

## Fifteen member PSC to study election law reforms, amendments

The motion by Prime Minister and Finance Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to appoint a Parliament Select Committee (PSC) to identify appropriate reforms in election laws and

the electoral system and to recommend necessary amendments will be presented in Parliament on Monday, April 5.

Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake said the motion will be presented by Foreign Minister and Leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena at the time of adjournment that afternoon.

This Select Committee has 15 members and the motion states that the recommendations of the Committee should be submitted within six months after the appointment of

the Select Committee made by the Speaker, the Secretary General said. The responsibility of the Committee is to identify shortcomings of the existing electoral system and its

structure and to make recommendations with regard to the amendments pertaining to the subject matter, the Parliament Communication Division said.

## GOVT. REQUESTS PUBLIC: "COMMIT TO COVID-19 PREVENTIVE MEASURES"

# NO RESTRICTIONS ON MOBILITY DURING NEW YEAR



CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID-19 Disease Control State Minister Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle yesterday requested the public to adhere to all known preventive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the Sinhala and Tamil New Year season.

Dr. Fernandopulle said that the spread of the virus, which has been reduced as present, could increase without the public's sustained support for pandemic control.

She said this yesterday when asked by the *Daily News* if the Government encouraged shopping

and gatherings by the public in the New Year.

"The Government has no intention of implementing any restrictions on mobility in this national festive season," she said. "Nevertheless, we do not encourage increased social mobility levels which could unleash a new wave of infection."

"We urge the public to take relevant measures to control the spread of COVID-19, which includes the vaccination process. We request them to avoid crowded and enclosed spaces, to keep the one-meter physical distance, wear a mask, and wash hands with soap frequently, among other things," she said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## ANCL Founder remembered

An all-night pirth chanting ceremony will be held today and a Sanghika Dana on the following day (April 3) at the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL), Colombo 10 to commemorate the 135th birth anniversary of its founder D.R. Wijewardene.



The management, a few special invitees including Wijeya Group of Companies Chairman Ranjith Wijewardene and

members of the staff will participate in the religious observances to mark the occasion. It will be held in keeping with COVID-19 health guidelines.

## Four deportees arrested for propagating extremist ideologies

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA and BAKTHI MENDIS

The Terrorism Investigation Division (TID) has arrested four people, including the person who allegedly posted a video of a group of people making a pledge with Saharan Hashim on the

internet hours after the Easter attack. The Terrorism Investigation Division (TID) arrested two suspects on March 31 and one of them had released the video and the photo on the internet, Police Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Royal College Principal's FR petition dismissed

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Supreme Court yesterday refused to grant Leave to Proceed with a Fundamental Rights petition filed by Colombo Royal College Principal B.A. Abeyrathna. He had chal-

lenged the decision to remove him from the post of Royal College Principal and transfer him as a Director of the State Ministry of Education Reforms.

When the petition came up before the Supreme Court, the Royal College Union and Royal College Trust submitted **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunewardena on Wednesday launched the "Sathosa Sahana Malla" (Relief Pack) programme where a consumer could purchase 12 essential food items from Sathosa outlets for the reduced price of Rs. 1,000. A customer receiving the bag containing the goods from the Minister. Picture by Thushara Fernando.

## Four parties yet to submit audited accounts for 2019 - EC

The Elections Commission says that four recognized political parties have been identified for not submitting the audited accounts that need to be submitted to the Commission for 2019.

The Elections Commission has decided to order the representatives of those political parties

to be present before the EC on April 22 with the relevant documents.

If the four political parties fail to submit the relevant audit reports on that day, their acceptance as recognized political parties will be annulled, the Elections Commission said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## FR challenging Kurunegala-Habarana railway extension

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Two professionals yesterday filed a Fundamental Rights petition in Supreme Court seeking an Interim Order suspending the proposed Kurunegala-Dambulla-Habarana Railway Extension Project.

The petitioners Mangalasinghe, an anesthetic doctor by profession and Kamal Rupasinghe, an Electrical Superintendent by profession filed this petition naming the Conservator General of Forests, the Central Environmental Authority, Transport and Civil Aviation Ministry Secretary, **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Ravi, others bailed on strict conditions

### Two judges agree, one against bail

DILSHAN THARAKA

Former Minister Ravi Karunanayake and seven others, who were remanded in connection with two separate cases related to the frauds that took place at the third bond auction held on March 29 and 31, 2016, were yesterday released on bail by the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar.

Former Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake, Perpetual Treasuries Limited (PTL) beneficiary owner **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## UNP turns 'green' with action plan to protect forests

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

The United National Party (UNP) is set to announce a comprehensive plan to

protect the natural environment, including the World Heritage Sinharaja, wetlands and rainforests and the Ramsar Wetlands.



UNP leader Ranil Wickremesinghe is scheduled to announce on April 4, a proposal to set up an independent body with high **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Three killed when lorry overturns at Haggala bend

### Lorry driver absconding, assistant arrested

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Three women were killed when a lorry overturned on the Nuwara Eliya-Welimada main road near the Haggala bend around 12.30 pm yesterday (1) crushing a three wheeler.

The driver of the three-wheeler who was seriously injured in the accident has been admitted to the Nuwara Eliya General Hospital. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



The crushed three wheeler. Pictures by Asela Kuruluwansa



## Driver missing: Passengers stranded over 3 hours

RASULA DILHARA, North Special Corr.

