

## FOUR COLOUR-CODED ELEVATED RAIL TRACKS FOR COLOMBO

LINES WILL REACH RAGAMA, KOTTAWA, MORATUWA, ATHURUGIRIYA

### PPP MODEL MOOTED

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet of Ministers granted their consent to construct four colour coded elevated railway tracks to serve the Colombo City limits, Co-Cabinet spokesman Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said.

This proposal has been submitted by the Urban Development Authority with the intention of reducing traffic congestion in Colombo.

He said the four elevated railway tracks have been colour coded as Red, Green, Blue and Purple. The

Red railway track which is 42 Km long will be constructed from Ragama to Kottawa via Pita Kotte. The Green railway track (28 Km) will be constructed from Moratuwa to Kelaniya via Narahenpita. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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The newly-elected office bearers of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) led by Party Leader former President Maithripala Sirisena paid homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic at the Sri Dalada Maligawa in Kandy yesterday and later obtained the blessings of the Most Ven. Mahanayakes of the Asgiriya and Malwatte Chapters. (Picture by Dushmantha Mayadunne)

### Ravi, others remanded till April 1



DILSHAN THARAKA

The eight accused including former Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake has been further remanded until April 1 by the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar yesterday over the case filed against them in

connection with Central Bank bond auctions that took place in March 29, and March 31, 2016.

The case was taken up before the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar bench comprising High Court **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Two bowzers of sealed coconut oil seized

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Dankotuwa Police had seized two bowser trucks containing coconut oil stocks, which had been sealed by the Sri Lanka Customs on suspicion of containing harmful substances. The raid had been carried

out on Monday night on a tip-off through the 119 hotline.

The Police had taken into custody 27,500 litres of coconut oil. The bowser trucks were found while parked at a factory at Dankotuwa. The two drivers of the

bowzers were also arrested by the Police, but they were later released after recording statements. Dankotuwa Police said the samples obtained from the coconut oil stock will be sent to the Government Analyst for testing.

### Ban on PET bottles, sachets from today

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The ban on the production of four types of plastic and polythene related products by the Environment Ministry will come into effect from today.

Accordingly, disposable polythene and plastic, PET bottles (PolyEthylene Terephthalate), lunch sheets less than 20 microns, sachets (non-food and non-pharmaceutical), cotton buds (non-medical) and inflatable plastic toys would be banned.

Addressing a media brief-



ing held at the Environment Ministry on Monday (29), Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera stated that considering requests made by several companies, the relevant products will be given a period of three months to be marketed and no restrictions have been imposed on the export of those products. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Political Victimization PCol recommendations held back

President to await final recommendations of SPCol

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Director General of Legal Affairs of the Presidential Secretariat yesterday informed the Court of Appeal that the President does not intend to implement the recommendations of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry appointed to probe incidents of political victimisation at this moment

as he wishes to await the final recommendations of the Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry (SPCol).

President's Counsel Sanjeeva Jayawardena appearing for Attorney Hariigupta Rohanadeera, the Legal Affairs Director General of the Presidential Secretariat, informed Court that the President **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### CIABOC case: Former CJ, Judge, former LECO Chairman acquitted

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Chief Magistrate Buddhika Sri Ragala yesterday ordered to acquit former Attorney General Mohan Peiris, Court of Appeal Judge

A.H.M.D. Nawaz and former Chairman of Lanka Electricity Company (LECO) M.M.C. Ferdinando from the case filed against them by the Bribery Commission. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### No room to promote separatism - Minister

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Co-Cabinet Spokesman Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said the Sri Lankan Government will ban all groups who promote LTTE ideology or separatism in Sri Lanka.

The Minister made this observation responding to a question by a journalist with regard to the 'Tamil Diaspora' at the weekly Cabinet media briefing held yesterday **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Five year plan to make MRIA active



IRANGIKA RANGE

A five year development plan will be implemented under the theme of "An Exotic Tourism Destination" to turn the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) into an attractive

airline and tourist destination. "The aim of this five year development plan is to make the MRJA also an active airport like the BIA in Katunayake by 2025," Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Sinopharm's 600,000 vaccine donation arrives today

Second dose of AstraZeneca jab from April 19

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The first consignment of China's Sinopharm (BBIBP-CorV) vaccine will arrive in Sri Lanka today.

The Sinopharm vaccine was developed by Sinopharm's Beijing Institute of Biological Products and the Wuhan Institute of Biological Products in China. Sri Lanka will receive 600,000 doses of the vaccine as a donation from China. Co-Cabinet Spokesman Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh

Pathirana told the weekly Cabinet media briefing held yesterday that the National Medical Regulation Authority has gone through the proper procedure in relation to the evaluation of this product and they have given approval. "But phase four trial results are not available in the English language.

That is why the World Health Organization has not given their recommendation to utilize this vaccine universally. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Assault case: Lorry driver bailed, PC remanded

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The lorry driver who was assaulted by the constable attached to the Maharagama Police was released on bail by the Nugegoda Magistrate's Court yesterday. However, the constable

who assaulted him in Pannipitiya was remanded until April 5.

Police Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said further action would be taken against the Police Constable under the Penal **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Petition challenging plantation workers' daily wage hike fixed for further submissions

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

A writ petition filed by 20 major plantation companies seeking an order quashing the decision of the Wages Board to increase the daily wage of plantation workers to Rs. 1,000 was yesterday fixed for further sub-

missions today (31) by the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal bench comprised Justice Arjuna Obeyesekere (President) and Justice Mayadunne Corea.

The petitioners are; Agarapatana Plantations Limited, Balangoda Plantations, **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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# COPE finds Rs.50 million amiss at Peradeniya University PGIS

## Senior Assistant Bursar interdicted, CID to probe malpractices

It was revealed at the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) that a former senior official of the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS) affiliated to the Peradeniya University had fraudulently obtained Rs.50 million from fixed deposits maintained by the university's PGIS.

The Post Graduate Institute affiliated to the Peradeniya University had closed 14 fixed deposits which were under the Peradeniya Branch of People's Bank, during the period from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2016 and obtained Rs.93 million.

Out of this amount, only Rs.37 million (Rs.37,948,865) has been invested in new fixed deposits and Rs. 50 million (Rs. 50,338,160) has been fraudulently obtained personally by the Senior Assistant Bursar of the PGIS of the Peradeniya University.

The officer involved in the financial fraud has been interdicted and is



Peradeniya University officials and COPE Chairman Prof. Charitha Herath.

being investigated by the CID. It was further revealed at the COPE meeting that the Council of the University of Peradeniya is conducting a disciplinary inquiry into the fraudsters and in addition the Auditor General's Department is imposing surcharges.

The COPE met under the chair-

manship of Prof. Charitha Herath to review the Auditor General's report for the years 2018 and 2019 and the current performance of the Postgraduate Institute affiliated to the Peradeniya University.

The Committee also focused on the payment of an allowance of 10% made

for the Librarian of the Faculty of Science, in addition to the monthly salary for his work in the Postgraduate Institute, without approval. The COPE inquired as to why the report had not been submitted by the PGIS even though Rs.6,386,200 had been paid to the PGIS for the submission of



CHAIRMAN

scholarship recipients.

The COPE recommended that a separate Internal Auditor be appointed for the audit of these postgraduate institutions rather than relying on the internal audit department of the university.

In addition, the Committee instruct-

ed the Education Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Perera to appoint a subcommittee on the administrative affairs of all nine postgraduate institutions throughout the country and submit a report within six months.

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State Ministers Susil Premajayantha and Indika Anuruddha, MPs Patali Champika Ranawaka, Eran Wickramaratne, Premnath C. Dolawatta and Education Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Perera, University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman, Prof. Sampath Amararatna and Vice Chancellor of the Peradeniya University Prof. Upul Dissanayake and officials participated in the meeting.

## Danger looms at Mihintale with damaged handrails

DILSHAN THARAKA

The iron handrail on the climb to the Aradhana Gala where Arahata Mahinda Thera came and landed in Mihintale, the starting point of Sri Lankan Buddhist history, is damaged and needs immediate repair.

The *Daily News* was able to observe this damaged handrail when a team from Lake House went to the Mihintale Rajamaha Viharaya on official business, last Friday.

It was noticed that some of the damaged handrails had decayed and broken, and that some of the iron bars that connect the handrail to the ground had come off. This writer's right hand was injured by a decayed part of the handrail.

When this matter was inquired from Mihintala Rajamaha Viharaya Chief



The damaged railing that poses a danger. Picture by Ranjith Asanka.



Poson Poya day and these handrails pose a danger to those climbing up. The relevant responsible officials are requested to pay special attention in this regard.

Incumbent Ven. Dr. Walawhengunawewe Dhammarathana Thera, he said that all the handrails in this temple have not been renovated in about three years. A large number of devotees are expected to pay homage at Mihintale on the coming

## Police cannot assault public, but men stressed on roads - Minister

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Sarath Weerasekera expressing his views regarding the recent incident where a police officer had attacked a driver, said police officers have no right to assault the public.

The Minister also noted that so far this year 72 police personnel had been injured in road accidents while 18 of them had succumbed to their injuries.

Last year 293 police officers had been injured in road accidents in the line of duty while 28 of them had been killed in such accidents. Hence, the Minister said that police officers are under severe stress in the line of duty, but added that no matter how much stress they have to endure, attacking the public in such a manner cannot be tolerated at any cost.

The Minister said this in response to media queries posed during the opening of the Kalutara Division Children and Women's Bureau.



Minister Sarath Weerasekera opening the new office.

### Four colour coded elevated... From page 01

The Blue railway track which is 23 km long will be constructed from Kottawa to Hunupitiya via Isurupaya, Pelawatte in Battaramulla.

The Purple railway track will be constructed from the Port City in Colombo to Athurugiriya via Borella. Minister Gammanpala further added that this project is scheduled to be implemented as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project. This project will address the problem of heavy traffic congestion in morning and evening rush hours by luring motorists to use the comfortable, clean, speedy and punctual trains. The busiest travel corridors, some of

which do not have existing train services, have been identified in conceptualizing the train services. It will drastically cut travel times, as motorists generally spend around 90 minutes to reach Colombo from some of the urban areas. Such elevated train systems are already in operation in many countries.

The City Bus service, whereby motorists can park their cars at a designated location and then come to Colombo by comfortable SLTB A/C buses, has already become a success and the authorities expect to expand the service to cover more routes and cities in the near future.

### Petition challenging plantation... From page 01

Elpitiya Plantations, Horana Plantations, Hapugastenne Plantations, Kahawatte Plantations, Kegalle Plantations, Kelani Valley Plantations, Kotagala Plantations, Madulima Plantations, Malwatte Valley Plantations, Maskeliya Plantations, Natural Plantations Limited, Namunukula Plantations, Talawakelle Tea Estates, Udapussallawa Plantations,

Watawala Plantations, Hatton Plantations, Bogawantalawa Plantations and Lalan Rubbers (Pvt) Ltd.

The petitioners had named Minister of Labour Nimal Siripala de Silva, Chairman of the Wages Board for tea, rubber growing and manufacturing trade Prabath Chandrakerthi and several others as respondents.

### Sinopharm's 600,000 vaccine... From page 01

So the Government is awaiting approval from the WHO to use the Sinopharm vaccine on Sri Lankans. Accordingly the vaccines will initially be administered only on Chinese nationals in Sri

Lanka. The Minister further said that persons who received the first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine will receive the second dose from April 19 onwards.

### Assault case: Lorry... From page 01

Code and the Police Ordinance. He said an investigation has commenced into the incident under the purview of a Senior Superintendent of Police of the Nugegoda Division. The lorry driver

had knocked down the Maharagama Police Traffic Branch OIC and he is receiving treatment at the Kalubowila Teaching Hospital. The license of the lorry driver has also been suspended.

### Ban on PET bottles, ... From page 01

The Minister also noted that a limited grace period will be given to sell the materials currently produced from the raw materials that have already been imported into the country.

The gazette notification has also been issued.

### CIABOC case: Former... From page 01

The case was filed on charges of preparing an erroneous Attorney General's report to avoid taking legal action against irregularities committed in the purchase of lands for LECO during the period between December 1 and December 30, 2010, while Mohan Peiris was the Attorney General.

The CIABOC charged the suspects with gaining wrongful or unlawful benefit from the funds belonging to LECO, under the Bribery Act.

The three accused were acquitted as the Commission to Investigate Bribery or Corruption had decided to withdraw the case filed against them.

The Supreme Court had initially issued an order preventing the case from being taken up for hearing after considering a writ petition filed by the defendants. The Supreme Court had later issued an order allowing it to be taken up for hearing.

Assistant Director General Subashini Siriwardena appearing on behalf of the CIABOC had earlier told the court that the case will be withdrawn due to a technical fault.

### Ravi, others remanded... From page 01

Judges Damith Thotawatte, Manjula Tilakaratne and Mohamed Irshadeen.

Former Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake, Perpetual Treasuries Limited (PTL) beneficiary owner Arjun Aloysius, PTL Chief Dealer Kasun Palisena, Chairman of PTL Jeffrey Joseph Aloysius, Chitta Ranjan Hulugalle, an executive officer of the Public Debt Department of the Central Bank Sangarapillai Padumanathan and an executive officer of the Employees Provident Fund Indika Saman Kumara were remanded.

### No room to promote... From page 01

at the Government Information Department. The Minister said there is no Diaspora. Diaspora is a Greek term frequently used for the Jewish people who have been expelled from Israel. Nobody has been expelled or extradited from Sri Lanka. So there is no Diaspora, he said.

"But we, as a country, closely engage with the Sri Lankan expatriate community.

However, the LTTE is a proscribed movement in Sri Lanka. Moreover separatism has been banned by our Constitution through the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution.

Therefore, anybody irrespective of whether he or she is living in the country or abroad, anybody who propagates LTTE ideologies or encourages separatism in Sri Lanka will be banned and the government will not engage with those people in any manner," he added.

### Five year plan to make... From page 01

The Minister said the airport itself has a one million annual passenger capacity and 45,000 metric tonnes of cargo capacity. This will be further enhanced through this plan," the Minister said.

Accordingly, MRIA will also be turned into one of the most successful airports in South Asia. Discussions are underway with several international airlines to commence flight operations to the MRIA. "The airport will be a boon to the local aviation industry while being a catalyst for the economic development of the southern province through the enabling of international trade, tourism, vocational training and employment," he added.

### Political Victimisation PCol recommendations... From page 01

will seek due legal advice before implementing any of the recommendations of the Report of the said Presidential Commission.

The SPCoI was appointed by the President on January 29 to follow up on the recommendations made in the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into Political Victimization, which was handed over to the President on December 8, 2020.

Sanjeeva Jayawardena made these remarks when the writ petitions filed by Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) leader Anura Kumara Disanayaka and several others were taken up for support.

Jayawardena stated that the President is acutely conscious of the very serious grievances of those who made genuine complaints of discrimination and victimization to the Justice Abeyaratne Presidential Commission of Inquiry.

"The President has appointed a Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry consisting of two sitting judges of the Supreme Court and a judge of the Court of Appeal. In those specific circumstances, His Excellency does not intend, at this juncture, to remit the Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry to the Attorney General, the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery and Corruption or the PSC, as the Presi-

dent wishes to await the final recommendations of the Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry in respect of all matters," Jayawardena added.

The petitioners including JVP leader Anura Kumara Disanayaka and Parliamentarian Sarath Fonseka are seeking an order staying the operation of recommendations of Presidential Commission of Inquiry appointed to probe incidents of political victimization.

The Court of Appeal three-judge bench headed by Justice Arjuna Obeyesekere issued notices on the respondents returnable for May 12.

In his petition, Anura Kumara Disanayaka had cited the commissioners of the Presidential Commission, retired Supreme Court Judge Upali Abeyratne, retired Court of Appeal Judge Chandrasiri Jayatilake and former IGP Chandra Fernando, Commission Secretary Pearl Weerasinghe, Cabinet of Ministers and the Attorney General as respondents.

The petitioner stated that the recommendations and decisions made in several instances against the petitioner are purely on the basis that he was a member of the National Executive Council or Anti Corruption Unit.

The petitioner stated that the recommendations of the PCol are unreasonable, arbitrary and breach of his legitimate expectations. He further

said recommendations would affect his political career.

Dissanayaka reiterated that the petitioner at no time whatever consented to being a member of the Anti Corruption of Inquiry. The JVP leader stated that on an overall basis the petitioner among other persons has been found guilty of the following wrongdoings.

(A). The petitioner is said to have committed the offence of corruption in terms of the section 70 of the Bribery Act.

(B). The petitioner is said to have committed offences against Public Property.

(C). The petitioner by implication is said to have wielded influence of the Director in charge of the Anti Corruption Committee.

The petitioner is seeking an Interim Order restraining respondents from taking any steps in respect of the petitioner based on the Presidential Commission report.

The petitioner further said the Cabinet of Ministers have taken a decision to implement the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry dated January 18, 2021.

President's Counsel Ramesh de Silva appeared for JVP leader. Senior Deputy Solicitor General Milinda Gunatilleke appeared for the Attorney General.



# Human smuggling racket busted

**SENEVIRATNE KAHATAPITIYA,**  
Boralesgamuwa Group Corr.

Three suspects involved in an international human trafficking racket were arrested on March 27 by the Wellawatte Police, while the suspects were staying at a hotel in Wellawatte and seized passports, identity cards and documents including USD 1,900.

The suspects aged 28, 32 and 34 are residents of Kopay and Samanthurai. The suspects had charged over Rs. 400,000 to send a person to Canada and European countries.

The suspects have smuggled people by boat and hand them over to international smugglers to be smuggled to Canada and European countries,

Police said. SSP Sisira Pettathanthri under the Officer In-charge of the Wellawatte Police Chief Inspector Kapila Wijemanne along with a team including IP Sisira Kumara, SI Udaya Kumara, Sergeant Soysa and Constables Sanjeeva, Pushpakumara, Jayaratne, Surendra and Nadushan are investigating.



Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi symbolically receiving the PCR testing machine. Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa, State Minister Janaka Wakkumbura and several others were present.

## Public, Private Sectors fully supported to control COVID pandemic – Health Minister

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said that the public and private sectors have fully contributed to eradicate the COVID-19 virus.

The Minister was participating at a ceremony at the Ratnapura Hospital yesterday where a PCR Testing Machine worth Rs. 5 million was provided to the Ratnapura Teaching Hospital by the staff of Sri Lanka Insurance.

Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said that the Ratnapura Hospital is the largest in the Sabaragamuwa Province.

It provides health services to over two million people in the Kegalle and the Ratnapura Districts covering 4,968 square kilometers.

She said that the assistance from the private sector was a great strength to maintain the continuity and strength of the health services. With the arrival of this PCR testing machine at the Ratnapura Hospital, a great service could be provided to the poor people in the remote areas of Kegalle and Ratnapura Districts, she said.

This PCR testing machine can per-

form many other tests in addition to the COVID test.

Sabaragamuwa Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa, State Minister Janaka Wakkumbura, former Provincial Minister Ranjith Bandara, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Chairman Jagath Wellawatte, Chief Executive Officer Chandana Aluthgama, Ratnapura Regional Manager Dr. Anuja Rodrigo, Ratnapura Hospital Director and Dr. Sriyani Ranasinghe and Ratnapura Hospital Deputy Director were present.

## SLFP keeps Government on track – State Minister Duminda

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

The Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) keeps the Government on the correct track whenever it goes wrong or does not do justice to the people," SLFP National Organiser and Renewable Energy Sources Development State Minister Duminda Dissanayake said.

He was addressing the Medawachchiya SLFP Electoral Board convened by the former Minister and Medawachchiya SLFP Organiser Tissa Karalliyadda recently.

Duminda Dissanayake said that the SLFP received 1.7 million votes at the past



State Minister Duminda Dissanayake addressing the meeting.

Pradeshya Sabha Elections. We supported him expecting that he would definitely save the country from the imminent disaster. By holding portfolios in the Government, we are not crossing over to the SLFP, he said.

"Had the SLFPers not supported Gotabaya Rajapaksa, he would not win the

Elections. We supported him expecting that he would definitely save the country from the imminent disaster. By holding portfolios in the Government, we are not crossing over to the SLFP, he said.

"Our objective is to gain the victory for the SLFP to form a government. We defeated LTTE terrorism and ended the war under a SLFP government. The SLFP gave vision, strength courage and wisdom to Mahinda Rajapaksa to eradicate terrorism," he said.

"We are proud that the Government is adhering to economic policies of late Prime Minister Srimavo Bandaranaike," he said.

Anuradhapura SLFP Organiser Tissa Karalliyadda, Nalin Dissanayake, Premasiri Hettiarachchi, D.P. Bandulasena and Anuradhapura SLFP District Organiser M.R.B. Gnanaatilake were present.

## Cabinet approval for e-Grama Niladari Project

**ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA**

The Cabinet approved the proposal by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in his capacity as the Defence Minister to implement e-Grama Niladari project by the State Ministry of International

Affairs in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), Co-cabinet Spokesman Plantation Minister Dr Ramesh Pathirana said.

The 'e-Grama Niladari

project is implemented to collect and store day today information for the duties related to the services rendered and for studying the services rendered by Grama Niladaris.

Based on the results of a pilot project in 162

Grama Niladari Divisions under four Divisional Secretariat Divisions in 2016 and 2017, the Cabinet previously granted approval to implement the project in 7,000 Grama Niladari Divisions under Phase 2.

## Corruption case against Fowzie postponed

**SHAVINI MADHARA**

The corruption case against former Parliamentarian A. H. M. Fowzie for allegedly causing an unlawful loss to the Government by misusing a vehicle belonging to the Disaster Management Centre was yesterday postponed to May 11 by Colombo Chief Magistrate Buddhika Sri Ragala.

The Magistrate ordered the Bribery Commission to report facts for the continuation of the case on the next calling date.

The Commission to Investigate Allega-

tions of Bribery or Corruption Director General had filed the corruption case against the former State Minister under Section 70 of the Bribery Act on four charges.

The Bribery Commission alleged that Fowzie had unlawfully used a Land Cruiser jeep belonging to the Disaster Management Centre between 2010 and 2015, while he was serving as a Senior Minister during the previous regime.

The value of the vehicle was estimated at Rs. 19.5 million.

## AMAN-21 for peace shines



**CHANDANA WIJEKOON,**  
following a visit to Karachi, Pakistan

The 'AMAN-21', a multinational naval exercise meaning 'peace', was recently successfully concluded in the Karachi waters off Pakistan.

The main objective of this Naval exercise was to promote cooperation and interaction between active and non-regional sailors, especially in the Indian Ocean region.

With the launch of this naval exercise in Pakistan in 2007, international cooperation was further strengthened.

Participants agreed during the exercise to act as a united front against piracy, terrorism, maritime domination and crime.

The agreement was the basis for the concept of 'AMAN' to establish peace in the oceans using naval fire-arms and anti-piracy operations,

integrated submarine exercises, communications strategies, air defense, naval strategies, techniques and methods.

'AMAN-21' is the 7th bilateral Naval exercise. When the first AMAN Naval Exercise was held in 2007, 28 countries joined the fleet. 29 countries participated as observers. In 2009, 24 countries and 29 observers participated in the second naval exercise 'AMAN', while the third exercise 'AMAN' in 2011 featured 28 countries and 43 observers. The fourth naval exercise 'AMAN' in 2013 was attended by 29 countries and 36 observers. The fifth 'AMAN' exercise was held in 2017 and was attended by 67 observers from naval vessels from 34 countries. The sixth 'AMAN' Naval Exercise 2019 was attended by 113 observers from 46 countries along with naval vessels.

Gradually the participation has increased, with the United States, Russia, China, France, Japan, Britain, Turkey, Australia and other world powers joining the 'AMAN' exercise with their naval vessels and exchanging naval experiences over the years.

The 'AMAN-21' Naval Exercise was attended by 43 countries and the Gajabahu, a warship representing Sri Lanka, was joined by 180 sailors under the command of Captain Harsha de Silva. The Gajabahu also marked the first foreign voyage since taking over the reins with the AMAN-21 exercise.

It is worth mentioning that the 'Gajabahu' fighter warship and its sailors' marine skills while working side by side with the world's most advanced naval vessels drew the attention of the visitors from all over

the world who came to observe the exercise.

The concept of AMAN, however, not only revolves around maritime security, but also contributes to the creation of Naval diplomacy.

Today, it is a well-known fact that the world's major powers have failed to control and curb illegal activities centered on the ocean. Against this backdrop, AMAN exercises have raised the issue of maritime security and domination, as well as the inability of a country to act alone, especially on non-traditional issues. The Diplomatic Lesson teaches us the importance of working together. It is also important to note that Pakistan's positive image of the world's role in advocating for peace and stability in the region is invaluable.

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13 Months	6.79%	7.01%	7.01%	6.99%	7.26%	7.51%	7.51%	7.49%
18 Months	6.79%	7.01%	7.01%	6.89%	7.26%	7.51%	7.51%	7.38%
24 Months	7.50%	7.76%	7.76%	7.48%	7.96%	8.26%	8.26%	7.94%
36 Months	7.96%	8.26%	8.26%	7.66%	8.43%	8.76%	8.76%	8.09%
48 Months	7.96%	8.26%	8.26%	7.40%	8.43%	8.76%	8.76%	7.80%
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# COVID-19:

## 'Everyone benefits when anyone is vaccinated'



SAMANGIE WETTIMUNY

Current evidence indicates that the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine is safe and effective and that the benefits of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine in combating the widespread threat of COVID-19 continue to outweigh the risks of side effects, said WHO Country Office, Sri Lanka, Officer in Charge/ Public Health Administrator Dr. Olivia Nieveras in an interview with the *Daily News*.

"Sri Lanka was one of the first countries to initiate a vaccine rollout which is a commendable achievement," she said.

Excerpts of the interview:

**Q: Sri Lanka received the first shipment of the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccines through the international COVAX facility run by the World Health Organization (WHO) in early March. It was reported that the country will receive another batch of vaccines under WHO's COVAX facility. The World Health Organization has pledged to provide 20 percent of Sri Lanka's population with the COVID-19 vaccine. Could you update us on the progress?**

**A:** COVAX is a global vaccine initiative co-led by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), funded by donations from governments, multilateral institutions and foundations, with UNICEF leading on procurement, logistics, and storage globally. On March 7, 2021, Sri Lanka received the first batch of COVID-19 vaccines from the COVAX facility. This delivery of 264,000 doses was part of the first wave of arrivals that will continue in the coming weeks and months, culminating in 1,440,000 doses arriving through May. The additional doses to cover 20 percent of Sri Lanka's population will arrive in the second half of 2021. All these doses are donor-funded and provided at no cost to Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka was one of the first countries to initiate a vaccine rollout, a commendable achievement. To date, the Government has vaccinated over 800,000 people with the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

**Q: Initially it was said that the second jab of the AstraZeneca vaccine should be taken one month after the first dose. Of late, what we hear is that the second dose has to be taken after 12 weeks. What is the reason for extending the length of time between doses? Does it indicate that no proper research has been done on its interval?**

**A:** Following the introduction of a vaccine, close monitoring continues to take place to continue assessing how best to use the vaccine for the greatest protective impact. This is because recommendations on best practices may evolve with emerging evidence.

For the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, the recommended schedule is two doses (0.5 ml). The vaccine can be administered with an interval of four to 12 weeks. Studies have shown that (1) vaccine efficacy tended to be higher when the interval



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between doses was longer, and (2) higher antibody levels were observed with increasing the interdose interval. Therefore, it was concluded that longer dose intervals within the four to 12 weeks range are associated with greater vaccine efficacy.

**Q: Even after receiving the second dose of the vaccine, can one still get Covid 19?**

**A:** It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity (protection against the virus that causes COVID-19) after vaccination. That means it is possible for a person to become infected with the COVID-19 virus just before or just after vaccination and become ill. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection, not because the vaccine was ineffective. Moreover, because no vaccine will have 100 percent efficacy, some persons who are vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines may not develop sufficient immunity against the disease and, therefore, would remain at risk of contracting the disease. Current evidence shows that the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is extremely effective against severe cases of COVID-19.

**Q: It was reported that the COVID-19 vaccination does not work well for African and Brazilian variants. Please explain.**

**A:** The Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine has been shown in randomized clinical trials in UK and Brazil to be safe and efficacious and has received approval from a number of stringent regulatory authorities. The trial sites did not include sites with B.1.351 (first identified in South Africa) circulation but did include B.1.1.7.

● A small clinical trial in South Africa concluded that the vaccine is minimally effective at preventing cases of mild to moderate COVID-19 caused by a new viral variant (B.1.351) first identified in South Africa.

● Given the small sample size of the trial and the low-risk nature of the participants (whose median age was 31), the trial was unable to assess efficacy against severe disease or hospitalization, or death, which are the main strategic targets for vaccination. It is now important to determine the vaccine's efficacy when it comes to preventing more severe illness.

● SAGE reviewed the available evidence on February 8 and recommended proceeding with the vaccine rollout recognizing also for country tailoring and the importance of additional studies to fill critical evidence gaps to drive vaccine policy and vaccine development.

WHO closely monitors the changes reported in the SARS-CoV-2 virus through genomic sequencing. This virus, like other viruses, constantly changes over time. It is important to monitor these



changes and their effect on diagnostics, treatment, and vaccines. What we presently know is that the vaccines currently available and in development should provide protection against the various strains of SARS-CoV-2 reported so far. This is because these vaccines elicit a broad immune response and a host of antibodies and cell-mediated immune responses. We need to continue to follow the virus evolution and its potential impact.

**Q: What are the WHO approved vaccines against COVID-19?**

**A:** Currently, WHO emergency use listing (EUL) for COVID-19 vaccines has been granted for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, and the Janssen vaccine.

The WHO EUL procedure assesses the suitability of novel health products during public health emergencies. The objective is to make medicines, vaccines, and diagnostics available as quickly as possible to address an emergency while adhering to stringent criteria of safety, efficacy, and quality. The assessment weighs the threat posed by the health emergency and the benefits of the proposed product against any potential risks.

The EUL pathway involves a rigorous assessment of late phase 2 and phase 3 clinical trial data and substantial additional data on safety, efficacy, quality, and risk management. The data is reviewed by independent experts, not by WHO authorities. Experts from individual national authorities are invited to participate in the EUL review. Once a vaccine has been listed for WHO emergency use, the WHO engages its regional regulatory networks and partners to inform national health authorities of the vaccine and its anticipated benefits based on data from clinical studies to date.

Updated information can be found at the following link: <https://www.who.int/teams/regulation-prequalification/eul/covid-19>

**Q: The European Medicines Agency's (EMA) which investigated on the AstraZeneca vaccine and thromboembolic events finally declared the vaccine to be safe. What were the committee recommendations?**

**A:** The WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) COVID-19 subcommittee met virtually on March 16 and 19 to review available information and data on thromboembolic events (blood clots) and thrombocytopenia (low platelets) after vaccination with the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

Based on a careful scientific review of the available information, the subcommittee came to the following conclusions and recommendations:

● The AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine (including Covishield) continues to have a positive benefit-risk profile, with tremendous potential to prevent infections and reduce deaths across the world.

● The available data do not suggest any overall increase in clotting conditions such as deep venous thrombosis or pulmonary embolism following administration of the COVID-19 vaccines. Reported rates of thromboembolic events after the COVID-19 vaccines are in line with the expected number of diagnoses of these conditions. Both conditions occur naturally and are not uncommon. They also occur as a result of COVID-19. The observed rates have been fewer than expected for such events.

● While very rare and unique thromboembolic events in combination with thrombocytopenia, such as cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) have also been reported following vaccination with the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in Europe, it is not certain that they have been caused by vaccination. The EMA's Pharmacovigilance and Risk Assessment Committee has reviewed 18 observed cases of CVST out of a total of more than 20 million people vaccinated with the AstraZeneca vaccine in Europe. A causal relationship between these rare events has not been established at this time.

● The GACVS subcommittee recommends that countries continue to monitor the safety of all COVID-19 vaccines and promote reporting of suspected adverse events.

● The GACVS subcommittee also agrees with the EMA's plans to further investigate and monitor for these events.

The GACVS COVID-19 subcommittee will continue to review the safety data from all COVID-19 vaccines and update any advice as necessary.

**Q: So it is quite safe to go ahead with AstraZeneca vaccine?**

**A:** Current evidence indicates that the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine is safe and effective and that the benefits of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine in combating the widespread threat of COVID-19 continue to outweigh the risks of side effects.

**Q: Some people in Sri Lanka are still reluctant to get the vaccine despite being advised by the health officials to go ahead with it. Could you brief us on its importance?**

**A:** Vaccines are a global public good: everyone benefits when anyone is vaccinated.

There will be no true health or economic recovery unless all parts of the country and world reduce COVID-19 morbidity and mortality; vaccines are a key part of that.

Developing immunity through vaccination reduces your risk of acquiring the illness because your body already knows how to fight the virus if you're exposed. Getting vaccinated may also protect the people around you, because if you are protected from getting the disease, you are less likely to infect someone else. This is particularly important to protect people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, such as older people and people with comorbidities.

**Q: What are the after effects, if any, of the COVID-19 vaccine?**

**A:** Like any medicine or vaccine, COVID-19 vaccines can cause mild side effects such as fever, headache, tiredness, muscle pain, and/or pain or redness at the injection site.

Mild reactions go away on their own within a few days. Severe or long-lasting side effects are extremely rare. Vaccines are continually monitored for safety, to detect rare adverse events.

Following the introduction of a vaccine, close monitoring continues to take place to detect any unexpected adverse side effects and further assess effectiveness among even larger numbers of people, to continue assessing how best to use the vaccine for the greatest protective impact. Therefore, it is important that vaccine recipients inform designated health authorities of any experienced side effects or adverse events.

**Q: Can one get back to normal lifestyle after getting both doses? Do we have to continue wearing facemasks while also adhering to hand hygiene practices?**

**A:** Public health and social measures are the foundation of our response to COVID-19. Vaccines are important tools, but by themselves, they will not end the pandemic. As we roll out the vaccines globally, we need to take all necessary measures to prevent the virus from spreading and causing more deaths. We need to stay the course and "do-it-all" and do it better. This means, along with vaccination, we need to continue practising physical distancing, wearing masks, washing our hands with soap, increasing ventilation, avoiding crowds, disinfecting surfaces, and staying home if asked.

Additionally, so far, vaccines appear to be efficacious against developing the disease, but we don't know their impact on preventing transmission. We need more evidence on this, and ongoing studies will help us answer these questions. Hence, it is important that a person who gets the vaccine continues to take necessary precautions in order to protect everyone in the community. This means continuing to practise physical distancing, wearing masks, washing our hands with soap, increasing ventilation, avoiding crowds, disinfecting surfaces, and staying home if asked.

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## Colombo-Jaffna tree planting project mooted

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The 'Matha Project' to plant 20 million saplings from Colombo to Jaffna will commence under the patronage of Minister Namal Rajapaksa.

Minister Namal Rajapaksa said that the country is also facing a grave environmental challenge similar to the

COVID and as citizens, we should contribute to resolving it as a national responsibility.

He was addressing a tree planting campaign at the Vihara Maha Devi Park in Colombo yesterday.

The planting of 20 million saplings commenced from the Vihara Mahadevi

Park yesterday and parallel to this event a cycle parade has been organised from Colombo to Jaffna covering 712 km over 11 days while symbolically planting trees at various places along the way.

This programme is organised by the Matha Foundation under the guidance of Ven. Athuraliye Rathana Thera.

## Former ETI directors further remanded

SHAVINI MADHARA

The former directors of ETI and Swarnamahala Jewellers arrested under the

Money Laundering Act were ordered to be further remanded till April 1 by Colombo Fort Magistrate Priyantha Liyanage yesterday.

Jeevaka Edirisinghe, Nalaka Edirisinghe, Asanka Edirisinghe and Anjali Edirisinghe were arrested on March 16.

## Proposed project in Sinharaja is against country's law - UNP

SHIROMI ABEYASINGHE

The United National Party (UNP) has accused the Government of acting in contravention of the laws of the country regarding the proposed project within the Sinharaja Rainforest.

UNP Deputy Leader Ruwan Wijewardena, speaking to media at Sirikotha, said that the Sinharaja Rainforest is protected under the National Wilderness Heritage Areas Act of 1988. "This Act was introduced by the UNP Government under former President J.R. Jayewardene, it was enacted to ensure the protection of the Sinharaja forest and the surrounding areas," he said.

Prior to the enactment of the Act, Sri Lanka's sole surviving virgin forest was being used for logging by the Ceylon Timber Corporation and the Plywood Corporation. Once again, the Government is threatening to return Sinharaja to the status of a timber yard, he said.

Section 4 (1) (a) of the Act states that no person shall in National Heritage Wilderness Area: cut, mark, lop, girdle, saw, convert, collect or remove any plant, tree or any part thereof or any other forest produce." The action



of the Government in pursuing this project within the Sinharaja Rainforest is in direct conflict with the laws of the country.

Wijewardena said that despite the Government stating that they will seek UNESCO approval, this will not exempt them from the laws of the country. "The United Nations and all their subsidiary bodies must recognise and adhere to the sovereignty of the nation, regardless of what UNESCO decides,

the law of the country clearly forbids any activity within the Sinharaja Rainforest," he said.

Wijewardena said that the Sri Lankan Government's responsibilities to the natural environment are not only governed by the laws of the country but also by their international obligations. "Sri Lanka is a signatory of numerous international agreements including the Paris Climate Agreement, the Kyoto Protocol and the Rio +20 Summit. The Government must ensure that the conditions of these agreements are honoured," he said.

The UNP has stated that they will be pursuing all action possible to ensure that this heinous crime against the country is stopped. Calling on the environmentalist in the country to take the lead in this fight, Wijewardena urged all political parties to support this struggle without politicising it. "This is a national issue and requires the support of all citizens regardless of political affiliations, the UNP will provide all the support it can to those environmental groups who must lead this effort," he said.



A workshop in progress.

## National Action Plan for Healthcare Waste Management formulated

Sri Lanka generates 7,000 Metric Tonnes (MT) of waste daily, of which only half of the total is collected and 60% (4,200 MT) comes from the Western Province, posing severe pollution risks; to the environment, communities and those who handle waste.

This issue of waste mismanagement, heightened due to COVID-19 in terms of Health Care Waste Management (HCWM) with the increase in the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) and other protective measures taken to contain the spread of the virus. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Sri Lanka, leveraging its global and regional expertise, supported the Government of Sri Lanka to conduct a Nationwide Rapid Assessment on HCWM, to inform the articulation of a National Action Plan, covering short and medium-term interventions in line with international best practices.

The workshop to inform the Formulation of the National Action Plan for Healthcare Waste Management in Sri Lanka was held recently at the BMICH in Colombo, facilitated by the Ministry of Health and UNDP in Sri Lanka with the attendance of relevant Government

ministries, departments, academics, UN agencies and development sector stakeholders.

Speaking at the event, Health Ministry's Environment, Health, Occupational Health and Food Safety Consultant Dr.Inoka Suraweera stated: "We greatly appreciate the valuable contributions from all stakeholders involved, from the process of the Rapid Assessment to the formulation of the National Action Plan. This is a timely and important exercise, and while thanking UNDP Sri Lanka for its collaboration with the Ministry, we look forward to working together in implementing the National Action Plan."

The UN Sri Lanka's Advisory Note on the socio-economic recovery from COVID-19 in Sri Lanka developed to inform the country's recovery strategy identified five strategic priorities. This includes; protecting health systems during crises; social protection and other basic services; economic response and recovery; social cohesion and community resilience, and macro-economic response and multilateral cooperation. HCWM has been identified as a key area under the first strategic priority, from both the health systems and environmental perspective(s). Poor management

of health care waste, in particular the hazardous components, potentially exposes health care workers, waste handlers, patients and the community at large to infection, toxic effects, injuries, and risks polluting the environment.

Speaking of the role of UNDP in Sri Lanka in this regard, Dr. Buddika Hapuarachchi, Team Leader and Policy Specialist, Climate and Environment Team of UNDP in Sri Lanka stated, "In addition to the formulation of the National Action Plan, UNDP will support to pilot and demonstrate the important findings of the Rapid Assessment in two identified health care facilities. Further, UNDP will also support resource mobilization, especially in the areas of hazardous waste, as identified in the action plan in collaboration with the Health Ministry and the Environment Ministry."

Along with the presentation of the Rapid Assessment of HCWM in Sri Lanka, the workshop identified recommendations from the Rapid Assessment to be included in the National Action Plan for HCWM and will be the basis for developing proposals to mobilize funding for implementation.

## Customs seize illegally imported Udu seeds worth over Rs. 40 million

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Customs had seized 58 metric tonnes of fraudulently imported Udu seeds worth over Rs. 40 million yesterday.

The consignment had arrived from India. The four containers of Udu seeds were seized by the Customs Officials under the instructions of Customs Director General (Retired) Major General G.V. Ravipriya.

The consignment has been imported declaring as 72 metric tonnes of corn seed. However, Customs officials said that only 12 metric tonnes of corn seed had been imported.

## Vietnam to support investment and trade promotion in Sri Lanka

Newly appointed Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam HoThi ThanhTruc to Sri Lanka presented her credentials to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Presidential Palace yesterday.

President Rajapaksa and the new Vietnamese Ambassador thereafter exchanged views on the status of bilateral relations and the development of future cooperation between the two countries for awhile.

Conveying best wishes of the Vietnamese Government and its people to President Rajapaksa,

HoThi added that Vietnam has made relations with Sri Lanka a top priority.

The Ambassador thanked Sri Lanka for its support during the troubled times in her country. Ambassador added she would do everything in her power to further strengthen cooperation and friendship between the two countries during her tenure.

Appreciating the long standing friendship between Vietnam and Sri Lanka, the President briefed the Ambassador on the social and eco-

nomie vision of the Government. "Agro-economic development, poverty alleviation and raising the income level of the rural people are some of our priorities. Plans are now in motion to achieve that goal. The ultimate objective is to achieve a higher level of standard of living for all social strata such as low-income, middle-income, rural and urban. We do not look at development from an ethnic point of view. We consider all the people as a whole," the President said.

President Rajapaksa said that

farmers in every nook and corner have benefited from the high price guaranteed for paddy and other crops. He highlighted that after the defeat of the separatist terrorism; no one was killed in terrorist violence and paved the way for enormous development in the country.

The President invited Vietnam to explore and take advantage of the investment opportunities in the Sri Lankan economy, pointing out that trade and tourism industries between the two countries could be further developed.

The Vietnamese Ambassador assured that she would give high priority to encourage Vietnamese entrepreneurs to invest in Sri Lanka and to develop trade and tourism sectors.

Diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and Vietnam were established on July 21, 1970.

Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, Secretary to the President Dr. P.B. Jayasundera, Foreign Secretary Admiral Jayanath Colombage and Deputy Chief of Mission Vietnam Tran ThronThan were present.



The *Silumina* Newspaper celebrated its 91st Anniversary yesterday. Lake House Legal and Administration Director Attorney Rakhitha Abeygunawardena, Finance Director Janaka Ranatunga and *Silumina* Editor Dharman Wickramaratne were present. Director Editorial Dharma Sri Kariyawasam, Lake House General Manager Sumith Kothalawela and Editors of other publications joined the celebration. Picture Thushara Fernando

## Twenty cases against illegal fishing in Kilinochchi seas

RASOOLA DILHARA GAMAGE, Northern Special Corr.

Fisheries officials have filed 20 cases in the Kilinochchi Court against 63 persons engaged in illegal fishing in Poonaryn and several other provinces in Kilinochchi.

According to the Kilinochchi Fisheries Inspectors, most of the fishermen had been fishing with banned nets and other illegal fishing gear in various places and did not even have a permit to fish.

The cases against the fishermen will be heard on April 5 and 7.

## China, Sri Lanka writing new chapter of friendship - Chinese President

Chinese President Xi Jinping said that since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, China and Sri Lanka have pulled together and helped each other, writing a new chapter of China-Sri Lanka friendship.

"China attaches great importance to the development of bilateral ties, and stands ready to work with Sri Lanka to determine the strategic direction and achieve steady growth of the relationship. China will continue to provide as much assistance as its capacity allows for Sri Lanka's fight against COVID-19, and seek to gradually carry out cooperation in fields like aviation and education while keeping pandemic control measures in place, and continuously explore new channels and

areas of collaboration. China stands ready to steadily push forward major projects like the Colombo Port City and the Hambantota Port, and promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, providing robust impetus for Sri Lanka's post-pandemic economic recovery and sustainable development," he said.

President Xi Jinping has told that China and Sri Lanka are strategic cooperative partners that enjoy sincere mutual assistance and ever-lasting friendship. China will never forget Sri Lanka's valuable support for the restoration of its lawful seat in the United Nations, and is willing to make continuous joint efforts with Sri Lanka to firmly support each other on issues

concerning respective core interests, defend our legitimate rights, promote international equity and justice, and safeguard the common interests of developing countries.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said that Sri Lanka warmly congratulates the Communist Party of China (CPC) on the 100th anniversary of its founding and highly appreciates the historic achievements made by the CPC. Particularly, under President Xi Jinping's strong leadership, China has made great achievements in economic development and the fight against COVID-19. Sri Lanka thanks China for its valuable support, and is willing to collaborate closely with China to firmly sup-

port each other's positions on issues concerning respective core interests and safeguard our common interests. Sri Lanka hopes to learn from the CPC's governance experience, and especially looks forward to strengthening exchanges and cooperation on poverty alleviation and rural revitalization strategies.

The Sri Lankan side is willing to work with China to expand cooperation in fields like infrastructure and tourism, and smoothly advance major projects such as the Colombo Port City. He is confident that these efforts will boost his country's economic and social development and bring the Sri Lankan people more benefits. - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China

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# UNDP, Japan facilitate Health Ministry

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA  
The United Nations Population Fund

(UNDP) in Sri Lanka and the Government of Japan recently handed a consignment of goods over to the Health Ministry to strengthen the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Services in Sri Lanka.

The infrastructure will also be strengthened at Women and Youth-Friendly Health Centres.

The 'PROMISES' - a USD 1.5 million UNFPA project - being supported by the Government of Japan to improve access to information and services on Sexual and

Reproductive Health and Gender Based Violence made the three-year project was possible.

It will primarily focuses on improving women's access to family planning services in Sri Lanka, enhancing the capacity of Women and Youth-Friendly Health Centres and strengthening services for victims and survivors of gender-based violence.

The UNFPA Sri Lanka handed essential medical and ICT equipment worth over USD 150,000 over to

the Ministry on Sunday at the Family Health Bureau in the presence of Primary Healthcare, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control State Minister Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle, Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Akira Sugiyama, UNFPA Representative Ritsu Nacken, and other officials.

Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle said that Sri Lanka has made significant progress in the health sector. "Yet there are areas where we can do better - particularly in terms of

enhancing our delivery of Sexual and Reproductive Health Services for Women and Young People. On behalf of the Health Ministry, I thank the UNFPA Sri Lanka and the Government of Japan for the support and assistance in the area," she said.

The Ambassador to Sri Lanka said that as a long-time development partner, Japan has been supporting the peace and development of Sri Lanka in response to the genuine needs of the Sri Lankan people, includ-

ing in the areas of gender and women's empowerment. Sri Lanka and Japan are partner countries under the G7 Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Initiative. "Japan has so far provided nearly USD 6 million to Sri Lanka. We hope that the equipment and furniture handed over today will help the health centers better serve women and young people in need who are key contributors to peace and sustainable development in the country," he said.

## O/L Exam Practical Tests between May 18 and 31

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,  
Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Commissioner General of Examinations B.Sanath Pujitha has informed school heads in a circular that school candidates of the O/L Exam 2020 should present for practical tests for Dancing, Music and Arts subjects between May 18 and 31. The due dates will be notified soon, the circular said.

This Exam was held from March 1 to 10 this year and about 622,000 candidates sat the Exam at 4,513 centres. The answer paper evaluation began on March 27.

## Chicken mafia operating in festive season - SLEA

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

A chicken mafia is operating in the country these days and because of this, the price of a kilo of chicken will rise up to Rs. 900 during the New Year season in April, Sri Lanka Eggs Producers' Association (SLEA) Chairman Sarath Rathnayake said.

He was speaking at a meeting of poultry farmers of the Kurunegala District yesterday in Bingiriya, Kurunegala.

The prices of poultry feed have gone up exorbitantly. Therefore, small-scale poultry farmers are leaving the business, he said.

Five large-scale poultry companies have geared up an artificial chicken shortage. They own large deep freezers to store chicken. A kilo of chicken is sold at Rs.550 in the open market now.

Union Executive Director S.M. Premaratne said that the wholesale egg price is Rs. 12 and the production cost of an egg is Rs. 15. Therefore, poultry farmers loss Rs. 3 from each egg they sold, he said.

The Ministries that are set up to look after the poultry farmers are now indifferent towards self-employed people in the Kurunegala District, he said.

About 10,000 small-scale poultry farmers of the Kurunegala District have decided to leave the industry as they cannot bear the ever increasing cost of production, Premaratne said.

## University to be set up to produce academics for tea industry - Minister Ramesh

A University of Plantation Management will be set up with the joint contribution of Tea, Rubber, Coconut, Cinnamon Research Institutes and the National Institute of Plantation Management (NIPM). The institutions are already working towards formulating, introducing and implementing a proper scheme to establish the new institute. Young academics and intellectuals who will be produced by such an academy will contribute and dedicate their time and energy for the growth of the agriculture and plantation industry, Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana said.

He was speaking at the Centenary Convention of the Ceylon Estate Staffs' Union (CESU) recently at the Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH). It was the first time that a Sri Lankan trade union commemorated its 100th year.

Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva, Parliamentarians Tissa Witharana and Wadiwel Suresh, CESU President and General Secretary Chatura Samarasinghe and Robert Frnacis and a host of leading trade union representatives participated.

"The main focus of the Government is to boost the 'Ceylon Tea' to be the number one trade mark in the global market once again. We have identified that main requirement to win back the glories status of our tea. The phrase "Tea waste" has polluted out entire tea industry. It has become a serious issue in our industry. We have initiated a number of stern actions to rectify this serious problem. We have stopped



Ceylon Estate Staffs' Union President Chatura Samarasinghe receiving the first copy of the book *Siyawasaka Siya Saviya or Lankeeya Aragala Ithihasya*.

the degrading the quality of tea produce at the tea factories. We will not be able to become the leading producer of tea in quantity but we are confident that we can emerge as the best quality tea producer of the world," Minister Pathirana said.

The Minister commended the CESU for its outstanding and lengthy contribution to promote plantation sector while rendering a yeoman service to its membership.

Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva and CESU President Chatura Samarasinghe spoke.

The book, *Siyawasaka Siya Saviya or Lankeeya Aragala Ithihasya* (The strength of hundred years or the history of Sri Lankan struggles) compiled by Journalist Saman C. Liyanage in view of the CESU Centenary was launched on the occasion. The newly introduced CESU website and its centenary song by senior lyricist Rathna Sri Wijesinghe was also inaugurated.

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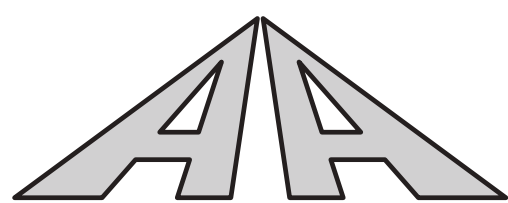
## "REST IN PEACE"



### Mr. K D S PERERA

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### Wickremasinghe Ushan

(Retd. Wind Commander SLAF)

Loving husband of Ajantha (Shama) and father of Pujani, beloved son of Derek & Manel Wickremasinghe, brother of Anura & Kshama (U.S.A.), son-in-law of Mr & Mrs Bennet Perera of Ja-Ela, brother-in-law of Preethi, Rupika & Lona. Remains lie at **Restpect Funeral Parlour** from Tuesday March 30th 8.30 a.m. Cremation Wednesday March 31st, 4.30 p.m. at Borella Cemetery.

### OBITUARY



### K.L.W. AMARASENA

Chairman of Kandy Prasanna Gem Centre (Pvt) Ltd. and Group of Companies, passed away on 29th March. Cremation on Thursday, the 1st April 2021 at 4.00 p.m. at Mahaiyawa Crematorium.

Inform with regrets  
Beloved wife and family

### Obituaries

**CORERA ALOYSEON** - Beloved wife of late Rosairo, loving mother of Sharmalee, mother-in-law of Anton, loving grandmother of Sheanya, loving sister of Lourda, Navis, Josephine, John (All deceased) & Rita. Cortege leaves residence at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday 31st March for Burial at Himidriyawa Cemetery. **19, Duwapansala Road, Kalutara (South).**  
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**ROSEMARY WEERAMANTRY** - A Requiem Mass for ROSEMARY WEERAMANTRY will be offered at **St. Scholastica's Church, 348, Bruwood Highway, Bennettswood, Victoria, Australia**, on Wednesday 31 March 2021, commencing at 1.00 p.m. (Melbourne time). Following the Service, the cortege will proceed to **Renowden Chapel, Springvale Botanical Cemtery, 600 Princess Hwy, Springvale**, for a cremation committal. For those who cannot be there in person, the funeral will be livestreamed on the following link : <https://www.belindajanevideo.com/client-video/rosemary-weeramantry/> Preferable browsers Firefox and Chrome.  
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**WICKREMASINGHE, USHAN** (Retd. Wing Commander SLAF) - Loving husband of Ajantha (Shama) and father of Pujani, beloved son of Derek & Manel Wickremasinghe, brother of Anura & Kshama (U.S.A.), son-in-law of Mr & Mrs Bennet Perera of Ja-Ela, brother-in-law of Preethi, Rupika & Iona. Remains lie at **Restpect Funeral Parlour** from Tuesday March 30th 8.30 a.m. Cremation Wednesday March 31st, 4.30 p.m.  
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### Late Obituaries - I

**DE SILVA - MRS CHINTHA** - Beloved wife of late Garvin De Silva, sister of Niranjan, late Patali & Ranjith, loving mother of Hemnath, Sriyanthi, Vijitha, Upul, Kheminda, Channa & Kushantha, mother-in-law of Charmain, late Preethi, Sandya, Anusha, Nishamani, Tulani & Zenita. Her remains lie at **Jayarathne Parlour, Elvitigala Mawatha** & Cremation will be on 31.03.2021 at Borella Kanatte at 2.30 p.m.  
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## The outlaw within the law

The shocking spectacle of a Police Constable brutally assaulting a civilian in the middle of a busy highway in Pannipitiya on Monday is certainly not going to enhance the already battered image acquired by the men in khaki. On the contrary it will only serve to reinforce past allegations of police brutality against suspects in Police custody. Incidents such as these no doubt lead to the entire Police Service being tarred with the same brush.

