Cemetery, Parana Siyabalape Rd & towards Naragala, Along Dalugala Rd towards Naragala & Janashakthi Mw towards Galwala Rd, Dallugala Rd, Samurdhi Mw Mahena rd towards Denimulla, Atapanvila Rd, towards Daranagama, Atapanvila Rd, towards Ambalama J/N, Towards Kottunna Tank, towards Mihidu Vidyalaya, towards Kottunna wewa, Bekery Rd, Around Bandara Saw Mill area, Samagi Mw, Kalyani Mw, towards Yatawatta Rd, Jana jaya Mw, Sama Mw, Towards Yatawaththa Rd, towards Sama Mw, Yatawatta Rd, towards Samagi Mw.	
2021-04-30	08.30-17.00
Thai Temple J/N, Kalyani Mw, Wakkadawela Rd, Watthurapatha, Ranaviru Sampath Mw, towards Thai temple, Gunasiri bekera Rd & Dewatakade Rd, towards Obawaththa J/N, Gamini Metal Crusher, Mazda to plastic, Mabima J/N, Highway Area.	
Delgoda CSC	
2021-04-01	08.30-17.00
Hunu Puranuwa, Udupila Hospital, Balukandeniya Road, Udupila Temple Area.	
2021-04-03	08.30-17.00
Jaya Mawatha, Galhena Road, Meditation Center Road, Subaddarama Mawatha, Palitha Gunasekara Rd, Daranagama J/N, Around Daranagama Cemetery, Daranagama Temple Area, Jeewana Housing scheme, Daranagama Salgaha Area, Gonahena Rd, 5th Mill Post, Hettiyagama Junction Area, Hettiyagama, towards bakery, Community Center area, Ranasinghe Mw, Indunil Mw, Daranagama School area, Sudagama, Maharawatta, Isuru childrens orphanage, Plant nurcery, Goldenwatta, Nagawananama Temple Rd, Priyankara Mw, Diewala Aramaya Rd, Dewala Rd, Mawaramandiya J/N, Rajahena Rd, Moragala Temple Area, Unidile Factory Area.	
2021-04-05	08.30-17.00
Sirimangala Rd, Parakadamulla Rd, Kithulakanda, Nape Rd, Gamamedia Rd.	
2021-04-06	08.30-17.00
Mahena Temple, Auction land, Sanasa Bank, Mahena Auction land.	
2021-04-09	08.30-17.00
Pelahala, Pelahala Niwasa pha area.	
2021-04-19	08.30-17.00
Interrupted Locations: Around Udayangani Shop, Kekuna Uyana Auction land, Around Siyabalape Temple, Waduwegama Dewala Rd, Samagi Kade Area, New Kandy Rd, Waduwegama Junction Area, Siyabalapewatta, Udara Mw, Lakmini Mw, Around Laksanda Storse, Dewala Rd, Siyabalapewatta, Siyabalapewaththa Temple Area, Ranawiru Upul Wasantha Rd, Siyabalape, Primeland Auction land, Siyabalapewatta School, Around Subadarama School, Gollumhahara, OKC school Area, Ranketha auction Land, Hapugahawatta road, Delgoda Timber Mill, New Kandy Road.	
2021-04-20	08.30-17.00
Pinkowatta auction land, Suramya Pedesa, Around Weliveriya School, Etikehelgalla, Siyabalagahamula Rd, Pihibiyyawatta Rd, Gamamedia Rd, Etikehelgalla J/N, Temple Area, Nelligahahena Metal Crusher Rd, Ibulu Junction, Samurdhi Bank Rd, Around Temple Area, Pubudu Auction land, Around Kanda Temple, Around Henegama School, Henegama, DC Mill, Irahadayawatta Rd, Kahatana Rd, Senevirathna saw mill Area, Rodahenawatta Auction Land.	
2021-04-21	08.30-17.00
Alikandahena Rd, Demalagama School area, Baduwatta School area, Pelahala.	
2021-04-25	08.30-17.00
Hunu Puranuwa, Udupila Hospital, Balukandeniya Road, Udupila Temple Area, Jayasumanarama Temple Area, Kammalwatta, Kambikotuwu Rd, Akurumulla Temple area, Dewalaya Rd, Green Garden Auction Land, Nagahamula Junction, Kroprel Samansiri Mw, Kajuwatia Cemetery Rd, Ahugammana Temple, Community Hall Area, Ahugammana, Thunadahena, Military Camp Area, Naranwala road, Ambalama area, Guruge Temple Rd, Lansiyahena, Around Hunuporanuwa, Ranawirugama, Jayamanna Amarasena Mw, Isikilikanda Temple area, Dolewta, Hithagal, Suriyathanna Oction land, New Kandy Road, Near Polhena Kede, Naranwala area, Lesli Gunartatne Mw, Delgoda Ground Area, Alubowila Cemetery Rd, Kumara Mw, Padmanandani Mw, Comiunity Area, Delgoda Piriwena Area, Walawatta auction land.	
Kirillawala CSC	
2021-04-01	08.30-17.00
Interrupted Locations: N.M.S. Perera Mw, Pivithuru place, Pradeshiya Saba Rd, Ranmuthugala, Vihara Mw, Akkara 5 Rd, Amara Mw, Adasiyawasgama Rd, Nadungahahena Rd, Sudarshanarama Rd, Gallinda Rd, Thissa Mw, Kopyiyawatta.	
2021-04-03	08.30-17.00
Kadawatha Court area, Timber Corporation, Niroshan Chamathkara Mw, Vimukthi place, Gunarathne Mw, Vihara Mw, Mankada Rd, Pinalhiya Rd, Kadawatha police area, Kadawatha Town near Underground Rd, Halgasdeniya Rd, Pinalhiya Rd, Mahawela Rd, Jayawardhana Mw, Dewala Rd, Pushparama Rd, Pushparama temple Rd, Elisabeth Perera Mw, Exsath suba sadaka Mw, Kandy Rd, Asiri Mw, Malwaththa Rd, Mahara J/N, From Mahara Junction to Kumara Collage, Jinasena Mw, Mahara Mihidu Mw, Katukurunda Rd.	
2021-04-05	08.30-17.00
Rapiyel Thennakon Mw, Renagala Rd, Atoravila Rd, Gamamada Rd, Andonis Mw, Adonis Mw.	
2021-04-06	08.30-17.00
From Pemananda Mw towards Mahakade & Mawaramandiya, Keselwatta, Dharmashoka Mw, Janatha Mw, Gramasanwardhana Mw, Jambugas waththa, Towards Biyanvila Temple.	