Passengers were stuck waiting for about three hours inside a Sri Lanka Transport Board bus plying from Mannar to Jaffna as the driver had gone for some personal errands.

The driver had reportedly stopped the bus midway during the journey from Mannar to

Jaffna and had gone missing for about three hours leaving the passengers stranded.

The Mannar District Secretary has ordered a probe after a group of passengers who were in the bus had lodged a complaint. The District Secretary has ordered the Mannar SLTB depot officials to submit a report within three days.

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# Minister Namal's travel ban lifted

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Chief Magistrate Buddhika Sri Ragala yesterday lifted the overseas travel ban imposed by the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court on Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and three others.

eldest son of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Sudarshana Bandara, Nithya Senani Samaranayake and Sujani Bogollagama who functioned as the directors of Gowers Corporation (Pvt) Ltd were present in court when the case was taken up before the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court.

Minister Namal Rajapaksa and others had been allegedly involved in money laundering to the amount of Rs.15 million at NR Consultation (Pvt) Ltd and another Rs.30 million in Gowers Corporation Pvt Ltd, in 2012. The Magistrate also ordered that the case be postponed till October 7.

# Bishop Rayappu Joseph passes away



Roman Catholic Bishop of Mannar Rt.Rev.Rayappu Joseph passed away at the age of 80 while receiving treatment in Jaffna yesterday morning. Rev. Joseph was born on April 16,1940 on the island of Neduntheevu in the Northern Province. He was educated at St. Pat-

rick's College in Jaffna. He was a lecturer at St. Xavier's Seminary, Jaffna. He was mostly seen as a critic of the military's conduct during the war. In July 1992, he was appointed Bishop of Mannar and was ordained as a bishop in October 1992. (SM)

## No restrictions... From Page 01

"We want the people's continuous support to prevent the virus spread," she said. Asked about the Government's progress in terms of COVID-19 vaccination, Dr. Fernandopulle said that the Government had so far given vaccines to over 900,000 people. "In addition to the frontline health workers and Security Forces/ police personnel, most of them are

elderly persons from Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Gampaha and Colombo districts, where we found the majority of Coronavirus patients." "We plan to provide vaccines to 60 percent of the people in the country. The problem we face now is that the Covid-19 vaccines are short in supply, although we are ready to purchase them," she said.

Asked whether one can expect COVID-19 vaccines to be available for purchase in private hospitals and pharmacies soon, she said, "the Government is handling all activities related to COVID-19 prevention, and there is no way that one can obtain COVID-19 vaccines from private hospitals and pharmacies yet". Asked if the government had any

problems concerning adverse reactions to COVID-19 shots it had given so far to the public, she said there had not been any significant issues in this respect. The Ministry of Health has set up a Special Medical Unit to deal with such instances immediately upon receipt of information, she added.

## Four parties... From Page 01

Meanwhile a five member committee headed by an Additional Commissioner of Elections has been appointed to find out whether the official names of the recognized political parties that have been registered are associated with ethnicity or religion and whether such clauses are included in the constitutions of those parties.

## Three killed when... From Page 01

Police investigations have revealed that the group travelling in the three-wheeler were residents of the Uvarakadagolla area in Ella. The lorry, which was travelling from Nuwara Eliya to Ella, had overturned on the three-wheeler near the bend and the driver had fled after the accident. The lorry was transporting a consignment of goods from Nuwara Eliya to Welimada. The assistant of the lorry has been arrested by the police on suspicion. The identity of the fugitive driver has been confirmed and action is being taken to arrest him, police said. One woman died at the scene of the accident. The other two women died after being admitted to hospital. Nuwara Eliya Police are conducting investigations into the accident.

## FR challenging... From Page 01

the Wildlife and Forest Conservation Minister and the Attorney General as respondents. The petitioners maintained that the proposed Kurunegala-Habarana Railway extension project would cause irreparable loss to their livelihoods and an adverse and irreversible impact to the environment with the implementation of this project. Petitioners state that the proposed Kurunegala - Dambulla Habarana (KDH) railway track is proposed to run to the right and almost parallel to the existing Kurunegala- Dambulla (A6) highway, after branching out from the Northern Railway line from Kurunegala and continuing towards North-East. The KDH Railway is proposed to originate from Kurunegala Station of the Colombo - Maho line, passing Galewela, Dambulla and Habarana and connecting to the current Maho - Trincomale line, with the total railway length of 82.445 km. In addition to that, this railway line passes through Panaliyadda, Omaragolla and Beligamuwa, the residential areas of the petitioners destroying large areas of forest lands. The petitioners are also seeking an order directing the respondents to forthwith propose suitable alternatives to prevent the environmental impact and effect to the livelihood of the inhabitants including the Petitioners which will be caused by this Project. This petition had been filed through counsel Ravindranath Dabare.