The Pannipitiya incident which went viral on social media showed the Police Constable raining blows on a hapless lorry driver who lay on the road helpless under the brutal assault. Not stopping at that, the Constable was seen leaping into the air and landing with his heavy boots onto the cowering victim, reminiscent of wrestling bouts on the popular WWF television show. The lorry driver had knocked down the OIC of the Traffic Division and the Constable who was with his boss at the time had reacted by taking the law into his hands.

But this kind of mob justice, sometimes seen in the aftermath of accidents, could certainly not be expected from a law officer, however much the driver was at fault in this instance. Perhaps the PC concerned was an ardent fan of WWF wrestling and momentarily lost his bearings in trying to emulate the exploits of one of the musclemen on screen. It appears that our policemen are beginning to take a leaf from their counterparts in the US where similar scenes of Police brutality on the streets are now becoming frequent. The much publicized police assault on African American George Floyd who succumbed to his injuries was only one such instance.

The errant Constable has been suspended from service on a directive from Law and Order Minister Rear Admiral (Ret.) Sarath Weerasekera and a full investigation into the incident has been launched by Police top brass.

The firmest action should be taken against the PC if found guilty of the offence. Any leniency shown would not only send a wrong signal to others of his ilk in the Service but also create a huge dent in whatever public confidence is left in the Police. The incident is too firmly etched in the minds of the public for the offender to get away scot free. The recent police assault on a law student who went to a Police station to represent a suspect inside the Police station is also fresh in the minds of the public, though no CCTV footage of that was made publicly available. There are too many cases of police excesses reported in recent times that need serious investigation. Criminal elements in the garb of the Khaki uniform are certainly not a new phenomenon. The recent revelation by Rear Admiral Weerasekera that the certain elements in the Police were deep into the drugs business tells a tale.

These rotten eggs that give a bad name to the entire Police Service should be hounded and weeded out. In these spaces time and again we have been arguing that unsavoury elements may have entered the Police Service during the war years when the bar was lowered for recruitment due to the manpower shortage. There could well be a sizable number of rotten apples still in the Police Service with criminal tendencies. If so remedial action should be taken without delay.

Steps should also be taken by the minister to rebuild the image of the Police which had taken a severe beating in recent times with senior officers found to be directly involved in the Narcotics business. The involvement of a senior police officer in the murder of a young woman and carting her headless body around before committing suicide thereafter, too, has not exactly brought glory to the Police Service. There should be an immediate overhaul of the Service to make it a truly professional outfit with the capability to deal with the new and emerging challenges. Unlike in the past, crime has taken on a different dimension with the involvement of drugs, modern weapons and the profusion of white collar crime that would need special skills to counter. Transnational crime and religious extremism are other facets that were not present in the past.

It is not that our Police Service is entirely devoid of ability. There are exceptionally competent officers in the Service who could match their counterparts anywhere, be it the FBI or Scotland Yard. The negative image attached to the Police service due to certain events in recent times must be effaced without delay. Hopefully we will soon see a rejuvenated law enforcement body in this country which would not only be equal to the new challenges whilst also acquiring a squeaky clean image that is a must for any country's law enforcement establishment.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every day, in every city and town across the world, police officers are performing vital services that help make their communities safer.

- Eric Schneiderman



An event to mark 'World Consumer Rights Day' was held on March 15.

# Substandard coconut oil issue sparks controversy

The issue of substandard coconut oil imports dominated the news cycle throughout the week whipping up controversy and thereby becoming a major topic in the political and social discourse.

With the Sinhala and Tamil New Year around the corner, this piece of news stole the thunder as most of the traditional sweet snacks that decorate the *Avurudu* table such as *Kavum*, *Kokis* and *Mun Kavum* are traditionally made using coconut oil. Compared with April last year, where there were police curfews in most parts of the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people are able to celebrate the traditional New Year with some freedom amidst a relaxed mood this year, though the health guidelines are still in place. The disturbing findings related to imported coconut oil came against this background.

With or without *Avurudu*, coconut oil has been a major consumer item in Sri Lanka since time immemorial, and if it is contaminated with a cancer causing substance then it affects the health of the whole nation gradually if not immediately. It is used for cooking and a variety of other purposes.

The Government assured that the adulterated coconut oil stocks in question have not entered the market and those stocks would be re-shipped to the destination of the exporter, although some have called for the stocks to be destroyed. It could be seen that this incident has acted as an eye-opener for the Government as well as the public as it propelled the Government to identify and rectify the existing legal and procedural loopholes and the public to be extra careful about the quality of the food products they consume daily.

The health risks posed by various adulterated food products in the local market has been public knowledge for some time now, but the poisonous carcinogen known as 'aflatoxin' in imported coconut oil might be a new addition to the discussion.

### Series of actions mooted

The issue was first brought under the media spotlight by the All Ceylon Traditional Coconut Oil Producers' Association during a press conference in Dambulla. The Association alleged that 13 containers of imported coconut oil, which the Health Ministry's Food Safety Unit declared unfit for human consumption due to high levels of aflatoxins, were being released to the market.

The Government, after checking with the Customs Department, rejected the claim that the questionable coconut oil stocks had entered the market, but it acted fast, through the Consumer Affairs Authority (CAA), to seal off the warehouses of the companies, in which those stocks were stored, until the investigations are over. In the meantime, the CAA collected random samples in all districts to test for substandard products.

The Government was transparent on the investigations on this matter and Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena together with States Ministers Lasantha Alagiyawanna



Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena, State Minister Lasantha Alagiyawanna and Customs Director General Major General (Rtd) Vijitha Ravipriya at a press conference on Monday.



State Minister Arundika Fernando



All Ceylon Traditional Coconut Oil Producers' Association Convener Buddhika De Silva at a press conference.



SJB MP Nalin Bandara



SLSI Director General Dr. Siddhika Senaratne



and Arundika Fernando took great pains to ascertain the truth and give correct information to the public in a bid to quell the false rumours and disinformation by Opposition parties. Fishing in troubled waters, the Opposition attempted to use the new controversy for political advantage.

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Nalin Bandara raising a point of order in Parliament on Friday repeated the allegation that low-quality coconut oil containing poisonous compounds were released to the market and a company involved in the recent controversy of sugar imports was behind the move. Complaining that this issue could adversely affect the coconut oil industry, he asked the Government to amend the laws to empower the Coconut Development Authority to regulate imported coconut oil.

Making a Ministerial Statement in Parliament on Friday and holding a special press conference on Monday with the presence of high-ranking officers of all relevant institutions, Minister Bandula Gunawardena vowed stern action against the offenders following a thorough investigation into the incident. Refuting MP Nalin Bandara's allegation, the Minister observed that no company involved in the recent sugar imports controversy was among the companies in question in the case of unhealthy coconut oil imports.

Taking the floor in Parliament, State Minister Fernando, whose portfolio includes coconut related products, highlighted the need to

stop crude coconut oil imports to the country as the importing companies opt for cheap adulterated products consisting of 60 percent coconut oil, 30 percent artificial oil and 10 percent additives to enhance aroma.

"We need to bring in new regulation to discourage this negative trend. Crude palm oil imports have been banned and the same needs to be applied to coconut oil," he told the House.

State Minister Lasantha Alagiyawanna, who is in charge of Consumer Protection, said that the Government, learning a lesson from this incident, would put in place a fool-proof mechanism to ensure the quality of all imported goods to the country within the next two years.

"When I examined the process, it came to light that only about 1,500 categories of imports out of 5,000-odd Harmonized System (HS) Codes available in the country are subject to inspection by a government body. That is to say, goods belonging to about 3,500 HS Codes reach the market with no test on their standards," he said while joining in the Monday's press conference presided by Minister Gunawardena.

### High levels of carcinogens

As the Sri Lanka Standards Institute (SLSI) confirmed on Monday that the samples obtained from three coconut oil importing companies had failed the quality tests for the second time, Customs Director General Major General (Retired) Vijitha Ravipriya told the media that he ordered those companies, namely Ali Brothers Pvt Ltd, Edirisinghe Edible Oils and Katana Refineries to re-export 1.8 million kilograms of substandard coconut oil.

He said releasing the containers to the warehouses of the respective companies subject to the condition that those would not be distributed till the approval of the Health Ministry's Food Safety Unit and the SLSI had been obtained, had been the practice for a long time now as the yard lacks space to retain the stocks till the test reports come.

"If this agreement had been breached, we will not hesitate to take stern action against those companies," he commented adding that a heavy fine and blacklisting are possible in such instances.

The named companies are well-established in the coconut oil business for a considerable period now. SLSI Director General Dr. Siddhika Senaratne revealed that aflatoxin

carcinogens found in the test samples were three times more than the set standard of 10 micrograms per kilogram. She observed that the recent trend of importing unrefined coconut oil was after taxes were revised in September 2020 so that the palm oil tax remains higher than the coconut oil tax. Mixing palm oil with coconut oil is another form of adulteration and the adjustment of the Special Commodity Levies was meant to discourage that practice.

"We found no issue in the coconut oil stocks imported to the country in the first three months since the levies were changed. The rot set in since the beginning of this year. The SLSI started aflatoxins testing barely two months ago. The Customs Ordinance does not have provisions to impose a jail sentence for an offender of this nature. It only provides for a heavy fine, but those who can afford it tend to repeat the same offence again and again," she said underlining the importance of giving more teeth to the law.

In addition to the SLSI, the Government, to err on the side of caution, also sent the samples to the esteemed Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) and its test reports were pending as at yesterday.

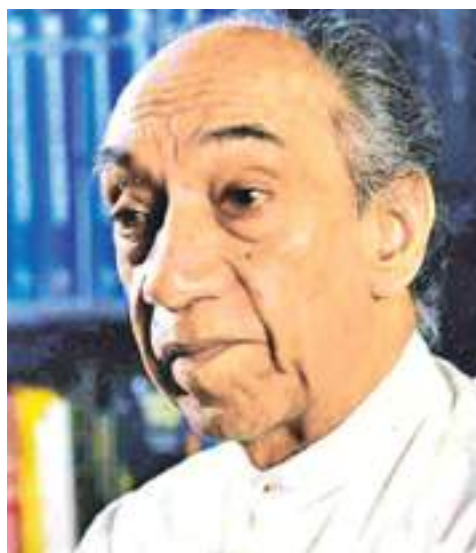
This was not the first time that the quality of imported food products in the local market came into question. Similar incidents in recent memory include controversies regarding Melamine in imported milk powder in 2008, Dicyandiamide (DCD) in imported milk powder and ice cream in 2013 and 2014, adulterated imported milk powder containing "pig fat" (animal fat) and palm oil in 2019 and Arsenic in imported canned fish in 2020.

The pertinent question is whether we have sufficiently followed up those issues to prevent their recurrence. From time to time, various food adulteration scandals have stirred up controversy only to be left on the backburner in a few months' time. Considering the adverse health effects various adulterated food products pose to the public, stringent action against the offenders and closing any legal loopholes are the need of the hour. The Government should move fast on this matter.



Adulterated coconut oil imports under the spotlight





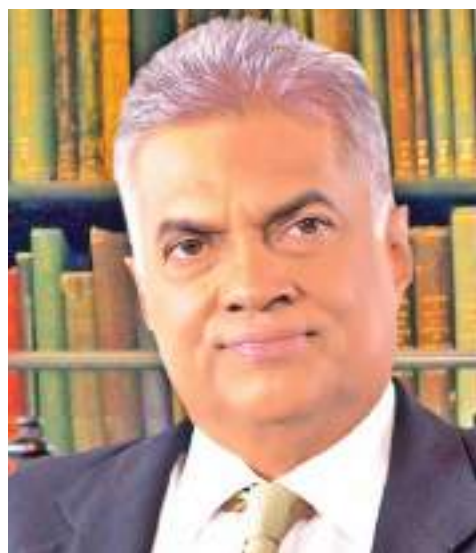
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# UNP stalwarts did not understand capitalism

**RAJPAL ABEYNAKKE**

**J**R. Jayewardene was the king of Free Trade Zones (FTZs). This article does not seek to vilify the late President, but it aims to take a dispassionate look at his economic policy, in contrast to the Rajapaksa vision of today, and some of the policy initiatives of other regimes of various leaders before and since JRJ.

J.R. Jayewardene heralded the creation of Free Trade Zones as if they were a fantastic achievement, the best since man invented the wheel. After the long period of abject economic atrophy under the leadership of Sirimavo Bandaranaike, he was able to pull this off. The image, that is, not the reality. In contrast to the total stagnation of the economy in the 1970-1977 era, JRJ had "brought the robber barons in."

It is quaint that he in fact articulated that in so many words! He said, "Let the robber barons come in," as if he was Santa Claus letting in the reindeer for the sheer joy of the ride on Christmas Eve. Who on Earth in their right minds would say, "Let the robber barons come in?"

But JRJ did, because he had the naive colonial mindset that led people of his era to believe that an exploitative colonizer or ex-colonizer was a benefactor. He appointed the dashing young tycoon Upali Wijewardene the Head of the GCEC (Greater Colombo Economic Commission), the first Free Trade Zone,

and celebrated the latter's successes in inviting chip companies such as Motorola in setting up shop here.

## FTZs

Why did he put his best man on the job to be the boss of the GCEC, the first FTZ in Sri Lanka? For the simple reason that he thought the FTZ was economic salvation, that it was God's gift to the Sri Lankan nation.

There is no gainsaying that the GCEC brought some glamour and some jobs and a certain illusion of movement in the economy in those heady days, when we had opened up after years of an insular system that was not rooted in reality. But JRJ's quaint belief that the FTZ was the answer to our story of economic setback is on the whole, a sad story. It is not to say that the Free Trade Zones established by him and since then have been failures. At best, they have created many jobs, with or without workers' rights, and that has been a good thing in a country that quickly needed employment opportunities after the stagnant Bandaranaike era.

But to place the FTZ concept at the pinnacle of economic policy and hope that these zones will deliver like some magic lantern, was hallucinatory. It goes to show why Sri Lanka could never capitalize from the early entry into the so-called liberalized-economy territory.

The rulers of the country had no clue. They genuinely thought that

the robber barons would come and let us rob them instead of the other way around. The Free Trade Zones never encouraged the development of industry and production. They encouraged near slave labour, where the intruding capitalist takes all.

## No visionary leadership

There are high costs of setting up such zones, but that would have been excused if the FTZs were able to bring substantial gains to the economy. But despite all the chutzpah of the dashing late Upali Wijewardene, etc., all we succeeded in doing was to tag ourselves to the neo-liberal trend of exploiting cheap labour, and then siphoning off all the profits abroad.

Did the FTZ concept or the GCEC as it was called and the other zones create wealth for the country? The answer is an emphatic no. The zones created wealth for other countries, and a host of multinational companies, or MNCs as they are called.

This writer does not grudge the presence of the zones if they are recognized for the very limited role they can have in improving the economy by providing some jobs for unemployed youth, and putting a little money in their pockets — which would in turn shore up the fortunes of the country in a very limited manner.

But that is not production, and it is not industrialization that can be put in the same class as the massive

production economies that transformed countries such as Japan and South Korea, to take two examples. Even if it is conceded that we are no Japan, we could have experimented with a production economy at an early stage, when instead JRJ simply invited the robber barons, with his limited Royal College grasp of economic fundamentals.

Paradoxically, Sirimavo Bandaranaike had before him, fantasized of a production economy of sorts, but it was within a doomed socialist framework. But at least she had the Eastern bloc countries such as Yugoslavia led by the charismatic Marshal Tito, supporting us to establish paper factories, etc., that at minimum kept us self-sufficient in some ways, without having to import everything from the motor-car down to the pencil, as with the post JRJ years. Leaders such as South Korea's Park Chung Hee would not have been caught dead celebrating Free Trade Zones as the main pivot of their economic efforts.

Their approach was to empower the 'chaebols' or the big companies to produce and innovate with the help of government agencies that were created to help with Research and Development (R&D), export development and the setting up of the necessary industrial infrastructure. Now, that is vision — by way of contrast to inviting the robber barons to come in, and putting your flamboyant jet-setting cousin to lead that initiative.

Even the most humble of strides

we are making now, with local dairy farming or domestic saffron production or what have you, is superior to the reliance on the FTZ concept, which is an invitation to suck out all the profits using the cheap and efficient labour that we are able to provide. Imagine the gains we could make for our own economy if we were able to harness our abundant human talent for Sri Lankan owned industry, as opposed to foreign enterprise?

We certainly lacked visionary leadership at an early stage and JRJ was supposed to be one of our better leaders strictly by way of comparison, but with him we got a romantic notion instead of a vision. He was in truth to the West, and to capitalism, that is all. He was not able to harness the power of capitalism for the greater good of the people, and that is what it boils down to — a lack of vision. To his credit he had some economic policy, in contrast to leaders such as Ranil Wickremesinghe who had none whatsoever, except to mouth inanities about balanced budgets etc., with disastrous consequences — but that is another story.

## A lack of leadership

JRJ had an idea in contrast to Ranil Wickremesinghe's baby-talk, but his 'vision' was misguided, shortsighted and deeply flawed, and in that sense was not a vision at all, but a mere fond wish that the robber barons would come in and create some kind of industrial orgy

here that would magically at the end of it all, develop this nation and uplift its people. Sad.

It was as absurdly romanticized as his love affair with airlines and his grand idea of a national airline just because Singapore had an iconic national carrier. That was copy-cat economics at its worst. We needed a solid base for our economy before we needed a fancy airline, but in JRJ's imagination we had already leapt before we could take the leap. The fact that he was invited to the White House by President Ronald Reagan and was considered a great chum by British PM Margaret Thatcher, etc., also went into his head probably, even though his invitation merely recognized the fact that he was an early advocate of economic liberalization. It was not an acknowledgment of anything he had achieved.

Certainly, nobody would deny that he had an enormous capacity for work and did some substantial transformations, getting the Mahaweli scheme into overdrive, etc., and building a good quality of reservoirs to boot. It was definitely better than the vacuous going-through-the-motions leadership style that Chandrika Kumaratunga and Wickremesinghe offered. Ranasinghe Premadasa had his garment factories, but these were also glorified adjuncts of the FTZ concept and not indigenous industry of the visionary type that we sorely needed. What a lack of leadership this country has been plagued with over the years.

## A Robust Blueprint from UN's Largest Gathering on Women's Rights

**CAROLINE MWANGA**

**T**he largest gathering on women's rights has decided to contribute to accelerating the pace of progress to ensure women's full participation and leadership at all levels of decision-making in executive, legislative and judicial branches of government and the public sector. It also appreciates that temporary special measures, such as quotas, and increased political will are needed as an enabling pathway to this goal.

Against the backdrop of a global pandemic, world leaders issued on March 26 a strong pledge for women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life and the elimination of violence at the closing of the 65th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW65), as the countdown to the Generation Equality Forum in Mexico (March 29 to 31) begins.

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

The women of the world have made it very clear that the past and the status quo have not met their need for gender equality. Recalling the devastating, discriminatory impact of the pandemic, she urged all Member States to move ahead rapidly to achieve equal representation.

The Agreed Conclusions acknowledge that the COVID-19 pandemic is deepening pre-existing inequalities that perpetuate multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, as well as racism, stigmatization and xenophobia.

Yet, recent data show that women have been mostly absent from COVID-19 government task forces around the world — women make up only 24 percent of the 225 task force members examined across 137 countries.

According to a press release, the Agreed Conclusions make strong recommendations for concrete measures which can enable women's role in decision-making, for instance:

- changing laws and policies that discriminate against women and hinder their equal participation in public life;
- innovative measures to promote women as leaders, executives and managers, in all areas;



- setting targets and timelines to achieve gender balance in all government branches through relevant measures such as quotas, appointments, or training programmes;
- and encouraging political parties to nominate as many women as men candidates and promote equal leadership in their structures.

Young women are particularly underrepresented in public life and disproportionately excluded from consultations on issues that affect them, despite being involved in activities that call for broader change and address issues such as climate change and poverty, stresses UN Women.

Women under 30 years of age make up less

than one percent of parliamentarians globally. Recognizing this, the Commission has agreed on the need for measures that target them: from access to education, technology and skills development, to mentorship programmes, increased financial support, and protection from violence, and recognized the benefits of early exposure to women leaders as role models, as well as of legislative and policy-making spaces.

Other recommendations include measures to eliminate, prevent and respond to all forms of violence against women and girls in public and private spaces, end impunity of perpetrators, and support victims and survivors' full recovery, for instance through



access to psychosocial support, affordable housing and employment.

Recognizing women's important role as agents of change in responding to climate change, the agreement also stresses the need to reinforce women's presence and leadership in all places where decisions on climate change mitigation and adaptation are taken, and to ensure that related policies, plans and programmes account for the specific needs of women and girls.

The Commission's outcome stresses the importance of the full engagement of men and boys in this task; and of the availability of data that is disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability, geographic location, and any other characteristics relevant in national contexts.

Despite this being the first-ever mostly virtual session of the Commission, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been strong interest from both government and civil society participants. During the General Discussion high-level speakers included a Prime Minister, three Vice-Presidents and 93 ministers — all expressing their strong commitment to advancing gender equality.

Nearly 70 ministers from around the world participated in the Ministerial roundtables over the two weeks and more than 10,000 representatives from over 850 ECOSOC-accredited civil-society organizations registered for CSW65. Almost 150 virtual side events were organized by UN Member

States, intergovernmental organizations and UN entities, and more than 700 virtual parallel events were organized by civil society as part of the NGO CSW65 Forum.

This year's CSW65 was also an important bridge to the Generation Equality Forum, convened by UN Women and co-hosted by the Governments of Mexico and France, in conjunction with youth and civil society. The Forum kicked off in Mexico City from March 29 to 31 and will culminate in Paris from June 30 to July 2. "The Forum intends to be a global inflection point for gender equality, driving major action and commitments for gender equality implementation."

The Mexico Forum kicked off the Generation Equality Forum journey by raising awareness and making a public call for action. Its opening ceremony will be attended by UN Secretary-General António Guterres, Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, President Emmanuel Macron of France, conveners of the Forum, Executive Director of UN Women, Mlambo-Ngcuka, as well youth activist Elvira Pablo and civil society leader Sharon Bhagwan Rolls.

With civil society at its core, the Mexico Forum will reinforce the power and voice of feminist movements and youth, while highlighting the commitment and action of stakeholders, including UN Member States, the private sector and international organizations, in the drive to achieve gender equality.

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# Squatters in Southern Province to receive land permits, grants

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

Permits and grants will be issued to 17,000 residents who have been living illegally on Government lands in the Southern Province during this year, South-

ern Province Commissioner of Lands Sarath Kumara said.

They have been living on these lands for many years. They will be issued 12,000 licenses and 5,000 permits for the lands soon, he said. Accordingly, 6,000 illegal set-

tlers in the district will get grants while another 1,500 will receive 1,500 grants.

Moreover, 3,000 permits and 1,750 grants will be issued to people in the Martara District. In the Hambantota District, 3,000

permits and 1,750 grants will be issued.

Permits will be issued to unauthorized occupants first and then lands will be surveyed and grants will be issued to the eligible persons. The permits and grants are

issued to the people under the State National Programme of providing permits and grants for the people who have been identified as unauthorized settlers on State lands, the Southern Provincial Land Commissioner said.



Malwathuoya

## Lower Malwathuoya Reservoir project commences

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

The construction work of the Anuradhapura Lower Malwathuoya Reservoir head commences yesterday. A 3.6 km long dam will be set up in Bogoda near the Thantirimale sacred area at a cost of Rs. 19,000 million.

The head work construction was inaugurated by Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa and State Minister Anuradha Jayaratne. State Officials and a large number of people participated.

The Malwathuoya Reservoir construction has been prolonging since 1950 and during the recent past, the foundation stones have been laid for starting the head work by the Prime Minister of the former Good Government Ranil Wickremesinghe.

The Malwathuoya River Basin is second largest in the country with 3,246 square kilo meters. It could contain 169,000 acre feet of water. Thantirimale, Nelumwila, Thuppitiyawa, Asarigama, Maha Ahatuwewa and Helambawewa will be submerged in the project.

Many families will be resettled in Naranwila, Kaluwila, Hungurantenna and Dematamalgama. Water will be provide to around 40,000 acres in the Anuradhapura and the Manner Districts in the Yala and Maha seasons once the Reservoir is complete.



Freshwater fish farming in the Batticaloa District and in the Keeshan Pallam of the Mannunai Pattu Arayampathy Secretarial Division is spreading now. Eastern Province Secretary Kalamathy Pathmarasa inspecting the area along with officials recently. Picture by Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Special Corr.

## Ten years' RI for sexual abuse

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

An accused in a rape case was sentenced to 10 years' RI and fined Rs.10,000 by Kurunegala High Court Judge Mapa Bandara on Tuesday.

Dukannarala Lage Aberathna of the Pothuhara police area was charged for sexually abusing a 15-year-old girl on December 18, 2017.

He was ordered to pay the victim Rs.50,000 as compensation as well.

In default of the compensation, he was ordered another one-year imprisonment.

State Counsel Janith Thilakarathne appeared for the Attorney General.

## Paddy transplanting in Ampara begins

**M.A.PHAKURDEEN,**  
Addalaichenai Group Corr.

Farmers in the Ampara District are preparing nurseries for transplanting paddy in the Yala season.

Bio Agricultural System (Pvt.) Limited is paddy transplanting in the district along with the Department of Agriculture.

Company Managing Director M.I.Nazeer said that during the last Maha 12 acres in Nintavur, 10 acres in Akkarapattu, five acres in Deegawaapiya and three acres in Central Camp were brought under the transplanting system and farmers showed much enthusiasm in this methodology.

They have received a good yield of 120 bushels per acre. He advised the farmers that this is the only methodology to control the spread of Wild Rice.

The unprecedented yield has paved the way for the farmers to engage in the new system. Those who are interested in this method are requested to contact the Managing Director of the Bio Agricultural (Pvt.) Limited, M.I.Nazeer to get advice.



Transplanting paddy.

## Weligama again becomes tourist hotspot

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

The Tourist industry in the Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha area has made a significant progress now. An urban beautification programme has also commenced recently to boost the industry.

The Galle-Matara Main Road from Midigama to Kamburugamuwa has received a facelift and either side of the main roads have special pots for litter in the division.

Flower pots have been placed on either side of the roads. Beach parks, tourist information centres and

restrooms for local and foreign tourists have been installed.

Sign boards had been installed at main roads and at by-roads. The Weligama Clock Tower, Kamburugamuwa Tank and Midigama beach had been modernised. Tourists guides have been given training as well.

## Tree Planting Campaign in Trincomalee

**M.A.PHAKURDEEN,**  
Addalaichenai Group Corr.

A Tree Planting campaign was held to mark the International Forest Day by the Akkarapattu Forest Office in Thirukkivil, Koraikkalappu on Sunday.

A ceremony was held at the Vinayagapuram Muthumari Amman Kovil in this regard where large number of women gathered. Thirukkivil Divisional Secretary T.Kajendran was Chief Guest.

Assistant Divisional Secretary K. Sathisekaran, Divisional Forest Officer A.L.Ilyas, Forest Extension Officer A.Thiyagarajah, Assistant Director Planning A.Anoja and other DS Office staff participated.



Thirukkivil Divisional Secretary T. Kajendran planting a sapling.

## Kurunegala YMBA 99th Anniversary

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

The 99th Anniversary of the Kurunegala YMBA will be held on April 4 at 9.00 a.m. YMBA Chairman M.G.M. Herath invited the members and Dhamma school pupils to participate in the event.

The first lecture will be delivered by Ven. Makulawe Rathanawimala Thera of the Malkaduwa Samadhi Sadham Institute.

## Rohan Patrick Perera appointed UNP Beruwala Organiser

**KAPILA SOMARATNE,** Panadura Group Corr.

United National Party (UNP) Councillor Rohan Patrick Perera has been appointed as the Beruwala Organiser and the UNP Group Leader of the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha Councillors by UNP Secretary General Palitha Ranga Bandara on Monday.

## Woman assaults mother-in-law

**KAPILA SOMARATNE,** Panadura Group Corr.

A woman had brutally assaulted her mother-in-law over a dispute on March 29.

The mother-in-law was admitted to the Panadura Base Hospital and the suspect has not been arrested yet, Police said.



A recent cyclone in Addalaichenai had damaged the parapet wall of the Kona-watta Muslim Burial Ground in Addalaichenai. Addalaichenai Pradeshiya Sabha Member Jameela Hameed took prompt action to rebuild the wall from the Pradeshiya Shaba (PS) Fund. Picture by Addalaichenai Central Corr.

## New appointment

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

Lihiniya Kumarage Madhushanka Sankalpa assumed duties as Kalutara District Assistant Secretary at the Kalutara District Secretariat yesterday.

Madhushanka Sankalpa joined the Sri Lanka Administrative Service in 2012 and served as an Assistant Divisional Secretary in the Arachchikattuwa, Palindanuwara and Agalawatte Divisional Secretariates. Kalutara District Additional Secretary Vimal Gunathunga, Kalutara DS Thrimanne, Palindanuwara DS B.A.N.Dilrukshi, Kalutara District Secretariate AO Hemantha Ranasinghe and several others participated.



Lihiniya Kumarage Madhushanka Sankalpa assuming duties.



The protest in progress.

## Protest over Human-Elephant Conflict

**M S ABDUL HALEEM,**  
Mullipothana Group Corr.

Residents of the Thambalagamam Divisional Secretariat Division staged a protest yesterday at the 98th Block

Junction along the Kandy-Trincomalee Main Road in the Trincomalee District over the Human-Elephant Conflict.

After a telephone conversation with

the relevant government officials, the protestors left the street.

Vehicular movement along the main road was blocked for about an hour in the protest.

## Work on Kalmunai-Karathivu Beach Road begins

**ADDALAICHENAI CENTRAL CORR.**

The work on the 3.4 long Kalmunai-Karathivu Beach Road has been commenced recently.

Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Kalmunai Electorate Organiser, Member of the Eastern Province Housing Authority Board of Management and Co-Ordinator to State Minister Wimalaweera Dissanayake Rizley M. Musthafa initiated the project.

Work on the road was commenced by Chief Guest Digamadullah District SLPP Parliamentarian and Ampara District Development Committee Chairman W.D.Weerasinghe.

A volleyball court was inaugurated before commencing the road work.

Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa initiated the project of setting up playgrounds in each Divisional Secretariat Division.

Parliamentarian Dr. Thilak Raja-

paksa, Karathivu Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) Chairman K. Jayasiril, PS Deputy Chairman A.M. Jahir,

Navithanveli PS Deputy Chairman A. Abdul Samad, Co-Ordinators to the Parliamentarian W.D.Weerasinghe Mohamed Jazeel and Jaufer, Road Development Authority (RDA) High ranking officials, Local Politicians, sports club officials and many others participated.

## Art exhibition from hearing impaired in Batticaloa

**SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,** Batticaloa Special Corr.

An art exhibition by the Rehabilitation Centre for Hearing Impaired in Batticaloa on the theme "Empowering Women and bringing out their latent talents" was held at the centre in Batticaloa on Monday.

Batticaloa Government Agent K.Karunakaran, Senior Lecturer Eastern University S. Seevaretnam opened the exhibition and presented the prizes for the first, second and third winners in the art competition.

YMCA General Secretary Jegan Jeevaraj, Sarvodaya Project Coordinator Kosani Edmund, President of the Hearing Impaired Rehabilitation Centre P.Gajadeepan and teachers from the Valvosai School were present.



The Chief Guests viewing the drawings.



# Protecting the environment, our responsibility - State Minister

Rural Roads and Residual Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said that it was ridiculous for those who destroyed the environment, national resources and the economy to talk about the environment. He challenged them to create a programme of planting trees and protecting the environment.

Lanza expressed these views while participating in the

road development programmes in the Wattala electorate on March 28. Speaking further State Minister Nimal Lanza said: "Those who destroyed the forests and destroyed the archeological sites ruled this country for five years. The people of the country have been brutally killed, national resources have been destroyed, the Central Bank has been destroyed and these losers have taken over a

small tree. Those who destroyed the environment and allowed people to die are now speaking to protect the environment. We will plant 2 million saplings in the country in four years. "We take these steps to protect the environment and reduce the temperature. Protecting the environment is our responsibility and 500,000 saplings will be planted this year. The Opposition does not need to teach

us how to protect the environment. The Opposition opposes the development of the country. We all need to protect the environment.

We all protect the environment. Is it okay to go to social media and plant a tree to protect the environment? No. There are people in this country who interpret lies. We plant trees without media shows," he said.



### IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR WEDNESDAY, 31ST, MARCH, 2021.

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HON. A.A.U. WENGAPPULI J.  
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FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE (TO BE RESUMED)  
1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 229/19 - CA 376/14  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.S.C. (CHC) Appeal No. 12/15 - HC 163/11  
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3.S.C. (Spl.) LA 427/19 - CA 151/13  
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1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 07/21 - CA 90/19  
2.S.C. Application FR 12/21  
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1.S.C. Application FR 322/20  
2.S.C. Application FR 341/20  
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1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 410/18 - CA 338/11  
2.S.C. HC CA.LA. 229/19 - HCCA 68/17  
3.S.C. HC CA.LA. 123/20 - HCCA 95/19  
4.S.C. HC CA.LA. 364/20 - HCCA 56/18  
5.S.C. HC CA.LA. 03/21 - HCCA 238/17  
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1.S.C. Application FR 429/16  
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**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1.S.C. Appeal No. 169/19 - CA 203/15  
HON. PRIYANTHA JAYAWARDANE (P.C.) (J)  
HON. K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE J.  
HON. JANAK DE SILVA J.  
(COURT NO. 403)  
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**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 282/17 - HC 31/17  
2.S.C. (Spl.) LA 64/18 - CA 70/09  
3.S.C. HC CA.LA 55/19 - CHC 230/19  
4.S.C. HC CA.LA 217/19 - HCCA 23/12  
5.S.C. (Spl.) LA 205/20 - CA 423/17  
6.S.C. HC CA.LA 248/20 - HCCA 13/18  
7.S.C. HC CA.LA 284/20 - HCCA 23/18  
8.S.C. HC CA.LA 293/20 - HCCA 09/19  
**FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED**  
1.S.C. Application FR 499/19 (Top of the list)  
2.S.C. Application FR 329/19  
3.S.C. Application FR 37/21  
**FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**  
1.S.C. HC.LA 93/17 - HC 24/11  
2.S.C. HC.CA.LA 166/17 - HCCA 126/10  
3.S.C. HC.CA.LA 271/18 - HCCA 91/16  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1.S.C. (CHC) No. 19/10 - HC. Civil 275/06  
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**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.S.C. (Spl.) LA 332/19 - HC 70/13  
**FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**  
1.S.C. HC.CA.LA 58/20 - HC 23/20  
2.S.C. HC CA.LA. 376/20 - HCCA 40/18  
3.S.C. HC CA.LA. 388/20 - HCCA 167/18  
4.S.C. HC CA.LA. 60/21 - HCCA 103/17  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1. S. C. APPEAL NO. 202/17 - C. A. NO. 03/13  
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**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1.S.C. Application FR 02/19 with 03-06/19, 10/19, 11/19, 25/19, 26/19, 36/19 & 62/19  
HON. P. PADMAN SURASENA J.  
HON. A.H.M.D. NAWAZ J.  
HON. M.A. SAMAYAWARDHANA J.  
(COURT NO. 404)  
**(FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.S.C. Rule No. 01/2021  
2.S.C. CHC. No. 11/06 - CHC No. 101/2000  
3.S.C. CHC Appeal No. 49/13 - HC. (Civil) No. 270/04  
4.S.C. (Spl.) LA 375/19 - HCCA 76/18  
5.S.C. Application FR 71/20  
6.S.C. (Spl.) LA 264/20 - CA 149/17  
7.S.C. HC.CA.LA 405/20 - HCCA 15/18  
**FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**  
1.S.C. HCLA 104/20 - CHC No. 722/19 (Top of the list)  
2.S.C. HC.CA.LA 243/17 - HCCA 1654/16  
3.S.C. HC.LA 51/20 - CHC No. 468/19  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1.S.C. Appeal No. 127/19 - HC 02/17 (Top of the list)  
2.S.C. (CHC) Appeal No. 15/07 - HC (Civil) No. 168/00  
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1.S.C. Contempt No. 05/20  
**FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED**  
1.S.C. Application FR 44/21  
2.S.C. Application FR 45/21  
**FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**  
1.S.C. HC CA.LA. 336/20 - HCCA 33/19  
2.S.C. HC CA.LA. 371/20 - HCCA 83/17  
3.S.C. HC CA.LA. 390/20 - HCCA 04/19  
4.S.C. (Spl.) LA 12/21 - HC 50/18  
5.S.C. HC CA.LA. 95/21 - HCCA 506/19  
6.S.C. HC CA.LA. 96/21 - HCCA 506A/19  
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1.S.C. (CHC) Appeal 26/14 - HC No. 224/11

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1.S.C. Application FR 66/20  
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HON. MAYADUNNE COREA J.  
COURT NO. 301 AT 09.30 A.M.  
**FOR JUDGEMENT**  
1.307/08 Writ of Cert  
(Hon. Arjuna Obeysekera J.) (P/CA)  
2.129/17 Writ of Cert  
(Hon. Arjuna Obeysekera J.) (P/CA)  
3.164/17 Writ of Cert  
(Hon. Arjuna Obeysekera J.) (P/CA)  
**FOR ORDER**  
1.52/21 Writ of Cert  
(Hon. Arjuna Obeysekera J.) (P/CA)  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.309/20 Writ of Cert  
2.577/07 Writ of Cert  
3.380/17 Writ of Cert  
4.234/18 Writ of Cert  
5.327/19 Writ of Cert  
6.61/20 Writ of Cert  
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8.133/20 Writ of Cert  
9.365/20 Writ of Cert  
10.387/20 Writ of Cert  
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12.58/21 Writ of Cert  
13.145/21 Writ of Cert  
14.160/21 Writ of Cert  
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1.62/20 Writ of Cert  
2.83/20 Writ of Cert  
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5.374/20 Writ of Cert  
6.446/20 Writ of Cert  
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7.41/21 Writ of Cert  
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1.129/20 Writ of Cert  
2.396/20 Writ of Cert  
3.420/20 Writ of Cert  
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1.276/20 Writ of Cert  
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**COURT NO. 301 AT 11.30 A.M.**  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1.207/20 Writ of Cert (Top of the list)  
2.255/20 Writ of Cert WITH WRT 256/20  
(TO BE MENTIONED) WRT 257/20, 258/20,  
273/20, 274/20, 275/20  
3.273/20 Writ of Cert  
4.275/20 Writ of Cert  
HON. ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. (P/CA)  
HON. MAYADUNNE COREA J.  
**COURT NO. 301 AT 02.00 P.M.**  
**TO BE RESUMED**  
1.33/20 Writ of Cert  
HON. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)  
HON. SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON J.  
**COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**FOR JUDGEMENT**  
1.130/19 HC (Hon. K. Priyantha Fernando J.)  
2.236/19 HC (Hon. Sampath B. Abayakoon (H.C.J.))  
**COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M. CONTD..**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.03/19 HC  
2.21/19 HC  
3.201/19 HC  
4.296/19 HC  
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1.19/19 HC  
2.67/19 HC  
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1.15/20 BA - Hon. Menaka Wijesundera J. with 16/20 BA  
2.38/20 BA - Hon. Menaka Wijesundera J.  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.44/17 PHC  
2.245/17 PHC  
3.84/18 PHC  
4.40/20 BA  
5.01/12 HCA  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
1.129/14 PHC  
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1.20/16 PA  
2.10/21 PA  
3.20/21 PA  
HON. N. BANDULA KARUNARATNE (J)  
HON. R. GURUSINGHE J.  
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### 1.263/12 HC (Hon. N. Bandula Karunaratne (J))

2.69/17 HC (Hon. N. Bandula Karunaratne (J))  
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4.183/18 HC - Hon. R. Gurusinghe J.  
5.281/18 HC - Hon. R. Gurusinghe J.  
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**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.159/14 Writ of Cert  
2.85/17 HC  
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4.255 - 256/18 HC  
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**TO BE RESUMED**  
1. 105/18 HC  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1.217/15 HC (Top of the list)  
2.171 - 172/17 HC  
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HON. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO J.  
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**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.257/19 HC  
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1.126/15 HC (Hon. Devika Abeyratne J.)  
2.122-123/17 HC Hon. P. Kumararatnam J.  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.228/17 HC  
2.282/18 HC  
3.193/19 HC  
4.290/19 HC  
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1.156/16 HC  
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**COURT NO. 110 AT 01.30 P.M.**  
**TO BE RESUMED**  
1.290/17 Writ of Cert  
HON. M. T. MOHAMMED LAFFAR J.  
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**COURT NO. 206 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
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1.444/14 Writ of Cert - Hon. M. T. Mohammed Laffar J.  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.318/96 (F) DC  
2.104/14 Writ of Cert  
3.01/04 WKF  
4.104/20 PA  
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1.04/20 LTA  
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1.412/95 (F) DC  
2.321/99 A,B (F) DC  
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**COURT NO. 206 AT 01.30 P.M.**  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
1.224/20 Writ of Cert  
HON. DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J)  
HON. M. SAMPATH K. B. WIJERATNE J.  
**COURT NO. 302 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.37/19 TAX  
**TO BE RESUMED**  
1.46/19 TAX  
2.48/19 TAX  
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1.17/19 TAX  
HON. SOBHITHA RAJAKARUNA J.  
HON. DHAMMIKA GANEPOLA J.  
**COURT NO. 303 AT 09.15 A.M.**  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
1.164/19 Writ of Cert with WRT 165/19 - 168/19,  
171/19, 177/19, 317/19 - 319/19, 28/20  
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HON. SOBHITHA RAJAKARUNA J.  
HON. DHAMMIKA GANEPOLA J.  
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1.11/19 Writ of Cert - Hon. Dhammika Ganepola J.  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.201/19 Writ of Cert  
2.202/19 Writ of Cert  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
1.490/19 Writ of Cert  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
1.81/19 Writ of Crt  
HON. D. N. SAMARAKOON J.

### HON. PRADEEP KIRTISINGHE J. COURT NO. 108 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR JUDGEMENT

1.13/13 TAX -Hon. Pradeep Kirtisinghe J.  
2.01/20 RII -Hon. Pradeep Kirtisinghe J.  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.09/16 TAX  
2.224/06 REV WITH REV 223/06, 225/06, 226/06, 227/06, 228/06  
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1.04/21 RII  
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1.09/20 RII  
HON. PRASANTHA DE SILVA J.  
HON. S. U. B. KARALLIYADDE J.  
**COURT NO. 109 AT 12.30 P.M.**  
**FOR JUDGEMENT**  
1.164/19 PA - Hon. Prasantha De Silva J.  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
1.176/15 PHC  
2.224/17 PHC  
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HON. A.M. MOHAMMED MACKIE (H.C.J.)  
HON. D.F.H. GUNAWARDHANA (H.C.J.)  
**(AT 10.00 A.M.)**  
**FOR JUDGEMENT**  
81/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
Hon. A.A.C.J. Rajarathna (H.C.J.)  
120/11 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
Hon. R.P. Hettiarachchi (H.C.J.)  
58/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
(HON. D.F.H. GUNAWARDHANA (H.C.J.)  
145/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo

### (Hon. A.M.M. Mackie H.C.J.) 328/15 (F) HCCA/Colombo

Hon. A.A.C.J. Rajarathna (H.C.J.)  
**TO BE MENTIONED**  
50/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
124/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
195/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
LA 197/19 HCCA/Colombo  
TO BE MENTIONED  
24/14 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
LA 57/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 38/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 196/19 HCCA/Colombo  
**FOR SUPPORT**  
LA 71/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 70/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 11/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 103/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 100/18 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 28/20 HCCA/Colombo  
LA 111/20 HCCA/Colombo  
**FOR ARGUMENT**  
243/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
157/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
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153/17 (F) A,B HCCA/Colombo  
49/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo  
LA 52/19 HCCA/Colombo  
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Draw No: 1239 Colour: Pink  
Date: 31.03.2021

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Date: 29-03-2021  
Draw Number: 1745 | Colour: Yellow

**Super Jackpot**  
**Rs. 23,459,880/-**

Winning Numbers  
**04 31 55 64** **D**

Total Value of Prizes  
**Rs. 3,070,100/-**

Next Super Jackpot  
**Rs. 23,618,388/-**

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

Monday Draw No.: 3587  
Date: 29.03.2021 Colour: Dark Blue

Total Value of Prizes  
**Rs. 5,561,900/-**

Winning Numbers  
**30 36 60 66** **U**

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Monday  
Date: 29.03.2021 Total Value of Prizes  
**Rs. 6,332,920/-**

Draw No.: 1287  
Colour: Red

Winning Numbers  
**10 20 39 69** **N**

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Date: 29-03-2021  
Draw Number: 3118 Colour: Yellow

**Super Jackpot has been won**  
**Rs. 3,062,218.20**

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

Winning Numbers  
**03 42 59 61** **Virgo**

TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES  
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Draw Number: 1411 Colour: Purple  
Date: 29.03.2021

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Total Value of Prizes  
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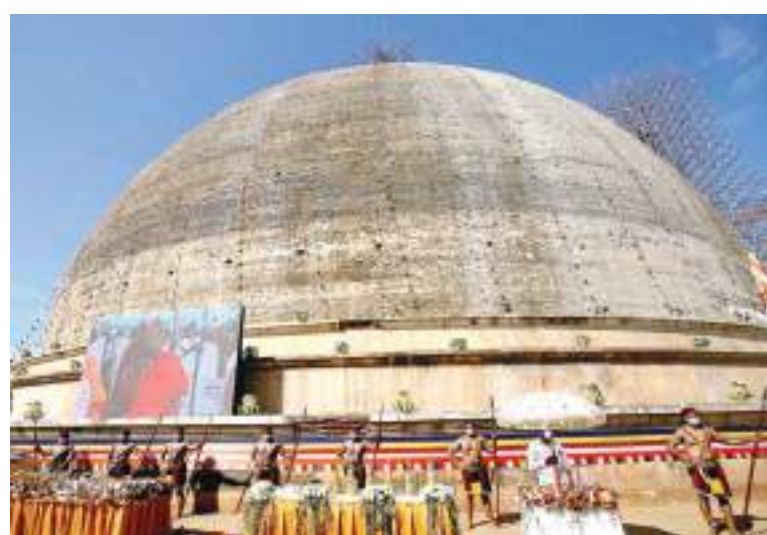
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SANDAHIRU SEYA

# SACRED TREASURES CEREMONIALLY DEPOSITED



Pictures by Sulochana Gamage



Then President Mahinda Rajapaksa launching the Sandahiru Seya construction



CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Around 29,000 Army, Navy, Air

Force, Police and CSD soldiers sacrificed their lives to liberate the country from the clutches of terrorism. Over 60,000 soldiers were injured during the war and even today, over 14,000 are confined to a wheelchair or bed having been critically injured and rendered disabled. That is how they will have to spend the rest of their lives, but they are proud of what they have done for the liberation of the country. Hence, the President and Prime Minister embarked on a project to erect the 'Sandahiru Seya' in memory of all these valiant war heroes who gave their all for the country.

Since the great Stupas that were built by our former kings, this is the largest Stupa being built in modern times in the country.

Funds for the construction of this Stupa comes from contributions made by military personnel who have willingly donated a part of their salary and other donors.

The enormous Sandahiru Seya is a mere 18.5 feet less in height than the mighty Ruwan Weli Seya, which is a revered Buddhist place of worship. The Tripitakaya has also been replicated on golden leaves and deposited in the 'Sandahiru Seya' Stupa. In addition an eight kilo copper statue of the Buddha has also been deposited at the Stupa, in addition to a large amount of treasures donated by businessmen and the public.

The ceremony to deposit these treasures in the square chamber above the Stupa dome was held on March 28 under the patronage of Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne, the commanders of the Tri Forces, Police and CSD and the Maha Sangha.

Speaking at the event, General Gunaratne, who was a driving force behind this mammoth project, said that currently, only one-third of the square chamber has been constructed. "The square chamber will be 39 feet in height which is the height of a four-storied building. Further, the Devatha Kotuwa will be another 25 feet high and above that will be the Koth Kerella which will be a further 72 feet tall and the

Koth Wahanse will be another 18 feet tall with the Chuda Manikya being three-and-a-half feet in height. In fact, in addition to the construction done so far, the Dagoba will see another 100 feet added on at its completion. The base of the Dagoba runs around 28 feet below the ground level," the Defence Secretary said.

The three-and-a-half-foot high crest gem designed to be placed at the tip of the Conical Spire embedded with precious stones and gold was offered to the Atamasthana Chief Prelate Ven. Dr. Pallegama Siriniwasa Thera by businessman Arthur Senanayake, a devotee and a patron of the sacred construction.

He noted that all this is done in remembrance of the over 29,000 valiant war heroes who sacrificed their lives for their motherland and the over 14,000 disabled war heroes who sacrificed their tomorrow for their country. "Our ancestors had built our ancient Dagobas in remembrance of our former heroes and this gigantic Dagoba is a tribute to the war heroes of our time, which will stand tall for future generations to see as a testament to the sacrifices they made."

The Defence Secretary made it a point to pay tribute to the Buddhist clergy for their support and assistance in realising the dream of constructing this magnificent Dagoba, adding that without their advice and guidance, this task could not have been achieved.

The initial name of this Dagoba was 'Ranaviru Seya' but it was subsequently changed to 'Sandahiru Seya', indicating that this structure will remain as a place of worship and a sign of gratitude to the fallen and injured war heroes for as long as the moon and sun rises in our land. "Although this Dagoba was named 'Sandahiru Seya', I personally believe that it would be even more appropriate to call it the 'Kala Guna' Seya (to be grateful for the sacrifices made by the war heroes)," the Defence Secretary noted.

Appreciating the donations made by the public to make the depositing of treasures to the Sandahiru Seya a significant event, he said not only the businessmen who donated, but even the public had generously contributed to make this occasion a success. "I was here to accept the donations made by a group of businessmen and members of the public came up to me and wanted to be part of the donations. Some even removed the jewellery that was on their necks, ears and even their wedding rings and donated them to be deposited in this Dagoba. I was really touched by their generosity and their love and gratefulness for our war heroes who have sacrificed so much to ensure a peaceful country for all of us to live in. In addition, the Gem and Jewellery Authority donated two containers of gems worth over 25 million which was donated by gem businessmen throughout the country."

The Sandahiru Seya in Anuradhapura was commissioned by the then President Rajapaksa in 2010. Designed to reach 85m in height, with a circumference of 244m, it will eventually rise above the ancient Dagobas of Jetavanarama and Abhayagiri (but will not surpass their original heights). Sandahiru Seya is being constructed from over 30 million bricks and will be plastered and then whitewashed when finished. While the construction of this Dagoba was initiated over 10 years ago, its construction was stalled due to various reasons. However, after the current Defence Secretary General

Kamal Gunaratne assumed office and the new Government came into power, the construction of this magnificent structure recommenced and is forging ahead in full force.

The auspicious placement of the first brick on the harmika, Hathares Kotuwa (high pavilion) of the Sandahiru Seya Stupa at Anuradhapura took place on May 25, 2020 amid Pirith chanting and blessings of the Maha Sangha.

Major General Dhammika Jayasinghe, Commander, Security Forces-Wanni, on behalf of the Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne laid the first brick on the Stupa pavilion.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa several years ago, during his tenure as the Defence Secretary, initiated the construction of this large Stupa in this sacred old kingdom of Anuradhapura as a tribute to the memory of all fallen war heroes.

Technically qualified workforce of the Tri-Forces and Civil Security Department (CSD) personnel are engaged in the project.

During a recent visit to the site to inspect the progress of the construction, Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne discussed the construction of the Stupa including the erecting of the square chamber, assembly of sacred rings over the square chamber, minaret, setting of conical spire, placing of sacred symbolic crystal at the pointing tip, proposed inscriptions, engravings, sculpture and artwork.



According to Gen. Gunaratne, plans are underway for the exposition of the Sacred Symbolic Crystal for public veneration prior to setting it up.

He reviewed the groundwork with regard to the erection of Bo-Tree House (Bodhigayaya) during his arrival at the sacred premises.

Once completed, this would also be considered as one of the largest pagodas in the island within the 16 places of veneration.

The mega construction undertaken by the Tri-Forces is 282 feet in height with a circumference of 801 feet.

The construction of the Stupa was an idea of the fifth Executive President of the country and the present Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa built in appreciation of the noble services rendered by the Security Forces personnel to rid the country of terrorism.

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

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

The Defence Secretary denoting the culmination of the construction process stated they hoped that this sacred Stupa would be vested on public in November 2021.

Here are vignettes of the ceremony to deposit the treasures.



# Scientists publish vaccine "recipe" on Web

Scientists have determined the "recipes" for two Covid-19 vaccines using leftovers in vials bound for the trash and published the mRNA sequences on Github, the online repository for software code.

The group of scientists from Stanford University were able to determine the sequences of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, and included the mRNA sequences in a post they published on Github last week, tech news site Motherboard first reported.

Experts say the publication will help researchers around the world better identify when testing samples whether they are looking at sequences from the Covid-19 virus or vaccines to treat the virus, because they can give false positives.

In the post, the scientists state they were able to collect small portions of the vaccines from vials that would have been otherwise discarded, under Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for research in the United States.

The Pfizer sequence is already publicly available, meaning the scientists were able to check their work, but the Moderna mRNA sequence had not previously been published. The scientists stated they checked with Moderna before



Pfizer vaccine

publishing but did not receive a response.

Scientists Andrew Fire and Massa Shoura told Motherboard it wasn't simply "reverse engineering" a vaccine: "We didn't reverse engineer the vaccine. We posted the putative sequence of two synthetic RNA molecules that have become sufficiently prevalent in the general environment of medicine and human biology in 2021."

The scientists said in their Github post the sequences would be useful for allowing researchers to quickly identify whether sequences they are looking at are therapeutic in origin or infectious.

An associate professor in immunology and pathology at the University of New South Wales's Kirby Institute, Stuart Turville, told Guardian Australia it was "clever in a way" to publish on Github, and would be important for people to be able to differentiate between RNA made by the vaccine and RNA from the virus.