2021-04-07	08.30-17.00
Vijerathne place, Horahena rd, Galawaththa rd, Luhu Engineer Rd, Cemetery Rd, Kanda Rd, Koongahahena Rd, Uruwel Mw.	
2021-04-08	08.30-17.00
Jubily Mw, Weedi Rd, Nadungamuwa Rd, Wanatha Rd, Uruwela Rd, Palliyawatta Rd, Dawatagahawatta Rd, Dispencery Rd, Waliwatta Rd, Kubukkate Auction land, Temple Rd, Jayanthi Mw, Helanwatta Rd, Weliveriya Town, Wawewatta Rd.	
2021-04-10	08.30-17.00
Mudalige Mw, Mangala Mw, Seram Mw, Mangala Mw, School Lane, Exsath Mw, Dharmadarshi Mw, Mahasen Mw, Gamini Mw, Dewala Rd, Batahena Rd , Pola Rd, Bangalawatta, Mahawaththa Rd, Meditation Centre.	
2021-04-17	08.30-17.00
Ranweli Place, Around Kadawatha Salinda Super, Andruss Mw, Galwala Rd, Somavansa Mw, Manadolawatta Rd, Jaya Mw, Around Singer Mega, Sunetharama Mw, Subodha Mw, Vidyalaya Mw, Nikado Rd, Peramuna Mw, Nasewana Rd, Kadawatha Bodhiya Area, Galroda Rd, Maitthree Mw, Mahabodi Mw, Wanigasooriyawatta, Kopyiyawaththa, Mihidu Mw, Kopyiyawatta, Exsath Suba Sadaka Mw, Kandy Rd, Asiri Mw, Malwaththa Rd, Mahara J/N, From Mahara Junction to Kumara Collage, Jinasena Mw, Mahara Mihidu Mw.	
2021-04-19	08.30-17.00
Dharmashoka Mw, Vijaya Mw, Kusum Mw, Bulugahawatta Rd, Delgahawaththa Rd, Bulugahawaththa Rd.	
2021-04-20	08.30-17.00
River Rd, Sujith Kekulawala Mw, Nagahakubura Rd, Hamugehena Rd, Isikilikanda Rd.	
2021-04-22	08.30-17.00
Koongahahena Rd, Uruwel Mw.	
2021-04-24	08.30-17.00
Kirillawala Mangala Mw, Wewahena Rd, A.G.A. Office Rd, Batahena Rd, Alhenwatta Rd, Luckey teruss, Sampath Uyana, Rajasinghe Mw, Church Rd, Ranaviru Mw, Ranmuthugawatta, Nidahas Mawatha, Luthinal Nishshanka Mw, Atoravila Rd, Gamamada Rd, Andonis Mw, Adonis Mw, Rapiyel Thennakon Mw, Renagala Rd, From Weboda Rd up to Temple, Jayanthi place, Jayanthi place, Nagenahira Mawatha, Japan Temple, Kirillawala Bangalawaththa, Chandana Uyana.	
2021-04-25	08.30-17.00
Katukurundawatta, Pubudu Mw, Keselwatta Green lake park, From Pemananda Mw towards Mahakade & Mawaramandiya, Keselwatta, Dharmashoka Mw, Janatha Mw, Gramasanwardhana Mw, Jambugas waththa, Towards Biyanvila temple, Batapotha Rd, Samagi Mw, Waboda Rd, Gonahena Rd, Around Sooriyaarachchi Collage Area, Balawega Rd, Panyarathana Mw, Madatiyagahawatta Rd, Samagi Mw, Cemetery Rd, Ruppagoda Rd, Alahenwaththa Rd, Rosewood park, New city garden, Richway park, Kaballahanawatta, Bangalawatta, Nagenahira Mw, Uruwela Mw.	
2021-04-28	08.30-17.00
Batapotha Rd, Samagi Mw, Waboda Rd, Gonahena Rd, Around Sooriyaarachchi Collage Area, Balawega Rd, Panyarathana Mw, Andruss Mw.	
2021-04-29	08.30-17.00
Pushparama Rd, Mahawela Rd, Pushparama Temple Rd, Halgasdeniya Rd, Pinalhiya Rd, Ranweli Place.	
2021-04-30	08.30-17.00
Vihara Mw, Akkara 5 Rd, Amara Mw.	
JA ELA AREA	
Ja Ela CSC	
2021-04-20	08.30-17.00
CTB Junction, around Adi 60 temple Rd, Agaradaguru Mawatha, Raja Mw, Alexandra watta , Kanuwana Araliya Uyana, Raja Mw, Richard Pieris junction, around Nisansala children Home, Araliya Uyana, ULL Perera Mw, GLL Perera Mw, around Marist brothers farm, around Christ King College, from Marist brothers Farm to Thudella railway station, Gallawatta, SLBC, HPT watta, Gallawatta, Raja Mawatha, Dmbaduraya, Pethum Piyaasa, around Home Field Hotel, Spring park, Raja watta Terrace, around Home field Hotel, Heritage park, Peela Junction, Lahuwala Road, Udammitta Junction, Church Junction, Around Melbone factory & Ravi Factory, Gallawatta, A part of Adi 60 Rd, Gallawatta, Madama Junction, Maithee Mw, Sinaman Garden auction Land, Ekala Industrial Zone, Pola Junction, Jositawatta, Kudahakapola, Ranasinghe Homes, Raja Mw, Melwatta, HPT watta, Boopitiya Junction, Thuduwa Road, Kalwari road, Nildirigama, Weliketiya, around Gonsalwass school, around Pamunugama Church, Mahawatta, Suruwala, Weliketiya children Home Rd, Edigaslanda Rd, Weliketiya, around Gonsalwass school, around Pamunugama Church, Mahawatta, Suruwala, Sedawatta Road, around Pamunugama Brige, Wahatiyagoda, Bake House Junction, Elen Egoda, around Villa Palma Hotel, Sedawatta, Suruwala, Mahawatta Road, Sebastian church, Sarakkuwa, Fathima Rd, Boopitiya Junction, Police road, Kurusa Junction, around Boopitiya Church, around Pulluhena brige, Kunjawatta, Jubili Mw, St. Maria Rd, Jude Mw, from Pulluhena Grama Sanwardana Mw to Pulluhena brige, around Boopitiya cemetery, Vijaya road, around Pubudugama Church, Nugape junction, Pubudugama, towards Uswetakeiyawa canal, Eppamulla junction, around Jude church , Sagarasirigama, Pulluhena Brige area, Navy Camp area, Bimpandura, Idigaslanda Bridge Road, around Nugape Agricultural Centre, Jayasinghe Mw, Christ King Mw, around Thdella Railway Station, Thudella Fishing Workshop & Jayasumanarama Temple, Kudahakapola.	
Wattala CSC	
2021-04-05	08.30-17.00
Coktain Mw, around Leporsy Hospital, Hospital Lane, Weliamuna, Hekitta Rd with by roads, Boogahawatta, Bunt Rd, Elakanda, Nimala Maria Mw, Ela Rd, Balagala Rd, Higgahawatta, Senavirathne Rd, Nimala Maria Mw, Sani Gunawardana Mw, KG Rd, Weliamuna, Gurugewatta, Klif Tex Rd, Kamen Rd, Hekitta Temple Rd, Alwiswatta, Coktain Mw, , Palliyawatta , St. Jusewas Place, Camen Rd, Modarawatta, Lanka meni Mw, Bekary Rd, Madangahawatta, Siril Peris Mw, Lansiyawadiya, Elakata Rd, Tan Lanka Rd, Don Bosko Mw.	
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00
Gongithota, Sampaya Mw, Paranakanda, Dawatagahawatta, Thembiliwatta, Mahesh Niroshan Ranaviru Mw, Paranakanda, Gongithota, Appugewatta, from highway upto Ederamulla Railway Station Substation, Paranakanda, Sunanda Mw, around Ruwanwala play ground, Eksatha Mw, around Gongithota Temple, Bank Lane, Gongithota Main Rd.	
2021-04-20	08.30-17.00
Kadalawala, Dombagahawatta, Parana Ambalama, Mottan pandura.	
2021-04-23	08.30-17.00
Jaya Mawatha, Paris Piyagama, St. Marry's Rd, Moyawatta Rd, Pinimuthu Mw, Aluth Akkara, Ela Rd, Delagahawatta, Thaldiyawatta, Lunawa, Moya Road, St. Marry's Rd, Uswetakeiyawa, Farm Watta, St. Maria Rd, St. Anthony's Janapadaya, Boopitiya Rd, Cardinal Coray Mw, Elabadawatta, Balagala Rd, Prime Land auction Land, Balagalawatta, Benadic Jayathilaka Mw, Prithipura Janapadaya, Werala Rd, Koriyan Church, Ela para, Higgahawatta, Elakanda, Nimala Maria Mw, Elabadawatta, Samupakarawatta, Maragahawatta, Dikowita Cemetery.	
2021-04-27	08.30-17.00
Hekitta Rd, Bunt Road.	
2021-04-28	08.30-17.00
Royal Pearl Garden all lanes with Gaweners park.	

