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PORT CITY, HAMBANTOTA PORT PROJECTS DISCUSSED

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping yesterday vowed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in all sectors ensuring benefits to both nations.

Chinese President Xi Jinping while assuring continuous support for the sustainable development of Sri Lanka informed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa that China firmly stands by Sri Lanka in the face of unjust pressure exerted at various multilateral forums.

The President in a telephone conversation with his Chinese counterpart from the Presidential Secretariat thanked the Government and the people of China for donating 600,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses to Sri Lanka.

He also paid his gratitude to President Xi and the Chinese Government for standing by Sri Lanka at the 46th session of UN Human Rights Council which concluded recently.



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Senadhipathi travel ban temporarily lifted

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar yesterday ordered to temporarily lift the travel ban imposed against Avant-Garde Chairman Nissanka Yapa Senadhipathi over the High profile Avant Garde floating armory case.

The case was taken up before the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar bench comprising High Court Judges Adithya Patabendi, Manjula Thilakarathne and Mahen Weeramana and the judge panel ordered that the travel ban of the accused be suspended until April 23, subject to a bond of Rs.2.5 million.

No politics in education sphere – Prof. G.L.

DINULI FRANCISCO

Minister of Education Prof. G.L. Peiris stated that the Government has no policy to recruit or compile name lists for the posts of Education Administrative Service or Principals Service based on political affiliations or other influences.

He was speaking at the SLPP media briefing yesterday. The Minister was responding to a question raised by a journalist as to whether the list of 4,600 vacant posts of principals and 270 posts of education admin-



istrators had been prepared on political affiliations. "It is untrue that lists for administrative posts have been compiled on the basis of political affiliation."



Academic activities at Government schools in the Western Province commenced yesterday in compliance with the health guidelines issued by the Ministry to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country. Picture shows senior students of Royal College, Colombo in conversation with new entrants to the college. Picture by Saman Sri Wedage

Trade Ministry, Customs, CAA assert Carcinogenic coconut oil not in market

ANURA PREMALAL

The Government yesterday stressed that the stock of coconut oil imported by several companies has not been released to the market.

According to Director General of Sri Lanka customs Major General (Retired) Vijitha Ravipriya, this stock of coconut crude oil has been released to the cargo holds belonging to the companies but no company has released their stocks to the market yet. "However, the department has already dispatched a team to ascertain whether any of these products are available in the market," he said.

The Sri Lanka Standards Institute (SLSI) yesterday said that the second test conducted on crude (unrefined) coconut oil for the second time confirmed a high level of Aflatoxins which is associated with a high risk of developing cancers.

The relevant reports have been submitted to the Director General of Sri Lanka Customs for necessary action.

The Food Safety Unit of the Health Ministry first confirmed that this stock of imported crude coconut oil has been contaminated with Aflatoxins.

Case on death of 20-day old infant from COVID: Justice Kodagoda recuses himself

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Supreme Court Justice Yasantha Kodagoda yesterday recused himself from hearing the Fundamental Rights petition filed by parents of 20-day-old infant who died after being infected with COVID-19.

Justice Kodagoda declined to sit on the bench, citing personal reasons.

Accordingly, the petition was re-fixed for support to be taken up before a fuller bench comprising five Supreme Court Judges, on May 25.



Joint Committee to preserve Muthurajawela Sanctuary

The Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) has decided to appoint a Joint Committee consisting of all relevant stake holders for the conservation of the Muthurajawela Sanctuary. The decision was taken at the Committee on Public Accounts which met in Parliament recently under the Chairmanship of Prof. Tissa Vitarana.

Petition filed requesting to demarcate boundaries of Flood Plains National Park

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

A writ petition has been filed in the Court of Appeal seeking an order in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus directing environmental authorities to act in terms of the Law to accurately identify the area and demarcate the exact boundaries of the Flood Plains National Park.

Giant ship blocking Suez Canal refloated

EGYPT: The MV Ever Given was refloated and the Suez Canal reopened Monday, sparking relief almost a week after the huge container ship got stuck during a sandstorm and blocked a major artery for global trade.

World oil prices eased on the news of the reopening of the waterway that connects the

Mediterranean and Red Sea and through which more than 10 percent of world trade passes.

The head of the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) Admiral Osama Rabie around 3 p.m. local time "announced the resumption of shipping traffic in the Suez Canal," the Authority said in a statement.

Prosecute all political leaders, officials responsible for attacks - Archdiocesan Committee for Justice to Easter Sunday Attacks Victims



The Archdiocesan Committee for Justice to Easter Sunday Attacks Victims yesterday stressed the need of

prosecuting without hesitation and further delays all those political leaders and officials irrespective of their

status who have been seconded for prosecution in the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry on

Easter Sunday attacks for shirking their duty and doing absolutely nothing to prevent the massacre.

District Court issues enjoining order against UNP

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Colombo District Court yesterday issued an Enjoining Order preventing the United National Party (UNP) from expelling Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte Municipal Councillor Dhamika Chandraratne from party membership until April 12.

Traffic cop interdicted for alleged assault on driver

A Traffic Police Officer attached to the Maharagama Police who had allegedly assaulted a lorry driver in the middle of the road was interdicted yesterday. The Police launched an investigation into the alleged attack after a video of the attack went viral on social media.

Govt will have to follow UNHRC directives – MP Sumanthiran

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE,
Northern Province Corr.

TNA spokesman and Parliamentarian M.A. Sumanthiran yesterday said that that Government will have to implement the Resolution adopted by the UN Human Rights body.

"Certain Ministers say the Government is not legally bound to implement the Resolution. But the Government will have to implement it," he said.

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Towards the creation of a SKILLED POLICE FORCE

DASUN RATNAYAKE

On Monday, March 21, 1864, two years before the establishment of the Sri Lanka Police by an Ordinance, a Malay police officer named Sabhan was shot dead by Saradiel's accomplice, Mammale Marikkar, during an attempt to arrest Dikiri Kewage Saradiel, an assailant in the Uthuwankanda area in Mawanela. The day of the death of Police Constable Sabhan is commemorated as Police Heroes' Remembrance Day and since then nearly 3,500 police officers have heroically sacrificed their lives for the territorial integrity of the Republic of Sri Lanka and for the protection of the lives and property of the people.



Although the police have been set up as a force to be reckoned with to create a just society a reality, to arrest and bring to justice those of all who violate the law, unfortunately, some police officers do not have an understanding of this great role expected by the society. There have been many such instances. Some rules and regulations of the Sri Lanka Police service have not changed as the British held high police posts at that time and the lower posts were held by Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims. Therefore, many young officers who join the Sri Lanka Police work with great frustration and as a result, people who need legal redress suffer. That is because the police are the primary law enforcement agency, one goes to the police to complain about any injustice faced by him or her not only because of the normal order, but also because he or she believes that justice will be done by the police. No human is afraid of his or her guardian. Love him and never let anyone else criticise him. That is because the defender is the closest friend that a person has. But why do we hear news of public humiliation, shock and disgust at the police station, who should be revered as the guardian deities of the nation and also maintain law and order in the country?

Although mistakes can be made by every member of society, an honest police officer upholds the supremacy of law and order. It is an injustice done to some officers who work for the dignity of the police profession though only a few are corrupt. If so, in order to create a quality police service in the 21st century, in addition to the technical skills associated with duty, police officers must have human skills and conceptual skills. This particular conceptual skill describes the per-

spective of the organization he or she works for and his or her ability to see the organization as a whole or as a system. These skills are essential for the Sri Lanka Police to carry out their tasks more successfully in order to make Sri Lanka a disciplined, proud and noble nation and this will also contribute to a qualitative change in the police.

For example, if a police officer has the ability to think out of the box and come up with solutions for the challenges he meets, he should be considered. People who work in any organization have different characteristics depending on the year of birth, and they can be categorised as X, Y, and Z generation. People who are born after 1995, in particular, are considered "digital pioneers" and they try to do everything using technology. They carry out revolutions in cyberspace.

Similarly, the so-called Y generation employees were born between 1982 and 1995. They are creative and hope to see that their services are appreciated. Like this generation, which is always looking for exceptional results, the Z generation also has a strong interest in flexibility. There are many young police officers with such backgrounds in the Sri Lanka Police, but the way the police structure is structured does not allow their creativity to emerge. For example, Toyota, a world-renowned car manufacturer, developed many of its product concepts from its employees. The system called the Lean Management Concept, eventually led to small developments in the business that paved the path to large-scale savings. Equality enhanced the creativity of individuals through group activities and enhanced conceptual skills.

In the face of modern social complexities, the police service also needs to adapt to complex social needs. In the past, when selecting police officers, people who were tall and rough were chosen and they used big poles when patrolling the streets. Nowadays such physical features are not necessary and the rulers are looking for people who are capable of communicating with the citizens in an efficient manner.

Strict leadership was required during the 17th and 18th centuries to obtain the maximum output from the unskilled workers who worked at the time in the organizations that were systematically formed with the Industrial Revolution and therefore height and other physical qualifications were considered at the time of recruitment of managers. However, Ralph Stogdill, a management researcher, later revealed that factors such as height were no more important for great management. He pointed out through research that an organization needs talented people to handle different situations of the organization. Accord-



ingly, the Sri Lanka Police should also recruit people who can make a creative difference. Changes in the police should be done by combining the physical and human resources of the police organization in recruitment to higher ranks. Furthermore, Gazette notifications containing outdated criteria should be amended.

Senior police officers have a special responsibility in devising methods of admitting applicants to the police service on a dignified basis rather than youth being attached to the police as a last resort when no other job can be found. Therefore, police officers must have the ability to maintain an analytical and creative mindset.

The 21st century community is rapidly searching for skills and educational opportunities. The Sri Lanka Police needs to keep pace with this pace. Accordingly, a suggestion box can be set up at every police station across the country to obtain the views of police officers as well as the community. When a complaint box is set up, issues will come up in a frequent manner. Thus, creativity is not only technological advancement but all kinds of new changes as well. When record books are systematically organised in a police station, it awakens the minds of the public and enhances the image of the police officers. In such a case, the public will be more inclined to listen to the police and to get their issues resolved through negotiations with the other party.

When public complaints are reduced, police officers will be able to develop more conceptual skills. Since it is an essential factor to increase the motivation of the employee, the senior police officers can bring pride to their personnel by working to select the best police officer (in terms of accomplishment) in a given police station every month. These changes will lead to a new police culture and the police officers will be tempted to do his or her duty happily. This will help in creating a people-friendly police force as well as recruiting new recruits to the police force without any difficulty in the future.

One of the factors that can be identified when looking at the nature of road accidents in Sri Lanka today is the undisciplined nature of drivers. Therefore, one of the most effective ways for the police to use public support to bring traffic offenders to justice is to launch a system to immediately upload such offenders' photos and videos to the police webpage. At a time when we are entering the fourth stage of the Industrial Revolution, there must be such simple ways for the public to express their views.

People need a good sleep at night, but they can enjoy that sleep only if the police protect their property from thieves. Another reason why the

public show disinterest in police officers who perform such great duties is that some police officers lack emotional intelligence.

According to Dr. Daniel Goleman, a psychologist, a person must act with understanding and restraint about himself and others. Police need to act patiently when achieving the current vision of the Sri Lanka Police service which focuses on creating a peaceful environment in which people can live in confidence without fear of crime and violence. It is also important to empower their subordinates to look at how they can contribute to the development of the police service.

There is an opportunity to reduce the number of allegations regarding human rights violations against the police. Nokia started a paper factory in Finland in 1865 and later entered the mobile phone industry. Although the pioneers of the company are not alive, the vision of the organization has been firmly ingrained in every employee, large and small, so that the company could continue to thrive.

The creativity associated with the conceptual skills contributed greatly to the success achieved.

According to the World Economic Forum, Finland, Singapore and Switzerland are among the most trusted police service providers in the world because of their technical skills as well as their vision for the future of the police. Even though the Sri Lanka Police is ranked 87th out of 137 countries, if the public service is further enhanced with relevant other skills, the Sri Lanka Police could be among the top 20.

It is an urgent need of the 21st century for all parties involved to work together to mitigate these shortcomings and further develop the Sri Lanka Police service.

(The writer is a Lecturer attached to the Management Studies Department of Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy, Pallekele, Kandy)



WHEN RECORD BOOKS ARE SYSTEMATICALLY ORGANISED IN A POLICE STATION, IT AWAKENS THE MINDS OF THE PUBLIC AND ENHANCES THE IMAGE OF THE POLICE OFFICERS. IN SUCH A CASE, THE PUBLIC WILL BE MORE INCLINED TO LISTEN TO THE POLICE AND GET THEIR ISSUES RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER PARTY



SINCE IT IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR TO INCREASE THE MOTIVATION OF THE EMPLOYEE, THE SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS CAN BRING PRIDE TO THEIR PERSONNEL BY WORKING TO SELECT THE BEST POLICE OFFICER (IN TERMS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT) IN A GIVEN POLICE STATION EVERY MONTH



LG institutions need more power to expedite village development - Minister Gunawardena

Foreign Minister and Leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena pointed out that, the Local Government bodies should have been given more power and the money to expedite the village development activities and provide immediate relief to the people.

The Minister was speaking in the Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha area on Sunday to mark the opening ceremony of the Thawalgoda Village Community Hall.

The Minister points out that, taking a long time to provide money to the village through various Government agencies has become an obstacle to provide an expeditious service to the people.

"The majority of the people in this country live in villages. The closest Government enti-

ty to them is the Local Government Institution. Therefore, the Government should give the money allocated for rural development directly to the Local Government bodies that know about the people and their needs, to provide more services to the people of the village.

The Minister further said that the needs of the villages will be met expeditiously involving the people as well and the opportunity will be given to provide a high quality service to them.

"Presently the villagers have to go to the city to fulfil most of their needs. Their time, labour and money are wasted as a result of this. We have always been of the view that, the Local Government bodies should be

given the power to work in the village to prevent this situation and to make the people of the village with means and to direct the youth towards the development of the village," the Minister said.

The Minister further said that by giving such power to Local Government bodies, the achievements of the people could be increased and when attempts were made to set up Rural Development Committees to create this situation, it was avoided due to the opposition of certain groups.

MP Yadamini Gunawardena, Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Jayantha Rohana and a group of local politicians were also present at the occasion.



Foreign Minister and Leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena unveiling the plaque to open the Thawalgoda Village Community Hall.

Rs.20 m worth illegal cigarettes seized



The stock of seized cigarettes.

Maligawatte Police on Sunday arrested a person and seized a stock of illegal cigarettes worth nearly Rs.20 million. The stock contained over 270,000 fags.

A team of Police officers had inspected a three wheeler in which a carton of illegal cigarettes was found yesterday evening. Police later recovered the contraband finely stacked in a house at the Maligawatte National Housing Scheme after questioning the three wheeler driver.

Police said that the 35-year-old suspect from Slave Island was living in this house on a monthly rent of Rs 50,000. Police investigations are on to identify the main culprit involved in smuggling the imported cigarettes into the country. Police said that the suspect has been involved in distributing these cigarettes to a number of areas in the city and the outskirts. The suspect was to be produced before Courts yesterday. The raid was conducted on the directive of Maligawatte Police OIC Chief Inspector Udaya Kumara.

Sachini Sugirdan's eco-friendly pen presented to Minister Amaraweera

A new eco-friendly implantable carbon pen invented by Sachini Kristina Sugirdan with the support of her father was presented to Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera yesterday.

Sachini Kristina Sugirdan and her father, Mr. Sugirdan, have produced this eco-friendly carbon pen in Kandy, using biodegradable materials to prevent environmental damage caused by carbon pens made from plastics disposed of in the school system on a daily basis and

in public and private sector offices. The invention is completely eco-friendly and can be grown in vegetable or fruit plants without having to dispose of empty carbon pens.

Sachini Christina Sugirdan and her father presented their eco-friendly carbon pen to Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera yesterday morning (29). The Minister said that between 80-100 kilogrammes of empty carbon pens are dumped in the school system of

our country every day. Plastic carbon pens discarded in this way take at least 100 years to decompose invisibly, and it has been proven that micro-plastic molecules do not decompose in the soil for about 400 years.

The Ministry of Environment has also introduced a special container to prevent these from entering the environment and the added carbon pans and toothbrushes will be destroyed along with INSEE Cement Company. But when car-

bon pens are burned, the carbon dioxide emitted from them pollutes the atmosphere. Minister said that the perhaps this invention is first time in the world.

Speaking on the occasion, Sachini Christina Sugirdan said that she introduced the product to prevent environmental damage and that the pen could be planted. This pen can be planted. Then you can make fruits, vegetables and even yams. She added that the seeds have been incorporated into the pen.



Sachini Kristina Sugirdan presenting the eco-friendly carbon pen to Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera yesterday morning (29).



The eco-friendly carbon pens.



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As the Sinhalese and Tamil New Year approaches the Yamaha Music Centre gears up for yet another season of sensational discounts, exciting new additions, and auspicious encounters. The special avurudu sale, a long-standing annual tradition, commenced on the 20th of March 2021 and will happen all the way up to 30th April 2021. As always the occasion will give professional musicians, students, audio enthusiasts and all music lovers the perfect opportunity to obtain the musical instruments and audio equipment they desire, at a special seasonal rate. After all, at the Yamaha Music Centre, we love music and we're offering up to 15% discounts to help spread the joy of sound throughout the New Year.

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Christians around the world celebrated Palm Sunday marking the Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Picture shows a number of religious activities taking place at the Our Lady of Assumption Church, Hanwella to mark Palm Sunday.



She needs help

C. Jayaweera of Polwatta, Denipitiya is currently receiving treatment at the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital after undergoing surgery for bladder cancer.

Jayaweera is a mother of two. Her children are following higher studies, and her husband is unemployed.

Therefore, she is in need of financial support from the public, not only to continue her treatment but also to support her children's education. Anyone who wishes to support her can remit their donations to her Savings Account No. 100660110582 of the National Savings Bank Weligama Branch. Jayaweera's contact number is 0705851575.

Blood donation camp

A blood donation camp organised by the Old Pupils' Association of the Kalutara Vidyalaya will be held at the school premises on April 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to mark the school's 80th anniversary.

“Aluth Sahal Mangallaya” in Poddala

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central Special Corr.

The Aluth Sahal Mangallaya or the New Rice Festival of the Labuduwa Agrarian Services Centre in Galle was conducted in keeping with the long-established agro traditions at the Shri Sidharshanrama Vihara, Meepawala, Poddala in Galle on Sunday (28).

The harvest festival was held under the patronage of Galle District Agrarian Services Assistant Commissioner J. W. S. Priyanjan under the guidance of Ven. Morawaka Kalayansiri Nayake Thera, the Chief Incumbent of Sri Sudharshanrama Vihara with the collaboration of Labuduwa Agrarian Services Centre, Dhayaka Sabha of the temple, farmer organisations of Meepawala, Penideniya, Pannagama and the farmer community of the area.

The first batch of new rice of Mahakannaya (Maha Season) threshed and winnowed was brought in four proces-



The Aluth Sahal Mangallaya of the Labuduwa Agrarian Services Centre in Galle was conducted at the Shri Sidharshanrama Vihara, Meepawala, Poddala in Galle on Sunday under the guidance of Chief Incumbent of Sri Sudharshanrama Vihara Ven. Morawaka Kalayansiri Nayake Thera. Galle District Agrarian Services Assistant Commissioner J. W. S. Priyanjan, Labuduwa Agrarian Development Regional Officer K. H. J. Sandamali, representatives of the farmer organisations of the Meepawala, Penideniya and Pannagama were also present.

sions proceeded from the “Four Peru” and offered to the Buddha and deities.

The stock of new rice collected at the festival

would be gifted to the National New Rice Festival which is scheduled to be held at Jaya Shri Maha Bodhi, Labuduwa Agrarian Development Regional

Officer K. H. J. Sandamali told the media.

Former Southern Provincial councillor Chanaka Madugoda, Bope-Poddala P.S. member Chaminda

Gamage, Poddala Police OIC IP Neranjan Silva, several Agriculture Research Assistants of the area and a large gathering participat-

Climate change can impact development activities - Keheliya

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Sri Lanka should focus special attention towards the impact of climate change which will become more intense and frequent over the next decades as it could drastically affect the country's future development activities, Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said.

The Minister was speaking at a seminar and workshop held under the theme ‘Climate Action, Risk Management and Financial Instruments Related to Risk Transfer and Resilience,’ conducted by the Media Centre for National Development (MCND).

Minister Rambukwella said climate change highly affect to country's development sectors including fisheries, agriculture and tourism sectors and many other important economic sectors.

“In addition, climate changes in a country badly affects its biodiversity,” he said.

Minister Rambukwella highlighted that Sri Lanka has experience in running national crop



must be developed to a greater extent without harming the environment.

Minister Rambukwella also said the media has a responsibility to create a platform to discuss the effects of climate change and its effects.

According to MCND, the objective of organising such a workshop is to facilitate a detailed discussion on the issues related to climate changes in our country.

The MCND has also conducting a programme with the Ministry of Agriculture on how to face future climate change and has also planned to organise a few other programmes with Youth Affairs and Finance Ministries to create more awareness on this important subject. National and group level workshops with farmer groups will also be conducted in this regard.

Media Centre for National Development (MCND), Ministry of Mass Media Director Milinda Rajapaksha also spoke.

All elections will be held on time - Minister Johnston

IRANGIKA RANGE

All elections have to be held on time because it is one of the democratic right of the people, Chief Government Whip and Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said.

If the Provincial Councils are not required, the relevant laws have to be

brought and the Provincials Councils abolished.

However, our Government's policy is to hold elections on time and we are always opposed to delaying the elections.

What will happen to the public officers who worked in Provincial Councils, if someone says that Provin-

cial Councils are no longer needed. We cannot send them home even though the Provincial Councils are abolished,” he added.

The former Yahapalana regime should be held responsible for delaying the PC elections. Since the former regime was defeated at the Local Govern-

ment elections, it was afraid of facing the PC election and took steps to postpone it by two years bringing amendments to the PC Act. But we will take steps to conduct the election in the future which has been postponed many times due to various reasons,” he added.

UNP ready to form alliances - Former MP

AMILA PRABATH WANASINGHE, Anuradhapura Additional Corr

The United National Party is ready to tie up with other parties including the Samagi Jana Balawegaya to work against the Government, said former Parliamentarian Ashu Marasinghe.

Addressing a press conference in Anuradhapura on Sunday, Marasinghe said that they have received information of destruction caused to the forests.

“Filling of marshy lands, clearing of catchment areas are taking place and those who acting against these activities are being intimidated by the Government,” he said

He said that the temperature in the country is going up. He said that the present Government is responsible for the escalation of temperature due to deforestation.

“Nearly 65 elephants have died during the past 65 days and the number of elephant deaths last year was about 300”, he said.

Former Parliamentarian Saman Ratnapriya said that COVID-19 pandemic has become an avenue for making money for the Government.

“The country lost Rs.15,950 million due to the alleged sugar scam. We request the Government to appoint a fully-fledged Commission to look into and punish those responsible for the scam,” he said.

7,000 rural power stations to be set up - State Minister

NIMAL WIJESINGHE,
Anuradhapura Additional
District group corr.

Under the ‘Power Station for Village’ programme, we are now making initial arrangements for setting up 7,000 low voltage connected solar power plants in 7,000 villages, where electricity facilities are scarce, said Solar, Wind, Grid Power Generation Projects Development State Minister Duminda Dissanayake.

He said so speaking to the Daily News at Anuradhapura Office, regarding the new trends in the field of renewable energy development.

The State Minister said that within the next three years it was intended to add 750 MW to the National Grid from the emerging 7,000 rural power stations. Irrespective of political background or other differences, any person who has got a minimum forty perches land of his own in the particular village within the venue earmarked to install the plant with adequate funds around one million is eligible to join this programme as a prospective entrepreneur.

“If he cannot afford for the total expenditure, he may start the

power station with the support of any private renewable power generation agency acceptable to the State Ministry and the CEB, State Minister Dissanayake stressed. The State Ministry could intervene in obtaining bank loan facilities also for the realisation of such projects. Referring to the Electricity for All programme, the State Minister said that there are around 99,675 household sans electricity. It has been planned to supply electricity to the most needed 33,360 families before the forthcoming New Year celebrations.

“The CEB would not levy the Rs.15,000 connectivity charges under the programme. The programme of providing rooftop solar systems to 100,000 Samudhi beneficiary families is in progress. Under this programme, 2,000 low income group families in the Anuradhapura district will be provided with the roof-top solar system facilities with each system generating Five Kilowatts of electricity,” the State Minister further said.

Every family coming under this programme could earn an additional monthly income of around Rs.10,000,” he added.

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Avoiding another surge

Sri Lankans are notorious for their short memories. This was explicitly manifest during the war years when in the immediate aftermath of a bomb attack there was heightened security consciousness among the public only to let down their collective guard shortly thereafter. This trait is once again being witnessed, albeit under different circumstances. We are referring to the conduct of the public in the wake of the threat of a fresh outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic. Temples throughout the country were packed to capacity on Poya day with devotees in complete breach of the health guidelines. Some were without the compulsory mask and the distance rule was being completely ignored as if the deadly virus was a thing of the past.

Even private buses are back to their old game of overloading despite a gazette in force permitting only seating capacity, for which a fare hike was introduced to compensate for the losses. In fact, this had even prompted Transport State Minister Dilum Amunugama to write to the IGP to get his men to enforce the law to the letter after finding the police lax in this respect. Perhaps the advent of the vaccines had made the people relax in the mistaken belief that the jab is a panacea for taming the virus despite the opinion of medical experts that this indeed is not so and health guidelines should be followed in the strictest terms.

This laissez-faire attitude of the public to the prevailing danger has prompted Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera to issue a dire warning that the virus is very much in our midst and finding fault with the public for gathering in their numbers at places of religious worship and shopping complexes during the festive season in blatant violation of health regulations. He expressed concern at the large unrestricted gatherings at Temples throughout the country on Poya day with complete disregard to the current situation.

He said under these circumstances there was the real possibility of the emergence of another wave of the pandemic and warned the public to adhere to the regulations such as wearing face masks, maintaining the one metre distance and constant washing of hands with soap or a sanitizer. His views were echoed by PHIs, the grassroots medical officers who know what they are talking about. PHI Union Head Upul Rohana said that if people fail to adhere to health guidelines another disastrous situation cannot be ruled out in April. He observed that people are now behaving carelessly, taking the deadly virus lightly.

He noted that people go out shopping with their whole families and no distance rule is being observed. He also described as premature the decision by some offices and workplaces to summon back their full complement of staff.

"Most Government and Private Institutions have stopped their Work From Home option and recommenced their normal operations. Most staffers do not even wear face masks while at work and do not maintain social distancing. Calling all staff members for daily operations could pose a threat to the whole set up, if even one becomes infected," he had noted. It is the warning of these self-same PHIs that the authorities ignored last time when it was decided to do away with the lockdowns in Colombo during the Christmas season only to see a huge spike in the pandemic. True, the authorities are planning to issue a fresh set of guidelines to be followed during the Sinhala and Tamil New Year period. But does the law enforcement have the necessary manpower to check each village to ensure that the guidelines are followed? Besides, Avurudu being Avurudu it is wishful thinking to believe that this New Year will be any different to others what with large numbers from the cities already set to head for the villages as in all other years, restrictions notwithstanding. If relaxing restrictions during Christmas brought about such dire repercussions where it concerned only around seven percent of the population one can only envision what the situation would be with 75 percent.