"I'm not sure how that would turn up in a diagnostic setting as one is injected [the vaccine] and the other is clearly up your nose [the virus acquired during diagnostic tests]," he said. "That said, molecular diagnostics are great, but can give false positives if RNA

like this is around in large quantities.

"So it would be good to know the sequence, so if any false positives turned up, you could troubleshoot if the vaccine RNA was the source of your contamination."

He said companies do not generally like "their recipes" getting out like this, but it was just the sequences. "That would be the equivalent of baking an intricate cake with only the knowledge of the basic ingredients, with no quantities or instructions on how to cook it from these ingredients," he said.

"How they make these vaccines to the scale they are doing and then combining them with lipids to give the product is the real magic."

He said he was keen to see whether new versions of the vaccines are now made to tackle the emerging variants.

"With the above sequencing drive the RNA-vaccine producers then have the ability to pivot to make new versions against the emerging variants," he said.

"It would be good to see the data on RNA vaccine candidates for the South African b1351. That variant takes a big dent out of a lot of the current vaccine responses."

(The Guardian)



## Half of England's population has COVID antibodies

About half the population of England now has antibodies against coronavirus, a key development showing the impact of the vaccination drive against the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the Office for National Statistics, 54.7% of the population would have tested positive for antibodies in the week ending March 14. It was nearly as high in the other countries of the United Kingdom — 50.5% in Wales, 49.3% in Northern Ireland and 42.6% in Scotland.

The data are based on a random sample of blood test results of individuals at least 16 years old, who can develop antibodies by either being vaccinated or infected.

The statistics agency cautioned that testing positive for antibodies doesn't

mean people are immune, and it isn't yet known how many antibodies are needed to give protection. Scientists are still debating what level is needed for so-called herd immunity.

But there has been strong progress, with the 7-day average of new cases falling to just over 5,000, from nearly 60,000 in January.

Separate data find 45% of the U.K. population have had at least one dose of the vaccine. That is ahead of the U.S. on 29%, and well above France on 12%.

The U.K. was the first country to start using the vaccine from drug company Pfizer and also is using ones made by drug company AstraZeneca and biotech Moderna. (MW)

## 'Double mutation may spread to other countries'

The double mutation of a Covid-19 variant discovered in India is of grave concern — and could spread to other countries, according to Dr. Kavita Patel, a non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institution.

"It is something to watch very closely, and something that will not be limited to India. It is something we will likely see around the world as we have with other variants," she told CNBC's "Street Signs Asia" on Monday.

India's health ministry said last week that a variant with two mutations — known as E484Q and L452R — was found in the country. The mutations are not new, but the variant in India carries both of them — something that has not been seen in other variants.

The mutations could make the virus more contagious and better at evading the body's defenses.

"This double mutation, number one, it is incredibly



serious. Number two, it is probably just the tip of the iceberg in what we would worry about in Asia," said Patel, who is also a former Obama administration official.

She said the mutations could lead to reinfections

since the body's immune system won't recognize it and therefore cannot effectively fight it.

Patel also said she would be concerned about the implications of the mutation if she were an Asian health official, and would think

about how to get vaccines to as many people as possible.

Indian authorities said Covid variants, including the double mutation strain, have not been detected in such large numbers that are sufficient to explain the spike in new infections. (CNBC)

## Vaccination a lifesaver - Experts

Health experts say it's possible for some people to get infected with COVID-19 even if they're fully vaccinated, but it's still important to get vaccinated.

Experts say it takes two weeks after a person's final shot to build full immunity to COVID-19. But none of the vaccines are 100% effective at preventing infection, so some people will still contract the virus. But they won't get as sick and likely won't transmit it as easily.

When Pfizer was testing its vaccine in the fall, Dr. Amy Aobota volunteered. Two months later, she got a runny nose and then a positive COVID-19 test.

"A lot of people I know were kind of freaked out by that, saying, 'How can you test positive if you were vaccinated?'" she said.

But her response was, the vaccine worked.

"If the vaccine turns the virus into no more than the common cold, that's a huge success," she said. Experts agreed.

"We do know based on evidence that vaccines are really effective at preventing severe disease," said Dr. Jose Mercado, of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Mercado said Sobota is among a



small percentage of people who get infected after being vaccinated. But he said they're still more protected from the vaccine.

"Immunity from the vaccine is more robust than immunity from natural infections," he said.

The message is to continue masking and mitigation strategies and to get vaccinated.

"I've had friends who've been in the hospital, who've had symptoms for weeks or even months after being sick who weren't vaccinated, and if

we can prevent that with a vaccine, that's a huge success," Sobota said.

Preliminary research shows vaccines might also reduce the spread of the virus.

"It should reduce the amount of virus that you have in your body," Mercado said. "It should reduce the amount that you can transmit."

State health officials are analyzing data about the rate of post-vaccination infection in New Hampshire, and results are expected in the next few weeks. (WMUR)

**29.03.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 792,793**  
**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS Rs.32,357,230.00**  
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**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA**  
 DRAW NUMBER: 4441 OFFICIAL RESULTS  
 DATE: 29-03-2021  
 WINNING LETTER: G WINNING NUMBERS: 5 2 7 4 3 4  
 Prize structure - from right to left:  
 1st Prize: 5 2 7 4 3 4 Rs. 2,000,000/- 01  
 2nd Prize: 2 7 4 3 4 Rs. 100,000/- 02  
 3rd Prize: 7 4 3 4 Rs. 10,000/- 138  
 4th Prize: 4 3 4 Rs. 1,000/- 1,218  
 5th Prize: 3 4 Rs. 100/- 13,225  
 6th Prize: 4 Rs. 20/- 138,831  
 Prize structure - from left to right:  
 7th Prize: 5 2 7 4 3 Rs. 10,000/- 13  
 8th Prize: 5 2 7 4 Rs. 1,000/- 126  
 9th Prize: 5 2 7 Rs. 100/- 1,303  
 10th Prize: 5 2 Rs. 50/- 13,035  
 11th Prize: G Rs. 20/- 52,348  
 Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs. 13,892,130.00  
 The Super Prize of next draw **Rs. 14,097,517.00**

**Mega POWER**  
 DRAW NUMBER: 882 OFFICIAL RESULTS  
 DATE: 29.03.2021  
 WINNING LETTER: H WINNING NUMBERS: 05 35 53 54 61  
 Prize Structure:  
 1st Prize: Hit all 4 Numbers are correct 1,888,000.00 01  
 2nd Prize: If any 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct 100,000.00 04  
 3rd Prize: Hit all 3 Numbers are correct 1,000.00 189  
 4th Prize: If any 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct 500.00 240  
 5th Prize: Only 2 Numbers are correct 100.00 5,553  
 6th Prize: If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct 40.00 2,614  
 7th Prize: Only 1 Number are correct 20.00 92,462  
 8th Prize: Only English Letter are correct 20.00 16,820  
 NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE **Rs. 125,567,473.20**  
 NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE **Rs. 20,938,204.80**  
 NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE **Rs. 10,000,000.00**  
 Total Prizes Won in This Draw **Rs. 4,520,660.00**

**Vasana Sampatha**  
 DRAW NUMBER: 1673 OFFICIAL RESULTS  
 DATE: 29.03.2021  
 WINNING LETTER: H WINNING NUMBERS: 23 68 79 96  
 Prize Structure:  
 1st Prize: If only four Numbers are correct 500,000/-  
 2nd Prize: If Three Numbers and English Letter are correct 100,000/- 02  
 3rd Prize: If only Three Numbers are correct 1,000/- 63  
 4th Prize: If Two Numbers and English Letter are correct 200/- 197  
 5th Prize: If only two Numbers are correct 100/- 4,776  
 6th Prize: If one Number and English Letter are correct 40/- 3,927  
 7th Prize: If only one Number are correct 20/- 96,982  
 8th Prize: If only English Letter is correct 20/- 22,004  
 Total prize money won in this Draw **Rs. 3,318,100.00**  
 Next Super Prize **Rs. 26,992,711.50**

**DHANA NIDHANAYA**  
 Official Results  
 Date - 29/03/2021  
 Draw Number - 478  
 WINNING LETTER: L WINNING NUMBERS: 15 28 57 69  
 Prize Structure:  
 1st Prize: If all numbers are correct Rs. 1,00,000.00 -  
 2nd Prize: If English Letter and 1 number are correct Rs. 100,000.00 04  
 3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers are correct Rs. 3,000.00 94  
 4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct Rs. 1,000.00 192  
 5th Prize: If any 2 numbers are correct Rs. 100.00 5,425  
 6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct Rs. 60.00 3,666  
 7th Prize: If 1 number is correct Rs. 20.00 91,419  
 8th Prize: If only English Letter is correct Rs. 20.00 17,128  
 Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 3,807,408.00  
 Number of Prize Winners in this draw 117,928  
 Next Draw Super Prize **Rs.90,799,695.20**

**Govisetha**  
 OFFICIAL RESULTS  
 DRAW NUMBER: 2736 DRAW DATE: 29/03/2021  
 ENGLISH LETTER: F WINNING NUMBERS: 16 47 57 60  
 COMBINATION PRICE NO. OF WINNERS  
 1 PRIZE IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 1,000,000.00 -  
 2 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 100,000.00 09  
 3 PRIZE IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 2,000.00 178  
 4 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 1,000.00 404  
 5 PRIZE IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT Rs. 100.00 10,174  
 6 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT Rs. 40.00 6,764  
 7 PRIZE IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT Rs. 20.00 167,660  
 8 PRIZE IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT Rs. 20.00 30,389  
 TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW **215,578**  
 TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 6,908,940.00**  
 SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 60,466,602.80**  
 Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes over Rs. 500,000/- are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity card is a must.



# Pfizer, Moderna vaccines effective in real-world conditions – study



The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines being deployed to fight the coronavirus pandemic are robustly effective in preventing infections in real-life conditions, according to a federal study released Monday that provides reassurance of protection for front-line workers in the United States. In a study of about 4,000 health-care personnel, police, firefighters and other essential workers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the vaccines reduced the risk of infection by 80 percent after one shot. Protection increased to 90 percent following the second dose. The findings are consistent with clinical trial results and studies showing strong effectiveness in Israel and the United Kingdom, and in initial studies of health-care workers at the UT Southwestern Medical Center and in Southern California.

The CDC report is significant, experts said, because it analyzed how well the vaccines worked among a diverse group of front-line working-age adults whose jobs make them more likely to be exposed to the virus and to spread it.

The workers came from eight locations in six states — Arizona, Florida, Minnesota, Oregon, Texas and Utah. They received vaccinations between mid-December, when the doses first became available, to mid-March, a 13-week period that included the deadly winter surge that was killing more than 3,000 people a day by January. The study is also one of the first to estimate vaccine effectiveness among participants against infection — rather than just monitoring for symptomatic cases — including infections that did not result in symptoms, according to the CDC. Among 2,479 fully vaccinated people, just

three had confirmed infections. Among 477 people who received one dose, eight infections were reported.

By comparison, among 994 people who were not vaccinated, 161 developed infections.

No deaths were reported. CDC Director Rochelle Walensky said the study shows national vaccination efforts are working.

The authorized coronavirus vaccines “provided early, substantial real-world protection against infection for our nation’s health care personnel, first responders, and other frontline essential workers,” she said in a statement. “These findings should offer hope to the millions of Americans receiving coronavirus vaccines each day and to those who will have the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and get vaccinated in the weeks ahead. The authorized vaccines are the key tool that will bring an end to this devastating pandemic.”

The study is ongoing and researchers will share more details on the infections in people who were partly or fully vaccinated, known as “break-through infections.” Researchers are also studying whether people who became infected despite vaccination may have less severe or fewer illnesses and whether they shed a lower amount of virus for less time.

Infectious-disease and vaccine experts said the latest data proves encouraging.

“It’s not surprising, but it’s incredibly reassuring,” said Paul A. Offit, a vaccine expert at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia who helps review vaccine safety and efficacy as an outside adviser to the Food and Drug Administration and was not involved in the CDC study. “It’s yet another reason to get vaccinated.”



The drug companies’ clinical trials of their coronavirus vaccines in 2020 were conducted when the United States was not experiencing the biggest surges in coronavirus cases, said Monica Gandhi, an infectious-diseases expert at the University of California at San Francisco. “What we really want to do is test these vaccines in the real world, to see how well they work,” said Gandhi, who was not involved in the CDC study. That study took place during “one of the most scary, most horrible surges” in the United States, she said, describing it as an important stress test for the vaccines. The results, she said, show how “it’s really incredible news for how safe you can feel after vaccination.”

The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, which require two doses, were more than 90 percent effective in preventing symptomatic covid-19 disease in clinical trials conducted before

the vaccines received emergency use authorization in December from the FDA. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine requires special handling and must be kept at especially cold temperatures in special freezers long-term.

“There was no guarantee that the vaccines were going to perform the same in the real world, where there were a lot of concerns about freezers and temperatures,” said Mark G. Thompson, a CDC epidemiologist and lead author of the report. The clinical trials had large numbers of older people, but the CDC study focused more on working-age adults and the ability of the vaccines to protect against infection, regardless of whether symptoms developed. “The big takeaway here is that starting 14 days after receiving both doses of these ... vaccines, these front-line workers were 90 percent less likely to be infected with the virus that causes covid-19,” Thompson said.

Reducing risk for transmissible infection, which can occur several days before symptoms appear, is especially important for health-care personnel and other essential workers who may not know they are infected, he said.

About 72 percent of the participants were 18 to 49 years old and the majority were female. Most participants were White and healthy, with no chronic medical conditions. About half were health-care providers; 21 percent were firefighters, police and emergency medical technicians; nearly one-fourth were teachers, delivery workers and other essential personnel whose jobs required contact within three feet of the public or co-workers. About 63 percent of participants received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and 30 percent received the Moderna shot. Five people received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Researchers are trying to verify what vaccine was administered among the remaining participants. Most got their first dose during the last two weeks of December.

Participants conducted nasal swabs weekly for 13 weeks, regardless of whether they experienced symptoms. If they showed symptoms of covid-19-like illness, such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or change in smell or taste, they collected an additional nasal swab and saliva sample. All specimens were sent to one lab in Marshfield, Wis.

Thompson said the study was by far the most complicated and ambitious to design in his more than 30 years of conducting field research. It was challenging to recruit thousands of participants from a variety of backgrounds in the context of widespread skepticism and lack of trust in science

and research, he said. Researchers had never asked people to collect their own nasal swabs and ship saliva specimens, and it was unclear at the start whether busy adults working in front-line jobs would consistently respond to those tasks. “But participants have been very dedicated and so far, on average, 80 to 100 percent of participants complete these tasks every week,” Thompson wrote in an email.

The CDC had to negotiate with FedEx and UPS to allow thousands of specimens to be shipped for testing, he said.

The study did not provide an estimate of the vaccines’ benefits against the virus variants circulating in the United States. Thompson, who is leading CDC’s evaluation of coronavirus vaccine effectiveness, said the agency will have more to say in about a month when scientists have completed genetic characterization of the collected virus specimens.

As the study progresses, scientists will also analyze the effectiveness of the specific coronavirus vaccines and their effectiveness in preventing symptomatic infections or severe outcomes, such as hospitalization. Despite the strong protection afforded by the vaccines two weeks after the first dose, scientists are still trying to figure out how long someone is protected against the disease after being fully vaccinated and whether two doses provide longer-lasting protection than one dose.

Limitations of the study include the small number of confirmed infections and self-collection of specimens and delays in shipments to the lab that could reduce detection of the virus and result in overestimating vaccine effectiveness. (Washington Post)

## COVID: Lab leak “extremely unlikely”

The Coronavirus is likely to have emerged in bats and spread to another animal before it jumped into the human population, according to a study from the World Health Organization and Chinese scientists that is scheduled to be released Tuesday.

The 123-page report, which NBC News obtained ahead of its release, also found that it’s “extremely unlikely” that the virus leaked from a lab, a theory that has flourished among China skeptics even though it is based largely on circumstantial evidence.

The findings are the result of a joint study by Chinese scientists and a WHO-led team that was in China last month to investigate the virus’s origin. The inquiry has been the centre of political tensions from its start; Biden administration officials have faulted China for what they say is a lack of transparency about how the virus emerged. Other critics said the inquiry was insufficient because many of the Chinese scientists involved with it are affiliated with government-run institutions and because the investigators didn’t have full access to lab records and raw data.

In the report, the research team detailed the most likely scenarios that caused the virus to spill over into humans, but many questions remain unanswered. Identifying the source of a virus, which can take years — or even decades — is an important way for scientists



to understand the emergence of infectious diseases and prevent similar outbreaks.

The most likely route of transmission, the researchers said, was from bats into humans through an intermediate animal host. Direct transmission from bats to humans was also thought to be a “possible-to-likely pathway.”

The report recommended additional research for those and other scenarios, including retrospective studies of the earliest known cases that were tied to a seafood market in Wuhan, China.

The Wuhan market was the site of the first reported cluster of human cases, but the WHO report said it’s not clear whether that was the initial source of the outbreak.

Marion Koopmans, a Dutch virologist who was a member of the WHO delegation, said in an

interview this month that while the first major clusters were reported in Wuhan, it’s not known for sure whether the virus originated there.

Koopmans said the investigation found no credible evidence that the coronavirus leaked from a lab. The lab leak hypothesis was touted by President Donald Trump and most recently promoted by Dr. Robert Redfield, the former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“I am of the point of view that I still think the most likely etiology of this pathogen in Wuhan was from a laboratory. Escaped,” Redfield said in an interview with CNN on Friday. “Other people don’t believe that. That’s fine. Science will eventually figure it out.”

At a White House Covid-19 Response Team briefing later Friday, the government’s top infec-

tious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said Redfield “was just expressing an opinion.”

Pinning down the origin of a virus can be a lengthy process, and while the WHO study said that a lab leak remains “extremely unlikely,” it said it’s impossible to completely rule it out.

Robert Garry, a virologist at Tulane University School of Medicine who wasn’t involved with the WHO investigation, said the research team was right to largely dismiss the idea that the virus leaked from a lab.

About a year ago, Garry and his colleagues analyzed the genome sequence of the coronavirus that emerged in Wuhan and determined that the virus was likely to have evolved from nature. In other words, the scientists found no evidence that the virus was engineered or altered in a research facility.

Garry said more research will be needed to understand the virus’s origin but added that the painstaking work is crucial to protect against similar or worse outbreaks.

Understanding how the coronavirus emerged in bats or other species “will provide critical data on the evolution and ecology of potential pathogens, guidance for detecting their emergence and suggest solutions for design of appropriate countermeasures,” Garry said. (NBC)

## World leaders call for “Pandemic Treaty”



Global leaders have published a letter calling for a pandemic treaty to improve cooperation and transparency in the case of future outbreaks, but China and the U.S. were not among the signatories.

In the joint letter, published Tuesday in newspapers around the world, the leaders argued that the Covid-19 crisis had posed the “greatest challenge for the global community since the late 1940s.”

The document was signed by more than 20 global leaders and officials from across Europe, Africa, South Africa and Asia, including U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson, French President

Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

However, both China and the U.S. — which have locked horns numerous times during the pandemic, with accusations of a lack of transparency, propaganda and misinformation — were missing from the list.

When questioned about the absence of China and the U.S. from the letter, the World Health Organization’s Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (one of the signatories and main champions of a treaty) played down concerns.

“I don’t want it to be seen as a problem, it wasn’t even a problem,” he said during a

press briefing Tuesday morning. “When the discussion on the global pandemic treaty starts, all member states will be represented.”

“Mainly it’s like an opt-in (process). Countries who were interested were flagging to join, but in some instances were also inviting regional representation,” he added.

The WHO’s director general said discussions with member states, including the U.S. and China, had been “positive,” but did not confirm whether the U.S. and China (as well as Russia, another notable absentee) had been asked directly if they wanted to sign the letter. (CNBC)

## Newly married couple behind Indonesia suicide bombings

A recently married couple with suspected militant links used pressure cooker bombs to blow themselves up outside a Roman Catholic cathedral during Palm Sunday Mass, Indonesian officials said Monday.

The attack wounded 20 people, including four church guards, and broke windows at the church and nearby buildings in Makassar, the capital of South Sulawesi province.

The couple were married six months ago and police were investigating their house in Makassar, National Police spokesperson Argo Yuwono said.

Police identified them only by their initials, L and his wife, YSF. Neighbors of the couple identified the man as Lukman and his wife as Dewi and said they were between 23 and 26 years old.

The attackers detonated their bombs when they were confronted by guards outside the church.

The pressure cookers contained explosive materials and nails to increase their harm to victims, said Makassar city police chief Witnu



Urip Laksana. Police carried out DNA tests to determine the attackers’ identities, Laksana said.

The couple were believed to have been members of Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, which has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group and carried out a series of suicide bombings in Indonesia.

They included a 2016 Starbucks attack in Jakarta that killed four civilians and four militants, an attack on a bus terminal in the

capital that killed three police officers and an attack on a church in Kalimantan that killed a 2-year-old girl a year later. Several other children suffered serious burns in the Kalimantan attack.

Indonesia’s last major militant attack was in May 2018, when two families carried out suicide bombings on churches in Surabaya, killing a dozen people including two young girls whose parents involved them in one of the attacks. Police

said the father was the leader of a local affiliate of Jemaah Anshorut Daulah. One of the attackers in Makassar was believed to have had links to a 2019 suicide attack that killed 23 people at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral in the Philippine province of Sulu, Indonesian National Police Chief Listyo Sigit Prabowo said.

He said the two attackers were linked to a group of suspected militants arrested in Makassar on Jan. 6, when a police counterterrorism squad killed two suspected militants and arrested 19 others. The two men who were killed were being sought for their alleged role in the Philippine attack. Prabowo told reporters Monday that the police elite counterterrorism squad, known as Densus 88, arrested four suspected militants believed to have links with the attackers in a raid Sunday in Bima, a city on Sumbawa island in West Nusa Tenggara province. Another suspect was arrested a day later in a separate raid in the province, he said. (USA Today)

## Mexico revises COVID death toll

New data from Mexico indicates that the death toll from the Coronavirus is far higher than previously thought.

A report published by Mexico’s health ministry showed that by mid-February there had been just over 294,000 deaths “associated with COVID-19” — a nearly 60% increase from the originally published figure.

That figure has since risen by almost 27,000 more deaths through March, bringing the total to more than 321,000.

The new report was published Saturday with little fanfare. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has faced significant criticism for his handling of the pandemic, the BBC reported.

Those figures put Mexico second after the U.S., but the population of Mexico is 126 million — far smaller than either the U.S. or Brazil, which previously ranked second-most: the U.S. boasts a population of over 328 million and Brazil has 211 million.

These developments show just how deadly Mexico’s second wave in January was.

The opposition has accused him of downplaying the severity of the pandemic, according to the Guardian.

Former President Felipe Calderón tweet-



ed Saturday that “more than 400,000 Mexicans have died, above the average for previous years ... probably the highest figure in the world.”

The increased numbers indicate a far worse situation in the country than previously understood — a country through which increasing numbers of migrants have been traveling to the U.S. border.

Migrants are not supposed to enter the U.S. from Mexico without a negative COVID-19 test, yet at least 185 migrants released this past month into Brownsville, Texas, tested positive.

The city of Brownsville cannot prevent these people from traveling throughout the country, it said, and it is unclear how many of these people have utilized public transportation. (FOX)



# Nugegoda Josephian Onrey performs epic feat

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Onrey Perera of St. Joseph's College, Nugegoda scored two successive centuries for his Alma Mater in two separate outings in the on going Inter School under 19 Limited Over Division Three Cricket Tournament for the year 2021. He scored 107 and 140 runs against Science College, Mount, Lavinia and Defence College, Colombo 02 respectively.



Onrey Perera

The newcomers to the Inter School first eleven cricket in 2021 Nugegoda Joes are going great guns by winning both their games and first eleven cricket was introduced to them by their cricket loving Principal Rev. Bro. Sunanda Alwis with the assistance of Deputy Principal Rev. Bro. Joseph Peiris and Masters in Charge Rev. Bro. Dulaj Fernando, Roshan Chathuranga and Pramindu Madushanka

Onrey's name will go down in history of the Nugegoda Joes Cricket for not only scoring a century in their first ever Inter

School game but for scoring centuries in two successive tournament matches. He bats left hand and bowls right arm medium pace with a good arm and is a safe fielder in any position. They are coached by Viroshan Alwis while his Assistant is Shashila Fernando.

Batting first against the Mount, Lavinia lads Onrey's century consisted of nine fours and eight sixes facing 72 balls and occupied the crease for 105 minutes and was associated in a third wicket partnership of 157 runs with Anjana Logus who contributed 36 runs and they won by a



St. Joseph's College Nugegoda Under 19 Cricket Pool - 2021 with the school officials. Seated L/R - Roshan Chathuranga (Master in Charge of Cricket), Viroshan Alwis (Coach), Onrey Perera (Captain), Rev. Bro. Dulaj Fernando (Asst. Principal and Master in Charge of Cricket), Rev. Bro. Sunanda Alwis (Principal), Rev. Bro. Joseph Peiris (Deputy Principal), Ramindu Ivantha (Vice Captain), Shashila Fernando (Asst. Coach), Pramindu Madushanka (Master in Charge of cricket) Middle Row Standing L/R - Sithila Akarsha, Yonal Ramdu, Ashen Yoshitha, Kushalya Fernando, Menuka Vithanage, Anjana Logus, Lokitha Deshan Third Row Standing L/R - Ganidu Sandeepa, Ranuka Gunasekera, Venuka Bandara, Binath Dissanayake, Yasindu Methwan, Mario Wijerathne, Ashan Sandeepa (Picture by - Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

massive 169 runs and in their second encounter versus Defence College, Colombo he amassed 140 runs with 14 fours and 7 sixes and occupied the crease for 125 minutes facing 98 balls and put on 83 runs for the fourth wicket with Ramidu Peiris who made 21 runs and beat the

Defence College by a huge margin of 178 runs.

**Chief Scores**  
**Match 1 - St. Joseph's College** - 298/9 in 50 overs - Onrey Perera 108, Yasindu Nethwan 38, Ganindu Wijewardene 20, Abreew rdcmal 3/57, Minsara Manorange 3/55, Omesh Dilshan 2/47

**Science College** - 129 in 37.5 overs - Aqees Fahim 43, Ganindu Wijewardene 4/35, Dinath Dissanayake 3/16, Anjana Logus 2/21

**Match 2 - St. Joseph's College** - 164 in 46.4 overs - Onrey Perera 140, Ramindu Peiris 21, Vinuka Bandara 43, Charuka Edi-

risinghe 2/33, Kavisith Senasinghe 2/65, Achinth Kandakumara 3/41

**Defence College** - 186 in 38.5 overs - Dishen Samaranyake 40, Anjana Pinnapola 37, Chanketh Jayatissa 32, Mario Wijerathne 3/50, Ganindu Wijewardene 3/22, Binath Dissanayake 2/26



Sansala Wanigasekera, talented wicket keeper-batswoman of Nugawela National School. Picture by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl. Corr.

## Sansala Wanigasekera outstanding women's cricketer

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA-Kandy Sports Special corr

Sansala Wanigasekera, the present Cricket Captain of Nugawela National School is a student of the School from the Grade 1 class. She started playing Cricket at the age of 10 years in the year 2012 under the coaching of Lalith Chandrasena, a former cricketer of St. Andrews College, Gampola and a senior cricket coach and a cricket umpire. She did not get a chance to perform well till the year 2015 and in that year she was involved in serious cricket in school and she scored a match winning 78 runs against Pindeniya Central School at the cricket tournament organized by the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association.

In the year 2016 Sansala performed well as a wicket keeper claiming 25 victims behind the stumps. In 2017 she was selected to the provincial cricket team under the captaincy of Shiny Senaratne at the Kandy District Women's cricket tournament held among the Kandy, Dambulla and Galle Women's Cricket teams and in these cricket matches she took 10 catches and five stumpings as a wicket keeper. In the school cricket team she was under the captaincy of Madara Samarakoon and the team came upto the quarter final stage playing in the Sri Lanka womens cricket tournament. In the year 2019 she claimed three catches behind the stumps and scored an unbeaten knock-of 50 runs representing Mahamaya CC playing against Palinks Cricket School, in the year 2019.

Sansala is leading the cricket team of Nugawela National School in 2021 and scored 30 runs in the first match of this season against St. Anthony's Girls School, Katugastota. Sansala's main intention is to continue studies as well as play cricket until she is selected to the national cricket team as wicket keeper - batswoman.

Sansala is thankful to her coach Lalith Chandrasena for the continuous encouragement given to her to become a talented cricketer as well as the Principal of Nugawela National School for the assistance given to the sports loving students of the School.

## Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

### Athlete Newton Perera was a gifted middle distance runner

The Olympic Games of 1980 in Moscow was the first international athletics meet that Karawa Thanthirige Newton Perera, a noted sprinter of Sri Lanka participated in.

Born on July 8, 1954, at Dankotuwa, Perera had his early education at the Nainamadama Roman Catholic Boys' School and at St. Joseph Vaz College, Wennappuwa.

He was keen in athletics since the tender age of 11 years and he

came into his own while participating in the Under-19 Inter-School events.

At the Public Schools Meet in 1972, he won the 800m and 1,500m events and came second in the 400m event.

At the Junior Nationals that year, he won the Under-19 Boys' 800m and 1,500m events and proved his talents beyond doubt.

In 1973, at the Junior National Meet he won the Under-21 Men's

800m event while recording a time of 1.59s.

Newton's natural talents began to blossom out after he joined the Army. There, under the guidance of Major B. P. Weerasuriya he gave up the 1,500m event and concentrated on the 400m and 800m events.

Before long, he was able to challenge the best in Sri Lanka in these events. In the Relay Carnival held in 1979, he helped the Army Athletics

Team to win the 400m and 800m relays. In 1980, he was placed third in the 400m event at the National Athletics Meet after a keen tussle.

These performances earned him a place in the team to the Moscow Olympic Games that year. The Sri Lanka team was given a training session in Bulgaria and at the Olympics they were placed sixth in the heats.

He joined the Army as a Cadet Officer in 1980 and in 1987 he



Newton Perera

was promoted to the rank of Captain.

He was the Officer-In-Charge of the 'D' Battalion of the Sri Lanka Infantry Regiment. (C.D)

# Nilan Ekanayake the weightlifter turned ruggerite

ALTHAF NAWAZ

It is very unusual to witness a person engage and perform exceptionally well in multiple sporting disciplines coinciding with his academic studies, during the school career. Nilan Bandara Ekanayake was another player who started from a rural area and concluded both his education and sports career on a high note, finally ending up playing for the national team in rugby while becoming the cynosure of all eyes.

Nilan was born in 1975 and grew up in Ginigathena and Kandy. His father Colin Ekanayake was a Planter while Nanda Abeywickrama his mother is a housewife. He has a sister Suranga who is a teacher. Since his father was a plant-

er, he was first enrolled at Don Bosco College in Hatton in 1979 and attended that school until 1980. With his father's transfer, he was compelled to join Ginigathena Central College in 1980. Due to limited resources and sporting facilities there, he was admitted to Vidyarthi College, Kandy for further studies. He passed the G.C.E. Ordinary Level exam in 1991 and Advanced Level Exam in 1994.

After joining Vidyarthi, he launched his sporting career parallel with his studies. He was a member of the college athletics team participating in Shot Putt, Discus and Javelin throw. He was also very particular in maintaining a well built figure and turned out to be a

weightlifter. He bagged the silver medal in weightlifting in the Junior National Championship in 1993.

No sooner he joined Vidyarthi, his senior students forced him to join the rugby team which was a common practice there to get familiarized with the senior students. Without any previous knowledge in handling the oval shaped ball, he eventually joined the Vidyarthi under-17 team and surged ahead to play for the second XV team with Priyantha Gunaratne in 1992. He learnt the basics of rugby from Priyantha Gunaratne and got a regular berth in the First XV teams in 1993 under Sithara Nandasena and in 1994 under Kapila Rajapaksa's captaincy respectively. These teams



Nilan Ekanayake

were coached by George Jayasena and Sunil Munasinghe.

While playing for school, he was fortunate enough to play for

Kandy Youth team coached by Kasthuriarachchi and played for Old Trinitians Sports Club for some time in 'B' division club rugby. He was selected to represent the Central Province School Rugby team the same year.

Soon after his school tenure, he decided to play club rugby and one of his friends Clarence Moraes of Havelock Sports Club introduced him to the Park Club. He launched his club rugby career there from 1997 to 2004 playing as a tight head Prop Forward. His coaches were Ana Saranapala and Tony Amit. Due to his fine display as a player in 2004 he was nominated as captain of the Havelocks senior rugby team. He then crossed over to play for CH and

FC the same year and scrummed down with them until 2006 under former All Black Jeff Matheson as the coach and Saranga Jayakody as captain.

He got his National call in 2003, when he was playing for the Park Club and played under Pradeep Basnayake and late George Simpkin as the coach. He donned the National jersey from 2003 to 2007 under late George Simpkin as the coach. During that period, he represented the country in 13 International matches. He participated at the 19th Rugby Asiad held in Hong Kong 2004 under the leadership of Pradeep Basnayake followed by the 20th Rugby Asiad in Colombo in 2007 under Jeewa Galgamuwa captaincy. His professional life started

when he was 19 years old as a Sales Representative with ICL Marketing and later worked for over four years with Hemas Marketing in 2000. By passing several milestones, he got promoted to Senior Sales Manager, in his 15-year career with Hemas. In 2016, he changed gears and joined Dialog Axiata PLC as a Regional Manager. He is now enjoying life and spends his free time by sharing his knowledge of rugby not only with Vidyarthi but also with Maliyadeva College, Kurunegala as a consultant while travelling and reading makes his life enjoyable.

His wife is Dilani Bandara who has been a pillar of strength in his life while the two children are Thevni and Anuki Ekanayake.



Kushantha Perera (on left) receiving the Shashi Welgama cup from the donor.

## Kushantha wins Pot Black Snooker Title

Kushantha Perera defeated the defending champion Sanjaya Wakadapola 50-25 in the Pot Black Snooker Championship match played for the Shashi Welgama Challenge Cup at Orient Club last Saturday.

Kushantha had a stiff competition against Lucky de Silva in the semi final before qualifying for the final, which he won 50-47. In the other semi final defending champion Sanjaya Wakadapola had a

50-25 win over Rishal Hameed.

Ten players participated in this year's event which was inaugurated in 2010. Due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, last year's tournament could not be completed instead this tournament was played to replicate it.

Shashi Welgama the founder of this tournament garaged the occasion and gave away the awards.

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## Himashini sets up powerlifting record

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Himashini Nadeeka Amarasri is a rising star from the district of Kalutara in Powerlifting and weightlifting. She created a record by lifting 42.5 kgs in her maiden competition for women above 40 years in the category of 63 Kgs weight class for Powerlifting Bench Press event.

This achievement had shed rays of hope of future progressive achievements. Himashini was the second child of Lesley Amarasiri, a former Army Officer and Nalani Hettiarachi and was born on August 12, 1980 in Labuduwa, Galle and she was a student of the

Southlands College till her advanced level.

She followed her father's footsteps and excelled in sports at school level and brought in glory to the school at various activities and sports events during her student days. However later in life she became an International school teacher and married Nalaka Udugampala of Panadura and they have a 12 year son named Nandinu Senath Udugampala. Her persistent passion for sports and fitness led her to be a member of the Indika Fitness Centre Panadura and was training herself constantly with the support of the manage-

ment of the club. Realizing the potential of Himashini the management organized a short term rigorous training through the most renowned Sri Lankan powerlifting and weightlifting coach and Instructor I. P. Nandasena and subsequent to the above training she was able to achieve the record at the event held in Panadura to commemorate the independence day.

Her Instructor Nandasena said that this is the beginning of her achievement and with the potential in Himashini that we could expect a bright future for her at the national level in the future to come.



Himashini and Instructor I.P. Nandasena. Picture by Narayanasamy Jayaratnam

## Kandy District CA provide side nets and matting wickets

HAFIZ MARIKAR

The Kandy District Cricket Association (KDCA) is a governing body for cricket in Kandy, responsible for disciplinary actions, controlling and organizing tournaments, and helping needy schools and club. On Monday the management committee of Kandy District Cricket Association keeping with the policy of Sri Lanka Cricket to assist and devel-

op cricket, identified schools and clubs in need of infrastructure facilities.

KDCA president Roland Perera, Secretary Janaka Pathirana, Coach Malcolm Perera along with some of the KDCA officials presented confirmation letters for concrete side nets to Suwarnajothi M.V., Deerananda M.V., Mahaweli M.V., Peradeniya Central and D.B. Wijetunga M.V. and also for mat-

ting wickets for Police S.C., Prisons S.C., Wickremabahu M.V., D.B. Wijetunga M.V. Peradeniya Central, Hewaheta Central and Kandy District CA.

Kandy District Cricket Association is in the right direction of developing the game. A one day knockout tournament is on the cards and they have also planned for a well structured T-20 tournament for the major cricket playing

schools. KDCA also had a series of workshops for umpires and, scorers.

Cricket was once the most popular sport in Kandy before it was overtaken by rugby. Cricket is the fastest growing sport in Kandy at school and club level, what this sport lacks badly is a proper playing field. Schools are going out of Kandy to play matches.

There are a few grounds in

Kandy owned by Trinity, St. Anthony's Dharmaraja, and King'swood College. Other schools like Wariyapola Sri Sumanigala have no grounds at all, Sri Rahula, Vidyarthi, St Sylvester's College have mini grounds only for practices when they play matches in Kandy they have to pocket out a big amount as ground fees, Some schools go out of Kandy and play matches.



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Army SC 'A' vs Air Force SC 'A' at Panagoda  
Navy SC vs Army SC 'B' at Welisara  
Air Force SC 'B' vs Seenigama CC at Katunayake  
Colts CC vs Chilaw Marians CC at Colts Grounds

TENNIS

Clay Court Nationals at SLTA Courts, Green Path

BASKETBALL

Masters Tournament at Sugathadasa Stadium

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CRICKET

(World Test Championship):  
West Indies vs Sri Lanka (2nd Test) at Antigua (3rd day)  
(Australian One-Day Cup):  
New South Wales vs Queensland at Sydney

FOOTBALL

(Women's Champions League quarter-finals):  
VfL Wolfsburg vs Chelsea  
Manchester City vs Barcelona  
Lyon vs Paris Saint-Germain  
(International Friendly):  
Sweden vs Estonia  
Switzerland vs Finland

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Skipper Amshi de Silva hit a fighting unbeaten 65 with five fours in 82 balls as Richmond College notched up a three-wicket win over Nalanda College, Colombo in their Under-19 Inter-Schools Limited Over Cricket Tournament fixture played at the Galle Stadium yesterday. Meanwhile, Sheran Fonseka hit a fine 85 as St. Joseph's beat St. Anne's College by six wickets at Kurunegala.

Chief scores

● **At Galle** (Richmond won by three wickets)  
Nalanda: 181 in 48.3 overs (Vinuja Ranpul 63, Nalaka Jayawardena 3/28)  
Richmond: 185/7 in 43.4 overs (Hansamana de Silva 42, Amshi de Silva 65 n.o., Lisura Sigera 3/19).  
● **At Kandana** (Royal won by 54 runs)  
Royal: 227/8 in 50 overs (Ashen Gamage 30, Isiwara Dissanayake 72, Kavindu Pathirathne 43 n.o., Senash Fernando 3/44)  
De Mazenod: 173/8 in 50 overs (Ruveen Fonseka 57, Kavindu Pathirathne 3/19).  
● **At Kurunegala** (St. Joseph's won by six wickets)  
St. Anne's: 206/7 in 50 overs (Dilhara Deshabandu 58, Thrimalsa Silva 57)  
St. Joseph's: 207/4 in 44.5 overs (Sadeesh Jayawardena 43, Sheran Fonseka 85, Shevon Daniel 39).  
● **At Panagoda** (St.

# Moors stun SSC by five runs in SLC Limited Over Cricket Tourney

Skipper Mahela Udawatte (116) and Mohammed Shamaaz (111) hammered superb centuries as Moors SC scored an upset win over SSC by five runs in their SLC Major Limited Over Cricket Tournament fixture played at the SSC Grounds in Maitland Place yesterday.

Meanwhile, Navy SC defeated Chilaw Marians CC by three wickets in their game played at Welisara.

Chief scores

● **At SSC Grounds** (Moors SC won by five runs)  
Moors SC: 295/7 in 50 overs (Mahela Udawatte 116, Mohammed Shamaaz 111)  
SSC: 290/9 in 50 overs (Sammu Ashan 102, Krishan Sanjula 77).  
● **At BRC Grounds** (CCC won by six wickets)

BRC: 119 in 30.5 overs (Lahiru Samarakoon 50)

CCC: 122/4 in 17.2 overs.

● **At Maggona** (Galle CC won by four wickets)  
Lankan CC: 192 in 49.3 overs  
Galle CC: 193/6 in 44.4 overs (Raju Gyashan 52).

● **At Bloomfield Grounds** (Ragama CC won by seven wickets)

Panadura SC: 208 in 38.4 overs (Koshan Dhanushka 67, Chairith Jayampathi 53, Binura Fernando 6/28)

Ragama CC: 211/3 in 37.5 overs (Nishan Madushka 82).

● **At Katunayake** (NCC won by 14 runs)

NCC: 177 in 48.3 overs (Chaturanga de Silva 54)

Negombo CC: 163 in 47.1 overs (Ashen Silva 54).

● **At Kalutara** (Kalutara TC won by six wickets)

Ace Capital CC: 214/5 in 50 overs (Ishan Rangana 68 n.o.)

Kalutara TC: 215/4 in 43.2 overs (Gihan Rupasinghe 117 n.o.).

● **At Moratuwa** (Saracens SC won by 98 runs)

Saracens SC: 276/5 in 50 overs (Charitha Kumarasinghe 51, Hashan Dumindu 73, Promod Maduwantha 60)

Sebastianites CC: 178/9 in 50 overs (Manelka de Silva 58).

● **At Colts Grounds** (Colts CC won by 197 runs)

Colts CC: 313/7 in 50 overs (Priyamal Perera 101, Vishad Randika 69)

Police SC: 116 in 26.1 overs.

● **At Katunayake** (Bloomfield won by 34 runs)

Bloomfield: 205/8 in 50 overs (Sachin Jayawardena 85)

Air Force SC SC: 171 in 43.1 overs (Asantha Singappuli 69).

● **At Panagoda** (Army SC won by seven wickets)

Kandy Customs CC: 116 in 33.2 overs

Army SC: 117/3 in 21.5 overs (Himasha Liyanage 52 n.o.).

● **At Welisara** (Navy SC won by three wickets)

Chilaw Marians CC: 240/8 in 50 overs (Kamindu Mendis 67)

Navy SC: 241/7 in 49.2 overs (Chanaka Ruwansiri 51).

● **At P. Sara Oval** (Tamil Union won by seven wickets)

Nugegoda SC: 209/7 in 50 overs (Lahiru Jayakody 65)

Tamil Union: 210/3 in 36.4 overs (Sadeera Samarawickrama 92 n.o., Manoj Sarathchandra 50). (D.R)



Mahela Udawatte and Mohammed Shamaaz run between wickets Pic courtesy SLC

## Clubs not in favour of Interim Committee

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Over 50 clubs affiliated to Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) have made a written request to Sports Minister Namal

Rajapaksa not to appoint an Interim Committee but to continue with the present administration using powers vested in him, even though their ten-

ure concluded on February 20 this year.

They made this plea to the Sports Minister after the Attorney General's

office gave their verdict that as per SLC Constitution the present administration is unable to continue and should cease all activities of the SLC,

and to appoint an Interim Committee to oversee the administration until the Annual General Meeting is held on May 20 this year.

## Skipper Amshi steers Richmond past Nalanda



Amshi de Silva



Kavindu Pathirathne



Sheran Fonseka

Joseph Vaz won by eight wickets)

Maris Stella: 157 in 47.5 overs (Cheminda Weerawansa 75 n.o., Achintha Deshan 4/23)

St. Joseph Vaz: 160/2 in 25.2 overs (Chamath Fernando 51, Pasindu Dassanayake 44).

● **At Gampaha** (Bandaranayake College won by 83 runs)

Bandaranayake College: 178 in 35.4 overs (Dinuja Hettiarachchi 36, Thilakshana Jayawardena 30)

President's College, Kotte: 95 in 28.2 overs (Dahnuja Rajapaksa 43, Pawan Rajapaksa 32, Thilakshana Jayawardena 4/12, Sahan Puwakpitiya 3/12, Kanishka Malinga 3/18).

● **At Kegalle** (Sri Jayewardenepura MV won by 43 runs)

Sri Jayewardenepura MV: 185 in 43.5 overs (Jayandu Sankapala 32, Heshan Udara 53, Chanaka Wijesinghe 3/26)

Dudley Senanayake CC: 142 in 34.1 overs (Lahiru Mahesh 60, Denuwan Jayawardena 6/21)

● **At Railway Grounds** (Carey won by 40 runs)

Carey: 204 in 49.1 overs (Lithika Damsith 55, Rawzan Caffoor 37, Sachira Delankawala 3/46, Hasindu Perera 3/30, Shaheer Saifan 3/29)

Lyceum, Nugegoda: 164 in 44.3 overs (Duvindu Silva 54, Suhail Noor 3/30).

● **At Kotte** (C. W. W. Kannangara MMV won by 11 runs)

C. W. W. Kannangara MMV: 135 in 40.3 overs (Dineth Anjana 33, Udipa Thilakshana 42, Lakshitha Lakindu 3/11, Janitha Chaturanga 3/17, Nadeesh Yasiru 3/36)

Ananda Sasthralaya: 124

33.3 overs (Hashan Madusanka 5/50).

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

St. Mary's: 219 in 48.5 overs (Akeed Feros 61, Ulakshan Paulraj 34)

St. Thomas': 221/6 in 47 overs (Kavindu Senaratne 59).

● **At Hambantota** (Debarawewa NS won by six wickets)

Wanduramba Central: 76 in 40.2 overs (Lakshitha Nyanajith 3/17)

Debarawewa NS: 77/4 in 16.4 overs (Hasala Abhilasha 40 n.o., Charith Hasaranga 3/40).

● **At Sandalankawa** (Sandalankawa Central won by seven wickets)

St. Xavier's: 93 in 33.1 overs (Uvindu Punsara 5/30)

Sandalankawa Central: 97/3 in 14.4 overs (Uvindu Punsara 36).

## Nelani cruise to Women's Open quarters

Nelani Jayasuriya powered her way in to the quarter-finals of the Women's Open Singles with an easy win at the HNB-Hutch Clay Court Tennis Nationals, which continued at the SLTA Courts in Green Path yesterday.

Jayasuriya was in excellent form as she outplayed Vonara de Alwis in straight sets 6-0, 6-1 in the pre quarter-final encounter.

The results

Men's Open Singles pre quarter-finals: Dumindu Dilum beat Gayanath Sadeheera 6-2, 6-3. Akila Vimukthi beat Ruwan Fernando 6-2, 6-1.

Jaithra de Saram beat Rustom Ali 6-3, 6-3. Luka Knese beat Anujan Abeywickrama 6-3, 6-0. Thehan Wijemanne beat Archana Lokuge 6-4, 6-2. Sanka Athukorala beat Vibuda Wijebandara 6-4, 6-4.

Women's Open Singles pre quarter-finals: Savini Jayasuriya beat Arailadi Soysa 6-1, 6-0. Nelani Jayasuriya beat Vonara de Alwis 6-0, 6-1. Sethmi Sumanaweera beat Zeenath Zihar 6-1, 6-1. Oneli Perera beat Denethya Dharmarathne 6-4, 6-4. Janali Manamperi beat Saajida Razick 7-5, 6-4. Hasali Gajaba beat Taniya Doloswala 6-2, 6-2. (C.D)



Nelani Jayasuriya in action

## Airwoman Dilrukshi wins Gold in Kataragama

BERNARD PERERA reporting from Kataragama

Sri Lanka Air Force SC's Dinusha Dilrukshi representing North Western Province (NWP) won the National Sports Festival (NSF) Women's cycling event worked off in Kataragama on Monday.

Sudarika Priyadarshani also from NWP and Anne Sonalika of Western Province (WP) were placed second and third respectively.

Twenty seven riders faced the starting orders and covered the distance of 78km in two laps riding from Kataragama to Lunugamwehara and back.

Dinusha clocked 2:26.20s while Sudarika also returned the identical time while Sonalika returned a time of 2:27.03s.

The results:

1, Dinusha Dilrukshi (NWP). 2, Sudarika Priyadarshani (NWP). 3, Anne Sonalika (WP).



Dinusha Dilrukshi (centre) flanked by the first runner-up Sudarika Priyadarshani and second runner-up Anne Sonalika

## SL wins Bronze at Asian Chess Meet

Sri Lanka Girls' 'A' Team won the Bronze Medal at the Under-14 Online Asian Nations Cup Chess Teams Championships, which concluded yesterday.

Sri Lanka beat five countries and drew with the winner Mongolia. Unfortunately they lost two consecutive matches to Iran 'A' Team and Mongolia 'A' Teams in the seventh and eighth rounds.

However they recovered well by winning against Kazakhstan in the last round 3-1 to win the Bronze Medal.

India 'A' Team won the Championship convincingly with a score of 15 match points out of possible 18. (D.R)



Sri Lankan Team Captain Sanudula Dahamdi

## Brathwaite, Cornwall propel WI to 354

ANTIGUA: Suranga Lakmal captured his fourth wicket but the West Indies went past the 350-run mark on day two of the second and decisive Test at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound, Antigua yesterday.

The West Indies overnight pair of Skipper Kraigg Brathwaite and Rakheem Cornwall posted their century partnership as the home side were dismissed for 354 runs shortly before lunch.

All-rounder Cornwall continued to frustrate the Sri Lankan

bowlers and went on to hit a career best 73 from 92 deliveries inclusive of one six and 10 boundaries.

Earlier, Brathwaite brought up his hundred in 241 deliveries and with the aid of 11 boundaries. AFP

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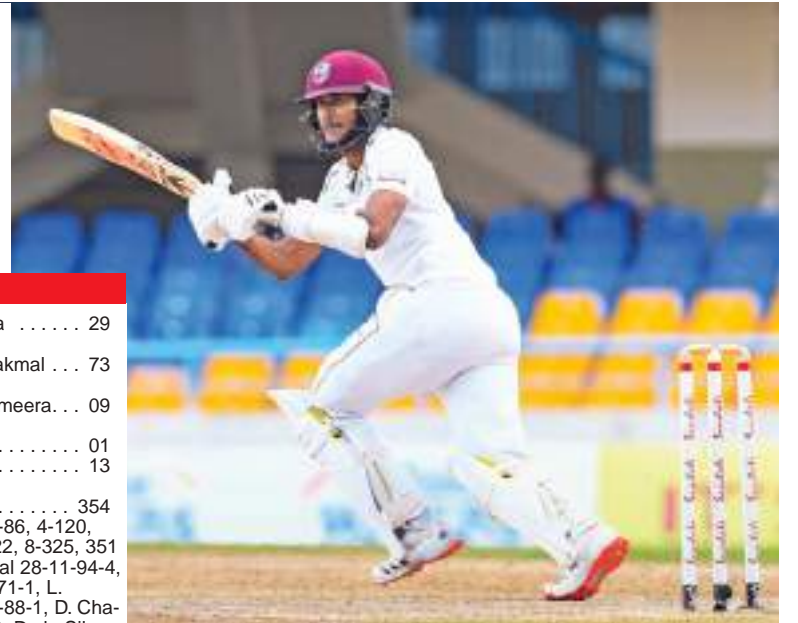
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Extras: (lb6, nb7) . . . . . 13

Total: (all out) . . . . . 354

Fall: 1-11, 2-15, 3-86, 4-120, 5-171, 6-185, 7-222, 8-325, 351

Bowling: S. Lakmal 28-11-94-4, V. Fernando 27-4-71-1, L. Embuldeniya 25-5-88-1, D. Chameera 21-1-4-69-3, D. de Silva 10-3-26-1



Kraigg Brathwaite plays a shot



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## SEC calls for public consultation on corporate governance rules

DINESH PERERA

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka has through a consultation paper asked market stakeholders to provide feedback on revised corporate governance rules for listed entities. The Consultation paper is broken into 5 sections.

The sections deal with; Policies, Board and Conduct, Board Subcommittees, Relations with Shareholders and Investors, and Disclosures in

the Annual Report. With the proposed changes companies will now have to disclose to the market how they expect to maintain a balance of representation between the executive and non-executive directors of the company. Changes will also make companies outline the manner in which they will interface with shareholders and investors. Companies will have to set a policy on the minimum number of meetings a director has to

attend before the position is deemed vacant.

Directors will also be capped in the number of public listed directorships an individual can have. Companies will no longer be able to have the Chairman and CEO as the same person. The Chairman will have to be a non-executive independent director. Non-compliance with the rule separating Chairman and CEO will result in the appointment of a Senior Independent Director

who would have the power to meet exclusively with other Independent Directors and subsequently report to the Chairman. The definition of a close family member shall now include any person who is financially dependent on a director. A negative appraisal of the CEO shall have to be disclosed to the market. For companies where both the subsidiary and parent are listed entities the Audit Committee and Related Party Transac-

tions Review Committee of the parent may function as the Audit Committee of the subsidiary. Directors will now have to be made aware of any major concerns of the shareholders. Companies listed on the 'Empower Board' shall not be subject to the proposed changes.

Market stakeholders wishing to remain anonymous have criticized the rules which they cite as lacking a rationale and in some cases

requiring adjustments to medium-term plans. They also criticize the regulator and exchange for not being able to bring about demutualization of the exchange, delivery vs payment for transactions, and or REIT instruments.

They also note that the trading of corporate debt through online retail channels remains closed on nothing other than a directive by the regulator and exchange.



SEC Chairman Viraj Dayaratne



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### FITIS calls for pricing flexibility on internet connections

DINESH PERERA

In order to have a more financially viable outlay of internet connectivity the Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka (FITIS) has

advocated allowing digital connectivity providers to be able to discriminate on the basis of price on the issuance of connections. Currently price discrimination for high speed connections does exist for businesses but is not widespread for households.

Currently certain geographic areas do not have access to high speed internet and the connectivity providers are unable to provide access due to the lack of density in customers.

Residential addresses that are willing and able to obtain connections at a higher cost are also left out of access to high speed broadband.