Ragama CSC	
2021-04-03	08.30-17.00
Around Rehabilitation Hospital, around Ranaviru Sewana, around Mr. Pitigala's home, around Mel Garment, Horape Wanatha area, around Bandaranyake college, around Thuduwe Gedara Church, around Isipathanaramaya Temple, around Raja's Grocery, around Heenkenda, Amarathunga Mw, around Sudhamma's Grocery, around Horape railway station, around Karuna Muditha area, a part of Ragama Town, Rampitiya Rd, Adhakotuwa Rd, Lanka Matha Rd, a part of Ragama Town, towards Basilica school, Samagipura, Around Horape temple, towards Basilica playground, Janapriya Mw, Sahana Mw, Suhada Mw, Pubudu Mw, a part of Kadawatha Rd, Around Gemunu Volly Ball Ground, Samupakara Mw, Around Hettiarachchi Hardware, behind Lasaras School.	
2021-04-10	08.30-17.00
Dewananda Mawatha, Mr. Richad's Grocery Round Area, a part of Mr. Dore's home Rd, Vehicle Service Round Area.	
2021-04-19	08.30-17.00
Kandana Rd, Mr. Meril's Home Rd, Florida state, Garment Junction, Mr. Jackson Anthony's home Road, Etakorasa, Ravi Kumara Mw, around Jayashigama play ground, Kapuwa Wewa, Batalanda, Puneelawatta, around Boys Town, Polagahahena, Podiweekumbura, Jayasri Gama, Delgahawatta, Central Park, Prasansaramaya, Puneelawatta, Batalanda, Boys Town, Caritas Village , Bathgammulla Juncton, Aluth Mw, Etakorasa, Kapuwa Wewa, Ulpaha Kumbura, Garment Junction, Gane para, Ketagewatta, Sarasavi Uyana, Ragama Town around Market.	
2021-04-27	08.30-17.00
Around Thewatta church, Ransiri Mw, Walpola Rd, Zoysa Home Rd, around Ihalagama Temple, Jinasena Mw, around Ihalagama Wewa, Ihalagama, around Police station Ragama, Kurusa Junction, Zoysa homes, Sadaham Mw, Pradeepa lane, Udara Mw, , Ambalama Junction, Gemunu Mw, around Thewatta Church, Dambuwa, Ambalama Junction, Siyabalagahawatta Rd, Vihara Mw, towards Bulath Rani's home, Dhama Siddhi Mw, Dharmapala Mw, Nugawela, Jhone Keels Housing scheme, around Negenahiru play Ground, Batepola housing schem, Gemunu Mw, around Sesatha Grocery, Dangahawela, Darshana Mw, Dangahawela Temple Rd, Welipillewa Road, around Dilshani reception Hall, Millagahawatta Rd, Boo Kotuwa RD, old Gampaha Rd, around Chuti Mudalali's Grocery, Welipillewa.	
2021-04-28	08.30-17.00
Vijitha Mw, around Sena grocery, Samagi Mw, Deniya Rd, around Vil Mudalali's Grocery, Maskade Junction, around Kolikuttu Kadaya, around Kavisha reception hall, Jaya Mw, around Vajira Wanshararamaya, around Liyana Housing Scheme, Jayakodi Mw, Polpithimukalana, around Mr. Rohitha Sirwardhana's home, around Walpola Kandana Road 1st post, Polgahahena.	
2021-04-29	08.30-17.00
Lake side housing scheme, Polhena Rd, Sirwardhana Rd, Mukalana Junction, School lane, Pubudu Mw, around Mr. Athor's home , Batuwatta school lane, around Walpola railway Station , Soomaweera Mw, Ukgashena, Idigahamula Rd, Abesekara Mw, Mai Gaha Junction, Batuwatta town, Liyana homes, Walpola.	
2021-04-30	08.30-17.00
Batuwatta, Vijitha Mw, Maitthree Mawatha, around Batuwatta Cemetery, Kendaliyeddapaluwa Rd, Galahitiyawa Rd, Mihindu Mw, Sanwardana Mw, Subasinhe Mw, around Meddegoda Temple, Sunlight Garden, Batepola Homes, around Batuwatta cemetery, D.S. Senanayake Mw, Ranaviru Mw, around Meddegoda school, Vijitha Mawatha, Sama Mw, from Transformer Junction towards Thewatta, around Mr. Nimal's home, around Lathi's home, Nugawela, Chals Guruge Mw, Ranaviru Mw, around Karunarathne School, around Narangodapaluwa Primary School, around Walpola Railway Station, Shakthi Mw, Weerarathne Mw, around Kumara Kadaya, Siril Perakum Mw.	
GAMPAHA AREA	
Gampaha CSC	
2021-04-03	12.00-17.00
Wathumulla, Randeniya Mill, Doranagoda, Kajuhen,	
2021-04-03	08.30-17.00
Pitiyagedara, Ihalagama III.	
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00
Kaberikanda, Udugampola School, Kehelbaddara, Madelgamuwa, Batapotha, Dewala Mawatha, Kash Garment, Fruit and Nut, Othar Road, Madelgamuwa Kurusa junction, RT industries, Sterline packaging, Botanical Garden, Botanical Road, Aluminium Shop, Makwaththa, Akra Bakery, Dombawala, Samagi Mawatha, Udugampola.	
2021-04-07	12.00-17.00
Botanical Garden, Botanical Road, Aluminium Shop, Makwaththa, Akra Bakery, Dombawala, Samagi Mawatha, Udugampola.	
2021-04-08	08.30-17.00
Church Road, Vijaya Road, Wimalasooriya (Palliya Road), Oruthota Road, Rajapaksha Memorial Foundation, Pathum Garment, Mahawaththa, Madugahamula, Rajasinghe Industrial, Lumbini, Church Road, Jayakodiwaththa, Siyane Road, Church Road, Vijaya Road, Sumedha College.	
2021-04-08	12.00-17.00
Siyane Road, Church Road, Vijaya Road, Sumedha College.	
2021-04-09	12.00-17.00
Moragoda, Mudungoda, CR Export, Pahala Yagoda, Nildiyasewana, Jayasumanaramaya.	
2021-04-29	08.30-17.00
Thammita, Madelgamuwa.	
2021-04-30	08.30-17.00
Udugampola Power Loom, Pedipola, Galpootha Junction, Clear Water, Doranagoda, Kajugolla.	
Yakkala CSC	
2021-04-05	08.30-17.00
Waduwa, Neelammahara, Suntel Buthpitiya, Pasgammana, Kalugolla, Maligathenna, Malwaththiripitiya, Doranadiwela.	
2021-04-06	12.00-17.00
Rathna Saw Mill, Amunugoda, Rajasinghe Mawatha, Belimal Uyana, Imbulgoda Kings gate, Laknara.	
2021-04-09	12.00-17.00
Jayasumanaramaya.	
2021-04-23	12.00-17.00
Baliwila, Olinco.	
2021-04-29	08.30-17.00
Hansagiri Road, Bandiyamulla, Regent International College, Werellawaththa, Keels, Youth Groupcenter, Hardware corperation, Lanlo, CTB Yard, Politexgarment, Werellawaththa, Technical College, Henpittamulla, Pituwalgoda, Arpico, Chandrajothi, Sampath Bank, New Shopping Complex, Yakkala Town, Mahathuwa, Chandanagama, Ranaviru Apperal, Batagolla, Glitz park, Pituwalgoda, Galthotamulla, Sanasa, Luisawaththa.	
2021-04-30	08.30-17.00
Rathupawala.	

Ganemulla CSC	
2021-04-03	08.30-17.00 Thibbatugoda.
2021-04-06	08.30-17.00 Polgahawatha, Bollatha, Kudabollatha, Hemamali, Galahitiyawa, Galahitiyawa South, USS Engineering, Ganemulla, Ganemulla Station, Horagolla.
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00 Ganemulla, Telecom, Ganemulla Bus Stand, Cargills Food City, Singer, Sumedha Mawatha, Yagoda Station, Swarna, Nugahena Road, Kaluwala, New Ranfa Hotel, Polhena Junction.
2021-04-08	12.00-17.00 Jayakodiwaththa.
2021-04-09	08.30-17.00 Kossinna, Pahala Yagoda, Mahena, Mahena Temple Road, Lovigahamula Junction, Pahala Yagoda Dialog, Pahala Yagoda Temple, Kithulgahamula, Amunugoda, Amunugoda, Novel Ceramic.
2021-04-19	08.30-17.00 Gorokgaha Junction, Kossinna, Katuwalamulla Nadun Uyana, Suriyapaluwa (Bakery Junction), Parakandeniya (Surige Mawatha).
2021-04-28	08.30-17.00 Kossinna, Pahala Yagoda, Mahena, Mahena Temple Road, Lovigahamula Junction, Pahala Yagoda Dialog, Pahala Yagoda Temple, Kithulgahamula, Amunugoda.

DIVULAPITIYA AREA	
Divulapitiya CSC	
2021-04-01	08.30-17.00 Jayakodipura, Hirikulawa, Ullalapa, Baduragoda, Kotabole, Hettiyawaththa, Dinushi Metal Crusher, Bo-Tree Junction, Multi Coco, Rathnayake Shopping, Wattermulla, Baduragoda DC Mill, Pottewela New.
2021-04-03	08.30-17.00 Temple Rd Maradagamula, Sanasa, Golden Harvest, Maradagamula Town, Henpitigedara, 12th Mile Post, Pathirana Rise Mill, Near Senuri Hotel, Senuri Reception Hall, Diwulapitiya Town, Dunagaha Town, Nelligahamula, DC Mill Dunagaha, Palliyapitiya Carpentry School, Palliyapitiya -West, Lijanagaha Kelewaththa, Bathalaha, Div.Town, Minuw. Rd., Diwulapitiya Town, Walawwaththa, Senuri Reception Hall, Near Senuri Hotel, Pathirana Rise Mill, 12th Mile Post, DR Homes, Hospital Diwulapitiya, Cinema Hall, Saraswathi Publication, Ransiri Uyana, Austin Gloves, Ballapana, Mabodala Ihalagama, Mola Junction Pahalagama, Mabodala, Hapuwalana, Hapuwalana New, Water Treatment, Serandib,Traning Center Walpita, Walpita, Walpita Ethgalla Rd, Kudagammana, Capitel Lanka, Poong Hang Lanka, Udugodagedara, Barawawila, Ibulgasmulla, Pinnakale Ground, Pinnakale, Diwulapitiya CTB, Kurunagalada Rd, Balagalla New, Rassapana New, Janahitha Metal, Rassapana, IPC metal crusher.
2021-04-06	08.30-17.00 Ambagahena, CIC poetry Farm, CIC Alugolla, Delmo Farm.
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00 Near Thummodara Temple.
2021-04-09	08.30-17.00 Maradagamula Power Loom, Mapalagedara, Bomugammana.
2021-04-27	08.30-17.00 Maradagamula Power Loom, Mapalagedara, Bomugammana.