## Royal College... From Page 01

to court that the petitioner had misrepresented that they were supportive of him while not making them respondents, which he was not entitled to do. Deputy Solicitor General Viveka Siriwardena appearing for the educational authorities informed the court that the petitioner has suppressed the facts of material regarding serious disciplinary lapses on his part, in his petition. Counsel who appeared for the

respondents and intervenient parties moved court not to grant leave to proceed or stay the transfer as prayed in the petition. Taking into consideration the facts, the Supreme Court three-judge-bench comprising Justices Sisira De Abrew, Shiran Gooneratne and Mahinda Samayawardana decided to dismiss the petition in limine. The petitioner had cited Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Chairman of Public Service Commission, members

of Public Service Commission and several others as respondents. The Petitioner said that in 2019 he was made to aware by the Royal College Union, the Old Boys Association of Royal College that the Ministry of Education has commenced a process to appoint a new Principal under an unacceptable marking scheme made with the aim of appointing a Principal with only two years of experience and the said process of appointment was politically motivated.

## UNP turns 'green'... From Page 01

powers that is not subject to any political or any other influence like the Examinations Department of Sri Lanka to manage affairs related to environment. It is proposed that the above institution be given special powers in the programme carried out by environmentalists for the protection of forests and the natural environment. The appointment process will also be presented by Ranil Wickremesinghe in a statement. The declaration 'A green year to protect Sinharaja' is also to be presented. Wickremesinghe is also expected to use the colour green of the UNP to launch environmental protection programmes throughout the country and to announce an environmental policy under a future UNP government.

## Four deportees... From Page 01

They have been arrested in Colombo. One of the arrested suspects is a 31 year old resident of Wellampitiya while the other is a 32 year old resident of Thihariya. Investigations have revealed that they have created a WhatsApp group called 'One Umma' and propagated extremist ideologies in various ways from Qatar. These people had left Sri Lanka and worked in Qatar. They were later deported from Qatar to Sri Lanka on November 21, according to a notice issued by the Sri Lanka Police. Two more persons were arrested by the Terrorism Investigation Unit on Monday (31) on charges of facilitating the conduct of extremist classes in the Muttur area in late 2018. The police spokesman said all four suspects were being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and are being questioned.

## Two judges... From Page 01

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 released on bail. When the first case was taken up before the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar bench comprising High Court Judges Damith Thotawatte, Manjula Thilakarathne and Mohamed Irshadeen, the panel of judges announced a two-thirds split verdict and ordered to release the accused on bail. Presiding Judge Damith Thotawatte and Colombo High Court Judge Mohamed Irshadeen decided to grant bail to the accused, deciding that Article 450 (6) of the Criminal Procedure

Code was no longer valid and that the Bail Act would be effective beyond Article 450 (6) of the Criminal Procedure Code. The two judges also ruled that the accused' report on their illnesses as "special" could not be considered "special" and said that they would take into account the Attorney General's status to grant bail to the accused in the first bond case filed in 2019. Taking into consideration the facts, the duo ordered that the accused be released on bail, taking into account the fairness of the case and the complexity of the case. Announcing his decision, High Court Judge Manjula Thilakarathne said the High Court has no jurisdiction to grant bail to an accused under Section 450 of the Criminal Procedure Code when the Attorney General opposes to

grant bail and that the High Court has no power to disregard the Act. HCJ Tillekeratne ruled that the bail application was not relevant to granting bail to the accused under the Public Property Act and ordered that the accused be remanded. Following a two-thirds majority, the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar bench finally decided to grant bail to the accused. The Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar granted bail to each of the accused on a cash bail of Rs. 1 million and two sureties of Rs. 5 million and ordered the accused not to violate the bail conditions or to intimidate the prosecution witnesses of the case. The bench also imposed travel ban against accused from traveling abroad and issued an order prohibiting them from traveling abroad till the end of the cases.



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# Redefining the Classroom

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A section of the participants at the seminar.

## ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

COVID-19 has resulted in a record number of students being forced to stay away from schools and universities. According to data from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, at the peak of the pandemic's first wave in mid-April 2020, over 190 countries had implemented nationwide closures, affecting more than 90 percent of the world's student population.

Students in Sri Lanka like their fellow students all over the globe are now required to attend online lectures on their smartphone or laptop whether they like it or not. The lack of face-to-face interaction has affected all students throughout the country and for rural students' unavailability of Wi-Fi has further aggravated the problem.

The *Daily News* recently attended 'Back to School, Redefining Classrooms', an event held by Chokolaate Magazine in partnership with The International Schools of Sri Lanka (TISSL) in order to raise awareness on how best to cope with the problems posed by online learning and how to counteract it, as the pandemic has redefined education globally.

TISSL Chairperson Kumari Hapugalla Perera spoke about redefining the heart and soul of modern education. She pointed out that strong leadership in this time of crisis is of paramount importance. She said the leader's role in maintaining stability is key to overcoming the difficulties that we face in this day and age. The leader's ability to motivate and inspire is crucial.

"TISSL is indeed grateful to Chokolaate for volunteering to come on board and organize this event. There is no doubt that all teachers and heads of schools will approve of this event as we all seem to be groping in the dark during these unprecedented times in Sri Lanka. TISSL has always been interested in sharing and demonstrating best practice when it comes to education. We believe in fostering close relationships with other schools in the island," said Perera.

She added that long before the pandemic, there was a discourse on the need for a meaningful change in education. The pandemic is of course a force that took us all by surprise because it was unexpected. Teachers and students have had to deviate from the tradition of learning and suddenly have been thrown in at the deep end.