Chairman FITIS Abbas Kamurdeen said, "Connectivity is measured as 90% of the population and not 90% of the geographic area. We currently have lots of blind spots even in major cities."

Kamurdeen noted that the TRCSL is currently working very hard to ensure higher regional connectivity.

The regulator is currently working towards bringing more connectivity to Ratnapura and shall work in other cities shortly.



Chairman FITIS Abbas Kamurdeen

### CEAT Kelani's TBR production increases by 125%

CEAT Kelani Holdings has announced another significant increase in production that will more than double the number of Truck Bus Radial (TBR) tyres reaching the domestic market by June this year, further supporting the national effort to reduce dependence on imports and conserve foreign exchange.

The Company said production of the CEAT Winnile AW in the 10.00 R 20 size widely used on trucks, prime movers, and buses will, in two phases of expansion, increase from 18,000 tyres a year to 40,200 a year. This gives CEAT the ability to supply 42 per cent of the local requirement for these tyres. Incidentally, the CEAT Winnile AW tyre is the only Truck Bus Radial tyre produced in Sri Lanka, and is the result of a phased execution of a Rs 3 billion investment begun by the Company three years ago to expand product range, capacity and quality across multiple tyre categories. CEAT's ground-breaking TBR production facility commenced production in April 2019 and the current expansion entailed the commissioning of three more tyre presses, the Company said.

"Our original investments in expansion precluded the imposition by the government of a temporary restriction on certain imports, but we have continued to invest in capacity



One of CEAT Kelani's new Truck Bus Radial tyre presses

expansion in the tyre segments targeted by the restrictions, to meet market demand," CEAT Kelani Managing Director, Ravi Dadlani said. "There is no restriction on the import of truck and bus tyres, but by August last year we had ensured that CEAT can supply 100 per cent of the requirement in this category through a combination of bias-ply and TBR tyres, generating an annual saving of Rs 11 billion in foreign exchange. This latest increase in production of TBR tyres will result in a further saving."

Designed for carrying heavy loads and higher mileage, delivering better cost per kilometre over competitor brands, the CEAT Win mile AW has a Load and Speed Index (a numerical code associated with the maximum load a tyre can carry at the speed

indicated by its Speed Symbol) of 146/143K. Consisting of a natural equilibrium carcass design with high casing durability and retreadability, the tyre offers excellent Belt and Bead durability due to a high bonding belt compound and bead consolidated with high strength rubber and steel.

The increase in TBR production at the CEAT Kelani manufacturing complex in Kelaniya comes hot on the heels of an increase in production of passenger car radial (PCR) tyres for rim sizes ranging from 12 to 14. Phase 1 of this increase has added 72,000 tyres a year to the Company's radial tyre inventory, while Phase 2, expected to come on stream in May 2021, will add another 100,000 radial tyres per annum.



The top three companies.

### Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards presented

Ceylon Biscuits (Munchee) took first place in the Ceylon Chamber Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards. Aitken Spence and Commercial Bank were first and second runner up respectively. Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company won the Best Corporate Citizen Award for companies under the Rs 15 billion threshold.

In alphabetical order the best corporate citizens of 2020 were; Aitken Spence, Bank of Ceylon, Ceylon Biscuits, Citizens Development Business Finance PLC, Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC, Hatton National Bank PLC, National Development Bank PLC, Nestlé Lanka PLC, and Sri Lanka Telecom PLC.

### India poised to play decisive role in 5G era: TRAI Secretary

Considering India's unique strengths in digital and software capabilities, the country is poised to play a "significant role" in the 5G period, while a progressive FDI policy, ambitious manufacturing programs, and determination for self-reliance will push major investments and growth in the telecom sector, according to a senior TRAI official.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Secretary, S.K Gupta said, "The high reliance on imported telecom equip-

ment has been a source of concern, both financially and in terms of security, and a well-planned and centered approach to indigenous development will be the way forward."

Gupta said, "Despite the fact that telecom networks have developed at an exponential rate, we are heavily reliant on the import of telecom equipment. Every year, telecom imports have been in the range of Rs. 1 lakh crore (US\$ 13.77 billion) or more, which is a cause for concern."



Secretary TRAI India, S.K Gupta

### Economy returns to growth trajectory

The economy has returned to a growth trajectory in the fourth quarter of 2020. Figures compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics show that the economy

recorded a 1.3% growth rate in comparison with the 1.9% growth rate in Q4 2019.

Industrial and Agricultural services have grown while the Ser-

vice sector of the economy has fallen. The construction industry which normally accounts for 6.8% of industrial activity recorded a substantial contraction of 13.2%.

Water supply activity has grown by 4.8%. Due to COVID-19 the economy as a whole recorded a negative growth rate of 3.6% compared

to the 2.3% expansion in 2019. The Department of Census and Statistics faced challenges in quantifying the GDP impact of COVID-19.

### Traffic in Suez Canal resumes after stranded ship refloated

Shipping traffic through Egypt's Suez Canal resumed on Monday after a giant container ship that blocked the busy waterway for almost a week was refloated. Live footage on a local television station showed the ship surrounded by tug boats moving slowly in the centre of the canal. The station, ExtraNews, said the ship was moving at a speed of 1.5 knots (2.8kmph).

"Admiral Osama Rabie, the Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority [SCA], announces the resumption of maritime traffic in the Suez Canal after the Authority successfully rescues and floats the giant Panamanian container ship EVER GIVEN," a statement from the SCA said.

"She's free," an official involved in the salvage operation said.

The 400-metre long Ever Given got jammed diagonally across a southern section of the canal in strong winds early last Tuesday, halting traffic on the shortest shipping route between Europe and Asia.

After dredging and excavation work over the weekend, rescue workers from the SCA and a team from Dutch firm Smit Salvage succeeded in partially refloating the ship earlier on Monday using tug boats.

Evergreen Line, which is leasing the Ever Given, confirmed the ship was successfully refloated and said it

would be repositioned and inspected for seaworthiness.

"There have been no reports of pollution or cargo damage and initial investigations rule out any mechanical or engine failure as a cause of the grounding," said Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement (BSM) in a statement.

The company said about 30,000 cubic metres of sand was dredged.

The authority said earlier it would be able to accelerate convoys through the canal once the Ever Given was freed. "We will not waste one second," Rabie told Egyptian state television.

He said it could take from two-and-



a-half to three days to clear the backlog, and a canal source said more than 100 ships would be able to enter the channel daily. Shipping group Maersk said the knock-on disruptions to global shipping could take weeks or months to unravel.

Data firm Refinitiv estimated it could take more than 10 days to clear

the backlog of ships. Meanwhile, dozens of vessels opted for the alternate route around the Cape of Good Hope at Africa's southern tip - a 5,000km (3,100-mile) detour that adds two weeks to journeys and costs ships hundreds of thousands of dollars in fuel and other costs.

(Al Jazeera)

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A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	5,502	31.00	31.00	31.30	31.00	31.00	0.00
ABANS	1,037	166.75	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	(6.75)
ACCESS ENG SL	229,765	22.00	22.20	22.20	21.80	21.90	(0.10)
ACL	69,993	36.30	36.30	36.40	35.60	36.00	(0.30)
ACL PLASTICS	3	250.00	242.50	242.50	242.50	250.00	0.00
AGALAWATTE	16,730	27.50	27.50	28.90	27.00	27.70	0.20
AHOT PROPERTIES	34,001	36.30	36.50	39.90	32.20	36.00	(0.30)
AITKEN SPENCE	19,497	58.00	56.50	56.90	56.00	56.20	(1.80)
ALLIANCE	1,000	49.40	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
AMANA BANK	185,324	3.30	3.20	3.30	3.20	3.20	(0.10)
AMAYA LEISURE	1,600	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.00	18.00	0.00
ASIA ASSET	1,414	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.60	5.60	0.00
ASIRI	25,010	24.80	25.00	25.00	24.70	25.00	0.20
ASIRI SURG	802	14.20	13.60	13.80	13.60	13.70	(0.50)
AUTODROME	103	70.00	74.50	74.50	70.20	70.30	0.30
BAIRAHA FARMS	11	131.50	135.75	135.75	135.00	131.50	0.00
BALANGODA	16,017	10.90	10.90	10.90	10.50	10.50	(0.40)
BUKIT DARAH	25	314.50	320.00	320.00	320.00	314.50	0.00
C M HOLDINGS	6,500	78.50	81.40	83.00	81.40	81.80	3.30
C T HOLDINGS	5,010	170.00	170.00	171.25	170.00	170.00	0.00
CARGILLS	55,061	233.00	238.00	240.00	233.00	235.00	2.00
CARGO BOAT	567	58.20	61.50	62.00	61.00	61.40	3.20
CDB	1,028	100.50	103.25	109.75	103.00	103.00	2.50
CDB [CDB.X0000]	1,400	72.10	71.90	71.90	71.80	71.90	(0.20)
CENTRAL FINANCE	10,186	81.90	83.00	83.00	81.80	82.00	0.10
CENTRAL IND	4,517	105.00	105.00	105.00	102.00	102.25	(2.75)
CEYLINGO INS. [CINS.X0000]	350	1130.75	1100.00	1101.00	1100.00	1100.00	(30.75)
CEYLON GUARDIAN	101	120.00	122.00	122.00	121.75	122.00	2.00
CEYLON INV.	144	63.00	61.40	62.90	61.40	61.50	(1.50)
CEYLON TOBACCO	158	999.50	995.00	999.75	993.25	996.25	(3.25)
CHEMANEX	1,160	71.10	75.40	75.50	75.40	75.50	4.40
CHEVRON	65,893	89.50	91.50	91.50	89.50	89.80	0.30
CIC	18,147	51.90	52.50	52.50	51.00	51.30	(0.60)
CIC [CIC.X0000]	183,679	42.00	43.00	43.00	41.90	42.00	0.00
CITRUS LEISURE	15,958	8.40	8.40	8.70	8.40	8.60	0.20
COLD STORES	21	606.25	623.00	623.00	615.00	606.25	0.00
COLOMBO LAND	2,905	24.50	23.50	24.40	23.50	23.50	(1.00)
COMMERCIAL BANK	909,770	90.80	90.80	91.00	90.00	90.20	(0.60)
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]	165,553	84.00	84.50	84.80	83.30	83.90	(0.10)
CONVENIENCE FOOD	4	1250.25	1245.00	1245.00	1245.00	1250.25	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	32,273	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.40	10.50	(0.30)
DFCC BANK PLC	15,096	59.10	59.50	59.50	59.00	59.10	0.00
DIALOG	101,312	12.90	12.90	13.00	12.90	13.00	0.10
DIMO	54	530.25	505.00	535.00	505.00	530.25	0.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	566,970	46.90	47.00	47.20	46.00	46.30	(0.60)
DOCKYARD	10,833	72.00	70.00	74.90	70.00	70.00	(2.00)
DURDANS	44,814	100.25	102.00	102.00	101.00	101.25	1.00
DURDANS [CHL.X0000]	3,980	97.30	99.90	100.00	88.00	89.10	(8.20)
E B C REASY	6,700	30.10	30.50	30.50	29.80	29.90	(0.20)
EAST WEST	8,485	10.00	10.10	10.30	10.00	10.30	0.30
EASTERN MERCHANT	20,288	5.00	5.20	5.30	5.20	5.20	0.20
EXPOLANK	895,934	45.30	45.80	45.80	44.60	44.80	(0.50)
FORT LAND	1,312	12.80	13.10	13.10	12.70	12.80	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	18,057	116.50	118.00	118.25	116.00	116.50	0.00
HAYCARB	98,134	95.10	96.80	96.80	93.80	94.30	(0.80)
HAYLEYS	825,779	59.30	59.50	59.50	58.10	58.70	(0.60)
HAYLEYS FABRIC	34,630	14.20	14.20	14.20	14.00	14.00	(0.20)
HAYLEYS FIBRE	1,791	47.50	48.80	49.00	48.00	48.10	0.60
HDFC	471	36.80	33.50	36.80	33.50	36.60	(0.20)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	35,650	82.00	82.00	83.90	81.50	82.60	0.60
HNB	519,379	129.25	131.00	133.00	129.50	130.50	1.25
HNB ASSURANCE	7,532	59.60	59.00	59.80	58.20	59.50	(0.10)
HNB [HNB.X0000]	621,586	102.00	103.00	104.50	102.00	102.75	0.75
HORANA	200	21.90	23.20	23.30	23.00	23.20	1.30
HOTELS CORP	11,055	10.50	10.50	10.80	10.50	10.80	0.30
HUNTERS	100	603.00	600.00	600.00	565.00	581.00	(22.00)
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	26,920,904	0.40	0.40	0.50	0.30	0.40	0.00
JKH	1,211,169	149.50	150.00	150.00	149.25	150.00	0.50
KANDY HOTELS	4,202,583	5.50	5.40	5.50	5.00	5.40	(0.10)
KEGALLE	7,721	98.20	100.00	100.00	97.40	97.50	(0.70)
KELANI CABLES	569	110.00	110.50	112.00	110.50	111.00	1.00
KELANI TYRES	18,928	76.80	77.00	77.70	75.10	76.20	(0.60)
KELANI VALLEY	2,268	38.00	38.00	38.00	37.60	37.60	(0.40)
KOTAGALA	2,186	5.70	5.90	6.00	5.80	5.90	0.20
LANKA ALUMINIUM	1,200	5.30	5.30	5.60	5.30	5.50	0.20
LANKA HOSPITALS	54,384	293.75	299.00	305.00	291.50	292.50	(1.25)
LANKA IOC	197,842	19.00	19.50	19.50	18.90	18.90	(0.10)
LANKA VENTURES	20,055	48.80	48.10	48.50	48.10	48.50	(0.30)
LAUGFS GAS	4,022	19.00	19.50	20.60	19.20	19.80	(0.80)
LAUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	8,849	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.10	15.10	(0.10)
LAXAPANA	16,932	14.30	13.90	13.90	13.20	13.70	(0.60)
LB FINANCE	18,670	47.50	48.00	48.00	47.00	47.10	(0.40)
LEE HEDGES	9,666	65.00	68.00	68.00	65.00	65.00	0.00
LMF	11,839	151.50	150.00	154.75	150.00	151.50	0.00
LVL ENERGY	20,819	9.80	9.70	9.80	9.70	9.70	(0.10)
MALWATTE	5,314	12.30	11.40	12.20	11.30	12.20	(0.10)
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000]	490	7.80	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.70	(0.10)
MELSTACORP	455,829	43.80	44.10	44.40	43.50	43.50	(0.30)
MERCHANT BANK	15,317	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.90	7.00	0.00
MULLERS	1	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.00	0.00
NAMUNUKULA	23	187.75	182.50	187.00	182.50	187.75	0.00
NAT. DEV. BANK	77,270	80.50	80.10	81.00	79.50	80.10	(0.40)
NATIONS TRUST	35,220	53.80	53.80	54.90	53.80	54.00	0.20
NATIONS TRUST [NTB-X-0000]	550	65.00	53.10	65.00	51.00	60.30	(4.70)
NAWALOKA	43,141	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.80	4.80	(0.20)
NESTLE	238	1142.00	1150.00	1150.00	1142.00	1149.00	7.00
OVERSEAS REALTY	32,282	15.60	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	(0.10)
PAN ASIA	310,303	14.40	14.40	14.70	14.20	14.20	(0.20)
PANASIAN POWER	124,658	3.60	3.70	3.70	3.60	3.60	0.00
PEOPLE'S INS	62,445	30.50	30.70	30.90	30.50	30.80	0.30
PEOPLES LEASING	358,211	11.90	12.00	12.00	11.80	11.80	(0.10)
PIRAMAL GLASS	564,825,293	10.40	10.50	11.20	10.50	11.00	0.60
R I L PROPERTY	17,335	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.20	6.20	(0.20)
REGNIS	5,778	47.00	48.40	49.40	48.00	48.20	1.20
RENUKA AGRI	33,424	3.30	3.50	3.50	3.40	3.40	0.10
RENUKA CITY HOT.	2,000	226.00	226.00	226.00	226.00	226.00	0.00
RENUKA FOODS	1,436	12.60	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	0.10
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X0000]	230	10.20	10.20	10.40	10.20	10.40	0.20
RENUKA HOLDINGS	53,804	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.00	14.50	0.00
RENUKA HOLDINGS [RHL.X0000]	20,000	10.70	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	(0.10)
RICHARD PIERIS	731,854	16.70	17.00	17.00	16.60	16.80	0.10
ROYAL CERAMIC	14,404	260.00	260.00	260.00	256.50	257.50	(2.50)
S M B LEASING	4,055	0.50	0.60	0.60	0.50	0.50	0.00
S M B LEASING [SEMB.X0000]	1,002	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.30	0.30	0.00
SAMPATH	1,374,326	56.80	57.00	57.00	56.40	56.60	(0.20)
SANASA DEV BANK	11,982	56.60	57.00	57.00	56.50	56.60	0.00
SEYLAN BANK	19,208	50.00	51.00	51.00	49.90	50.00	0.00
SEYLAN BANK [SEYB.X0000]	448,478	43.60	43.90	44.30	43.00	44.00	0.40
SEYLAN DEVTS	37,767	16.40	16.30	16.70	16.00	16.30	(0.10)
SIERRA CABL	1,028,356	5.90	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	(0.40)
SIGIRIYA VILLAGE	5	35.80	34.00	34.00	34.00	35.80	0.00
SINGER FINANCE	10,709	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	0.00
SLT	9,002	32.40	33.10	33.20	32.50	33.00	0.60
TALAWAKELLE	33,500	38.50	40.50	40.50	37.00	37.70	(0.80)
TEA SMALLHOLDER	14,876	42.90	40.00	41.00	40.00	41.00	(1.90)
TEEJAY LANKA	93,234	40.00	40.00	40.70	40.00	40.40	0.40
THREE ACRE FARMS	7,358	199.00	199.00	199.00	195.50	197.50	(1.50)



## Best Digital Bank and Banking CEO of the Year awards

# International Business Magazine honours People's Bank

People's Bank has been adjudged as the Best Digital Bank in Sri Lanka 2021 by the International Business Magazine. Further, by the same magazine, People's Bank's Chief Executive Officer, General Manager, Ranjith Kodituwakku was recognized as the Banking CEO of the year.

The International Business Magazine Awards honours the best in class achievements across multiple spheres in the International Business and Finance arena. Sri Lanka's digital banking sphere has been increasingly becoming competitive throughout recent years and the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 resulted in a sharp rise in the demand for digital banking solutions. People's Bank is the largest in the



country in terms of the number of customers and branches has played a pivotal role in taking digital banking to the masses in Sri Lanka through innovative, powerful and simple solutions. Being a testament to the popularity of the digital solutions introduced by People's Bank, its 'People's Wave' mobile

banking App remains the most downloaded financial App in the country with over 900,000 downloads.

Further, the 'People's Web' internet banking portal with enhanced features that deliver exceptional customer experience, is used by over 500,000 customers. 'People's Wiz' Retail Loan Origination

System (RLOS) is also one of the Bank's key innovative digital banking projects which enables the bank to grant personal loans within 24 hours with minimal documentation.

'People's Wyn' is a specially-designed module for corporate clients, which is available both as an internet banking portal and a mobile app. It provides convenience, speed, flexibility and privacy for corporate clients to conduct their banking transactions. Further, in recognition of the strong leadership provided to successfully drive the digital revolution within the organization, People'sBank CEO/GM Ranjith Kodituwakku was recognized as Banking CEO of the Year.

This award underscores

the significant contribution he has made to ensure the organization's transformation through challenging times by creating the road map for the digitalization and recalibration of the business process. Ranjith Kodituwakku also serves as a Director of People's Leasing and Finance PLC, People's Insurance PLC, People's Merchant Finance PLC, People's Travels Ltd, Lankan Alliance Finance Ltd, Bangladesh, Financial Ombudsman Sri Lanka (Guarantee) Ltd, Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka, Lanka Clear (Pvt) Ltd, National Payments Council, Sri Lanka Banks' Association (Guarantee) Ltd, Lanka Financial Services Bureau and Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka.

## In Trade Finance by Euromoney and Asiamoney Magazines

# HNB recognised as Market Leader and Best Service bank

Sri Lanka's leading private sector bank, HNB PLC, continued to showcase its market leadership in International Trade Services after being declared as the 'Best Service in Trade Finance' for the 3rd consecutive year by the Euromoney and Asiamoney Magazines and also as the 'Market Leader (Asian Banks) - Sri Lanka' for the 3rd consecutive year by the Asiamoney Magazine.

Rounding out the bank's outstanding performance at this year's awards, HNB was also declared 'Market Leader in Trade Finance' for 2019 and 2020 by Euromoney Magazine, demonstrating its unmatched superiority in consistent service excellence. "Especially at a time of historic uncertainty that we witnessed over the past 2 years, our team was able to deliver best-in-class trade finance services to clients, which in turn provided critical support to the national economy. Particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic, these services became absolutely essential.

"We therefore express our gratitude to the entire Trade Finance team for the remarkable commitment they have continuously displayed in successfully navigating this



HNB Deputy General Manager - Wholesale Banking Group  
**Damith Pallewatte**



HNB Head of Trade and Financial Institutions  
**Rozanne De Almeida**

unprecedented complexity to drive value-creating partnerships," HNB Managing Director and CEO, Jonathan Alles stated.

The Euromoney Trade Finance Survey recognizes the leading providers of trade finance products and services on a global, regional and country level based on an annual survey of over 25,000 corporates, cash managers, treasurers and finance officers worldwide.

These awards are a testimony to HNB's resilience and robust solutions to its valued clients which are complemented by a dedicated team of Relationship Managers, qualified trade practitioners and frontline staff who understands customer requirements.

"HNB offers some of the most advanced, streamlined and reliable Trade Finance services in Sri Lanka - from complete structuring of Trade Financing facilities, issuing of Letters of Credit and Negotiation of Export documents to issuance of Shipping Guarantees and the facilitation of Entrepôt trade business.

While this is an extensive array, we always seek new ways to add value to our customers' entire supply chain.

Our uniqueness further extends to our ability to provide solutions through our deep insights to customer requirements. This is underpinned by our reputation among leading global banks who collaborate with us to provide tailored solutions to

all stakeholders in the value chain. Our 900+ correspondent banking network that includes all top tier banks in the world gives us the dynamism to be a true partner in progress in all our customers' international trade requirements," HNB Deputy General Manager - Wholesale Banking Group, Damith-Pallewatte stated.

He noted that these capabilities have resulted in HNB being consistently selected as the preferred bank for guarantee re-issuances by foreign counterpart banks when their customers carry out projects in Sri Lanka.

Similarly, Sri Lankan conglomerates who carry out overseas projects choose HNB as the preferred guarantee issuance bank, further reinforcing HNB's position as the leading provider of Trade services of highest standard.

Among the bank's more recent milestone projects was Sri Lanka's first Waste-to-Energy power plant which was recently commissioned at Kerawalapitiya for which HNB served as the lead bank of the syndicate arrangement.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and

the declaration of banking as an essential service, HNB immediately resumed services at all trade counters under stringent new health guidelines. As a result, the bank was able to ensure that clients were still able to clear consignments of essential cargo, pharmaceuticals and perishables.

During this period the Bank also partnered with the Export Development Board and other external parties to conduct customer awareness programs by educating exporters on industry best practices, risk mitigation methods, and financial solutions.

"However, HNB remains fully geared to capitalize on post pandemic opportunities through its transformative approach that focuses on four critical elements; people, technology, processes and data."

"The pandemic has fast tracked and forced technology adoption at all levels, and HNB having foreseen the importance of digitalization started investing in technology years ahead of competition. This is why we are able to thrive on digital channels," HNB Head of Trade & Financial Institutions,

Rozanne De Almeida stated.

## Dialog Axiata's Genie reaches Rs. 10 billion in transactions

Powered by Dialog Axiata PLC ("Dialog"), Genie, Sri Lanka's first PCI-DSS-certified payment app has cemented a major milestone moment on its journey in establishing itself as the biggest payment processing network in Sri Lanka through the achievement of over Rs. 10 billion worth of transactions.

With more and more customers falling reliant on smart devices, Genie powered by Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, is paving the future for digitized Fin-Tech payments in Sri Lanka with its simple and secure payment services. With over 400,000 downloads to date, Genie has been recognized by SLASSCOM Awards as the 'Best Startup Product/ Service 2019' and the 'Best Disruptor Product 2019' whilst also bagging two gold awards at the LankaPay Technovation Awards in 2019 for 'Most Popular Electronic Payment Product (Fintech)' and 'Best Mobile Application for Retailer Payments'.

In addition to these distinct recognitions, Genie is constantly transforming its processes to meet the expectations and needs of its virtual audience. Offering customer's greater avenues of convenience coupled with a future-fit payment security model Genie has been at the vanguard of the Fin-Tech arena for promoting its recently adopted tokenization technology with a 'One-Click-Pay' option across several partner merchants as a digital solution to eliminate friction in its payment process and provide a quick checkout experience with a secure "save card" option on its app/website. At present, Genie's partner merchants who support tokenization include Tenaga Car Park, Eat Me Global, chargeNET, eLogic Lanka, and Dialog Axiata's own MyDialog App.

As the largest volume contributor on the Mastercard Payment Gateway Platform in



Sri Lanka, Genie has been at the forefront in onboarding small to medium business owners onto its payment aggregator platform by introducing innovative methods to accommodate various business needs whilst facilitating safe and secure e-payments thereby guaranteeing the safety and convenience of both merchants and customers.

Renuka Fernando, Group Chief Digital Services Officer of Dialog Axiata PLC stated "We are humbled and honoured by the trust placed in Genie by our users as we clocked in over Rs. 10 billion transactions at the start of 2021. Since its inception in 2018, Genie has been committed to delivering a world class digital payment solution which offers our users a superior experience without compromising their privacy and security. Genie aims at leveraging Sri Lanka's digital economy and will continue to work towards expanding our portfolio whilst enhancing the offered e-payment security to further the convenience of remote transactions and cashless payments for our users in the face of today's evolving digital world"

Genie's customers are facilitated with an unparalleled payment experience by downloading and using the Genie mobile app.

## Sri Lanka 'Internet Day 2021' on April 6



FITIS members at the launch of Internet Day 2021. Picture by Dinesh Perera.

### DINESH PERERA

The Digital Services Chapter of the Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka (FITIS) is to host a two day virtual conference called Internet Day on April 6. The conference looks to emulate 'Internet Day in India' which looks to promote usage of digital methods within society.

The 2 day event will feature multiple prominent speakers inclusive of policy-makers, leading Sri Lankan technology players, Sri Lankans who are leading figures in technology abroad, and international participants. The Chief Guest of the event will be President Gotabaya Rajapaksa who in his keynote address will outline the digital vision for the country. Founder of PickMe Sri Lanka and President of the Digital Services chapter of FITIS Jiffy Zulfar said, "If we do this right we could get into a golden era of growth. We are happy that the President shares this vision and we want to see it achieved." Zulfar was speaking at the press conference to promote the event on 30 March held at the SLIIT office in the Bank of Ceylon Merchant Tower.

Sri Lanka is currently at the inflexion point of digital adoption. The populous has access to digital devices like smart phones

and internet connectivity but is yet to achieve rapid growth in digital services. Through over 80% of the population has a phone with over 50% being smart phones the country is estimated to have only 2% of GDP enabled through digital services.

Chairman FITIS Abbas Kamurdeen noted that Malaysia has 34.5% of its GDP enabled with some aspect of digital services. Kamurdeen said, "We Sri Lankans have missed the 3rd Industrial Revolution. Countries like Singapore really benefited from it. The digital economy is going to be the 4th industrial revolution. Digital economies will grow faster than those that are not." Internet Day will feature 37 sessions with 1,500 minutes of content.

There are a confirmed 120 speakers and moderators for the event. The content will be recorded and uploaded to social media sites for access after the event. The event will have sessions for all ages and levels of digital literacy. The organizers have included sessions on information and misinformation in the digital age. The event is accessible to all and people can register for free. The event will have in participation cloud service providers who will look to assist Sri Lankan businesses switch from on premise infrastructure to that which is hosted on the cloud.

## Ocean Lanka Wins National Merit Award at CNCI Achievers Awards 2020

Ocean Lanka, Sri Lanka's largest weft knitted fabric manufacturer, won the Merit Award in the 'Manufacturing - Extra Large' category at the Achievers Awards 2020 presented by the Ceylon National Chamber of Industries (CNCI).

Commenting on this accolade, Dr. Au said, "Ocean Lanka is honoured to be a Merit Award Winner in the Extra Large category comprising of the most prominent and

established manufacturing entities in Sri Lanka. This award is a testimonial of the corporate culture that all of us at Ocean Lanka embrace, believe in, and live every day. We have cultivated an environment where our employees enjoy a common thread of strong communication, transparency, respect and trust - while embracing a growth mindset."

In conferring the award, CNCI acknowledged Ocean Lanka for its

outstanding performance in the avenues of net turnover, value addition, productivity improvement, industrial relations and employee welfare, Research & Development, quality assurance, Corporate Social Responsibility and Occupational Health & Safety.

The Achievers Awards are CNCI's highest recognition of Industrial Excellence and the most looked forward to event in the business calendar in Sri Lanka.



Ceylinco Life Chairman R. Renganathan and Managing Director and CEO Thushara Ranasinghe present the awards to the top winners at the Company's Annual Awards ceremony

## Ceylinco Life celebrates socially-distanced awards ceremony

Ceylinco Life celebrated 17 consecutive years of market leadership recently, with a scaled down awards presentation watched live via Zoom at the Company's branches in Sri Lanka.

Awards were presented to Ceylinco Life's top-performing sales professionals and staff at an event held the BMICH, celebrating a year of challenges overcome by commitment, innovation and determination while adhering to strict health protocols.

Among those honoured were 82 that were inducted to the Company's High Flyers Club, the pinnacle of achievement at Ceylinco Life, the selection criteria for which includes key performance indicators such as new business generated, collections, persistency

among others; and 135 members of the Ceylinco Life sales team that qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) in 2020, one of the most difficult years on record.

Notably, two of these MDRT qualifiers achieved the elite 'Top of the Table' (ToT) status, while four others were elevated to MDRT 'Court of the Table' status, and the 135 qualifiers represented the highest number of MDRT members produced by Ceylinco Life in a single year, a testament to the ability of the sales team to achieve growth even in times of adversity.

Staff members, sales consultants, unit heads and branch heads from the Ceylinco Life head office and more than 270 branches in every district of the

country were recognised for their contribution to the company's performance in 2020, with many top performers winning multiple awards.

The top award winners at this year's annual awards of Ceylinco Life were: Overall Best Branch Head Mr S. Venukaran of the Batticaloa 04 branch; Overall Best Unit Head R.P. Edirisinghe of the Nugegoda 01 branch; and Overall Best Sales Consultant A. I. P. Manjula of the Ambalantota 2 branch.

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.



Managing Director of Ocean Lanka, Dr. Austin Au and Management Team with the CNCI National Merit Award from Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa





Pussalla Chairman, Philip J Wewita and Managing Director, Dilshan J Wewita receive the top ten award from Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa at CNCI achievers awards 2020. Pictures by Saliya Ruapsinghe.



## Pussalla recognized among top ten companies for tenth consecutive year

### At CNCI Achievers Awards 2020

Pussalla Meat Producers, the only local company having total vertical integration in the poultry industry, was awarded among the 'Top Ten' companies for the tenth consecutive year at the recently concluded CNCI Achievers Awards 2020. The CNCI Awards are organized by the Ceylon National Chamber of Industries. The company was also honoured with a National level Silver award in the extra-large category.

This continuous recognition demonstrates the business excellence and growth that the company is maintaining over the decades.

This awards ceremony was organized for the 19th consecutive year to promote industrial growth in the country by recognizing and rewarding those industrialists who have excelled in their business processes. These awards were presented after scrutiny of multiple dimensions including; turnover,

value addition, productivity, employment statistics and welfare of employees, statutory responsibility, corporate planning, research and development, quality assurance, environment and social responsibility, and occupational health and safety.

Commenting on the awards won for the 10th time consecutively, Pussalla Chairman Philip J. Wewita said "It is a remarkable occasion to be among the Top Ten companies at

the CNCI awards for the tenth consecutive year from 2010 onwards. We firmly believe that this type of recognition motivates industries to grow in all aspects and not just limited to financial growth. We are humble yet proud because we were able to demonstrate the true meaning of such awards by managing hard and harsh times productively. We have developed both the capacity and the capability of the company."

## Huawei, Browns Investments unveils IdeaHub Smart Screen

Huawei, the World's leading ICT solutions provider and Browns Group Browns Investments PLC together in partnership recently unveiled the latest cutting-edge productivity tool IdeaHub Smart Screen to the Sri Lankan Market.

Huawei IdeaHub Smart Screen is a product series that can create an all-scenario smart office for the cloud era, and boost production efficiency for enterprises. The launch of this new product to Sri Lanka was held with the participation of industry leaders from education, small & medium enterprises and Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI) sectors at Hilton Colombo.

"IdeaHub is the latest smart productivity tool for the modern workplace designed to enhance the way teams work together. Our product series includes the IdeaHub S and IdeaHub Pro. This intelligent office end-point integrates various functions, including multi-screen collaboration between mobiles and PCs, interactive whiteboard, intelligent handwriting, remote collaboration, and video conferencing" Deputy CEO of Huawei Sri Lanka Ricardo Xiao said.

"This is a key component of our new smart office strategy, which will guide Huawei's innovation in the years to come as we seek to deliver superior products to our customers enabling them to take full advantage of our increasingly digital world" Ricardo said.

A product that brings up new creative solutions for various industries, Huawei Enterprise Smart Screen IdeaHub is a smart terminal that integrates smart writing, ultra-



clear screen, video conferencing, and open office application market. It is a new terminal for enterprise team collaboration. It's also a new category, which can meet the smart office needs of enterprise conference rooms, manager rooms, open office areas, and other scenarios. IdeaHub is an innovative and a simple product series design unlike traditional complex hardware, with integrated Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.

As an essential productive tool for modern day office environment, Huawei IdeaHub supports Huawei Cloud Meeting and third party mainstream cloud video conferencing services and platforms, which greatly simplifies the complex process of cloud video conferencing. It delivers better meeting experience with full 1080p HD-4K content sharing.

Recently IdeaHub received the Red Dot Award 2020 due to its sleek, contemporary, user-centric design. It is designed to suit any environment, effortlessly turning meeting rooms, open office areas, executive rooms, and home offices into smart spaces.

The Huawei IdeaHub is available for demonstration in both Huawei and Browns Investments' offices in Sri Lanka and anyone interested in having this new smart tool can easily visit Huawei or Browns Investments offices upon making an appointment.

## iPay Wasi Season 2 concludes with success

The iPay Wasi Season 2 Draw concluded successfully at the LOLC Head Office premises in Rajagiriya recently with 3 lucky iPay users emerging as winners.

The draw took place in the presence of Dharamasiri Kumarathunga - Director, Payments and Settlements Department of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), Channa de Silva - General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, LankaClear (Pvt) Ltd, Conrad Dias - Director / Chief Executive Officer, LOLC Finance PLC and Kapila Jayawardena, Group Managing Director/CEO of the LOLC Group. The winners were selected randomly during the draw and they walked away with exciting cash prizes. Senior officials of LOLC Finance PLC also graced the occasion.



MD/CEO LOLC Group Kapila Jayawardena



Director CEO LOLC Finance Conrad Dias

Prizes were given away to iPay users who performed the most number of transactions during the months of December 2020 and January this year. Users were required to introduce iPay to their friends and family members to stand a chance to win Rs. 250,000 in cash. Another 30 lucky winners were given cash prizes for introducing iPay to a minimum of 5 new users.



The winner of iPay Wasi Season 2 Draw receives the prize

Dharamasiri Kumarathunga, Director, Payments & Settlements Department of CBSL said, "In terms of digital payments and transactions, Sri Lanka is far behind many of its neighbouring countries and there is much more to do in order to develop the country's payments and settlements system. Several committees have been appointed to steer these areas. I must state that the initiatives of iPay and LOLC

Finance in digitalisation and automation is truly admirable and many other institutions can learn from this proven model".

Conrad Dias, Director / Chief Executive Officer of LOLC Finance PLC said, "iPay is the number one payments platform now in terms of the number of transactions and customer acquisitions and iPay has been maintaining this position month on month continuously. iPay is an ecosystem, it's not just a payment app. We have already launched this platform in Cambodia and hope to launch it very soon in Myanmar and Pakistan as well".

Kapila Jayawardena, Group Managing Director/CEO of the LOLC Group said, "We have witnessed exponential growth in the number of iPay transactions over the last few months and that is because of the strong efforts put in to drive this platform collectively by the staff of LOLC. There is immense potential for future growth for iPay both here and overseas and as a group we remain committed to greater automation and digitalisation to facilitate customers and streamline operations for greater efficiency".

With an architecture that allows easy integration with any system, iPay is a simple, easy to use real-time payment platform for everyone. It has been designed with a host of features, giving the user a unique, one of a kind transaction experience.

## ComBank 'Double Wasi' offers remittance customers to win Rs 2.2 mn.

The upcoming 'Avurudu' season will bring good fortune every day to recipients of remittances via the Commercial Bank of Ceylon, with the launch of the Bank's 'Double Wasi' promotion offering 22 customers the opportunity to double the amount they receive, up to a maximum of Rs 100,000 each.

On each of the 22 days ending April 15, one lucky remittance customer of the Bank stands the chance of winning a cash prize, from the total of Rs 2.2 million set aside for prizes, the Bank said.

Recipients of money via ComBank RemitPlus the remittance services of the Bank and customers receiving money through the Bank's remittance partners such as MoneyGram, Western Union and Ria Money Transfer will automatically be entered into the draw.



Every customer who receives remittances directly to a Commercial Bank Account during the promotion period and those who collect the remitted cash from a branch close to them will be presented one opportunity to enter the 'Double Wasi' draw, the Bank said. Additionally, holders of a Commercial Bank Remittance Card - a branded Debit cum ATM Card - will have the privilege of doubling their chances of winning, as the Bank will

enter their names twice into the draw on the day they receive the remittance.

Further to the promotion, those who receive direct remittances via Commercial Bank will enjoy an additional Rs 2 on the conversion of every United States Dollar or the equivalent in the currency they receive, the Bank said.

Commercial Bank launched the promotion to encourage direct remittances to the Bank. The lucky winners of the daily draws will be presented their cash prizes after the conclusion of the promotion.

Commercial Bank is one of the most active players in Sri Lanka in the field of remittances.

Commercial Bank is the first Sri Lankan Bank to be listed among the Top 1000 Banks of the World and the only Sri Lankan bank to be so listed for 10 years consecutively.

## ASUS launches ZenBook Flip 13 (UX363) in Sri Lanka

ASUS Sri Lanka has launched the distinctly elegant ZenBook Flip 13 (UX363)-now verified on the Intel Evo Platform for an exceptional mobile experience, with exciting updates including an OLED touchscreen, 11th Generation Intel Core processors and Intel Iris X graphics.

ZenBook Flip 13 is the world's thinnest convertible laptop to include full-size HDMI and USB Type-A ports as well as two of the latest Thunderbolt 4 USB-C ports for uncompromised on-the-go connectivity. Silky-smooth performance is ensured by matching the new processors and graphics with up to 16 GB RAM and up to a 1 TB PCIe 3.0 SSD.

The Wi-Fi 6 ZenBook Flip 13 lets users enjoy smooth streaming of 4K UHD online videos and data transfers at faster-than-wired speeds of up to 2.4 Gbps. Wi-Fi performance is optimized with ASUS Wi-Fi Master Premium technology which includes ASUS



WiFi Stabilizer to filter out wireless interference and ASUS WiFi Smart-Connect to seamlessly connect to the best WiFi signal and known mobile hotspots.

Measuring just 13.9 mm thin and weighing only 1.3 kg, the compact ZenBook Flip 13 combines ultimate portability with supreme versatility.

Artists, photographers and designers will love the possibilities offered by the Nano Edge display when combin-

ing with the optional ASUS Pen and Windows Ink. The newly designed ASUS Pen has 4096 pressure levels, ensuring enhanced precision and sensitivity for more natural-feeling stylus input making it the perfect choice for casual creativity, note-taking and intuitive editing in any supported app.

ZenBook Flip 13 also features the dual-function touchpad ASUS Number Pad 2.0, which is 30% larger than the previous model and incorporates an LED-illuminated numeric keypad for easy data entry.

With a high-capacity 67 Wh battery that can deliver up to 14 hours of operation on a single charge, ZenBook Flip 13 is perfect for today's work-anywhere lifestyles. ZenBook Flip 13 supports fast charging with the supplied 65-watt charger, and ASUS USB-C Easy Charge allows users to take advantage of a wide range of standard USB-C or USB-C Power Delivery (PD) chargers.

## DI Leather e-opens at Bambalapitiya after refurbishment



Pictures by Sumanachandra Ariyawansa

The recently refurbished flagship store of Ceylon Leather Products Manufacturing Limited, DI Leather was re-opened to the public at Bambalapitiya recently. The company has invested Rs. 25 million on this refurbishment and also to buy new machines to produce high-quality genuine leather footwear and handbags

in-house. The production has now started at its production facility.

Due to the company's special yet unique production techniques, DI's genuine leather products have acquired the ability to compete with imported real leather products from all around the world. The company's main target of this invest-



ment is not only to save a huge amount of foreign exchange but also enabling its customers purchase high-quality real leather products which are proudly made in Sri Lanka. The DI's other branches are located at Pettah, Kiribathgoda and Belummahara (Factory Outlet). A brand new branch at Nawala is soon to be opened.

DI, Chairman Dr. Sarath Paranawithana, Deputy Chairman Waruna Maliduwapathirana, Managing Director Sithendra Senarathne, Director of Finance Jayantha Munasinghe, Director Shehani Maliduwapathirana, General Manager Thimira Liyanage and Marketing Manager Vipul Madanayake also took part in the event.

## Pelwatte offers Avurudu season discounts

Pelwatte Dairy, the home-grown leader in dairy products is offering exclusive discounts for its most sought after Pelwatte Butter and Pelwatte Ghee at Keells Super Markets and selected retail outlets islandwide until April 30.

This Avurudu Season, as Sri Lankans celebrate the most anticipated season of the year with their families, friends and loved ones, Pelwatte announces its discounts of 10% on its Ghee and Butter products at Selected Super Market Chains and retailers. Thereby allowing Sri Lankans to celebrate this Sinhala and Tamil New Year while indulging in their sweet meats and tables of their choice.

Pelwatte can be considered as one of the healthiest products for consumers of all ages as most stringent quality standards are followed during production of Pelwatte products while no artificial preservatives etc. are added to increase shelf-life.



Commenting on the offer, Chaminda Pathirana, Manager Modern Trade said, "We are indeed very privileged to be able to offer exclusive offers on our most demanded products during this Avurudu season. We believe that the unmatched quality and price will surely help our consumers, while also supporting the dairy farming community."

Pelwatte butter is produced using the fat from locally sourced milk, is high in nutrients and healthy as well-the butter is made from the fat in fresh milk with no added preservatives. Fresh milk contains about 4-5% fat and the process of

butter production tends to increase the fat percentage so in order to control the fat percentage a standardization process is used which is also another reason as to why Pelwatte Butter is considered all-natural.

In addition, Pelwatte has a broad ice cream profile and has introduced whole new ranges, under premium range and the economy range.

Pelwatte's extensive product range is used in kitchens of many leading star hotels. Amongst the product ranges that are supplied to the hospitality industry, Pelwatte Ghee is used to prepare main courses from Thai, Indian, Indonesian, Middle Eastern and Malaysian cuisines.

Pelwatte Dairy has always been intently focused on meeting the country's domestic milk demand while uplifting the socio-economic status of local dairy farmers.



# AMW CAPITAL LEASING AND FINANCE PLC

## PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Independent auditor's report**  
To the Shareholders of AMW Capital Leasing and Finance PLC

**Report on the audit of the financial statements**

**Our opinion**  
In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of AMW Capital Leasing and Finance PLC (the Company) as at 31 December 2020, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

**What we have audited**  
The financial statements of the Company, which comprise:  
- Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020;  
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**Points for attention**  
We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAS). Our audit included, under these standards, no further procedures to the auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial statements set out in our report.

**Independence**  
We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by CA Sri Lanka (Code of Ethics), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics.

**Key audit matters**  
Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and are not a separate opinion on these matters.

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### Key Financial Data as at 31st December 2020 (Audited)

In Rupees Million	As at 31.12.2020	As at 31.12.2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Bank Balance	432	255
Government Securities	769	437
Due from Related Parties	-	-
Loans (excluding due from related parties)	7,780	9,373
Investments in Equity	2	2
Investment Properties and Real Estate	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	22	26
Other Assets	152	160
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>9,147</b>	<b>10,253</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Due to Banks	3,012	3,228
Due to Related Parties	99	1,171
Deposits from Customers	2,100	2,265
Other Borrowings	-	-
Other Liabilities	981	921
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>7,585</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Statutory Capital	200	200
Statutory Reserve Fund	147	132
Retained Earnings	2,607	2,335
Other Reserves	1	1
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>2,668</b>
<b>Total Equity and Liabilities</b>	<b>9,147</b>	<b>10,253</b>
<b>Net Assets Value Per Share</b>	<b>457.35</b>	<b>512.65</b>

Note: Amounts stated are in net of impairment and depreciation.

### Key Financial Data for the Period Ended 31st December 2020 (Audited)

In Rupees Million	Current Period 2020		Previous Period 2019	
	From 01.01.2020 To 31.12.2020	From 01.01.2019 To 31.12.2019	From 01.01.2019 To 31.12.2019	From 01.01.2019 To 31.12.2019
Interest Income Interest	1,636	1,968		
Interest Expenses	(675)	(988)		
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>980</b>		
Gains/(losses) from trading activities	-	-		
Other Income	292	380		
Operating Expenses (excluding impairment)	(424)	(531)		
Impairment	(271)	(122)		
<b>Profit/(Loss) Before Tax</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>707</b>		
Taxes*	(271)	(365)		
<b>Profit/(Loss) After Tax</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>342</b>		

\* Including indirect taxes (Such as VAT on Financial Services) and direct taxes (Corporate Income tax)

### Selected Key Performance Indicators

Item	As at 31.12.2020		As at 31.12.2019	
	Actual	Required	Actual	Required
<b>Regulatory Capital Adequacy (%)</b>				
Tier 1 Capital Adequacy Ratio	29.72%	6.50%	23.12%	6.50%
Total Capital Adequacy Ratio	29.72%	10.50%	23.81%	10.50%
Capital Funds to Deposit Liabilities Ratio	141%	10%	118%	10%
<b>Quality of Loan Portfolio (%)</b>				
Gross Non-Performing Loans Ratio	8.48%		5.18%	
Net-Non-Performing Loans Ratio	0.44%		1.05%	
Net-Non-Performing Loans to Core Capital Ratio	1.16%		3.71%	
Provision Coverage Ratio	3.06		6.81	
<b>Profitability (%)</b>				
Net Interest Margin	10.48%		9.28%	
Return on Assets (Before Tax)	5.75%		4.93%	
Return on Equity (After Tax)	10.20%		13.73%	
Cost to Income Ratio	41.36%		51.36%	
<b>Liquidity (%)</b>				
Available Liquid Assets to Required Liquid Assets (Minimum 100%)	809%		198%	
Liquid Assets to External Funds	20.32%		10.19%	
<b>Memorandum information</b>				
Number of Branches	15		15	
Number of Service Centers	7		7	
External Credit Rating (Fitch Rating)	BBB - (lka)		BBB + (lka)	

### CERTIFICATION:

We, the undersigned, being the Director/CEO, the General Manager - Finance and the Compliance Officer of AMW Capital Leasing and Finance PLC certify jointly that:

- (a) the above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL);
- (b) the information contained in these statements have been extracted from the unaudited financial statements of the AMW Capital Leasing and Finance PLC unless indicated as audited.

**Chamath Munasinghe (Sgd.)**  
Director/ Chief Executive Officer  
Date: 30.03.2021

**Shanuka Jayarathna (Sgd.)**  
General Manager - Finance  
Date: 30.03.2021

**Himala Wijayatunga (Sgd.)**  
Head of Risk & Compliance  
Date: 30.03.2021



**AMW Capital Leasing and Finance PLC**  
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Fitch Rating AA - (lka)





# CARGILLS BANK LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## Income Statement

For the year ended 31 December	2020 (Audited) Rs. '000	2019 (Audited) Rs. '000	Change %
Interest income	4,117,816	4,390,508	(6)
Interest expenses	(2,553,081)	(2,346,857)	(9)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>1,564,735</b>	<b>2,043,651</b>	(23)
Fees and commission income	495,966	384,008	19
Fees and commission expenses	(209,193)	(160,087)	(30)
<b>Net fees and commission income</b>	<b>286,773</b>	<b>223,921</b>	11
Net gains / (losses) from trading	5,478	(3,662)	(90)
Net gains from derecognition of financial assets	120,742	81,003	49
Net other operating income	73,180	50,072	(15)
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>199,400</b>	<b>184,727</b>	8
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>2,012,938</b>	<b>2,452,314</b>	(18)
Impairment losses on financial instruments and other assets			
Loans and advances to customers	(750,745)	(1,049,637)	28
Financial assets	(5,335)	(65,270)	92
Others	(45,638)	(29,589)	(37)
<b>Total impairment losses on financial instruments and other assets</b>	<b>(801,718)</b>	<b>(1,144,506)</b>	30
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>1,211,220</b>	<b>1,307,808</b>	(7)
Personnel expenses	(798,619)	(873,427)	9
Depreciation and amortisation	(490,745)	(416,271)	(18)
Other operating expenses	(188,392)	(192,250)	(10)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>(2,097,796)</b>	<b>(2,191,953)</b>	4
<b>Operating profit / (Loss) before taxes on financial services</b>	<b>(886,576)</b>	<b>(887,149)</b>	0
Taxes on financial services	-	505	(100)
<b>Loss before tax</b>	<b>(886,576)</b>	<b>(887,144)</b>	0
Tax expenses	142,588	270,814	(35)
<b>Loss for the year</b>	<b>(743,988)</b>	<b>(616,330)</b>	(12)
Loss per share (Rs.)	(0.84)	(0.75)	(12)

## Statement of Changes in Equity

	Stated capital Rs. '000	Statutory reserves Rs. '000	Other Reserves (FVOCI Reserve) Rs. '000	Retained loss Rs. '000	Total Rs. '000
Balance as at 01.01.2019 - Audited	11,394,421	32,386	(28,233)	(314,688)	11,023,986
Total comprehensive income for year 2019	-	-	-	(666,600)	(666,600)
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(666,600)	(666,600)
Other comprehensive income/net of tax	-	-	64,007	11,896	75,903
<b>Total comprehensive income / (expense) for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,007</b>	<b>(654,704)</b>	<b>(590,697)</b>
Balance as at 31.12.2019	11,394,421	32,386	35,776	(1,030,112)	10,432,465
Balance as at 01.01.2020 - Audited	11,394,421	32,386	35,776	(1,030,112)	10,432,465
Total comprehensive income for the year 2020	-	-	-	(743,947)	(743,947)
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(743,947)	(743,947)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	44,390	1,392	45,782
<b>Total comprehensive income / (expense) for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,390</b>	<b>(742,555)</b>	<b>(697,163)</b>
Balance as at 31.12.2020	11,394,421	32,386	80,166	(1,772,667)	9,734,300

## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December	2020 (Audited) Rs. '000	2019 (Audited) Rs. '000	Change %
(Loss) / profit for the year	(743,947)	(616,330)	(12)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss			
Net actuarial gains/ (loss) on defined benefit plans	(5,169)	18,265	(128)
Change in fair value of investment in equity measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,707	1,550	10
Deferred tax related to the above	6,518	(5,319)	210
<b>Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>(13,896)</b>	<b>(76)</b>
Net gains / (losses) on investment in financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	58,947	87,349	(31)
Deferred tax asset related to the above	(31,215)	(26,142)	14
<b>Other comprehensive income/ (expense) for the year, net of tax</b>	<b>45,782</b>	<b>75,100</b>	<b>(39)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax</b>	<b>(698,165)</b>	<b>(541,230)</b>	<b>(28)</b>

## Statement of Financial Position

As at	31-Dec-2020 (Audited) Rs. '000	31-Dec-2019 (Audited) Rs. '000
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,420,123	993,133
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	443,893	1,340,297
Placements with banks	-	689,356
Derivative financial instruments	3,658	286
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,586,169	-
Financial assets at amortised cost - Loans & advances to other customers	39,079,121	27,813,673
Financial assets at amortised cost - Debt and other instruments	438,049	477,663
Financial assets - measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	11,533,613	6,867,681
Property, plant & equipment	657,812	858,104
Intangible assets	357,739	457,570
Deferred tax assets	498,538	366,648
Other assets	509,622	573,143
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>46,532,534</b>	<b>39,138,534</b>
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>		
Due to banks	1,556,948	1,517,942
Derivative financial instruments	149	2,281
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - Due to depositors	31,987,801	25,842,562
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - Due to other borrowers	2,121,192	148,298
Retirement benefit obligations	64,762	43,577
Lease liability	339,869	444,214
Other liabilities	717,894	707,195
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>36,798,732</b>	<b>28,716,669</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Stated capital	11,394,421	11,394,421
Statutory reserves	32,386	32,386
Other reserves	80,166	35,776
Accumulated loss	(1,772,667)	(1,030,112)
<b>Total equity attributable to equity holders of the bank</b>	<b>9,734,300</b>	<b>10,432,465</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>46,532,534</b>	<b>39,138,534</b>
Contingent liabilities & commitments	16,134,217	11,638,569
<b>Net assets value per share (Rs.)</b>	<b>11.02</b>	<b>11.81</b>

**Certification:**  
These Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with requirements of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

(Sgd.)  
**A R M I Sajeewanie**

Head of Finance

We, the undersigned, being the Managing Director and the Senior Director of Cargills Bank Limited, certify jointly that:  
(A) the above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka,  
(B) the information contained in these statements have been extracted from the Audited Financial Statements of the Bank.