Perhaps this is what prompted State Minister Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle to appeal to those set to usher in the New Year to strictly remain indoors. For another outbreak of the virus of the severity witnessed post-Christmas - this time in the remote villages - could pose a serious challenge to the Government and bring to naught all the good work of health workers. That the virus is very much in our midst has been proved to the hilt when one considers that countries where vaccines were administered on a mass scale are now reverting to strict lockdowns with all public events being banned in the face of a 'Third Wave'.

It is time that the problem is tackled with the seriousness it deserves, mustering all resources at the command of the State. Another surge of the virus as witnessed in October last year where multiple clusters took the pandemic far and wide could only result in further economic setbacks and grave strain on the already stretched medical resources and the health sector.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Coronavirus can happen to anyone, so it's really important to maintain good health overall. - Sara Khan



The importance of improving US-Russia relations

Putin single-handedly developed the economy with new industries and investments; revitalized its devastated military, decreased poverty by boosting agricultural production and construction; and increased workers' salaries and granted better pensions to poor pensioners who silently suffered for decades.

SOMAR WIJAYADASA

The United States-Russia relations that flourished for decades—even during the Cold War—and benefited both parties have irreversibly damaged.

Tensions between the two superpowers escalated over allegations that range from the Russian interference in US elections, the SolarWinds cyberattacks, and Washington's demands that Russia free the jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny.

Russia vehemently denies all allegations and admonishes the US that Navalny's case is purely an internal matter.

The current diplomatic crisis arose when a journalist asked US President Joe Biden if he believes Russia's President Vladimir Putin, who has been accused of ordering the poisoning of Navalny and other political opponents, is a "killer". Biden said: "I do."

Russia promptly recalled its ambassador to the US for "consultations" to determine how to move forward with relations with the US.

Putin swiftly responded, "It takes one to know one" arguing that judging other countries is often "like looking in a mirror".

Putin argued that Biden's remarks about him reflect the US's own past and current problems—and pointed at America's past history of slaughtering Native Americans and slavery to the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki that killed over 350,000 innocent people. "Otherwise where would the Black Lives Matter movement come from," he said.

Putin challenged Biden to a televised debate live online saying: "It seems to me that would be interesting for the people of Russia and for the people of the United States".

Many of Russia's leaders swiftly condemned Biden for insulting Putin and for Biden's reluctance to call Saudi prince Mohammed bin Salman "a killer" - for ordering to kill and dismember journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

In 2017, a journalist posed the same question to then-President Donald Trump asking about Putin being a "killer". Trump diplomatically responded, "There are a lot of killers". What, do you think our country's so innocent?

Matters of mutual interest

During the interview that sparked this controversy, Biden said that despite his thoughts about the Russian leader "there are places where it's in our mutual interest to work together". "That's why I renewed the START agreement with him," Biden said of the nuclear treaty.

Putin responded that Washington is "determined" to have a relationship with Moscow, but only on "issues that are of interest to the United States itself".

Saying that the US will have to deal with a Moscow that will fight for and stand up for its own interests, Putin said "The US will have to reckon with this, despite their attempts to stop our development via sanctions and insults".

Diplomatic relations between the US and Russia were formally established in 1809 though relations were interrupted following the 1917 Russian Revolution until 1933.

As the American Civil War unfolded in 1861, Tsar Alexander II pledged in a letter to President Abraham Lincoln that Russia supported the "maintenance of the American Union as one indivisible nation". During the Russian Famine (1891-1893) Americans sent aid to Russia.

Franklin Roosevelt recognised the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) in 1933.

In 1941, Stalin (USSR) joined the Atlantic Charter (the anti-Hitler coalition) proposed by Churchill and Roosevelt; that was followed by the Crimean agreements in Yalta (the "troika" of leaders—Stalin, Roosevelt, Churchill) on the creation of the UN in 1945 and the post-war structure of the world.

In 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis was resolved thanks to the cool-headed diplomacy of Presidents Nikita Khrushchev and John Kennedy.

In 1967, US President Dwight Eisenhower and Khrushchev signed the Outer Space Treaty prohibiting the militarisation of outer space.

These leaders did not think of one-upmanship but had a heart for doing good for all mankind.

Unparalleled bilateral collaboration

Even during the hostile Cold War era, the two countries engaged in many noteworthy projects on global issues, scientific advancements, and to promote foreign investment and trade—that were mutually beneficial to both nations.

At that time, the Soviet Union was a proud nation with a thriving economy, marvels of industrialization, advances in science, technology and medicine, escapades into outer space (ahead of the United States), and basking in the glory of a Superpower.

For example: US-Soviet efforts in the Limited



US President Joe Biden with Russian President Vladimir Putin

Test-Ban Treaty (1963); the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty and the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (1972), the Biological Weapons Convention (1972), the Helsinki Accords on cooperation and security in Europe (1975); the joint Apollo-Soyuz project in orbit (1975); the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) (1987); the first joint US-Russia space shuttle mission (1994); the US space shuttle Atlantis docked with Russian space station Mir in outer space forming the largest spacecraft ever in orbit (1995); and the two countries reduced their nuclear weapons from 70,000 warheads to current 13,800.

These momentous endeavours facilitated cultural, sports, scientific, and educational exchanges that kept the lines of communication open.

In 2015, referring to the Iran Nuclear Deal, former President Barack Obama stated at the UN General Assembly "how international cooperation—including with Russia—was key in leading to a lasting, comprehensive deal with Tehran on its nuclear programme".

That crowning diplomatic achievement—though abrogated by Trump—would not have been achieved without the support of President Putin.

The downward spiral

Russia's humiliating era of Presidents Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin—with Ronald Reagan's resonating phrases "tear down that Berlin Wall", "dismantle the evil empire"—ended with the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

When Boris Yeltsin came to power in 1991, the US and Europe had high hopes of getting their fingers inside Russia.

With tens of billions of dollars in economic assistance from the IMF, World Bank, and other donors, the US sent political and economic advisers to work with Yeltsin's officials in the nascent private sector to promote democracy and a market economy.

That miserably failed ending in absolute chaos, enriching a few and impoverishing many—a colossal financial loss, embarrassment and disappointment for the US.

Vladimir Putin came to power in 2000 inheriting a run-down military, a literally bankrupt Russia in a deep recession and in absolute disarray. It was so chaotic that Gorbachev admitted that Putin inherited "political chaos, military chaos, chaos everywhere". A disgraced Russia was in shambles.

Putin single-handedly developed the economy with new industries and investments; revitalized its devastated military, decreased poverty by boosting agricultural production and construction; and increased workers' salaries and granted better pensions to poor pensioners who silently suffered for decades.

Russia soon realized that foreign-funded NGO's were fomenting subversion of domestic politics. In 2008, Putin ousted several foreign NGO's including USAID and adopted new NGO legislation saying "I object categorically to foreign funding of political activity in the Russian Federation ... not a single self-

respecting country allows that and neither will we". Obviously, these actions did not go well with the US.

As an avid observer of Russian politics and a frequent visitor to Russia since 1962, I am confident that the US-Russia relations began to sour when the US and EU realized that Putin cannot be manipulated.

Putin abhors orders, especially if the West's demands are contrary to the best interests of Russia. Over the years, Putin has reiterated: "US prefers diktat rather than dialogue", "America does not need allies, it needs vassals". Therein lies the problem.

Frustrated with Putin's inflexible steadfastness, the West began to demonize him.

In the aftermath of the Ukrainian crisis in 2014, the US and the European Union imposed a barrage of sanctions targeting Russia's defence, intelligence, mining, shipping and railway industries, and restricting dealings with Russian banks and energy companies.

Historically, sanctions—often used as an ulterior motive for "regime change"—have brought disastrous consequences.

Such a devious practice has nothing to do with protecting human rights and promoting democracy and freedom. In most countries, sanctions deteriorated their economic, social and healthcare systems while those in power thrived and the poor suffered.

If the anti-Russia sanctions intended to destabilize the Russian economy hoping the Russians would revolt and cause a regime change, then it was a gross miscalculation of the will power of the Russian people.

Russians are educated, disciplined and knowledgeable and above all, they love Russia.

Russians don't need an external influence to make decisions. Russians have voted for Putin over and over again for the significant improvements he made in uplifting the living standards of Russians, re-establishing its military might, for protecting Russia's sovereignty, and for reclaiming Russia's recognition and respect as a world power.

Make no mistake: Putin will not change his foreign policy to please the United States or Western countries.

He advocates a multi-polar world and a bigger role of the United Nations to enhance global security. He has often said "we do not want confrontation: we want to engage in dialogue but a dialogue that acknowledges the equality of both parties' interests".

This could be the premise for the United States and the European Union to stop demonizing Russia other, establish better relations with Russia, and strike the right balance between cooperation and competition.

Somar Wijayadasa, an International lawyer who worked in UN organisations (IAEA & FAO from 1973-1985), was a Delegate of UNESCO to the UN General Assembly from 1985-1995, and Representative of UNAIDS at the United Nations from 1995-2000. Wijayadasa has written exhaustively about U.S.-Russia relations.

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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Birth Centenary

Life, Work and Philosophy

Part 1

SWADESH ROY

When Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was born on March 17, 1920 at the then Tungipara village under the Gopalganj subdivision of Faridpur district, East Bengal was a countryside. Born in a middle-class family of the rural area, his father Sheikh Lutfur Rahaman was an owner of large lands and his mother Sayera Khatun was a housewife. At that time, East Bengal was a part of British governed Greater Bengal. Bangabandhu's ancestors had some entrepreneurship in Calcutta. However, the family failed to retain their former financial condition subsequently. The intellectual, cultural and social vibe of Calcutta influenced them to be the dynamics, and as a result, the family stood above the other contemporary Bengali families of that time. That got Bangabandhu the opportunity to grow up in an environment of dynamism and liberal thoughts.

Education

His academic life was interrupted due to some sudden illness in early childhood. But his father's utmost endeavour kept up Bangabandhu's education. Bangabandhu successfully passed his Entrance Exam from Gopalganj Missionary School at the age of 22, and then completed BA degree from Islamia College, Calcutta in 1947. Afterwards, he got admitted to the Department of Law, University of Dhaka, but he willingly gave up his studentship. However, the University authority showed that they'd expelled him. But in reality, he had led a movement of fourth grade employees, and University authority demanded Bangabandhu's apology for the movement. He refused to apologise as their demand was against his ideology.

In political career, Bangabandhu, as a politician of the opposite wing, passed 14 years out of 22 stormy years behind bars. These long years of imprisonment got him ample opportunity and time to pursue his self-education and self-improvement. Furthermore, it is known from his daughters, present Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana, that after tiring days when he returned home, he used to read books before going to sleep. Two prominent liberal writers of the nineteenth century, Rabindranath Tagore and Bertrand Russell, were his favourite writers.

Bangabandhu's kindness is profound. As it is seen, Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), after winning Makkah almost unrestrained, forgave those who did minor offenses. Same kind of incident can be seen from Bangabandhu's life. He showed mercy to those who did small kind of offenses in our liberation movement or was involved with any misdemeanor during our liberation war. It must be acknowledged that he possessed intellects almost like a soothsayer. Embracing the knowledge and liberal philosophy, he became the spearhead of the liberal political thinking of his era.

Emergence as a politician

The period between 1938 and 1946 can be considered as the emerging era as a politician for Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. This specific time can be categorised into three phases. In the first phase, during 1938 and 1939, he is seen as a valiant school going student, and this period can also be seen as the inception of his imprisonment.



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman addressing a gathering.

In reviewing Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's political emerging period, he's seen as a bold, strong-hearted and fearless youth. Afterwards, his politics have been merged with the Muslim League. He worked tirelessly as an enthusiastic and dedicated activist during the General Election of 1946 in support of Muslim League.

The second phase comprises his joining in All India Muslim Student Federation and being elected as Councillor from Bengal.

In the third phase of 1944, he was selected Secretary of All Bengal Muslim Chatro League (Student League) of Faridpur District Association, and in 1946 he became General Secretary of Calcutta Islamia College. The two major critical incidents of his political emergence transpired in the third phase, which was initiated during 1946. Firstly, he became Special Assistant of Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy, one of the renowned politicians. Secondly, in the General Election of 1946, he worked as an activist of the Muslim League. His work, for sure, set example for any political activist of any time.

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Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

belonged to an aristocratic family. His engagement in the 1946's Election Campaign is described in his book "Osomipto Attojiboni (The Unfinished Memoires)". From the book, it is evident that though the Muslim League had their politics aligned in the name of religion, Bangabandhu's ideology was different from them. Born in a rural solvent and liberal cultural family, Bangabandhu could sense and feel the sufferings of the poor Muslim with a kind heart.

From '40 to '46, he worked relentlessly for the politics of the Muslim League. His only purpose was the economic freedom of Bengal's poverty-stricken Muslims. Liberal leaders of Muslim League including Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Abul Hashim, Shamsuddin Ahmad (Jessore) had the same intention. All of them were dedicated activists of the Pakistan Movement. None of them appreciated any denominational politics; instead, they targeted to emancipate a destitute wing economically.

Political Riot of 1946: Transition of Bangabandhu's Political Thought

From the reading of "Osomipto Attojiboni" and numerous resources on Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy's politics, it is understood that the riot of 1946 was the turning point of both the leaders' political thoughts. The riot inside India between Hindus and Muslims was intense. Bangabandhu's leader Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy, instead of



Bangladesh Liberation war

being in Pakistan, became engaged with Mahatma Gandhi to deliver humanitarian help for the masses. Initially, Bangabandhu also visited the riot devastated areas with both Mahatma Gandhi and Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy. On his return to Dhaka on September 1947, he didn't associate himself with the politics of Muslim League. He was more focused on the economic emancipation of the poor section of the country, which was once his prime motto in the Election Campaign of 1946, and he passionately kept chasing this humanitarian mission.

Not Religion, but Language-based Cognition

The debate on the state language of Pakistan was initiated one year back before the creation of Pakistan in 1947 but was confined within the linguists and the educated community. Mass people didn't exhibit any mentionable reaction after this language issue was raised in the Parliament by Congress Leader Dharendra Nath Dutta.

In East Bengal, its response was limited in three aspects: firstly, some enlightened students of Dhaka University were protesting; secondly, activists of Muslim League Activists' Camp, situated in 150 Mogholtuli, were active in the movement; thirdly, apart from these, those who disclosed their anxiety over the issue were educated general youths. Upon returning to Dhaka in 1947, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman altered the situation. He established himself as the leader of the activists of Muslim League Camp to enlighten the educated youth and gave the Language Movement a vital boost. Before bringing Language Movement to the public, he accomplished a mammoth task, establishing Muslim Chatro League (Student League) in East Bengal.

He brought the educated youth section of the society under a modern organisation. After that, instead of confining the Language Movement within the intellectuals, he called for strike on March 11, 1948. On that day, the first and unprecedented strike was observed after the creation of Pakistan. Through this massive strike, the theme of Language Movement reached to mass people. Though Pakistan government detained him on that day, but later they were forced to set him free on March 15. Before that, the government acknowledged Bangla (Bengali)

as one of many state languages of Pakistan through a treaty with the leaders of movement. Following this movement, the people who were involved with politics in the name of religion stepped into the road of language-based politics. The person who guided the people upon this change was none other than Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. It can be said that Bangladesh and language-based nationalism got a path in the hand of young Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. These language-based nationalistic politics paved the way to a new political organisation.

Creation of Awami League

Many of the Muslim League leaders started being absent from the movement of emancipating destitute Muslims after the creation of Pakistan. Many Muslim League leaders provoked communal riots and besides, after the creation of Pakistan, they failed to come up with any remarkable activity to alleviate poverty of the poor Muslims. Above all, some Muslim League leaders pocketed Muslim League for their vested interest and as a result, creating a new political party was the demand of the time. For the establishment of this new political party, two big essential issues appeared— one was creating a mindset among the commoners about the new political party, and another was a well acceptable leader to be in the frontline for the creation of the party.

At that time, Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy was the main leader, but Pakistan wasn't safe for him. In his absence, hard-working and proactive activist Sheikh Mujibur Rahman created a platform for the establishment of a new political party after coming to Dhaka. Before the establishment of Awami Muslim League, he went to jail thrice. On June 23, 1949, during his imprisonment, Awami Muslim League was formed. The way he drew out Language Movement into the masses through language-based nationalism, to some extent, it reduced negative stereotype image of Muslim League among the masses. Language-based nationalism which he implanted and the mass outrage against Muslim League gave him enough space to create a new political party on that day. And for forming this party and being self-motivated, he brought Maulana Bhashani from Assam.

To be continued

The Colonisation of Minds and Ideas

OMAR QURESHI

Colonisation is often reduced to the occupation of land, the killing and enslavement of people, but South Asia stands as a prime example that the coloniser also colonises the minds and ideas of people.

This region is a depiction of how deep-rooted colonisation can actually be.

These views were expressed by German novelist, playwright and scriptwriter, Christopher Kloeble, on Saturday, during a session titled 'South Asia and Europe: Connecting the Cultures' at the 12th Karachi Literature Festival.

"Colonisation doesn't have to come with atrocities," he said, adding that even after a country attained freedom, the traces of colonisation remained starkly visible for a long time, making it extremely difficult for a nation to escape the colonial past.

Kloeble then discussed information collection and exchange during colonisation. Speaking in the context of South Asia, he explained that people from scientific backgrounds and professions visited the region to gather information about weather, the region's terrain, people's likes and dislikes, agriculture, human behaviour and other subjects.

They conveyed it back to the East India Company, which funded the excursions, said Kloeble, adding that "After gaining all the [needed] information, it became easier for the [colonist] to conquer the world." "Therefore, scientists were also part of the problem as

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they worked to facilitate colonisation," he concluded.

British regime

Kloeble also spoke about his writings on India and said he did not see too many similarities between South Asia and Germany, as the former was ruled by the British and not many Germans resided in the subcontinent under the British regime.

"This is why many Germans still don't know much about South Asia," he added.

However, Kloeble visited India many times and that, he said, helped inform his characters and include other details of the subcontinent and local trivia in his works. Had it not been for his visits, he told the audience, he would have failed to realise the significance of the

details he noted during his frequent trips to the country and included in his works.

Besides, it was the perusal of books and documents on 19th century India, written by explorers, that helped him understand the behaviour of the people at the time, said Kloeble. "I was able to link the behaviour of people to them not establishing colleges for women, fearing that empowering women would lead to society's downfall, which was helpful for me," he said.

The playwright further stated the protest

following the Delhi rape case in 2012 deepened his understanding of women being suppressed in South Asia. "We have a female chancellor in Germany, but India had a female prime minister much earlier than that. Despite that, if you are a woman in South Asia, even one from a rich family, you are at a disadvantage," he observed.

Caste system

"People think a woman's role is limited to looking after kids and does not include going out for work." Yet, it is problematic if people in Germany and other developed countries talk negatively about India, he said, explaining that the critique on the ground of India being "dirty" or still in the grips of a caste system implied a sense of superiority among developed nations.

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A PRIEST FOR ALL REASONS

REMEMBERING VEN. GODWIN WEERASURIYA



Venerable Godwin Weerasuriya

REV. MARC BILLIMORIA

Warden S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

On March 25, 2021, one year was commemorated since Venerable Godwin Weerasuriya ended his earthly pilgrimage and entered a fuller life in God. Since his passing, much has been written by several people about the life and exemplary witness of this faithful priest of God for over 50 years.

From the time he was ordained as a Deacon in 1959 and as a Priest in 1960 and began his ministry as an Assistant Curate at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Mount Lavinia over the years Fr Godwin served the Diocese of Colombo in many parishes as a Parish Priest. In 1963, he was appointed Vicar of St. John's Church, Panadura, where he later met and married his life partner Manora. They were blessed with three children – Shanika, Shahini and Chaminda. Despite all his involvements, Fr Godwin never neglected his domestic responsibilities and was a devoted husband, a loving father and a doting grandfather.

From Panadura he went on to being Superintendent of the Baddegama Mission where he encountered the spirit of indigenization fostered by Bishop Lakdas de Mel at Christ Church Baddegama in the late 1920s and 1930s. He soon became an advocate of the movement to provide prayers, liturgies and lyrics that were home-grown and in the vernacular languages of the people of the Church of Ceylon. In 1980, as Secretary of the Church of Ceylon

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Publications Board, he was instrumental in publishing a book of Family Prayers in Sinhala which included a number of prayers and devotions that were Anglo-Catholic in emphases such as the Angelus and other Marian devotions.

While his personal spirituality seemed to have been that of an Anglo-Catholic, he was an Anglican in the true sense of the word as shown by his inclusive attitude to the length and breadth of the Anglican Tradition. He was for instance a staunch supporter of the movements for Church Union and later the Ordination of women. In later years, he was accommodative of the modern worship styles that particularly the youth were drawn towards. Even if he was conservative in his theology, he never vocalised his opinions so strongly as to alienate the more liberal-minded theologians with whom he worked.

After serving in Baddegama, where he and Aunty Manora started the work of the Sumaga Vocational Training Centre for Women as well, Fr Godwin was appointed Vicar of the Church of SS. Mary and John, Nugegoda from where he went on to be Vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Jawatte and then the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour during which time he also served as a Chaplain to the Bishop of Colombo.

In 1984, Bishop Swithin Fernando appointed him the first Archdeacon of Nuwara Eliya and he was based at Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya where he served as its Vicar. Despite the fact that he was not as fluent in Tamil as he was in Sinhala, Archdeacon Godwin won the hearts of the clergy and people of his new Archdeaconry by his authentic spirituality and pastoral heart. In 1987, Bishop Jabez Gnanapragasam brought Fr Godwin to Colombo as its 21st Archdeacon and he served in that capacity until

2004. As Archdeacon of Colombo, he served three Bishops of Colombo as an able and faithful lieutenant, always acting as their Commissary in their absence from the Diocese. He was a very capable administrator.

As Archdeacon, he was also responsible for the monitoring of the ordinands and ministerial candidates in training long before a Director of Ordinands was appointed. He coordinated with the Diocesan students at the Theological College of Lanka (TCL) and once they had passed out of TCL, he monitored them during their stay at the Cathedral Institute for Education and Formation prior to their ordination. His was an unflinching daily presence at daily Matins and Holy Eucharists in the Chapel of St Joseph the Worker in the Cathedral at which would guide the ordinands in the rudiments of liturgy and worship as they assisted at the Divine Offices and the Daily Eucharists. He also taught them the Constitutions and Pastoralia. He took his role as a formator very seriously, remembering perhaps his own training at the feet of great formators such as Bishop Harold de Soysa and Bishop Cyril Abeynaike, among others. There were many who would have liked to have seen him as a Bishop, and he had all the necessary attributes and experience to have offered himself for consideration on at least two occasions but being a humble man he preferred to play a supporting role.

On his retirement as Archdeacon, he went on to serve as Priest in Charge of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Polwatte, from where he went into full retirement. Committed as he was to the spirit of ecumenism he then served as Coordinator of the Confederation of Christian Churches in Sri Lanka for a short time. Even though fully retired he assisted with the activities of St. John's Church, Panadura, where he worshipped regularly.

Fr Godwin and Aunty Manora had an 'open house' policy that always ensured that anyone was warmly welcomed to share fellowship and even on occasion food, with them. Their generosity of spirit endeared them to all who knew them. Fr Godwin will always be remembered as a warm,

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humble, caring and generous servant of God who gave of himself to those he served in God's name and to the church he loved. We are the more fortunate for having encountered him and for having his example to remember. As I remember Fr Godwin, I am reminded of a prayer by the theologian Theodore P. Ferris:

Teach me, O Lord, not to hold on to life too tightly. Teach me to hold it lightly; not carelessly, but lightly, easily. Teach me to take it as a gift, to enjoy and cherish while I have it, and to let it go gracefully and thankfully when the time comes. The gift is great, but the Giver is greater still. Thou, O God, art the Giver and in thee is the Life that never dies. Amen.'

Fading glint and honed blades

DISHAN JOSEPH

The prudent Russian writer Leo Tolstoy once said, "The two most powerful warriors are patience and time". In our city life it seems that time waits for no man. In this narrative of sparks and iron blades, I was duly reminded that Tolstoy was right, because I encountered some old men whose entire working lives were built on patience and time.

The discovery of iron and the innovation made to refine cutting blades has produced so many variations of the kitchen knife. It is a 'culinary aide' in every home irrespective of the income level. Actually the humble kitchen knife impacts the menu in a subtle sense, for it is by this sharp blade that all our ingredients are cut. I have written in the past about vendors, whose vintage trades are becoming a memory in Sri Lanka, especially in Colombo city.

The busy roundabout adjacent to the Old Town Hall, bordering Sea Street, Colombo is a confluence of vendors, customers and impatient motorists. With the exception of Sundays, this is a happening extension of the bazaar that extends from Main Street. On one side it is bordered by opulent shops dealing in gold jewellery, and in contrast the right side of the road is home to dealers of virgin coconut oil stored in barrels for wholesale.

Amidst this activity, there are two old men, sharing a wooden bench. They are positioned in the middle of an elevated cement platform, resting on the pavement that separates the busy road. They receive part of their shade from a tree, which is also shared by a few crows that caw incessantly. The rest of their shade comes from a large multi-coloured plastic umbrella which has withstood the heat of Colombo. These men are the last of a rare breed of skilled workers, who sustain their lives by sharpening knives and other blades.

After a casual greeting, Francis shares his life experience as a knife sharpener: "I came to this pavement when I was a boy of 14 years, to work with my father. Can you believe I have been here for the past 50 years, same place same trade? I am from the Grandpass area. I have served hundreds of customers over these years. This has been my life and livelihood," he points with gratitude to his sharpening machine, painted in blue. This contraption is built on a wooden box, with a protruding single cycle wheel (minus the rubber casing), which extends a rubber cord, which in turn empowers the large flint wheel. The force to work the wheel is generated by a foot-operated pedal. The blades are sharpened on the spinning flint wheel, the speed is regulated according to the size of the blade.

Francis, 66, is a bachelor. He said, "I have seen the city of Colombo changing. Those days, people used to sharpen a lot of knives. Servants brought foreign knives from big mansions around the city. The Ceylon era was our golden period for the

business. Now many women depend on stainless steel knives for their kitchen work." This is the other side of any modern product, as it quickly relegates the old product.

The man seated beside Francis looks like a character from the movie Aladdin, his hair and beard tinted brown, giving it an almost copper-like visual. Hanifa, clad in a white sarong recalled his memories of working on these vibrant streets. "I am also here for the past 45 years. I am married. This road is very much part of our lives. Working side by side with Francis, my profession is to cut and carve keys. At times, I also sharpen knives and repair broken knife handles. There are days we make Rs. 1,500, and some days Rs. 500, but during rainy days we earn nothing." These old chaps' finances were terribly impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19 and the curfew.

The hardworking men begin their day at 8 am and wind up around 6 pm. They often share their lunch and tea. There is a working bond that they have shared for four decades. A few feet away, across the pavement I spotted another old man. He displayed a cross around his neck. His black-framed spectacles enhanced his vintage appeal. Gunasekaran is an amiable relic of yesteryear. He was sharpening a pair of scissors. My gentle tap on his brazen shoulder seemed to alarm him. His hands display varicose veins. He continued to strain at the flint wheel.

"We charge Rs. 100 to sharpen a knife, and Rs. 150 to sharpen a pair of scissors. Sometimes, the women who come engage in bargaining, and sometimes we give in to their bargaining just to sustain our customers. We have spent our entire lives doing business on these streets," he said in a voice that was laden with regret. The noonday sun continued to shine, as agitated carters navigated their way transporting sacks of potatoes and onions, cursing and spitting out chewed betel. They represent another group of marginalized hardworking men in Colombo city, who will also be pushed out of work may be within the next three years as the markets and wholesale stores will possibly begin to relocate.