Dunagaha CSC	
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00 Sunray Gardens, Kings gate, John Keels Foodas, Central Garden Kaluwarippuwa, Onril.
2021-04-20	08.30-17.00 Kadawatla, Dunagaha (minuwangoda), Dagonna Welamada, Dagonna School, Kandewatta, Horahena Temple, Danmutha, Dagonna Junction, Ceylon Cor, Asian Finance, Wewa Rd, Iddagodalla, Mahayaya, Yatiyana, Texian Walpola, Richard, Dharmasuthikaramaya, Vergin Oil, Palugahawela, Alhena Road, Araliya Dewala para, Near Nilpanagod School, Katuwellgama, Totillagahawaththa.

Mirigama CSC	
2021-04-01	08.30-17.00 Sirmalwatta.
2021-04-04	08.30-17.00 Hapugahagedara, Madurupitiya, Pump House Madurupitiya, Ambepussa Farm, MEPZ Water TP, Sewarage Treatment, Nugadeniya, Mahayawatta B O I, Brandix, Aussee Oats, United Reactors, Nawam Lanka, Jeffi Engineering, Kwaliti, Royale Export, Kohincor, Colombo Stone, Stone Asia, Plant Lipid, Chemiceal, Sewerage lifting Station.
2021-04-06	08.30-17.00 Ninegala, Halpe, Parana Halpe.
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00 Delawala, Maldeniya, Universal Products, Kahadawa, Bogahahena, Hakurumbura, Mugurugampola, Walawwatta, AR Metal, Rendapola, Vidyala MW.
2021-04-09	08.30-17.00 Ehelagahamula, Kitulwala.
2021-04-19	08.30-17.00 Paragoda, Nawadeniya.
2021-04-20	08.30-17.00 Meerigama Town, Cargilla Ceylon, Gurugodella, Meerigama Town II, Meerigama Town I, Naligama, Amarathunga MW, Power Loom, Meerigama Telephone Exchange, OPP Mihiri Cinema, Hapitigama, Aluthwatta, Lindara, Siyabalagoda, Halugama, Kiridwala, Dilentharu MW, Pamunuwatta, Henepola.
2021-04-21	08.30-17.00 Thawalampitiya, Home for the Elders, Sudukanda,
2021-04-23	08.30-17.00 Govt.Hospital - Meerigama, Wilwatta, Multikem, Maveehena, Kuruduwatagama, illana, Kandalama saw Mills, Neetha Weerasinghe, SLBC Kandalama Kanda, Kandalama, Minioluwa, Silver Beverages, Ceylon Shell Flour, Lolwagoda Mills, Dendro Plant, Loluwagoda.

NEGOMBO AREA	
Negombo CSC	
2021-04-21	08.30-17.00 Sellakanda, Sellakanda Road (Sellakanda New), Mahahunupitiya, Jude Mw, Mahahunupitiyanear BOC, Nugawelajaya Mw., Nugawela Y Junction, Premachandrawatta, Premachandra watta new, Finishing Plant - Pothode (Stra Textile), Police Ground (Power Loom Pothode), Police Academy Katana, Tower Site, Texta (Police Ground), Maris Stella Branch School, Bulugahawadiya, Don Devid MV, Kadirana Devalaya, Nevil De Silva (Baseline Fiber Mill), Peshakarma Gammanaya Kadirana, Rukmal Place.
2021-04-22	08.30-17.00 Dalupotha Church, REX Industrial - Kattuwa, Cargills - Kattuwa, Nekeb, Polymertec Plastic, Kattuwa Cemetry, Kattuwa Millagahawatta, Kattuwa Ice Factory, Monara Tile Factory, Pallansena - Farm Rd., Manthreewatta Prison Camp, Welihenawatta, Swindo - Welihena, Grace Land Park (Pathimawatta New), Seminary Pallansena, C.C.S. Lanka (Elsuma Factory), C.C.S. Lanka II, Century Garden, Daluwakotuwa Ice Factory, Pathimawatta, Interseed watta, Dalupotha Co-operate (Dalupotha R.E.), Dalupotha Maradana Road, 20 Housing Scheme, Galkatuwa II (Dalupotha Galkatuwa)
2021-04-27	08.30-17.00 Thalahena Cargills, Thalahena New, Eththuakaala Post Office, Human Lanka Dunagalpitiya, Sea & Land Service Dunagalpitiya, Sky Way Sea Food Dunagalpitiya, Dunagalpitiya Church.
2021-04-29	08.30-17.00 Dunagalpitiya New, Seththappaduwa, Rajawella (Kepungoda - Seththappaduwa), New Bacon Site, Belden Industries Pamunugama, JC Foods, Kepungoda.

Katana CSC	
2021-04-05	08.30-17.00 National water supply II, Water Supply Scheme - Bambukuliya, Paraviya Tile Factory, Tiger Tile Factory, New Lanka Tiles Factory.
2021-04-21	08.30-17.00 Winifreda, Ivan Silva, Katana Ivan De Silva Mw., Katan a Subasada Mw., Katana Subasada Playground, Kandawala Church, Pahala Kandawala, Ranaviru Herath Mw (Tower View), German Tec (Training School), K.C. De Silvapura, Pothode cemetry, Toyo Kushion, Winifreda, Tower View.
2021-04-22	08.30-17.00 Panda Tile Factory (Manaweriya), Manaweriya New - Toppuwa, Kochchikade Soysa watta, Ranowell Banquet - Kochchikade, Pathima Rd. - Welihena, Samsung Lanka, HNB Kochchikade, Cargills Kochchikade, 27th Mile Post, Daluwakotuwa D.C. Mill, W.W. Fernando Oil Mil, Nekarb Kattuwa, Welihena Junction, Palangathure Topical Area, Palangathure Church RE, Peoples Bank Kochchikade, Kochchikade Town No. I (Police), Pallansena Church, Jaya Mw. - Pallansena, Duwana Church, Duwana Tsunami, Thakkiya Rd. New (Jaya Mw), Thakkiya Rd. Abdeen Mw., Takkiya Rd., Kammatlota, Greener water Kammanthota, Porutota Muslim Church (Porutota Rd.), Porutota New (Maya Bajar), Palangathure Traven, Sea Shell Hotel, Palangathure Cemetry, Carolina Beach, Yulu Traders, Ruvisha Beach Hotel, Oceanic Garden Hotel (Honours Club), Peradies Holiday Village, Tourist Police - Kochchikade Shinwoo Lanka, GE Sang Engineering (Donguk), Golden Gate I, Golden Gate II - Katana Temple, Kebellag ashandiya, K.S.E.D. Fernando Hotel, Bambukuliya, Thoppuwa Cemetry, Toppuwa Mill, Olympic Tile, Toppuwa Church,
2021-04-23	08.30-17.00 Bairaha Farm V.C. Katana, City Garden, Benaton D.C. Mill, Kaluwarippuwa, Koongashandiya, Baduwatta DC Mill, Baduwatta, Andimulla Halpe RE, Ambalayaya New, Alohhidani Apparels, Ambalayaya Play Ground, Duriyangashandiya, Duriyangashandiya Calton.
2021-04-30	08.30-17.00 Kandawala Silverin Park, Rusalu, Ivan Silva, Katana Ivan De Silva Mw, Katana Pearl Range Auction Land, Sriyangani Wela.

Katunayaka CSC	
2021-04-21	08.30-17.00 Peelawatta to Sunshine Garden.
2021-04-24	08.30-17.00 Amandoluwa, Texwood (Pvt) Ltd., Welabada Rd, Quartine Plant, Big City, Custor Rest, Jaga Lanka International, AJS Apparels, Civil Aviation, Tekkawatta, KOVINNA, John Ward, Lalan, Flintub (Toroid International), (Debona), Lanka MultiMould I, Cinotex, Peelawatta, Haikawa, Serandibs Peelawatta, Bigcity.
2021-04-25	08.30-17.00 K.I.K. Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Ranjan House of Fashion, NSB, Smiththrama Rd, Orient Pearl Hotel, A.J. Fishing Ind. (Pvt) Ltd., A.J. Milton, Smart Shirt, N.M.E. (Pvt) Ltd., I.G.S. Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Smart Shirt-3, Smart Shirt-2, Blue Diamond Jewellay, Plymouth II Gloweeve/ Filo Tex, Water Treatment Naikanda, Mast Lanka (Eden Fasioon), Ellea Apparels Ltd.-I, Next Printing, Kundanmalls (Urapola sub), Mast Lanka (Eden Fasioon) 3, Kalahapitiya (Pallewala), Four Gate, Andiambalama V.C., Galawatta De Mill, Yakadayawala, Sin Huwa Lanka Pvt Ltd.