### EMBRACING CHANGE OVERNIGHT

"Teachers and students had to embrace change overnight. They have all had to learn new skills. Now we have to embark on a journey into the future shaped by countless uncertainties. This conference raises many questions - How will our students learn? What do they need socially and emotionally? How will our teachers teach? Today we know that change is driven by technology. There are new tools to connect students across the world. Today we know that information on just about anything is at our fingertips. The teacher's role now is to guide the students. We need human beings who are confident and efficient. A human being who can be a catalyst for positive change. What better place than the classroom to begin this process? Today we need to redefine the heart and soul of modern education," said Perera.

Perera departed with one final statement to all the heads of schools - "In crisis where major change is inevitable and uncertain, we have to listen to teachers, students and families. What are they experiencing? What do they need? Schools and educators must explore these questions together with those most impacted by the decisions they make. This pandemic has highlighted inequalities in our society that have been ignored for long. We do not have a crystal ball to predict the future but we can urgently discuss the questions that will help us prepare for the changes ahead," explained Perera.

British Council Director Education and English Education Systems Louise Cowcher said that we are indeed facing challenging times and there is a very real possibility that the world will not be the same again.

"Education has changed. Society has changed. And the world of work has changed. So what can we do about it? Our fundamental view at the British Council is that all young people benefit from learning opportunities provided by a fit for purpose relevant education system. This will allow them to fulfill their potential, achieve their aspirations and contribute to Sri Lanka's economic and social development. It is something that I truly believe in. It is about an individual and how he or she can contribute to society. The problem is sometimes young people may have a different view concerning their education. In 2018, we carried out research and it became clear to us when speaking to young people aged between 18 to 35 that among their concerns access to jobs was Number 2. Education was Number 7. These were school leavers and university students. They have gone through the education system and their perception was that the education system did not prepare them for the world of work," said Cowcher.

She pointed out that changes were happening anyway. The pandemic did not tell us things we did not know already. But the pandemic has highlighted the need for reform. These are issues we have known about for a long time. It is nothing new. Cowcher praised the representatives of Sri Lankan educational institutes for keeping their institutes going. She praised them for providing quality education to their Sri Lankan students while running households and families.

"Teaching online was something new but your teachers did it. But it is not just about the technology, it is much more fundamental. What about the learning outcomes? What about the learning outcomes for young people at the end of a certain time period? What do we want our young people to be able to do going forwards after their education? Everyone knows that there is nothing intrinsically right or wrong about pedagogy (the method and practice of teaching, especially as an academic subject or theoretical concept). The question is - is it relevant? Is it appropriate? Each of us instinctively feels that we want learner-centered outcomes. The learner should be at the heart of the process. Teaching and learning are two entirely different things. At best a teacher can facilitate learning, but the student learns. So learning has to be at the heart of the process. It is about international standards. International benchmarking. We need young Sri Lankan students to be as good as anyone else anywhere in the world. This is because we live in a global environment. So we need to think about what happens to our young people. Much of it has to do with career guidance," explained Cowcher.

She added that you just can't replace face to face teaching. "Technology is great. However, it is a tool and we exploit it. It should not exploit us." Her colleagues at the British Council have told her that they have had to teach parents on how to help their children learn about online classes. "So there is that question - how do you learn these days?"

### ALIGNING EDUCATION WITH JOB DEMAND

"The world of work is changing. The British Council has carried out a lot of research during the last few years. And what becomes clear is that what employers are looking for is not always what education providers think they are. It is less of technical skills and it is more of those 21st century skills or employability skills. Issues around problem solving, collaborative working, creativity and innovation - these are the things employers are looking for. So we do our best to leave the curriculum to the world of

work. As education providers, it also helps if we understand the labour market. What are the opportunities? The tourism sector globally has just crashed. So are there alternatives? If you have learner-centered outcomes you tend to select a particular pedagogy and that type of pedagogy should emphasize those core skills of collaborative working and problem solving. So one of the things employers say they are looking for should be in your pedagogy or your curriculum. So let's make sure that they are there," Cowcher said. "This generation has a much better grasp of technology and that is something employers look for. Now we need to get young people back to face-to-face learning. You simply cannot replace face-to-face teaching. Why is it so important? Because it is part of the socialization process."

"Through coming together they learn vital social skills. Education is so much part of the socialization process. We know this. It is how they learn the rules of social engagement. This is part of the transition to adulthood. The whole school culture supports this. Also I need to touch on 'equity of access' (for years, equity of access in education has referred to the ability of all students to receive an education from qualified teachers in buildings that are safe and conducive to learning in a district with sufficient resources that are reasonably equal among other schools in the same state). If you take the British Council's original aims, it starts out with all young people. It does not matter who they are or where they are, they all have 'equity of access'. The problem with digital is that it is not equitable. It is not fair and impartial. So there is this challenge of equity."

She added that education professionals are absolutely instrumental. The roles they play can make a difference and create change. Our Sri Lankan institutes have not compromised on standards and have kept the learning process going on. In her words, it is a magnificent achievement. She further stated that education professionals can start changing things fundamentally.