Walking along Sea Street, I turned towards Kathiresan Street where I was told the last of these knife sharpeners could be found. Kathiresan Street is probably a reflection of Jaffna. There are many vendors of Northern origin who have been here for decades. Songs of Hindu devotion are blaring out from a tea boutique. There are two famous Jaffna food shops that dazzle us with their spicy fried mutton and delicious crab curry. On the right hand corner of this road is a solitary umbrella, under which a man was at work. He is Kathiravel, and is temporarily comforted that someone had come to hear his story amidst the rush of the bazaar.

These four men share a common lament - they all feel forgotten and left behind. Kathiravel had learnt the trade, working with his father. He recounts, "My father came to this area in 1960.



There were no vehicles or traffic like this. The people brought their kitchen knives to be sharpened. Women used to sew at home - so the girls would bring their pair of scissors for sharpening. My father is no more and I am here for almost 40 years. I have two sons and a daughter. My elder son is a tailor. Our lives are a daily challenge, as we have no consistent. In the good old days, we enjoyed eating fish and meat. We went to watch Tamil movies, but today that is becoming a luxury. Today people use digital devices to cut and chop, and soon we will be out of business. I depend on sharpening scissors from textile shops. The staff brings them to me in this area, but now these shops have seen a drop in their business. We suffer the ripple effect. The cost of a new sharpening contraption is almost Rs. 30,000, and the heavy flint stone costs Rs. 8,000, which we have to replace. This will be difficult in the future."

These four vintage tradesmen have experienced the victories and vicissitudes of Colombo. They have served a bygone generation. Their robust hands are calloused and fingernails stained with flint. The sunset painted the sky like a large celestial canvass, whilst the old men sipped hot tea and shared a few moments of fellowship before parting for the day. I had seen another old man plying his trade along Slave Island, Colombo 2, but could not locate him after the onset of COVID-19. Perhaps, he has faded into the sunset. In my travels, I encountered two men in Jaffna, one going about on a bicycle catering to a wider customer base. His sharpening device was fixed to the bicycle. There are a handful of old salons scattered across Jaffna where the barbers rely on vintage bladed devices to shave beards, taking you back in time. This was a novel treat as a Colombo traveller. These vintage barbers depend on the flint wheel for sharpening. I saw another vintage knife sharpener adjacent to the majestic Fort in Galle. For these hardworking men there is no pension or retirement benefit. Their flint wheels continue to spin and hone some blades. Sadly, their own future is covered with the uncertain rust of time.



Life at the sharp end

No new power stations in eight years: Dullas

P.P.G. SUGATHADASA, Thihagoda Group Corr.

No new power stations have been set up during the past eight years, Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma said. He said so participating in a recent development committee meeting held at the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Auditorium.

The minister said that LED bulbs would be provided to people under the Thihagoda Urban Development Project, and that Highways Minister Jonston Fernando plans to open the Southern Expressway's Kapuduwa Interchange before the upcoming Sinhala and Tamil Year. Alahapperuma also highlighted

the need to develop the marshlands near the Matarra - Kamburupitiya Road in order to turn them into botanical gardens and parks. He added that a water project for Yatiyana was also on the cards.

Over 43 families in Thihagoda without electricity and 273 more

without toilets are also to be provided with the necessary facilities soon, Minister Alahapperuma said.

Minister's Coordinating Secretary S. Hadunge, Thihagoda Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Nirmal Samarasinhe, and Divisional Secretary Umeha Matarage were also present.

Third 'Yowun Seela Samadhi' Programme held

M.S. ABDUL HALEEM, Mullipothana Group Corr.

The third 'Yowun Seela Samadhi' (Youth Sil Campaign) programme, organised by the Ministries of Youth and Buddhist Affairs, was held at the Seruwila Rajamaha Vihara in Trincomalee, last Sunday. The project aims to build moral values among youth.

Youth and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, Parliamentarian Kapila Nuwan Athukorala, Government Agent Saman Darshana Pandikoral, Seruwila Divisional Secretary B.R. Jayaratne, as well as youth and religious dignitaries were also present. A tree-planting ceremony was also conducted after the event.



Youth and Sports Minister and other participants at the event. Picture by M.S. Abdul Haleem, Mullipothana Group Corr.

State Minister urges DGHS to help organise concerts under strict health regulations

S.M. WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Corr.

Performing Arts State Minister Vidura Wickramanayaka has urged the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) to help singers and musicians organise concerts under strict health regulations as the COVID-19 pandemic has hindered the income of many artists in the country.

"I recently held a discussion with the Director General of Health Services about the matter.

I am currently waiting for the Health Ministry's recommendations regarding the matter," the state minister told the media in Kurunegala, yesterday.

Trawler catches fire at Dickowita Harbour

MIHIRA WIJESSEKARA, Marawila Group Corr.



The fire on the trawler being doused. Picture by Mihira Wijesekara, Marawila Group Corr.

A multi-day fishing trawler that arrived at the Dickowita Harbour for refuelling caught fire yesterday, injuring seven fishermen on board.

The injured were admitted to the Ragama General Hospital. However, two of them were in critical condition and were transferred to the Colombo National Hospital. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined. Investigations are continuing.

Man arrested with 152g of heroin

M. NELSON PIYARATNE, Kataragama Group Corr.

Tangalle Police arrested a man with 152 grams of heroin in Kataragama, last Saturday. The contraband, which is said to be worth Rs.1.97 million, was seized from his house.

The suspect is a 28-year-old three-wheeler driver. Police said he has connections to another individual linked to a drug-trafficking ring. The suspect has been handed over to the Kataragama Police for further action. Investigations are continuing.

540 road accident deaths this year

S.M. WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Corr.

Five hundred and forty persons have died in road accidents during the past three months, a senior police officer in Kurunegala told the media yesterday. Moreover, around 35 people get injured in road accidents per day, he added.

The Police Department has launched a project to arrest drunk and reckless drivers during the next couple of weeks as the Sinhala and Tamil Year draws near, the officer said.

He added that around 8,500 police personnel have been deployed for the purpose.

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Rs. 3,281,800/-

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UN Chief criticizes wealthy countries for vaccine 'stockpile'



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

CANADA: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres criticized developed countries for creating a "stockpile" of COVID-19 vaccines, and called on them to share with the rest of the world to help end the pandemic.

"I'm very concerned with this very unfair distribution of vaccines in the world," Guterres said in an interview broadcast Sunday by the Canadian channel CBC.

"It's in the interest of everybody to make sure that as soon as possible and in a fair way, everybody gets vaccinated everywhere and that vaccines are considered to be a truly global public good," he said.

The UN chief criticized the "self interest" of rich countries for building up vaccine supplies beyond the needs of their populations.

"First, don't stockpile vaccines," he said, adding that it "doesn't make sense."

"We have been appealing to developed countries to share some of the vaccines that they have bought and in many situations they have bought more than what they need."

The Secretary-General lamented that the Covax international system of vaccine aid to disadvantaged countries is having "difficulties" because "there's been a lot of hoarding."

He said that ending the pandemic "depends a lot on having the possibility to vaccinate as quickly as possible the population all over the world," and he pleaded in favor of a mechanism powered by the G20 to put in place a global vaccination plan.

'Oil for vaccines,' offers Maduro

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on Sunday offered "oil for vaccines" as his country, which is under economic sanctions affecting the oil sector in particular, faces a second wave of coronavirus.

"Venezuela has the oil tankers, it has custom-



China's Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine.

ers ready to buy oil from us. It would devote part of its production to obtain the vaccines it needs. Oil for vaccines!" said Maduro during an appearance on public television.

Venezuela has so far only authorized the use of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine and the one produced by Chinese company Sinopharm. Venezuela has registered around 150,000 coronavirus cases and a little under 1,500 deaths.

UAE, China project to produce Sinopharm vaccine

The United Arab Emirates and China on Sunday announced a venture to produce the Sinopharm coronavirus vaccine in the Gulf nation, state media reported.

The UAE's Group 42 and China's CNBG "have launched a joint project... to initiate the first Covid-19 vaccine production line in the UAE", said official Emirati news agency Wam.

It did not specify when commercial production will begin.

The UAE's Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, said the project adds "value to the international efforts being made in the face of the COVID-19 crisis, which has been taking a toll on everyday lives across the world."

Since then, the UAE - which has a population of nearly 10 million people - has also approved AstraZeneca, with one of the best vaccination rates per capita in the world, second to Israel.

The UAE has so far recorded more than 388,000 cases and 1,481 deaths from COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

Snap lockdown ordered in Brisbane

More than two million people in Brisbane, Australia were ordered into a three-day lockdown Monday after a cluster of coronavirus cases was detected in Australia's third-biggest city.

Australia has been relatively successful in curbing the spread of COVID-19, with just over 29,000 cases and 909 deaths during the pandemic to date.

However the country's vaccine rollout has been sluggish, with just over 500,000 shots administered so far in a country of 25 million.

'Premature' easing of COVID curbs boosts US cases - Fauci

A recent plateau in new COVID-19 infections in the United States was likely linked to the "premature" easing of anti-virus efforts, top pandemic advisor Anthony Fauci said Sunday.

While the emergence of coronavirus variants is part of the problem, so are states that are "pulling back on the mitigation" too soon, he told CBS's "Face the Nation."

When case numbers begin to plateau, he said, "you're really in danger of a surge coming up."

After a spike over the fall and winter in the United States that reached into the hundreds of thousands of new cases daily, infections have come to levels near 50,000 reported per day.

- AFP

Ever Given owner facing insurance claims over Suez Canal bottleneck

EGYPT: The owners and insurers of Ever Given, the massive cargo ship wedged in the Suez Canal for multiple days, may face a mountain of insurance claims, according to a new report.

The owners and insurers of the 1,300-foot-long ship could already be facing millions of dollars of insurance claims when the ship is eventually refloated, mainly due to the costs of the salvage operation as well as the trail of global shipment delays caused by the blockade.

The 200,000-tonne MV Ever Given veered off course in the Suez Canal on Tuesday, with officials blaming 40-knot gusts and a sandstorm.

Around 369 ships are stalled at either end. Egypt is losing some \$12-14 million in revenue from the canal for each day it is closed.

The crisis has forced companies to choose between waiting or rerouting vessels around Africa, adding 9,000 kilometres (5,500 miles) and over a week to the trip between Asia and

Europe, as well as vastly increased fuel costs.

Each day of the blockade could be costing global trade some \$6-10 billion, according to a study published by German insurer Allianz.

The report added that the ship was insured in the Japanese market and was likely insured for \$100-140 million worth of machinery damage.

Other ships will likely tag on insurance claims from the ship's insurer due to losses to goods on board, many being perishable, as well as delayed deliveries.

"If you have a constant build-up of ships, there are massive supply chain issues," Marcus Baker, the global head of marine and cargo at insurance broker Marsh said.

And the jam is already creating rippling economic impacts, during a year full of supply-chain disasters, with Oil prices rising close to 4% on Wednesday, only 24 hours after the port was blocked.

- YAHOO NEWS



An aerial view taken from the porthole of a commercial plane shows ships stranded in the Red sea, as the Taiwan-owned MV 'Ever Given' (Evergreen) container ship, a 400-metre- (1,300-foot-)long and 59-metre wide vessel, remains lodged sideways on Egypt's Suez Canal,impeding all traffic across the waterway. - AFP



Pandemic upsurge hits Europe recovery hopes

FRANCE: An upsurge in new COVID-19 cases is forcing Governments across Europe into new, damaging lockdowns that threaten to delay a much hoped-for return to growth, economists say.

The plan was that mass vaccination programmes would turn the tide on the pandemic, allowing locked-down consumers free rein after months penned up at home.

Instead the virus has embarked on a third wave which is proving more difficult to bring under control.

French President Emmanuel Macron warned that the European Union would have to do more and beef up its already massive 750 billion euro (\$885 billion) virus recovery fund as a result.

In September, as the economy picked up sharply after a rapid reverse in the first wave, expectations were high that by the middle of this year it would be solidly back on track, thanks especially to the vaccine rollout.

Just a couple of weeks ago, European Central Bank head Christine Lagarde was even



A waiter stands outside an empty La Mère Catherine restaurant in Paris, France. The COVID-19 lockdown is having a drastic impact on the European economy.

talking about a "firm rebound in activity in the second half of the year".

Now the EU's strongest economies - Germany, France and Italy - have reimposed restrictions and the vaccine programme in Europe is mired in a blame game over supplies.

Credit insurer Euler Hermes

estimates that the EU is now seven weeks adrift of its target to have 70 percent of the population vaccinated by the end of the summer, compared with five weeks in February.

It estimates the delay will cost the bloc's 27 member states some 123 billion euros this year. - AFP

Global condemnation after bloodiest day since Myanmar coup

MYANMAR: Defence chiefs from a dozen countries on Sunday jointly condemned the bloodbath in Myanmar a day earlier, when at least 107 people - including seven children - were killed as Security Forces opened fire on anti-coup protesters.

Myanmar has been in turmoil since the military ousted and detained civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi on February 1, triggering mass protests demanding a return to democracy.

The junta on Saturday staged a major show of might for its annual Armed Forces Day as the death toll from crackdowns since the coup climbed to at least 423, according to a local monitoring group.

The defence chiefs of 12 countries including the United States, Britain, Japan and Australia condemned the Myanmar military's use of lethal force against civilians.

"A professional military follows international standards for conduct and is responsible for protecting - not harming - the people it serves," the rare joint statement said.

Funerals were held Sunday for some of the victims, after the bloodiest day since the putsch.

Relatives of 13-year-old boy Sai Waiyan, who was shot Saturday playing outside his house in Yangon, cried over his casket on Sunday afternoon, local media reported.



This photo taken and received from an anonymous source via Facebook on Saturday shows protesters taking part in a demonstration against the military coup in Yangon's Hlaing township. FACEBOOK / AFP

Despite the dangers, protesters hit the streets again Sunday in parts of Yangon including Hlaing, and in the cities of Dawei, Bago, Myingyan and Monywa.

Henrietta Fore, the executive director for the UN's children's agency UNICEF, said 10 children reportedly had been shot and killed Saturday.

Rebels in eastern Myanmar's Karen state said they had been targeted in air strikes late Saturday, hours after the ethnic

armed group seized a military base. Further air strikes on Sunday sent 2,000 people from two villages in Karen state darting through the jungle across the border into Thailand seeking safety, Hsa Moo told AFP.

A grand parade of troops and military vehicles in the capital Naypyidaw on Saturday saw junta leader General Min Aung Hlaing defend the coup and pledge to yield power after new elections. - AFP

Galapagos airport staff find 185 tortoises in suitcase

ECUADOR: Staff at an airport on the Galapagos Islands found 185 tortoises in a suitcase that was heading for Ecuador's mainland, environment authorities said on Sunday.

The discovery was made "during a routine inspection," the environment ministry said on Twitter, adding that police were investigating.

Trafficking fauna off the Galapagos Islands is a crime punishable by between one and three years in prison.

The islands are a protected wildlife area and home to unique species of flora and fauna.

They lie 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) west of Ecuador.

On Twitter, Environment Minister Marcelo Mata blasted "these crimes against Ecuadorans' wild fauna and natural heritage."

The Galapagos Islands' star attraction are their giant tortoises, which arrived on the volcanic islands between three and four million years ago.

It is believed that ocean currents deposited them on the islands after which they developed into 15 separate



Baby Galapagos Island tortoises

species, three of which are extinct. The archipelago was made famous by British geologist and naturalist

Charles Darwin's observations on evolution after visiting the islands.

- AFP

Indonesia church suicide bombers were newlyweds

INDONESIA: Two suicide bombers who blew themselves up at an Indonesian cathedral on Palm Sunday were newlyweds who belonged to a pro-Islamic State extremist group, police said Monday, as they raided the couple's home.

About 20 people were wounded in the powerful explosion outside the church in Makassar city on Sulawesi island while worshippers celebrated the start of Holy Week.

Both suspects were killed instantly when they rode a motorbike into the compound of the church, setting off an improvised explosive device known as a pressure-cooker bomb, police said.

On Monday, Indonesian authorities said the pair had been married for about six months and that the man was in his mid-twenties. They were identified only by their initials.

"The investigation is ongoing including looking at whether there were others involved," National Police spokesman Argo Yuwono said.

Counter-terror units raided the couple's home and other locations in Makassar, a port city of about 1.5



Police officers stand guard in the front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral after a suicide bomb attack in Makassar, South Sulawesi province, Indonesia on Sunday.

million, as well as in the capital Jakarta, as they searched for bombs, weapons and other evidence, police said. Police said the couple were members of Jamaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD), an extremist group blamed for series of attacks, including 2018 suicide bombings in Indonesia's second-biggest city Surabaya.

On Monday, officials said 15 peo-

ple remained in hospital, although the extent of their wounds remained unclear. Four had been discharged, they added. Sunday's explosion at the main Catholic cathedral in Makassar happened just after congregants finished celebrating Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, which commemorates Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. - AFP

China to speed-up development, enhance innovation - PM

CHINA: Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang has urged efforts to deepen reform and opening up, enhance innovation capacities and development momentum, improve people's well-being, and promote high-quality development.

Li, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks during an inspection tour in east China's Jiangsu Province from Thursday to Friday.

Li called for expanding cooperation and highlighted the country's commitment to market-based inclusive policies to stimulate the corporate sector's innovation power.

Li also paid a visit to a residential community in Changzhou,



Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang speaks with students when visiting Nanjing University in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province on Friday. - XINHUA

where he learnt about services including elderly care and nursery and lauded local authorities' practice of introducing non-governmental resources to promote development of elderly care.

The Premier also urged local authorities to do their utmost in

creating conditions for flexible employment of the people.

Li was briefed on the reform and development of the Jiangsu pilot free trade zone (FTZ), and urged local authorities to advance institutional innovations, pool talent, and give full play to the role of the FTZ

in pioneering reform and opening up.

When visiting Nanjing University, Li encouraged researchers to strengthen cross-disciplinary cooperation and promote integration of innovations.

- XINHUA



1 dead, 5 wounded in Vancouver library knife attack

CANADA: An attacker armed with a knife stabbed and killed one woman and wounded another five people at a library in the Canadian city of Vancouver on Saturday, Police said.

Although the motive for the attack was not immediately clear, Police said they had arrested a suspect who had a criminal record and was believed to have acted on his own.

"We know - we believe we know - the who, the what, the where and the when. It is our job now to determine the why," said Sergeant Frank Jang of the Vancouver police department.

"We haven't spoken with him yet, but our suspect has had Police interactions in the past. He has a past criminal record," Jang told reporters at the scene of the crime.

The stabbings took place in the afternoon in



A forensic Police officer collects evidence inside the Lynn Valley Library, in North Vancouver, British Columbia after the stabbings.

and near the library in an upscale neighbourhood of the Pacific coast city.

The CTV network broadcast a video apparently showing the arrest of the suspect, who seemed to stab himself in the leg before collapsing and being detained by several police officers.

Prime Minister Justin

Trudeau tweeted his condolences to those affected, saying: "My heart is in North Vancouver tonight."

"To everyone affected by this violent incident in Lynn Valley, know that all Canadians are keeping you in our thoughts and wishing a speedy recovery to the injured."

- AFP

Egypt building collapse toll climbs to 25



People and rescuers gather around the rubble of a building that collapsed in the popular area of Gesr Suez, east of the Egyptian capital Cairo on Saturday. - AFP

EGYPT: Egyptian state media said Sunday that at least 25 people were killed in a 10-storey building collapse in Cairo revising the toll up as rescue operations continued.

Al-Ahram newspaper said the number of injured

in Saturday's incident in the capital's eastern Gesr Suez district rose to 75.

Rescue workers continued to sift through cement and rubble on Sunday, a security source said.

Al-Ahram quoted local reports as claiming four of

the building's floors had been added illegally.

Cairo Governor Khaled Abdel Aal toured the site on Saturday and ordered a team of experts to be formed to inspect nearby buildings for damage.

Saturday's accident came

a day after a train crash in the southern province of Sohag killed 19 people and injured more than 180 others, the latest in a series of deadly collisions generally attributed to poor infrastructure and maintenance.

- AFP

Barack Obama's Kenyan 'granny' dies

KENYA: Sarah Obama, the grandmother of former US President Barack Obama, has died aged 99 in western Kenya, her daughter told AFP Monday.

"It is true she has gone to be with the Lord," said an emotional Marsat Onyango, her daughter, "she passed on this morning."

Sarah Obama, popularly known as Mama Sarah, had been admitted to the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital in Kisumu.

Once a simple country woman, Sarah Obama was for a long time best known for the hot porridge and doughnuts she served at a local school.

But she rose to world fame with the 2008 election of her step-grandson Barack as the first black US president.

Already a national celebrity after the former Illinois senator Barack Obama visited Kenya in 2006, Sarah's modest homestead

became a tourist attraction with Obama's November 2008 election triumph.

Born in 1922 in a village on the shores of the glittering waters of Lake Victoria, Sarah was the third

wife of Hussein Onyango Obama, President Obama's grandfather, a herbalist and a village elder who fought for the British in Burma, now called Myanmar.

Onyango Obama, who died in 1975, is said to be the first man to swap goatskin clothing for trousers in his village. He returned from the war in Burma with a gramophone and a picture of a white woman he claimed to have married.

Although not a blood relation, President Obama often referred to Sarah as his grandmother, calling her "granny".

On his trip back to Kenya as US president, he met with her among other family members in Nairobi.

After leaving office, he traveled to her home in the village of Kogelo in 2018, joking he had been unable to do so in 2015 as his jet was too big to land in Kisumu.

Obama is linked to his Kenyan family via his father Barack senior, a pipe-smoking economist who Obama has admitted he "never truly" knew. - AFP



Former US President Barack Obama with his grandmother Sarah Obama.

28.03.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 452,570
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS Rs.20,307,220.00
Rs.2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs.1,000,000.00 PRIZES 02 Rs.1,00,000.00 PRIZES 20

28/03/2021
Official Results
Draw No. 32
Date 28.03.2021
Winning Nos. 03 15 78 80

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
01 Prize	Five Numbers are correct	500,000/-	-
02 Prize	Three Numbers and English Letter are correct	100,000/-	01
03 Prize	Four Numbers are correct	1,000/-	48
04 Prize	Three Numbers and English Letter are correct	200/-	06
05 Prize	Four Numbers are correct	100/-	2,566
06 Prize	From Number and English Letter are correct	40/-	2,138
07 Prize	Four Numbers are correct	20/-	32,583
08 Prize	Four English Letters are correct	20/-	11,725

Total prize money won in this Draw
Rs. 1,789,600.00

Next Super Prize
Rs. 7,193,396.40

OFFICIAL RESULTS
SEVANA
Date 28/03/2021
Draw Number 326
English Letter Y
Winning Number 26 30 36 43

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs.1,000,000/- each 01
2 nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs.100,000/- each 03
3 rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs.1,000/- each 50
4 th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs.200/- each 104
5 th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs.100/- each 2,502
6 th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs.50/- each 1,451
7 th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs.20/- each 36,800
8 th Prize	If any Super number is correct	Rs.20/- each 5,692

Total Prize Won in this Draw
Rs. 2,543,390/-

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

DRAW NUMBER : 4440 OFFICIAL RESULTS
MAHAJANA SAMPATHA
DATE: 28-03-2021
WINNING LETTER O
WINNING NUMBERS 4 8 4 8 6 3

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize Money	No. of Winners
1 st Prize	4 8 4 8 6 3	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2 nd Prize	4 8 4 8 6 3	Rs. 300,000/-	06
3 rd Prize	4 8 6 3	Rs. 10,000/-	01
4 th Prize	8 6 3	Rs. 1,000/-	043
5 th Prize	6 3	Rs. 100/-	0,338
6 th Prize	3	Rs. 20/-	02,537

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize Money	No. of Winners
7 th Prize	4 8 4 8 6	Rs. 10,000/-	10
8 th Prize	4 8 4 8	Rs. 1,000/-	07
9 th Prize	4 8 4	Rs. 100/-	028
10 th Prize	4 8	Rs. 50/-	0,320
11 th Prize	0	Rs. 20/-	32,988

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 8,087,350.00

The Super Prize of next draw
Rs. 13,801,315.00

National Lotteries Board

Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS
DRAW NUMBER 2735 DRAW DATE 28/03/2021
ENGLISH LETTER Q
WINNING NUMBERS 07 14 46 53

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 st PRZ	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00 01
2 nd PRZ	IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00 09
3 rd PRZ	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00 122
4 th PRZ	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00 242
5 th PRZ	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00 6,253
6 th PRZ	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00 6,110
7 th PRZ	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00 181,328
8 th PRZ	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00 18,580

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 130,864

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 5,574,420.00

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 60,002,193.20

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

National Lotteries Board

DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results
Date - 28/03/2021
Draw Number - 477
English Letter R
Winning Number 15 37 43 45
SHAN VARMA 2820

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00 01
2 nd Prize	English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00 01
3 rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00 65
4 th Prize	English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00 133
5 th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00 3,372
6 th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00 2,301
7 th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00 55,746
8 th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00 10,464

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 2,312,460.00
Number of Prize Winners in this draw. 72,167

Next Draw Super Prize
Rs. 90,533,680.00

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

National Lotteries Board

Sivarajan secures maiden NSF marathon title

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Thirty-year-old Muththusami Sivarajan, a father of two from Pundaluoya won the Gold Medal at the 46th National Sports Festival (NSF) marathon event held at Kataragama on Friday.

This was the first time that the Airman participated in the NSF marathon after he had been a middle and long-distance runner for the better part of his athletics career.

In fact, it was his coach Sajith Jayalal who encouraged him to be a marathoner and he returned a time of two hours, 29 minutes and 29 seconds to win his maiden title.

Earlier, Sivarajan made an attempt to earn a place in the Sri Lanka Team for the previous South Asian Games (SAG) marathon but pulled out after more than 30km at the trial event held prior to the Games.

Veteran marathoner Tissa Gunasekara finished second in two hours 32 minutes and 14s while Sarath Kumara finished third clocking two hours 33 minutes and 45 seconds.

Meanwhile, Velu Krishanthani from Nuwara Eliya and training under Coach Jansz Dissanayaka, won the Women's marathon clocking two hours 55.10 seconds.

Young marathoner Wathsala Herath finished second, just dipping under the three-hour mark (2:57.15 seconds) while S. D. Liyanage finished third clocking three hours and 19 seconds.

This was the first marathon held in Sri Lanka in more than 20 months.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka Army athletes Sandaruwan Dunukara and Kalhari Madarika won the Men's and Women's race walking titles respectively at the 46th NSF at Kataragama on Saturday.

Dunukara representing North Central Province won the race walking gold medal at the NSF for the fifth successive year.

The 29-year-old who won the event



Winners of the Women's race walking event (From left): J. K. K. M. C. Damayanthi (Bronze), Kalhari Madarika (Gold), and L. M. M. Jayaratne (Silver)



in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 clocked a winning time of one hour 38.17 seconds.

Earlier, Dunukara recorded a personal best of 1:31.01 seconds when he represented Sri Lanka at the Asian Race Walking Championship which earned him the ninth place.

Madarika representing Western Province won the Women's race clocking 1:51.19 seconds She made a comeback after having been laid low by dengue for nearly six months.

Earlier, Madarika represented Sri Lanka at the Asian Race Walking Championship in 2018 finishing in 35th position.