Minuwangoda CSC	
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00 Super City, Kopiawatta, Boragodawatta new, Boragodawatta, Dewala Junction, Millagahawatta A/L - Yatiyana, Walpola, Vatinas new Richvin Hall, Yatiyana, ECO TECH CREATS, 08th Mile Post.
2021-04-08	08.30-17.00 Wegowwa, Wegowwa Temple, Crown Associate, Mahagama, Bulugahamulla, Galawatta, Shamadana Mawatha - Kalawana, Yakahatuwa, Keraminiya, The Financewatta, Kamarangoda, Wood industries - Kamarangoda, Kamaragoda Church, Wankepumulla, Dewalapola.
2021-04-22	08.30-17.00 Cargills, Minuwangoda Town, Sanasa - Minuwangoda, Kanatta Rd., New Crown Fashion.
2021-04-23	08.30-17.00 Minuwangoda city, Hadiramra, Shanthi Metal.
2021-04-24	08.30-17.00 Galkanda, Keraminiya.
2021-04-25	08.30-17.00 Lanka Paper Tube, Texlan Lanka, Japalawatta, Southern Sun Tea, Regie Ranathunga Model Primary School, Zonal Education Office - Japalawatta, Elalngala, Lanka Paper Tube, Yuk Ryong Threads, Samudhi Tyre, P.K. Lanka.
2021-04-30	08.30-17.00 Goigamgodella, Pethiyagoda, Makelanda.

VEYANGODA AREA	
Veyangoda CSC	
2021-04-03	08.30-17.00 Magalegoda, Kandaoluwawa.
2021-04-04	08.30-17.00 Korase Road.
2021-04-05	08.30-17.00 Wawulhena.
2021-04-06	08.30-17.00 Balabowa, Sarada Uyana, Pitakotuwa, Korasa, Korasawatta.
2021-04-21	08.30-17.00 Franklandwatta, Maligathanna, Bewanwatta, Bogahawatta, Muddaragama, Kepptiwalana, Mangedara, Ilukhena, Hanchapola.
2021-04-23	08.30-17.00 Magalegoda, Kandaoluwawa.
2021-04-27	08.30-17.00 Wataddara, Gamameda, Eluwapitiya, Naiwala Town, around Naiwala Technical, Walpitamulla, Uludeniya, Paleeyatiyana, Mabodala, Metikotamulla, Essalla, Dewalapola, Watinapaha.
2021-04-29	08.30-17.00 Dadagamuwa.
2021-04-30	08.30-17.00 Bemmulla, Korase Road, Pola junction, Pitiyegedara, Thiththalapitigoda, Kajugaswatta, Baduwathugoda, Sapugasthenna.

Nittambuwa CSC	
2021-04-03	08.30-17.00 Haggala pola, big city, haggala, Welagedara, longway Reception, Sudunelum mawatha, Kamburugallawatta, Unagahadeniya, Ruggahawila.
2021-04-06	08.30-17.00 Bericap, Warapalana, Kahabilhena, Neligahamula, Perera Oil Mill, Ambagaspitiya.
2021-04-19	08.30-17.00 DSG Industries, Angurubiththiya.
2021-04-21	08.30-17.00 Weeragala, Weeragala new.
2021-04-25	08.30-17.00 Mudalindu uyana, yatiyana, BOI Police, Mathalana, Ranawirugama.

Pasyala CSC	
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00 Bataleeya.
2021-04-21	08.30-17.00 Pallewela, Walbolana, Galgana, Ganegoda, Bokalagama, Thalahena, Kukulnape, Hansagiriya, Malwatta, Raddalgoda.

KIRINDIWELA AREA	
Kirindiwela CSC	
2021-04-06	08.30-17.00 Bogahawaththa Road, Aliyawaththa, Radawana, Radawana Hospital, Rubberwaththa Junction, Kithulakanda, 10th mile post, Rosko Industries, Kannimahara, Kannimahara Metal Crusher, Wijayarana, Wathurugama, Sihinagamdora, Ingurugalla, Pinwaththa, Hapitiya, Hapitiya Farm, Maryland, Shiran Apperal, Dikkanda.
2021-04-07	08.30-17.00 Alawala, Hepanankanda, Kurunegala Plantation
2021-04-08	08.30-17.00 Kendalanda, Siyani Farm, Madolthenna, Vincit waththa, Kaladurugala, Vincit Rubber Factory.
2021-04-19	08.30-17.00 Puranpoththa.
2021-04-27	08.30-17.00 Madakotuwa, Damro, Yatawaka, Urapola, Bopeththa, DK Enterprice, Sumithuruyaya, Fruit Factory, Aththanagalla, Design, Lanka, Welikadamulla, Karapitikanda, Hunupola, Aththanagalla Temple, Senevirathna Metal Crusher.
2021-04-28	08.30-17.00 Sapugasthenna, Furnimix, Karasnagala, China Machiner Eng, Water treatment Plant, Thunokida, Hepankanda, Kurunegala Plantation, Alawala, Athaudakanda.

Pugoda CSC	
2021-04-19	09.00-13.00 Walpola, Mihisara, Pussella Meat Process, Welewatththa, Lak Brand Furniture.
2021-04-23	08.30-17.00 Mahena, Piriwena Junction, Anuragoda, Nagashandiya, Peragashandiya, Chaturaniwaththa Pet packaging, Lidamulla Waththa, Stanthanias farm, Putupagala, Y.Rabutanwaththa Road, Putupagala New, Pelahela.
2021-04-28	08.30-17.00 Pugoda Telecom, Pugoda Town, Walawwaththa, Ovitigama, Gunawardana Enterprise.

Dompe CSC	
2021-04-01	08.30-17.00 Pelahela, Rambutanwatta road, Manchanayake watta road, Demalagama Rd, Around 1st mile post, Weliwaththa Rd, Ruber Kade Rd, School Area, Ganegoda Temple Area, Handagala Kanda, Elders Home Area, Agriculture Center Rd, Indalamulla Temple Area, Akkarawissa, Around Dekanda Stores, Kajuwattawila, Nagahamula area, Rupa peris mawatha, Soumya sevana auction land, Diyakavita Rd, Dompe Hospital, Kekuunagahawaththa Rd, Pradeshiya Saba Rd, Devi Balika Rd, Dompe Mapiyigama Rd, Auction Land, Sarwodaya Area, Kosruppa area, Around Dompe Hospital.
2021-04-09	08.30-17.00 Pelahela, Rambutanwatta Road, Manchanayake Watta Road, Demalagama Rd, Around 1st mile post, Udamapitigama, Community Center Area.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF GUARD RAIL ON ROAD SIDE FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BALANCE WORKS OF NELUWA – LANKAGAMA ROAD.

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's office on behalf of the Road Development Authority, invites sealed bids for Supply & Installation of Guard Rail on Road side for Improvements of the balance work of Neluwa – Lankagama Road in Galle Division for the project described below:

Contract No.	Description	Bid Security (Rs)	Non-refundable Tender fee with VAT (Rs.)
RDA/CEG/TB/2021/LBRRP/02	Supply & Installation of Guard Rail on Road side (According to case No. 04 on attached drawing of Bidding Document)	10,000.00	1,080.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure. Total value of the contract must not exceed Rupees 10.0 Million (without VAT)
- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge and can be purchased from Chief Engineer's Office (Galle), Road Development Authority, Fort, Galle.
- Bidding documents shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Chief Engineer, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Fort, Galle from 29.03.2021 until 08.04.2021 from 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable Tender fee of Rs. 1080.00 (with VAT).
- Sealed Bids may be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered to the Chief Engineer's Office, Fort, Galle on or before 10.0 hrs on 08.04.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Offers shall be marked with the relevant contract No. on the Top Left Hand Corner of the Envelope.
- Bid to be opened soon after the closing. Bidders or their authorized representative is requested to be present at the opening of the bids.
- For further details, please contact Chief Engineer, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Fort, Galle on Tel :091-2234891.

**Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee,
Chief Engineer's Office,
Road Development Authority,
Fort, Galle.**

CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY
PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION
ON
INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE)
REPORT OF PROPOSED GREATER MATALE WATER SUPPLY
PROJECT IN MATALE DISTRICT COVERING MATALE,
UKUWELA, NAULA, YATAWATTA, PALLEPOLA, RATTOTA AND
AMBANGANGA KORALE DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT DIVISIONS

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT
NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)**

This is to inform the public that after a study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9(i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993 as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to the **Chairman, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Galle Road, Ratmalana** for the implementation of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (Amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and available at the Library of the Central Environmental Authority.

**Director General
Central Environmental Authority
"Parisara Piyasa"
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.**

CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY
PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION
ON
INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE)
REPORT OF PROPOSED "A" GRADE MECHANIZED
METAL QUARRY PROJECT AT GREENWOOD ESTATE,
KADIYANLENA, NAWALAPITIYA.