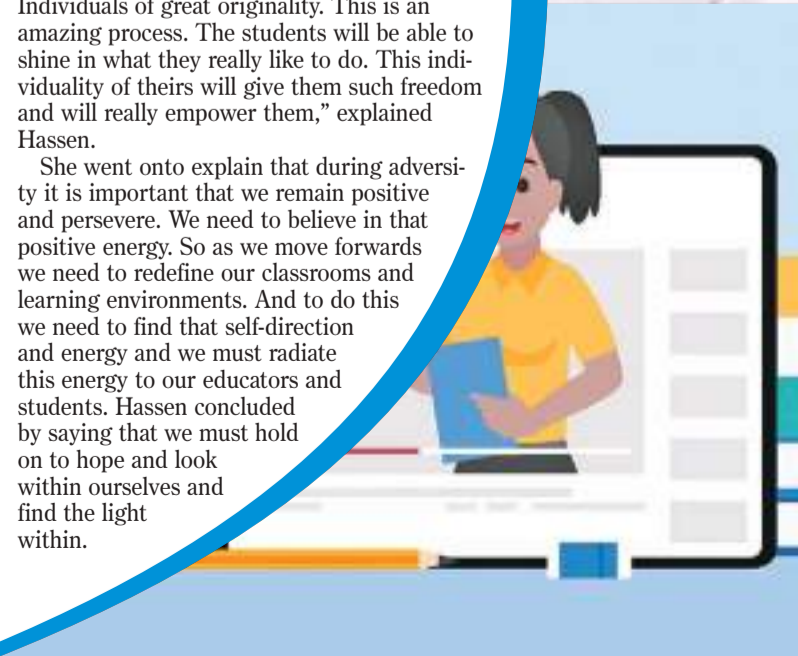
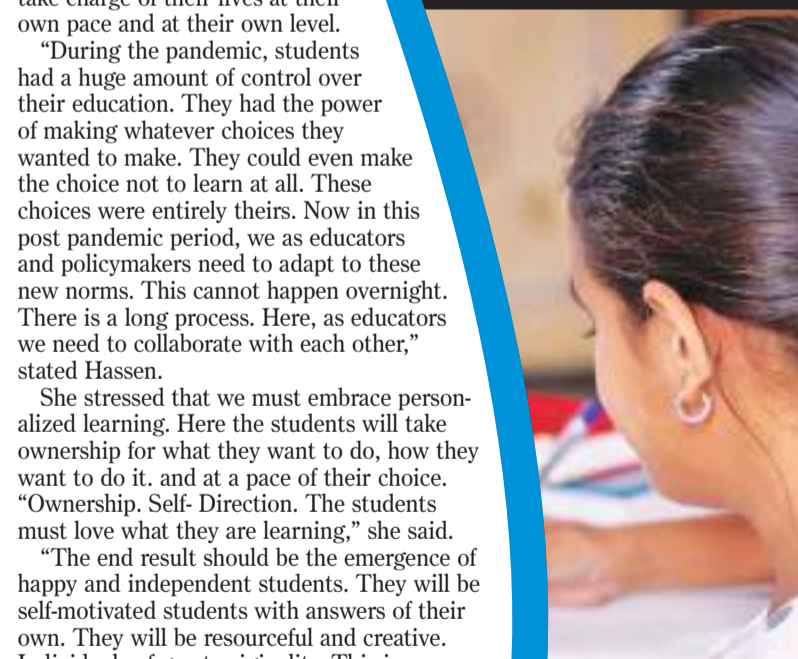
"You need to link your curriculum to the world of work. For young people, career guidance is very important. It needs to be mandatory, professionalized and internationally benchmarked. Not everyone is going to be a nuclear physicist or be a part of NASA. So you need to help young people make informed choices. Given your positions of leadership and authority you can encourage your institutions to adopt a 'learning to learn' approach. It will make a difference. We need to help them make informed choices about where they want to go in life. As Principals you set the tone for your whole school culture. As leaders you provide leadership. You focus on professionalization. That is the culture you as leaders can create. The education sector is an employment sector like any other. It is about you as education professionals following positive practices in the workplace. Professional delivery of education services will benefit the learners and teach them about the world of work. You are also role models and you can demonstrate these principles of equity and fairness. Ultimately every young person can take advantage of these opportunities which will ensure a bright future for them," added Cowcher.

She believes that education will see a shift and the pandemic will accelerate the process. All young people benefiting from learning opportunities will allow themselves to be part of global economic and social development.

### REDEFINING OURSELVES

Al Iman Academy Head and Co-Founder Rukshana Hassen said that by redefining our classrooms we inevitably have to redefine ourselves. That is the way forward.

"This applies to every individual regardless of their age group. I wish to raise a question. Have we all imagined education as a tool to enlighten the mind and eliminate doubt? We are today's policymakers and today's leaders and we have power.



So I would say, yes, indeed we can make a change. When we speak of 'Back to School, Redefining Classrooms', we are not doing something that is new, it has already been there, but it is just now that it is being highlighted. If we have learnt anything during this pandemic it is that one size fits all does not work for education," said Hassen.

Hassen pointed out the importance of what she calls SDL - Self Directed Learning. It is the ability for students to take charge of their lives at their own pace and at their own level.

"During the pandemic, students had a huge amount of control over their education. They had the power of making whatever choices they wanted to make. They could even make the choice not to learn at all. These choices were entirely theirs. Now in this post pandemic period, we as educators and policymakers need to adapt to these new norms. This cannot happen overnight. There is a long process. Here, as educators we need to collaborate with each other," stated Hassen.

She stressed that we must embrace personalized learning. Here the students will take ownership for what they want to do, how they want to do it, and at a pace of their choice. "Ownership, Self-Direction. The students must love what they are learning," she said.