She won the Silver Medal at the NSF race walking event in 2013, 2015 and 2018.

The winners of this year's race walking event are products of renowned coach Nishantha Nayananda who has produced 17 winners during the period 1993 to 2010.



Winner of the Men's race walking event Sandaruwan Dunukara



Winner of the Women's race walking event Kalhari Madarika



Winner of the Women's marathon V. Krishanthani



Winner of the Men's marathon M. Sivarajan



Winners of the Men's race walking event with their trophies (From left): Niroshan Appuhamy (Bronze) Sandaruwan Dunukara (Gold) and R. M. D. Rukmal (Silver)

Sunanda Jayasekara - a sporting legend and a gentleman

INDIKA WELAGEDARA

To Sunanda Jayasekara, sports was not just a game - it was a passion and a passionate pastime in his life. As a financier he still cherishes the lessons he learnt as an outstanding sportsman for his alma mater St. Peter's College Bambalapatiya from 1973-77. Perhaps, sports would have been the reason for his gaining an employment opportunity in Canada.

Talking exclusively to the 'Daily News' all the way from Canada even though it is a 10-and-half hours time difference, he recalled how an illustrious sports career could help build one's character. "I believe in teamwork. This is one major lesson that sports has taught me throughout the years" said Jayasekara.

"Sports helped me to imbibe qualities such as leadership, sharing work, character building, delegating work, determination and having faith in my teammates," he said. Like in many others, school time was the best era of Jayasekara's life. "I owe everything to my school St. Peter's; actually it is not just a school, but an institution where students' characters were nurtured with dignity and honesty."

"My best moment in school cricket was when in 1975 in the inaugural Joe-Pete 50 over encounter (which is the first limited over game to be played among Sri Lankan schools, innovated by my beloved cricket coach legendary Mike Chanmugam (A highly respected St. Peter's old boy) and the administrators of both schools, where I took the wicket of Josephian batting maestro left hander Rohan Wijesinghe Snr., with a rising out-swinging caught by S.C. Rohan Fernando at first slip with the very first delivery of the match; finally claiming 2 for 12 and we went on to win the inaugural 50 over match against the star studded St. Joseph College side captained by Dushan Soza. I still cherish that moment of claiming Rohan's wicket with my first ball and it will be in my mind for ever" said Sunanda. This first ball achievement is a record that no other schoolboy has done in the past or will achieve; the record will stand forever as it was the inaugural 50 over match to be played amongst schools.

Recalling his memory he said "In fact I had the luxury of claiming Wijesinghe's wicket two more times in different Joe-Pete encounters, so all together I got his wicket three times in four outings.

Going down memory lane



Sunanda Jayasekara - in 1975



Sunanda Jayasekara in Canada in 2021

Jayasekara spoke highly of his cricket coach Mike Chanmugam, rugby coach Archibald Perera and his basketball coach Mahadevan.

Sunanda Jayasekara had the unique feat of representing champion St. Peter's College basketball team in 1973, coached by great Murali Mahadevan. He represented the CH and FC 'A' Division side for the first time in 1977 as a second row forward while still a schoolboy and earned a reputation as a much sought-after ruggerite.

He said "I played for CH and FC from 1977-1981. In 1982 CH was really grateful enough to offer the

captaincy to me, because I was the senior, but I did not take it as I was nursing an injury on my knee. So the captaincy went to prop forward N.H. Karunasena. I was working in Ratnapura during the Sri Lanka club Rugby season in 1978, and to continue with my rugby, I had to travel daily from Ratnapura to Maitland Crescent for two months for practices", a pure dedication by this tough sportsman.

Going down memory lane Sunanda - who was affectionately called "Sunna" by his friends said "In same year I fractured my nasal bone playing rugby I was with the face mask on, it was taken off in order for me to play the CH vs. CR match even before it was completely healed. A challenge he has taken for the love of the game, even risking his wedding as he was to get married after three days of the match. This incident really goes to show the mental and physical toughness of this fantastic sportsman.

He further went on to say "In 1987 I made a comeback and played till 1988, but decided to hang my boots in 1988 when I sustained a knee injury during the season. I later moved to Canada and have been living there since then, with my wife and daughter."

He also represented Colts SC and Moratuwa SC in Division 1 Sara Trophy as a fast bowler and lower order batsman. Incidentally Sunanda and Dennis Chanmugam are the first two players to represent a Division one Sara Trophy club cricket team as well as 'A' Division club rugby team in the Clifford Cup tournament.

Sunanda was turning out for the star studded Moratuwa SC, since leaving Colts CC in 1978 and took a career best 12 wickets in the match against Colombo university (a team full of quality players) in 1978.

In conclusion Jayasekara spoke highly about his father Victor Jayasekara and said, "My father has been my major inspiration in life, and I am eternally grateful to him because he stood like a rock behind me" and I also wanted to thank my coaches Mike Chanmugam (Cricket), Archibald Perera (Rugby) and Mahadevan (Basketball) and I'm always eternally grateful to them as well. "In order for Sri Lankan rugby to improve and reach higher standards, I believe we should leave politics out of the game, and that goes for schools, clubs and national rugby" concluded Jayasekara.

War veteran Dharmasena shines at Wheelchair Tennis Tournery



D. S. R. Dharmasena in action



R. A. L. S. Ranaweera and D. S. R. Dharmasena celebrate their win

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Sri Lankan war veteran D. S. R. Dharmasena stole the limelight at the 14th Sri Lanka Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament, worked off at the SLTA Courts in Green Path. Dharmasena had the satisfaction of claiming a double at this tournament as he clinched the Men's Singles title as well as the Men's Double title.

This year's tournament of course, was conducted with the participation of only local competitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dharmasena made the maximum from this tournament as he defeated R. A. L. S.

Ranaweera 6-1, 7-6 in a thrilling Men's Singles final encounter. Thereafter, he combined with Ranaweera and went on to beat the combination of Gamini Dissanayake and K. G. M. Pradeep Kumara 6-4, 6-1 in the Men's

Doubles final.

The results:

Men's Singles quarter-finals: R. A. L. S. Ranaweera beat Pradeep Kumara 6-3, 6-4. D. S. R. Dharmasena beat W. A. S. P. Weerasinghe 6-0, 6-0. H. M. L. Senarathne beat K. D. M. Dharmarathne 6-3, 6-3. Gamini Dissanayake beat W. P. J. Wijesiri 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Semi-finals: R. A. L. S. Ranaweera beat Gamini Dissanayake 6-2, 6-2. D. S. R. Dharmasena beat H. M. L. Senarathne 6-2, 6-2.

Final: D. S. R. Dharmasena beat R. A. L. S. Ranaweera 6-1, 7-6.

Men's Doubles semi-finals: R. A. L. S. Ranaweera and D. S. R. Dharmasena beat H. M. L. Senarathne and W. P. G. Wijesiri 6-2, 6-0. Gamini Dissanayake and K. G. M. Pradeep Kumara beat K. D. M. Dharmarathne and Geeth Kankanamage 6-3, 6-2.

(Final): R. A. L. S. Ranaweera and D. S. R. Dharmasena beat Gamini Dissanayake and K. G. M. Pradeep Kumara 6-4, 6-1.

Soldiers outplay sailors 3-2 in Galaxy Cup 2021

BERNARD PERERA reporting from Galle

Sri Lanka Army clinched the second runner up position of the Under 25 Galaxy Cup 2021 Championship yesterday when they trounced Sri Lanka Navy 3-2 (23-25, 25-14, 25-17, 25-2, 1-15).

Sailors got off to a flying start winning the first two sets to take full control of the game. Soldiers came to the third set hoping to challenge the sailors by changing their tactics. This brought them good

results and went on to win the set 25-17, and continued the form and made further strides to gain the advantage from the win they gained in the third set and made another stunning performance to win the set to put pressure on Soldiers making the score line 2 all.

The final set became a tough set for both teams and they fought the set in an equal manner and it really was a ding dong battle with scores getting equal on two occasions. The

never say die soldiers brought in a brilliant show to down the sailors at 11-15.

On Saturday in the women's category Mahauswewa Sports Club lasses took the second runner up position beating the highly ranked airwomen in straight sets (25-22, 25-15, 25-10).

This game became one sided game with Mahauswewa SC Spikers dominating from the word go.

Cricket coaches exam in Kandy District

(UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA -Kandy Sports Special Correspondent)

Over 50 Cricket Coaches of Kandy District were called for a written examination with regard to the issuing of Cricket Coaching License for the year 2021/2022 and it was held at the Pallekelle Interna-

tional Stadium on the 24th of March, 2021. The Cricket Coaching examination was conducted by the Provincial Coach, Amila Pinnaduwa with the assistance of the District Coaches, Ananda Bandaranayake, Harsha Edirisuriya, Jagath Wasantha, Ajith Bandara and Migara.



Praba Udawatte, former all-rounder in Sri Lanka Cricket, Niluka Amaraseena (Cricket cum Cricket scorer of Sri Lanka Cricket) and the other coaches who were present for the written test. (Pictures. by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl. Corr

Women's cricketer Tharushi from Nugawela going great guns

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA
Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

Tharushi Rajakaruna is a Grade 13 student of Nugawela National School, who is a talented womens cricketer and she started her cricket career at the age of twelve years and her cricket coach is S. Jaliya . Tharushi is a right hand batswoman and a right arm off-spinner and she was selected to the school cricket team under the captaincy of Madara Samarakoon in 2015 and 2016.

The Cricket team of Nugawela National School came up-to Quarter Finals at the All Island Schools Tournament in 2015/16 and Tharushi captured only 10 wickets and scored 40 runs in 2016 which was her highest score, but she proved her talent as an all-rounder when she went for training under coach Amila Pinnaduwa, the Provincial Cricket coach and Ananda Bandaranayake, the District Cricket Coach and they saw her talent in cricket and included Tharushi in the Development Squad in 2018 and immediately she showed her talent as an off-spinner when she bagged 4 for 21 at the Inter Provincial Tournament against Dambulla CC Team representing Kandy District side.

In the following year 2019 she took another step forward as a Batswoman to score 49 runs against Nuwara Eliya District at the Inter District Tournament. She remained in the Kandy District Women's Cricket team and in 2020 she notched up her first century when she scored 101 runs against Nuwara-Eliya District at the Inter District Women's Cricket tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Women's Cricket Association. This year at the All Island Girls Schools Cricket Tournament she bagged three wickets for 13 runs against St.Anthony's Girls School,Katugastota and she has two more cricket matches to be played against Mahamaya Girls School Cricket team,Kandy and Jayasiripura Junior School,Bakamuna. In the first round of the Tournament. She is determined to give an all-round performance she is grateful to Provincial Cricket Coach Amila Pinnaduwa and District Cricket Coach, Ananda Bandaranayake and also her father, Hiran Rajakaruna who captained the Cricket Team of St.Sylvester's College,Kandy in 1985/86 cricket season, who was her main instructor in cricket. Her ambition is to be a talented womens cricketer in the future.



Tharushi Rajakaruna , talented Women's Cricketer of Nugawela National School.
(Pictures by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl.Corr

Sumedha Malewana excellent ruggerite and coach

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Number eights interacts with the scrum-half at the back of the scrum to control and provide a clean ball for the backs. The number eight can also pick the ball from the back of the scrum and run with it or pass it to the scrum-half. . Sumedha Malewana was a player who occupied this key position for his school club and country in the international rugby arena putting up a profound performance.

Sumedha was born in 1979 in Kegalle district and his father was the late Mettananda Malewana, a businessman by profession. Mother is Ghana a retired Teacher Instructor . He has a sibling Kapila. He was admitted to Vidyarthi College, Kandy in 1992 due to his sporting ability and later completed his academic studies there in 1998. Earlier he attended St. Mary's and Swarna Jayanthi Maha Vidyalaya in Kegalle before joining Vidyarthi.

With a hefty frame heavily built, Sumedha was motivated and encouraged by Lenin, one of his hostel mates, who apparently played junior rugby at school. He finally started handling the oval shaped ball with the under 15 team in 1994. Sanath Bandara, a former Vidyarthian taught him the basics of the game and was his junior school rugby coach. Gradually, he matured as a talented player and established a permanent place in the College first XV team. He donned the college first XV jersey for three years from 1996 to 1998 as a number eight . He played in 1996 team under Amila Ratnayake, in 1997 under Niroshan Ekanayake and in 1998 under Upul Wijeratne's captaincy which was coached by Viper Guneratne (senior) and Piyal Navaratne. In 1998 his team lost the schools league to Zahira 23-21 in the final after a closely contested game at Sugathadasa Stadium.

No sooner he completed his school career, one of his schoolmates Saman Edama, who was playing for Havelocks invited him to join them and went on to play the 1998/99 season. Subsequently two of his other friends Navantha de Silva and Panda Wijeratne invited him to join the Sri Lanka Navy to play rugby. He represented them from 1999 to 2005 before they stopped rugby due to the outbreak of the war in the country. He was granted permission to play for any other club and joined CH and FC to play the 2006, 2007 and 2008 seasons. After the situation became normal, he rejoined the Sailors in 2009 and sailed for them until 2014 to play rugby. In 2010, he was appointed as the captain as they became third in the league and ended runner-up in the knockout tournament losing to Kandy in the final. He also represented the Jafna Challengers at the Carlton International Rugby Sevens Tournament which they won in 2011.

While he was playing club rugby in 2002, he had the National team call and went to lock horns until 2013. He competed in several tournaments for the country Internationally which



included the 2002 Rugby Asiad at Bangkok, Thailand led by Asanga Rodrigo, In 2004 at Hong Kong captained by Pradeep Basanayake, In 2007 in Colombo under Jeewa Galgamuwa. He then played in the five Nations tournament in 2011 under Yoshitha Rajapaksa's captaincy in Manila, Philippines followed by the same tournament in 2013 under the same captain in Colombo, which was his penultimate tournament before his retirement from International rugby.

During his tenure with the National team in 2003, he toured with the National team to Hong Kong to play a test series. Later played against Kazakhstan, China, Japan and Korea at the Asian Games and went on to grab the 'Most Valuable Player of the Tournament' in 2011 in Philippines, Manila, which he rates as the best achievement in his rugby career. Retired senior DIG Nimal Lewke, Tony Amit and Phil Greening the current USA Rugby Director were his coaches at National level.

After hanging up his boots , he took up coaching and completed the IRB level-1 and 2 coaching programmes under Sir Gordon Tietjens and Tana Umanga the two great New Zealanders. His first coaching assignment was with Ananda College, Colombo in 2014 then moved to D.S. Senanayake and continued his tenure for three years from 2015 to 2017, where he was instrumental in guiding them to a promotion to 'A' Division from lower category, after three years. Under his coaching they lost the Sevens Cup semi final to St. Peters losing 12/14 in the last minute. In the 2018/19 season, he strived hard to guide his own school to gain 'A' division status after nine years.

He also guided the Vidyarthi sevens team to win the 'Plate Championship' in 2018 followed by the under-18 Cup runners up. Apart from his coaching schools he also was appointed as assistant coach of the Navy team for many years'. He was the assistant coach of Western Warriors who won the championship in 2014, which Stefano Cacau the Fijian legend handled as head coach.

His spouse is Chamila de Soysa and his two children are Duthira son and Devra. At present he is coaching St. Anthony's College, Kandy.

Athlete Okanda Chethina does his school proud

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Athletic Coloursman, Hettiarachchi Okanda Chethina Hettiarachchi has brought honour and glory to his Alma Mater Wekada Maha Vidyalaya Dankotuwa with his deeds in the field of athletics. Initially he was admitted to Rathnajothis Primary Vidyalaya Gonyayana, Dankotuwa in 2010 when Mrs. Jessica was at the helm of the school and his first class teacher was Mrs. Piyaseeli and after passing the Grade Five Scholarship Examination he was drafted to Wekada Maha Vidyalaya and his present Principal is W. S. A. Wasantha.

When he was at his first school in Grade 4 he participated in the Inter House Sports Meet in 50 and 100 metres and relays and he swept the board. When he came to his new school he was reluctant to participate in athletics. But his parents Sudarma Kumara Hettiarachchi and Mangala Jayaruk Preethi Kumari being an athlete during her school days she encouraged her son to take up to athletics and participating at the school Inter House Sports Meet as an under 11 competitor in 75 and 100 metres



Okanda Chethina Hettiarachchi in action at the Long Jump Event in the All Island 44th Junior Athletic Championship.
(Picture by Dilwin Mendis - Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

and in Long Jump he came first and became School Champion. Since then to date he is the School Champion Athlete.

As an under 13 Champion Athlete his first attempt in the Divisional and Zonal Meet he won his events and in 2015 he was the Divisional, Zonal and Provincial Champion and his events were 100, 200 and Long Jump and in 2016 partici-

pating at the North Western Provincial meet in the National Youth Sports Festival he came third in 100 and 200 metres and second in Long Jump and his school Relay Team emerged third.

In 2017 he became the Divisional Champion and in the Provincial meet he came first in Long Jump and at the North Western Province Inter Club Meet his school came second and in the All



Island 44th Junior Athletic Championship he was second in 100 metres and third in Long Jump and in the Sri Lanka Athletic Association Meet he received a merit certificate for Long Jump and 100x4 Relay Event. Same year in the Sri Lanka Schools Athletic Association Meet he came first in Long Jump and 100 metre events.

Then in 2018 at the Wenuappuwa Educational Provincial Meet he was the Champion Athlete and in the Open Meet in under 28 age group category he became the Champion and at the National Youth Schools Festival he was third in Long Jump and first in 400x4 Relay Event he was third in the North Western Provincial Meet 400x4 Relay Event and

in 100x4 third placed and in the same year at the Sri Lanka Schools Athletic Association Meet as an under 15 competitor in the Long Jump he got a Merit Certificate In the Puttalam District Schools Meet he came second in Triple Jump and 100 metres respectively and in the Puttalam District Inter Schools Meet in the under 15 age limit he came first in Long Jump and his school organized a Felicitation Ceremony Along with another two Athletes he was honoured and was adjudged as the under 15 Best Athlete of the school His Prefect of Games is Saman Bandara and the Coach is Nalaka Prasanna Wijesiri and one of their old boys. Anjula too is helping him to develop his skills and talents.

Customs Airport Knight Riders wins Resurrection Cup

M.H.YAKEEM

Customs, Airport Knight Riders beat Customs Headquarters Gladiators by seven runs in a keenly contested Quadrangular T/20 Cricket encounter, while Colombo Masters emerged Plate winners, played at the NCC ground on March 20 and 21.

Additional Director General of Customs, Mahendra Arthanayake, a famous cricketer together with Mahes de Zoysa, who also played County Cricket in England, took the pain to organize this game mainly to encourage the youngsters of the Sri Lanka Customs who have lost touch of Cricket for the past one and a half years due to the COVID 19 Pandemic and to continue playing cricket under the guidelines given by the Health Authorities. Vijitha Ravipriya, Director General of Customs, was present to witness the final, and he was a tower of strength to the players, who gave of their best.

FINAL - Airport

Knight Riders Beat Headquarters Gladiators by seven runs

Airport Knight Riders - 154/6 IN 20 Overs Achintha 17, Lakjeev 20, Anjana 53 not out, Mahendra Arthanayake 15 rtd out, Bhatiya 10, Thilina 1/27, Dewruwan 1/30, Malshan 1/26

Headquarters Gladiators - 149/7 IN 20 Overs Malshan 54 , Thilina 10, Indika 20, kavinda 10

PLATE - COLOMBO MASTERS BEAT CUSTOMS VIKINGS BY six wickets

Customs Vikings - 158/9 IN 20 Overs Kalpana 12, Dharshana 11, Manoj 30, Avantha 17, Tharaka 62 rtd out, Chaminda Rajapaksha 2/26 , Pujitha Gunawardena 2/21, Lalith de Silva 2/29

Colombo Masters - 159/4 IN 20 Overs Shafeek Rahim 21, Gihan Shiromlal 28, Lalith de Silva 44, Chaminda Rajapaksha 14, Dharsha Abeywardena 12 not out, Pujitha Gunawardena 19 not out, Dharshana 1/28, Kalpana 1/15, Tharaka 1/18

Ampara District win Eastern Province Hockey Title

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Addalaichenai Central Correspondent

Karathivu Hockey Lions Team representing Ampara District Hockey Team beat Trincomalee District Team by 1:0 in the final to emerge men's champions for the third consecutive year as the Eastern Province Hockey Tournament which was held as part of the Eastern Province Sports Festival-2020, concluded at the Leelarthana Play Grounds, Kantale recently.

The tournament was organized by Eastern Province Sports Department Director N.M.Nowfees while Trincomalee,

Batticaloa and Ampara District teams took part in this competition.

The champion team will compete at the 46th National Sports Festival to be conducted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS). Winners were awarded medals. Winners brought fame to Ampara district were congratulated and welcomed by the Ampara District Secretariat Sports Officer M.I.M.Ameer Ali.

The skipper of Karathivu Hockey Lions S.Ketheeswaran said that they will win at the National Level with proper training.



Karathivu Hockey Lions Team which won the Eastern Province Hockey Title



Sports gear distributed in Addalaichenai

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Addalaichenai Central Correspondent

Sports gear was distributed to several sports clubs in Addalaichenai recently.

Co-ordinator to the Digamadulla District Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian and Ampara District Development Committee Chairman W.D.Weerasinghe Sahabdeen Mohamed Jazeel distributed the sports gear to club officials under the programme of Youth

and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa to provide sports gear to all sports clubs in the Island. , prominent sports clubs from the Addalaichenai area received sports gear from Digamadulla District Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian and Ampara District Development Committee Chairman W.D.Weerasinghe at the request of Co-ordinator Sahabdeen Mohamed Jazeel.

Sports Club officials and players were present on this occasion.

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NSB posts steady results amidst woes

PBT increases by 49.5% to Rs.15.6 bn, Highest ever deposit mobilization of Rs.222 bn

Despite the heightened uncertainty due to the impact of Covid-19 which has triggered a wide range of shocks on the Bank, employees, customers and economy, National Savings Bank (NSB) continued focus on financial resilience enabling them to remain strong and achieve a solid performance posting a Profit Before Tax (PBT) increase by 49.5% to Rs.15.6 billion from Rs.10.5 billion in 2019.

Commenting on the performance, NSB Chairperson, Keasila Jayawardena stated, "While the figures demonstrate the solid performance of the Bank, a deeper dive into the numbers must consider the context of the year. During the first wave of COVID-19 infection in late March 2020, the banking service was declared an essential service during the Covid-19 and the ensuing



Chairperson,
Kesila Jayawardena

lock-downs, all the Bank's branches across the country were kept open to offer an uninterrupted service to our customers. The Bank also allocated 3 mobile units to provide its customers with service at their doorstep."

"The Government has responded with necessary



GM/CEO,
Ajith Peris

measures to curb the spread of Covid-19. The Bank also took part in implementing government-led relief measures by providing the Debt moratorium scheme aimed at supporting Covid-19 affected businesses and individuals. Accordingly, the moratorium has been given to 90% of the

retail loan portfolio at the concessionary rate of 7.0% and the payments were deferred until the end of the loan period.

NSB General Manager, CEO, Ajith Peris said, "Total asset base of the Bank grew by 17.8% to Rs. 1.4 trillion as at December 31, 2020 from Rs. 1.2 trillion as at December 31, 2019. The Bank recorded its highest ever Profit Before Tax and Profit After Tax in 2020, both of which were aided by the Government's stimulus initiatives introduced in late 2019.

Against the backdrop of Covid-19 impact on the economic activities, The Bank's Profit Before Tax was Rs. 15.6 billion a 49.5% increase from Rs. 10.5 billion in 2019 and the Bank's Profit After Tax of Rs. 10.1 billion recorded a 58.4% increase from Rs. 6.4



billion in 2019. A dividend of Rs. 1 billion was paid for the financial year under review.

The Bank reported a gross Income of Rs. 127.5 billion for 2020, achieving a growth of 4.6% mainly driven by the 3.2% rise in Interest Income, the largest component, to Rs. 122.5 billion as well as Fee

and Commission Income which has increased by 114.9% to Rs. 2.7 billion compared to last year.

The increase in interest income along with decrease in interest expenses resulted in a 21% surge in Net Interest Income, rising to Rs. 34.9 billion in 2020 over 2019.



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Hanseo University of Korea explores investment for Aviation University in SL

Since Sri Lanka does not possess a well-equipped aviation training school of international standing, the Korean Embassy had a high level meeting with the President Dr. Ki Sun Ham and the top most management of Hanseo University of Korea and discussed this proposal.

The arrangements were made by S.C. Byun, a leading Korean corporate captain based in Sri Lanka and the Chairman of Korean Residents Association of Sri Lanka.

The meeting was attended by Ambassador Dr. Mendis and Minister Commercial Counsellor M. Mallikarachi at the Hanseo University. The Hanseo University is a private entity which has one of the largest fleets of aircraft including a Boeing 737

and Cessna corporate jet and a number of other aircrafts not only in the region but in the world.

The University offers a diverse programs including advanced pilot licenses, flight training, avionics training and other disciplines in the airline industry, amongst others.

It is strongly anticipated that given the economic, commercial and investment milieu of Sri Lanka, that these initiatives and business propositions with the Republic of Korea would fructify, thus accruing economic utility to the economy of the country.

The Commercial Division of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in the Republic of Korea has been tenaciously and aggressively promoting economic,

investment and commercial activity with particular focus on exports from Sri Lanka to the RoK and attraction of foreign direct investments (FDIs) and international joint ventures, amongst others, to boost and augment the economy of Sri Lanka, given the slowdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the last couple of months, the Embassy in Seoul conducted webinars to promote the exports of tea to the RoK, establish linkages for processing of gems and jewelry as well as exports to the RoK, use Sri Lanka as a hub for boat manufacturing and ship building and high-level meeting with the President and top most management of Hanseo University to establish a branch (FDI) in Sri Lanka, among others.

Regulatory framework to develop boat building industry presented to implementing agencies

The regulatory framework to develop Sri Lanka's boat building industry was officially handed over to the implementing agencies under the patronage of Minister of Trade, Dr. Bandula Gunawardena yesterday, at the Trade Ministry.

Minister Gunawardena remarked that it was imperative for Sri Lanka to pursue a strategy reliant upon product diversification, market diversification and introduction of innovative products to increase the country's exports and thus, developing an emerging sector like boat building to greater heights aligns perfectly with the required three-pronged strategy.

Meanwhile, State Minister of Boats and Shipping Industry Development, Jayantha Samaraweera extended his appreciation to the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (EDB) for formulating a strategic framework to develop the boat building industry at a time no one was paying attention to this particular industry during his speech at the event.

"To regulate the boat manufacturing industry, yachting and nautical activities in the country and also to attract more foreign yachts to the Sri Lankan waters, the country was in need of proper registration procedures a regulatory



Regulatory framework to develop Sri Lanka's boat building industry handed over to the Minister of Trade, Dr. Bandula Gunawardena

framework and a regulatory body in place encompassing all segments of the value chain", EDB Chairman Suresh de Mel observed in his remarks.

The National Export Strategy five-year plan (2018-22) identified boat building and its related services as one of the five key industries to expand Sri Lanka's export basket and increase the island's export earnings to US\$ 28 billion by 2022.

To enable the boat building industry to realize its full potential, the National Budget 2018 allocated funds to develop a regulatory framework and infrastructure facilities for the industry.

The EDB spearheaded the initiatives to establish a regulatory framework for Sri Lanka's boat building industry in consultation with the other private

and government relevant stakeholders.