(Sgd.)  
**K R S Bandara**

Managing Director

(Sgd.)  
**E M M Boyagoda**

Senior Director

25 March 2021

Colombo

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December	2020 (Audited) Rs. '000	2019 (Audited) Rs. '000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Loss before tax	(886,536)	(887,144)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Non-cash items included in profit before tax	1,365,901	1,634,923
Change in operating assets	(8,365,416)	(5,333,921)
Change in operating liabilities	7,033,471	5,131,306
Dividend income	(900)	(925)
Interest paid on lease liability	(46,878)	(57,300)
Gains / (losses) on sale of property, plant & equipment and other assets	(1,037)	(7,953)
Benefits paid on defined benefit plans	(3,297)	(1,282)
<b>Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(1,124,943)</b>	<b>477,504</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Net purchase of property, plant and equipment	(105,186)	(124,361)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	1,944	8,533
Net purchase of intangible assets	(108,156)	(110,436)
Dividend received	960	935
<b>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(211,338)</b>	<b>(225,249)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Payment of lease liability	(95,561)	(85,187)
Change in securities sold under repurchase agreements	1,172,894	285,775
<b>Net cash from / (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>1,077,333</b>	<b>200,588</b>
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(258,948)</b>	<b>452,843</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	1,687,844	1,234,721
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,428,896</b>	<b>1,687,564</b>

## Additional Disclosures

As at	31-Dec-2020 Rs. '000	31-Dec-2019 Rs. '000
<b>Loans and advances to other customers</b>		
Gross loans and advances	31,133,321	28,870,614
Less: Stage-wise impairment		
Stage 1	68,805	90,054
Stage 2	342,306	186,450
Stage 3	2,243,089	1,580,437
<b>Total impairment for loans and advances</b>	<b>2,654,200</b>	<b>1,856,941</b>
<b>Total Net loans and advances</b>	<b>28,079,121</b>	<b>27,013,673</b>
<b>Product wise Gross Loans and receivables to other customers</b>		
<b>By product - Domestic Currency</b>		
Overdrafts	5,405,360	6,099,113
Trade finance	1,300,075	1,623,345
Staff Loans	356,727	199,215
Housing loans	1,602,966	965,768
Personal loans	3,122,863	3,587,429
Term loans	7,182,019	6,739,401
Agriculture loans	170,043	445,312
Vehicle loans	80,547	64,915
Loans against Property	1,538,790	1,463,448
Money market loans	6,324,909	4,008,163
Credit Card	1,385,025	860,228
Micro Finance	75,174	59,719
Others	120,570	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>28,975,070</b>	<b>26,116,058</b>
<b>By product - Foreign Currency</b>		
Trade finance	1,647,952	1,019,967
Housing loans	69,942	68,119
Term loans	1,616,677	1,656,781
Overdrafts	11,199	3,684
Others	12,890	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,158,751</b>	<b>2,754,556</b>
<b>Total gross loans &amp; advances</b>	<b>31,133,321</b>	<b>28,870,614</b>

## Movement in impairment during the year for loans and receivables to other customers - 2020

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Opening balance as at 01 January 2020	90,054	186,450	1,580,437	1,856,941
Change/ (write back) to income statement	(21,245)	155,856	662,652	797,263
<b>Closing balance as at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>68,805</b>	<b>342,306</b>	<b>2,243,089</b>	<b>2,654,200</b>

## Movement in impairment during the year for loans and receivables to other customers - 2019

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Opening balance as at 01 January 2019	172,103	226,003	409,198	807,304
Change/ (write back) to income statement	(82,048)	(39,553)	1,171,239	1,049,637
<b>Closing balance as at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>90,054</b>	<b>186,450</b>	<b>1,580,437</b>	<b>1,856,941</b>

## Product wise Commitments and Contingencies

By product - Domestic Currency	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019
Guarantees	6,191,429	4,913,771
Letters of credit	903,610	201,410
Bills For Collection	109,589	139,053
Forward exchange Purchase	434,294	698,878
Spot exchange Purchase	-	108,938
Undrawn credit lines	6,507,147	4,069,628
Other commitments	58,075	64,628
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,254,124</b>	<b>10,195,304</b>
<b>By product - Foreign Currency</b>		
Guarantees	666,017	159,303
Letters of credit	1,101,093	869,889
Bills For Collection	88,629	116,943
Forward exchange Purchase	13,950	299,400
Spot exchange Purchase	10,403	6,671
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,880,092</b>	<b>1,442,206</b>
<b>Total Commitments and Contingencies</b>	<b>16,134,217</b>	<b>11,638,569</b>

## Movement in impairment during the period for Commitments and Contingencies

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Opening balance as at 01 January 2020	24,711	52,183	14,071	90,965
Change/ (write back) to income statement	36,923	(52,113)	(11,314)	(6,494)
<b>Closing balance as at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>41,634</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>44,451</b>

## Due to other customers

By Product - Domestic currency	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019
Current account deposits	1,155,077	965,039
Savings deposits	6,336,923	2,346,414
Call deposits	3,532	242,489
Time deposits	19,853,138	18,083,529
Certificate of deposits	1,832,342	1,388,621
Margin deposits	10,853	15,182
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,291,865</b>	<b>23,050,567</b>
<b>By Product - Foreign currency</b>		
Current account deposits	389,078	153,974
Savings deposits	1,127,458	590,972
Time deposits	1,179,409	590,972
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,105,945</b>	<b>1,335,918</b>
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>31,397,810</b>	<b>25,082,565</b>





## CARGILLS BANK LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

### Classification of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

As at 31.12.2020	Fair value through P/L	Fair Value through OCI	Amortized Cost	Total
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	1,420,123	1,420,123
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	-	443,993	443,993
Derivative financial instruments	3,658	-	-	3,658
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,596,196	-	-	1,596,196
Financial assets at Amortized costs - Loans & Advances to other customers	-	-	29,079,121	29,079,121
Financial assets at Amortized costs - Debt and other Instruments	-	-	436,949	436,949
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income - Government securities	-	11,518,462	-	11,518,462
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income - Equity securities	-	15,153	-	15,153
Other assets*	-	-	252,676	252,676
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>1,599,854</b>	<b>11,533,615</b>	<b>31,631,962</b>	<b>44,765,431</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Due to banks	-	-	1,556,948	1,556,948
Derivative financial instruments	149	-	-	149
Financial liabilities at amortized cost - Due to depositors	-	-	31,997,901	31,997,901
Financial liabilities at amortized cost - Due to other borrowers	-	-	2,123,192	2,123,192
Lease liability	-	-	339,985	339,985
Other liabilities**	-	-	414,924	414,924
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,430,850</b>	<b>36,430,799</b>
<b>As at 31 December 2019 - (Audited)</b>				
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	993,133	993,133
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	-	1,040,397	1,040,397
Placements with Banks	-	-	689,336	689,336
Derivative financial instruments	396	-	-	396
Financial assets at Amortized costs - Loans & Advances to other customers	-	-	27,013,673	27,013,673
Financial assets at Amortized costs - Debt and other Instruments	-	-	477,963	477,963
Financial assets - at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	6,654,236	-	6,654,236
Equity instruments	-	13,446	-	13,446
Other assets*	-	-	326,389	326,389
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>6,667,681</b>	<b>30,540,791</b>	<b>37,208,858</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Due to banks	-	-	1,517,942	1,517,942
Derivative financial instruments	2,281	-	-	2,281
Financial liabilities at amortized cost - Due to depositors	-	-	25,042,562	25,042,562
Financial liabilities at amortized cost - Due to other borrowers	-	-	948,798	948,798
Lease liability	-	-	444,214	444,214
Other liabilities**	-	-	403,844	403,844
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,356,360</b>	<b>28,358,141</b>

\* Other assets only includes other receivables

\*\* Other liabilities excludes accrued expenditure and impairment on commitments and contingencies

### Shareholders' Information

Twenty three largest shareholders as at 31 December 2020		
	No. of shares	%
1. Cargills (Ceylon) PLC	350,696,905	39.71 *
2. CI Holdings PLC	223,345,953	25.29 *
3. Monetary Board of Sri Lanka - On Behalf of EPF	44,000,000	4.96
4. Mukti Investment Limited	30,800,000	3.49
5. MIF Foundation Investments (Pvt) Ltd	28,000,000	3.17
6. Softlogic Life Insurance PLC	26,600,000	3.01
7. MAS Amaleya (Pvt) Ltd	22,000,000	2.49
8. Rosewood (Pvt) Ltd	16,000,000	1.81
9. Phoenix Ventures Limited	13,200,000	1.49
10. Andri Holdings Pte Ltd	11,000,000	1.25
11. A I A Holdings Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	11,000,000	1.25
12. Softlogic Holdings PLC	10,000,000	1.13
13. Gediya Lokuge Harris Premaratne	9,000,000	1.03
14. Momi Joseph Faramanda	7,800,000	0.88
15. Softlogic Capital PLC	7,400,000	0.84
16. GF Capital Global Limited	6,100,000	0.69
17. Periyasampillai Sarathakumar	4,400,000	0.50
18. Periyasampillai Muniganandhan	4,400,000	0.50
19. Periyasampillai Anandorajah	4,400,000	0.50
20. Periyasampillai Devenaj	4,400,000	0.50
21. Periyasampillai Saratharajendram	4,400,000	0.50
22. Ishara Chinthaka Manayakkara	4,400,000	0.50
23. Lalan Rubber Holdings (Pvt) Ltd	4,400,000	0.50
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>847,811,858</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Other Shareholders</b>	<b>35,311,000</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>883,122,858</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* No voting rights will be exercised by Cargills (Ceylon) PLC and CI Holdings PLC as any shares held in excess of 30% of the issued capital of the bank carrying voting rights.

### Selected Performance Indicators

As at:	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019
<b>Regulatory Capital (Rs. '000)</b>		
Common Equity Tier 1	8,842,828	9,593,939
Tier 1 Capital	8,842,828	9,593,939
Total Capital	9,082,785	9,777,217
<b>Regulatory Capital Ratios (%)</b>		
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio - Minimum Requirement - 6.5% (2019 - 7%)	20.72	26.37
Tier 1 Capital Ratio - Minimum Requirement - 8% (2019 - 8.5%)	20.72	26.37
Total Capital Ratio - Minimum Requirement - 12% (2019 - 12.5%)	21.28	26.87
<b>Leverage Ratio - Minimum Requirement - 3%</b>	16.71	23.57
<b>Regulatory Liquidity</b>		
Statutory Liquid Assets (Rs. '000)	11,587,858	8,413,619
Statutory Liquid Assets Ratio, % (Minimum requirement: 20%)		
Domestic Banking Unit, %	33.63	32.65
Off-Shore Banking Unit, %	83.49	1,115.25
Total Stock of High-Quality Liquid Assets (Rs. '000)	10,480,835	7,034,760
Liquidity coverage Ratio, % - Minimum requirement - 90% (2019 - 100%)		
Rupee, %	133.00	289.70
All currency, %	119.20	203.59
Net Stable Funding Ratio (%) - Minimum Requirement - 92%	117	120
<b>Assets quality quality of loan portfolio</b>		
Gross non-performing advances ratio, %	14.42	12.79
(net of interest in suspense)		
Net non-performing advances ratio, %	7.85	10.01
(net of interest in suspense and provision)		
<b>Profitability</b>		
Interest margin, %	3.88	5.55
Return on assets (before tax), %	(2.83)	(2.41)
Return on equity, %	(7.34)	(5.96)

### Explanatory Notes

- These Financial Statements are prepared and presented in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLAS/SLFRS) laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 and the Banking Act No. 30 of 1988 and amendments thereto. These Financial Statements, except for information on Statement of Cash Flows have been prepared following the accrual basis of accounting.
- Due to the potential negative impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic on Sri Lankan economy, individuals and businesses, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) issued several circulars and guidelines introducing different relief measures to safeguard the affected. These relief measures include deferment of repayment terms of credit facilities, offering concessional rates of interest to eligible loan products and waiving of certain fees and charges.  
  
The Bank estimated its Expected Credit Loss (ECL) as at 31 December 2020, based on the Probability of Default (PD), Loss Given Default (LGD) and Economic Factor Adjustment (EFA) used in 2019 Audited figures in compliance with the guidance note issued by CA Sri Lanka on accounting implications of COVID-19. The significant accountings estimates impacted by these forecasts and associated uncertainties are predominantly related to expected credit losses and fair value measurement.  
  
The Bank considered the potential impact on identified customer segments impacted due to COVID-19 in estimating the ECL and projected potential cash flow postponement based on available information. Additionally, an EFA with a higher weight on the worst-case scenario for the collective impairment assessment was used. The Bank would reassess its portfolio post moratorium and changes would be made in impairment provisioning in line with repayments after the relief period.  
  
The COVID-19 pandemic would increase the non-performing loans and advances of the Bank and coupled with the negative impact arising from the debt moratorium relief granted by CBSL on interest income, fee income and cash flows will result in lower profitability of the Bank. Loss of Rs. 48 Mn has been recognized as a Day one impact due to deferment of recovery of loans arising from the moratorium relief scheme introduced by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- The total temporary differences arising from tax losses and tax credits amounted to Rs. 2,952 Mn, resulting in a deferred tax asset of Rs. 575 Mn, as at 31 December 2020, out of which, based on an internal assessment carried out by the Board of Directors, the recognition of deferred tax asset has been limited to Rs. 411 Mn. The unrecognized deferred tax asset as at 31 December 2020 was Rs. 164 Mn.
- The authorities have proposed a reduction in the income tax rate applicable to the banking sector 28% to 24% which is pending formal approval from the parliament as an amendment to the Inland Revenue Act No. 24 of 2017. As it is not considered as substantially enacted as at the reporting date, both income tax and deferred tax were calculated at the rate of 28% for the year ended 31 December 2020. Had the impact of the proposed reduction been adjusted the net deferred tax asset as at 31 December 2020 would have been reduced by Rs. 75 Mn.
- The Commissioner General of Inland Revenue (CGIR) issued a Notice of Assessment claiming Rs. 120 Mn for the Year of Assessment 2013/2014, disallowing some expenses and capital allowances claimed by the Bank, on the basis that it was not in commercial operation at the time and could not therefore make these deductions in arriving at taxable income for that Year of Assessment.  
  
The Bank did not agree with the determination issued by the CGIR and therefore appealed to the Tax Appeals Commission. The Bank awaits the hearing of this appeal.
- There are no pending litigation of a material nature against the bank.
- All known expenses have been provided in these Financial Statements.
- No circumstances have arisen since the reporting date which would require adjustment to or disclosure in the Financial Statements.

**- HOUSES**  
**- LANDS**  
**- COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**  
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SECTION



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

MINISTRY OF PLANTATION

Ministry of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation  
Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing &  
Export Diversification

Coconut Cultivation Board

### Creation of an Official Website

Procurement No : E/7/G/WEB/COCO

- Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman, Departmental Minor Procurement Committee on behalf of the Coconut Cultivation Board from eligible Bidders for creation of an Official Website.
- Bidding will be conducted according to the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Further information could be obtained by interested eligible Bidders from the Supplies Officer of the Coconut Cultivation Board and Bid Invitation Documents could be obtained from the address below during working days of the week from 31.03.2021 up to 20.04.2021 between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- Only eligible Institutions registered under the Companies Act are qualified to submit Quotations and further details could be obtained along with Bid Invitation document.
- Interested Bidders could obtain a set of Bid Invitation Documents up to 20.04.2021 by submitting a written request along with the Certificate issued by the Department of Registrar of Companies and paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2000.00 to the Cashier at the Head Office of the Coconut Cultivation Board.
- A pre-bid meeting for the information of the Bidders will be held at **10.00 a.m. on 08.04.2021** at the Head Office of the Coconut Cultivation Board and Bidders or an authorized Representative could participate on this occasion.
- Duly completed Bids should be sent to the address below to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021. Bid received late will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting Bids at 2.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021. The Bidder or an authorized representative of the Bidder could participate on this occasion. A Bid Security to the value of not less than 1% of the Bid Value obtained from any commercial bank accepted by Sri Lanka should be submitted with the Bid.
- Your Bids should be inserted in an envelope and sealed and marked with the words **"Creation of an Official Website"** on the top left hand corner of the envelope and sent by Registered Post to the address below to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021 or could be inserted in the Bid Box kept at the address below to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021.

To be addressed to :

**Chairman,**  
**Departmental Procurement Board,**  
**Coconut Cultivation Board,**  
**9/428, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.**  
**Tel. No : 011-2193457, Fax : 011-2861332**



# BANK OF CEYLON

## FITCH RATINGS AA- (Ika)

# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020.

31 December	STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS											
	BANK				GROUP				GROUP			
	For the year ended			For the quarter ended			For the year ended			For the quarter ended		
	2020	2019	Change %	2020	2019	Change %	2020	2019	Change %	2020	2019	Change %
<b>Total income</b>	<b>247,163,965</b>	<b>239,116,469</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>65,345,995</b>	<b>60,031,890</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>252,756,030</b>	<b>248,692,003</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>66,725,027</b>	<b>62,323,729</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Interest income	226,310,574	220,477,174	2.6	59,010,290	54,480,738	8.3	231,454,401	227,377,777	1.8	60,225,175	56,164,536	7.2
Interest expenses	(153,739,708)	(145,330,896)	5.3	(36,560,496)	(36,855,330)	(0.9)	(154,291,100)	(149,982,811)	3.5	(36,912,418)	(37,593,585)	(1.8)
Net interest income	74,778,666	75,146,478	(0.5)	22,440,794	17,625,408	27.3	77,263,241	78,294,866	(1.4)	23,312,757	18,570,951	25.5
Fee and commission income	14,261,148	14,569,762	(2.1)	4,655,440	5,790,135	(19.6)	14,500,895	14,990,583	(3.1)	4,702,824	5,904,830	(20.4)
Fee and commission expenses	(2,302,097)	(2,472,956)	(6.9)	(699,718)	(804,384)	12.1	(2,324,128)	(2,152,206)	(7.5)	(702,517)	(831,149)	11.3
Net fee and commission income	11,959,991	12,096,807	(1.1)	3,955,722	5,169,751	(23.4)	12,176,717	12,837,377	(2.3)	4,000,307	5,273,681	(24.1)
Net gains / (losses) from trading	2,627,620	2,535,301	3.6	312,387	423,415	(26.2)	2,643,463	2,555,256	3.5	314,916	415,951	(24.3)
Net gains / (losses) from fair value through profit or loss	928,234	321,789	188.5	70,830	427,307	(70.6)	991,525	342,807	189.2	724,522	458,884	57.9
Net gains / (losses) on derecognition of financial assets	482,864	282,290	71.0	158,003	37,196	324.8	168,058	49,093	69.4	168,058	290,7	(42.6)
Other operating income	2,503,705	930,183	174.5	489,505	(1,121,889)	(143.8)	2,672,780	3,153,768	(15.3)	589,532	(667,065)	(188.4)
Other operating expenses	(6,092,245)	(6,047,403)	(0.9)	(1,692,273)	(1,625,117)	(4.3)	(6,047,267)	(6,047,267)	0.0	(1,789,028)	(1,625,117)	(9.2)
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>93,237,000</b>	<b>91,312,818</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>28,060,781</b>	<b>22,556,170</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>95,160,742</b>	<b>97,096,964</b>	<b>(0.9)</b>	<b>29,110,092</b>	<b>24,095,995</b>	<b>20.8</b>
Impairment (charge) / reversal	(3,935,002)	(18,184,697)	53.7	(8,141,989)	(33,556,114)	136.6	(28,656,668)	(18,274,818)	56.8	(8,896,968)	(3,240,357)	168.1
Other financial assets	(3,277,176)	(4,113,028)	69.5	(2,168,628)	(16,825)	12,789.3	(3,293,646)	(4,444,225)	64.1	(2,181,975)	(484,194)	350.6
Other losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	(61,128)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>62,095,022</b>	<b>72,119,093</b>	<b>(14.6)</b>	<b>17,497,164</b>	<b>16,893,231</b>	<b>(7.8)</b>	<b>64,148,669</b>	<b>78,377,663</b>	<b>(18.2)</b>	<b>17,949,390</b>	<b>20,194,444</b>	<b>(11.1)</b>
Operating expenses	(18,190,480)	(18,365,029)	(1.0)	(4,610,930)	(3,651,358)	26.3	(20,050,612)	(20,213,082)	(0.8)	(5,037,850)	(4,120,510)	22.3
Depreciation and amortisation	(4,254,528)	(3,704,004)	14.9	(1,034,356)	(1,052,841)	0.1	(4,391,152)	(3,775,144)	16.3	(1,121,947)	(595,222)	100.6
Other operating expenses	(13,935,952)	(14,661,025)	5.1	(3,576,574)	(2,608,517)	36.8	(15,659,460)	(16,437,938)	(4.8)	(3,915,903)	(3,525,288)	(11.3)
Total operating expenses	(33,064,352)	(33,590,058)	1.6	(8,017,279)	(7,633,176)	18.1	(36,521,822)	(36,999,732)	(1.3)	(10,655,456)	(9,647,766)	10.3
<b>Operating profit before taxes on financial services</b>	<b>29,104,349</b>	<b>40,205,851</b>	<b>(27.8)</b>	<b>27,626,847</b>	<b>11,350,055</b>	<b>(25.3)</b>	<b>27,626,847</b>	<b>41,477,931</b>	<b>(33.4)</b>	<b>8,293,934</b>	<b>11,876,678</b>	<b>(30.5)</b>
Value Added Tax (VAT) on financial services	(4,548,468)	(6,146,876)	(11.2)	(1,523,188)	(1,548,981)	(1.7)	(5,463,182)	(6,340,851)	(13.8)	(1,607,893)	(1,628,437)	(7.5)
Net Income Tax (NIT) on financial services	(73,281)	(73,281)	(100.0)	-	(16,135)	(100.0)	-	(753,870)	(100.0)	-	(125,177)	(100.0)
Net Reciprocity Levy (NRL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating profit after taxes on financial services</b>	<b>23,551,881</b>	<b>29,685,227</b>	<b>(20.7)</b>	<b>6,956,710</b>	<b>8,738,610</b>	<b>(20.4)</b>	<b>22,163,665</b>	<b>30,627,382</b>	<b>(27.6)</b>	<b>6,787,055</b>	<b>8,693,960</b>	<b>(21.9)</b>
Share of profits / (losses) of Associate companies, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,488	48,187	71.2	56,880	22,017	158.3
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>23,551,881</b>	<b>29,685,227</b>	<b>(20.7)</b>	<b>6,956,710</b>	<b>8,738,610</b>	<b>(20.4)</b>	<b>22,246,153</b>	<b>30,675,569</b>	<b>(27.5)</b>	<b>6,843,935</b>	<b>8,715,977</b>	<b>(21.3)</b>
Income tax expense	(5,786,749)	(6,587,192)	(12.3)	(687,119)	1,120,830	(177.4)	(5,938,747)	(6,928,234)	(14.3)	(892,404)	1,005,625	(188.7)
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>17,765,132</b>	<b>23,098,035</b>	<b>(23.1)</b>	<b>6,089,582</b>	<b>8,859,240</b>	<b>(38.2)</b>	<b>16,307,406</b>	<b>23,747,335</b>	<b>(31.3)</b>	<b>5,951,531</b>	<b>9,712,602</b>	<b>(38.8)</b>
Profit attributable to:												
Equity holder of the Bank	17,765,132	23,098,035	(23.1)	6,089,582	8,859,240	(38.2)	16,307,406	23,747,335	(31.3)	5,951,531	9,712,602	(38.8)
Non controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Earnings per share:</b>												
Basic earnings per share (Rs.)	710.61	971.85	(28.9)	243.58	394.37	(38.2)	673.70	956.74	(31.7)	246.74	385.98	(36.1)
Diluted earnings per share (Rs.)	710.61	971.85	(28.9)	243.58	394.37	(38.2)	673.70	956.74	(31.7)	246.74	385.98	(36.1)

31 December	STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME											
	BANK				GROUP				GROUP			
	For the year ended			For the quarter ended			For the year ended			For the quarter ended		
	2020	2019	Change %	2020	2019	Change %	2020	2019	Change %	2020	2019	Change %
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>17,765,132</b>	<b>23,098,035</b>	<b>(23.1)</b>	<b>6,089,582</b>	<b>8,859,240</b>	<b>(38.2)</b>	<b>16,307,406</b>	<b>23,747,335</b>	<b>(31.3)</b>	<b>5,951,531</b>	<b>9,712,602</b>	<b>(38.8)</b>
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	85,432	(142,381)	(108.1)	46,189	106,011	(56.4)	233,259	(55,239)	(522.3)	287,052	303,936	(12.1)
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	11,571	(142,381)	(108.1)	46,189	106,011	(56.4)	233,259	(55,239)	(522.3)	287,052	303,936	(12.1)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	11,571	(142,381)	(108.1)	46,189	106,011	(56.4)	233,259	(55,239)	(522.3)	287,052	303,936	(12.1)
Net gains / (losses) on investments in debt instruments measured at FVOCI	11,571	(142,381)	(108.1)	46,189	106,011	(56.4)	233,259	(55,239)	(522.3)	287,052	303,936	(12.1)
Net gains / (losses) on FVTOCI financial investments reclassification to profit or loss	11,571	(142,381)	(108.1)	46,189	106,011	(56.4)	233,259	(55,239)	(522.3)	287,052	303,936	(12.1)
Deferred tax effect on above	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of other comprehensive income of Associate companies, net of tax	102,754	85,432	20.3	(17)	122,622	(100.0)	327,558	166,077	94.9	230,008	340,477	(32.4)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	(21,739)	54,970	(594.3)	(103,542)	437,511	(123.7)	(805)	14,446	(105.6)	85,235	262,614	(67.5)
Change in fair value on investments in equity instruments designated at FVOCI	(91,689)	(144,356)	(36.5)	(38,233)	(53,322)	(32.0)	(91,689)	(144,356)	(36.5)	(38,233)	(53,322)	(32.0)
Gain / (Loss) of derecognition of investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	15,295	(100.0)	-	15,295	(100.0)	-	15,295	(100.0)	-	15,295	(100.0)
Re-measurement of post-employment benefit obligations	(8,530,424)	(12,665,428)	(24.8)	(8,530,424)	(12,665,428)	(24.8)	(8,530,424)	(12,665,428)	(24.8)	(8,530,424)	(12,665,428)	(24.8)
Deferred tax effect on above	3,007,330	16,379	18,260.9	3,007,330	16,379	18,260.9	3,007,330	16,379	18,260.9	3,007,330	16,379	18,260.9
Changes in revaluation surplus / (deficit)	6,832,984	-	-	6,832,984	-	-	7,774,192	790,887	88.3	7,774,192	790,887	88.3
Deferred tax effect on above	(1,844,250)	(12,724,144)	(65.1)	(1,871,177)	(12,250,569)	(66.4)	(1,107,531)	(12,275,447)	(91.3)	(1,014,289)	(11,892,574)	(92.3)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	(1,792,076)	(12,638,712)	(85.6)	(1,671,194)	(12,127,947)	(86.2)	(730,173)	(11,852,754)	(93.9)	(684,201)	(11,530,499)	(94.1)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>15,973,056</b>	<b>10,459,323</b>	<b>(33.7)</b>	<b>4,418,388</b>	<b>(2,868,707)</b>	<b>(294.8)</b>	<b>15,577,233</b>	<b>11,694,585</b>	<b>(33.1)</b>	<b>5,267,330</b>	<b>(1,817,897)</b>	<b>(387.8)</b>
Attributable to:												
Equity holder of the Bank	15,973,056	10,459,323	(33.7)	4,418,388	(2,868,707)	(294.8)	15,074,875	11,382,536	41.2	5,449,767	(1,961,227)	(377.9)
Non controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	(497,542)	311,249	(258.0)	(182,437)	130,729	(228.8)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>15,973,056</b>	<b>10,459,323</b>	<b>(33.7)</b>	<b>4,418,388</b>	<b>(2,868,707)</b>	<b>(294.8)</b>	<b>15,577,233</b>	<b>11,694,585</b>	<b>(33.1)</b>	<b>5,267,330</b>	<b>(1,817,897)</b>	<b>(387.8)</b>

31 December	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION					
	BANK			GROUP		
	31-Dec-2020		31-Dec-2019		Change %	
<b>As at</b>	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019	Change %	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019	Change %
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>84,616,624</b>	<b>64,869,895</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>63,198,485</b>	<b>64,829,715</b>	<b>(26.3)</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	33,351,862	24,954,438	33.7	32,322,862	24,954,438	29.8
Placements with banks	27,915,861	44,474,343	(37.1)	27,915,861	47,911,621	(41.7)
Securities purchased under resale agreements	2,007,447	2,179,449	(8.2)	3,832,332	1,389,186	(4.0)
Derivative financial instruments	545,926	526,929	315.6	545,926	526,929	315.6
Financial assets recognized through profit or loss measured at fair value	8,586,202	10,055,415	(15.0)	10,807,411	11,522,739	(1.7)
Financial assets at amortized cost - loans and advances	1,846,402,007	1,548,804,871	20.3	2,016,983,780	1,580,940,025	27.7
- debt and other instruments	152,400,712	572,748,269	26.5	225,579,586	573,977,330	26.4
Financial assets - measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	15,262,440	14,238,300	7.8	17,913,717	17,016,553	5.3
Investment in Subsidiary companies	6,510,040	6,510,040	-	-	-	-
Investment in Associate companies	92,888	92,888	-	510,084	407,035	14.1
Investment properties	2,538,118	2,548,734	(4.3)	14,370	117,276	(2.5)
Property, plant and equipment	33,366,001	35,973,961	(32.4)	47,418,020	33,488,300	27.8
Right of use assets / Leasehold properties	3,269,879	3,479,837	(7.8)	2,643,898	2,187,82	





# SRI LANKA SAVINGS BANK LIMITED



A fully owned subsidiary of NSB  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
In Rupees Thousands	Current Period	Previous Period
	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	105,548	18,802
Balances with Central Banks	-	-
Placements with banks	4,734,648	5,395,758
Derivative financial instruments	-	-
Financial assets at amortised cost		
- Loans and Advances	2,068,720	2,221,691
- Debt and Other Instruments	779,708	265,894
Financial assets measured at fair value through Profit & Loss	303,806	-
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	138,011	136,065
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-
Investment in associates and joint ventures	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	875,771	287,955
Right of use assets	5,980	14,365
Investment properties	237,077	333,315
Goodwill and intangible assets	216	549
Deferred tax assets	-	-
Other assets	16,231	42,605
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>9,265,716</b>	<b>8,716,999</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Due to banks	391	72
Derivative financial instruments	-	-
Financial liabilities recognized through profit or loss	-	-
- measured at fair value	-	-
- designated at fair value	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
- Due to depositors	1,077,085	1,076,178
- Due to other borrowers	575,874	552,132
Lease Liability	6,734	14,116
Debt securities issued	134,526	263,986
Retirement benefit obligations	29,530	25,032
Current tax liabilities	363,667	404,436
Deferred tax liabilities	995	764
Other provisions	-	-
Other liabilities	547,065	1,449,508
Due to subsidiaries	-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,735,866</b>	<b>3,786,223</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Stated capital/Assigned capital	3,805,290	3,805,290
Statutory reserve fund	253,750	239,997
OCI reserve	39,756	38,385
Retained earnings	3,690,115	2,545,273
Other reserves	(1,259,063)	(1,698,169)
Total shareholders' equity	<b>6,529,849</b>	<b>4,930,776</b>
Non-controlling interests	-	-
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>6,529,849</b>	<b>4,930,776</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>9,265,716</b>	<b>8,716,999</b>
<b>Contingent liabilities and commitments</b>	<b>34,020</b>	<b>20,840</b>
<b>Memorandum Information</b>		
Number of Employees	107	102
Number of Branches	4	4

INCOME STATEMENT		
In Rupees Thousands	Current Period	Previous Period
	From 01/01/2020 To 31/12/2020	From 01/01/2019 To 31/12/2019
Interest income	789,309	1,019,646
Interest expenses	(75,574)	(95,068)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>713,735</b>	<b>924,578</b>
Fee and commission income	4,137	1,664
Fee and commission expenses	(271)	(301)
<b>Net fee and commission income</b>	<b>3,867</b>	<b>1,363</b>
Net gain/(Loss) from trading	-	-
Net gain/(loss) from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Net Other operating income	82,055	135,932
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>799,657</b>	<b>1,061,873</b>
Impairment Charges	(59,184)	5,025
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>740,473</b>	<b>1,066,898</b>
Personnel Expenses	(157,380)	(155,842)
Depreciation and amortisation	(11,170)	(17,398)
Other Expenses	(76,377)	(76,085)
<b>Operating profit/(loss) before VAT, NBT &amp; DRL on financial services</b>	<b>495,545</b>	<b>817,573</b>
Value Added Tax (VAT) on financial Services	(80,204)	(112,974)
Nation Building Tax (NBT) on financial Services	-	(11,581)
Debt Repayment Levy (DRL) on financial Services	-	(59,053)
<b>Operating profit/(loss) after VAT, NBT &amp; DRL on financial services</b>	<b>415,341</b>	<b>633,964</b>
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>	<b>415,341</b>	<b>633,964</b>
Income Tax expenses	(140,285)	(186,147)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>275,056</b>	<b>447,817</b>
<b>Profit attributable to:</b>		
Shareholders	<b>275,056</b>	<b>447,817</b>
<b>Earnings per share on profit</b>		
Basic earnings per ordinary share	34	54

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
In Rupees Thousands	From 01/01/2020 To 31/12/2020	From 01/01/2019 To 31/12/2019
	<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>275,056</b>
<b>Items that will be reclassified to income statement</b>		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on investment in debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will be reclassified to income statement	-	-
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to income statement</b>		
Change in fair value on investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,372	(20,930)
Change in fair value attributable to change in the Bank's own credit risk on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Actuarial Gain/(loss) on defined benefit plan	1,469	(892)
Re - measurement of post-employment benefit obligations	-	-
Changes in revaluation surplus	439,106	-
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will not be reclassified to income statement	-	-
<b>Other comprehensive income (OCI) for the period, net of taxes</b>	<b>441,947</b>	<b>(21,822)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>717,004</b>	<b>425,994</b>

**CERTIFICATION**  
We, the undersigned, being the Chairman, General Manager/CEO and Senior Manager - Finance & Planning of Sri Lanka Savings Bank jointly certify that:  
(a) The above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.  
(b) The information contained in these statements have been extracted from audited financial statements of the Bank.

Keasila Jayawardena (sgd.) Chairperson  
31.03.2021

Sujith Fernando (sgd.) General Manager/CEO  
31.03.2021

H.K. Eranjith Padmakumara (sgd.) Senior Manager - Finance & Planning  
31.03.2021

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY										
In Rupees Thousands	Stated Capital/Assigned Capital		Reserves				Total	Non-Controlling interest	Total Equity	
	Ordinary Shares	Assigned Capital	Statutory Reserve Fund	OCI Reserve	Re-valuation Reserve	Retained Earnings				Other Reserves
<b>Balance as at 01/01/2020</b>	<b>820,447</b>	<b>2,984,844</b>	<b>239,997</b>	<b>38,385</b>	<b>468,021</b>	<b>2,545,273</b>	<b>(2,166,190)</b>	<b>4,930,776</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,930,776</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	-	-	-	-	275,056	-	275,056	-	275,056
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	275,056	-	275,056	-	275,056
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	-	-	-	1,372	-	1,469	-	2,841	-	2,841
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	-	-	<b>1,372</b>	-	<b>276,526</b>	-	<b>277,898</b>	-	<b>277,898</b>
<b>Transactions with equity holders, recognised directly in equity</b>										
Share issue/increase of assigned capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share options exercised	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonus issue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rights issue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to reserves during the period	-	-	13,753	-	-	-	(13,753)	-	-	-
Dividends to equity holders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Profit transfers to head office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment (if cost method is adopted)	-	-	-	-	439,106	-	-	439,106	-	439,106
Others	-	-	-	-	-	882,070	-	882,070	-	882,070
<b>Total transactions with equity holders</b>	-	-	<b>13,753</b>	-	<b>439,106</b>	<b>868,317</b>	-	<b>1,321,176</b>	-	<b>1,321,176</b>
<b>Balance as at 31/12/2020</b>	<b>820,447</b>	<b>2,984,844</b>	<b>253,750</b>	<b>39,756</b>	<b>907,127</b>	<b>3,690,115</b>	<b>(2,166,190)</b>	<b>6,529,849</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,529,849</b>

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY MEASUREMENT BASIS				
a. Bank - 31/12/2020				
In Rupees Thousands	AC	FVPL	FVOCI	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	105,548	-	-	105,548
Balances with central bank	-	-	-	-
Placements with banks	4,734,648	-	-	4,734,648
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances	2,068,720	-	-	2,068,720
Debt Instruments	779,708	-	-	779,708
Equity Instruments	-	-	138,011	138,011
Unit Trust Investments	-	-	303,806	303,806
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>7,688,624</b>	<b>303,806</b>	<b>138,011</b>	<b>8,130,441</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to banks	391	-	-	391
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost				
- Due to depositors	1,077,085	-	-	1,077,085
- Due to other borrowers	575,874	-	-	575,874
Debt securities issued	134,526	-	-	134,526
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>1,787,877</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,787,877</b>
b. Bank - 31/12/2019				
In Rupees Thousands	AC	FVPL	FVOCI	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	18,802	-	-	18,802
Balances with central bank	-	-	-	-
Placements with banks	5,395,758	-	-	5,395,758
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances	2,221,691	-	-	2,221,691
Debt Instruments	265,894	-	-	265,894
Equity Instruments	-	-	136,065	136,065
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>7,902,144</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136,065</b>	<b>8,038,210</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to banks	72	-	-	72
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Other financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost				
- Due to depositors	1,076,178	-	-	1,076,178
- Due to other borrowers	552,132	-	-	552,132
Debt securities issued	263,986	-	-	263,986
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>1,892,368</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,892,368</b>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
In Rupees Thousands	Current Period 31/12/2020	Previous Period 31/12/2019
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Profit before tax	415,341	633,964
<b>Adjustment for:</b>		
Non-cash items included in profits before tax	23,815	17,514
Change in operating assets	(36,923)	407,503
Change in operating liabilities	(1,054,230)	(107,466)
Net gains from investing activities	-	-
Share of profits in associates and joint ventures	-	-
Dividend income from subsidiaries and associates	-	-
Interest expense on subordinated debt	-	-
Prior year adjustment	882,070	(882,214)
Contribution paid to defined benefit plans	-	(570)
Tax paid	(142,844)	(79,460)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>87,588</b>	<b>(10,730)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,162)	(1,089)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Purchase of Financial investments	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of maturity of financial investments	-	-
Net purchase of Intangible assets	-	(575)
Net cash flow from acquisition of investment in subsidiaries and associates	-	-
Net cash flow from disposal of subsidiaries	-	-
Proceeds from disposal of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Dividend received from investment in subsidiaries and associates	-	-
Purchase of Investment Properties	-	-
<b>Net cash (used in)/from investing activities</b>	<b>(1,162)</b>	<b>(1,664)</b>
<b>Cash flows from finance activities</b>		
Net proceeds from the issue of ordinary share capital	-	-
Net proceeds from the issue of other equity instruments	-	-
Net proceeds from the issue of subordinated debt	-	-
Repayment of subordinated debt	-	-
Interest paid on subordinated debt	-	-
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest	-	-
Dividend paid to shareholders of the parent company	-	-
Dividend paid to holders of other equity instruments	-	-
Others	-	-
<b>Net Cash (used in)/from financing activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash &amp; cash equivalents</b>	<b>86,426</b>	<b>(12,394)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	18,730	31,124
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>105,156</b>	<b>18,730</b>

ANALYSIS OF LOANS & ADVANCES, COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND IMPAIRMENT			
In Rupees Thousands	Current Period	Previous Period	
	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019	
<b>Productwise Gross loans and advances</b>			
<b>By product - Domestic Currency</b>			
Overdrafts	-	-	-
Term loans	1,896,408	2,062,857	
Lease rental receivable	521,293	472,747	
Credit Cards	-	-	
Pawning	38,607	37,832	
Pramuka Savings & Development Bank's Loans (PSDB)	998,606	1,013,437	
Housing loans	44,482	48,653	
Staff loans	149,147	123,419	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,648,543</b>	<b>3,758,946</b>	
<b>Stagewise impairment on loans &amp; advances</b>			
Less: Accumulated impairment under stage 1	(110,947)	(105,815)	
Accumulated impairment under stage 2	(75,874)	(43,030)	
Accumulated impairment under stage 3	(1,393,001)	(1,388,409)	
<b>Net value of loans &amp; advances</b>	<b>2,068,720</b>	<b>2,221,691</b>	
<b>Movements of impairment during the period</b>			
<b>Under Stage 1</b>			
Opening balance	105,815	193,238	
Charge/(write back) to income statement	5,133	(87,423)	
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>110,947</b>	<b>105,815</b>	
<b>Under Stage 2</b>			
Opening balance	43,030	38,672	
Charge/(write back) to income statement	32,843	4,359	
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>75,874</b>	<b>43,030</b>	
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Opening balance	1,388,409	1,317,187	
Charge/(write back) to income statement	19,423	77,888	
Other Movements	(14,831)	(6,6	



FCCISL - Business Resurgence Survey Report

# Lanka's business sector has been resilient

PwC-FCCISL Sri Lanka Business Resurgence Survey Report, a milestone study to address the post-pandemic challenges faced by local businesses, was officially released by Federation of the Chambers of Commerce in Sri Lanka (FCCISL) with the presentation of the first copy to Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Trade.

The report is the fruition of a collaboration that had begun between FCCISL and PricewaterhouseCoopers, Sri Lanka (PwC Sri Lanka) that led to an island-wide survey conducted among registered businesses of all sizes during the third-quarter of 2020. The report is based on industry feedback and responses from businesses across diverse industry sectors and operating scales, broadly representative of the overall industry landscape of the country. "89% of respondents across all sectors experienced adverse impacts following the pandemic, however the key challenges, coping strategies adopted along with future support required saw marked differences once you started looking at different sectors in the economy," said Lasanga Abeysuriya, Executive Director, PwC Sri Lanka. Loss of customer sales and inadequate cashflow for working capital requirements were the most common challenges for micro and small businesses, whilst reduction in overall funding available and supply chain challenges were key concerns for medium and large businesses respectively.

The study provided evidence for the further support needed to develop a strong export-oriented economy, with most businesses in the micro and SME segment currently focused on only serving domestic markets. Contrastingly, over two-thirds of the large businesses served export markets. Key challenges faced by export-oriented businesses were order cancellations, loss of customers, supply chain disruptions to source production inputs and working capital



Executive Director, PwC Sri Lanka, Lasanga Abeysuriya, President, FCCISL, Shirley Jayawardena, Senior Vice President, FCCISL, Keerthi Gunawardana and Director & Project Chairperson-Business Resurgence Study, FCCISL Ruwan De Silva



First copy of PwC-FCCISL Sri Lanka Business Resurgence Survey Report, released by FCCISL presented to Minister of Trade, Bandula Gunawardana.

shortages. Despite the headwinds, local businesses have shown tremendous resilience to remain open and protect jobs. "Much fewer companies had permanently wound-up or were in the process of winding-up due to the pandemic-induced challenges when comparing

with some of the regional markets in Asia" said Abeysuriya. Having flexibility to scale down operations and reduce costs, finding alternative supply sources and renegotiating with financiers and suppliers were amongst common coping mechanisms adopted for businesses

to navigate these challenging times. More businesses have relied on family and friends for support – both financial and other – during the current crisis. Thirty-percent of businesses relied on financial support from family and friends whilst eighteen-percent of businesses received other support such as no low cost labour, transportation, work premises from family and friends. Contrastingly, less than a quarter of the businesses had benefited from the Central Bank announced refinance schemes administered through the banks and financial institutions; eleven-percent of businesses were still awaiting approval /disbursements from such schemes as at the time of the survey whilst another eleven-percent were not even aware of financial assistance schemes available.

There is a silver lining; businesses have also identified opportunities, despite all the challenges, with fifty-five percent of businesses seeing immediate new opportunities following the enforced COVID-19 associated movement and business restrictions. Businesses have looked at pivoting or transforming operations as well as seeking new opportunities and collaborations to utilise available resources and capabilities. Looking at business strategies and priorities before and since the COVID-



Source: PwC-FCCISL Business Resurgence Survey Report

19 pandemic, growth and expansion have taken a relative backseat, whilst those with the capacity to do so have preferred seeking growth outside the country. "We see a change in priority for businesses to look at lateral diversification more favorably. However, businesses also seem more comfortable to pursue an organic growth path, perhaps due to lack of confidence or capacity to explore joint ventures or M&A routes that can be more effective and faster, particularly where new skills and expertise is required" said Abeysuriya. Over half the businesses have sought various forms of financial support remedies as the most urgent short-term requirement to recover from current challenges. Most common amongst these include financial grants for business transformation and technology adoption, collateral free credit through a government-backed loan guarantee scheme, faster access to cheaper working capital financing and further extensions to credit moratoriums. In the medium-term, businesses have identified areas that can increase local market competitiveness such as reducing utility costs for industrial and commercial establishments, simplifying government services, improving the quality and quantity of semiskilled to meet the requirements of multiple industries, and improving the access to public infra-

structure at competitive costs in order to promote more private sector participation. Ruwan De Silva, Director and Project Chairperson for the Business Resurgence Study, FCCISL said "The study has provided a good baseline assessment of our local industry standing and gives a strong platform for future action." FCCISL has indicated future plans to engage in a series of sector focused initiatives, with greater support from relevant sector participants, to drive a balanced, multi-sector economic revival in the country.

"With the current findings and other on-going studies to be conducted, we hope to engage with all our affiliated stakeholders that represent diverse industry sectors and professional bodies, regional business chambers as well as the public sector and government to jointly discuss, develop and implement necessary interventions to support the faster recovery of the local economy" said De Silva. "We will work with the Government and interested parties to seek support from the international community, including bilateral and multilateral lending and development agencies, to address some of the priority areas such as market development and capacity building to enable the growth of local business and economy," De Silva further added.

## Dialog Finance streamlines operations

DINESH PERERA

Dialog Finance PLC, the financial Service provider subsidiary of the Dialog Axiata Group has streamlined its operations. Accordingly, the number of employees at the organization has gone down from 164 to 44 people.

The company still maintains 2 branches. The company with the financial support of the parent has met the regulatory capital requirements of the Central Bank.

The company posted a loss of

Rs 99 million for the year ended December 2020. Equity analysts note that Dialog has been aggressively investing in payments processing infrastructure with one of the fastest-growing networks of applications, users, and merchants.

The company is set to aggressively expand in the near future.

The company has obtained the services of former Nations Trust Bank CEO Renuka Fernando as the Groups Chief Digital Services Officer.



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## Historic Amazon union drive set to conclude

Historic Amazon union drive set to conclude. Officials are set to reveal the outcome of a high-profile battle in Bessemer, Alabama that could establish the first unionised Amazon warehouse in the US.

Ballots will start being counted on Tuesday after more than a month of voting ends on Monday.

The fight is a key test for Amazon, which has faced

Ballots will start being counted on Tuesday after more than a month of voting ends on Monday.

criticism around the world over its working conditions during the pandemic.

The e-commerce giant has fiercely opposed the effort. If it loses, it would be forced to enter formal negotiations with representatives from the Retail Wholesale and

Department Store Union (RWDSU) over a contract for nearly 6,000 staff at the warehouse, located just outside Birmingham, a city in the north central region of Alabama. With both sides likely to challenge some of the votes, the results of the

ballot are not expected to be known for some time.

Amazon says it offers competitive pay and benefits. It has also tried to persuade workers that the union would not be able to win more for its members, even while the union collects hundreds of dollars in dues payments.

But union organisers have said staff are fed up with the relentless and impersonal treatment they receive. *BBC*

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Gihan Silva (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

degree equivalent) Business stream Srikanth Kaushal, Engineering stream Savindi Jayasinghe, science stream Bhagya Abeygunasekara, Srikanth Kaushal, Bhagya Abeygunasekara and Savindi Jayasinghe. In addition, UCL students have secured 43 Monash Global Awards of Excellence at unit/ subject level



Dr. Dhananjay Kulkarni (DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS)

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Bhagya Abeygunasekara

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Srikanth Kaushal

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EVERYONE HAS THEIR FAVOURITES, AND MY PERSONAL KUROSAWA FAVOURITE REMAINS KAGEMUSHA. KAGEMUSHA WENT RATHER UNNOTICED IN THE WEST, PARTLY BECAUSE OF ITS LENGTH BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK, BECAUSE OF ITS DEEP, UNYIELDING CYNICISM. WESTERN AUDIENCES COULD RELATE MORE EASILY TO THE ENDING IN RAN, HIS TRIBUTE TO KING LEAR (AND ONE FOR WHICH HE ACTUALLY READ THE PLAY). BUT KAGEMUSHA – WHICH LIKE SEVEN SAMURAI TAKES PLACE IN 16TH CENTURY JAPAN, DURING THE SENGOKU PERIOD – DOESN'T QUITE HAVE THE KARMIC PAYOFFS THE “VILLAINS” GET IN RAN.

## SON OF SAMURAI: AKIRA KUROSAWA

MADAPATHA CHINTAKA

**S**even Samurai is probably the only samurai film directed by the son of a samurai: Akira Kurosawa's father, Isamu, was a swordsman from Honshu. Why seven? The question has long gone unanswered, and there are, I suppose, two theories regarding it. The first is that being a fervent, zealous follower of the American cinema and Western culture, Kurosawa intended to pay homage to Aeschylus's *Seven Against Thebes*. I can't find much evidence for this anywhere, least of all Wikipedia. In that sense the second theory holds more water, especially because Kurosawa himself confirmed it: when asked by a member of the audience at an event honouring his work why he chose the number seven, he flippantly replied, "That's all the budget could afford." Both Lester James and Sumitra Peries participated at this event, somewhere in the early 1990s; Sumitra herself confirmed it to me the other day.

At three hours, *Seven Samurai* is more exciting, more exhilarating, I dare say more invigorating and thought-provoking, than half the sequels it inspired. *The Magnificent Seven* comes tantalisingly close to the original in terms of sheer excitement, but not even the sight of Yul Brynner and Steve McQueen readying themselves against those bandits in some poor 18th century Mexican village compensates for Toshiro Mifune and his band of ronin – or samurai without masters – displaying their swordsmanship against another set of bandits in some far-off mountain village in 16th century Japan. I don't credit the great Pauline Kael for being right all the time, but she was right most of the time, and like other critics who preferred the original to the remake, she got it right about this one: "the greatest battle epic since *The Birth of a Nation*" is how she described it when she saw it in 1961.

### BREATH-TAKING

It's far from his greatest work, of course – I would rank *Throne of Blood*, *Ran*, and *Kagemusha*, all three inspired by Shakespeare, the first two explicitly so and the latter figuratively, at the top – but it shows the kind of erratic, unflappable auteur he was. There are sequences in it which take your breath away even on a first viewing: the bandits pillaging the village, Mifune making his dramatic entrance, the samurai getting ready for the first fight. Some of them remind you of the battle scenes in Laurence Olivier's adaptation of *Henry V* (released the same year Kurosawa's father passed away, in 1948). Yet at their best, they bring to mind John Ford's Westerns and, if we are to push it a bit further, the battle scenes of Sergei Eisenstein and Dovzhenko, from Stalinist Russia.

What makes Kurosawa's battle scenes so profoundly unique is the backdrop against which they were made: unlike Olivier and Ford, who enjoyed the benefit of a commercial industry, and Eisenstein and Dovzhenko, who enjoyed the



patronage of the Soviet bureaucracy, Kurosawa's best movies came out after Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the ravages of war. I can think of one or two other film industries that survived the complexities of a major war, especially a world war – like France – but Japan's was, and continues to be, a distinctive case: it had to start literally from scratch, amidst American occupation. It is true its performing arts industries escaped this fate – especially cinema – but in the aftermath of the war the more popular media – and in Japan there was one, film – incorporated new styles. This is true particularly of Kurosawa's work, all the way from *Rashomon*, the film that took Japan to Venice and then the world; it was true of many other directors too, but they came later.

The cinema has always been the art most susceptible to change and continuity. This is especially true when considering Kurosawa's career before and after the war. In his pre-war work (much of which, I concede, seems plagiarised from American gangster and Western

thrillers), there is almost a shy and reticent attitude, as though the director is not too willing to reveal his flamboyance. The war pushed Kurosawa, and his peers, to experiment, question boundaries, discard old styles, and incorporate new ones. It's the sort of daring style that crops up in the sequence where the bandit first comes across the samurai's wife in *Rashomon*: dappled in light and shade, a gust of wind awakens the sleeping outlaw the very moment it lifts up the woman's dress and hat.

### EXEMPLIFYING MUSIC

There's a question film critics ask: to what extent was Kurosawa's art derived and to what extent was it original? Why this question is difficult to answer in the context of not just Kurosawa's work but the Japanese cinema in general is that there is no sharp line dividing the derived from the original. To me, this is best exemplified by *Rashomon*. The music is derived: it's based on Ravel's *Bolero* (which the Japanese composer Ryuichi Sakamoto reworked into the heist sequence in Brian De Palma's *Femme Fatale*). So, I suppose, are the camera angles, though it's hard to say. But what of the story? One can say the plot in a film like *Seven Samurai* is derived, but then Japanese folklore does have its share of heroic ronin. You can't make that excuse in *Throne of Blood*, which borrows directly from

*Macbeth*. Yet Kurosawa, whose acquaintance with the English language wasn't top-notch, famously chose not to read Shakespeare's play, concentrating instead on its outline; it could have been based on anything, not necessarily the tale of a Scottish prince and three witches.

As critics, we are always on the hunt for symbols, for lines that demarcate reality from fiction, and of course the borrowed from the original. In Kurosawa's case it's difficult to draw such lines, and if you do, it turns out to be unwieldy. What's even more unwieldy in Kurosawa's work is that he remains, as he was back then also, the most plagiarised Japanese filmmaker in the West. In the history of cinema I can't think of another non-Western director who paid homage to Hollywood so fervently, only to have Hollywood pay homage to him in return. It's not merely *Seven Samurai*, of course: from *Rashomon* to *The Hidden Fortress*, even *Yojimbo* (Pauline Kael: "the first great shaggy-man movie"), US directors have been busy, if not ripping off from him, then paying tribute to him. Such tributes crisscross time and space: *The Hidden Fortress* is set in 15th century Japan, yet two decades after its release, it made its way to "a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away", in *Star Wars*.