"The end result should be the emergence of happy and independent students. They will be self-motivated students with answers of their own. They will be resourceful and creative. Individuals of great originality. This is an amazing process. The students will be able to shine in what they really like to do. This individuality of theirs will give them such freedom and will really empower them," explained Hassen.

She went on to explain that during adversity it is important that we remain positive and persevere. We need to believe in that positive energy. So as we move forwards we need to redefine our classrooms and learning environments. And to do this we need to find that self-direction and energy and we must radiate this energy to our educators and students. Hassen concluded by saying that we must hold on to hope and look within ourselves and find the light within.



# 'Permits needed for New Year events'

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Organisers of ceremonial and festive events during the New Year season must obtain approval from the Police Station and the Health Authorities in the relevant area, a senior SP in Kurunegala yesterday said.

Liquor consumption will go up during the festive season. Therefore, road accidents, clashes and accidents may also increase, he said.

Catholic churches have been provided with special security.

About 8,000 police and Army personnel will

be deployed to protect churches during the Good Friday tomorrow and the Day of Lord Christ's Crucifixion.

More Police and Army personnel will be deployed from April 5 to 20. About 14,000 security personnel will be deployed, he said.

# ETI directors released on bail

SHAVINI MADHARA

The four directors of the failed finance company Edirisinghe Trust Investment (ETI) Finance Limited were released on bail by Colombo Fort Magistrate Priyantha Liyanage yesterday.

Jeewaka Edirisinghe, Nalaka Edirisinghe, Asanka Edirisinghe and Deepa Edirisinghe were released on bail and on two sureties of Rs.1 million each.

The Magistrate imposed a travel ban on suspects

and the sureties. The suspects were further ordered to report to the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) every Sunday of each month between 9 a.m and 12 p.m.

The four Edirisinghe siblings are facing charges of money laundering, criminal breach of trust and criminal misappropriation.

Jeewaka Edirisinghe, Nalaka Edirisinghe, Asanka Edirisinghe and Anjali Edirisinghe

were arrested on March 16. President's Counsel Anuja Premaratna appeared for the first, second and fourth suspects. Senior Counsel Asela Rekawa with Attorneys-at-Law Ramalingam Ranjan, Nirmal Kodithuwakku and Shehan Silva appeared for the third suspect. Senior State Counsel Lakmini Girihagama appeared for the Prosecution.

The Magistrate fixed further inquiries for June 2.

## OBITUARY



**S.B. MOSES (SHELTON)**  
EX RAILWAY (F.P.L)

Loving husband of late Kumari, loving father of Rani, Roland and Anton, loving son of late S.B. Moses and Dorothy of Esmerland Estate, Kalagedihena.

Loving brother of late Esme, late Carl (Valuation Officer), Neville (retired S.P. Police) and Rexy. Loving brother-in-law of late Christy Anthony, Ranjani, Aloma and Chitra, loving father-in-law of Ruwan and Umendra, expired. Remains lie at Moses Avenue Kalagedihena (Esmerland Estate). Cortege leaves residence on Saturday 3rd April 2021 at 2.30 p.m., for burial at Catholic Cemetery Aluthgama, Bogamuwa.

## Health guidelines for Sinhala and Tamil New Year

SANDHYA KARUNARATNE

Director General of Health Services Dr. Asela Gunawardena said that a series of health guidelines will be issued to protect the public against the COVID-19 during

the Sinhala and Tamil New Year.

He said that there was a risk of a third wave of COVID-19 after the Sinhala and Tamil New Year and that this series of instructions will be

issued to prevent it. He said that people should celebrate the Sinhala and Tamil New Year while following the COVID 19 health guidelines to prevent a surge in the disease again.

## Transport Ministry launches 'Green Drive' to make Lanka green

IRANGIKA RANGE

The Transport Ministry has commenced the campaign, 'Green Drive' to provide customers who come to institutions of the Ministry with saplings to make Sri Lanka green.

Saplings were distributed among the customers who came to the Department of

Motor Traffic by Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments Minister Dilum Amunugama recently.

Those who arrive at the Department to register their vehicles will be provided with saplings.

The Department will plant saplings in a suitable environ-

ment and let their owners track its progress via GPS technology. They will be updated with information of the saplings constantly via SMS messages.

Saplings will be planted at every bus depot. The National Transport Commission provides saplings for each bus owner as well.

## Many Bills in next three months being brought to strengthen legal system

- Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris



SANDHYA KARUNARATNE

Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Chairman, Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris said that 65 per cent of the Bills to be submitted in Parliament in the next three months are related to law.

The Minister said that by strengthening the legal system, the country can overcome the challenges.

He said by passing these ordinances, reforms will be brought in all areas in the legal field.

He was addressing the SLPP Colombo District Bar Association Conference at the Waters Edge Hotel in Colombo on Wednesday.

The Minister said that the law reform programme is being carried out with the leadership of Justice Minister Ali Sabry, PC.

The Minister requested the support of all lawyers for the proposed reforms.

The Minister said that outdated laws sometimes cause problems and embarrassment to the Government.

He said that if all lawyers speak with one voice, all local and international challenges could be overcome.

## Foreign Minister calls for early conclusion of BIMSTEC Charter

Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena called for early conclusion of the Charter of the Association of BIMSTEC Speakers and Parliamentarians, in his welcome address at the 17th Ministerial Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), comprising Bangladeshi, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The event was held virtually on April 1 in Colombo. The Foreign Minister informed that the platform would provide Speakers and Parliamentarians space for greater understanding, trust and friendship and to exchange ideas and information on parliamentary practices and commitment on democratic principles.