M/S Lloyds Register Marine was hired as the consultant covering the entire value chain of the industry. The consultant had a series of meetings with the relevant government and private sector industry stakeholders to obtain their views in developing the regulatory framework.

The regulatory framework covers registration, regulation, and technical guidelines for all boat categories manufactured in the country (other than the fishing boat category), leisure craft operations, and visiting yachts/crafts as well as imports of boats to Sri Lanka.

Under this regulatory framework, "Regulations for Registration of Boat Yards" are proposed to be implemented under the Industrial Promotion Act, No. 46 of 1990.



The President of Hanseo University and senior most management/faculty with Ambassador and officials of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in the ROK at the corporate office of the President

'Lakkam Marketing Exhibition' to boost local young entrepreneurs and manufacturers

The objective of the inaugural 'Lakkam Marketing Exhibition' organized by the Ceylon Industrial Development Board island wide is to create a new market space and space for new orders for local young entrepreneurs and manufacturers.

This was opined by Minister of Industry Wimal Weerawansa, at the opening of the Colombo District Inaugural Lakes Market Lakkam yesterday (29) at Diyatha Uyana. The Ceylon Industrial Development

Board (CIDB) hosted this event which concludes on 31.

"This exhibition will also expand the market space available to local SMEs and manufacturers in the country as there is very little marketing space available and to enable them to get new orders. We hope this event will encourage and empower young local entrepreneurs in particular to look at creating more self-employment projects," he said. Lakkam sales fairs have been held in three major cities in the Kegalle, Kalutara and

Gampaha districts and sales fairs will be held in the Anuradhapura, Galle and Matara districts in the coming days.

Ceylon Industrial Development Board Chairman Upasena Dissanayake says that local people who value localism have the opportunity to purchase local products of micro, small and medium scale industrialists registered with the Ceylon Industrial Development Board at these fairs.

The Ceylon Industrial Development Board also plans to hold 200 such fairs nationwide by the end of this year.



Minister of Industry Wimal Weerawansa, at the opening of the Colombo District Inaugural Lakes Market Lakkam at Diyatha Uyana yesterday

Decreased tobacco consumption has positive net impact on national economy

A new Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) study offers empirical evidence that the net impact on the output of the national economy due to decreased tobacco consumption is positive because of increased spending on non-tobacco goods and services. On average, a tobacco-user household spends Rs 2,000 per month on tobacco, constituting 4% of the household budget. Spending on tobacco can drive out other critical household expenditures including basic needs such as food, education, health and housing. This 'crowding

out effect' is greatest for poor families, affecting not only the smoker but the rest of the family as well.

Based on the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) data of the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) and the Economics of Tobacco Toolkit of the World Bank, a new IPS study provides empirical evidence that the net impact on the national economy's output from decreased tobacco consumption is positive.

The IPS study reveals that a 20% reduction in tobacco consumption

will lead to a 30% net benefit to the economy through increased consumption of non-tobacco goods and services.

Accordingly, based on the output approach, the study offers compelling evidence that reduced tobacco consumption will yield net positive gains on national income through increased consumption of non-tobacco goods and services.

These estimates are based solely on the output approach and do not take into account economic benefits associated with reduced tobacco use

such as reduced healthcare costs, reduced environmental costs and other positive gains linked to increased non-tobacco consumption; all of which accrue benefits not just for tobacco users, but for the country as a whole.

Furthermore, the study shows that household spending on basic needs is negatively affected by tobacco-related expenditures.

Poor families spend nearly 60-70% of their income on food, reflecting budgetary constraints for other basic needs such as education, health and

housing. Notably, among the poorest 40%, tobacco-user households allocate a lower budget share on food, health, education and housing compared to tobacco non-user households.

This implies that household budget allocations are constrained by tobacco expenditures.

This IPS study offers empirical evidence to support effective tobacco control policies in Sri Lanka. The report was authored by Priyanka Jayawardena and Harini Weerasekera.

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Turnover at a near 3-week high

Bourse started the week reverting the direction back to positive after two consecutive sessions in the negative territory while recording a near 3-week high turnover. Index experienced a short-lived spike within the first few minutes of trading, thereafter witnessed a continuous upward movement reaching its intraday high of 7,149 during mid-day.

Later the market recorded a sideways movement and closed at 7,128 gaining 30 points. Banking sector counters dominated the turnover for the session with a contribution of 63%.

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SHARES - COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE

Market Statistics on 29.03.2021

Main Board table with columns: Security, Volume, **V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, **V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, Change (Rs.).

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COCONUTS

Coconut Products - Prices on 29.03.2021

Table listing coconut products like FRESH COCONUT, (a)Large Size, (b)Coconut Development Authority, etc. with prices.

EXCHANGE RATES

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like Australian Dollar, Canadian Dollar, Euro, etc.

Table showing exchange rates for Gulf Currencies based on previous day's market weighted average rate.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Table showing financial news indicators like GDP/USD, USD/CHF, USD/INR, etc.

NSB posts steady results amidst woes...

Consequently, Net Interest Margin improved to 2.77% during the year from 2.63% reported a year ago. The Bank's gross NPL ratio increased considerably by 122bps to 2.79% from 1.57% at end 2019...

Lock-up shares worth 32.26b yuan to become tradable

Lock-up shares worth about 32.26 billion yuan (\$4.9 billion) will become eligible for trade on China's bourses in the coming week. From March 29 to April 2, about 2.76 billion shares of 22 stocks will become tradable...



HCL Technologies mark 500 workforce milestones

During six months of operations in Sri Lanka

HCL Technologies (HCL), a USD10Billion global technology company, which inaugurated its Global Development Center in Sri Lanka in September 2020 had announced its aim to create 3,000 jobs in three to five years. In continuation with its commitment, HCL Sri Lanka has within the first two quarters staffed 500+ amidst the challenging pandemic times. These jobs are largely for Application & Product Development, Digital Technologies, Networking & Cloud Solutions and Infrastructure Services.

HCL was recently ranked 30 by Forbes as one of The World's Best Employers for 2020, honoring HCL among the top global employers in the world. The company as part of its support for the government skilling mission has launched HCL TechBee – an early career program for A level completed students. The program equips selected candidates with future-ready IT skills, which otherwise are performed by IT graduates. Candidates undergo a yearlong training and apprenticeship to become software engineer / analyst.

"We are delighted to launch TechBee in Sri



Thothathri Vaikuntam - Resident Director and Center Head, HCL Sri Lanka

Lanka," said Srimathi Shivashankar, Corporate Vice President, HCL Technologies. "The youth represent the future and skilling is the best way for local talent to take up the global demand in ICT positions. TechBee is a very disruptive skilling program and is a testament of our resolve to build a skilled and employable talent



Sanjaya Mohottala - Chairman, Board of Investment, Sri Lanka

pool in the country." "We are excited by the opportunities this country has to offer and we look forward to skill and scale our business operations. We have hired over 500 people in the last six months and we're expecting this grow dramatically. We look forward to contributing to Sri Lanka's nation-building activities

and working with Horizon Campus in the years to come."

"It gives me immense pride to see the commitment demonstrated by HCL in developing the ecosystem for the youth of Sri Lanka. It is heartening to see that a global brand like HCL is aligning their programs to the mission of the



Srimathi Shivashankar - Corporate Vice President, HCL Technologies

government of Sri Lanka for creating a strong and robust human capital in the region," said Sanjaya Mohottala, Chairman of the Board of Investment, Sri Lanka.

Students can apply for TechBee program by visiting the website: <https://hclsrilanka.com/techbee/>.

SDB bank enhances operational efficiency, continuity expanded through Fiserv

SDB bank has expanded its long-term relationship with Fiserv, Inc. (NASDAQ: FISV), a leading global provider of payments and financial services technology solutions, upgrading its core banking platform and teller solutions and reinforcing its commitment to financial inclusion and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through the delivery of an enhanced customer-first banking experience.

"As a bank with strong roots across Sri Lanka's rural and urban communities, we are committed to driving digital innovation and transformation that empowers these communities," says Thilak Piya-digama, CEO of SDB bank. "Digital transformation forms the core of our operations and enables us to connect seamlessly with our customers."

Fiserv has been supporting SDB bank since 2010, when the bank initially implemented transaction processing and branch teller functionality on the Signature platform from Fiserv, moving to a modern

and flexible account processing solution.

SDB bank is incorporating the unique features of the Fiserv core banking platform to enhance its trailblazing digital banking and operational capabilities. The enhancements are also expected to augment the capacity of the bank's digital footprint, driving greater engagement across sectors and a diversified customer base.

The latest Signature core banking platform offers multicurrency and multi-entity features that support complex financial environments for all channels including tellers, branches, internet banking, mobile banking, ATMs, point-of-sale (POS) and back office.

"Financial institutions across the globe are seeking flexible technology that allows them to quickly and effectively respond to digitization and rapidly evolving customer needs," says Rishi Chhabra, General Manager of India and Sri Lanka at Fiserv. "SDB bank is committed to digital transformation to help their

customers better manage their finances, a particularly important consideration as businesses look to regain their footing after the COVID-19 pandemic, and is putting the technology in place to fulfill that commitment."

A flexible and service-oriented architecture (SOA) based solution, Signature supports a multitude of financial products from savings and term deposits to current accounts, loans, overdrafts, mortgages, imaging, document management and card products. The solution has been well known in the Sri Lankan financial services sector for over 20 years and comes equipped with capabilities that match the specifics of the Sri Lankan banking and regulatory environment.

SDB bank is a licensed specialized bank regulated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, maintaining 94 branches islandwide and over 5000 inter-bank network ATM points.

Fiserv, Inc. (NASDAQ: FISV) aspires to move money and information in a way that moves the world.

Burgundy Consultants recognized at Western Province Entrepreneur Awards

Burgundy Consultants (Pvt) Ltd, a forerunner in brand consulting and designing, was recognized with a merit award for the Best Entrepreneur in Service Sector, at the Entrepreneur Awards-2020 Western Province organized by the National Chamber of Commerce together with National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) and the Ministry of Industries.

With their main focus on enhancing brands for international markets, Burgundy has enlightened many brands and executed the National Export Strategy for the ICT/BPM Sector-taking Sri Lankan identities across the world.

"As a developing nation we need Foreign Direct Investments to come, FOREX to be improved; new strategic investors to join Sri Lanka. For that we need Sri Lankan brands to tell our stories to the world. Hence, Strategic and creative



Nayomi Lawrance De Silva, CEO, Burgundy receiving the award

brand communication is essential for Sri Lanka to mark our presence in the international arena. Burgundy is equipped to provide more robust and creative solutions to clients to thrive in today's dynamic markets. Our work has enabled brands to make memorable

experiences for their customers and huge conversion from the competition.

This achievement was the true result of dedicated teamwork, research and I always appreciate the wholehearted support of my team with gratitude," stated Nayomi Law-

rance De Silva, CEO, Burgundy.

Burgundy's branding services include strategic advertising and brand communication includes brand identity and design, naming, positioning, research and analytics, digital storytelling with award-winning campaigns, package designing and publication and consist of strategic team associated with some of the island's leading media specialists with local and international proficiency.

Nayomi is a Design graduate with an MBA in Entrepreneurship from the University of Moratuwa, a lecturer in the design and entrepreneurship and qualified human resource management. She had represented Sri Lanka at the 18th World Diversity conference in the United States, and a conversation starter in the Female Entrepreneurship Association (FEA).

GIS Mapping Software – 'Esri' gets listed by Forbes as company making a 'Positive Difference' in 2020 an 'Extraordinary Year'

GIS Solutions (GISS) a 100% Sri Lankan Company, and a group company of Just In Time Group announced that its principal and developer of the ArcGIS Platform Esri's (Acronym for Environmental Systems Research Institute – US) has been recognized and honoured by Forbes Magazine as a company that is making a 'Positive Difference' in 2020 an 'Extraordinary Year'.

"GIS Solution's as the sole authorized distributor for Esri believes in making a 'Positive Difference' by developing applications and implementing Solid and sustainable GIS technology-based solutions. These solutions have been helping both public and private sector organizations in Sri Lanka, to make better informed decisions, protect natural resources, optimize investments and resources through better collaboration and save time and money. GISS is proud of the work and the positive difference that our principal Esri makes, and these are core shared values that both our organizations share in this partnership and contributing for a sustainable future."

Explained Ashani Jayasinghe – CEO of GIS Solutions.

Esri's President and co-founder Jack Dangermond, was founded to help solve some of the world's most difficult problems. We do so by supporting our users' important work with a commitment to science, sustainability, community, education, research, and positive change.

Honoring the Companies Making a Positive Difference in an Extraordinary Year (Inc.) – Esri has been awarded Gold, the highest level, in the Government Services industry as part of the Forbes publication's first annual Best in Business list—a new recognition program that celebrates companies making the biggest impact on their communities, their industries, the environment, or society.

Best in Business 2020 list is for, The Change Makers, the Legacy Builders, and the Heroes of 2020, where Inc.'s inaugural Best in Business awards celebrated the companies that are making an extraordinary impact in a tumultuous year - including Inc.'s prestigious Company of the Year.2

"How We Hit \$912 Million in Sales," Jack Dangermond, co-founder of mapping software maker Esri, talks about how his company maintains steady, stellar growth – shared by Christine Lagorio-Chalkin, Senior Writer, Inc.Lagorio



Jack Dangermond

This is the story of Entrepreneur Jack Dangermond, as told to Inc. executive editor Christine Lagorio.

"My parents were immigrants who started a nursery as a way to get us kids through school. I learned around the dinner table about customer service and cash flow and paying bills. There's no substitute for growing up around people who actually like doing business."

I went on to Harvard and got very interested in computers and studying the earth's landscape. After school, my wife and I moved back home to Redlands, California, and started working in our own very modest way. Redlands is not a high-tech capital like Silicon Valley. But it allowed us to live cheaply in a \$400-a-month apartment. We had \$1,100 total when we incorporated Esri.

Today, about 350,000 organizations use our tools. We have 9,000 employees worldwide and \$912 million in revenue. In our 43 years, we have never missed a quarter. We've never had any layoffs; we've never had any downsizing. It's just been very conservative, systematic growth.

One thing that has made us so successful is that we've never taken outside investment. That means we can concentrate on what our customers want—not what the stockholders or the VCs want. That's a strategic advantage. Customers notice that we are actually here to support them. And their needs help us innovate. We spend about a quarter of our annual revenue on innovation—about twice what a normal public company spends.

"I don't understand why young entrepreneurs feel this pressure to take venture capital or go public. Don't get me wrong: Public companies are A-OK with me. I just think there is another way. Staying private is a lot saner."

Tropicoir Lanka, SLLDC in Eco-friendly Lakeshore Conservation

Tropicoir Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. established a pilot project to protect Diyawanna lakeshore, using coconut fibre-based erosion control products with SLLDC. The company provided FOC all the required material, technical knowledge and expertise free of charge.

It was a highly commendable step taken by SLLDC in promoting 100% local products that are bio-degradable to conserve fauna, flora and the environment.

Erosion Control Products such as geotextile (coir netting) and coir logs are natural coconut fibre products used are designed to provide soil stabilization and support along riverbanks, slopes, steams, hillsides, and other erosion-prone areas. Offering a high level of strength and reinforcement, coir fiber rolls feature densely packed mattress coir fibers that are placed inside a tubular coir twine netting. Both components are all natural and bio-



Natural vegetation established over the conserved area stabilizing the bank

degradable, making coir logs safe for the surrounding environment. This is an ecological method of erosion control.

Using coir geotextiles and

coir logs in environmental conservation is a many decades old practice in the western world, supplied by our industry.

Commercial implementa-



Recently restored Diyawanna lakeshore (pilot project)

tion of such projects with Government intervention has the potential to drive the fibre industry towards greater value-addition and gener-

ate more employment opportunities.

Apart from its environmental benefits, it is beneficial to the economy in terms of foreign exchange savings, since these products are "Made in Sri Lanka."

Unlike stones and concrete and other materials widely used, these are light in weight and could be moved into places with limited/narrow access through land and water making it an ideal solution to preserve our urban water ways.

Once coir geotextile and logs are securely installed using proper installation techniques, these natural materials will bio-degrade within 3-5 years allowing the vegetation to take over the protection restraining its natural ecosystem.

Preservation of flora and fauna will take place due to its natural tendency to allow quick growth of vegetation providing a haven to birds and other life forms.

Virtusa extends Digital Discoverer Programme across multiple local universities

Virtusa Corporation (NASDAQ GS: VRTU), a global provider of digital strategy, digital engineering, and IT services and solutions that help clients change and disrupt markets through innovation engineering, extended their Digital Discoverer Program (DDP) to more Sri Lankan universities following its successful conclusion at the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT), University of Colombo and University of Jaffna.

"As the single largest employer of fresh graduates and interns in Sri Lanka, we identified a growing skill gap in workforce newcomers due to rapidly evolving industry requirements," said Sampath Thrimavithana, Head of Training & Development and Campus Reach at Virtusa Sri Lanka and Asia Pacific. "That initial leap from graduate to your first job is crucial for professional success, and the Digital Discoverer Program maps current industry



anticipation to relevant technical and soft skills, successfully addressing this long-ignored university-to-workplace skill gap."

With additional benefits such as mentorship from Virtusa experts and increased potential for employability, the program consists of 12 sessions categorized under 4 verticals; fundamental programming frameworks, user interfaces and analytical knowledge are brought up-to-date under Core Skills, while intelligent technologies and platforms such as Sales force and AWS are covered under Emerging Skills. Project Management Skills explore new methodologies and tools, while non-techni-

cal people interactions are discussed under Soft Skills. A number of mixed assessments will mark the successful completion of the program.

DDP was first piloted as a virtual program in August 2020 at SLIIT, closely followed by rollouts at the National School of Business Management (NSBM) and the University of Jaffna in November 2020. The University of Colombo followed soon after, introducing the program to students in December 2020. General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was next in Jan 2021, joining the growing list of higher educational institutions promoting

the development of competences for employability. DDP was most recently launched in March 2021 at the University of Ruhuna and Trincomalee Campus of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka, with an April 2021 launch scheduled at the Vavuniya Campus of the University of Jaffna. The program has thus far reached over 1,000 university students across the island, elevating the IT talent pool capabilities of Sri Lanka.

DDP was ideated and implemented under Virtusa's Campus Reach initiative – an industry-academia partnership designed to support the next generation of IT professionals to be workforce ready and contribute to the IT industry's growth. Campus Reach carries out IT curriculum development, internships and mentoring among partner universities and institutes of higher education, directly improving skill capacities of potential employees.

Ceylinco Life shines at SLIM Peoples Award

Sri Lankans have voted Ceylinco Life the 'Peoples Life Insurance Service Provider of the Year' for the 15th consecutive year, making the country's life insurance leader to win the coveted SLIM Peoples Award every year since the inception of the awards programme. This emphatic reaffirmation of popularity at the 2021 edition of these awards has only been outdone in longevity by Ceylinco Life's performance, coming as it did a month after the Company's financial results showed that it had retained market leadership in

Sri Lanka's life insurance industry for the 17th successive year. Considered the hallmark awards event of the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM), the SLIM Peoples Awards honours the country's top brands across multiple sectors each year. The selection of winners is based on a nationwide quantitative face-to-face survey covering males and females between the ages of 15 to 60, over a period of five months using a structured questionnaire. Respondents are asked to mention their favourite brands

and personalities across various categories, with those receiving the highest nominations being declared as the winners. "Ceylinco Life has been helping Sri Lankans de-risk their future for more than three decades through the safety net of life insurance, as well as the many additional benefits the Company extends to its policyholders," the Company's General Manager - Marketing Mr Samitha Hemachandra said. "The SLIM Peoples Award reflects the strong and enduring bonds Ceylinco Life has



Ceylinco Life representatives led by Director Devaan Cooray at the 2021 SLIM Peoples Awards ceremony

built not only with policyholders, but with the larger populace through its many engagements and community initiatives." The 2021 SLIM Peoples Awards presentation was the fifth year that the Peoples Insurance Service Provider of the Year was awarded separately to Life

and General Insurance companies, following the segregation of these segments of insurance by law in 2015. In the 10 years that preceded the segregation, Ceylinco Insurance PLC comprising of Ceylinco Life and Ceylinco General Insurance, won the award every year.

Ceylinco Life ended 2020 with assets of Rs 150 billion, total income of Rs 36.9 billion, premium income of Rs 22.1 billion, a Life Fund of Rs 106.7 billion, an investment portfolio with a value in excess of Rs 133.7 billion and pre-tax profit of Rs 8.7 billion.

Tikiri Toys awarded GOLS accreditation

In a world first, Tikiri Toys the acclaimed Sri Lankan brand of natural play products for children is the first-ever toy manufacturing company to be awarded the Global Organic Latex Standard (GOLS) accreditation. The accreditation, which was initiated by Tikiri Toys after recognizing an industry need, is a pioneering award for the first global standard for organic latex by Control Union Certifications. It is the equivalent of the well-known Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) certification and ensures the traceability in any latex used at every stage of production. Tikiri Toys is locally-designed and manufactured by DSL Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, the chief exporter of organic toys from Sri Lanka. From a humble production facility in 1991, DSL Lanka has now garnered a loyal global following for its ethically sourced and produced, organic soft toys for toddlers. Tikiri Toys is its Sri Lankan brand, launched in 2013. Their beloved Meiya and Alvin collections are currently sold in over 56 countries including Sri Lanka and enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of children around the world. "We are excited that our efforts have



Control Union Inspection Director Business Development Prabhath Rathnayake, Control Union Inspection Managing Director Roshan Ranawake, DSL Group Managing Director and Chairman Saroj Perera and DSL Lanka Director CEO Mano Sheriff

resulted in a new global standard for toy manufacturers. It serves as recognition of the impeccable care we have taken to ensure that our products are made from 100% pure organic rubber. We go to great lengths to ensure that our products are safe for children and we work very hard to ensure that our toys do not harm the environment,"

stated Mano Sheriff, CEO of DSL Lanka. "Tikiri Toys' ethos on safety and sustainability pervades the entire lifecycle of their children's toys. It sources latex from small plantations in Sri Lanka which are certified organic, and this safeguards that all toys are pure, natural and safe for infants and toddlers.

LG Smart Life Zone by Abans at Colombo City Centre

The LG Smart Life Zone by Abans was launched at Colombo City Centre on March 24, in the presence of the Chief Guests Behman Pestonjee, Managing Director of Abans Group and Kevin Jiang, Chief Executive Officer of VIVO Sri Lanka. This event is set to take place until April 12, with fun activities, games with prizes, unbeatable discounts on the top products and many more, lined up for all visitors to Colombo City Centre Mall. Experience all the newest technology and innovative functions on a variety of LG products. These appliances have been designed to make your life convenient and simple in every way, especially in this day and age, where many people stressful lives and cannot find time to do their daily chores. The unique LG ThinQ app enables you to access and control several LG products remotely, so all you have to do is download the app onto your smartphone and use the Wi-Fi function. You can switch on or switch off a LG Inverter Air Conditioner and change temperatures from wherever you are. If you've got unexpected visi-



tors turning up at your home, use the ThinQ app to quickly freeze ice or change temperatures inside a LG Side by Side Refrigerator. So, all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the exceptional picture quality, combined with an incomparable sound experience. These features ensure that you can enjoy more savings, while getting the maximum

benefits of comfort and convenience at its best. Unmatched discounts and offers will be available on LG appliances. Customers can enjoy zero interest installments up to 48 months on selected credit cards, enabling them to purchase all the products they require, with no stress or hassle to pay large amounts at once or monthly. All products come with a trusted warranty and excellent after-sales services. Several entertaining games and activities will be conducted each day, giving you the chance to have fun with your family and friends, and also win valuable prizes. These games will take place between 11.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. until April 12. Digital Avurudu Games and the Kinect Game on the LG UHD TV will take place every single day and are open to everyone, regardless of age. All safety protocols will be strictly followed during these activities, so you and your loved ones can be assured of a safe experience at the LG Smart Life Zone by Abans in Colombo City Centre, Ground Floor

Discounts for People's Credit Cards holders for Avurudu season

People's Credit Card holders who can enjoy discounts up to 60% from leading merchants across various sectors through the New Year season. Card members can swipe their People's Credit Cards to purchase anything their heart desires across sectors such as leading hotels and resorts in the leisure sector; dine out at their favourite restaurants; household needs at leading supermarkets; eye care at premier opticians; indulge in car care products and services; mobiles and electronics or even just shop online. Bringing joy to people on festive occasion for decades, People's Bank has partnered with popular merchants to ensure its cardholders enjoy a superior lifestyle and have a wonderful New Year season. As a bank with a finger on the pulse of its people, People's Bank has devised its credit card to offer optimal value and convenience to



fulfill the aspirations of its customer base. The People's Visa credit card offers the lowest interest rates and fee structure in the market - enabling card holders to save during the season. Card Holders can swipe away without worry because People's Bank offers highest levels of security. For those who could miss out on this special offer - you can get your People's Credit Card in a hassle-free manner from any of its strategically located branches island-wide.

JLANKA marks decade in Solar Electricity

Sri Lanka's foremost innovators of energy sourcing solutions marked its 10 anniversary recently, celebrating the company's feat in emerging as Sri Lanka's premier solar solutions provider and its reputation as the pioneer of the country's solar industry over the last decade. G. Jayasoma, Operations Director at JLANKA said, "The company's success is powered by our passionate team of engineers, technical experts, business analysts, sales and after-sales, marketing and customer care professionals who share JLANKA's vision for sustainable energy. Our success today is a result of their commitment to make a lasting impact, and we remain committed to continue our work into the next few decades." JLANKA was established in 2011 by Dr. Mayura Jayasoma with a long-term vision to guide the country towards 100% energy independence through more efficient, greener and economical access to power. The company has stayed true to this vision, rapidly evolving to provide energy solutions for residential, commercial and utility scale projects. Partnerships with global solar giants such as SolarEdge Technologies and TrinaSolar Limited ensure benchmarking on par with global standards and uncompromised quality of all JLANKA solar solutions. By 2016, JLANKA was well established and equipped with both experience and expertise to tackle the sudden surge for demand in solar with the launch



of Soorya Bala Sangramaya - a community based power generation project by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy with an ambitious short term goal to add 200MW to the national grid, a challenge the JLANKA team was ready to meet. JLANKA has thereby cemented its position as the country's leading EPC subcontractor for installations ranging from single rooftops to utility scale solar systems falling under Soorya Bala Sangramaya. Now, with the advent of solar, JLANKA has strengthened their capacity and mastered renewable power installation to service the Sri Lankan residential, commercial and utility sectors as per demand. During the past decade, JLANKA has installed a total solar capacity of 43 MegaWatt across the island and successfully completed over 4,750 projects including some of the largest solar installations for private, public and non-profit organizations across the country. JLANKA also reinvented itself

as a business during COVID-19 by implementing a digital infrastructure developed in-house across a majority of the company's operations; this includes digital financial transaction tracking, customer information management, a service and maintenance booking system, the OnDemand. The company firmly believes in their mandate for clean energy and follows their vision for a Sri Lanka that is self-sufficient in energy and a personal milestone of transforming 500,000 residences to sustainable solar homes by 2025. "JLANKA is a company that continues to believe in solar energy, and the transformation we can bring about Sri Lanka by following our vision," Sajith Batagoda, Manager Marketing and Brand Development at JLANKA commented stated.