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT
NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)**

This is to inform the public that after a study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9(i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993 as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to **Mr Dayasiri Bogahawatta, No. 16, Kadiyanlena, Ketubala, Nawalapitiya** for implementation of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (Amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and available at the Library of the Central Environmental Authority.

**Director General
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	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	SP YK	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 162, MAIN STREET, AMBALANTHOTA
KAVINDU - 0475118080

AMPARA

MOTOR BIKE	HONDA STUNNER	215CC	2017	EP BFO	XXXX
LORRY	MAHINDRA BOLERO	2523CC	2017	WP LO	XXXX
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	EP QT	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	EP YO	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	EP YO	XXXX
TRUCK	FOTON	1809CC	2012	EP PU	XXXX
	TATA ACE	798CC	2015	UP DAB	XXXX

LOLC AUTO MART, NO 223, KANDY ROAD, AMPARA
SAMANTHA - 063-5780880/881

BADULLA

LORRY	ASHOK LEYLAND CARGO 912	3990CC	2003	UP HJ	XXXX
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	UP QJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	UP QO	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	UP QT	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	UP YA	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	UP VC	XXXX
	PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	UP YT	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 363 A, KEPPETIPOLA ROAD, BADULLA
LAHIRU - 0554549948

DAMBULLA

CAR	TATA INDIGO	1193CC	2015	NVCAO	XXXX
MOTOR BIKE	BAJAJ PULSAR	199CC	2018	EP BHP	XXXX
	HERO PLEASURE	102CC	2019	NC BIG	XXXX
	TVS SCOOTY	90CC	2019	SG BIG	XXXX
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	NWAA	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	CP QO	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	CP OT	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	CP QU	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	NW	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	CP OZ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	CP YD	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	CP YS	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	NC YT	XXXX
TRUCK	MAHINDRA MAXXIMO 909CC	2011	WP FR	XXXX	
HARVESTER	HAVESTOR MACHINE				

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, ETHAMBENDEWANA ROAD, THALAKIRIYAGAMA, DAMBULLA
CHAMINDA - 0665118181

GRANDPASS

BUS	TOYOTA COASTER	4000CC	2008	SP NC	XXXX
LORRY	CHANGAN LANKA	3612CC	2007	WP LE	XXXX
	ASHOK LEYLAND	6540CC	2011	SP LI	XXXX
	TOYOTA BU66	3660CC	1992	68	XXXX
TRUCK	DFSK	1357CC	2012	WP PV	XXXX
	FOTON	1809CC	2013	WP PW	XXXX
	MAHINDRA MAXXIMO 909CC	2013	SP PW	XXXX	
PRIME MOVER	RENAULT 420	1990CC	2007	SP LY	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 260, GRANDPASS RD, COLOMBO 14
HASITHA - 0767951865

MATHUGAMA

THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	SP AAA	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	WP AAM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2014	WP AAR	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2014	NWAAJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	SP JK	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2007	WP QM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	SG QQ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	WP QR	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP QT	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP QU	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP QV	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP QW	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP QX	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP QY	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	SP YM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP YQ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	SP YT	XXXX
	PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	WP YV	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NEAR THE PEOPLE'S BANK, WUJAYA MAWATHA, MATHUGAMA
PRAMODA - 0775634245

KURUWITA

THREE WHEELER	බණ්ඩාර	198CC	2013	SG AAI	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	145CC	2006	SG QE	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	173CC	2008	WP QD	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	173CC	2009	SG QS	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	173CC	2009	WP QV	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	173CC	2010	SG QX	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	173CC	2010	SG YA	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	395CC	2015	WP YG	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	200CC	2010	WP YI	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	196CC	2011	SG YJ	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	395CC	2015	WP AAY	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	395CC	2010	SG QX	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	395CC	2010	SG YA	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	395CC	2011	SG YM	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	395CC	2011	SG YR	XXXX
	බණ්ඩාර	395CC	2011	SG YS	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO 472 F., MALAWA, KURUWITA
ISHANKA - 0772752097

VAVUNIYA

CAR	NISSAN SUNNY	1490CC	2000	NE HO	XXXX
MOTOR BIKE	SUZUKI GSX	150CC	2018	NP BGH	XXXX
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	NP QZ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	NP QZ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	EP YV	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTER, NO 363, MANNAR ROAD, VEPPANKULAM, VAVUNIYA
THIMOTHY - 0766582329

WELLAMPITIYA

CAR	FORD MOTOR CAR	1290CC	1994	300	XXXX
	TATA NANO	624CC	2015	WP CAJ	XXXX
	HONDA DAA-GP1	1330CC	2012	WP KY	XXXX
THREE WHEELER	PIAGGIO	395CC	2010	WP YE	XXXX
VAN	MITSUBISHI DUAL	2500CC	1991	52	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTER, NO. 98 / 1, AWISSAWELLA RD, MAHABUTHGAMUWA, WELLAMPITIYA
JAYANTHA - 0773242324

GOTHATUWA

THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	WP AAA	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	WP AAE	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	WP AAI	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	WP AAJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	WP AAL	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	WP AAM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2014	WP AAR	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2015	WP AAX	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2015	WP ABB	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2015	WP ABJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2016	WP ABM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2003	WP HD	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2003	WP HI	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2003	NW HK	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2003	WP HM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2003	WP HS	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	WP HY	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	WP IC	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	WP ID	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	WP IJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	WP IH	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	WP IL	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	WP IQ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	WP IS	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2004	SP IX	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2005	WP IZ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2005	WP DA	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2005	WP DB	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2005	WP DC	XXXX
	BAJAJ	146CC	2005	WP DD	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP DE	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP DF	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP DG	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP DH	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP DI	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP DJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	WP DK	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2007	WP DL	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2007	WP DM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2007	WP DN	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	WP DO	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	WP DP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	WP DQ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	WP DR	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2008	WP DS	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP DT	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP DU	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP DV	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	WP DW	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP DX	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP DY	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP DZ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP EA	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP EB	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	WP EC	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2010	WP EF	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2010	WP EG	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2010	WP EH	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP EI	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP EJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP EK	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP EL	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP EM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP EN	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP EO	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP EP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP EQ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP ER	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP ES	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	WP ET	XXXX
	PIAGGIO	395CC	2010	WP YC	XXXX
	PIAGGIO	395CC	2010	WP YD	XXXX
	PIAGGIO	395CC	2010	WP YE	XXXX

NO. 42/5, GOTHATUWA GAMSABHA RD, GOTHATUWA
MAHESH - 0773493535

The Company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle/vehicles from the Sale without prior Notice.
Tender forms can be collected from the Head Office – Rajagiriya & the relevant branches of the above addresses
Tender closes at 12.30 p.m on 01st April 2021
LOLC FINANCE PLC
No.100/1, Sri Jayawardenep

Procurement Notice

State Ministry of Wildlife Protection, Protective Measures including Construction of Elephant Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resources Development

Department of National Zoological Gardens

Supply of Fruits for Dehiwala Zoo - 2021/2022

IFB No. - DNZG/A/07/20/100

1. Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Department of National Zoological Gardens now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of Fruits for Dehiwala Zoo for a period of one year.

No.	Category	Value of the Bid Security (Rs.)	Non-Refundable Tender Fee (Rs.)
1.	Supply of Fruits for Dehiwala Zoo	205,000/=	3,500/=

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the office of the **Chief Accountant, Department of National Zoological Gardens, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala. Tel - 2896779, Fax - 2731851** and inspect the bidding documents at the above address on working days from **8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 29th March, 2021 to 19th April, 2021.**
4. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased within the above period by interested bidders on submission of a written request to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as stated in the above table. The method of payment will be in cash.
5. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **2.00 p.m. on 20th April, 2021.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below at **2.00 p.m. on 20th April, 2021.** All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security.
6. The decision of the Department Procurement Committee shall be the final.