The Foreign Minister was elected as Chair of the meeting and Regional Cooperation State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya led the Sri Lanka delegation at the meeting. On March 31, Foreign Secretary Admiral Professor Jayanath Colombage led the Sri Lanka delegation at the Special Senior Officials meeting, which preceded the Ministerial Meeting.

The Foreign Minister emphasised the need to focus on expediting the adoption of the BIMSTEC Transport Connectivity Master Plan, which was finalised by the Third Working Group and the Asian Development Bank.

The Minister said that transport connectivity, which include coastal shipping, waterways, ports and harbours used over centuries and today road connections and air cargo capable of withstanding future disruptions, are vital for the supply chains, people to people contact and development of the region.

The Foreign Minister welcomed the newly appointed Secretary Gen-



The Summit in progress.

eral Tenzin Lekphell from Bhutan, and wished him success in leading the BIMSTEC Secretariat and pledged Sri Lanka's support to all his endeavours.

The BIMSTEC Ministers reviewed the progress made since the fourth BIMSTEC Summit held in Kathmandu in 2018, where Sri Lanka was elected as Chair.

State Minister Balasuriya said that Sri Lanka fully focused its energies and worked closely with Member States to finalise the BIMSTEC Charter, building on the 1997 Bangkok Declaration.

The Charter defines the long term vision and priorities for cooperation, delineates roles and responsibilities of different layers of institutional structure and decision making. In addition, he said that the Member States also prioritised and rationalised sectors and subsectors of the Organisation where Sri Lanka agreed to lead the sector on Science, Technology and Innovation with sub sectors Technology, Health and Human Resource Development. He said that the relevant line agencies in Sri Lanka are developing a programme of action for the sector taking into consideration also the gaps

exposed in the relevant areas by the pandemic.

He informed that the pandemic has amply demonstrated the importance of technology. In this connection, Sri Lanka is also getting ready to host the Technology Transfer Facility in Sri Lanka upon conclusion of the Memorandum of Association at the 5th BIMSTEC Summit.

The Ministers noted with appreciation the extensive measures taken by BIMSTEC Member States in responding and supporting Member States to face challenges posed by the COVID 19 pandemic and urged them to mobilise all relevant sectors and sub sectors to take collective measures to combat the challenges of poverty, natural disasters, climate change, pandemics and other public health emergencies, terrorism and transnational crimes, and food and energy security through partnerships and joint actions.

While noting with appreciation the extensive measures taken by BIMSTEC Member States, the State Minister further noted that the COVID-19 has devastated economies of Member States in various degrees and the BIMSTEC region no longer enjoys US\$3 trillion econ-

omy, which accounts for 4 per cent of the global GDP and 3.7 per cent of the global trade. Therefore, he urged Member States to continue to share experiences, including success, challenges and lessons learnt in building back better from the COVID-19 pandemic through inclusive, resilient sustainable recovery strategies and investments.

The Sri Lanka Delegation informed the meeting that the date to host the 5th BIMSTEC Summit will be informed after consultations with Member States through the BIMSTEC Secretariat in the coming months.

The Ministers approved the finalised BIMSTEC Agreements, Conventions and MoUs and other documents and instruments including the Ministerial Joint Statement envisaged to be signed/adopted at the 5th BIMSTEC Summit.

The Member States delegations were led by Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, Dr. Tandi Dorji, Foreign Minister of Bhutan, Dr. S.Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs of India, U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister, Ministry of International Cooperation Myanmar, Pradeep Kumar Gyawali, Minister for Foreign Affairs Nepal, Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Regional Cooperation of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Don Paramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand.

The delegation from Sri Lanka also comprised PM Amza, Additional Secretary, Economic Affairs, Anzul Jhan, Acting Director General, Economic Affairs, T H R Silva, Deputy Legal Affairs and Kalani Dharmasena, Executive Assistant of Economic Affairs of the Foreign Ministry.

## 40<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary



**Sarath C de Silva**  
Fondly remembered by his wife, children, grandchildren and all loved ones

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Remembrance



**Mrs. Bubsy Indrani Dharmarajah**

Date of Birth: 04.03.1950  
Death: 02.04.2018

Though you're gone, but not gone forever. We all cherish the sweet memories of you each day. Saying adieu dear queen until we meet again.

Remembered by your beloved husband, sons & daughter-in-law

No. 171/5/15A, Sama Mawatha, Padiliyathuduwa Road, Hunupitiya, Wattala. TP: 2946936

## THIRD MONTH REMEMBRANCE

Roland Gomes



15/08/1940 - 05/02/2021

*No person is ever truly alone. Those who live no more, whom we loved, eco within our thoughts, our words, our hearts.*

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Clergy, Relatives, Friends and all those who assisted me in numerous ways and attended the funeral at short notice.

Thank you to those who sent messages of condolences, flowers from near and far.

I Sincerely regret my inability to thank every one of you individually.

Loving Wife Chandra Gomes

## Navy seizes 10,219 illegal sea cucumbers

Naval held 10219 illegally harvested sea cucumbers and apprehended a group of suspects and diving gear.