TENDER NOTICE

LEASING-OUT OF THE WEEKLY FAIR - YEAR 2021 LUNUGAMVEHERA PRADESHIYA SABHA

Sealed Tenders are invited for the selection of a suitable person for the granting of the right to collect rentals at the Lunugamvehera Weekly Fair, belonging to the Lunugamvehera Pradeshiya Sabha, for the period from 01.05.2021 up to 31.12.2021.

Issuance of Tender Documents	From 01.04.2021 up to 3.00 p.m. on 16.04.2021
Closing date and time for accepting tenders	2.00 p.m. on 20.04.2021
Opening of Tenders	3.00 p.m. on 20.04.2021

This Sabha retains the right to accept or reject any bid and further details can be obtained on Telephone No: 047-2237701. Completed tenders could either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Pradeshiya Sabha, Lunugamvehera" or placed in the Tender Box kept at the office.

S/No	Lease Subject	Minimum Bid Rs.	Refundable Tender Deposit Rs.	Non-refundable Form Fee Rs.
01	Lunugamvehera Weekly Fair	800,000.00	20,000.00	2000.00

T.M. Rasika Dinesh
Chairman,
Lunugamvehera Pradeshiya Sabha.

Lunugamvehera Pradeshiya Sabha
Date: 26.03.2021

IIT holds convocation for University of Westminster students

Informatics Institute of Technology (IIT), a pioneer in British higher education in Sri Lanka and a premier IT and Business campus, held its 26th convocation with over 350 students who received their University of Westminster United Kingdom (UoW) degrees. At the convocation ceremony held in accordance to strict health guidelines given out by the authorities, over 350 students of IIT received their globally-renowned undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the field of IT and Business offered by the UoW. Degrees were conferred to students who had successfully completed the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Software Engineering, Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computer Science, Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Business Information Systems, Master of Arts in Fashion Business Management, Master of Science in Advanced Software Engineering and Master of Science in Cyber Security and Forensics. This is the first time that students of Cyber Security and Forensics as well as students of Fashion Business Management are graduating. The Chief Guest at the ceremony was Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Former Vice Chancellor of the University of Moratuwa Professor Kapila Perera. Chairman of Informatics Group of Companies Dr. Gamin Wickramasinghe, CEO of IIT Mohan Fernando, Vice-

Chancellor and President of University of Westminster Dr. Peter Bonfield (connected via live stream) as well as a large number of IIT staff members, parents and well-wishers attended the event held at the Main Hall of BMICH. Chairman of Informatics Group of Companies Dr. Gamin Wickramasinghe commented, "As IIT celebrates 30 years of educational excellence with resounding success in computing and business, it is my pleasure to offer my heartiest congratulations to all our IIT graduates at our 26th Convocation ceremony. These new batch of graduates from IIT who have successfully completed their University of Westminster (UOW) undergraduate and postgraduate programmes have reached a key milestone in their journey towards success. The education our

graduates have received during the time at our campus has empowered them with the ability to adapt to the dynamic changes in the industry and to also take on the challenges of the corporate world." Vice-Chancellor and President of The University of Westminster Dr. Peter Bonfield stated, "The University of Westminster is a UK university with a determinedly global outlook, and a strong commitment to industry engagement and to preparing all our students for professional graduate life. IIT is our longstanding - and highly valued - partner in Sri Lanka." IIT is an award-winning campus offering internal postgraduate and undergraduate degrees from the University of Westminster, UK and the Robert Gordon University, UK.





FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020. Includes columns for Bank (Audited) LKR and Group (Audited) PKR for 2020 and 2019.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020. Includes columns for Bank (Audited) LKR and Group (Audited) PKR for 2020 and 2019.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020. Includes columns for Bank (Audited) LKR and Group (Audited) PKR for 2020 and 2019.

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ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE

Analysis of Loan & advances, commitments, contingencies & impairment. Includes tables for Domestic Currency, Foreign Currency, and Due to Other Customers - By Product.

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ON MEASUREMENT BASIS AS AT 31.12.2020

Analysis of financial instruments on measurement basis as at 31.12.2020. Includes tables for Bank - 2020, Bank - 2019, Group - 2020, and Group - 2019.

SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (AS PER REGULATORY REPORTING) AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Selected performance indicators (as per regulatory reporting) as at 31 December 2020. Includes metrics like Regulatory Capital Adequacy, Liquidity Ratios, etc.

Wk. the undersigned, being the Regional Governor Sri Lanka & Maldives and the Head of HBL Bank Limited certify that: (a) The above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

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Flag exchange during the Induction Ceremony 2021

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A cut above



Girls' High School, Kandy



Being awarded as the Best Actor in a Male Portrayal at SIBA Drama 2019



All Island Scrabble Competitions 2018



Senior House Captain of Sansom House 2019\2020

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

If you want the world at your feet, then you have to desire it with every fiber of your being. Perfect Prefects features Head Girl, Girls' High School, Kandy Venuri Mohotti whose ultimate goal is to be a globally recognized individual who can create change.

She is steadfast that we can all create change. This is her conviction. Passion is everything. And Mohotti believes that with her passion and dedication, any challenge thrown her way can be overcome. She states that she can make an impact on this world setting an example to all those who suffer from self-doubt.

For Mohotti embracing challenges is a stepping stone to creating change.

'The only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work hard for them' - Michelle Obama (she served as the First Lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017 and she was the first African-American woman to do so)

"I believe that everyone has their own strengths which gives them the power to make a change in the world, no matter how small. As long as you are willing to work for your goals remaining dedicated and determined, I believe that any obstacle that you meet along the road can be overcome smoothly. My time as the School Captain is on one hand an interesting and challenging period. While it appears to be negative and stressful managing everything along with the New Normal Post-COVID setup, I take this as another challenge in life. At school, we are duty-bound to maintain our school culture, traditions and spirit. I believe that it is possible no matter how challenging to ensure that Girls' High School will be a school that maintains the usual traditions and events (the sports meet, inter house and inter school competitions, prize giving). All this whilst maintaining all health guidelines and precautions. I believe that we can work together as a team of independent and strong ladies facing these unprecedented challenges," pointed out Mohotti.

She went on to explain that Kandy Girls' High School has a long history of over 140 years and has maintained its traditions throughout. It has contributed to Sri Lankan society by creating and molding outstanding women who fulfill so many roles in society.

"So, where ever we go the ladies of Girls' High School remain disciplined, respectful and well-mannered. I am proud to say that my school is the first girls' school in Kandy commencing in 1879 as a missionary school. Our school motto is 'A Deo Auxilium'. It means - 'Our Help Cometh from The Lord'. The colors of the crest - the dark green grass, dark blue hills, the light blue sky and the gold-yellow sun symbolize everlasting growth, strength, hope and purity respectively. It is our responsibility as proud ladies of Girls' High School to be disciplined and responsible and ultimately serve humanity," explained Mohotti.

It seems that for Mohotti a recurrent theme in her life is embracing challenges in life which makes her more efficient. She does so bravely and believes that when embracing challenges, you should do so with the expectation that you will leave your mark on this planet no matter how small. She advises all young people to test their limits and accept responsibilities and challenges. Remember that you are human and humans make mistakes. Most importantly you need to stay humble says Mohotti.

"My main ambition is to excel in the field of Science. While pursuing my career path, I also plan on focusing on my other aspirations such as improving my skills as a singer, actress and fashion advisor. My ultimate goal is to be a globally recognized individual, who excels in multiple paths, bringing forward solutions for multiple gaps in ethical, social and environmental situations of the country and globe," said Mohotti.

When it comes to leaders, she has great respect for Michelle Obama.



Mrs. Obama once wrote: 'Success isn't about how your life looks to others. It's about how it feels to you. Being successful isn't about being impressive, it's about being inspired. That's what it means to be true to yourself.'

"I have great respect and admiration for her as a role model. I admire her for being someone who motivates women all over the world to stand up and let their voices be heard, and also stand up as equals making the world a better place to live in."

As first lady, Michelle Obama initiated Let's Move! a program aiming to end childhood obesity within a generation. Through it, people from all walks of life worked together to provide more nutritious food in schools and communities throughout America. She also spearheaded the Reach Higher Initiative to help students realize their potential through education.

Mohotti further added that irrespective of who we are, our beliefs, ethics, mannerisms and personalities are molded by our school, family, friends and society. However, it is our responsibility as individuals to ensure that we become respectable, empowered citizens with moral values which is a current need of today's society.

She further stated that she wished to thank her Madam Principal, M. Abeysunsekara, her Vice Principals, Sectional Heads and teachers for supporting her right throughout. The Old Girls' Association (OGA), also gives immeasurable support and guidance to the school. Girls' High School Kandy is a multi-ethnic community promoting peace, harmony and coexistence among diverse cultures. "Undoubtedly my mother is my biggest source of inspiration. She is a proud old girl of our school and has also taught



Inter House Drama Competitions 2018, 2019

me to never give up and to respect my school and nation. My family has long affiliations with Kandy Girls' High School."

"The Pandemic situation is something new and educative to a biology student like me. To conduct normal activities abiding by the necessary precautions and to conform is challenging. However, we have to adapt to various unexpected and demanding situations in life and we need to overcome. I believe that the success of my guild lies in making the maximum out of each person's unique strengths and talent. With the variety of activities going on in my life, I find handling those activities improves my ability to multi-task, prioritize and strike a balance. I believe all these experiences at school will really prepare me for the future. I have identified my strengths and weaknesses and learnt how to play to my strengths which makes my work all the more enjoyable," said Mohotti.

Some of her outside interests are singing, hiking, reading, meeting diverse people, engaging in social welfare activities and helping people and animals in need.



Member of the school athletics team



Head Girl Venuri Mohotti

Automated attendants



Staff at Hotel Sky in Johannesburg's wealthy Sandton district adhere to strict COVID-19 protocols, wearing masks and physically distancing from guests as much as possible; all, that is, except Lexi, Micah and Ariel.

For the three concierges couldn't breathe germs on you even if they wanted to: they're robots. Robot hospitality is not new - Japanese hotels have been deploying them for years and in 2015 Tokyo's Henn-na, or 'Strange', hotel became the first to be fully staffed by machines.

Several robot-staffed Tokyo hotels are now using them to serve guests with mild COVID-19 symptoms. But Hotel Sky, which launched this year, is the first in Africa to use automated attendants, a concept that could cause a stir in a country with one of the world's worst jobless rates. Unemployment



is at 30.8 percent, according to President Cyril Ramaphosa's state of the nation address. "It'll never replace people, but it is going to change the space," Paul

Kelley, Hotel Sky Managing Director, told Reuters. "I think that it is the future," he said, adding that they planned to launch an offshoot in Cape Town next month.

Lexi, Micah and Ariel deliver room service, provide travel information and can drag up to 300kg of luggage from the marble-floored lobby to the rooms. If the hotel receives a guest with COVID-19 symptoms, the robots could be

deployed instead of people as a precaution. Otherwise, "guests can choose whether they want to interact with staff members or make use of the self service, which is all controlled by their phone," Herman Brits, the hotel's general manager, said.

Steve Pinto, CEO of CTRL Robotics, which supplies the droids, said they could also scan customers' facial expressions to determine how happy they were. "It helps management to understand how customers are experiencing the facilities at the hotel," he said, after getting a robot painted in a riotous orange and white pattern to take a selfie.

Reaction to the robots has been mixed. Even highly intelligent robots don't always "get" what you want. "I think the world is moving towards this digital space, but we are not used to it," hotel guest Ernest Mulenga said. "The human touch is still something that is appealing to me."

Reuters



Dogs can help you live longer

Just in case we needed some hard evidence to prove that dogs are truly "man's best friend," new research has affirmed those beliefs. According to a 2019 study, owners' relationships with dogs are giving them a much-appreciated longevity boost. The study - published by the American Heart Association Circulation Journal - was 70 years in the making and confirms a link between longevity and the companionship of our furry friends. Some of the findings in the research include a 24 percent

drop of "risk of death" - this was in comparison to those who don't own dogs. But six studies showed a "significant reduction" in the risk of death for dog owners. So what exactly about owning a dog allows us to tap into the fountain of youth? Well, some studies pointed to the increase in physical exercise associated with dog ownership. The encouragement of our four-legged friends to partake in morning and nighttime walks, as well as jogging, helps us fight against conditions such as heart disease.

All of the mentioned activities are outdoor based, which have the health bonuses of fresh air and sunlight. But it's one of our favorite shows of affection towards dogs that really makes an impact - petting. By simply giving our pups loving pets, we lower our blood pressure in equivalency to some medicines. Dog ownership also provides many mental health benefits such as a decrease in loneliness, increased self-esteem, and lower rates of depression.

Although the physical and mental health bonuses of dog ownership offer a load of good, having our wet-nosed friends around isn't a substitute for other healthy practices. With these new findings, though, dogs are proving to be an igniting spark in many of our efforts towards self-improvement and motivation. So enjoy a long life, courtesy of our furry compadres!

My Modern Met



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"The kisses weren't so bad - it was the drool."

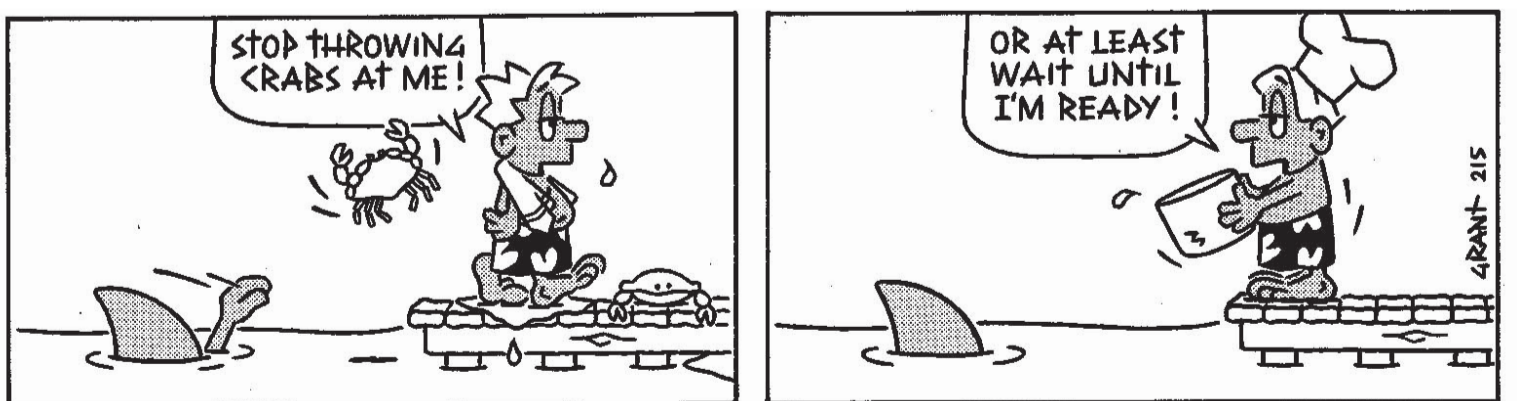
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UP & RUNNING



Stars scorch the ramp at LAKME FASHION SHOW 2021



A model displays a creation by Ritu Kumar



Bollywood actress Lara Dutt, showstopper for designer Sanjukta



Hina Khan dazzled on the red carpet as she turned showstopper for Tatwamm



Athiya Shetty walks for Payal Singhal



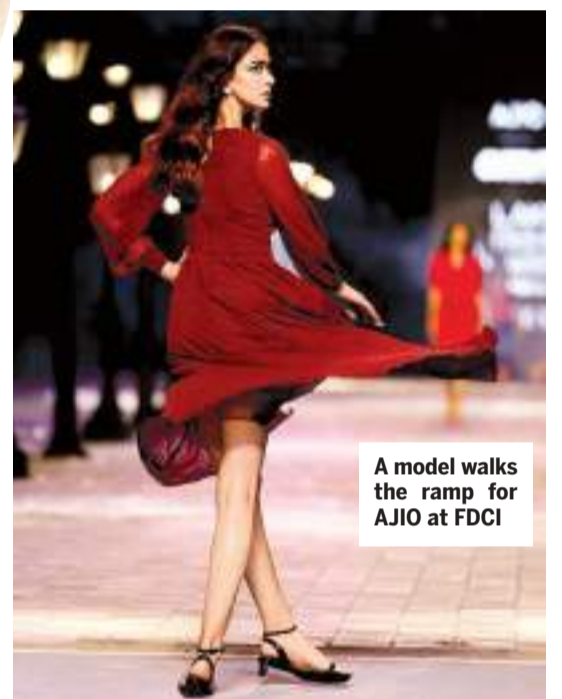
A model represents designer Ruchika Sachdeva



Models ramp walk for designer Masaba Gupta's show in collaboration with boAt



Bollywood actress Ananya Panday represents designer Ruchika Sachdeva



A model walks the ramp for AJIO at FDCI

Lakme Fashion Show 2021 witnessed its grand finale on Sunday. The event was a star-studded affair with many known faces in attendance. The one who charmed the audience was the show stopper Ananya Panday, who walked for designer Ruchika Sachdeva. The actor looked gorgeous in a boho-chic avatar, and said in a video that while she was "super nervous," she didn't want to leave the ramp because she was having so much fun. Ananya's mother Bhavana Pandey also attended the event with sister Deanne Pandey and her daughter Alanna Pandey. Not just Ananya, the last day of LFW 2021 saw beautiful ladies such as Pooja Hegde, Hina Khan, Aahana Kumra and others taking over the stage. The actors showcased the couture of various designers. Hina was seen wearing Tatwamm's latest couture. Interestingly, on Saturday evening, she was also spotted at Manish Malhotra's show where she flaunted his creation titled Nooraniyat.

The Indian Express

Grooming hacks every man should know

Men are mostly in a hurry when it comes to getting ready. These grooming hacks can save the day and prevent them from embarrassment.

1. You should shave post-shower

A lot of men are into this habit of shaving after they brush their teeth in the morning and shower is the last ritual for them. However, it is always advised to shave after you take a shower because your hair follicles turn softer and you can shave it off easily.

2. Make your frizzy hair smooth with hand cream

A lot of times when we are outside, our hair becomes rough and frizzy due to dirt and air pollution. In case if you have a quick meeting or a date outside and you want to look your best, then all you need to do

is to pour some hand cream, rub it on your palm and apply it to your hair to make it shinier and smoother. You can thank us later for this hack.

3. Remove odour from your gym bag with a bar soap

Your gym bag may end up stinking because of your sweaty workout wear. To avoid that odour, you can put a bar soap wrapped in a porous sack. This will absorb all the smell and your bag will render a pleasant smell again.

4. Shave your nether region with hair conditioner

Instead of a shaving cream which can be harsh for your skin down there, you can use a hair conditioner while shaving your nether region. This will also keep your groin area moisturised and you won't face any type of dryness or itching in summer.

5. Remove dead skin on your lips with a toothbrush

Use a toothbrush to remove dead skin from your lips for the perfect kissable lips that you desire for. This is a quick exfoliator and for those who don't have the time to exfoliate the lips with a scrub. *TNN*



CFW Retail Week 2021

SOLUTION for plastic POLLUTION!

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

Colombo Fashion Week (CFW) in association with One Galle Face (OGF) has launched a 10-day programme from March 28 to April 9, which will enhance the retail interactions of OGF patrons offering them a set of experiences which will truly empower them.

For the second consecutive year CFW comes together with OGF to present a novel retail event focusing on themes such as Wellness, Fashion, Luxury and Cuisine. It will be launched in association with One Galle Face and HSBC Sri Lanka. The programme really is exciting because it is a knowledge and engagement based experience which includes expert talks on relevant themes and subjects, book readings and workshops, value added retail experiences, a home grown music event, junior chef program, art workshop for kids and special events like wine tasting and F&B demos. So it is all about creating those experiences which is actually what OGF is about.

Founder and Managing Director Colombo Fashion Week, Ajai Vir Singh stated that last year the programme was a great success and that these events really generate a lot of excitement and interest in Colombo.

"The dynamics of a mall and retail are changing all the time and sales alone is not good enough. You really have to enhance the experience of shoppers who come to the mall. So based on that we are doing this for the second time. So the activities we have on offer are very relevant to society. So we are doing this in a very responsible manner. So we really are trying very hard to make this a family experience. The themes of Wellness, Fashion, Luxury and Cuisine are connected with entertainment. It is a ten-day event and I am so thankful that OGF has partnered with us. I also want to thank the other stakeholders for partnering up with us. So I hope this will really evolve and develop. So this is all about creating memorable and interesting experiences and I hope this goes from strength to strength," said Singh.

'No Plastic Week' is a theme of



The key players behind CFW Retail Week 2021

this event. Singh also added that with Covid-19, there is more sensitivity towards the environment. "Plastic is a really big problem

CFW 2021 10-day programme

- Wellness themed events will include talks on conquering the mountain by Johann Peries, fitness events such as Animal Flow and holistic events such as movement yoga sessions along with a laughing yoga session
- For Fashion Enthusiasts, CFW retail week offers a talk on Circularity by Managing Director of Colombo Fashion Week, Ajai Vir Singh and a specially curated viewing of Careem's Jewellery
- CFW retail week will also include gastronomic experiences such as a junior master chef event for young culinary aficionados and plenty of F&B specials throughout the One Galle Face Mall for patrons to enjoy
- CFW retail week also offers more fun for family and friends alike through a curated quiz night, kids art event, workshop with Artika Aurora Bakshi and a home grown acoustic evening.

as everyone knows. So together with OGF we came up with this theme. So for this one week we are trying to look at an alternative rather than using plastic. For one week we are going to try not using plastic. So we are hoping to form long lasting habits," explained Singh.

Commercial Director, Shangri La Group, Chris McFall, enthused about hosting the Colombo Fashion Week activities at Shangri La Colombo. And of course this fashion festival will translate very nicely into a retail festival the following week at OGF.

"Our stores and restaurants are working really hard to put on a first class celebration. We hope to make the week very entertaining and enjoyable under the banners of Wellness, Fashion, Luxury and Cuisine. There will be numerous events throughout this period. There will be special talks by fashion experts and a presentation by Johann Peries on his expedition to climb Everest. We have a lot of fun activities. There will also be some group yoga sessions including laughing yoga.

There will also be a number of evenings where the guests can enjoy wine tasting. So there will be plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy throughout the week. There will be book readings for the children to enjoy along with traditional Sinhalese new year games and an Easter egg hunt. One Galle Face Mall is also sponsoring a series of initiatives aimed at giving back to shoppers during the festival season. Shoppers who spend over Rs. 2000 between March 19 and 24 will have a chance to 'Spin the



Ajai Vir Singh



Tharanga Gunasekara



Shezard Careem



Chris Mcfall



Chamal Fonseka

Wheel' and win great prizes, while shoppers spending over Rs. 5000 between March 25 and April 11 will receive an OGF voucher for Rs. 5000 to spend within the mall," explained McFall.

McFall added that on the build up to Avurudu, they have an action packed calendar of events and promotions paying tribute to the key themes of Fashion, Wellness, Luxury and Cuisine.

"Within the retail week itself there are a lot of plastic bags being used for shopping. To minimize that the OGF shopping mall will be providing several thousand tote bags that we will be offering to shoppers for free. So we want to minimize unnecessary plastic. That is how we are also celebrating the theme-'No plastic' explained McFall.

Head of Marketing and Communications HSBC Sri Lanka, Tharanga Gunasekara, said HSBC have been supporting CFW for almost 14 years now.

"What we have found is that a lot of our customers have patronized the fashion event. Unfortu-

nately, it did not go beyond that point, so what we thought last year was that we should commercialize the whole thing that we are showcasing. So last year we tied up with OGF and CFW to bring our customers to the mall. We have a large customer base. This year a lot of them cannot really fly overseas with all the borders being closed, so we are hoping they will spend their money at OGF this season. Interestingly this is also coinciding with the Sinhalese and Tamil New Year, which is usually a big shopping season for Sri Lankans. So we are hoping these shoppers will spend their time here at OGF," said Gunasekara.

Managing Director Careem Jewellers, Shezard Careem, stated that they are delighted to come aboard as the Platinum sponsor in the luxury category at the retail week at OGF in collaboration with CFW.

General Manager, Crocodile Lanka, Chamal Fonseka, pointed out that the first year was great and really well organized and that everyone who participated had a really positive experience.

"So in terms of experience the first time was really great and we have no doubt that this coming retail week will be bigger and better. When it comes to Crocodile we want to expand our retail business. Being a part of CFW retail week is a great initiative for us. So I invite everyone to be a part of this and take part in all the events. Crocodile has all these exciting stuff lined up," said Fonseka.

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Vignettes of the Trade and Investment Forum

Prime Ministers, we all know that there is a resource gap in our countries, and that such resource gap has to be filled with investment. In the Colonial times, many of those countries that reached high per capita incomes, did not fill the resource gap with investment. They took the dubious step to conquer other countries and forcibly grab resources.

Central Banks of Pakistan, Sri Lanka should co-operate for forex investments - *Cabraal*

State Bank of Pakistan and Central Bank of Sri Lanka should now be looking at ways and means by which both can co-operate in our respective forex investments.

"These are the big tickets that can make an impact in our cooperation. That's a very important part where we can make a significant difference in the way we do business and investment between our two countries in the future. In addition we must also promote trade within our private sectors," opined State Minister of Money, Capital Markets and State Enterprise Reforms Nivard Cabraal, at the Trade and Investment Forum organised by the Pakistan High Commission recently.

Following is the Speech made by State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal, where both Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Mahinda Rajapaksa, attended.

"Prime Ministers, our two countries have come a long way since we gained independence. Over the last 73 odd years, we have broken free from many shackles of Colonialism. We are finally beginning to "think big" of our respective economies and focus on the next era of our respective countries.

I have listened to speeches of the Pakistan Prime Minister as well as that of our own Prime Minister, and have seen a common trait. That is, they both talk about bringing the poverty levels down and making sure that the fruits of development reach every section of the country's people. Those are very important outcomes that we all need to be focusing on.

By 1992, within 45 years of being independent, Pakistan was able to win the Cricket World Cup under your current Prime Minister, by beating England. We in Sri Lanka were very happy to watch him play Cricket, but when he played against us, we were not so happy! Nevertheless, we have been regularly delighted with the exploits of the Cricket team of Pakistan. Perhaps as a result of their successes, we also took a cue, and by 1997, 49 years since our own independence, we beat Australia to become the World Cricket champions.

Unfortunately, however, we have not done so well in other areas, such as cooperation in trade and investment. As your Foreign Minister mentioned, the targets that we have set for ourselves in this sphere seem to be quite low.

We should not be looking at 300 or 400 million dollars

of trade and investment. We should really be looking at a lot more, given the relationships that we have, the friendships that we enjoy, and the way in which we have cooperated with each other. We should be talking about trade and investment between ourselves in the billions of dollars. Let's therefore see whether today could be the day where we start on that target.

Prime Ministers, we all know that there is a resource gap in our countries, and that such resource gap has to be filled with investment. In the Colonial times, many of those countries that reached high per capita incomes, did not fill the resource gap with investment. They took the dubious step to conquer other countries and forcibly grab resources.

By doing so, they were able to reach the prosperity levels that they are at today. But our two countries have not done it that way. We have accessed resources and investment legally and honourably. We invited and received investments. We took loans. We traded in a fair manner. We played by the rules. That is how our countries have progressed and developed.

In my view, to do that successfully, we have to make sure that we invest in each other's countries. I was a former Governor of the Central Bank, and my experience tells me that we have been mainly investing in the West for too long. We have invested in those countries based on the "credit ratings" given by various Western credit rating agencies. Then, we get about a 1 per cent return. But, when those countries' investors invest in our economies, we pay about 7 per cent as interest, due to our supposedly "poor credit rating".