In this I believe Kurosawa was the superior of the two other auteurs associated with post-war Japan's cinematic

renaissance: Yasujiro Ozu and Kenji Mizoguchi. Both Ozu and Mizoguchi, the former more than the latter, have been described by European and American critics as being "too Japanese." In that sense, Kurosawa's work lends itself to appropriation and allusion more easily, as it has: I cannot think of a single Ozu or Mizoguchi film that American directors felt compelled to pay homage to. That does not lower the works of these two – some of which to me remain superior even to those of Kurosawa – but it does show how the latter's work has become far more adaptable than theirs.

Everyone has their favourites, and my personal Kurosawa favourite remains *Kagemusha*. *Kagemusha* went rather unnoticed in the West, partly because of its length but more importantly, I think, because of its deep, unyielding cynicism. Western audiences could relate more easily to the ending in *Ran*, his tribute to *King Lear* (and one for which he actually read the play). But *Kagemusha* – which like *Seven Samurai* takes place in 16th century Japan, during the Sengoku Period – doesn't quite have the karmic payoffs the "villains" get in *Ran*. That deprived Kurosawa's film of the type of ending European and American audiences had grown to expect, even of an art-house work.

The final scene of our hero, the lone survivor of the Battle of Nagashino, attacking the enemy – even though the side for which he's fighting discarded him after they made use of him – is shot from a long distance, separating us from not just the violence, but also the emotion. His final lunge is to no avail: the enemy finishes him off, and he dies, lonely and unloved, the river washing away his blood after he falls into it. The war is over; so is everyone involved in it. Kurosawa made many tragedies, both old and contemporary, but *Kagemusha* stands, I'd say, as the most Shakespearean among them: an irony, given that it was not based on Shakespeare. That's as Japanese, or Western, that Kurosawa could get: of both worlds, but firmly rooted in the land of his birth.



# THE TRUTH OF THE BODY

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*To be loved for something you are not.*  
-Andre Gide

'The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River' is Ravindhu Mahendra's maiden novel in English. It is novel that invites close attention. I say so primarily on account of four reasons. Firstly, it boldly ventures into an experiential terrain that is not normally selected for fictional exploration by Sri Lankan writers. Second the author has a clear ability to generate narrative energy through collocation of diverse well-realized incidents connected to emotional entanglements and manipulations of time and memory. Third, the author has sought to employ a metaphorically dense and poetically charged language. This can be described as a poetic novel in the sense that the works of Andre Gide, Virginia Woolf, Toni Morrison or Amit Chaudhuri can be termed poetic novels. Fourth, the author's desire to clear new pathways of feeling towards the nerve-centres of being. Intricate emotional entanglements, both overt and subterranean, are at the core of the novel.

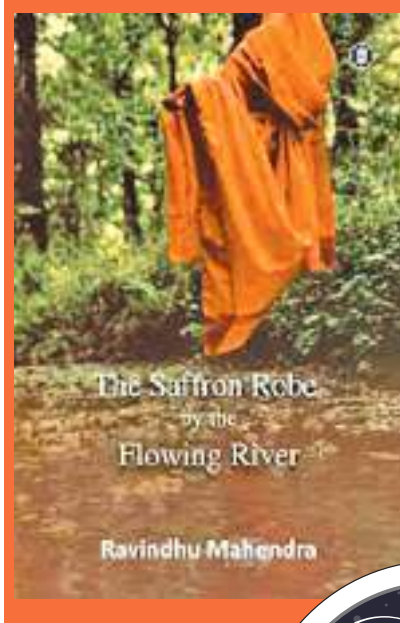
In a good poetic novel, the metaphorically rich language works at different levels of artistic apprehension and in different registers. The poetic language is no surface and external ornamentation; it has an epistemological value in the sense that it promotes a deeper inquiry into ways of understanding the world. In the case of *The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River*, the metaphorically driven language opens up another layer of meaning – the need to extend the margins of quotidian reality. This enlargement of the consciousness is part of the aim of the novelist. It is not, as is exemplified in the protagonist's character, a disembodied consciousness; rather, it is a defiantly embodied consciousness.

## Fictional attention

The narrative discourse of the novel *The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River* is constructed around the character of Sujatha. He is the centre of fictional attention. His arc of growth is marked by encounters with ambivalences – he is impulsive and thoughtful, sensual and spiritual, stubborn and flexible. His joy is linked to anguish and inner calm linked to inner turbulence. Sujatha is represented as a complex character who is battling antithetical forces, the central topos being that of the duality between body and spirit that guides everything. His homoerotic desire, which he both acknowledges and evades, courses through the novel giving it definition. Sujatha's character emerges both as an extension of, and in opposition to, a number of forces. The memory of his deceased mother, the fraught relationship with the father, complex attachment to his cousin Hasantha, and the tender mutualities between him and his fellow monk the reverend Ananda are among them. This is a felicitous novel that takes us into the intricate inner workings of the human mind and heart. Part of the novelist's agenda is to map the treacherous terrain of human emotions. Interestingly, the protagonist's homoerotic desires and the narrator's textual desires coincide in their respective quests for locus of authenticity.

*The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River* can be read through diverse optics. I have chosen the optic of the human body which, it seems to me is the dynamo of the novel, although, I concede, there other equally compelling perspectives that could be

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the consciousness is guided by somatic imperatives, the dictates of the body.

Elizabeth Grosz has written insightfully on the body. She says that the subject's psychical interior needs to be understood as an introjection, a form of internalization of the meaning and significance of the human body. This admonition of Prof. Grosz is deeply germane to the experiential richness of Ravindhu Mahendra's novel. In her book titled *Volatile Bodies*, Elizabeth Grosz asserts that her aim is to displace the centrality of mind, the psyche, interior, consciousness through a reconfiguration of the body. Indeed, this displacement, the according of a position of centrality to the body, is central to intentions of the author of *The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River*.

Prof. Peter Brooks in his valuable book *Body Work: Objects of Desire in the Modern Narrative* claims the following. 'I consider the body as an object and motive of narrative writing – as a primary concern with the life of the imagination.' He says that his aim throughout is with the creation of fictions that address the body, that imbued it in narrative, and that as a consequence embody meanings. These observations are relevant to Mahendra's efforts.

The locution stories on the body and the body in story is pivotal to the life experience of Sujatha and the narrative experience of the omniscient narrator of the novel. I have dealt at length with the concept of the body and its centrality in Mahendra's novel because it opens up, what I think is a very productive pathway of inquiry into this novel.

*The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River* is a felicitous poetic novel executed with conviction and assurance. The author has, as I pointed out earlier, adopted a metaphorically dense style. His newly-minted metaphors fly off the page startling us into answer awareness of human living and imaginative possibilities. This is a poetic novel both in the superficial sense that it contains poetic passages added onto the narrative to beautify it and that it is also a poetic novel in the deeper sense where the entire novel has been conceived and executed in poetic terms. The metaphorically driven poetic passages have a way of expanding our awareness of the quotidian world, pushing its margins, and alerting us to the vital reciprocities between nature and human beings. Certain tropes such as the thunderstorm, fires, moonlight recur throughout the narrative like a leitmotiv imbuing it with symbolic significance. The metaphors, therefore, carry an epistemological burden.

I wish to comment briefly on the structure of the novel as well. There is rhythmic movement to it; the narrative consists of memories selected and rearranged so as to emphasize various defining incidents from Sujatha's past. Memory, which plays a crucial role, in the narrative, is social in origin and effect. The author would concur with Maurice Halbwachs' viewpoint that the memory is collective rather than personal; the stitching of incidents projected my memory into a narrative flow has been done so as to enhance the rise and fall of emotions and the conflict of the protagonist's self-denial and self-actualization.

*The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River*

is not a confessional novel; confessional novels are normally written from the first person point of view. However, in this novel how the omniscient narrator presents the driving incidents of Sujatha's life carries with it a certain shade of confessional striving. It is a confession at one remove, a mediated confession. The notion of confession calls attention to four important imperatives. First, it presupposes a mood of human guilt. Second, it is important to recognize that there is a larger moral order against which the guilt is defined. Third it recognizes the existence of authoritative figures or norms which underline the misdeeds, actual or imaginary, committed by the individual. Fourth, the existence and availability of diverse frame works for discussing the confession. Sujatha has not committed any crime. Still a certain guilt clouds his feelings. His confession-tinged ruminations carry instances of self-deprecation and self-justification in equal measure. The reader can bring in the idea of confession to his or her reading of the novel to make greater sense of the flow of narrative. This raises the question whether a first person viewpoint, rather than an omniscient one, would have been more impactful. But then I fully recognize the limitations of the first person point of view.

As I stated earlier, one of the strengths of the novel is the author's desire to create a vibrantly rich and metaphorically evocative language. However, if one is not restrained, this effort can degenerate into over-writing and over-metaphorizing. The aesthetic of excess almost always results in an undermining of its very effort. Even outstanding poetic novelists such as Toni Morrison, as in her novel *Paradise*, have occasionally fallen victim to the impulse to poeticize excessively. We all need to remind ourselves that there is a fine balance that needs to be achieved between anaemic prose and over wrought prose. Hence, lyrical novels demand discipline and parsimony as much as vigorous imagination.

## Emotional honesty

*The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River* is a novel that valorizes emotional truth. The protagonist's quest for emotional honesty takes place on the terrain of the body which has become a sight of conflict and meaning. To attain emotional honesty is to validate authentic living. The eminent French philosopher Gilles Deleuze once remarked that the act of creation is an act of resistance. He was deploying term resistance largely in a metaphysical sense. There are other possible meanings of resistance. In Ravindhu Mahendra's novel, the achievement of emotional liberation signifies a resistance offered by Sujatha. It is a measure of his self-realization. A one sentence summary of the novel would be, this tells the story of a young man who became a Buddhist monk and after a while decided to give up robes.

In between these two momentous events, the author has given figurality to a complex and intricate network of emotional entanglements. The novelist has ably foregrounded the agonies of dislocation and joys of relocation. At the dead centre of all these tensions and conflicts is a radiant tenderness which lends the novel a moral authority. I started out this article by asserting that *The Saffron Robe by the Flowing River* is an absorbingly meditative novel that merits the close attention of lovers of literature. It signals the welcome arrival of a new talent on the local literary landscape.

Reviewed by Professor Wimal Dissanayake

## Wisdom as the focal point

Taking a synoptic standpoint, the venerable scholar points out that Buddhism as a religion based on ethics and philosophy began to spread beyond India from the 3rd Century BC. Its contribution to Asian culture as a peace-loving process is underlined. As such, this grave factor of living in the peace of harmony is visualised as seeking or the search for a better condition of existence. Herein enters the Four Noble Truths of perceiving the factors pertaining to wisdom or the path leading to the Eightfold Noble Path.

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Are the two terms, *knowledge* and *wisdom* imply the same meanings generally or conceptually? An average scholar in linguistics may state that they are the same in the day to day conversation. But if the two terms are regarded from a wider perspective, they may imply religious and spiritual meanings that transcend the mere barriers of sensory perception. Such an attempt is seen interpreted by the learned monk, Venerable Dr Pategama Gnanarama Thera, in the work titled *Glimpses of Buddhist Wisdom* published in Singapore (2004).

I had the opportunity to read the work that paved the way for me to possess a wider perspective into the subject area as enveloped in the work of Venerable Dr Gnanarama Thera. The contents are broadly categorised into three groups that go as *Religion and Philosophy*, *Individuals of Society and Psychology of Education*.

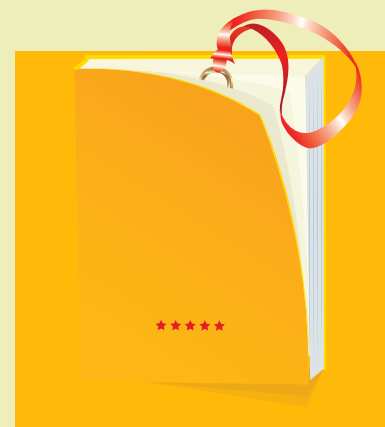
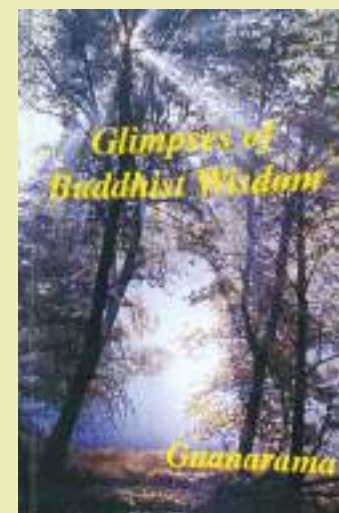
## COMPARATIVE STUDIES

But the reader sees a certain degree of penetrative peep into subdivisions in each of the cited categories. The subdivisions number into smaller groups in each category. They all tend to target the central issue of knowledge and wisdom. At the outset, the scholar researcher attempts to trace the place of Buddhism and Buddhist teachings are compared with the other well-known religions like Taoism, Shinto, Confucianism, Hinduism and Brahmanism.

In this direction, the work takes the shape of a handbook or a manner for the student and teacher of comparative religious studies. In each of these religious teachings, one central or pivotal point happens to be the right mindfulness and right concentration that leads to a clearer understanding of the sensory world, in which we live or exist.

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The learned writer then follows his trend of thought to several other religious teachings. Coming on to the second segment on *Individual and Society*, the scholar takes the reader on to another dimension of wisdom, taking a more liberal thinking pro-



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cess on such matters as positive thinking, adversity, turmoil and social interaction. The underlined factor is the varying aspects of wisdom as utilised by particular individuals in their day to day activities. Venerable writer too lays down parables culled from the popular Buddhist canons in order to throw light on the subject.

## REALIST PERSPECTIVE

One significant fact that the reader comes to feel the way the subject area of psychology had been linked to the way the people think and perform day to day work in a given climate, overcoming pain, agony and turmoil.

In this context, Venerable Gnanarama Thera quotes a saying of Albert Einstein that goes as follows: "If there is any religion that would cope up with scientific needs it would be Buddhism." Furthermore, Friedrich Nietzsche said: "Buddhism is hundred times more realistic than other religions."

In this manner, there are quite a number of quotes from scholars of philosophy and allied areas who comment on the central area of teachings of the Buddha. Coming on to the third segment on *Psychology and Education*, the writer outlines some of the basic perspectives of wisdom as linked to the central points of view in psychology and education.

He takes into account the need for the training of teachers from the Buddhist standpoint referring to the basic concepts of Buddha's teaching methods. The reader is often referred indirectly to Dhammapada in a lighter vein. In this direction, emphasis is made on the concept of stress management, a term utilised in psychology. It is cited that the popular psychologist William James was impressed by the psychological sophistication of Buddhism and predicted that it would be a major influence on western psychology.

Summing up, I feel that it is just not a Dhamma gift, but a gift of knowledge and wisdom needed for the right time.

# Male only!

**SUBASHINI PATHMANATHAN**  
The folk theatre of India is a combination of dance and drama mixed with vocal music and a different variety of musical instruments. This folk theatre is very popular among the village masses and tribals.

Yet this folklore is a colourful entertainment based on history, tradition, religion, and social customs. Some folk dances are connected to religious functions; religious festivals and some are agricultural functions such as harvest.

Some of the folk dances are performed by males alone, and some of the folk dances are performed only by females, and some are performed by

males and females together. Some states of India have theme-based annual seasonal folk dance dramas like Ramlila.

## Female roles

Therukoothu in Tamil Nadu is quite popular basically based on ancient epics. The theme of the story is sung by the actors and dialogue take place in between the play. Distinct make-up and costumes are adopted, even the female roles are played by the males.

Similarly, Purraavi Aattam or Pooi Kal Kuthera Aattam (dummy horse dance) is one of the traditional male folk dances of India. In this dance, form horses are made out of paper or colourful cloths with glitter-



ing golden or silver borders. Through a slit, in the back, the man appears.

The men dress up themselves as grooms and hold swords in their hands. They dance to the accompaniment of the Nathaswara musical band. This is a common dance form during religious functions and festive seasons.

Another male dance form is Oyilaattam or Oyl Kumi Aattam which is widely practised in Tamil Nadu by men. Oyl Kumi during the Thai Pongal festival the men hold the handkerchiefs and dance; the men form two rows in equal number and dance. It is a dance performed by the men alone therefore it resembles beautiful attractive majestic Thandava stances.

## Temple festivals

Kavadi Attam is another folk dance mainly practised by menfolk but some kavadis like Paal (milk) Kavadi is performed mainly by the women which are totally associated with temple festivals. But Para-

vai Kavadi is performed by men alone during the temple festivals.

Sillampattam is another folk art practised by men from the Chola period. It is based on martial art methods and is used for self-defence. Devarattam is widely practised in Tamil Nadu by a clan called Kampala Nayakar. An instrument called Devathunthurki (a drum) is used in this dance.

It is claimed that there are 103 adavus which are called Aattam, in Devar Aattam. There is another dance form called Servai Aattam. It is practised by the same clan.

Bhangra is the most popular dance form of Punjab. Steady firm and vigorous movements could be seen. The drummer plays the important role, he occupies the central position and the others; (the dancers) form a circle around him and dance. The drummer's beating is accompanied by the singing by one or two singers in this art form. The verses for the dance are often taken from the Punjabi poetry called Boli or Dhola.





# A FROZEN ROSE

## PART II

HASHINI GUNASINGHE

Thanks to Nangi, I could meet Mike. He didn't have the usual aureate glow on his face. And I could not disassemble the dark circles around my eyes. Without telling anything, I kissed him passionately.



"Mike, how dare you write a letter like that? Have you no love for me? I was never in a relationship with your leg... I thought you knew me than any other person in the world! I was wrong."

He didn't utter a sound. "I'm sorry! I thought you..." "What matters is not what you think? Does it matter who I am? I never want to leave you! Though you ask me to. Cause, I never begin something to stop this shortly!"

"You will repent one day, for taking such a foolish decision like this today!" I wasn't ready to give up.

"Okay, then let it be. I'm pretty sure the dawn of that 'one day' won't happen under our skies. And, it was you who told, 'The future is not ours. It belongs to the one called 'tomorrow'! 'You are hitting me with my own words' he doubted and I smiled sarcastically. "Nah, I'm just dusting your grizzled intellect."

He smiled like he used to, I am happy for one reason, my boy is back, he's back!

"Why do you love me so much?" he asked me all of a sudden. "I-I don't know..." I didn't know!"

But then, I could hear nangi screaming, calling me by my name! Oh god! "Darling, I think I didn't tell you. Amma knows everything-everything...She won't send me here again! Let's keep in touch in letters. I love you!"

When I returned to the living room, I got to know that I almost lost one beautiful person in my life. Akka frowned at me.

"Do you know how unlucky I am, to have you as a sister? You are a true burden!"

I was dumb. That was the last time I had a conversation with her. She never spoke to me since then. It was my fault.

I returned home. Life was back to normal

and I was strongly advised to stop my affair by both parents. It literally drove me nuts. Time passed with acceleration. Days, months and finally years passed without much incident. Mike flew to England in order to continue his higher studies. And my drawer had to withhold an unendurable weight because I received dozens of airmails per month. We grew older. We were stepping into our youth with much excitement and glory. We were so earnest to discover the glows of the world.

But, we could not escape from that conventional background where the people around us could not bear seeing us enjoying a lot of freedom. Hence, nangi has to get married and great that she found someone to love, with the blessings of her parents. Perhaps, she did a lot of merits and so the god sent him a beautiful partner to travel along the journey of life.

She left the house after getting married. The eyes of a thousand living beings were directed toward me. I was waiting for him to return, one day, I would say any day. But amma and thatha were busy finding a man for me. They took great trivial attempts in that case. Then, I started to speak my heart out before further relay. As usual, amma was furious and thatha observed an unusual silence. "Are you that keen to marry a leg amputee? I can't believe it in my ears! I thought you were wise enough..."

I was deeply oppressed at her outspoken words. I could not stop the fall of my tears outright, I thought they would make a flood. And, the most unfortunate news is yet to come.

Mike in his recent letter has mentioned: "My parents are engaged in a vicious game of finding a bride for me. They are deaf to my reasoning. I can't thrive in a world without you... I do not know what to do... They say love marriages shatter before long. And the best option is to marry the one that they say."

It is no doubt that parents love children more than anything. But why can't they understand our own feelings? Many give it a nice term called 'generation gap'. I disagree. If we are the architects of our life, why can't we design it uniquely, as we want? Should we live in a rented mansion? Won't live in our own tumble-down hut brings us more joy? If imperfections are absent, how can artists be world-famous? With just straight lines and curves, what beauty is there? Without a little bit of doodling, will it turn out to be a painting, no it remains as a mere diagram! So, why does everyone on earth wants to lead a perfect life with



a perfect partner, when you are well aware that 'beauty is within the imperfections'?

Okay, that sounds a little bit philosophical. Well, I borrowed it from Mike to persuade my parents that it is impossible to buy true love in every market. By that time, we were deeply agreed to stay unmarried if our parents do not allow us to follow the beat of our heart!

But then, our parents said 'okay' (it was kind of granting permission, they never did it with a liking).

I was waiting for that 'okay' for a long time. And finally, we got married with the permission of our parents. I can't assure you whether with their blessings, but it was good at least to know that they are not hurt by it.

"I can't believe that I finally married you! We have come a long way and still, twice of it is left to go. I am so lucky to have you as

my wife. Darling, I have no better words to thank you for not leaving me even after this (he touched his fake leg). The only wish I make before god is to keep us together, no matter how strong the storm is and how harder life is," he said kissing me.

After one week, we left Sri Lanka and flew to England. We bought a house and settled down there. Mike has found a job in England. And we lived a happy life, the exact one we wanted to. We had two children and we led a beautiful life.

"It's like a dream. We have come this far. When I first met your eyes, I never thought things would flow this way! The decision I made to be your wife is the wisest decision that I have made in my life. I love you, my dear..."

Time never stopped passing and we were

ageing. We had been together for more than fifty years and now I'm a granny. Sometimes, I laugh alone reminiscing our past days... how clever we were in having furtive conversations! They brought true happiness and relief to my life. But I cannot forgive myself for losing Akka. It's useless talking about them now.

I thought my last breath would fall on to the earth with my Mike and two children around me. But, destiny is so different. It gave a different ending to my love story, oh I'm sorry, it's not an ending, and it's just another beginning.

One day, Mike got unusually ill when planting an orchid tree with me. He was retired from work then. We took him to the hospital immediately. And when we arrived at the hospital, uh... at that moment, I heard the most unfortunate news I have ever heard! The doctors said he has got a coma, but the cause is inexplicable. Maybe after some bed rest and physiotherapy, he might recover. I could not stop crying. Why does all the bad stuff happen to one single good person? But then, I was determined to get him recovered from that unpleasant state. I travelled with him to every edge and corner, prayed before every god visible, but still, he is....

The love of my life lies unconsciously on my bed, he is motionless. He opens his mouth when I feed him. But never even utters a sound. My love...Do you know how much I miss you? It seemed he has lost consciousness. He didn't laugh his innocent smile. He has grown older. His face is still beautiful, dusted with silver! But, he has reached the final stage of coma. I never believed it. He is relaxing a little after working for a long time.

But, it's been ten years... how can I stay without hearing your voice, Mike? Have you no pity, Mike? Please say something, at least 'I love you' or at least 'I hate you'.

It's been more than ten years. You are still on a bed; motionless, silent. Do you know how much I love you? If so, why aren't you hugging me like before? Why aren't you waking up, love? Look! It's our 60th anniversary... Here, I prepared your favourite milk rice... I fed him, and he ate. I kept a red rose, freshly plucked from our garden, next to his bed. And I kissed him on the forehead. I whispered in his ear, "My love, I love you so much. I didn't leave you in the darkness, and will never too...Be with me forever, my darling! That's all I want! He opened his eyes wide and then closed down slowly.

## MARMADUKE



"Hmmm, it doesn't seem to cover this situation."

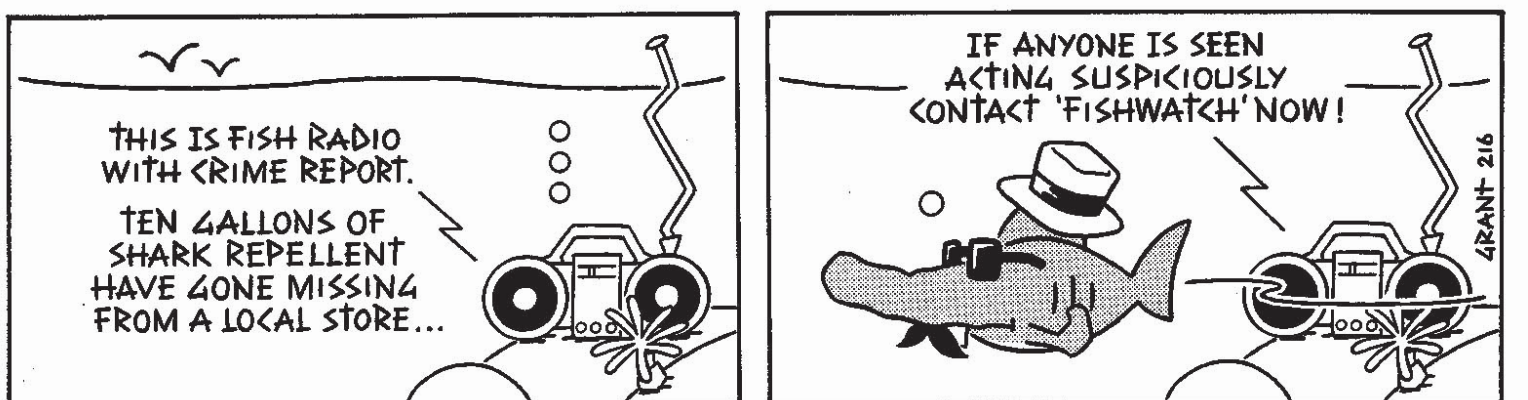
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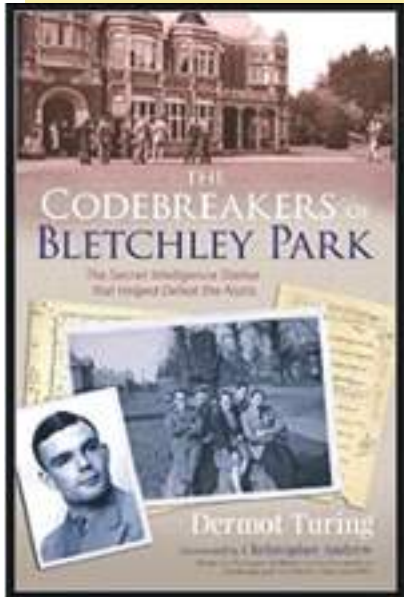
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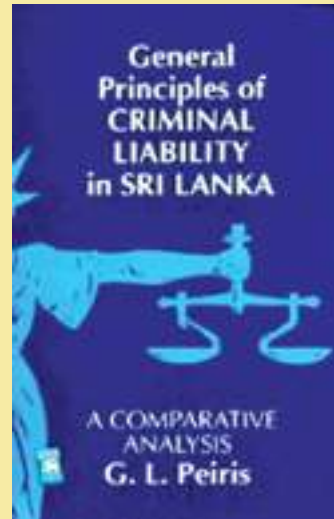
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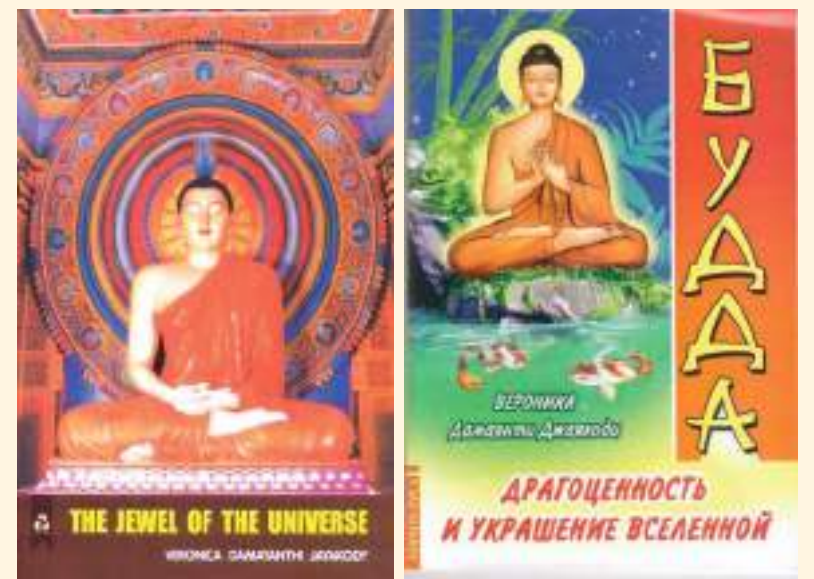
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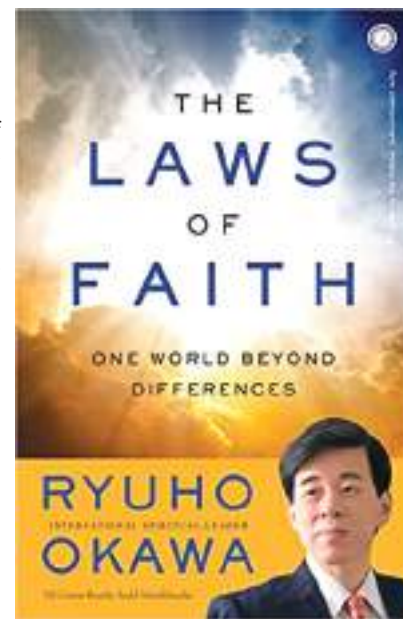
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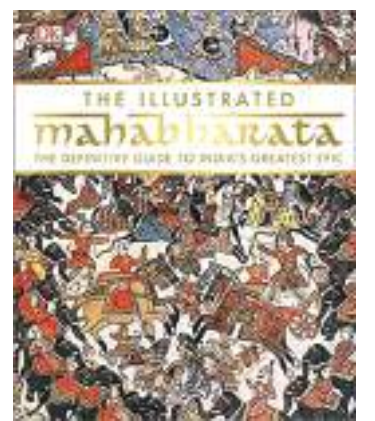
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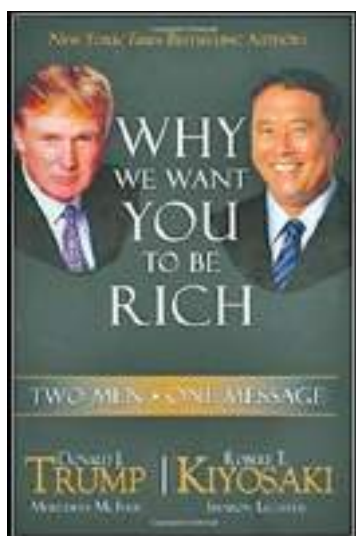
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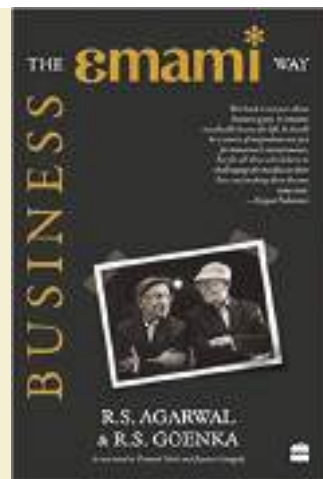
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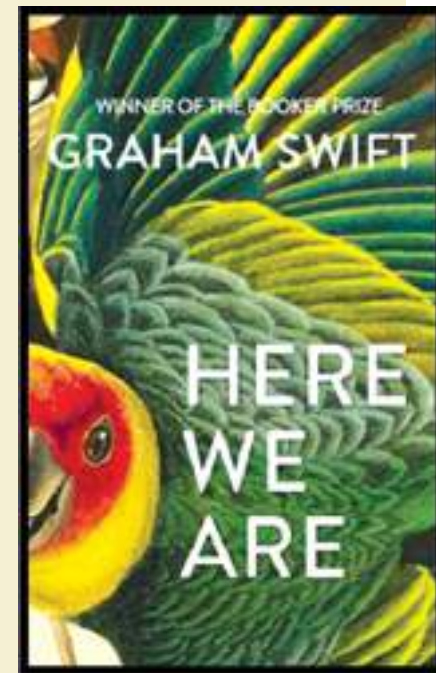
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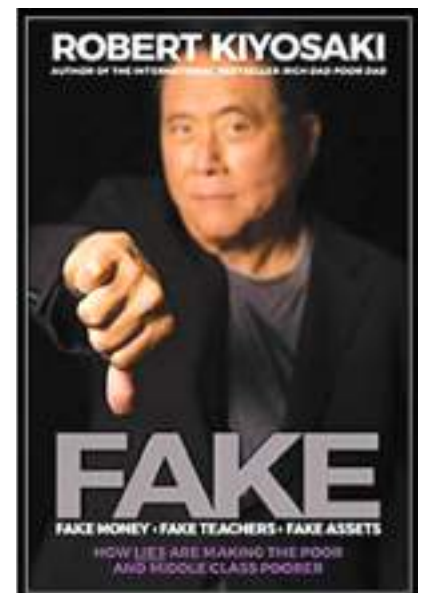
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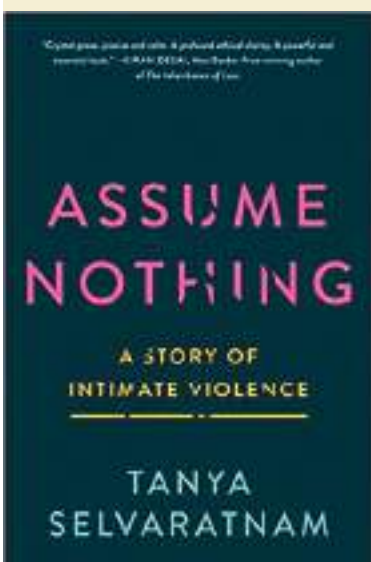


**TITLE:** Fake  
**AUTHOR:** Robert Kiyosaki

Robert Kiyosaki - author of the #1 personal finance book of all time - has built a legacy around simplifying complex and often-confusing subjects like money and investing. He continues to challenge conventional wisdom and asks the questions that will help listeners sift through today's information overload to uncover ways to assess what's real... and what isn't. And use truth and facts as a foundation for taking control of their financial lives.

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**AUTHOR:** Tanya Selvaratnam



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alumni; both studied Chinese; both were interested in spirituality and meditation, both were well-connected rising stars in their professions-Selvaratnam in entertainment and the art world; Schneiderman in law and politics.

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**TITLE:** Leading With Integrity: Creating Positive Change In Organizations  
**AUTHOR:** Micheal Smith

Thanks to global news and social media, we are the most informed and socially conscious generation in history. But what are the sources of inner inspiration that guide our daily conduct and motivations in the workplace? Far from the old Machiavellian dictum that "the ends justify the means", the reverse is often the case: the means determine the ends. This book presents the stories of business leaders who have aimed to build trust in the economy and have delivered value through integrity, cooperation, stewardship, purpose and sustainability. It proposes the eight Cs of trust which can define the culture of organizations: contracts, covenants, competencies, character, conscience, conviction, courage and change.

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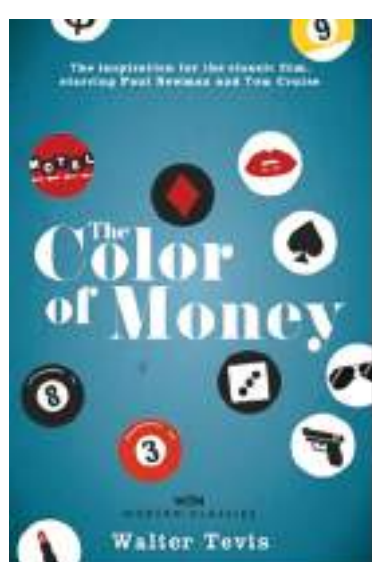
**TITLE:** The Cottingley Secret  
**AUTHOR:** Hazel Gaynor



1917... It was inexplicable, impossible, but it had to be true—didn't it? When two young cousins, Frances Griffiths and Elsie Wright from Cottingley, England, claim to have photographed fairies at the bottom of the garden, their parents are astonished. But when one of the great novelists of the time, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, becomes convinced of the photographs' authenticity, the girls become a national sensation, their discovery offering hope to those longing for something to believe in amid a world ravaged by war.

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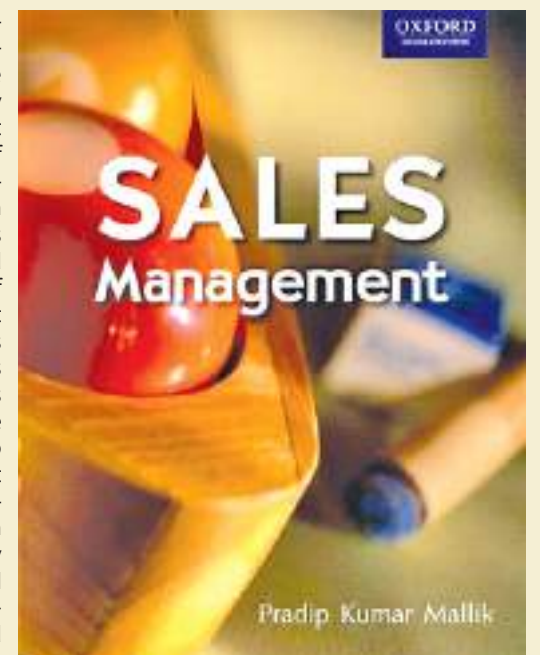
**TITLE:** The Color of Money  
**AUTHOR:** Walter Tevis



Twenty years after he conquered the underground pool circuit as The Hustler, "Fast" Eddie Felson is playing exhibition matches with former rival Minnesota Fats in shopping malls for prizes like cable television. With one failed marriage and years of running a pool hall behind him, Eddie is now ready to regain the skills needed to compete in a world of the pool that has changed dramatically since he left.

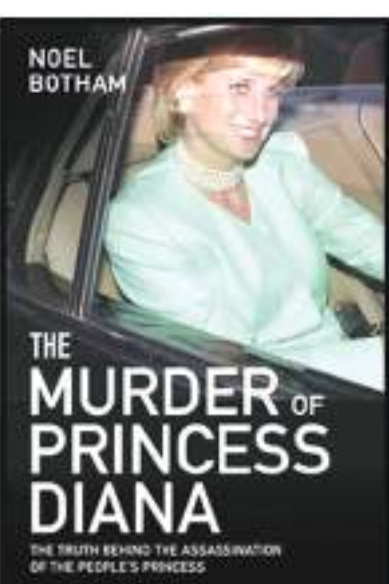
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**TITLE:** Sales Management  
**AUTHOR:** Pradip Kumar Mallik



Sales Management is a comprehensive textbook specially designed to meet the requirements of management students specializing in marketing. It explains the theoretical and practical aspects of sales management through numerous industry examples case studies exhibits and illustrations. The book is divided into five parts. The first part Personal Selling begins with an overview of the key concepts of personal selling with various approaches and strategies and goes on to discuss the personal selling process in detail. The second part Organization of SalesForce Functions focuses on managing the sales force and elucidates on sales organization and territory. The third part Managing the Sales Team defines the roles and responsibilities of salespeople and includes chapters devoted to salesforce recruitment selection training motivation compensation and performance.

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**TITLE:** The Murder of Diana  
**AUTHOR:** Noel Botham

The death of Princess Diana, Princess of Wales, sent shockwaves around the world. A nation was left in mourning, but soon feelings of suspicion surfaced: was her death all that the Establishment might wish us to believe? Now, after an exhaustive two-year probe, investigative writer and former journalist Noel Botham has dared to reveal what the people of Britain have always feared.

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## Southern Provincial Council

### Southern Provincial Department of Education

#### Invitation for Bids

1. Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Southern Provincial Department of Education, No. 8, Upper Dickson Road, Galle from eligible and qualified contractors who are registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) (Preference will be given to Contractors of the Southern Province as per Finance Ministry Circular No. 04/2016(ii) for the under-mentioned construction and repairing works to select them under National Competitive Bidding Procedure and entrust the works.

**Closing date for Bids: 10.00 a.m. on 21.04.2021**

Ser. No.	Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Minimum Qualification ICTAD Grade	Contract Period (Days)	Non Refundable Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Refundable Bid Bond (Rs.)
	Consolidated Fund (CF) National Schools					
01	Ga/Kathaluwa Maha Vidyalya - Construction of Boundary Wall and Watchers Hut	604,329.45	C 9	90	500.00	6,000.00
02	Ga/Nagoda Royal College - Works including construction of Water Tank Tower	462,439.90	C 9	90	500.00	4,600.00
03	Ma/Urubokka National School - Matara - Repairing of Dental Unit	1,335,276.90	C 9	90	1,000.00	13,000.00
04	Ha/Tangalle Balika Vidyalya - Renovation of Electrical System	2,584,203.00	C 8	90	1,000.00	25,000.00
05	Ha/Tangalle Primary Vidyalya - Repairing the Dental Clinic	1,545,378.69	C 9	90	1,000.00	15,000.00
06	Ha/Getamanna Vijaya National School - Repairing the Dental Clinic Building	1,668,084.30	C 9	90	1,000.00	17,000.00
07	Ha/Mahanaga National School - Repairing the Dental Clinic	1,047,510.40	C 9	90	1,000.00	10,000.00
08	Ha/Weeraketiya National School - Repairing the Roof of the Dental Clinic	1,867,719.00	C 9	90	1,000.00	19,000.00
09	Ha/Nakulugamuwa Gamini Maha Vidyalya - Repairing the Dental Clinic Building	1,300,921.35	C 9	90	1,000.00	13,000.00

1. Bidder should have certified that the institution possesses the main essential equipment for the proposed construction works.
2. Interested and eligible bidders may call over at the Accounts Branch of the Southern Provincial Department of Education and inspect the bid documents free of charge during office hours from 31/03/2021.
3. Bid documents may be obtained during office hours from 31/03/2021 until 02.00 p.m. on 20/04/2021 on submission of the receipt obtained from the Shroff of the Department upon payment of the fees.
4. The specific refundable bid security may be paid in cash to the Shroff of this department or submitted in the form of a bank guarantee (Bank Guarantees from The Commercial Bank will not be accepted) valid from 21/04/2021 until 21/08/2021 in the form attached to the bid documents. If the bid security is submitted as a bank guarantee it should be drawn in the name given below. If paid in cash attach a photocopy of the receipt to the bid.

Address : **Southern Provincial Director of Education  
Southern Provincial Department of Education  
Upper Dickson Road, Galle.**

5. Bids in duplicate as "Original" and "Duplicate" in separate covers, should be reinserted in a single cover mentioning the name of the relevant work on the left hand top corner, sealed and may either be sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Accounts Division in First Floor of this department to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 21/04/2021.

Address : **Chairman  
Departmental Procurement Committee  
Southern Provincial Department of Education  
Upper Dickson Road,  
Galle.**

6. Bids will be opened at 10.15 a.m. on 21/04/2021 at the Southern Provincial Department of Education and the contractor who has submitted the bid or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
7. Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 091-2234234.

**Nimal Dissanayake  
Southern Provincial Director of Education  
Southern Provincial Department of Education  
Upper Dickson Road,  
Galle.**

Date: 30/03/2021

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND INDIGENOUS MEDICINE TEACHING HOSPITAL, ANURADHAPURA

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### SUPPLY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

1. Sealed bids will be entertained by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura, up to 10.00 a.m. on 23.04.2021 for the supply of following medical equipment.

2. Medical Equipment

Ser./ No.	Equipment	Qty	Non-refundable fee (Rs.)	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)
01	High End Ultrasound Scan Machine	01	5,000.00	150,000.00

3. Only the accredited agents, nominees or authorized representatives of manufacturers who manufacture and supply these equipment to the Sri Lankan market, will be eligible to participate in this bidding invitation/ procurement.
4. Sealed bids in duplicate (two copies), should be submitted only on a complete set of Bidding documents obtainable on submission of the following documents, by/for or on behalf of the suppliers by their eligible and qualified and interested representatives or nominated agents.
- Written application, submitted to the Director Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura.
  - A copy of the receipt issued for the payment of the above mentioned non-refundable fee made to the Accountant, Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura.
  - A certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate.
  - A certificate / letter issued by the Principals appointing as their nominated agents / accredited representatives authorizing them as local agents/representatives.
  - PCA 3 certificate if the Bidders bid value exceeds Rs. 05 Million registered under the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987, (PCA 3).
5. Bidding documents could be obtained from the Director, Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days **from 31.03.2021 to 22.04.2021**. Further details could be obtained over telephone Nos. 025-2222261-63, Ext: 121/103 or Tele: 025-2225616.
6. Sealed Bids should either be sent by registered post, to the following address, or deposited in the Tender Box, kept at the office of the Accountant of the Hospital. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at 10.00 a.m. on 23.04.2021 at the office of the Accountant of the hospital. A Pre-bid meeting will be held on 07.04.2021 at the office of the Accountant of the Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura.
7. Bidding documents could be inspected at the office of the Director, Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura from 31.03.2021 onwards.

**Chairman,  
Regional Procurement Committee,  
Teaching Hospital,  
Anuradhapura.**



### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

## PROVINCIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (W.P.)

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development - Western Province)

### Supply of Readymix Concrete (G-30) to Negombo / Udugampola Executive Engineer's Divisions and Homagama Divisional Secretary's Division

Open Quotations are invited by this Authority from interested suppliers for the supply of Readymix Concrete required for roads in the following Executive Engineers Divisions /Divisional Secretaries Divisions.

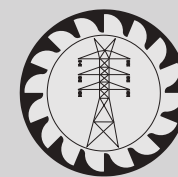
#### Bid Summary

Bid No. PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/15	Description	Quantity M3	Tender Form fee (without VAT) Rs.	Value of the Bid Security	
				In Cash	By Bank / Insurance Guarantee
Executive Engineer's Division - Negombo	Supply of Readymix Concrete (G-30) (List of roads shown with the bid documents)	2640 M3	Rs.3000.00	262,000.00	524,000.00
Executive Engineer's Division - Udugampola	Supply of Readymix Concrete (G-30) (List of roads shown with the bid documents)	115 M3			
Divisional Secretary's Division, Homagama	Supply of Readymix Concrete (G-30)	210 M3			

02. Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the abovementioned Tender Form Fee (except the Suppliers registered with the Authority) between 8.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. from 01.04.2021 until 19.04.2021. Bid security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.
03. To be eligible for the award of the bid, bidder should submit Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid amount exceeds Rs. 5.0 million.
04. Bids will be closed at 10.30 a.m. on 20.04.2021 and opened at the same time and date at this office and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

**Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill  
Colombo 12  
Telephone No. 011-5676903**





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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.

## SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE - APRIL 2021

EHELIYAGODA AREA	
<b>Eheliyagoda CSC</b>	
2021-04-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Iddamalagoda, Marambe, Napawala Temple, Uduwaka 3rd Mile Post, Walawita	
2021-04-19	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Distribution : Gamini Saw Mill, Moragala, Pelpitiya, Udumatta(1) Thoranagoda, Udumatta (2) RE (Thoranagoda), Wijenayaka House	
2021-04-24	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Madolwatta Hinguralakanda, Nahelma Watta, Pambegama, Pambegama Rubber	
2021-04-27	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Samagi Food Product Distribution : Boraluwa-Paleegala, Bulugahapitiya, Bulugahapitiya Pirivena, Meegawela, Nakandala, Paleegala, Paleegala New Miyanakolatenna, Wiyalagoda	
2021-04-29	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Minnana Telecom, Southern Fashion Distribution : Batukotuwa, Bopetta RE, Getahetta RE, Meenana 2, Minnana RE	
2021-04-29	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Amal Medical Center (Panawala Road)	
Approved By Distribution : Dharmapala School, Wilegoda	
<b>Kiriella CSC</b>	
2021-04-06	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Sampath Tea Factory Bulk & Distribution : Dumbara Rubber Factory, Dumbara Tea Factory Distribution : Dammulla Karadana South, Kanuggalla, Karandana - North, Keengahawela, Kuttikanda, Mapotha Kosheena, Minipura - Dumbara, Nikagalawatta, Nugadanda, Nugadanda 2, Sri Samanpura, Wewila, Wikramakanda, Yatipawwa	
2021-04-08	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Paragala Tea Factory AN Lanka, Udagala Tea Factory Distribution : Handukanada Udugala, Madanagoda, Negirikanda, Paragala, Pitakanda Medakella	
2021-04-23	08:30-10:30
Distribution : Ketepola	
2021-04-23	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Boraluketiya Ketepola, Kanuggalla, Ketepola, Ketepola Bodiya, Ketepola Watta Bangalow, Kiriella Watta, Madabaddara, Mapotha Kosheena, Namunuthenna, Sri Samanpura, Umangedarawatta, Wewila, Wikramakanda	
2021-04-23	10:30 - 17:00
Distribution : Kiriella Watta, Madabaddara, Namunuthenna	
2021-04-24	08:00-17:00
Distribution : Kanuggalla, Nugadanda, Nugadanda 2	
2021-04-28	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kalukele	
<b>Kuruwita CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Kandalanda Tea Factory Distribution : Boraluwa, Gollahinna, Yatiwala	
2021-04-04	08:00-17:00
Distribution : Udakada	
2021-04-05	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Pussella Rubber Factory Distribution : Diddeniya, Diyalana, Dodangoda, Elaulla, Godagampola Alawalagama, Heminford Rubber Factory, Honalagala, Imbulpitiya, Meneripitiya, Meneripitiya Meegasthenna, Pannila, Rasnakanda, Watappitiya, Wetummala	
2021-04-20	08:00-17:00
Distribution : Godagampola Alawalagama	
2021-04-22	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Daduwangala New Tea factory, Daduwangala Tea Factory, Galahitiya Tea Factory, T.R.I. Tea Factory, Telecom Kuruwita, TRI New Bulk & Distribution : Keeragala Estate, Rathnaloka Hotel Distribution : Bopath Ella, Demada, Devipahala, Dialog Tower Galpussella, Ebewela, Enasaldola, Galahitiya, Galpussella, Galukagama, Higgashena, Higgashena 2, Indola, Kadangoda Janapadaya, Karapincha, Kiribathgala, Kirigala, Kuruwita Town, Lellagoda, Madolkottunna Mobitel, Medagama Galkada, Millawitiya, Near Kuruwita Primary School, Nelugolla, Polgahawela, Pussella, Pussella R/E, Thantirikanda, Theppanawa Akkara 4 Ihalagama, Theppanawa Kumara Vidyalaya, Udakada, Udawatta	
2021-04-25	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Nilmini Metal Crusher, Parakaduwa Lakmal Tea factory Bulk & Distribution : Makply (Prime Lanka) Distribution : Amuhenkanda, Bendaluwa, Kethumathiramaya Thalawitiya, Mudunkotuwa West New, Parakaduwa, Pohorabawa RE, Pohorabawa Technical village, Thalawitiya	
2021-04-28	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Deerwood Tea Factory, Kandalanda Tea Factory, Lake Serenity, Mihinka Tea Factory Bulk & Distribution : Lassekanda Tea Factory Distribution : Adavikanda, Batathota, Boraluwa, DAE Song Lanka, Dummalagoda Pathagama, Ediriyawela, Eknaligoda New, Eknaligoda, Erathna RE, Gollahinna, Gonapitiya, Indikatupana, Kandauda Eknaligoda, Mahawattakanda, Mahawattakanda Dialog Tower, Medahinna, Paladeniya, Pannama Sudagala 2, Seethangula, Sudagala, Thambiliyana Kuruwita, Thennapita, Upper Waranagala, Witharanpanguwa, Yatiwala	
<b>EMBILIPITIYA AREA</b>	
<b>Embilipitiya CSC</b>	
2021-04-02	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Crystileema, Ilukwewalatta Holiday Bungalow, Nail Factory-Hingura ara, Randi International, Saranga Metal Crusher Distribution : Darshanagama, Guruara, Higurua Akkara 500, Hingure Ara - Galwanguwa, Kalagediara, Karanayaka Rice Mill, Kethsirigama, Kethsirigama 21 Ela, Moraketiya 3rd Mile Post, Moraketiya 7 Ela, Moraketiya New 1st Mile Post, Moraketiya Rice Mill, Moraketiya Temple, Moraketiya VG Rice Mill, Near Bimro Tile, Near Rathnaweera Fuel Station	
2021-04-04	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Poly Clinic, Subashi Garment Factory Apperal, Telecom Embilipitiya Bulk & Distribution : Hospital Embilipitiya Distribution : Bimbadyaya Junction, Economic Center, Modarawana, Pallegama Temple, School Junction, Sewana Camp, Sewana Camp - New Canal Rd, Wew Athura Udagama, Yodagama Gammudawa	
2021-04-06	08:30-12:00
Bulk : Crystileema, Randi International Distribution : Kalagediara, Karanayaka Rice Mill, Moraketiya 3rd Mile Post, Moraketiya 7 Ela, Moraketiya New 1st Mile Post, Moraketiya Rice Mill, Moraketiya Temple	

2021-04-06	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Bandokkayaya - Panamure, Daylight Metal Crusher Darshanagama, Galamuna Junction Panamura Rd., Koonkatuwa I, Koonkatuwa II, Modarawana Thebaduara 2, Mullekumbura Panamura, We Atura, Welipothayaya	
2021-04-08	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Ceyland Factory Bulk & Distribution : Uswewa Tile Factory Distribution : Army Camp Kuttigala, Jayathi Mapiyagama, MPCRS Rice Mill	
2021-04-21	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Hagala Junction 12 Ela, Karagahapittaniya, Walawandee school (Welangahawela), Weheragodella	
2021-04-29	08:30-17:30
Distribution : 42 Junction Padalangala, Gotabayagama, Kuttigala, Padalangala Hospital, Uruperetta	
2021-04-29	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Ceyland Factory Bulk & Distribution : Uswewa Tile Factory Distribution : 42 Junction Padalangala, Army Camp Kuttigala, Gotabayagama, Jayathi Mapiyagama, Kuttigala, MPCRS Rice Mill, Padalangala Hospital, Uruperetta	
<b>Godakawela CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Cargills Food City Godakawela, Chandra Food City, Cremo Yogurt, Dewmini Fashion, Rakwana, Godakawela Water Board Distribution : Alawaththenna, Bibilegama, Dialog Tower Niyangama, Elamalpe, Galamella, Godakawela Town 1, Godakawela Town 2, Horepola, Masimbula Dikaya, Meddegama, Nagaspola, Niyangama, Niyangama 2, Pallegama, Udakumbura, Ukawatta Rakwana, Warayaya, Welkeniyaya Pahalagoda, Werahera Mobitel Godakawela	
2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Cargills Food City Godakawela, Chandra Food City Distribution : Dialog Tower Niyangama, Elamalpe, Niyangama, Niyangama 2, Pallegama, Warayaya, Welkeniyaya Pahalagoda	
2021-04-05	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Chalenger Food Product, Chellow, Mount View Tea Factory Kauduwawa, Nelco, Prasanga Shopping Center Redewita Bulk & Distribution : Power Loom Kauduwawa Randi Garment Distribution : Alpititiya, Emityyagoda, Emityyagoda Metal Crusher, Galahitiya, Hiramadagama, Kauduwawa Atakalanpanna, Malawatta, Malwatta Fonseka Mawatha, Pelawatta, Redewita, Urubodakanda, Welipotha Werahera Godakawela	
2021-04-06	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Bandarawatta Saw Mill, Neesha Apperal Distribution : Airtel Tower Kumburugamuwa Road, Akarella Nekathwalakada, Ambewila, Balawinna, Balawinna CSC, Balwinna Concrete Works, Bogahakumbura, Buluwela Ranwala, Delwalakanda, Godowita, Helaudakanda, Henaggegoda, Kosnathota, Kuburugamuwa II, Kumburugamuwa School, Manamperigama, Medaganoya, Miyanakoladeniya, Moragahaathura, Morayaya Kumburugamuwa I, Nawinna, Palledbedda Town, Pallekanda, Pilagolla, Pinnakanda, Pitakanda, Ranwala Hospital, Telecom Godakawela, Thalagaskanda Kularatnagama, Tigo Tower Kumburugamuwa Road, Uda Ranwala - Koongahayata, Wawulpane, Welewatthya, Yapalara	
2021-04-06	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Bandarawatta Saw Mill, Neesha Apperal Distribution : Airtel Tower Kumburugamuwa Road, Akarella Nekathwalakada, Ambewila, Balawinna, Balawinna CSC, Balwinna Concrete Works, Bogahakumbura, Buluwela Ranwala, Delwalakanda, Godowita, Helaudakanda, Henaggegoda, Kosnathota, Kuburugamuwa II, Kumburugamuwa School, Manamperigama, Medaganoya, Miyanakoladeniya, Moragahaathura, Morayaya Kumburugamuwa I, Nawinna, Palledbedda Town, Pallekanda, Pilagolla, Pinnakanda, Pitakanda, Ranwala Hospital, Telecom Godakawela, Thalagaskanda Kularatnagama, Tigo Tower Kumburugamuwa Road, Uda Ranwala - Koongahayata, Wawulpane, Welewatthya, Yapalara	
2021-04-22	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Ilukumbura, Koongasthenna - Koongaha Handiya, Panana Hapugasthenna, Panana Medagama, Pollamura Udangoda, Weligeepola, Weligeepola Town	
2021-04-23	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Emityyagoda, Hiramadagama, Urubodakanda, Welipotha Werahera Godakawela	
2021-04-29	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Cargills Food City Godakawela, Chandra Food City Distribution : Dialog Tower Niyangama, Elamalpe, Niyangama, Niyangama 2, Pallegama, Warayaya, Welkeniyaya Pahalagoda	
<b>Kolonna CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Ereporuwa Water Board Bulk & Distribution : Eigirth Tea Factory, Lankabariya Estate Distribution : Boraluwageaina, Itekanda RE, Keselpotawina, M.T.T Sooriyakanda Kadamuduna, Managoda, Micro Repeater Station Suriyakanda, Pahala Walakada, Poddana, Ranhotikanda, Thennapitiya, Wijeriyaya ii, Wijeriyaya iii, Wijeriyaya RE, Yakmadiththa	
2021-04-02	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kalugoda	
2021-04-03	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Dapane New (North)	
2021-04-04	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Gamakanda	
2021-04-05	08:30-16:30
Distribution : Bulathwelkanda	
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Bulathwelkanda, Malapalawa, Muladiyanwala I, Muladiyanwala II, Sudugala	
2021-04-06	08:30-16:30
Distribution : Gurumada, Pepolwathuyaya, Wisamithura	
2021-04-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ethgala, Madana	
2021-04-06	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Ambagahawehera, Botiyawewa, Ethgala, Gurumada, Jandura, Panamura, Pepolwathuyaya, Wisamithura	
2021-04-08	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Managoda, Thennapitiya, Yakmadiththa	
2021-04-09	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ranhotikanda	
2021-04-09	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Kooppakanda Tea Factory Distribution : Kelikanda, Kella II, Kooppakanda, Sapugahalandugoda, Udahagoda, Walakada	
2021-04-23	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Kooppakanda Tea Factory Distribution : Kelikanda, Kella II, Kooppakanda, Sapugahalandugoda, Udahagoda, Walakada	

2021-04-27	08:30-16:30
Distribution : Ambagahawehera, Botiyawewa, Ethgala, Jandura, Panamura	
2021-04-27	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Ambagahawehera, Botiyawewa, Ethgala, Gurumada, Jandura, Panamura, Pepolwathuyaya, Wisamithura	
<b>Udawalawa CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	08:00-17:30
Bulk : Centuria Hotel Udawalawa (SarathChandra), Dame Site Udawalawa, Makuluwagama sugar water pump, Sewanagala H.S, Sewanagala Sugar Factory, Sewanagala Suger Factory Site, Sewanagala Suger Water Pump Bulk & Distribution : Katupilagama Water Pump, Sewanagala Sugar Work Shop Distribution : 5th Mile Post Thanamalwila Road, Anandagama, C.E.B. Udawalawa Quarters, Chandimaramaya Makuluwa, Dallukketiya, Ekamuthugama I Wild Life, Ekamuthugama II, Ginigalpeessa, Habaraluwewa Mayuragama, Habaraluwewa Water Pump, Katupilagama, Kiriebbanara, Koul Ara Gemunumawatha, Koul Ara School, Koul Ara Water Pump, Muthuminigama, Nelumsirigama, Samanalagama, Sampathgama 7th Mile Post, Sewanagala Sugar Mobitel Tower, Sewanagala Makaluwagama, Thalpathgama, Thanamalwila RD New Forest, Thunhiriyawa, Walawegama	
2021-04-01	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Moraketiya Water Pump Distribution : Habaraththawela Junction	
2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Centuria Hotel Udawalawa (SarathChandra), Dame Site Udawalawa, Makuluwagama sugar water pump, Sewanagala H.S, Sewanagala Sugar Factory, Sewanagala Suger Factory Site, Sewanagala Suger Water Pump Bulk & Distribution : Katupilagama Water Pump, Sewanagala Sugar Work Shop Distribution : 5th Mile Post Thanamalwila Road, Anandagama, C.E.B. Udawalawa Quarters, Chandimaramaya Makuluwa, Dallukketiya, Ekamuthugama I Wild Life, Ekamuthugama II, Ginigalpeessa, Habaraluwewa Mayuragama, Habaraluwewa Water Pump, Katupilagama, Kiriebbanara, Koul Ara Gemunumawatha, Koul Ara School, Koul Ara Water Pump, Muthuminigama, Nelumsirigama, Samanalagama, Sampathgama 7th Mile Post, Sewanagala Sugar Mobitel Tower, Sewanagala Makaluwagama, Thalpathgama, Thanamalwila RD New Forest, Thunhiriyawa, Walawegama	
2021-04-05	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Buruthakanda Ladiyagala, Ranchamadama Manel Pedesa, Ranchamadama Thanakola Mandiya, Uda Ranchamadama, Uda Ranchamadama Near Temple 2	
2021-04-20	08:30-16:30
Distribution : 100th Mile Post, 97 1/2 Mile Post (Bodimaluwa), 99 Junction Gangeyaya 2, Weeragaha Junction 100km Post, Welikadayaya	
2021-04-28	08:30-16:30
Distribution : Danduma Sewanagala Police, Gemunupura, Habaraththawela Mihindugama, Kiriebbanara Ayurweda, Laksirigama Navodagama	
2021-04-28	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Danduma Sewanagala Police, Gemunupura, Habaraththawela Mihindugama, Laksirigama Navodagama	
<b>KAHAWATTA AREA</b>	
<b>Balangoda CSC</b>	
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Boskomba Tea factory, New Hope Well Tea Factory (Wijaya Nilmini), Bodyline Garment Distribution : Dehigasthalawa, Jaqa lanka Garment, Keangnam, Kumaragama, Dangasmandiya, Kirimetithenna Junction, Kumaragama 2	
2021-04-08	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Siththaragewala	
2021-04-19	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Samanalawatta, Massennawatta Galle Division	
2021-04-21	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Hatharabage R.E, Thunkinda R.E, Ulupitiya R.E, Niyakolayaya	
2021-04-23	08:30-13:00
Bulk & Distribution : Ellarawa R.E & Alpha Estate Distribution : Delgathenna R.E	
2021-04-23	09:00-17:00
Distribution :	
2021-04-23	14:00-17:00
Distribution : Aluthnuwara Dewalaya, Pokunegama	
2021-04-27	08:30-14:00
Distribution : Gurubewilagama, Dothalu Oya, Meddegoda Gairenagama	
2021-04-27	14:00-17:00
Distribution : Alupola Watta	
2021-04-28	08:30-14:00
Distribution : Passaramulla, Usbim Colony, Usbim Colony 2	
2021-04-28	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Ariyapala Metal Crusher, Wilocity Metal Crusher Distribution : Dahamana - Galgoda R.E, Dahamana Mobitel tower, Maleesha Hardware, Mawela R.E, Rukkattana Welange	
2021-04-28	14:00-17:00
Distribution : Kotiyakanda	
<b>Kahawatta CSC</b>	
2021-04-06	08:00-17:00
Distribution : Kalalella Pilana I Dematathenna, Kalalella Pilana II, Amblanwatta	
2021-04-06	08:30-12:00
Bulk & Distribution : Wellandura Kalalella Rubber Factory Distribution : Kalalella RE	
2021-04-07	08:00-17:00
Distribution : Nahalwathura RE	
2021-04-09	08:30-13:00
Distribution : Kattanga 01 RE, Kattanga 02 RE, Dimbulwala Niladura Road	
2021-04-09	14:00-17:00
Distribution : Nugawela	
2021-04-20	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Demuwawatha Morawakadeniya, Demuwawatha RE, Galwetawatta Kiranodagama, Labuwelwatta Pannila, Digandala Kiriberiya, Haldola (Pannila New)	
<b>Kalthota CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Hadagiriya, Hadagirigoda, Lendara, Pollamura Ballamaliydda Kevalagala	
2021-04-09	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Kaniyamulla, Mulgama, Mulgamavatawala,	
2021-04-22	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Kaniyamulla, Mulgama, Mulgamavatawala,	
2021-04-27	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Galiramankada, Demodaralaginagala, Damvalodaya new	



Kalthota CSC	
2021-04-29	09:00-17:00 Distribution : Kandiyapitawewa, Kotavehera Mankada, Mahkiyula, Mahapalassa
Opanayake CSC	
2021-04-19	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Akarella I, Akarella II, Udawela Akarella Rd, Udawela Kandewiharaya, Paragahamaditta, Ranwalakanda, Wallaketiya
2021-04-20	08:30-14:00 Distribution : Dunukaragoda, Galhira, Tennakumbura, Opanayake Town
2021-04-20	15:00-17:00 Distribution : Kandeketiya
2021-04-21	09:00-17:00 Bulk : Galpadihenna Tea Factory, Geekiyanahena Tea Factory, Maswatta Tea Factory Welimaluwa, Silver Ray Sopping Complex, Summit Garment Welimaluwa, Galpadihenna Tea Factory 2 Bulk & Distribution : Lellopitiya Estate Beranduwa, Maliban Garment - Sannasgama, Nawagamuwahena Tea Factory, Peak View Tea Factory, Sannasgama Tea Factory Distribution : Banagoda, Bopetta RE, Bulathwatta Hettikanda, Dombagaswinna, Galassapola, Heenberanduwa, Heenberanduwa Mannagewatta, Hettikanda Siliidunkanda, Hiriliyadda, Kempnanawatta 1, Lellopitiya RE, Welimaluwa RE, Bopetta 2, Budulena, Kempnanawatta 2, Kongasthenna Kempnanawatta, Lellopitiya Kanda Uda, Palugampola
RATNAPURA AREA	
Elapatha CSC	
2021-04-05	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Pallegedara
2021-04-06	08:00-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Rambukkanda Rubber Factory Distribution : Aluketiya, Bataendiriya, Diganakande, Hangamuwa R.E., Kurundukolaniya Karawita, Lokadeniya, Magurugoda R.E., Niriellawatta, Panilla Digana
2021-04-07	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Alupathgala
2021-04-08	08:00-17:00 Bulk : Bulk & Distribution : Millavitiya- Samangama R.E. & Tea Factory Distribution : Dambuluwana Kahawatta, Dimiyawa R.E., Haldola Rajasisugama, Namallawaka, Raddella
2021-04-09	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Kekulagama, Uda Wathupitiya
2021-04-21	08:00-17:00 Bulk : Ethoya Estate Distribution : Ethoya
2021-04-23	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Dellabada South
2021-04-26	08:00-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Rambukkanda Rubber Factory Distribution : Aluketiya, Bataendiriya, Hangamuwa R.E., Magurugoda R.E., Panilla Digana
Kalawana CSC	
2021-04-01	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Kotalapoththala
2021-04-02	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Kotanakanda, Kudumeriya
2021-04-02	13:00-17:00 Distribution : Kotanakanda, Kudumeriya, Weddagala Mobitel
2021-04-03	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Weddagala North
2021-04-05	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Panahettagala
2021-04-05	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Nallagashena, Panahettagala, Pitawathurawa
2021-04-06	08:30-18:00 Bulk & Distribution : Rajjuruwatta Tea Fac. Distribution : Abagahawatta RE, Akkara 100, Hagarangala I, Hagarangala II, Samanpura Janapadaya, Sanjaya Garment, Wewelkandura II, Wewelkandura RE
2021-04-08	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Kotalapoththala
2021-04-08	08:30-18:00 Distribution : Kotalapoththala
2021-04-22	08:30-18:00 Bulk : Kukulegama Dam Site Control Room Distribution : Jathuwangoda, Kukulegama Meepagama RE, Kukulegama Project Office, Nikagoda Junction, Nikagoda RE, Pallekanda
2021-04-23	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Kotanakanda, Kudumeriya
2021-04-24	08:00-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Haughton Tea Factory

2021-04-26	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Panahettagala
Nivitigala CSC	
2021-04-07	08:00-17:00 Bulk : Lanka Garment Bulk & Distribution : Doloswala Rubber Factory, Kiribathgala Thuththiripitiya R.E., Kolombugama TF, Watapotha TF, Youth Council Distribution : Bogaha Lima, Bokutuketiya, Dammoruwa, Dodampawatta, Egoda Nivithigala, Galaudawatta Dobikele, Galwanguwa, Gamekanda, Haldola, Kolombugama, Kolombugama II, Mandadola, Pitakelegama (Ambegala), Watapotha, Waththahena, Yatagara Manatun kanda
2021-04-09	08:00-16:00 Distribution : Akkra 250 Karawita, Horanekarakanda Pitakanda, New Pinkada, Pebotuwa Janapadaya
2021-04-09	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Akkra 250 Karawita, Horanekarakanda Pitakanda, New Pinkada, Pebotuwa Janapadaya
2021-04-19	08:00-13:00 Distribution : Halkandaliya (Kiriellawatta), Kiriella Watha s's
2021-04-19	13:00-17:00 Distribution : Panangala, Yakdehiwatta 02 (Pahala Wathupitiya)
2021-04-21	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Waththahena
2021-04-24	08:00-17:00 Bulk : Shanon Tea Factory, Sunhill TF Bulk & Distribution : Bandarahena T.F., Vithanakanda tea Factory Distribution : Delwala I, Delwala II, Delwala Kanda I, Deniyakade, Morawakella, Pabotuwa, Pebotuwa 2, Uda Delwala II
RUWANWELLA AREA	
Bulathkohupitiya CSC	
2021-04-03	07:30-17:30 Distribution : Malwana, Mineemaruwa, Pothukoladeniya
2021-04-03	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Doranuwa
2021-04-05	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Kendaloya, Nagasthenna, Seeporth, Seeporth Houses 20
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00 Distribution : Amanawala, Berannawa, Kendaloya, Nagasthenna, Seeporth, Seeporth Houses 20
2021-04-06	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Kabagamuwa, Undugoda Hospital
2021-04-07	09:00-17:00 Distribution : Ihala Pelampitiya, Pahala Pelempitiya
2021-04-08	08:00-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Halgolla Estate, Kelaniwatta Distribution : Mahawila Berihil, Paleikattuwa Weeoya Watta, Weeoya Jayawindagama
2021-04-08	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Halgolla Estate, Kelaniwatta, Kiriporuwa Estate Distribution : Dombepola, Gilma, Mahawila Berihil, Malapola Ketawalathenna, Paleikattuwa Weeoya Watta, Panwatta Weeoya, Weeoya Jayawindagama
2021-04-09	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Ambamalla, Punahela new sub
2021-04-09	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Ambamalla, Galtenna, Punahela new sub
2021-04-20	07:30-17:30 Distribution : Malwana, Mineemaruwa, Pothukoladeniya
2021-04-27	08:00-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Edurapola Watta Distribution : Bulathkohupitiya Telecom, Kandsurigama, Urumeewala
Deraniyagala CSC	
2021-04-01	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Dodawatta Kandekade, Polgaswatta
2021-04-04	08:00-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Eylu watta Distribution : Avington Estate, Boralankada, Udabagewatta Middle
2021-04-04	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Eylu watta, Udabage Estate Distribution : Avington Estate, Boralankada, Udabagewatta Middle
2021-04-05	07:30-17:50 Distribution : Hathkella Weediya, Kalanchiwatta, Miyanawita Takarankade, Miyanawita watta, Udupola Ranwijayagama, Udupola watta, Weediya, Waththaha Koosgahakanda
2021-04-20	08:30-17:30 Bulk & Distribution : Noori Estate Distribution : Anhettigama, Janahithagama, Keerihena, Kehelwala, Mahatenna, Nilwala, Nooriya Paranakella, Pahala Mudagalla, Pallegage North, Pallegage South, Plastic Factory, Wilagama
Gonagaldeniya CSC	
2021-04-03	08:00-17:00 Bulk : Hubaswalana Metal Crusher Distribution : Danneruwa Morathota

2021-04-20	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Galapitamada, Imbulgoda, Kadigamuwa, Uruwala Medakanda
2021-04-20	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Basnagoda, Dunumala, Galapitamada, Imbulgoda, Kadigamuwa, Mahakanda, Malwanakanda, Uruwala Medakanda, Walgampotha
2021-04-22	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Randika Rubber Factory Bulk & Distribution : Hy Fashion Garent MG Apperal Distribution : Dandeniya Janapadaya, Hadungama Puhulwala, Kadadara Raththagala, Kotalugodakanda, Lewangama, Lewangama Athalawa Watta, Pethangoda Junction Siyambalawala 2, Poththekanda, Salgala, Siyambalawala Imbulana
2021-04-24	09:00-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : M.T.T.Network Magalkanda, Sunny Croft Rubber Factory Daluwalana, Waharaka Rubber Fac. Gonagaldeniya Distribution : Daluwalana, Etisalat Daluwalana, Magalkanda New, Raththagala, Waharaka Basnagoda
2021-04-27	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Ebidigala
2021-04-28	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Madeniya, Mahalla Troywatta, Troy Watta, Wahakula
2021-04-29	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Danneruwa Morathota, Mahalla Troywatta, Troy Watta, Wahakula
Karanawella CSC	
2021-04-03	08:00-17:00 Bulk : Ruwanwella Telecom Distribution : Anguruwella Town, Anguruwella Town 2, Batupitiya, Dialog Anguruwella, Erepolamulla, Ihalagama, Kahatagastenna, Karawanella Temple, Power Loom Ruwanwella, Ruwanwella 2 Police, Ruwanwella Court, Ruwanwella Estate, Ruwanwella Ground, Ruwanwella School, Technical Ruwanwella, Water Board, Ruwanwella
2021-04-08	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Degalassa Estate, Dunedin Estate Distribution : Atulugama, Gomaduwa, Kabulumulla Dialog, Kadawarakanda, Kanangama, Karawanella Town, Magamma Water Pump, Meepitkanda 2, Meepitkanda Bangalow - 1Ph
2021-04-08	09:00-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Dunedin Estate
2021-04-22	07:30-17:30 Distribution : Ruwanwella Estate, Technical Ruwanwella
2021-04-24	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Garagoda, Hakbellawaka 2, Mobitel Ganepalla, Nawata, Yatiyantota power loom Meegahawela
2021-04-24	08:30-17:00 Bulk : A & R Garment - (Nelum Fashion 01 (Ranmalu Garment), Plywood Factory Ganepalla, Vinny Vogue Apparel Bulk & Distribution : Panawatta Estate Distribution : Ganepalla, Ganepalla Ihalagama, Garagoda, Gomaduwa School, Hakbellawaka, Hakbellawaka 2, Ihala Pelelegama, Meegastenna, Meegasthenna 2 Gettakade, Mobitel Ganepalla, Nawata, Small Industries, Thanakolawatta, Yatiyanthota Bus stand, Yatiyanthota Ground, Yatiyantota power loom Meegahawela, Yatiyantota T.C.
2021-04-25	08:00-17:00 Bulk : S.L.B.C. Bulk & Distribution : I.T.N. Distribution : Neluwathukanda, Polpitiya, Ullswater, Wewiyathalawa
2021-04-28	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Magamma Water Pump
2021-04-29	08:00-17:00 Distribution : , ,
Kotiyakumbura CSC	
2021-04-06	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Malmessa
2021-04-08	08:25-16:25 Distribution : Elamaldeniya Theliella, Mahapallegama, Shanthipura, Udugama
2021-04-21	08:55-16:55 Distribution : New Bolt Junction, Rathmaldeniya Tharangala
2021-04-23	07:30-17:50 Distribution : Eriyagasmada, Lenagala
2021-04-23	08:00-16:00 Distribution : Arandara Devalaya, Atala New, Bohettiya, Kurunegoda
2021-04-23	08:00-17:00 Distribution : Arandara Devalaya, Atala New, Bohettiya, Kurunegoda
2021-04-27	08:50-16:50 Bulk : Bogala MinesI, Bogala MinesII Distribution : Arukgammana 2, Arukgammana Karadawatta, Yatapana
2021-04-29	08:50-16:50 Bulk & Distribution : Atala watta Distribution : Arandara Pitagaldeniya, Boyagama, Kadigamuwa Babaragama, Pindeniya, Pindeniya Watta Heenwella, Udagama

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

**INVITATION FOR HIRING OF PASSENGER VEHICLES FOR  
EXPRESSWAY OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**DIVISION FOR 10 MONTHS PERIOD - 2021/2022**

**CONTRACT NO: RDA/EOM&M/PRC/2021/MECH/12**

- The Chairman, Director's Procurement Committee of Expressway Operations, Maintenance & Management Division, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Hiring of Passenger Vehicles for Expressway operations, Maintenance and Management Division of RDA for 10 months period 2021/2022 - Contract No. RDA/EOM&M/PRC/2021/MECH/12. Complete details are available in the bidding documents.
- Executing agency will be the Road Development Authority.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Section, Expressway Operations, Maintenance & Management Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama (Telephone: 038-2289122, Fax: 038-2289560) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge during office hours.
- Bids must be accompanied by a bid security valid up to 16/08/2021 for the amount of **Rs. 5,000.00 per each vehicle**. The Bid security shall be in a form of unconditional bank guarantee obtained from a reputed bank in favour of the Director General, Road Development Authority, No. 216, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla. Any bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- Bids shall be valid up to 91 calendar days from the date closing of bids.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama** from 31/03/2021 until 19/04/2021 during 09:00 hrs. to 14:30 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500 + 200 (VAT). As per the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.
- Sealed Bids may be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered in duplicate to the **Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama** to receive at or before 2.00 p.m. on 20/04/2021. Late bids will be rejected. Please indicate "Hiring of Passenger Vehicles" on top left-hand corner of the envelope.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the office of the **Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama**. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the time of opening.

**The Chairman  
Director's Procurement Committee,  
C/o Director (EOM&M Division),  
Road Development Authority,  
Kahatagahena, Walgama,  
Bandaragama.**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

**PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT  
OF FISCAL POLICY**

**Contract No: MF06/07/DFP/2021**

- The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (Minor) on behalf of the **Secretary, Ministry of Finance, The Secretariat, Colombo 01** now invites bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Proposed Refurbishment of Department of Fiscal Policy** as described below and estimated to **cost of Rs. 5.0 Million** (approximately) without VAT and other contingencies.  
Refurbishment of the office area of the Department of Fiscal Policy consisting of 10mm thick tempered glass partitions with powder coated aluminium frame (Approx. Area 60 m<sup>2</sup>), Electrical Installation and Supply and placing of Furniture.  
Location of Project: at **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, The Secretariat, Colombo 01**  
The construction period is 30 Days.
- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding Procedure**.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.  
CIDA (ICTAD) registration required.  
**Specialty** : Building Construction  
**Grade** : C8 or above
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:
  - Average of the annual volume of construction work performed in the last five years shall be at least Rs. 10.0 million.
  - Experience in the construction of at least one contract of a nature and complexity equivalent to the works over the last 05 years (to comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 70 percent complete)
  - The minimum amount of Liquid Assets and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the contract shall be not less than Rs. 5.0 million.
  - Key staff, 1 nr. Technical officer NDT (Civil)
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from. **Chief Accountant, Ministry of Finance Tel. No. 011-2484535 Fax 011-2421253** and can inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 09.00. hrs to 15.00 hrs on any working day.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to **Chief Accountant, Finance Division., Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Lotus Road, Colombo 01** from 31.03.2021 until 20.04.2021 from **0900 hrs to 1500 hrs** upon payment of non refundable fee of **Rs. 2,500.00**.
- Bids shall be delivered to the **Chief Accountant, Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Lotus Road, Colombo 01** on or before **1500 hrs on 21.04.2021**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to attend.
- All bids shall be valid up to 23.06.2021 from the date of the closing of the bid.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for an amount of **Rs. 75,000.00 (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand Only) in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Finance**. Bid security shall be a bank guarantee issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka, approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Bids Security shall be valid up to **21.07.2021** after the date of the closing of the bids.
- Pre-Bid meeting**  
Venue, time and date of the pre-bid meeting will be as follows:  
**Date:** 09.04.2021 **Time:** 1000 hrs  
**Venue:** Accounts Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Lotus Road, Colombo 01.  
**Ministry Procurement Committee (Minor),  
Ministry of Finance,  
The Secretariat,  
Colombo 01.  
31.03.2021**



**GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA  
MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY**

**WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Credit No.: Cr. 5685-1k**

**BID NOTICE**

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a credit from the International Development Agency of World Bank towards the cost of Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contracts given below.
- The Chairman, Procurement Committee now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for projects described below.

Name of Contract & Contract No.	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid Security Requirements (Rs)	Eligibility Requirements	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time
<b>Project Procurement Committee (Major)</b>					
<b>Works Tenders</b>					
Rehabilitation of Rathnodagama and Associated Rural Water Supply Schemes in Badulla District. <b>Contract No: MWS/WaSSIP/Badulla/Uva Paranagama/RE/Rathnodagama/2020/09</b>	Rs.3,500/-	Rs.336,000/-	Registration with CIDA (ICTAD) in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C4 or C5 and certificate of Registration of Public Contract in Sri Lanka according to the Act No 3 of 1987 of the Government of Sri Lanka and subsequent gazette notification and the paper advertisement appeared on 16.10.2018 in Daily News.	Project Director's Office, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. Perera Mawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 10.00 hours
<b>Supply Tenders</b>					
Supply and Delivery of 15,000 Nos. Volumetric Displacement Type 15mm Diameter Domestic Water Meters. <b>Contract No: MWS/WaSSIP/PMU/NCB/Water Meters-Lot 02 /2020/18</b>	Rs.12,500/-	Bill No.01 : Rs.211,000/- Bill No.02 : Rs.211,000/- Bill No.03 : Rs.211,000/-	Manufactures or their local accredited agents for supply of Water Meters and Registration of Public Contract in Sri Lanka according to the Act No 3 of 1987 of the Government of Sri Lanka and subsequent gazette notification and the paper advertisement appeared on 16.10.2018 and Daily News.	Project Director's Office, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. Perera Mawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 14.00 hours

- Bidding documents will be issued on submission of a written application on the applicant's letterhead to the office of Project Director.
- Bidding documents can be collected between 09.30 hours and 15.30 hours on normal working days up to the closing date.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Water Supply & Sanitation Improvement Project and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours. ,
- Bid shall be either hand delivered or dispatched by registered post or courier to the address given above.
- All Bids will be opened at the same address soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

**Project Director,  
Water Supply & Sanitation Improvement Project**

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**MINISTRY OF PLANTATIONS**

**Ministry of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation  
Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing &  
Export Diversification**

**Coconut Cultivation Board**

**Purchase of Coconut Oil Extraction Machine & Accessories**

Procurement No : E/7/G/CO/OIL MA

01. Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman, Departmental Minor Procurement Committee on behalf of the Coconut Cultivation Board from eligible Bidders for Purchase of Coconut Oil Extraction Machine and accessories for the Year 2021.

Item	Quantity
Coconut Oil Expeller	02
Copra Cutter	01
Oil Filter	01
Drum Dryer	01

- 02. Bidding will be conducted according to the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- 03. Further information could be obtained by interested eligible Bidders from the Supplies Officer of the Coconut Cultivation Board and Bid Invitation Documents could be obtained from the address below during working days of the week from 31.03.2021 up to 20.04.2021 between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- 04. Only Manufacturers / Suppliers registered under the Companies Act are qualified to submit Quotations and further details could be obtained along with Bid Invitation documents.
- 05. Interested Bidders in this matter could obtain a set of Bid Application Documents prepared in English up to 20.04.2021 by submitting a written request along with the Certificate issued by the Department of Registrar of Companies and paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2000.00 to the Cashier at the Head Office of the Coconut Cultivation Board.
- 06. Duly completed Bids should be sent to the address below to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021. Bids received late will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting Bids at 2.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021. The Bidder or an authorized representative of the Bidder could participate on this occasion. **A Bid Security to the value of not less than 1% of the Bid Value obtained from any commercial bank accepted by Sri Lanka should be submitted with the Bid.**
- 07. Bids should be sent to the address below by registered post to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021 or should be inserted in the Bid Box kept on the First Floor at this address.

**Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
Coconut Cultivation Board,  
9/428, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.**

Tel. No : 011-2193457, Fax : 011-2861332

**SRI LANKA RAILWAYS**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**PROCUREMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF 02 NOS.  
OF M8 CLASS LOCOMOTIVE ENGINE COMPLETE,  
TYPE ALCO/DLW 16 - CYL.251 - B**

PROCUREMENT No: SRS/F.7667

- 01. The Chairman, Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee, Ministry of Transport, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sethsiripaya, Stage II, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, will receive sealed bids from manufacturers /bidders and other capable organizations for the supply of 02 Nos. of M8 Class Locomotive engine complete, type ALCO/DLW 16 - Cyl.251 - B.  
**Bidders may submit their bids directly or through an accredited agent registered in Sri Lanka and empowered by them with Power of Attorney.**
- 02. Bids will be closed at 2.00 pm (Sri Lanka time) on 17/05/2021.
- 03. Bids should be submitted on the forms obtainable together with bidding document from the Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka during normal working days from 31/03/2021 to 13/05/2021 between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm (Sri Lanka Time) on payment of procurement fee of Sri Lanka Rupees Forty Five Thousand (Rs. 45,000.00). Foreign bidders can during the above specified days pay an equivalent amount to Sri Lanka Rupees Forty Five Thousand (Rs. 45,000.00) in convertible foreign currency to the Sri Lankan Mission in their countries and request the Superintendent of Railways Stores, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka, through the Mission in Sri Lanka to deliver the bidding documents. The procurement fee of Sri Lanka Rupees Forty Five Thousand (Rs. 45,000.00) (or equivalent amount in convertible foreign currency) mentioned above is non-refundable.
- 04. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount as specified in the bidding document. For the purpose of determining the equivalent amount of the required Bid Security in a freely convertible currency, the selling exchange rate published by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka prevailing on the date 28 days prior to the deadline for Bid submission shall be applied.
- 05. Pre bid meeting will be held on 29/04/2021 at 10.00 am at the auditorium of the Ministry of the Transport, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sethsiripaya, Stage II, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.
- 06. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids at the Ministry of Transport, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sethsiripaya, Stage II, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the time of opening of Bids and the late bids will be rejected.
- 07. Sealed bids may be dispatched either by Registered Post or hand delivered to :-  
**The Chairman,  
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,  
Ministry of Transport,  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Sethsiripaya, Stage II,  
Battaramulla,  
Sri Lanka.**
- 08. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka.
- 09. For further details, please contact;

Superintendent of Railway Stores,  
Railway Stores Department,  
P.O. Box 1347,  
Olcott Mawatha,  
Colombo,  
Sri Lanka.  
Telephone Nos. 94(11)2438078 or 94 (11) 2436818  
Fax: 94 (11) 2432044  
E-mail: srs.slr@gmail.com / gmrsr@sltnet.lk  
Web Site: www.railway.gov.lk

**The Chairman,  
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,  
Ministry of Transport**

Ref. No. SRS/F. 7667

**THE LAND ACQUISITION  
ACT (CHAPTER 460)  
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33**

MY REF NO :  
WAR/LAN/ACQUS/A2/5-48

It is informed that in the notice published in "Daily News" newspaper on 08.12.2020 in Page No. 28 Case No. LA/06 should be corrected as LA/04.

**A.M. Rangana Sajeewa  
Divisional Secretary  
Warakapola.**

19.03.2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 9(2) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 that WATAWALA TEA CEYLON LIMITED changed its name to SUNSHINE CONSUMER LANKA LIMITED with effect from 1st January 2021, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the aforesaid Act.

Former name of the Company :  
WATAWALA TEA CEYLON LIMITED  
Number of Company : PB 3312  
Registered Office : 60, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 03.  
New name of the Company :  
SUNSHINE CONSUMER LANKA LIMITED

By Order of the Board  
CORPORATE SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED  
Secretaries  
SUNSHINE CONSUMER LANKA LIMITED



**PROCUREMENT NOTICE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
GOVERNMENT PRINTING**

N-80

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, will receive bids from Foreign Principals / Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of following.

**01. White Printing Paper : 20"x25" - 70GSM**

Material : White Printing Paper  
Quality : Wood Free & Surface Sized  
Substance : 70±2.5% GSM  
Size : 20"x25"  
Quantity Required : 100±10% Metric Tons  
Bid Reference No. : S.I. 2021/29  
Bid Fee : Rs. 6,000.00

**02. White Printing Paper : 22.5"x 35" - 70GSM**

Material : White Printing Paper  
Quality : Wood Free & Surface Sized  
Substance : 70±2.5% GSM  
Size : 22.5"x35"  
Quantity Required : 200±10% Metric Tons  
Bid Reference No. : S.I. 2021/33  
Bid Fee : Rs. 11,500.00

Closing of above Bids: 2.00 p.m. on 20.04.2021 and open the Bid Documents immediately after closing the same.

Bidding Documents will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, at the below mentioned address on written application together with the above non-refundable fee pertaining to the item on or before 2.00 p.m. day prior to the closing date of Bids given above.

Further particulars could be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

**Gangani Liyanage  
Chairman,  
Procurement Committee**

Department of Government Printing  
118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha,  
Colombo 08.

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Websites : www.documents.gov.lk  
www.npa.gov.lk

16.03.2021



**STATE MINISTRY OF  
SUGARCANE, MAIZE,  
CASHEW, PEPPER,**



**CINNAMON, CLOVES, BETEL RELATED  
INDUSTRIES AND EXPORT PROMOTION**

**SRI LANKA CASHEW CORPORATION**

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

Procurement No.: SLCC/ADM/SUP/64/2021 - 2021-05

**Mechanized Land Clearing for  
Cashew Cultivation**

Sealed bids will be received from reputed Contractors for the clearing of jungle, burning of collected clearings and ground preparation using machinery in 1000 Acre Kondatchchi Estate in the Musali Divisional Secretariat Division, Mannar District, belonging to the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation.

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure (NCB).

The 1000 acre land is divided into four (04) land lots of 250 acres each (as A, B, C, D, E) and tenderers can apply for one (01) or several land lots separately. It will be the responsibility of the Tenderer to inspect the field before submitting bids.

Bids can be submitted for clearing of the Jungle, during of the collected clearings and ground preparation for a 250 acre lot and interested contractors can obtain further details from the Assistant General Manager (Plantation) of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (Tel. No. 011-2884903/071-4751585) and the relevant bid documents can be obtained from the Admin Section of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation at Rajagiriya from 31.03.2021 up to 20.04.2021 on working days, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Bids in two copies can be obtained on submission of the receipt received from the Shroff of the Head Office of the Corporation on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 12,500/- by cash.

When submitting bids, a Bid Security of Rs. 137,500.00 should be submitted for each land lot. The validity period of the Bid Security should be not below 90 days and it can either be submitted by cash or by a Bank Security obtained from a government recognized commercial bank. If the security is paid by cash, the original receipt received for the relevant payment made to the Shroff of the Corporation head office should be attached with the bid.

Duly perfected bids in two copies, as "Original" and "Duplicate" should be placed in separate covers marked the Procurement Name and Number at the left side top corner and the two covers should be then placed in a single sealed cover.

Bids could either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation, No. 1334, Old Kotte Road, Rajagiriya" or placed in the bid box kept at the Admin Section of the Head Office of the Corporation, to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021. Bids received late and bids not properly completed will be rejected. Bids received will be opened at 2.05 p.m. on 21.04.2021 at the Corporation Head Office and bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the opening.

The Procurement Board of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation retains the right to the final decision with regard to taking decisions relevant to this bid invitation.

**Chairman,  
Procurement Board,  
Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation,  
1334, Old Kotte Road, Rajagiriya.  
31.03.2021**

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**PURCHASING OF GRAY YARN**

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
(NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE)**

Bids are hereby invited for the Purchase of Gray Yarn for the North Western (Wayamba) Department of Industrial Development. Categories, sizes, quantities and other details regarding purchases are provided in the Bidding Documents.

- 02. Bidding Documents could be obtained from 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week from 31.03.2021 upto 21.04.2021 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3000.00 made to the Department of Industrial Development, E Building, First Floor, Provincial Council Complex, Kurunegala.
- 03. Duly completed Bids in duplicate should be sealed and either be sent by Registered Post to the following address or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Accountant's Room of this Office to be received at or before 10.30 a.m. on 21.04.2021. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids received in time will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day in the presence of the Bidders or their accredited Agents. The caption "Bids for Gray Yarn" should be clearly indicated on the left corner of the backside of the envelope enclosing Bids.
- 04. Duly completed Bids should be forwarded to :  
**The Chairman  
Procurement Board  
Department of Industrial Development (North Western)  
E Building  
Provincial Council Complex, Kurunegala  
to be received at or before 10.30 a.m. on 21.04.2021.**
- 05. Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept any Bid or reject all the Bids as a whole and the decision of the Procurement Committee is the final. Further details if required, could be obtained over the Telephone Nos. of the Department : Tel. 0372-222719, 037222296.

**Chairman  
Procurement Board  
Department of Industrial Development (North Western Province)  
E Building, Provincial Council Complex, Kurunegala.**



**PROCUREMENT NOTICE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
GOVERNMENT PRINTING**

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The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, will receive bids from Foreign Principals / Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of following.

**01. White Printing Paper : 30"x40" - 70GSM**

Material : White Printing Paper  
Quality : Wood Free & Surface Sized  
Substance : 70±2.5% GSM  
Size : 30"x40"  
Quantity Required : 100±10% Metric Tons  
Bid Reference No. : S.I. 2021/31  
Bid Fee : Rs. 5,500.00

**02. White Printing Paper : 20"x 30" - 70GSM**

Material : White Printing Paper  
Quality : Wood Free & Surface Sized  
Substance : 70±2.5% GSM  
Size : 20"x30"  
Quantity Required : 200±10% Metric Tons  
Bid Reference No. : S.I. 2021/32  
Bid Fee : Rs. 11,500.00

Closing of above Bids: 2.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021 and open the Bid Documents immediately after closing the same.

Bidding Documents will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, at the below mentioned address on written application together with the above non-refundable fee pertaining to the item on or before 2.00 p.m. day prior to the closing date of Bids given above.

Further particulars could be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

**Gangani Liyanage  
Chairman,  
Procurement Committee**

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<b>Kataragama Branch</b>  <b>KATARAGAMA</b> Opposite Kataragama Bus Stand, Pussadewa Mawatha <b>047 223 5291</b>	

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## Procurement Notice

Sealed Bids are invited by **LANKA SALT LIMITED** for the Supply of the following items.

No	Quotation No.	Item	Monthly Requirement (Approximately)	Annual Requirement (Approximately)	Non Refundable Document Fee (Rs.)
01	LSL/CPLG01KGLLP/01/21	Clear Polythene Laminated Gravure 01 Kg Lak Lunu Pouches	3.0 Million	36 Million	2500.00
02	LSL/20KGPOC/01/021	20 Kg Printed Outer Cover Bags	0.15 Million	1.8 Million	2000.00
03	LSL/01KGTS/01/21	01 Kg Table Salt Pouches	0.05 Million	0.6 Million	1500.00
04	LSL/STS400G/21	400g Sanstha Table Salt Pouches	0.25 Million	3 Million	1500.00
05	LSL/01KGDS/01/21	01 Kg Dakshina Salt Pouches	0.1 Million	1.2 Million	1500.00
06	LSL/50KGIL/01/21	50 Kg Inner Liner Bags	0.025 Million	0.3 Million	1500.00

Only the Manufacturers are eligible to participate in this Procurement.

Bidding Documents including specification of the above item can be obtained from the Procurement & Logistics Manager, Lanka Salt Limited, Mahalewaya, Hambantota, up to 10.00 a.m. on 22nd April 2021 by producing written request with the receipt for abovementioned fees as non-refundable fees (not applicable) for registered Suppliers. Payment could be made by Cash at the Counter of the Lanka Salt Limited, Mahalewaya, Hambantota, up to 3.00 p.m. on working days or could be credited with any branch of the Hatton National Bank to Lanka Salt Limited A/C No. 068010003183 of Hambantota Branch.

Duly completed Bid Documents shall be delivered to the Procurement and Logistics Manager - Lanka Salt Limited, Mahalewaya, Hambantota under registered post, under Courier Service or Bids should be inserted in the "Tender Box No. 02" kept at the Procurement & Logistic Division before 10.30 a.m. on 22nd April 2021. Bid Numbers and description of items must be mentioned on the left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time on 22nd April 2021 at the same venue.

- Bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the bid opening.
- Bids received late will be rejected.

**Procurement & Logistics Manager,  
Lanka Salt Limited,  
Mahalewaya, Hambantota.**

**Tel : 047-2037328 / 047-2037329 / 047-2037330 / 047-2037331**

**General Number : 047-2220208**

**Fax : 047-2220340**

**Email : supplylsl@sltnet.lk**

## MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

### NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

#### REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS GOSL funded "Water for all Projects" 2021- 2024

Applications are invited from reputed CIDA registered contractors who wish to register themselves with the National Water Supply & Drainage Board for the execution of pipe laying works during the years 2021-2024.

#### CONDITIONS

- Contractors who have participated in Unit Rate Tender for pipe laying should not re-apply for registration.
- Only those having CIDA registration of C7 and above under Water Supply and Drainage should apply for registration.
- A registration fee of Rs. 1,000/= plus applicable VAT should be paid by cash to the NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on normal working days and the payment slip should be attached to the application form.
- Interested contractors may obtain further information from Assistant General Manager, (Tender & Contracts), NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana over the telephone numbers 011-2635885 or 011-2638999 Ext. 1750.
- Contract Awards will be made to the CIDA registered contractors based on the NWS&DB approved unit rates. Unit Rates will be updated annually.
- Regional preference, Technical and Financial capability, past performance and Project Managers capacity will be considered in the selection of suitable contractors.
- Applicants are advised to apply on a self prepared application form as per specimen below.
- NWSDB reserves the right to accept or reject any application after evaluating the applications received before closing date. Evaluation will be based on details and additional information submitted along with the application.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

- Awarding letters, Completion Certificates etc.
- Details of any other achievements during last 10 years in the construction industry to be considered in the evaluation.
- Audited financial statements for 3 years during last five years.

#### APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS – 2021-2024 SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM

- Name of Organization
- Business Address
- Business Registration No.
- Telephone & Fax
- Email Address
- Contact Person
- CIDA Registration Grade
- No. of years experience in the construction Industry
- Details of works executed during the last 10 years
- Details of pipe laying works completed/ substantially completed during last 10 years
- Regional preference
- Indicate the names of your Clients other than NWS&DB
- Scope of work of completed/ Substantially completed projects
- Availability of Technical Staff/equipment/gangs
- Names of the Auditors
- Available credit Line facilities
- Signature & Seal

Applications should be addressed to the Assistant General Manager (T&C), National Water Supply & Drainage Board, Galle Road, Ratmalana to reach under registered post on or before **23.04.2021** Envelopes containing the application should be marked "REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS – "Water for all Projects" YEAR 2021-2024" on top left hand corner. Any enquiry regarding this can be made through Tel. No. 011-2635885 or 011-2638999 Ext. 1750.

**Chairman  
National Water Supply & Drainage Board  
Galle Road, Ratmalana**

## INVITATION FOR BIDS (2021/01)

### MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NORTHERN PROVINCE

- The **Chairman, Provincial Ministry Procurement Committee**, on behalf of the Ministry of Local Government, Northern Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction work described in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding procedure (NCB)**.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the field of building construction for grade mentioned in the table below.
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the **Bidding Data and Contract Data** (Section 5).
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **address given below in 6**, and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Ministry of Local Government, Northern Province, A9 Road, Kaithady. (T.P: 021 205 7114, Fax: 021 2057120) from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during the period mentioned in the table upon payment of non-refundable fees as mentioned in the table.** The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids (Original, Duplicate) shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Provincial Ministry Procurement Committee, Ministry of Local Government, Northern Province, A9 Road, Kaithady** at or before **10.30 a.m. on the date mentioned in the table.** Bid number must be written on the left-hand upper corner of envelope. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **Ministry of Local Government, Northern Province, A9 Road, Kaithady** commencing at **10.30 a.m. on the date mentioned in the table.**
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the Table.

Document Issuing/Purchasing Period				From 31.03.2021 until 20.04.2021			
Pre-Bid Conference				at 10.30 a.m. on 12.04.2021			
Closing and Opening of Bids				at 10.30 a.m. on 21.04.2021			
Bid No.	Description of work	Estimated Cost / (Rs. in Million)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Non-refundable Fees	Required Bid Security	
						Security Amount	Valid Period
NP/B/ KI/10(2021)	Construction of Two Storied Office Building for Passenger Transport Authority, Northern Province at Kilinochchi	44.90	231 days	C5 or C4 (Buildings)	10,000.00	449,000.00	Till 17.08.2021

"Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Estimated Value of Work to be performed under this procurement (excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs. 50 Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (iii)" and Public Finance Circulars No. 03/2020 and 03/2020(i) dated 09.10.2020 and 11.01.2021 respectively will also be adopted.

**Chairman  
Provincial Ministry Procurement Committee  
Ministry of Local Government  
Northern Province**



## MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD PRE-QUALIFICATION OF MANUFACTURERS LETTER OF INVITATION

The National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Galle Road, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka intends to pre-qualify manufacturers for the following in order to maintain a list of pre-qualified manufacturers. The intention of the NWSDB is to obtain Pipes, Fittings and Other Accessories from manufacturers whose product conforms to relevant standards.

No.	Description	Contract No.
01	DI Pipes & Fittings	PQ/DI/NWSDB/2009/01
02	PE Pipes & Fittings	PQ/PE/NWSDB/2016/01
03	Couplings, Flange Adaptors, Stepped Couplings and Dismantling Joints for DI, Asbestos, Grp, PE and PVC Connections	PQ/COUP-FA-DMJ/NWSDB/2017/01
04	DI/CI Valves	PQ/DI VALVES/NWSDB/2011/01
05	DI Manhole Covers and Surface Boxes	PQ/DI MANHOLE/NWSDB/2016/01

Once the pre-qualified list is finalized the National Water Supply and Drainage Board will invite bids for the procurement of the Pipes, Fittings and Other Accessories from this pre-qualified list of manufacturers. Pre-Qualified manufacturers shall be subject to Bi-annual auditing.

Pre-qualification will be opened only to manufacturers who can demonstrate their experience, technical capability and financial capacity to the prescribed qualifications.

#### Collection and Submission of Document

- Interested parties may obtain further information and inspect the pre-qualification document free of charge at the office of the Assistant General Manager (Tenders & Contracts).

**Office Address :** Tenders and Contracts Branch  
National Water Supply and Drainage Board  
Galle Road, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka.

**Telephone No. :** 94-011-2605328  
**Fax Number :** 94-011-2635885  
**Email :** agmtenders@waterboard.lk

- Applicants may purchase the complete set of pre-qualification document until 15.00 hours on **25th of May 2021** on submission of a written application on a Business letterhead to the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lanka Rupees Twenty Five Thousand (SL Rs.25,000/=) and applicable VAT for each Pre-Qualification Document.

- Requests submitted by mail shall include a certified bank draft to the amount indicated above in favor of the General Manager, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka.

- Pre-qualification documents in duplicate shall be duly completed and addressed to Chairman Department Procurement Committee and returned in sealed envelopes by registered post or hand delivered to Assistant General Manager (Tender & Contracts), National Water Supply & Drainage Board, Galle Road, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka to reach not later than 10.00 hours on **28th of May 2021**. Documents will be opened immediately thereafter. Late applications will be rejected.

**Chairman  
National Water Supply & Drainage Board**

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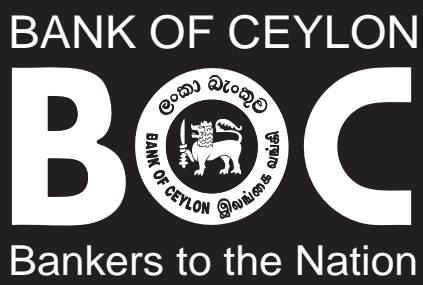


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## NOTICE UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE BANK OF CEYLON ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 397) AS AMENDED BY ACT NO 34 OF 1968 AND LAW NO 10 OF 1974

At a meeting held on 03.02.2021 the Board of Directors of this Bank resolved specially and unanimously:

- That a sum of Rs. 30,898,630.14 (Rupees Thirty Million Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty and Cents Fourteen Only), Rs. 80,336,438.36 (Rupees Eighty Million Three Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight and Cents Thirty Six Only), Rs. 394,551,498.84 (Rupees Three Hundred Ninety Four Million Five Hundred Fifty One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight and Cents Eighty Four Only), Rs. 31,801,601.88 (Rupees Thirty One Million Eight Hundred One Thousand Six Hundred One and Cents Eighty Eight Only) and 18,447,123.29 (Rupees Eighteen Million Four Hundred Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three and Cents Twenty Nine Only) are due from Maanuk International (Private) Limited of No 09, Villa Sandalwood, Pallekelle, Kundasale on account of principal and interest outstanding up to 11.01.2021 on Permanent Overdraft I of Rs.25,000,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Million Only), Permanent Overdraft II of Rs.65,000,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Five Million Only), Term Loan I of Rs.308,000,000.00 (Rupees Three Hundred Eight Million Only), Term Loan II of Rs.25,000,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Million Only) and Permanent Overdraft III of Rs.15,000,000.00 (Rupees Fifteen Million Only) respectively, together with further interest to be accumulated from 12.01.2021 on the capital outstanding of the said Permanent Overdraft I of Rs. 25,000,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Million Only) at the rate of 14.0% (Fourteen) per centum per annum and Permanent Overdraft II of Rs.65,000,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Five Million Only) at the rate of 14.0% (Fourteen) per centum per annum and Term Loan I of Rs.308,000,000.00 (Rupees Three Hundred Eight Million Only) at the rate of 13.0% (Thirteen) per centum per annum and Term Loan II of Rs.25,000,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Million Only) at the rate of 13.0% (Thirteen) per centum per annum and Permanent Overdraft III of Rs. 15,000,000.00 (Rupees Fifteen Million Only) at the rate of 14.0% (Fourteen) per centum per annum till the date of payment on Mortgage Bond No. 3308 and Mortgage Bond No 3309 both dated 06.12.2016, Mortgage Bond No 3486 dated 14.12.2017, Mortgage Bond No 3543 dated 12.06.2018, Supplementary Mortgage Bond No 3611, Mortgage Bond No 3612 both dated 16.10.2018 all attested by D Weerasooriya N.P and Mortgage Bond No 4368 dated on 25.02.2019 attested by R.V. Andarawewa N.P
- That in terms of Section 19 of the Bank of Ceylon Ordinance (Cap 397) and its amendments, Mr. M.H.T Karunaratne of T & H Auctions, No. 50/3, Vihara Mawatha, Kolonnawa be authorized and empowered to sell by public auction the property mortgaged to the Bank of Ceylon and fully described in the schedules hereunder for the recovery of the said sum of Rs. 556,035,292.51 (Rupees Five Hundred Fifty Six Million Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two and Cents Fifty One Only) due on the said Mortgage Bond Nos. 3308, 3309, 3486, 3543, 3611, 3612 and 4368 together with further interest as aforesaid from 12.01.2021 to date of sale, and costs and monies recoverable under Section 26 of the said Bank of Ceylon Ordinance and that the Manager, Recovery & Credit Supervision, Metropolitan Branch of the Bank of Ceylon to publish notice of this resolution in terms of Section 21 of the said Bank of Ceylon Ordinance.

### THE FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

**Firstly :**

- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 8 depicted in Plan No.6923 dated 8th June 2008 made by D.P. Wimalasena, Licensed Surveyor from and out of the land called MENIKWELLY ESTATE (but registered as MENIKWELLY WATTA) situated at Delgoda Village within Grama Niladhari Division of Daugalagama and Divisional Secretary's Division of Kalawana in the Pradeshiya Sabha limits of Kalawana in Meda Pattu of Kukul Korale in Ratnapura District Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot 8 is bounded on the NORTH by Lots 7 and 6 in Plan No.1240 dated 22nd December, 1992 made by S. Pasqual, Licensed Surveyor, Lot Z and Lot 5, on the EAST by Lots 5 & 9, on the SOUTH by lot 11 and Lot 4 in Plan No.1240 and on the WEST by Lots 4 & 7 in Plan No.1240 and Lot Z (but Registered as Lot 2) and containing in extent Two Acres Three Roods and Thirty Nine Decimal Five Naught Perches(A2-R3-P39.50) according to the said Plan No.6923 and Registered in P 91/06 at the Land Registry, Ratnapura.