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Department of National Zoological Gardens
Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha
Dehiwala

MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION

CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING AND MAINTENANCE DURING THE DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD OF PIPED MEDICAL GAS SYSTEM FOR PROPOSED CANCER TREATMENT UNIT (STAGE II), NATIONAL HOSPITAL - KANDY

Bid No.: CESL/CPU/SPC/2021/05

1. The Chairman, Senior Procurement Committee, on behalf of, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd., No.415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply, installation, testing & commissioning and Maintenance during the defect liability period of Piped Medical Gas System as described below.
- The work consists of supply, installation, testing & commissioning and maintenance during the defect liability period of piped medical gas system for Proposed Cancer Treatment Unit (Stage II), National Hospital - Kandy
- Location of Project: National Hospital, Kandy.
- The construction period is **270 days.**
2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
3. In order to be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall **not have been blacklisted** and shall meet the all following requirements.
- The Bidder shall be **accredited local agent/authorized distributor** for the make of Medical Gas System (Major Equipment) being proposed.
 - Bidder shall have at least **five (05) year** experience in Supplying, Installing, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of similar type of Piped Medical Gas systems in Sri Lanka and having qualified technical staff trained and technical and managerial staff with **Authorized/ Competent Person HTM 2022** for installation, operation, maintenance & trouble shooting of modern medical gas equipment and systems.
 - Experience in performing at least **one** medical gas supply system installation of a similar nature, complexity and value equivalent to the proposed works over the **last five (05) years.**
 - The manufacturer of the equipment shall have at least **fifteen (15) year** experience in the Design and Manufacture of similar type piped medical gas system equipment complied with HTM 2022/ HTM 02-01 and make of offered equipment shall have at least **five (05) years** proven service record in Sri Lanka.
4. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include;
- Average annual value of supply and installation of Piped Medical Gas system work performed in last five (05) years shall be at least **Rs. 125 million.**
 - The minimum amount of Liquid Assets or credit facilities required is **Rs. 30 million.**
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Deputy General Manager (Mechanical 3). CECB (Tel: 011-2668819/ 071-4452927) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address, Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), CESL office, 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd., No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. during normal working hours from **29.03.2021 to 09.04.2021** and from **19.04.2021 to 03.05.2021.**
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), CESL office, 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd., No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 from **29.03.2021 to 09.04.2021** and from 19.04.2021 to 03.05.2021 from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 19,000.00.** The method of payment shall be by cash. (Telephone - 0112668800 Ext 5612, Fax - 0112668972, Email - ceslcsdproc@gmail.com)
7. The Pre-bid meeting will be held on **06.04.2021 at 10.00 hrs.** at the Site office of the Cancer Treatment Unit, National Hospital, Kandy. Bidders who expect to participate in the pre-bid meeting shall submit the details of the participants (Name, NIC No, Company and position) to Procurement Officer (Central), Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd., Digana Village, Rajawella (Tel: 081-2374312, Fax: 081-2374349, Email - cebcentral@yahoo.com) **three (03)** working days prior to the meeting.
8. Bid shall be **valid up to 91 days** from the date of closing of bids.
9. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security of Rs. 1,500,000.00,** which shall be valid for a period of **119 days** from the date closing of bids.
10. Bids shall be addressed to Chairman, Senior Procurement Committee, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd, No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, and deposited in the Tender Box provided for at CESL Office, 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd, No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 address on or before **14.00 hrs. on 04.05.2021.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

Chairman,
Senior Procurement Committee,
Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd.,
No. 415, Bauddhaloka Mw,
Colombo 07.

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL CHIEF MINISTRY - SOUTHERN PROVINCE

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Chairman of the Procurement Committee of the Chief Ministry, Southern Province, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works described in the table below.

Item No	Description of work	Refundable tender deposit Rs.	Non Refundable tender fee Rs.	Required Registration Grade
Galle District - PSDG (Health)				
1	Repairing of waste water leaking of toilet repair of other toilets in DH Neluwa	7500/=	750/=	C9-C8
2	Wiring of Male/Female wards-DH Unawatuna	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
3	Construction of Boundary fence in Bope Poddala MOH office	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
4	Construction of toilet complex - DH Nagoda	10000/=	1000/=	C8-C7
5	Renovation of Welipitimodara MOH Clinic center in Bope Poddala	7500/=	750/=	C9-C8
Hambantota District - PSDG (Health)				
6	Construction of side boundary fence at PMCU Viharandeniya	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
7	Renovation of drainage system & toilet pits at RDHS office	10000/=	1000/=	C8-C7
8	Improvement of generator room at RDHS office	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
9	Renovation of tire stores at RDHS office	7500/=	750/=	C9-C8
10	Renovation of water tank DH Lunugamwehera	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
11	Renovation of driver rest room at DH Beliatta	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
12	Renovation of plumbing system at Katuwana DH	10000/=	1000/=	C8-C7
13	Renovation of roof of GHC Koonvalana	10000/=	1000/=	C8-C7
14	Renovation of toilet system at DH Kariyamadiththa	7500/=	750/=	C9-C8
15	Construction of front boundary wall & boundary fence at DH Hakuruwela	10000/=	1000/=	C8-C7
16	Renovation of roof of PMCU Samadhigama	10000/=	1000/=	C8-C7
17	Renovation of toilets DH Ranna	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
18	Construction of ceiling & airconditioning of ETU of DH Kirama	7500/=	750/=	C9-C8
19	Construction of generator room at base hospital Walasmulla	7500/=	750/=	C9-C8
20	Painting and toilet renovation of MOH Beliatta	10000/=	1000/=	C8-C7
21	Interlocking of back yard in RDHS in RDHS office	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
Hambantota District (PSSP -Health)				
22	Establishment of necessary constructions & renovations required for the networking at D.H.Ranna	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
23	Establishment of necessary constructions & renovations required for the networking at D.H. Nakulugamuwa	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
24	Construction of network at Hakuruwela divisional hospital	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
25	Construction & renovations required for the networking at PMCU Mattala	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
26	Construction & renovations required for the networking at PMCU Kirinda	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
27	Establishment of necessary constructions and renovations required for the networking in DH Gonadeniya	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
28	Renovation of drug stores at DH Kirinda	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
29	Renovation of Ruhunu Suwaniwahana	7500/=	750/=	C9-C8
Matara District (PSSP - Health)				
30	Partitioning of well women clinic MOH-Malimbada	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
Galle District (PSSP - Health)				
31	Repairs of Atahaula clinic center - MOH - Akmeemana	7500/=	750/=	C9-C8
32	Repairs of Gurusinhagoda clinic at Welivitiya Divithura MOH area	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
33	Repairs of Angulgalla clinic centre - MOH Karandeniya	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
Galle District - PSDG (Ayurveda)				
34	Construction of boundary wall at Katudampe Ayurveda center	7500/=	750/=	C9-C8
35	Renovation work of ayurvedic hospital Kurudugahahethekma Karandeniya	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
36	The interlocking works of ayurveda building at Udugama central dispensary	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
37	Renovation of electrical wiring system at Kumarakanda ayurveda center	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
Galle District - CBG (Ayurveda)				
38	Repair of the toilet and bathroom Naungala central dispensary	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
Hambantota District - PSDG (Ayurveda)				
39	Construction of bathroom at Beliatta factory	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
40	Renovation of electrical system in Ayurveda production centre Beliatta.	10000/=	1000/=	C8-C7
41	Repairing roof of medical quarters - Nadigamvila central dispensary	2000/=	500/=	C9-C8
Galle District - PSDG (Ayurveda)				
42	Construction of paying ward at Ayurvedic hospital Ambalangoda.	200,000.00	3,000.00	C6-C5

- 02) When obtaining bid documents from the Ministry, the receipt received for the payment of the non-refundable fee, made to the Ministry, should be submitted and either the receipt received for the refundable deposit made to the Ministry or a Bank Security obtained from a reputed bank, valid for a period of 03 months, should be attached with the bid and the bid should be placed in the Ministry Tender Box. Bids not submitted as per the above procedure will be rejected.
- 03) Relevant tender forms can be obtained from this Ministry up to **2.00 p.m. on 20.04.2021.** Contractors living in the Southern Province and having ICTAD registration and contractors registered at the Southern Provincial Council can apply for this.
- 04) Further details on this tender can be obtained on the telephone number **091-4946620** during normal office hours on weekly working days.
- 05) Tenders should be submitted in two copies as the original and duplicate. The sealed cover containing the tender should be marked the name of work at the left side top corner and could either be sent by registered post addressed to **Secretary, Southern Provincial Chief Ministry, Dakshinapaya Labuduwa, Galle** or placed in the tender box kept at the planning section on the 6th Floor of the Ministry. Tenderers or their authorized representatives can be present at the tender opening. Acceptance of tenders will be closed at **10.00 a.m. on 21.04.2021.**
- 06) Tenders with shortcomings will be rejected and the said applicants' tender deposits and the deposits of tenderers who fail to submit their tenders will be forfeited. The Chairman of the Procurement Board retains the right to the final decision with regard to this tender.

Y. Wickremasiri (Chairman)
Procurement Committee,
Southern Provincial Chief Ministry,
5th Floor, Dakshinapaya, Ministry Complex,
Labuduwa, Galle.