Have you also ever wondered as to why when we lend money to the West, it is called an "investment", but when they lend money to us it is called a "loan"? Not only that. In accordance with that strange arrangement, we suffer from an interest differential of around 6 per cent on our reciprocal investments. On that basis, if we have forex reserves of 10 billion dollars and our market borrowings are higher than that, we will have a 6 per cent up-front negative carry on our total reserves. That works out to about six hundred million dollars, which is a lot of money!

In that background, I think we need to think as to how we can co-operate with each other and in particular, as to where we can invest in each other's economies and countries.

POST-COVID MORATORIUM

Prime Minister Imran Khan made a fervent plea recently for a Post-Covid moratorium to provide some real financial support to the countries that need to deal with the fall-out of the pandemic. Sadly, it has not yet been favourably responded to, by the global financial community.

Our President also made a similar plea a few months ago. But unlike what happened immediately after the tsunami, the world monetary authorities have been very slow in responding to these calls. If an year's grace was given to the emerging nations for the forex payments that had to be made in that year to the multilateral institutions, it would have made a huge difference to those nations which have had to grapple with the sudden drop in their foreign receipts as a result of the pandemic. Let's therefore agree to work together to achieve that kind of a global outcome, which is essential for the continued growth of our countries.

Prime Ministers, Pakistan is a 300 billion dollar economy. We are a 80 billion dollar economy. In that context, I think if we can work out a scheme where our two countries have trade relationship of at least a billion dollars very soon. That would be a great outcome for both our countries.

Let's also make our respective countries preferred destinations. Let's make Pakistan a preferred destination from Sri Lanka, and Sri Lanka a preferred destination from Pakistan. Let's visit each other's countries frequently. Let's play a little more cricket as well. Maybe some club teams, school teams, or over-50 cricket teams (I can also participate then!), women's teams, can play each other. We can also have exchanges of students. We already have that happening. In fact, we have to be grateful to Pakistan for providing 1000 scholarships to our kids to study in their universities. Let's make films together. Let's organize exhibitions. Deepening our co-operation in various ways is essential if we are to make our relationship meaningful and profitable.

Prime Ministers, I welcome the Pakistan Foreign Minister's suggestion that we should now move from geo-politics to geo-economics, and why not? I think that's an excellent basis for future co-operation, when we are reshaping our respective economies. We must keep that in mind, because I think it would be an impor-

tant factor when we push forward our own economies. In that regard, I must also proudly mention that Sri Lanka is today emerging from economic stagnation which dragged us down over the last five years. In fact, Sri Lanka has been able to go through the recent difficult period with the Covid pandemic, even while maintaining low interest rates and protecting the value of our Rupee.

CONTINUOUS PIPELINE OF INVESTMENTS

Prime Ministers, going forward, a continuous pipeline of investments would be a priority for us in much the same way that it will be for you. So, come invest with us. In the same way, Sri Lankans could invest with you.

We have the Port City which is an exciting value proposition. We have the Hambantota Industrial Zone. We would like you to consider making investments there too. I also know you have some great industries in Pakistan. You have the Pharma industry. In fact, I met some of them last night and had wonderful conversations. Let's see whether we can develop some partnerships in that field, as well.

Let's now promote a sustainable South-South dialogue and partnership. One of the best economists of our country in the 1980s, Dr. Gamani Corea who was the Secretary General of UNCTAD, was the man who first proposed the "South-South" cooperation. Unfortunately, that laudable concept didn't get enough traction at that time, but today would be a good day for us to take that initiative forward. That would be a tribute to that great man as well.

Prime Minister Imran Khan, we deeply appreciate the time you have spent here in Sri Lanka and the fact that you have been the first visitor to Sri Lanka after the pandemic.

We greatly value your visit and we hope that today's event would be the fore-runner for a great partnership. You have been involved in great partnerships in the field of Cricket and I think you know very well about the value of good partnerships. Let's hope that the great partnership we are starting today would be a truly winning partnership for both Sri Lanka and Pakistan.



Biden suggests creating initiative to rival China's Belt and Road

US President Joe Biden says he suggested that democratic countries band together to fund infrastructure in less developed countries during a call with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

United States President Joe Biden said he suggested to British Prime Minister Boris Johnson in a phone call on Friday that democratic countries should have an infrastructure plan to rival China's Belt and Road initiative.

"I suggested we should have, essentially, a similar initiative,

pulling from the democratic states, helping those communities around the world that, in fact, need help," Biden told reporters.

China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a multitrillion-dollar infrastructure scheme launched in 2013 by President Xi Jinping involving development and investment initiatives that would stretch from East Asia to Europe.

The project would significantly expand China's economic and political influence, raising concerns in the US and elsewhere.

Biden's remarks came after he

said on Thursday he would prevent China from passing the US to become the most powerful country in the world, pledging to invest heavily to ensure the US prevails in the ever-growing rivalry between the world's two largest economies.

Biden plans to unveil a multitrillion-dollar plan to upgrade US infrastructure next week. He said on Thursday this would ensure increased US investment in promising new technologies, such as quantum computing, artificial intelligence and biotechnology.

While airing its concerns and seeking to encourage private sector-investment for overseas projects to rival those of the BRI, Washington has yet to be able to convince countries that it can offer an alternative to the state-backed economic vision put forward by Beijing under BRI.

More than 100 countries have signed agreements with China to cooperate in BRI projects like railways, ports, highways and other infrastructure. According to a Refinitiv database, as of mid-last year, more than 2,600 projects at a

cost of \$3.7 trillion were linked to the initiative.

However, China said last year that about 20 percent of BRI projects had been "seriously affected" by the coronavirus pandemic.

There has also been pushback against BRI from countries that have criticised projects as costly and unnecessary. Beijing scaled back some plans after several countries sought to review, cancel or scale down commitments, citing concerns about costs, erosion of sovereignty, and corruption. (www.aljazeera.com)



BANK OF CEYLON**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)****SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSION AND MAINTENANCE OF 195 NOS. SPLIT TYPE WALL MOUNTED / CEILING MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONERS FOR BANK OF CEYLON BRANCHES.****BID NO. P/PROC/2021/42**

- The Chairperson Executive Procurement Committee, Bank of Ceylon, No 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01 now invites sealed bids in duplicate for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commission and Maintenance of 195 Nos. Split Type Wall Mounted / Ceiling Mounted Air Conditioners for Bank of Ceylon Branches, from reputed Principals / Manufacturers / Suppliers or their Accredited Local Agents, who have :
 - supplied, installed, commissioned and maintained in Sri Lanka the offered brand of equipment for a minimum period of 05 years.
 - supplied and maintains at least 600 Nos. Air Conditioners in reputed institutions in Sri Lanka during last three years.
 - proven ability to handle the maintenance of Air Conditioners island wide.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
- Air conditioners shall be in following categories and quantities;
 - 60 Nos. of 12,000 Btu/hr Split Type Wall Mounted Air Conditioners**
 - 50 Nos. of 18,000 Btu/hr Split Type Wall Mounted Air Conditioners**
 - 50 Nos. of 24,000 Btu/hr Split Type Wall Mounted Air Conditioners**
 - 35 Nos. of 36,000 Btu/hr Split Type Ceiling Mounted Air Conditioners**
- Bidding Document may be inspected free of charge at Bank of Ceylon, No 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01 on working days from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs from 30.03.2021 until 21.04.2021. (Please contact Chief Manager (Properties and Procurement) on Telephone No. 0112544310 / 011 2430268 / 011 2204270)
- Bidding documents and relevant specifications in English language could be obtained on the submission of a written application to the Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon, "BOC Square", No.01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 1, after making payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.10,480.00 [Rs.9,704.00 + Rs.776.00 (8% VAT)]. The method of payment will be in cash.
- Bids should be submitted on the Bidding Documents obtained from Chief Manager (Properties & Procurement), Bank of Ceylon. Duplicated Bidding Documents are not allowed to submit Bids.
- Perfected Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security for a sum of Rs.570,000/- (Rupees Five Hundred and Seventy Thousand) in the form of bank guarantee on-demand, unconditional and irrevocable only from a licensed commercial bank (other than Bank of Ceylon) acceptable to the Bank valid up to 19.08.2021. Cash Deposit slip /Bank draft are also acceptable in lieu of Bank Guarantee. Personal cheques drawn by the bidder will not be accepted.
- Sealed bids shall be deposited in duplicates in the box available at the Ground Floor, Bank of Ceylon, No 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01.

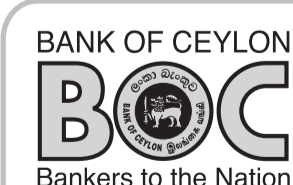
Last date & time for issuing Bidding documents	1430 hrs on 21.04.2021
Closing / Opening date & time of Bid	1000 hrs on 22.04.2021
Bid Validity Period	Up to 22.07.2021

- For further details please contact Chief Manager (Properties and Procurement), Bank of Ceylon, 14th Floor, No 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01 on Telephone No. 0112544310 / 011 2430268 / 011 2204270.

IMPORTANT

- Bidders should quote for all four categories.
- Bids received after the closing time specified will not be accepted and returned unopened.
- The bidders should declare whether spouse or close relations in the case of individuals; spouse or close relations of partners in the case of partnership; spouse or close relations of Directors in the case of Limited Liability Company ; are employed / not employed in the Bank.
- PCA 3 Form should be submitted along with the Bid.

The Chairperson,
Executive Procurement Committee,
C/o Chief Manager (Properties and Procurement),
14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon,
No 01, "BOC Square",
Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,
Colombo 01



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PEOPLE'S BANK**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed Principals / Manufacturers / Suppliers or their accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for Supply of the items given below.

Tender No.	Description	Bid Bond Value (Rs)	Last Date of Issuing Documents	Date of Closing Tender
P-039/2021	800 Nos. Ribbons for Canon LBP 253x (319 II) Printer	150,000/-	16.04.2021 at 2.00 p.m.	19.04.2021 at 2.00 p.m.

- Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 by depositing Rs. 1,500/- for tender document to the Account No. 204100120011913 maintained at Head Quarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from 30.03.2021 to 16.04.2021 as indicated above on working days of the bank.
- The relevant tender terms and conditions will be provided with the tender document.
- Each perfected tender document should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee/ Bid Bond from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for the above mentioned value, valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender. Bank pay orders/Bank drafts with minimum period of 180 calendar days are also acceptable in lieu of Bid bonds. Cheques drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
- Sealed tenders may be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tender will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the abovementioned date. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. on due date will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all bids or cancelling the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a tender without assigning any reasons.
- Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, on the telephone Nos. given below.

Chief Manager (Supplies),
People's Bank, Supplies Dept.
No. 30/101, Kew Road,
Colombo 02.
Tele. Nos. : 2439577/8
Fax No. : 2439576
Web : www.peoplesbank.lk
Email : supplies@peoplesbank.lk

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION & HEALTH**

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of Department of Animal Production & Health, Western Province will receive sealed Bids from qualified Bidders for the construction work mentioned in the following schedule. The estimated sum and procurement details are given in the Schedule.
- Contractors will be selected through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the selected Bidder should not have been blacklisted and should have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority for the Grade or abovementioned in the Schedule below.
- Further details could be obtained from the Office of the Director of Western Provincial Department of Animal Production & Health and the Bid Invitation Documents could be inspected at this Office during normal working hours.
- Bid Documents may be purchased from the Director of Western Provincial Department of Animal Production & Health from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on submission of an application and upon payment of the refundable deposit and non-refundable fee as mentioned in the Schedule below. (These payments could be made to the Accounts Division of the Department of Animal Production & Health).
- Perfected Bid Documents should be submitted to the Procurement Committee of the Director of the Department of Animal Production & Health before 10.00 a.m. on the date mentioned in the Schedule below. Bid received late will be rejected. After the closing date of receiving Bids, i.e. 20.04.2021 Bids will be opened at the times given in the Schedule. Bidders or their authorized representatives could be present at the time.

Description of Work	Estimated amount for Construction (Without Tax)	Minimum Registration (CIDA)	Non Refundable Fee	Refundable Tender Deposit	Issuing of Bid Forms	Date of Opening of Bids
Construction of Guardroom of Animal Husbandry Centre, Kotadeniyawa	Rs.902,993.95	C-8/C-9	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 5000.00	31.03.2021 to 19.04.2021	20.04.2021 10.00 a.m.
Construction of Trade Stall at Animal Husbandry Centre, Kotadeniyawa	Rs. 11,467,684.70	C-5/C-6	Rs. 4,000.00	Rs. 200,000.00	31.03.2021 to 19.04.2021	20.04.2021 10.00 a.m.
Renovation of Old Buffalo Shed at Animal Husbandry Centre	Rs. 2,438,686.30	C-8/C-9	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00	31.03.2021 to 19.04.2021	20.04.2021 11.30 a.m.
External improvements to new Cattle Shed - Animal Husbandry Centre, Kotadeniyawa	Rs. 1,731,555.40	C-8/C-9	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00	31.03.2021 to 19.04.2021	20.04.2021 11.30 a.m.
Renovation of Berawala Veterinary Surgeon's Office	Rs. 5,246,785.51	C-6/C-7	Rs. 3,000.00	Rs. 100,000.00	31.03.2021 to 19.04.2021	20.04.2021 2.00 p.m.
Renovation and Modernisation of Old Administrative Building at Provincial Director's Office	Rs. 3,006,483.40	C-7/C-8	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 25,000.00	31.03.2021 to 19.04.2021	20.04.2021 3.30 p.m.

K.K. Sarath
Provincial Director
Department of Animal Production & Health (W.P.)
Welisara, Ratama.
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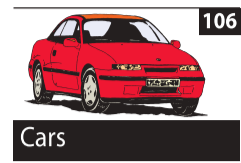
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Cars

SP CAT-8220 Tata Nano, 2016, car for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0714542958. 023471

NW LN-4895 Isuzu BKG-NPR85AN Elf - Motor Lorry - 2011, white for highest offer. CBC Finance Ltd. 187, Katugastota Rd., Kandy. TP - 0812-200272. 024393

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UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA
FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Walk in Interview for appointments to the following posts will be held on **06.04.2021** at **9.30a.m.** at the **Board Room of Faculty of Agriculture, Kilinochchi Premises, University of Jaffna.**

- Temporary Assistant Lecturer / Temporary Demonstrator in **Engineering Technology:** Construction Technology/Electro Technology/Automobile Technology
- Temporary Assistant Lecturer / Temporary Demonstrator in **BioSystems Technology:** Food production Technology/Commercial green farming Technology
- Temporary Demonstrator in **Interdisciplinary Studies:** Information and Communication Technology/Physics/related fields

For detailed information on qualifications and salary, please refer the www.jfn.ac.lk.

Registrar
University of Jaffna.
29.03.2021.



NOTICE
Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation

Qualifications of the External Applicants for the post of Officer in Charge (Herbal Gardens) mentioned in the Advertisement published in the Daily News newspaper on 29.03.2021 should be amended as follows:

01. OFFICER-IN-CHARGE (HERBAL GARDENS) – MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT (NON TECHNICAL) SERVICE CATEGORY (MA – 1-1) 02 POSTS

MA 1-1 – 27,910 – 10X300 – 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. (Ordinary 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 three (03) subjects (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).

Special other qualifications relevant to the post :-
Should have followed course in agriculture (This requirement is not applicable to those who have passed the Advanced Level in agriculture stream)

Age: Should be not less than 18 years and not more than 45 years.
It is also notified that closing date for applications for the Post of Officer-in Charge (Herbal Gardens) has been amended as 09.04.2021.
All other matters mentioned in the advertisement published on 29.03.2021, remain same.

Chairman
Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation

CANCELLATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
I, Chamila Dilrukshi Perera (NIC. No. 707741996V) presently of No. 311/4, Biyagama Road, Mabima, Heiyanthuduwa, Gampaha district, Western Province do hereby inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and General Public that the Power of Attorney granted by me to Vithanage Arshika Shiranthi Perera (NIC. No. 786511870V) of No. 337/1C, Gonawala, Kelaniya by Power of Attorney No. 3882, dated 14.05.2019, attested by Mr. L.M. Thilakarathne Cabral, Notary Public is cancelled and annulled with effect from today and I will not be held responsible for any action taken on behalf of me or in my name, by the said grantee Vithanage Arshika Shiranthi Perera on the above Power of Attorney, hereinafter.
Chamila Dilrukshi Perera
Date: 30.03.2021

CORRECTION NOTICE
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
KOTELAWALA DEFENCE UNIVERSITY
Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Training and Maintenance of Hybrid Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for University Hospital - General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University
Contract Identification No: MOD/KDU/02/2020

Please note that the above advertisement that appeared in "Sunday Observer" of 07th & 14th March 2021 should be corrected as follows.
Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Training and Maintenance of Hybrid Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for University Hospital General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.
The date of opening of Bids given in para '09' will be extended up to 30th April 2021.
All other details in the earlier advertisement remain unchanged.

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Hospital, Werahera
Boralesgamuwa 10290 Sri Lanka.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

Vehicle No.	Make	Model	Year
CAR			
15 -0XXX	DATSUN	SUNNY VHB11	1983
HI -4XXX	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	2000
HQ -6XXX	HYUNDAI	ACCENT	2001
CBC -7XXX	SUZUKI	WAGON R MH55S	2017
CAB			
DAD -0XXX	TATA	XENON LIGHT TRUCK	2016
LORRY			
PT -0XXX	TATA	ACE EX	2012
PV -2XXX	MAHINDRA	MAXXIMO	2013
DAD -6XXX	TATA	ACE HT2	2016
THREE WHEELER			
QI -2XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2	2006
QT -4XXX	BAJAJ	BAJAJ 4 S	2009
YH -3XXX	PIAGGIO	APE CITY	2010
YC -1XXX	BAJAJ	AR4S-UG	2010
YN -4XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2011
YR -1XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2011
TRACTOR			
RF -5XXX	PREET	4549-4WD	2016

Vehicle Inspection:
Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC
Vehicle Yard - No: 176, Lake Road, Maharagama
Tel - 0112 088 505

Dates for inspection of vehicles
30th, 31st March, 1st & 2nd April 2021 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the above address (Acceptance of tenders will be closed at 5.00 pm 2nd April 2021)

Tender forms could be obtained from the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC Vehicle Yards at the above addresses upon making a non-refundable payment of Rs.200/-.
Successful bidders will be notified over the telephone, and they should remove the relevant vehicles within 7 days from the date of notification. The company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle from the tender without stating any reason. While the successful bidders shall accept the relevant vehicles in the existing condition, any outstanding payment in relation to revenue license and government taxes etc shall have to borne by such bidders.

Decision of the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC pertaining to this tender shall be final.

Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC

Head Office
236, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Tel No. 2343720 - 7 EXT: 210

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Contact:
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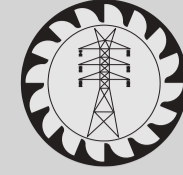
STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COAST CONSERVATION, WASTE DISPOSAL AND COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS
COAST CONSERVATION AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Supply of Rock materials for the Construction of Coastal Protective Structures & Supply of Heavy Machineries and Vehicles to Construction sites of Coastal Protective Structures

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department invites sealed bids from all eligible and qualified bidders for the **Supply of Rock materials for the construction of Coastal Protective Structures and for the Supply of heavy machineries and vehicles to the construction sites of Coastal Protective Structures** as described below. Each procurement is an individual and independent procurement activity.

Name of the Contract and Contract No.	Description of Supply	Bid Security (Rs.) and Bid Validity Period	Supply duration (max.)	District	Contact Person
Construction of 200 m revetment at Usmudulawa, Ambalangoda CCD/CD/2021/58	550 Nos. of 1.5 T rock armours (boulders) 2330 Nos. of 1.0 T rock armours (boulders) 640 m ³ of 150 mm - 225 mm rubble 470 m ³ of 2-250 kg mixed material	68,000/- 77 days	75 days	Galle	Area Engineer (Galle) 091-2234832
	01 No. of 20 T excavator for 360 machine hours 01 No. of 1.0 cube loader for 340 machine hours 01 No. of 3.0 cube tipper for 25 days	38,000/- 63 days			
Rehabilitation of 250 m revetment at Hirewatta, Ambalangoda CCD/CD/2021/57M	1450 Nos. of 3.0 T rock armours (boulders) 1110 Nos. of 1.5 T rock armours (boulders) 1035 m ³ of 150 mm - 225 mm rubble 512 m ³ of 2-250 kg mixed material	135,000/- 77 days	75 days	Gampaha	Area Engineer (Colombo North) 031-2238400
	02 No. of 20 T excavator for 780 machine hours 01 No. of 1.0 cube loader for 750 machine hours 01 No. of 3.0 cube tipper for 60 days	82,000/- 77 days			
Rehabilitation of 03 Nos. of groynes at Poruthota, Negombo CCD/CD/2021/55	180 Nos. of 1.5 T - 2.0 T rock armours (boulders) 1950 Nos. of 1.0 T - 1.5 T rock armours (boulders) 1870 m ³ of 2-250 kg mixed material	71,000/- 77 days	30 days for 1.5 T - 2.0 T boulders & 60 days for the rest	Gampaha	Area Engineer (Colombo North) 031-2238400
	01 No. of 20 T excavator for 300 machine hours 01 No. of 1.0 cube loader for 240 machine hours	26,000/- 63 days			
Construction of 140 m revetment at Sooriyamalwatta CCD/CD/2021/47	01 No. of 20 T excavator for 260 machine hours 01 No. of 1.0 cube loader for 270 machine hours	25,000/- 63 days		Puttalam	Area Engineer (Matara/Hambantota) 041-2234572
Construction of 200 m revetment at Morawala - Pitipana CCD/CD/2021/48	01 No. of 20 T excavator for 360 machine hours 01 No. of 0.75 - 01 cube loader for 300 machine hours	31,000/- 63 days			
Construction of 115 m revetment at Muthupanthiya CCD/CD/2021/51	01 No. of 12 T excavator for 210 machine hours 01 No. of 01 cube loader for 180 machine hours	19,000/- 49 days		Matara	Area Engineer (Matara/Hambantota) 041-2234572
Construction of 120 m revetment at Madiha CCD/CD/2021/45	01 No. of 12 T excavator for 310 machine hours 01 No. of 1.0 cube loader for 240 machine hours	24,200/- 63 days			

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding procedure**. Separate bidding documents shall be issued for each procurement activity.
 - To be eligible for the contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall **fulfill the requirements stated in the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.**
 - To qualify for contract award, the bidders are requested to submit the following documents with their bids
 - For Material Supply**
 - Certified list of machineries, tippers, tractors, dump trucks and other vehicles which will be used in transporting materials with copies of vehicle/machinery registration certificates
 - Information of Rock Material supply during last five years to our Department or any other Organization.
 - Details of quarry available or agreement copies between supplier and quarry owner.
 - Copies of Explosive Permit, Environmental Protection Permit and Industrial Mining License which are valid for year 2021.
 - Copies of Business registration, VAT registration, etc.
 - For Heavy Machinery and Vehicles**
 - Certified list of machineries (Tippers, Loaders, Wheel excavators, High Bed / Low Bed trailers, Dump Trucks) with their registration certificates
 - Information of heavy machinery and vehicle supply during last five years to our Department or any other Organization.
 - Copies of documents to prove the ownership of heavy machineries and vehicles
 - Certified Copies of vehicle insurance
 - Copies of Business registration, VAT registration, etc.
 - Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Engineer (Coastal Development), Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management, 4th Floor, New Secretariat, Maligawatta, Colombo 10 and inspect Bidding Documents at the same address on any working day from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. and the bidders can reach officials for clarifications through Telephone 011-2472622 / 011-2387920 or Fax: 011-2387920
 - Bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request on a business letterhead to the Chief Engineer (Coastal Development) at the above address from **30.03.2021 to 15.04.2021** from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. upon **payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees One Thousand (Rs. 1,000/-).**
 - Completed Bids shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management, 4th Floor, New Secretariat, Maligawatta, Colombo 10, to reach **at or before 1400 hrs. on 16.04.2021 for Supply of Rock materials for the construction of Coastal Protective Structures at or before 1430 hrs. on 16.04.2021 for Supply of Heavy machineries and Vehicles to Construction sites of Coastal Protective Structures.**
 - Sealed envelopes shall clearly bear the **Contract name, contract identification No. and the category of supply (Material / Machine).**
 - Bids will be opened soon after the closing of bids at the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management, 4th Floor, New Secretariat, Maligawatta, Colombo 10, in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.
 - All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security/ a receipt of cash deposit for the amount stated in above description and the validity of bid security shall be **28 days beyond the bid validity period.** Cash deposit to the stated amount shall be paid to the Shroff of the Department. Bid validity period shall be counted from the first day after bid opening date.
 - Late bids will be rejected.
- Director General,**
Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department,
4th Floor, New Secretariat Building,
Maligawatta,
Colombo 10.
Telephone - 011-2449197/011-2472622/011-2387920, Fax - 011-2387920/ 011-2438005



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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.