**Secondly :**

All those the Plant and Machinery affixed to the land and premises fully described in the First Schedule above comprising.

**LIST OF MACHINERY**

All and singular the immovable machinery and effects of the Obligor consisting of :

NO	DESCRIPTION	MODEL NO.	SERIAL NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
1.	Single action stranded model Tea Roller with 20hp Motors and Starters	CCC47	-	Local
2.	Single action stranded model Tea Roller with 20hp Motors and Starters	Gamini47	-	Local
3.	Single action Tea Roller with 20hp Motors and Starters	Gamini47	-	Local
4.	Reciprocating Roll Breaker 12x4 stranded model with 20hp Motors and Starters	-	-	China
5.	Automation of pressure application safety device for the 3 set of Rollers including Conveyors	-	-	China
6.	6 feet 3 stage Tea Drier with fire wood furnace, 20hp hot Air Fan, capacity 325 Kg per hour	CCC	-	Local
7.	6 feet 3 stage Tea Drier with fire wood furnace, 20hp hot Air Fan, capacity 350 Kg per hour	Conquest	-	Indian
8.	Electronic Stalk Extractor with Motors and Starters	PPJ 3T	-	Local
9.	Middleton sifter complete with Motors and Starters	-	-	Local
10.	Michie Sifter complete with Motors and Starters	-	-	Local
11.	Suction Winnower with Conveyors, Motors and Starter	-	-	Local
12.	Chota Sifter with Motor and Starters	-	-	Local
13.	Rotavan for CTC Machine "TIVANE"	BO-215/1000	2RF92020	Local
14.	CTC Machine with 5 Rollers and Conveyor Belt "GEARBOX"	TK-SNA	1	China
		TK-SNA	2	
		TK-SNA	3	
		TK-SNA	4	
		TK-SNA	5	
15.	Continuous Fermenting Machine fitted with Conveyors	BLG-02/2005	-	Indian
16.	Humidifier Lin	-	-	China
17.	GEM Tea Drier for CTC Section with Firewood Furnace, Motors and Starter	Standard/333	GTH/9/151	Indian
18.	Fiber Met with Motors and Starter	-	-	China
19.	Tool Room equipment with 01 No. Milling Machine, Roller Chasing Lathe Machine 01 No. Stranded Grinder	-	-	Local
20.	Senvec Tea Colour Separator with accessories including Air-Compressor	R8300W	7300	Japan
21.	Colour Separator Tea Clearing Machine complete with Air-Compressor and other standard accessories Capacity - 350 Kg per our	Nanta	8000, 9000	Korea
22.	Colour Separator Tea Clearing Machine complete with Air-Compressor and other Standard accessories Capacity - 350 Kg per hour	BTR1000	-	Local
23.	Colour Separator Tea Clearing Machine complete with Air-Compressor and other standard accessories Capacity - 350 kg per hour	Shizuoka S600W	-	Japan
24.	20 Nos. Withering Trough 72'x6' & 2 Nos. 81'x6' complete with 2"2" GI welded mesh and air input unit complete with motors	-	-	Local
25.	Withering Trough, size 52'x6' complete with 2"2" GI welded mesh and air input unit complete with motors	-	-	Local
26.	Firewood Splitter with Motors	-	-	Local
27.	Dust Fan	-	-	Local
28.	Generator (Green Power Technology)	500 KVA	-	Local
29.	Weigh Bridge	-	-	Local
30.	Generator (Green Power Technology)	450DFED	D960603023	USA
31.	Weigh Bridge	-	-	Local
32.	Mayer Auto Intelligent remote mode Tea Colour Separator	6CSX/300TD	6040301201491	China
33.	Colour Separator Tea Clearing Machine complete with Air-Compressor and other standard accessories capacity - 350 kg per hour	BTR1000	-	Local
34.	Meyer Tea Colour Separator with accessories including Air-Compressor	4009-002690	6040301201554	China
35.	Hydraulic Wooden Cutter with 50hp Motor	-	-	Local
36.	Automated Conveners including installation & resetting	-	-	-

### THE SECOND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 9 depicted in Plan No.6923 dated 8th June, 2008 made by D.P.Wimalasena, Licensed Surveyor from and out of the land called MENIKWELLY ESTATE (but registered as MENIKWELLY WATTA) situated at Delgoda Village within Grama Niladhari Division of Daugalagama and Divisional Secretary's Division of Kalawana in the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kalawana in Meda Pattu of Kukul Korale in Ratnapura District Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot 9 is bounded on the NORTH by Lots 8,5 and 4 and Lot 14 in Plan No. 1240 on the EAST by Lot 14 & 11 in Plan No. 1240, on the SOUTH by Lots 11 & 4 in Plan No. 1240 and on the WEST by Lot 4 in Plan No.1240 and Lot 11, 8, 5 (but Registered as Lot 9) & 4 and containing in extent One Acre Two Roods and Two Decimal Seven Naught Perches (A1-R2-P2.70) according to the said Plan No.6923 and registered in P 91/07 at the District Land Registry of Ratnapura

**LIST OF MACHINERY**

NO	DESCRIPTION	MODEL NO.	SERIAL NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
1.	Single action standed model Tea Roller with 20HP Motors and Starters	Gamini 47"	-	Local
2.	Single Action Tea Roller with Motors and Starters	Walker 31	-	Local
3.	Single Action Tea Roller with Motors and Starters (Used Machine)	Marshal 31	-	Local
4.	Single Action Tea Roller with Motors and Starters	CCC 46	-	Local
5.	Reciprocating Roll Breakers 12x4 standard Machine with Motors and Starters	-	-	China
6.	Humidifiers complete with Motor and Starters one under repair	-	-	China
7.	6ft. stage Tea Drier, complete with Firewood Furnace 20HP hot Air Fan, ID Fan & other Motors and Starters and other necessary accessories Capacity - 350 Kg per hour	Andre Yule	-	India
8.	Electronic Stalk Extractor with Motor and Starter	PPPJ 3T	-	Local
9.	Fiber Met with Motor and Starter	-	-	China
10.	Suction Winnower complete with Conveyor, Motors, Starters	-	-	Local
11.	Middleton Sifter with Motor and Starter	-	-	Local
12.	Michie Sifter with Motor and Starter	-	-	Local
13.	Chota Sifter with Motor and Starter	-	-	Local
14.	Tea Cutter	-	-	Local
15.	Senvac Tea Colour Separator with Air-compressor and other accessories	C8300W	132806HA9J ORI	Japan
16.	Colour Separator Tea Clearing Machine with CD Camera with Air-Compressor and other standard accessories capacity - 350 Kg per hour	Nanta 7000	OT052020257	Korea
17.	Colour Separator Tea Clearing Machine with Air-Compressor and other standard accessories Capacity - 350 Kg per hour	BTR1000	-	Local
18.	Withering Trough 90'x6' with 2"x2" GI welded Mesh and Air Input Unit complete with Motors	-	-	Local
19.	Withering Trough 60x6 complete with 2"x2" GI welded mesh and Air Input Unit complete with Motors	-	-	Local
20.	Firewood Splitter 60x6 complete with 2"x2" GI welded Mesh with Air Input Unit complete with Motors	-	-	Local
21.	Dust Fan	-	-	Local
22.	Generator (Genset)	200KVA	-	Local
23.	Compressor and other standard accessories capacity - 350 Kg Nanta 9,000	80,009,000	OTA 044525286	Korea
24.	Auto intelligent/remote mode Tea Colour Separator Machine	6CSX-300TD	6040301 201472	China
25.	Hydraulic Wooden Cutter	-	-	Local

and everything else of every sort and description whatsoever now affixed to the land and premises secondly fully described in the Second Schedule above.

### THE THIRD SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 2 (Reservation for Estate Road) depicted in Plan No.6923 dated 8th June, 2008 made by D.P.Wimalasena, Licensed Surveyor from and out of the land called MENIKWELLY ESTATE (but registered as MENIKWELLY WATTA) situated at Delgoda Village within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kalawana in Meda Pattu of Kukul Korale in Ratnapura District Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot 2 is bounded on the NORTH by Lot 1, on the EAST by Lot 14 in Plan No.1240 on the SOUTH by Lot 3 and on the WEST by Estate Road and containing in extent Nineteen Decimal Seven Nought Perches (A0:R0:P19.70) according to the said Plan No.6923 and registered in P 91/08 at the Land Registry, Ratnapura.
- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 5 (Reservation for Estate Road) depicted in Plan No.6923 dated 8th June, 2008 made by D.P.Wimalasena, Licensed Surveyor from and out of the land called MENIKWELLY ESTATE (but registered as MENIKWELLY WATTA) situated at Delgoda Village within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kalawana in Meda Pattu of Kukul Korale in Ratnapura District Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot 5 is bounded on the NORTH by Lot 4, on the EAST by Lot 9 on the SOUTH by Lot 8 and on the WEST by Lot Q and containing in extent Twelve Decimal Three Nought Perches (A0:R0:P12.30) according to the said Plan No.6923 and registered in P91/09 at the Land Registry, Ratnapura
- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 6 (Reservation for Estate Road) depicted in Plan No.6923 dated 8th June, 2008 made by D.P.Wimalasena, Licensed Surveyor from and out of the land called MENIKWELLY ESTATE (but registered as MENIKWELLY WATTA) situated at Delgoda Village within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kalawana in Meda Pattu of Kukul Korale in Ratnapura District Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot 6 is bounded on the NORTH by Lot 3, on the EAST by Lot Q, on the SOUTH by Lot 7 and on the WEST by Estate Road and containing in extent Four Decimal Two Nought Perches (A0:R0:P4.20) according to the said Plan No.6923 and registered in P 91/10 at the Land Registry, Ratnapura.
- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot Q (Reservation for Estate Road) depicted in Plan No.6923 dated 8th June, 2008 made by D.P.Wimalasena, Licensed Surveyor from and out of the land called MENIKWELLY ESTATE (but registered as MENIKWELLY WATTA) situated at Delgoda Village within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kalawana in Meda Pattu of Kukul Korale in Ratnapura District Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot Q is bounded on the North by Lot X, on the East by Lot 5 (but Registered as Lot S), on the South by Lot Z and on the West by Lot 6 and containing in extent Nought Decimal Nine Nought Perches (A0:R0:P0.90) according to the said Plan No.6923 and Registered in P 91/11 at the Land Registry, Ratnapura.
- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot R (Reservation for Estate Road) depicted in Plan No.6923 dated 8th June, 2008 made by D.P.Wimalasena, Licensed Surveyor from and out of the land called MENIKWELLY ESTATE (but registered as MENIKWELLY WATTA) situated at Delgoda Village within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kalawana in Meda Pattu of Kukul Korale in Ratnapura District Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot R is bounded on the NORTH by Lot Y, on the EAST by Lot 6 on the SOUTH by Lot Z and on the WEST by Lot S (but Registered as Lot 5) and containing in extent Naught Decimal Nine five Perches(A0:R0:P0.95) according to the said Plan No. 6923 and registered in P 91/12 at the Land Registry, Ratnapura.
- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot S (Reservation for Estate Road) depicted in Plan No.6923 dated 8th June, 2008 made by D.P.Wimalasena, Licensed Surveyor from and out of the land called MENIKWELLY ESTATE (but registered as MENIKWELLY WATTA) situated at Delgoda Village within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kalawana in Meda Pattu of Kukul Korale in Ratnapura District Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot S is bounded on the NORTH by Estate Road and Lot 6 in Plan No.1240, (but Registered as Estate Road, Lot Y and Lot 3) on the EAST by Lot R, (but Registered as Lot 3) on the SOUTH by Lot 6 in Plan No.1240 and on the WEST by lot 6 in Plan No.1240 and containing in extent six Decimal Eight Nought Perches (A0:R0:P6.80) according to the said Plan No.6923 and Registered in P 91/13 at the Land Registry, Ratnapura.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ceylon.

**Mr. W.M.H.A.S.S.B. Ekanayake**  
**Manager**  
**(Recovery & Credit Supervision)**

**Bank of Ceylon**  
**Metropolitan Branch**

Date : 29.03.2021





# MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

## NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

### BID NOTICE

The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Water Supply & Drainage Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Works / Supplies as described below.

No	Name of Contract & Contract No	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid Security Requirements	Eligibility Requirements	Estimated Cost (Rs.) Excluding VAT	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time
<b>CIVIL TENDERS</b>							
01	Construction of Pump House, Supply and Installation of Pumps and Accessories at Kappalthurai and Construction of 2000 m <sup>3</sup> Capacity Ground Sump at 4 <sup>th</sup> Mile Regional Store. <b>Contract No: NWSDB/E/CP/A2-90/GOSL/2021/01</b>	35,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 2,855,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C3or C2</b> and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	190.4 million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele:011-2605328 Fax:011-2635885	20/04/2021 10.00 hours
02	Construction of Grit Removal System for Gully Unloading Point at MLP 2 Pump House at Mt.Lavinia. <b>Contract No: P&amp;D(SEW)/CIVIL/MLP 02/2020/02</b>	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 417,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 or C4</b> and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	27.8 million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele:011-2605328 Fax:011-2635885	21/04/2021 10.00 hours
03	Construction of Cashier Point and Consumer Vehicle Park at District Engineer's Office in Batticaloa <b>Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/RH/CASH-DE/BATTI/2020/51R</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 30,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Building Construction Grade C5 to C9</b>	1.98 million	Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee. Tele: 026222519 Fax:0262225225	21/04/2021 10.00 hours
04	Supply and Placing of Filter Media in Konduwatuwan KFW Water Treatment Plant, Ampara <b>Contract No: RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/FMR/KFW-WTP/RH/AMP/2020/60</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 30,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9</b>	1.89 million	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri Dharmaratne Mawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours
05	Supply & Placing and Removing & Replacing of Filter Media at Sandunpura and Lihiniyagama Water Supply Scheme in Dehiyathakandiya. <b>Contract No: RSC (E)/AGM (ES)/C/FMR/SAN &amp; LIH/AMP/RH-NRW/2020/55</b>	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 125,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9</b> and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	8.52 million	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri Dharmaratne Mawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours
06	Removing & Dumping Wet Sludge from Himidurawa Water Treatment Plant - Ampara <b>Contract No: RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/C/R&amp;D-SLUDGE/HWTP/O&amp;M-AMP/2020/54 R</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 21,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Building Construction Grade C5 to C9</b>	1.39 million	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri Dharmaratne Mawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours
07	Laying of uPVC/DI Pipes Fittings, Specials, DI/CI Valves and Accessories for proposed Pumping Main from Kotugoda to Minuwangoda <b>Contract No: RSC(W/N)/LAYING/MINUWANGODA/GAM(RH-SP)/2021/52</b>	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 345,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9</b> and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	22.95 million	Regional Support Center (W/N) Office, No. 433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha. Tele:0112922129 Fax:0112922146	21/04/2021 10.00 hours
08	Calling Rates for Excavation & Backfilling of Pipe Trenches for PE & uPVC Pipes of 63 mm to 225mm Diameters for Area Engineer (Kelaniya) area in Manager (Kelaniya) Region - Stage III <b>Contract No: RSC(W/N)/LAYING/KEL(RH)/2021/05R</b>	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 343,500/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9</b> and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	22.9 million	Regional Support Center (W/N) Office, No. 433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha. Tele:0112922129 Fax:0112922146	21/04/2021 10.00 hours
09	Calling Rates for Repairing of Pipe Line Leaks at Area Engineer (Biyagama) Area in Manager (Kelaniya) Region <b>Contract No: RSC(W/N)/LAYING/KEL(O&amp;M)/2021/34</b>	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 308,250/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9</b> and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	20.55 million	Regional Support Center (W/N) Office, No. 433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha. Tele:0112922129 Fax:0112922146	21/04/2021 10.00 hours
10	Construction of Minor Staff Toilets at OIC Kotte <b>Contract No:WC/M(K)/KOTTE/2020/16-RH/R</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 24,200/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Building Construction Grade C5 to C9</b>	1.6 million	RSC (W-C), No. 175A, Kaluthota Building, Nawala Road, Nugegoda, Tele:/Fax: 011- 2856420-3	23/04/2021 10.00 hours
11	Renovation of Roof and Office at Manager (Kotte) Office Building <b>Contract No:WC/M(K)/KOTTE/2020/04-RH/R</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 34,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Building Construction Grade C5 to C9</b>	1.9 million	RSC (W-C), No. 175A, Kaluthota Building, Nawala Road, Nugegoda, Tele:/Fax: 011- 2856420-3	23/04/2021 10.00 hours
12	Provision of Transferring of Service Connections <b>Contract No: RSC(SAB)/AGM(KEG)/O&amp;M/KEGALLE/SER/2020/163</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 20,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9</b>	-	RSC (Sabaragamuwa), NWSDB, New Town, Ratnapura. Tele: 045-2228274-6 Fax : 045-2228273	21/04/2021 14.00 hours
13	Laying and Jointing of HDPE/DI Pipes and Fittings for existing distribution improvement stage I at Amunukele Water Supply Scheme <b>Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/REH/AMUNUKELE/2021/61</b>	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 349,500/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9</b> and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	23.30 million	Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla. Tele: 0552230934 Fax: 0552230974	21/04/2021 14.00 hours
14	Laying of HDPE/DI pipes in Distribution system of Bandarawela <b>Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/REH/BANDARAWELA/2021/65</b>	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 325,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9</b> and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	21.1 million	Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla. Tele: 0552230934 Fax: 0552230974	21/04/2021 14.00 hours
15	Laying and Jointing of HDPE/DI pipe and fittings for distribution improvement at Divihotawela, Welimada Water Supply Scheme <b>Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/REH/DIVIHOTAWELA,WELIMADA/2021/68</b>	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 374,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9</b> and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	24.9 million	Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla. Tele: 0552230934 Fax: 0552230974	21/04/2021 14.00 hours
<b>M&amp;E TENDERS</b>							
Reference to the advertisement dated 2021.03.10, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Ice Plant, Cold Room, Solar Panels & related Civil, Works <b>Contract No: PD/JKSSP/ICE FACTORY/M&amp;E/2019/01</b> Please note that the closing date of this tender has been extended up to 15.04.2021							
16	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Variable Frequency Drives at Damana Pump House in Ampara Region <b>Contract No.:RSC (E)/AGM(ES)/S&amp;I/VFD/DPH/RH/AMP/2020/75</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 20,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent / distributor	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri DharmaratneMawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours	
17	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pneumatic Accessories for Konduwattuan ECTAD Water Treatment Plant <b>Contract No.:RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/S&amp;I/PA/ECTAD/RH/KONDU/2020/56</b>	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 140,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent / distributor and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri DharmaratneMawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours	
18	Supply, Delivery and Installation of 01 No. of Thickener under Flow Progressive Cavity Sludge Pump for Sludge Treatment Plant at Kondawatuwana. <b>Contract No.:RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/S&amp;I/PCSP/STP/RH/KWTP/2021/07</b>	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 76,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent / distributor and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri DharmaratneMawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours	
19	Supply, Installation Testing and Commissioning of Motorized Moulded Case Circuit Breakers for KFW-WTP At Kondawatuwana. <b>Contract No.:RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/S&amp;I/CB/KFW/RH/KWTP/2021/06</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 27,500/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent / distributor	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri DharmaratneMawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours	
20	Rectification of DAF Vessel Operation Control System of Vessels at ECTAD Water Treatment Plant. <b>Contract No.:RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/S&amp;I/DAF-CONT/ECTAD/RH/KONDU/AMP/2021/01</b>	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 75,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act. No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri DharmaratneMawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours	
21	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of Borehole Type Submersible Pumping Sets, Control Panels and Accessories at Intake Borehole Pump Stations for Galode Padiyathalawa Water Treatment Plant <b>Contract No.:RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/SUB-PUMP/GALODE/RH/AMP/2020/30</b>	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 75,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent / distributor and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri DharmaratneMawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours	
22	Supply and Delivery of Borehole Type Submersible Pumping Sets and Accessories at Intake Borehole Pump Stations at Padiyathalawa Water Supply Scheme <b>Contract No.:NWSDB/RSC(E)/CP/A2-85/GOSL/2021/03</b>	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 147,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent / distributor and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri DharmaratneMawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours	
23	Supply and Installation of Analog Output Module for PLC for Kondawatuwana Water Treatment Plant at Ampara <b>Contract No.:RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/S&amp;I/AOPM/RH/KWTP/2021/04</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 24,000/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent / distributor	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri DharmaratneMawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	22/04/2021 10.00 hours	
<b>SUPPLY TENDERS</b>							
24	Supply and Delivery of PVC/PE Pipe Locator and Accessories for Regional Manager's office, Trincomalee <b>Contract No.: RSC(E)/DGM/O&amp;M/PVC/PE PIPE LOCATOR/TRINCO/2020/70</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 22,500/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agents	Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee. Tele: 026222519 Fax:0262225225	21/04/2021 10.00 hours	
25	Supply and Delivery of Desktop Computers and Accessories for Manager Office - Gampaha <b>Contract No.:RSC(W/N)/M(G)/SS/CIPC/2021/59</b>	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 31,500/-	As per the Document and Registration of the contract as per the <b>Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract</b>	Regional Support Center (W/N) Office, No.433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha. Tele:0112922129 Fax:0112922146	21/04/2021 10.00 hours	
<b>RENTING OF A BUILDING</b>							
26	Renting of a Building to use as OIC Office at Serunuwara <b>Contract No.: RSC(E)/DGM/O&amp;M/BUILDING-RENT/SERUNUWARA/TRINCO/2021/11</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 2,700/-	As per the Document	Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee. Tele: 026222519 Fax:0262225225	21/04/2021 10.00 hours	
<b>JANITORIAL SERVICES</b>							
27	Provision of Janitorial service for District Engineer's Office, Bandarapura & Eladaluwa Treatment Plants at Badulla <b>Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/O&amp;M/BADULLA/2021/106</b>	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 25,000/-	As per the Document	Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla. Tele: 0552230934 Fax: 0552230974	07/04/2021 14.00 hours	

Please register on line [www.drc.gov.lk](http://www.drc.gov.lk) of Registrar of Companies to get PCA 3 form (only for tenders marked as "\*\*\*\*"). Further please use gmail for registration.

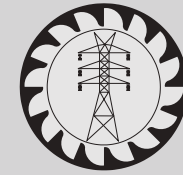
Bidding documents will be issued on production of a letter of request on a business letterhead together with the payment receipt of non-refundable tender fee during 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on normal working days up to day before the closing date.

Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.

Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

Chairman,  
National Water Supply and Drainage Board





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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

## NORTHERN PROVINCE - APRIL 2021

JAFFNA AREA	
<b>Chavakachcheri CSC</b>	
2021-04-04	09:00-17:00
Eruvan, Kodikamam, KarampaiKurichchi, Karampan, Karukkai, Varany, KudamiyanKodikamam, Manthuvil, Mirusuvil North, Navatkadu., Suddypuram, Thavalaiyattalai, Vallaithoddam, VaraniKalaivani, Varany market Area, VaranyMasery	
2021-04-08	08:30-17:00
Arukuveli, A32 Road, Maravanpulavu Centre, Maravanpulavu, Thanankilappu.	
2021-04-10	08:30-17:00
Kaithady, Narayana Hardware, KaithadyNunavil, Arukuveli, A32 Road, Govt. Food Stores, Navatkuli., IyanarKovilady, Navatkuli, Kaithady East PillaiyarKovil Road., KaithadyManipay Road. (Kalaivani), KaithadyNavapuram, Kaithady North, KaithadyPalmayrah Research Institute, Kaithady, Manipay Road up to kopay, Kallinagar, Kaithady, KokilakandyMangala Workshop, Kokilakandythurai, Kumarakuru Community Centre, A9 Road, Madduvil, Link Readymix, Navatkuli, Madduvil, Vahaiyady, Maravanpulavu - Kerativu Road., Maravanpulavu Centre, Maravanpulavu, Navatkuli Junction, Navatkuli, Kerativu Road, S.H.E., Kaithady - A 9 Road., Sanken Construction, Navatkuli, Thachchanthoppu - Kerativu Road, Thanankilappu, Provincial Council, Kaithady, Siddha Medicine, Kaithady, United Motors, Nunavil	
2021-04-11	09:00-17:00
Eruvan, Kodikamam, KarampaiKurichchi, Karampan, Karukkai, Varany, KudamiyanKodikamam., Manthuvil, Mirusuvil North., Navatkadu., Suddypuram, Thavalaiyattalai., Vallaithoddam, VaraniKalaivani., Varany market Area, VaranyMasery	
2021-04-24	09:00-17:00
Manthuvil, Thavalaiyattalai, VaraniKalaivani.	
<b>Chunnakam CSC</b>	
2021-04-03	08:30-17:00
Airport Junction, Palaly, Mayiliddy Pump house, Mayiliddy VC, Near Dutch Road, Palaly, Saanthu Junction, Thaiyiddi, Thaiyiddi Junction, Valluvarpulam, Myliddy, Vasavilan, Air Force, Palaly., Airport Aviation, Palaly, Army Camp, Palaly., Mayiliddy 515 Brigade, Myliddy Army camp, Myliddy yFishermant Harbour, Palaly Airforce Hotel	
2021-04-04	09:00-17:00
Alaveddy, AlukkaiAlaveddy, Bank of Ceylon Chunnakam, Chunnakam Market . Commercial Bank, Earlalai, Ganeshwaram, Tellippalai, Jet Motor, Chunnakam, Kallarai, Mallakam, KandayahUpaththiyar Junction, Koththiyawathai, M.P.C.S., Alaveddy, Maaththanai, Thellippalai, Mallakam Junction, MaviddapuramKandasamyKovil, Near Courts, Mallakam, Pannalai, Ponnalar Stores, Alaveddy North, Tellippalai, Thellippalai (Anaikkuddimathavadi), Thellippalai Junction, Thurkkapuram, CargillsChunnakam, Mallakam Court, Peoples Bank, Chunnakam	
2021-04-22	08:30-17:00
AvarangalMarket, Avarangal Sivan Kovil, Kalaimahal Junction, Puttur, Madduvil Road, Puttur, Navatkadu, Atchuvely, Periapokkanai, Puttur, Urani, Vatharavattai, Vatharawathai, Veeravani	
<b>Jaffna City CSC</b>	
2021-04-11	08:30-17:00
Mavady, Pannai, Villunry, Health Ministry, Prison complex, ThuraiappahStadium, Jaffna Fort	
2021-04-17	08:30-17:00
ManiyanthoddamIcefactory, AV Rd, Columpthurai., Colombuthurai- Nedunkulam Road, Colombuthurai Road, Swamiyar Junction, Colombuthurai Road, Maniyanthoddam, Old Park Rd, Columpthurai Road Junction, Passaiyoor, Passaiyoor- Eachchamoddai Road, Periyakovil, Punkankulam - Clombuthurai Road, Junction, Uthayapuram	
2021-04-18	09:00-17:00
Jaffna Technical College, University College, University Hostel, Nachchimar Kovilady	
2021-04-25	08:30-17:00
Hospital Road, KachcheriNallur Road Junction, Mulavai Junction, DGM Office, CEB, Governor Bungalow, Jaffna District Secretariat, ThulasiMahal, US hotel BCCAS campus, Palaly Road- Sivan Amman Road Junction, Amman Road, Kandaramadam, Ariyakulam- Point Pedro Road, Illupaiyady Junction, Palaly Road, Pizza Hut & IBC Tamil, Point Pedro Rd, Anaippanthi, Sivarajah Avenue, PalalyRoad, Yarl Hospital, Aunor (PVT) Ltd, Damro, IBC Tamil, Northern Hospital, Sun Rise	
<b>Jaffna Suburb CSC</b>	
2021-04-18	09:00-17:00
Northern Industries, Kokkuvil.	
2021-04-25	09:00-18:00
Commercial Bank, Palaly Road, Panikkar Lane Junction, Thirunelvely- Market, External Studies, Thinnai Hotel	
<b>Point Pedro CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
Kanapathy Mill, Kottawathai, Navindil - Uduppiddy, Vathiri Road, Polikandy	
2021-04-06	08:30-17:00
Nediyakadu, Polikandy, Navalady, ICE Factory Polikandy.	
2021-04-10	09:00-17:00
Kanapathymill, Kottawathai, Navindil - Uduppiddy, Vathiri Road., Polikandy	
2021-04-17	09:00-17:00
Aaliyavalai, Kaddaikadu, Kaddaikadu Army Camp (55 Div), Kevil, Mulliyan, Vetrilaikerney, Vetrilaikerneymulliyan Army Camp	
2021-04-18	09:00-17:00
3rd cross street, Pointpedro, Ampan, Ampan hospital, Beach Side Manatkadu, Katkoyalam, Kudaththanai, Kudaththanai water supply, Light House, Manatkadu, Manthikai, Mathanai, Mulli, Nadu Kudaththanai, Nelandai - VallipuramKovil, Point Pedro Road, Potpathy, Punithanagar, Sivapiragasam, Upyakathirigamam, Valikandy, Vallipuram Temple, Ice factory, Katkoyalam, Vallipuram Water supply	
2021-04-20	08:30-17:00
Maamunai North, Old Police Station Valveddithurai	

2021-04-24	09:00-17:00
Aaliyavalai, Kaddaikadu, Kaddaikadu Army Camp (55 Div), Kevil, Mulliyan, Vetrilaikerney, Vetrilaikerneymulliyan Army Camp	
2021-04-29	08:30-17:00
Nadu Kudaththanai, Potpathy, White Road - Uduppiddy Junction.	
<b>Vaddukoddai CSC</b>	
2021-04-17	09:00-17:00
Alady, Ilavalai, Mareesankoodal, Meikandan, Periyavilan, Seanthankulam, St Jude, Ilavalai	
2021-04-22	09:00-17:00
Alady, Ilavalai, Mareesankoodal, Meikandan, Periyavilan, Seanthankulam, St Jude Ilavalai	
<b>Velanai CSC</b>	
2021-04-10	09:00-17:00
Nainativu	
<b>KILINOCCHI AREA</b>	
<b>Kilinochchi CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	08:30-17:00
Jayapuram Church, Jayapuram School, Jeyapuram, Kiranchi, KiranchiSivapuram, Nakapaduwan, Palavi, Ponnaveili, Valaipadu, Veravil, 651 Brigade Vellankulam, Ice Factory, Mulankavil Navy Camp, Anpupuram, Don Bosco Pallavarayarkaddu, Iranaimathanagar, Kirushnanagar, Kumulamunai, Mulankavil, Mulankavil Tower, Naachchikkuda Dialog Tower, Nachchikkuda, Sinnapallawarajankaddusolai, SolaiPallavarayankaddu	
2021-04-03	09:00-17:00
RubavahiniKokkavil	
2021-04-07	08:30-17:00
4th Mile Post, Poonakari, Arasapuram, Gnani madam, Gowtharimunai, Kaanchipuram, Karukkaitheevu, KollakurichchiThampirai, Kunjuparanthan, Mukkampam junction, Mutkompan, Nallur, Poonakary, Neradampam, Netpulawu, Overseir Shop junction, Pallikuda, Pallikuda Tsunami scheme, Paramankirai, Paramankirai, Semmankunru, Sinnapallavarayankaddu, Thampirai, TharaniKudiyiruppu, Vadiyadi, Poonakari., Veddukkadu (Gowtharimunai), Veeraiyady, Vinasiyodai (Gowtharimunai), 66 DivPoonagari, Arasapuram camp, Chelliyatheevu, DS Office, Poonagary, 66 Div Training School	
2021-04-22	09:00-17:00
Kiranchi, Sivapuram, Palavi, Ponnaveili, Valaipadu, Veravil	
2021-04-25	09:00-17:00
4th Mile Post, Poonakari, Arasapuram, Gnani Madam, Gowtharimunai, Kaanchipuram, Karukkaitheevu, KollakurichchiThampirai, Kunjuparanthan, Mukkampam junction, Mutkompan, Nallur, Poonakary, Neradampam, Netpulawu, Overseir Shop Junction, Pallikuda, Pallikuda Tsunami scheme, Paramankirai, Paramankirai, Paranthan Town, Semmankunru, Sinnapallavarayankaddu, Thampirai, TharaniKudiyiruppu, Vadiyadi, Poonakari., Veddukkadu (Gowtharimunai), Veeraiyady, Vinasiyodai (Gowtharimunai) 66 DivPoonagari, Arasapuram Camp, Chelliyathivu, DS Office, Poonagary, Paranthan Telecom, 66 Div Training School	
<b>Mankulam CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	08:00-17:00
Kanagarayankulam, Aalankulam, (PuthuVilan), Karappukuththi Army Camp, Kunchukkulam, Kurisuddankulam, Mannakulam, Muthirankulam, Paraseankulam, Periyakulam - 561 Brigade, Periyakulam - Seva Lanka, Petrol shed, Kanagarayankulam, PuthoorKovil, Puthoor Tower, Puthukkulam, Puthur Village, STF-Mankulam, Vignanakulam, Kanagarayankulam56 Training Camp, IRCON - Mankulam	
2021-04-15	08:30-17:00
Alankulam, Therankandal, 653 Brigade Army Camp, Alankulam Army Camp	
2021-04-24	08:30-17:00
50Housing Scheme, Pandiyankulam, Ambalpuram, Don Bosco, Ilamaruthankulam, Karumpuliyar, Kompuvaitthakulam, Moonrumurippu, Moonrumurippu Dialog tower, Naddankandal, NWS & DB - Pandiyankulam, Oddaruthakulam, Palaipaani, Paddupochchi, Palinagar, Panamkaamam (Moonrumurippu), Pandiyankulam, PonnagarPoovarasankulam, Selvapuram, Siraddikulam, Sivapuram, Vadakadu, Vannivilankulam, Vavunikulam, Veerapparayankulam (Moonrumurippu III), Vinayagapuram, Vannivairam	
<b>Mullaitivu CSC</b>	
2021-04-06	08:00-17:00
Irannaipalai, Kompavil	
2021-04-08	08:00-17:00
Katkulam, KovilPuliyankulam, Maruthodai, Nedunkeny Tower (Mobitel), Nedunkeny Water Board (Otomadu), Otomadu Nedunkeny, Oonchakkaddy, Othiyamalai, Paddikudiyiruppu, Senaipilavu school, Veditvaitthakal	
2021-04-17	09:00-17:00
68th Division Army Camp - Dialog tower Iranaipalai, Devipuram, 18th VIR- Army Camp Devipuram, 68 Div Army Camp, Iranaipalai	
<b>VAVUNIYA AREA</b>	
<b>Madhu CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	08:00-17:00
Sinnasippikulam, Thanthirimalai Road, Veerapuram, N.W. Steel PVT. Ltd.	
2021-04-05	08:00-17:00
Veerapuram	
2021-04-06	08:00-17:00
Veerapuram	
2021-04-08	08:00-17:00
Veerapuram	
2021-04-09	08:00-17:00
Veerapuram	
2021-04-22	08:00-17:00
Veerapuram	
2021-04-23	08:00-17:00
Veerapuram	

2021-04-28	08:00-17:00
Veerapuram	
2021-04-29	08:00-17:00
Veerapuram	
<b>Mannar CSC</b>	
2021-04-05	08:30-17:00
Hunais Nagar, Karadikkuli, Kayakuli Scheme, Kondachchi Scheme, Kondachchi Sinhala Village, Koolankulam Scheme (Zeenathnagar), Marichchikaddy, Mullikkulam, Palaikuli, Palaikuli Scheme	
2021-04-06	08:00-17:00
Uyilankulam	
2021-04-07	08:00-17:00
Uyilankulam	
2021-04-08	08:00-17:00
Maluwadi Junction, Uyilankulam, New Silk Road Aquatic Company Pvt (Ltd),	
2021-04-18	08:30-17:00
Mannar Town to Thalaimannar, Anthonipillai Ice Factory, Ave Mariya Ice Factory, Cool Man Ice Factory, Erukallampiddy Water Supply Scheme, Ice Factory Keeri, Industrial Estate, Kachcheri Complex, Mannar Hospital, Mannar Water Board, New Silk Road Aquatic Company Pvt (Ltd), Palmayrah House, Palmayrah House, Thalaimannar, TaprobaneForzen Food, Erukallampiddy, Telecom Mannar, Thalaimannar Hospital, Thalaimannar Navy Camp, Timex Garment, VanakalaipaduSt.Lordes Ice Factory, Water Supply - Thoddakkadu, Youth Corps Training Center, Cargills Food city, Mannar, CTB Mannar, Pesalai - Ice Factory	
2021-04-19	08:00-17:00
Uyilankulam	
2021-04-20	08:00-17:00
Uyilankulam	
2021-04-21	08:00-17:00
Uyilankulam, Kallikkaddaikkadu, Muthalaikuththi, Nochchikulam, Puthukamam, Puthukkamam, Uyilankulam, Vaddupithanmadu, Chinnaharbour, Kamalampikai Rice Mill	
2021-04-23	08:00-17:00
Uyilankulam	
2021-04-27	08:00-17:00
Andankulam, Iththikkandal, Kannatty, Karukaikulam, Kuruvil, Palaiperumalkaddu (Manalmoddai), Pallivasalpiddy, Parapankandal, Parappukadanthan, Periyaneelasernai, Sornapur, Vaddakkandal, Vanna Moddai Junction	
2021-04-28	13:00-17:00
Kallikkaddaikkadu, Muthalaikuththi, Nochchikulam, Puthukamam, Puthukkamam, Uyilankulam, Vaddupithanmadu, Chinnaharbour, Kamalampikai Rice Mill	
<b>Vavuniya CSC</b>	
2021-04-01	08:00-17:00
Samanankulam	
2021-04-05	08:00-17:00
Marakkarampalai - Ganesapuram, Samanankulam	
2021-04-06	08:00-17:00
Achchipuram, Asikulam, Ellappamaruthankulam, Kadkulam (Sithamparapuram), Koomankulam Saie Childran Home, Koomarasankulam, Mahamailankulam, Marakkarampalai - Ganesapuram, Mathuranagarkalnaddinankulam, Periyakoomarasankulam, Samanankulam, Sithamparapuram, Thavasikkulam	
2021-04-07	08:00-17:00
Awaranthulawa, Samayapuram, Thavasikkulam	
2021-04-08	08:00-17:00
Ellappamaruthankulam, Marakkarampalai - Ganesapuram, Thavasikkulam, Arugampulveli, Barathipuram, Koomankulam, Koomankulam Saie Childran Home, Nagar Illuppaikulam, Nagarelluppaikulam, Nelukkulam, Nochchikulam, Avusathapitiya, Pansinnakulam, Ponnawarasankulam, Sampalthoddam Housing Scheme, Vinayagapuram Housing Scheme, Nelunkkulam Water Board	
2021-04-09	08:00-17:00
Awaranthulawa, Ellappamaruthankulam, Mahakachchakodiya, Marakkarampalai - Ganesapuram	
2021-04-10	08:00-17:00
Awaranthulawa, Ellappamaruthankulam	
2021-04-11	08:00-17:00
Awaranthulawa, Ellappamaruthankulam	
2021-04-17	08:00-17:00
Austriya Studio, 1st Cross Street, Bazaar Street, Horawapathan Road, Iluppaiyady junction, Kandasamy Kovil Road, Kugan motors, 2nd Cross St, Mill Road Junction, Rampaikulam HP Road, Soosaiipillaiyarkulam, Hotel - Oviya, Lanka Rice Mill, Rani Rice Mill, S.V.R Rice Mill	
2021-04-20	08:00-17:00
Maharambaikulam, Achchipuram, Asikulam, Ellappamaruthankulam, Kadkulam (Sithamparapuram), Koomarasankulam Matha Kovil, Mahamailankulam, Mathuranagarkalnaddinankulam, Periyakoomarasankulam, Samanankulam, Sithamparapuram	
2021-04-21	08:00-17:00
Maharambaikulam, Samanankulam	
2021-04-22	08:00-17:00
Achchipuram, Asikulam, Ellappamaruthankulam, Kadkulam (Sithamparapuram), Koomarasankulam, Mahamailankulam, Maharambaikulam, Mathuranagarkalnaddinankulam, Periyakoomarasankulam, Samanankulam, Sithamparapuram	
2021-04-23	08:00-17:00
Samanankulam	
2021-04-28	08:00-17:00
Maharambaikulam, Samanankulam	
2021-04-29	08:00-17:00
Maharambaikulam, Samanankulam, Kulumadhu Junction, Marakkarampalai - Ganesapuram, Jeevan Rice Mill, Sujan Rice Mill - Kathan Koddam	

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## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

State Ministry of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy & Egg Related Industry



### Department of Animal Production and Health

The Department of Animal Production and Health invites sealed Bids from qualified Bidders for the purchase of below mentioned items required for this Department.

Activity No.	Subject	Bid Bond (Rs.)	Non-Refundable Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Bid Documents Issuing Period	Bid Documents Receiving Period
1.1	Purchase of Reproductive Hormones	30,000/=	2,500/= for each document	From 31.03.2021 to 20.04.2021	Till 11.00 a.m. 21.04.2021
1.2	Purchase of Chemicals, Laboratory Equipments, Glassware and Consumables for FMD Vaccine Production Project	30,000/=			
1.3	Purchase of items required for the Animal House of VRI	200,000/=			
1.4	Purchase of items & Antibiotic residue analyzing kit required under Mastitis Treatment Project	150,000/=			

- Relevant Bid Documents may be obtained from the Director (Finance) Office of the Dept. of Animal Production and Health during office hours (from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.) Bidders should clearly state the relevant name of the item on the top left corner of the envelope enclosing the Bid Document.
- Sealed Bid Documents may be deposited in the relevant Tender Box placed in the Finance Division or may be sent by registered post to the below mentioned address to reach on or before the closing date and time of the bid receiving date.
- Further details of relevant bid documents in respect of purchase are given in the webpage of our Dept. of Animal Production and Health. (Web : [www.daph.gov.lk](http://www.daph.gov.lk))

**Director General / Chairman (Dept. P.C.)** Tel : 081-2388197 / 081-2388227 / 081-2385701  
**Dept. of Animal Production and Health** 081-2388120 / 081-2388189  
**No. 1020, P.O. Box 13, Getambe, Peradeniya, Extention - 290/292**

I, Hettiarachige Udaya Deshapriya of No. 447/2, Kalapaluwawa, Rajagiriya in the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat Division, district of Colombo do hereby inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that I shall be known and called as Hettiarachige Udaya Deshapriya Hettiarachige hereinafter. Hettiarachige Udaya Deshapriya Hettiarachchi.



## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA



NOTICE UNDER SECTION 12(1) (a) OF THE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY ACT, NO. 20 OF 2009

### INTENTION TO EXTEND LICENSE

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka ("the Commission") hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 12(1) (a) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 that the Commission proposes to extend license for the purpose of generating electricity to the following person, in order to ensure the availability and continuity of the supply of electricity to consumers.

Application Ref. No.	Applicant	Plant/Facility Name	Capacity (MW)	Technology
E/AL/N/21/14	Resus Energy PLC	Agra Oya Mini Hydro Power Plant	2.6	Mini Hydro

Representations (if any) may be made in writing to the Commission with respect to the above proposal, within twenty-eight (28) days of this notice. Please quote the Application No. when making representations.

**Chairman**

**Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka**

Level 06, BoC Merchant Tower, 28, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03.

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Fax: (011) 2392641

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## DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL - HAMBANTOTA

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Quotations are invited up to 10.00 a.m. on 23.04.2021 for purchase of garbage bags mentioned below required by the District General Hospital, Hambantota.

S/ No.	Item	Specification	Qty	Non-refundable fee (Rs.)	Refundable Deposit/ Bank Guarantee (Rs)
01	Garbage Bags	In quantities of 20 litres (20"x24") 70 litres (34"x36") (separated according to colours)	809,892	2,000.00	50,000.00

Specimen forms for submitting quotations could be obtained from 31.03.2021 up to 23.04.2021 during office hours from the District General Hospital, Hambantota. Quotations will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 23.04.2021 at the District General Hospital, Hambantota. The decision of the Procurement Committee regarding the above matter is deemed final.

For further details, contact on Telephone No: 047-2220261.

**Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
District General Hospital,  
Hambantota.**



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

- The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the project described below:-

Contract No	Contract Name	Engineer's Estimate w/o contingencies (Rs Mn)	CIDA Grade	Bid Security (Rs Mn)	Contract Period (Days)
RDA/DC/SP/IR-GOSL/2021/48	RECONSTRUCTION OF PORUPITIYA BRIDGE ACROSS NILWALA RIVER IN MATARA DISTRICT (NON RDA)  (THE PROPOSED BRIDGE CONSISTS OF 3 SPANS OF 15.5m, 19.0m & 15.5m PROVIDING CLEAR CARRIAGEWAY OF 4.2m WITH 0.9m WIDE FOOT WALKS ON BOTH SIDES)	139.7	C3 and C2	1.62	364

- The work consists of construction of bridge across Nilwala River including sub structure super structure & approach road.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall be currently registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in grade given in the above table in **bridge** specialty.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following offices and refer the bidding documents via [www.rda.gov.lk](http://www.rda.gov.lk) from **01.04.2021**.

(a) Director (Construction), Road Development Authority, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.  
T P :011-2864388 Fax: 011-2861821

- The Pre-Bid meeting will be held at **10:00** hrs. on **20.04.2021** at the office of the Director (Construction), Road Development Authority, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla and a site visit will be arranged thereafter if necessary.

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (Construction), RDA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla from **01.04.2021** until **29.04.2021** during **09:00** hrs to **15:00** hrs. upon submission of original / valid cash deposit slip of a non refundable fee.

Non refundable tender fee **Rs. 21,600.00 (with VAT)** can be paid by depositing cash to the following account

a. Account Name : **Director General - RDA**  
b. Account Number : **0000001943**  
c. Bank Name : **Bank of Ceylon - Corporate Branch**

As per the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987, only the Agents and Successful winners of tenders shall be registered in Department of Registrar of Companies.

- Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid- Security for an amount given in the above table. Bid- Security shall be valid up to **27.08.2021**.
- Bids shall be delivered in **duplicate** to the **Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, C/O Director General, Road Development Authority, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla** on or before **14:00** hrs on **30.04.2021**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidders' or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **30.07.2021**.

**The Chairman  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee  
Road Development Authority,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.**

## INVITATION FOR BIDS



### SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS OF THE SRI LANKA AIR FORCE

- The Chairman Departmental Procurement Committee of Sri Lanka Air Force invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Sale of non- moving items of Sri Lanka Air Force.

Procurement Identification Number	Description	Date and time of Bid closing / opening	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)
AHQ/20/PUB/MIS/1013	Sale of Board of Survey non - moving items of the Sri Lanka Air Force.	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected by interested bidders from the Sri Lanka Air Force website [www.airforce.lk](http://www.airforce.lk) and may purchase from the Procurement Division (Tender Section) from **01<sup>st</sup> April 2021** between **1000 hrs** and **1400 hrs** on every working day before **19<sup>th</sup> April 2021** upon payment of a non-refundable fee to the Shroff at Sri Lanka Air Force Station Colombo. The offers without the receipt of payment will not be accepted.
- The sealed bids in duplicate, shall be addressed to "**The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee**" and may be either dispatched by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box at the Main Guard Room well before the closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened soon after closing the bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the opening of the bids, upon presentation of their National Identity Card and letters of authorization from their employers. No bidder or his representative will be permitted to attend the bid opening after the bid closing time.
- All Interested Bidders, who have purchased bidding documents are allowed to carry out site inspection of non- moving items of the Sri Lanka Air Force Base Katunayake from **05<sup>th</sup> April 2021** to **09<sup>th</sup> April 2021** between **0900 hrs** to **1500 hrs** on every working day.
- The special conditions for the sale of the items are listed in the each bidding document. The applicable rates for goods shall be indicated separately for each item listed only in the "price schedule". The rates quoted by each bidder in the price schedule shall be valid till **30<sup>th</sup> October 2021** and shall not be subjected to variation on any account.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Procurement Officer (Tel. 011-2325468 or Extension 23550) Procurement Officer Tenders (Tel. 011-2441553 or 011-2441044 Extension 23569 Fax: 011- 2441553 and 011-2347694).

The address referred to above is:

**Chief Procurement Officer  
Sri Lanka Air Force,  
Air Force Headquarters,  
P.O. Box 1592,  
Colombo 02.**

**COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE**



**Classifieds**

**Automotive**



**NW GK-8355** Mazda Familia, 1995, car for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC. No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo-03. Tel: 0714-542958. 024585

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - UVA PROVINCE**  
**PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
**Purchase of Medical Equipment - 2021**  
 An advertisement has been published by this department regarding the purchase of Medical Equipment in Dinamina & Daily News newspapers on 25.03.2021. It is kindly informed that the said advertisement should be amended as follows and other conditions of the advertisement remain unchanged.  
 01. Bidding Document Fee : Rs. 3,500.00  
 02. Bid Security Fee : Rs. 100,000.00

# Employment Opportunities



## OCEAN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

### POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Ocean University of Sri Lanka was established by the Parliament Act No. 31 of 2014 to cater the manpower needs in the fisheries, marine and maritime sectors of Sri Lanka. The Board of Governors of the Ocean University of Sri Lanka invites applications/nominations for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Ocean University of Sri Lanka. The applicants/ nominees should be citizens of Sri Lanka. The successful applicant/nominee will hold office for a period of four years from the date of appointment or until he/she completes 65 years of age whichever occurs earlier.

The vision of the Ocean University of Sri Lanka is to provide innovative solutions for marine, maritime and fisheries sectors in order to be the centre of excellence in marine and fisheries education in the region.

The Ocean University is a specialized and leading university in the ocean, marine, and maritime sector, which is operating two divisions as "Higher Education" offering Bachelor's Degree programs and "Vocational Training" offering Diploma and Certificates. The government of Sri Lanka, with its strong commitment to the development of the marine industry, is promoting education and training to produce quality professionals. Further, the government strategy includes the transformation of the national economy to a dominant "Ocean Economy" through research and innovations leading to harnessing of marine resources in the greater economic zone.

The Vice-Chancellor shall be a person with a vision to carry forward the vision and goals of the University through his/her intellectual as well as managerial brilliance. In addition, the Vice-Chancellor is called upon to identify the needs of the local and foreign job markets in terms of national policies of higher education and vocational education.

Vice-Chancellor should be able to strengthen the time-tested values for the advancement of the University through academic activities including research & development and vocational training. The applicant/ nominee is therefore expected to be a person of high academic caliber and integrity with a record of outstanding achievements including a strong research profile, proven leadership qualities and interpersonal skills to interact objectively with diverse interest groups, a clear understanding of policy issues and a commitment to the effective implementation of decisions with excellent communication skills along with an ability to stimulate diverse interests of the students and staff alike.

The Vice-Chancellor is a fulltime officer of the University and is the Principal Executive as well as the Principal Academic Officer. The Vice-Chancellor is also the Accounting Officer of the University. He/ She is an ex-officio member and the Chairman of both the Board of Governors and the Academic Council. He/ She is responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the Ocean University. It is the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that the provisions of the University Act No. 31 of 2014 and any appropriate instruments are duly observed, and shall exercise all such powers as he/she may deem necessary for the purpose.

The Vice-Chancellor will be responsible for providing academic leadership, and is responsible for formulating, introducing and conducting streamlined management policies and implementing the decisions of the Board of Governors, the general administration of the University and should therefore, uphold the principles of academic excellence and good governance. The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible to maintain transparency, accountability, democratic management and effective nonpartisan leadership.

The Vice-Chancellor is eligible to be on the highest academic salary scale in the University system and approved allowances.

- The following documents should accompany applications/ nominations:
- A complete Curriculum vitae of the applicant/ nominee, including date of birth.
  - A statement of vision for the development of the University and a brief account of what the candidate/ nominee proposes to achieve if appointed.
  - Where the incumbent Vice-Chancellor is an applicant or applicant had held the Post of Vice-Chancellor of the University before, he/she should give a report highlighting accomplishments during his/her prior period of office in addition to the documents mentioned in Paragraph (ii) above.
  - A letter of consent from the nominee, in case of nominations.
  - A letter from the employer indicating whether the applicant/ nominee could be released in the event of his/her appointment to the post in case of an applicant/ nominee serving in Public Sector, Corporations, Statutory Bodies and Higher Educational Institutions.

Applications/ nominations should be in a sealed cover/ envelope addressed to the Registrar, Ocean University of Sri Lanka, No. 51, Pannananda Mawatha, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15 and either hand delivered or sent under registered cover to reach the above office before 3.00 p.m. on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The envelope containing the application/ nomination must be marked 'Post of Vice-Chancellor' on its top left-hand corner.

Candidates shortlisted by the Evaluation Committee and approved by the Board of Governors will be invited to make a brief presentation of a minimum of ten (10) minutes duration but not exceeding fifteen (15) minutes. In an exceptional situation, if any candidate is not in a position to appear before the Special Board of Governors Meeting, he/ she may be allowed to make the presentation via video conferencing.

The report of the Special Board of Governors Meeting recommending three names of the candidates will be prepared and forwarded to the State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation for further action.

**Registrar**  
**Ocean University of Sri Lanka**  
**No. 51, Pannananda Mawatha**  
**Mattakkuliya**  
**Colombo 15.**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA**  
 NOTICE UNDER SECTION 21(2) OF THE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY ACT, NO. 20 OF 2009  
**INTENTION TO GRANT EXEMPTION**  
 The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka ("the Commission") hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 21(2) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No.20 of 2009 that the Commission intends to grant exemption to the entity identified below for the purpose of distributing and supply of electricity only within the specified/respective premises as it has a limited distribution network within their premises and the quantum of energy distribution is low.

Application No.	Entity	Premises	Nature of consumers
E/AE-D/21/02	Simakvin Real Estate (Pvt) Ltd	127, W.A.D. Ramanayake Mawatha, Colombo 02	Commercial

Representations (if any) may be made in writing to the Commission with respect to the above proposal, within twenty-eight (28) days of this notice. Please quote the Application No. when making representations.  
**Chairman**  
**Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka**  
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 Telephone: (011) 2392608  
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