Date - 26.03.2021

Notice Under Section Act No. 07 of 2007 as;

Ometma Engineering (Pvt) Ltd
PV 00236580
98,
Thimboketiya,
Kolambageara
Date: 2021.03.15
Company Secretary

NOTICE

The following company was incorporated under section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Company Name: **NAVATKULI LAGOON HOTEL (PVT) LTD**
 No. of Registration: **PV 00234878**
 Registered Address: **143A, Galle Road, Wellawatte, Colombo 06.**
 Incorporated Date: **14th February 2021**
MAHESHWARAN BRANAVAN BKB PARTNERSHIP (PVT) LTD
COMPANY SECRETARIES

NOTICE

The following Company was incorporated under section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Company Name: **M N S SEAFOOD SUPPLIERS (PVT) LTD**
 No. of Registration: **PV 00228281**
 Registered address: **143, Galle Road, Wellawatte, Colombo 6.**
 Incorporation date: **30th September 2020**
Maheswaran Branavan BKB Partnership (Pvt) Ltd.,
Company Secretaries

NOTICE

The following company was incorporated under section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Company Name: **I LEAP CLUB (PVT) LTD**
 No. of Registration: **PV 00231690**
 Registered Address: **149, 2-A Jaffna-Kankesanurair Road, Jaffna**
 Incorporated Date: **13th December 2020**
MAHESHWARAN BRANAVAN BKB PARTNERSHIP (PVT) LTD
COMPANY SECRETARIES

NOTICE

The following company was incorporated under section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Company Name: **JAFFNA STALLIONS SPORTS (PVT) LTD**
 No. of Registration: **PV 00229693**
 Registered Address: **351-4/1, AMC Residences, Galle Road, Wellawatte, Colombo 06.**
 Incorporated Date: **28th October 2020**
MAHESHWARAN BRANAVAN BKB PARTNERSHIP (PVT) LTD
COMPANY SECRETARIES

NOTICE

The following Company was incorporated under section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Company Name: **V S S TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS (PVT) LTD**
 No. of Registration: **PV 00228788**
 Registered address: **257/2, Stanley Road, Jaffna.**
 Incorporation date: **10th October 2020**
Maheswaran Branavan BKB Partnership (Pvt) Ltd.,
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Department of National Zoological Gardens

Leasing out of Main Restaurant in the National Zoo, Dehiwala 2021/2023

IFB No: DNZG/A/10/20/01

- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of Department of National Zoological Gardens now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Leasing out of Main Restaurant in the National Zoo, Dehiwala for a period of two years.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the **Chief Accountant, Department of National Zoological Gardens, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala, Tel : 011-2896779** e mail address - zools@slt.lk and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below on working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during 28th March 2021 to 19th April 2021.
- Qualification requirements are as follows:
 - Certificate of business registration in the field of Hotels and Restaurants
 - Documents to prove at least three years of experience in running Restaurants/Hotels
 - Audited final accounts of last year
 - Bank statements of last 6 months
 - GMP Certificate issued by the Institute of Sri Lanka Standard Bureau, HACCAP
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be issued on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees Three Thousand (Rs.3,000/-) in cash.
- Bids must be sealed and either be registered post to the address below or deposited in the tender box placed in the same office at or before 2.00 p.m. on 20th April 2021. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given below at 2.00 p.m. on 20th April 2021 immediately after the bid closing. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security.
 - Bid security Value: Rs. 125,000/=
- The decision of the Department Procurement Committee shall be the final decision.

**The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee
Department of National Zoological Gardens
Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha
Dehiwala**

(PROCUREMENT NOTICE) INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services

PROCUREMENT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM MATERIALS - 2022 (Weave and Process locally)

CONTRACT NO.: MWCDS/ED/PRO/05/01

The Chairman, Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (SCAPC) on behalf of the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for locally manufactured textiles as given below in the table.

No.	Type of Material	Quantity Required (Meters)	Minimum Quantity to be Quoted (Meters)
1	White Shirt/Frock Material	9,223,000	50,000
2	White Trouser Material	2,140,000	50,000
3	Blue Trouser Material	1,000,000	50,000
4	Robe Material	300,000	50,000
5	Yellow/Light Blue shirt Material	15,500	11,000
6	Brown/Maroon trouser	15,500	11,000

- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document (free of charge) in Procurement Division, State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services, 06th Floor, Wing D, Stage II Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla during office hours between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 29th March, 2021 to 19th April, 2021.
- Qualification requirements include the manufacturers who possess locally weaving facilities. A margin of preference for eligible locally produced textiles offered shall not be applied. Additional details are provided in the bidding document.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by Interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address given above and upon a payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 100,000/- and the method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address given above at or before 2.00 p.m. on 20th April, 2021. And Bidders who do not wish to send their Bids under registered post, they may deposit the bids in the tender box at the address above. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at 2.00 p.m. on 20th April, 2021. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of 1% of the total quoted bid value.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 07th April, 2021 in the boardroom, 6th Floor of the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services. Bidders are invited to participate in this meeting.

Tel. 0113611110

**Secretary,
State Ministry of Women and Child Development,
Pre-Schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services.
29.03.2021**

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Association of Medical Specialists (AMS)

Annual General Meeting - 2021

Dear Members,
The AMS will convene the Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 10th April 2021 at 9.00 a.m.** at the Neurotrauma Auditorium of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka.

Your attendance is very much appreciated.
General Secretary

Notice Under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) as Amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964

Divisional Secretary Reference No: BOP/4/4/1-78
Land's Ministry Reference No. 43/11/2018/H/480

The Government intends to acquire the Land described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2219/69 dated 19.03.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

District : Galle
D.S. Division : Bope Poddala
G.S. Division : No. 126, Godakanda
Name of Village : Godakanda
Name of Land : Karapitiyawaththa Allis Obaddege Waththa
Plan No. : G/4524
Lot No. : 01

**Acquiring Officer,
Divisional Secretary,
Bope Poddala Division,
Galle District.**

Address : Divisional Secretary's Office, Bope Poddala

Date : 17.02.2021

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE RE-AWAKENING EAST ORGANIZATION

I, Buddhika Pathirana do hereby give notice under Standing Order No. 53 (1) of the Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that I propose to introduce in Parliament a Bill titled 'An Act to incorporate the Re-Awakening East Organization.

The aim of the Bill is to incorporate the said Re-Awakening East Organization which has the following general objects:-

- To grant aid and support physically and qualitatively to relevant institutions in order to facilitate School Children and University students for the purpose of enhancement of Education.
- To identify inborn talents of Youths in the field of sports, literary, arts and Culture and to provide them with the required infrastructure facilities for the purpose of youth development.
- To provide for displaying and evaluating skills of School children and university students and to confer awards and certificate for the purpose of promoting the cultural and extra curricular skills.

**Buddhika Pathirana
Member of Parliament
Matara District.**

My Number: HIK/DS/LND/INV/23
Reference Number - Ministry of Land and Parliamentary Reforms.

Notification Under Section 07 of the Land Acquisition Act

General Public is hereby informed that the investigation on Titles and Compensations is scheduled to be held dated 22/07/2019 in terms of the Section 9 under the said Act in order to acquire the following Land to The State as per the Land Acquisition Act. Persons who have obligations towards this land should be present at this investigation. For further details, please refer the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2134/4, dated 08.07.2019.

District - Galle
Divisional Secretariat - Hikkaduwa
Grama Niladhari Division - 59C Nalagasdeniya
Village - Pathana
Name of Land - Indigahaela Addara Bedda
Basic Plan No. - P.P.G. 4216
Lot No. - 01
Extension - 0.0031 hect.

**Divisional Secretary,
Hikkaduwa.**

19.09.2019
At Divisional Secretariat, Hikkaduwa.

CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON

INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT OF PROPOSED CINNAMON RED KANDY HOTEL PROJECT AT NO. 273, KATUGASTOTA ROAD, KANDY.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after a study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9(i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993 as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to the **Senior Executive (Projects), Indra Hotels & Resorts (Pvt.) Ltd., No. 273, Katugastota Road, Kandy** for implementation of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (Amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and available at the Library of the Central Environmental Authority.

**Director General
Central Environmental Authority
"Parisara Piyasa"
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.**

CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON

INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT OF PROPOSED DAIRY FARM PROJECT (UNITED DIARIES (PVT) LTD.), AT AMBEWELA & PATTIPOLA

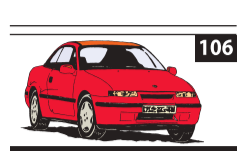
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This is to inform the public that after a study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9(i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993 as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to the **Company Secretary, Lanka Milk Foods (CWE) PLC, Welisara, Ragama** for implementation of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (Amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and available at the Library of the Central Environmental Authority.

**Director General
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For Details Contact :

Arjuna - 0712 628 552 / Chaminda 0703 070 102



CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON

INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT OF PROPOSED LAND BLOCKING OUT PROJECT AT DIKUYA, MORAGAHAWELYAYA WATTA ALIAS THANKOTUWA IN SILWATGAMA, GALEWELA.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after a study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9(i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993 as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to the **Assistant Manager, Home Lands Holdings (Pvt) Ltd., No. 178/3, Munasinghe Building, Colombo Road, Kurunegala** for the implementation of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (Amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and available at the Library of the Central Environmental Authority.

**Director General
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