EASTERN PROVINCE - APRIL 2021

AMPARA AREA	
Ampara CSC	
24.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Karangawa, Rajawewa, Airforce, Metal Crusher, Samanalabedda.
27.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Karangawa, Rajawewa, Airforce, Metal Crusher, Samanalabedda.
Akkaraipathu CSC	
01.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Panamkadu, Kolavil, Sagamaroad, Ithiyadi, Theevukalai, Kapadapitti, Kannagipuram
03.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Ithiyadi
06.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Thambiluvil, Thirukkivil, Vinayagapuram, Mandanai, Kudinilam, Gayathrivillage, Kanchanankuda, Sankamankantha, Kanchikudiyaru, Thangavelayuthapuram
08.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Alamkulam, Alimnagar, Aligambay, Wanagama, Ilukuchenai, Isankenicheemai.
20.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Alayadivembu, Pottuvil Road, Badur Nagar, 40Th Mile Post, Wachikuda, Ithiyadi
24.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Panamkadu, Kolavil, Kannagipuram, Ithiyadi, Kapadapity
27.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Ithiyadi
29.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Kanchirankuda, Thandiyadi, Thiruppathi Village, Umiri
Hingurana CSC	
03.04.2021	9.00 Am - 13.00 Pm Damana, Hingurana, Thottama, Manthottama, Neetha, Bakmiyyawa, Madawalanda, Muwangala
05.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Bakmiyyawa, Thottama
10.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Irakkamam, Varipathanchena
19.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Thottama, Bakmiyyawa
20.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Muwangala, Hingurana
21.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Thottama, Bakmiyyawa
23.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Muwangala, Hingurana
28.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Thottama, Bakmiyyawa
Inginiyagala CSC	
05.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Polwatta, Namaloya, Namalthalawa.
07.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Industrial Area, YMCA Area, Holmangala
10.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Polwatta, Namaloya, Namalthalawa.
17.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Inginiyagala
19.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Meegahapallama
22.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th Mile Posts, Muthukandiya
24.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Polwatta, Namaloya, Namalthalawa.
27.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Wadinagala, Kotagoda
29.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Siyambalanduwa
Mahaoya CSC	
05.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Pollebedda
06.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Padiyatalawa, Meegaswatta
07.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Kumburuwela, Gamawela, Pradeshiyasaba
08.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Padiyatalawa, Meegaswatta
28.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Padiyathalawa, Holike
29.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 69Th Junction, Nuwaragala, Aranthalawa
Pothuvil CSC	
01.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Kalugolla, Manalchenai
07.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Mahakalugolla, Hulannuge
08.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Kalugolla, Manalchenai
17.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Paakiyawatta
21.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Lahugala, Thamiyyawela, Neelagiri
29.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Kalugolla, Manalchenai

Uhana CSC	
06.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Bandaraduwa
09.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Gonagolla, Piyangala
21.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Bandaraduwa
23.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Gonagolla, Piyangala
25.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Bandaraduwa
30.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Gonagolla, Piyangala
Weeragoda CSC	
05.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Suhadagama Village
10.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Weeragoda, Suhadagama
17.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 19Th Colony, 3Rd Colony
20.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Suhadagama Village
22.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Buddangala
25.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Suhadagama
Dehiyattakandiya CSC	
07.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Wewmedagama, Diyaviddagama, Ratkinda
09.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Salpitagama
28.04.2021	8:30 – 17:00 Siripura, Mudungama, Pallegama, Rathmal Kandiya, Rankethgama
BATTICALOA AREA	
Valachchenai CSC	
03.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Oddamavadi, Semmannodai
05.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Vadamunai
06.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Valaichenai Town, Kalkudah, Passikuda Hotel Area, Kumburumoolai Area
07.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Karuwakerny, Kinnayadi, Valaichenai, Sungankerny
08.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Pansala Rd, Market, Puthukudiruppu, Maruthanagar
10.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Oddamavadi, Semmannodai
20.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Oddamavadi, Valaichenai, Thiyawattuan
21.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Karuwakerny, Valaichenai
24.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Oddamavadi, Semmannodai
27.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Oddamavadi, Valaichenai, Thiyawattuan
28.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Karuwakerny, Valaichenai
28.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Karuvankerny, Kinniyadi, Sungankerny
Batticaloa CSC	
01.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Sillikodiyaru & Kuluvnamadu Area.
03.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Anapanthi, Central Road, Govinthan Road Area
06.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Thandavanveli, Telecom, Poompukar, Lloyd Place, Veddakadu
07.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Music College, Nawakudah, Manthathoduwai, Kallady Uppodai
08.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Thandiyady To Pavatkodichchenai Including Sippimadu
10.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Swiss Village, Anapanthi, Central Road, Govinthan Road Area
19.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kallady, Music College
21.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Music College, Nawakudah, Manthathoduwai, Kallady Uppodai
24.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Bar Road Area, Kalliyankadu, Koolavady
27.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Sallipity Area, Anapanthi, Govinthan Road, Central Road
Eravur CSC	
03.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Eravur Town Area, Part of Chenkalady
05.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Karadiyanaru, Illupadichenai, Mayilawattuan, Pankudaveli, Chenkalady Area, Kariyanaru, Rajapuram, Kithul, Koppaveli, Pullumali Area
06.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Meerakerny, Mich Nagar, Satham Hussain Kiramam, Hisbullah Kiramam
07.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Iyankerny, Eravur

09.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Karadiyanaru, Illupadichenai, Mayilawattuan, Pankudaveli, Chenkalady Area, Rajapuram, Kithul, Koppaveli, Pullumali Area
10.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Eravur Town Area, Part of Chenkalady
19.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Karadiyanaru, Illupadichenai, Mayilawattuan, Pankudaveli, Chenkalady Area, Rajapuram, Kithul, Koppaveli, Pullumali Area
20.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Eravur Town Area, Mylampavali, Savukkady, Aarumukathankudiruppu, Thannamunai, Eravur Town Area, Punnakuda, Thalawai, Mich Nagar
21.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Iyankerny, Eravur
23.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Karadiyanaru, Illupadichenai, Mayilawattuan, Pankudaveli, Chenkalady Area, Rajapuram, Kithul, Koppaveli, Pullumali Area
28.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Eravur Town Area, Mylampavali, Savukkady, Aarumukathankudiruppu, Thannamunai, Eravur Town Area, Punnakuda, Thalawai, Mich Nagar
30.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Karadiyanaru, Illupadichenai, Mayilawattuan, Pankudaveli, Chenkalady Area, Rajapuram, Kithul, Koppaveli, Pullumali Area
Kaluwanchikudy CSC	
01.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Eruvil, Mahiloor, Mahiloor Munai
03.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Kaluwanchikudy Town Area
03.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Kaluwanchikudy, Kaluthavalai, Thethatheevu, Mankadu, Cheddiyalayam
05.04.2021	08.30-17.00 Puthukudiruppu, Kirankulam,
06.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Kaluwanchikudy, Kallar, Onthachimadam
07.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Pandariyavelly, Mahiladythevu
08.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Eruvil, Mahiloor, Mahiloor Munai
09.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Mandoor To Ranamadu And Poochikudu.
10.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Palugamam, Munaitheevu, Periyaporatheevu
19.04.2021	08.30-17.00 Puthukudiruppu, Kirankulam
20.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Viduthikal, Kaluvanthanvely, Youthfarm, Mavadimunnari.
21.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Pandariyavelly, Padayandavelly, Mahiladythevu
22.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Eruvil, Mahiloor, Mahiloor Munai
23.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Kirankulam, Kurukkalmadam, Chettipalayam
24.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Palugamam, Munaitheevu, Periyaporatheevu
27.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Kaluwanchikudy, Kallar, Onthachimadam
28.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Pandariyavelly, Mahiladythevu, Muthalakudah
29.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Eruvil, Mahiloor, Mahiloor Munai
30.04.2021	09.00-17.00 Kirankulam, Kurukkalmadam, Chettipalayam
Kaththankudy CSC	
03.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Arayampathy, Kattankudy
07.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Thalankuda, Manmunai, Oillukkulam, Palamunai
21.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Palamunai
24.04.2021	08.30-16.00 New Kattankudy, Telecom Road, FC Road, Kattankudy 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Area
28.04.2021	08.30-16.00 Thalankuda, Manmunai, Oillukkulam, Palamunai, Karbala
Kiran CSC	
01.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kiran, Parankiyamadu, Santhivily
06.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kiran, Kimpulathona, Palaiyadithona
08.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kiran, Parankiyamadu, Santhivily
09.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kaluwankerny, Palachcholai, Orumulachcholai
20.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kiran, Kimpulathona, Palaiyadithona
22.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kiran, Parankiyamadu, Santhivily
23.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kaluwankerny, Palachcholai, Orumulachcholai
27.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kiran, Kimpulathona, Palaiyadithona
29.04.2021	09.00-16.00 Kiran, Parankiyamadu, Santhivily

KALMUNAI AREA	
Kalmunai CSC	
01.04.2021 12th Colony	8:30 am-17:00 pm
03.04.2021 Kadatkaraipalli, Amman Kovil, Beach Road, Udayar Road, VV Road, Islaambath Housing Scheme	8.30 am-16.15 pm
Sainthamaruthu CSC	
01.04.2021 Karathivu Nandavansapilliyar Kovil Road	8.30 am-17.00 pm
03.04.2021 Tharavaikkovil.	8.30am-16.15pm
03.04.2021 Sainthamaruthu Bolivarean, Part of Kalmunaikudy	8.30am-17.00pm
10.04.2021 Al Hilal Road, Munthiyady Area	8.30am-17.00pm
20.04.2021 Part of Sainthamaruthu & Kalmunaikudy	8.30 am-17.00 pm
24.04.2021 Part of Sainthamaruthu & Kalmunaikudy	8.30 am-17.00 pm
Nindavur CSC	
05.04.2021 Nindavur Waval Odai	8.30 am-17.00 pm
06.04.2021 Oluvil, Palamunai, Addalichenai Village Area	8.30am-17.00pm
10.04.2021 G.T.C. Road, Addalichenai	8.30am-17.00pm
19.04.2021 Sinnapalamunai, Wawal Odai Area	8.30am-17.00pm
22.04.2021 Olivil, Thiraikeerney Village	8.30am-17.00pm
24.04.2021 G.T.C. Road, Addalichenai	8.30am-17.00pm
Sammanthurai CSC	
07.04.2021 Hijrapuram, Sennelapuram	8.30am-17.00pm
08.04.2021 Malkampitty, Nainakadu	8.30am-17.00pm
21.04.2021 Hijrapuram, Sennelapuram	8.30am-17.00pm
24.04.2021 Ampara Road, Hilalpuram, Wangalawadi, Udanga	8.30am-17.00pm
27.04.2021 Hijrapuram, Sennelapuram	8.30am-17.00pm
29.04.2021 Hijrapuram, Sennelapuram	8.30am-17.00pm

TRINCOMALEE AREA	
Trincomalee Town CSC	
05.04.2021 Mahamaya Mawatha, 4Th Mile Post, Cod Bay Deewaragammanaya, Sangama, Daniyagama, China Bay	09.00-17.00
08.04.2021 National Youth Corps(Sarathapura)	08.00-17.00
19.04.2021 Mahamaya Mawatha, 4Th Mile Post, Cod Bay Deewaragammanaya, Sangama, Daniyagama, China Bay,	09.00-17.00
22.04.2021 Palaiyoothu Railway Crossing Area, Poompohar Street, Mohamadiya Nagar, Panathottam (Palaiyoothu)	09.00-17.00
25.04.2021 Trincomalee Hospital Area, Dyke Street Area, Court Rd Area	09.00-17.00
28.04.2021 Palampataru Area, China Bay Area, 5 MP Area, 4 MP Area, Andan Kulam Area, Kappalurei Area, Prima Factory, Tokyo Factory, Trincomalee Town CSC All Area.	09.00-17.00
29.04.2021 Palaiyoothu Railway Crossing Area, Poompohar Street, Mohamadiya Nagar, Panathottam (Palaiyoothu)	09.00-17.00
Nilaveli CSC	
07.04.2021 Barwick Junction, Nilaveli Area, Iqbal Nager Tsunami H.scheme, Area, Mineral Sands Pvt Ltd., Kuburupitya Area	09.00-17.00
09.04.2021 Thiriyaya Junction Area, Yanoya Area, Pulmudei Area, Pulmudei Town Area, Jinnapuram Area, Tennamarawadi Area	09.00-17.00
21.04.2021 Barwick Junction, Nilaveli Area, Iqbal Nager Tsunami H.scheme, Area, Mineral Sands Pvt Ltd., Kuburupitya Area	09.00-17.00
23.04.2021 Thiriyaya Junction Area, Yanoya Area, Pulmudei Area, Pulmudei Town Area, Jinnapuram Area, Tennamarawadi Area	09.00-17.00
27.04.2021 Barwick Junction, Nilaveli Area, Iqbal Nager Tsunami H.scheme, Area, Mineral Sands Pvt Ltd., Kuburupitya Area	09.00-17.00
27.04.2021 All Substations In Nilaveli CSC, 6Th Mile Post, Irakkandy, Kuchchaveli, Kumburupitya, Thiriyaya Junction, Pulmudei Town Area.	09.00-17.00
30.04.2021 Thiriyaya Junction Area, Yanoya Area, Pulmudei Area, Pulmudei Town Area, Jinnapuram Area, Tennamarawadi Area,	09.00-17.00
Kinniya CSC	
01.04.2021 Upparu, Kinniya Old Hospital Junction Area, Annal Nagar (Kinniya), Ranjith Kodikara Tsunami H.scheme Area, Faizal Nagar (Kinniya), Kandaladiyoothu Area (Upparu Bridge).	09.00-17.00

08.04.2021 Upparu, Kinniya Old Hospital Junction Area, Annal Nagar (Kinniya), Ranjith Kodikara Tsunami H.scheme Area, Faizal Nagar (Kinniya), Kandaladiyoothu Area (Upparu Bridge).	09.00-17.00
27.04.2021 All Substations In Kinniya, Kinniya Town Area, Kurunchankerney, Sinna Kinniya.	09.00-17.00
28.04.2021 Tabalagamuwa Area.	09.00-17.00
Muthur CSC	
01.04.2021 Uppukachimadu Area, Jaya Road	09.00-17.00
03.04.2021 Seruvila Block C Area, Mahindapura, Arippe Junction Area	9.00-17.00
04.04.2021 Mohidin Road, Muthur, Kaddaiparichan Area, Santhosapuram Village, Kadaththeraichenai, Vallikerni Village, Sampoor Area, Navarathapuram, Koonithive, Koonithive Village, Muthur Town Area, Ralkuli, Nawalady, Nadiuththevu, Habeeb Nagar	8.00-17.00
06.04.2021 Thoppur, Allai Nagar, Iqbal Nagar Model Village, Selva Nagar, Sumendenkanpura, Seruvila.	09.00-17.00
08.04.2021 Uppukachimadu Area, Jaya Road	09.00-17.00
20.04.2021 Verugal, Mugathuwaram, Valaithottam, Kallady, Lanka Patuna Area, Seenaveli, Uppural, Malaimuntha Village Area, Ilakkandai Area, Ithikulam, Sinnakulam Area	09.00-17.00
28.04.2021 Verugal, Mugathuwaram, Valaithottam, Kallady, Lanka Patuna Area, Seenaveli, Uppural, Malaimuntha Village Area, Ilakkandai Area, Ithikulam, Sinnakulam Area	09.00-17.00
Kanthale CSC	
05.04.2021 84th Mile Post Area, Agbopura Area	09.00-17.00
09.04.2021 Al Fasigama, Warakele, Kanthale, Pottankadu Area, Gamunu Mawatha, Lilarathna Mawatha	09.00-17.00
20.04.2021 Kanthale Town Area, Parakrama Mawatha, Ariyawansa Mawatha, Kanthale Market Area, Clock Tower Area	09.00-17.00
Gomarankadawala CSC	
24.04.2021 Morawewa Air Force, Bakmeegama Area	09.00-17.00
27.04.2021 All Substations In Gomarankadawala CSC, Morawewa, Namalwatta, Gomarankadawala, Medawachchiya, Kivulakade, Mayilawewa.	09.00-17.00
Serunuwara CSC	
01.04.2021 Srimangalapura Area, Somapura Area	09.00-17.00
06.04.2021 Serunuwara Area, Ali Oluwa Junction	09.00-17.00

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PAPER NOTICE

LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964 (CHAPTER 460) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7

My Ref.: EHE/DS/LND/05/ACQ/DST/05
Land Min. Ref. 4-3/15/2017/VE/432

A notice under section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act calling for the inquiries for ownership and compensations under the section 1 of the Act in respect of the following land, which is acquired for a public purpose, has been published in the Gazette No. 2214/53 dated 10.02.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

1. Province	- Sabaragamuwa
2. District	- Rathnapura
3. Divisional Secretariat	- Eheliyagoda
4. Grama Niladhari Division - 138	Iddamalagoda
5. Village	- Iddamalagoda
6. Preliminary Plan No.	- Sheet No. 01, Supplement No. 01 in the F.V.P. No. 659
7. Lot No.	- 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407

Please see the Gazette for further details.

H.C.N. Dharmapala
Divisional Secretary
Divisional Secretary's Division - Eheliyagoda.
Divisional Secretariat
Eheliyagoda
24.03.2021

CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON

INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT OF PROPOSED FIVE ROOMED HOTEL PROJECT AT NAWALAGEDARAHENA, MAGAHENA, BENEGAWAGODELLA AND HETTIGEDARAGODELLA, LANKAGAMA ROAD, THAMBALAGAMA, NELUWA IN GALLE DISTRICT

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 Inspirante (Pvt) Ltd., No. 311/H, Elhena, Healy Road, Attiligoda, Akmeemana, Galle, 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, Robert Gunawardena Mawatha,
Battaramulla.**

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 7 OF 2007

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 34 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 an application has been made to the Registrar General of Companies to incorporate an Organisation to be formed under the name '**BANDARANAIKE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**' to be registered with limited liability without the word 'Limited' to its name and the Primary Objects for which the Foundation is proposed to be established are as follows :-

- To perpetuate the legacy of the late S.W.R.D Bandaranaike and the late Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike;
- To carry out the following activities of the S. W. R. D Bandaranaike Samadhi Trust created by Deed of Trust No.1167 dated 29th September 1983 attested by Gilbert Somasiri Herat Gunaratne, Colombo Notary Public; Namely :-
 - To maintain and upkeep of "the S.W.R.D Bandaranaike Samadhi",
 - To conduct lectures to perpetuate the memory of the late S.W.R.D Bandaranaike and of his life in all aspects,
 - To give alms to the Buddhist Clergy and the poor in the name of the late S.W.R.D Bandaranaike,
 - To organize and conduct Bana preaching and Pirith ceremonies in the name of the late S.W.R.D Bandaranaike,
 - To give grants to educational institutions of whatever kind or nature for the advancement of study,
 - To act in co-ordination with the Bandaranaike Commemoration Committee regarding the commemoration of the death of the late S.W.R.D Bandaranaike on twenty sixth day of September in each year.
- To establish and maintain museums dedicated to the work of the late S.W.R.D Bandaranaike and the late Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, and to collect classify and display items relating to the life, times and work of the said late S.W.R.D Bandaranaike and the said late Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike;
- To print, distribute publications dealing with the life, vision and work of the late S.W.R.D Bandaranaike and the late Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike;
- To organize lectures, seminars and conferences on the life and work of the late S.W.R.D Bandaranaike and the late Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike including matters relating to public affairs, foreign relations and governance relevant to Sri Lanka.
- To engage in any other non-profit, charitable or educational activity deemed fit by the board of the foundation.

A copy of the Articles of Association of the Company Limited by Guarantee may be inspected at the Office of the Registrar-General of Companies, "Samagam Medura", No. 400, D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Notice is hereby given that any person, company or corporation objecting to this application may bring such objections within 21 days from the date of this publication by a letter addressed to the Registrar-General of Companies.

**M & A Company Secretaries (Private) Limited,
Corporate Secretaries,
C/o Nithi Murugesu & Associates, Attorneys-at-Law,
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2021-04-29	09:00-16:30
Bulk : Curcuit bungalow central bank somawaehi, New rathna Rice Mill (Abayapura pulasthipur, Pilisaru Solid Was, Medirigiri, Rathna Rice Mil, Sungawil, somawathiya Raja Maha Viharaya I, Texwin Clothing Garment. Distribution : Abaya Par, Pumadiy, Abhayapur, Bop 31, Kohombagahamula Handiy, Nelumpur, Patunugam, Somawathi Raja Maha Viharaya, Somawathi Viharaya, Sungawila Jayabi, Sungawila Junctio, Sungawila Paranagama.	
2021-04-29	09:00-17:00
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Manampitiya CSC	
2021-04-07	09:00-16:00
Distribution : Manampitiya, Seelapura Junction.	

2021-04-22	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Army Training School, S.T.F.Cam, Maduruoya. Distribution : Alawakumbura Dammin, Fisheries villag, CECB Alawakumbur, CECB Pump Hous, Damminn, Army Cam, Damminna, Damminna, Diuldamana Old Su, Ihalawewa Water Projec, Ihalawew, Kandegama Temp, Kandegama Water Projec, Kandegama wildli, Kandegam, L.B.Maduruoy, Nidanwel, piburaththe, Pimburaththwe, R.B.Maduru Oy, Siluminiseya, Wild Life Endaruetamulla.	
2021-04-23	09:00-16:30
Bulk : Vocational Training Centre, Nawasenapura Distribution : Ethugal, Malwil, Navesenapura i, Sadunpitiy, Senapura Katuwanvila 0, Senapura Katuwanvila 02.	
2021-04-30	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Galeliya.	
Polonnaruwa CSC	
2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Crown Automart, D.T.H - 0, FIBC Lan, Jayawickrama rice mi, Lakkbima Rice Mill (pvt) L, Lakkbima Rice Mill, Lakkbima Rice Mill, Lakkbima Rice Mill, Oriyant Polisa, Richard Peri, S.M.K Milling Engineer's-polonnaru, Sakeel Rice Mil, Ethumalapatiy, Sandamali Rice Mil, SMK Milling Enginee, Wijebapura. Distribution : Athumalpiti, Ethumalpitiya, Lakshayan, Ethumalpitiya, Ethumalpitiy, Laksha Uyana Industiyal Zone, Laksha Uyana Industiyal Zone V, Laksha Uyana Industiyal Zone VI, Lakshauyana Industiyal Zone, Lakshauyana Industiyal Zone 02	

2021-04-01, 02, 03	01(09:00) - 03(17:00)
Laksha Uyana Industiyal Zone, Laksha Uyana Industiyal Zo, Laksha Uyana Industiyal Zone VI	
2021-04-06	09:00-16:30
Bulk : Ashra Rice Mill, Captain Rice Mil, Royal Rice Mill. Distribution : Gallella, Polonnaruw, Gallella Muslingama,	
2021-04-10	09:00-16:30
Bulk : 2Ela Polonnaruwa.(N.H.A.A Priyanth, Court Complex- Polonnaru, Hotel Seruw, New To, Pulathisi Chandra Mandapa, Royal Primary School- Polonnaru, Technology Muse, Water Board. Distribution : 2nd Chane, Irrigation Polonnaruw, Mahawel, New Tow, Y.M.B.A.	
2021-04-22	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Chillies Lathpandura, Kaduruwe, Crown Automart, Harlic Rice Mil, Hospita, Nephrology Hospit, New Clinical Buildin, New Market Compl, Polonnaruwa Rice Mil, R.D.H. Polonnaruw, Rathna Rice Mil, Telec, Polonnaru, Veenas Medical. Bulk & Distribution : Crown Property Holdin, Hospital Junction Distribution : 28 th Mile Pos, Bandaranayaka Mawat, Batticaloa Roa, Polonnaru, Batticaloa Roa, Polonnaruw, Circular Ro, Madumin, Hospital Junction, Hospital Junctio, Isipathana Ro, Jayanthi Ha, Kaduruwe, Main Road Teleco, PolonnaruwaTo, Thopawewa Maha Vidyalaya	
2021-04-24	08:30-17:00
Bulk : K.G.A.C.M.Manushee, Polonnaruw, M.T.T.networ, Seeds Farm. Distribution : 4 El, Weerapedes, 4 th Chane, Delpalam, Akkara 50, Royal Colleg, Wasundara Mawat, Wasundara Mawath, Weerapede, Weerapedes, Samagi Rice Mill.	

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INVITATION FOR BID

OBTAINING SERVICES OF CREATIVE ADVERTISING AND LOTTERY DRAW OPERATIONS FOR KOTIPATHI KAPRUKA LOTTERY, SASIRI LOTTERY AND AGENCY FOR DIGITAL ADVERTISING - 2021/2022

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Development Lotteries Board invites sealed bids from reputed advertising agencies who have minimum 03 years' experience of the advertising field for obtaining services of creative advertising and lottery draw operations for Kotipathi Kapruka, Sasiri Lottery Tickets and Agency for Digital Advertising 2021/2022 to DLB as listed in the table below.

Bids Summary

S/W	Bid No	Name of the Bids	Non Refundable Document Fees	Bid Security Value
01	DLB/PRO/2021/19	Kotipathi Kapruka	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 144,000.00
02	DLB/PRO/2021/18	Sasiri	Rs. 3,500.00	Rs. 21,300.00
03	DLB/PRO/2021/17	Digital Advertising	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 162,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted according to the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
- Bidding will be conducted through the Two Envelop Method.
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of the written request by the Bidder to the Procurement Division of Development Lotteries Board, No. 356, Dr. Colvin R De Silva Mw, Union Place, Colombo 02, from **March 30, 2021 to April 20, 2021** (during working days) between 09.00 am to 03.00 p.m.. upon payment of the non-refundable document fees as mentioned in the above table. The method of payment will be in cash.
- Bidders should furnish all the detailed information as required in the Bidding Documents.
- As per the Bid Conditions, Original Bids shall be delivered in duplicate with marked at top left-hand corner of the envelopes "Obtaining services of creative advertising and lottery draw operations for Kotipathi Kapruka, Sasiri and Digital Advertising 2021/2022" **Bid No DLB/PRO/2021/(19,18,17)** to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Development Lotteries Board, 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 2, not later than **02.30 p.m. on April 21, 2021** and bids will not be accepted thereafter.
- Bids should be forwarded by registered post or deposited in the Box provided at Procurement Division of the Development Lotteries Board, Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Development Lotteries Board, 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 02 on or before at **2.30 p.m. April 21, 2021**. Bids will be closed at **02.30 p.m. on April 21, 2021** and bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of bidder's representatives.
- The bidding document could be referred from the dlb website: www.dlb.lk

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Development Lotteries Board,
356, Dr Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha,
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 March 29, 2021



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

STATE MINISTRY OF RURAL HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION & BUILDING MATERIALS INDUSTRIES PROMOTION.

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT FACTORY - KOLONNAWA

Procurement of Structural Steel Universal Beams 24 Nos. (Lot A - Hot Rolled 12Nos., and Lot B - 12Nos. - 1016x305mmx12mx438 kg/m), and Supply, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of a Brand New Metal and Non Metal Laser Cutting Machine.

Procurement Nos: - 3/1/2/SA/20/RA/06(iv), and 3/1/4/21Q/07/CE/FA/741.

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of the Department of Government Factory invites sealed bids from eligible & reputed suppliers for the Procurement of Hot Rolled Structural Steel Universal Beams - 24Nos. (Lot A - Hot Rolled 12Nos., and Lot B - Welded 12Nos.), and Supply, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of a Brand-New Metal and Non-Metal Laser Cutting Machine. Delivery/ Completion period shall be within 08 weeks after placing the order.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure. **Bidders can submit bids for Lot A, Lot B, or both for the Structural Steel Universal Beams.**
- To be eligible for the contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- Technical Specifications, delivery Schedule, and other additional details are indicated in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chief Engineer (Engineering Logistics)/ Mechanical Engineer (Supplies), Department of Government Factory, Kolonnawa. (Tel: (011) 2534579/ (011) 2572351/2 Ext. 150/ Fax :- (011) 2572254), and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 9.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs from **30.03.2021 up to 21.04.2021**.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director General, Department of Government Factory, from **30.03.2021 up to 21.04.2021** on working days from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of 1000/-. The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Director General's Office, 3rd Floor, Department of Government Factory, Kolonnawa on or before **11.00 hrs. on 22.04.2021**. Bids will be opened soon after closing, in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be rejected.
- Bids shall be accompanied by Bid Securities of **Rs. 240,000.00 for Lot A, and Rs. 240,000.00 for Lot B, for the Structural Steel Universal Beams, and Rs. 50,000.00 for the Laser Cutting Machine, obtainable from a bank in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as per the correct format, or Bank Draft in favor of "Director General", or receipt for payment in cash made before 3.00 pm on any working day to the Shroff, Department of Government Factory. Validities of Bid Securities shall be up to 05.08.2021 for the Structural Steel Universal Beams, and 22.07.2021 for the Laser Cutting machine.**
- Local agent who represent foreign principals should register themselves under the Public Contract Act (PCA) No. 03 of 1987, and shall submit the relevant PCA form with the offer when the value of the procurement exceeds Rs. 5,000,000.00.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on **09.04.2021 at 11.00hrs** at Director General's Office, 3rd Floor, Department of Government Factory, Kolonnawa.

No.	Procurement No.	Description of Work	Bid Security Amount Rs.	Bid Opening Date & Time
01	3/1/2/SA/20/RA/06(iv)	Structural Steel Universal Beams - 24Nos. (Lot A - Hot Rolled 12Nos., and Lot B - welded 12Nos.) (1016 x 305mm x 438Kg/m x 12m - 24Nos. - As per the Material Standard - JISG3101 - SS3101 - SS400 or equivalent, and the Dimension Standard - JISG3192 or equivalent.)	Lot A - 240,000.00 Lot B - 240,000.00	22.04.2021
02	3/1/4/21Q/07/CE/FA/741	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of a Brand new Metal and Non Metal Laser Cutting Machine	50,000.00	22.04.2021

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
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