The North Central Naval Command, during patrols in the Walaipadu and Iranativu sea areas, held illegal harvested 6,878 sea cucumbers by night diving. Fifty three suspects, 11 dinghies and diving gear were taken into Naval custody as well.

In the Northwestern in Arippu, Kondachchikuda and Kalpitiya seas, the Northern Naval Command off Allapiddi and Eastern Naval Command during patrols in the sea area of Sallimunai had seized 3,341 sea cucumbers by night diving. Twenty two persons, seven dinghies and other accessories were also seized.

Other Naval operations in the Eastern, Northern, Northwestern, North Central and Southeastern Naval Commands from February 16 to March 30 apprehended 128 suspects and seized 41 fishing vessels.

The accused have been identified as residents of Trincomalee, Point Pedro, Lunuwila, Thoduwawa, Negombo, Gandara, Kuchchaveli, Sendun, Kinniya, Pothuvil, Kudiraweli, Karadikuli, Kalpitiya, Jinnamuham, Silawathura, Puttalam, Mannar, Allapiddi, China Bay, Arippu, Kandakkuliya, Nachchikuda, Sallisambathivu, Gurunagr, Talaimannar, Poduwakatu, Vankalai, Muthur, Kiranchi, Sivapuram, Mulankavil Ambalantota and Tissamaharama. They are 17 to 61 years of age.

## MP Milan Jayatilleka released from 2012 bribery case

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Colombo High Court yesterday ordered to release two accused including Gampaha District MP Milan Jayatilleka from a bribery case following the Bribery Commission's decision to withdraw indictments.

The Commission to Investigate Allegations against Bribery or Corruption (CIABOC) had filed indictments against MP Milan Jayatilleka and Ajith Sisira Kumara for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs. 600,000 from a businessman as a gratification to issue a permit

for a quarry while they were Chairman of the Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha and a PS member in 2012.

The Bribery Commission sought Court's permission to withdraw the indictments reserving its rights to file a fresh application.

## Four suspects arrested with heroin

Four suspects were arrested along with 16.18 grams of heroin by the Police during raids in Colombo.

The Organised Crime Division, Colombo-North Criminal

Investigations Division, Modara Police and Piliyandala Police carried out the raids.

The suspects are residents of Mount Lavinia, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 14 and Piliyandala.

They were produced before the Mount Lavinia Magistrate's Courts of Mount Lavinia, Malingakanda and Kesbawa yesterday.

Investigations are continuing.

## Suspect arrested with 6kg of Kerala cannabis

DILSHAN THARAKA

A 40-year-old suspect was arrested by Kataragama Police along with 6 kg of Kerala cannabis while the suspect was trans-

porting the stock along the Katragama-Buttala Main Road.

Another suspect had fled, police said.

The suspect was produced

before the Thissamaharama Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Kataragama Police are investigating.

# Navy seizes Kerala cannabis worth over Rs. 10 million

A special operation by the Navy in the Wankaleipadu coastal area in Mannar on March 30 led to the seizure of over 33kg of Kerala cannabis.

The North Central Naval Command had detected a

suspicious boat sailing towards the Wankaleipadu beach and upon inspecting it, seized about 33.415kg of Kerala cannabis onboard. The consignment was in 15 packages, the Navy said. The suspects might have

left behind the consignment in fear of the Naval operations. The street value of the cannabis is over Rs. 10 million, the Navy said.

The stock was handed over to the Pesalai Police Station.



The packages of Kerala cannabis.

# Cable system for transporting tea leaves in Ratnapura

A cable system was introduced for the first time in the country to transport tea leaves in Hettikanda, Pelmadulla in Ratnapura.

The system was implemented at a cost of Rs. 2.3 million by the Small Holders Tea and Rubber Revitalization Project (STARR) under the guidance of Company Estate Reforms, Tea and Rubber Estates Related Crops Cultivation and Factories Modernization and Tea and Rubber Export Promotion State Minister Kanaka Herath.

It took much time and effort to bring the harvest from the tea plantations in the high hills of Hettikanda to the foothills in the past.

Accessing the plantations at the top of the hill along the footpaths and bringing the tea leaves down from the hill have been very difficult earlier.

Therefore, steps were taken to establish a tea leaf transport system to increase the productivity of tea plantations at the top of the Hettikanda hills.

The tea leaves are transported by connecting a 465-meter-long steel wire from the top of the

hill to the tea leaf collection point at the foot of the hill.

About 40 tea growers cultivate about 70 hectares of tea plantations in the Hettikanda hills area and their daily production is around 2,000 kg.

The cable system takes about just four minutes to send the tea leaf harvest from the top of the hill to the roadside collection centre 465 metres below. But it takes about half an hour to bring down about 20 kg of tea leaves in a sack.

"Because of this, a farmer picks only about 20 or 25 kilograms of tea leaves per day. But with the cable transportation system, farmers could harvest quality tea leaves they need," STARR Project Director Janaka Amarasinghe said.

A cable system can also be used to transport fertilizer and tea plants from the bottom to the top. The State Minister said that this is an additional benefit of the cable system.

He said that because of the cable system, farmers will cultivate tea or rubber in the lands that have not been cultivated to date.



State Minister Kanaka Herath at the configuration of the cable transportation system.

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**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA** DRAW NUMBER: 4443 Prizes won in this draw **Rs. 27,321,492.00**  
The super prize of next draw **Rs. 10,000,000.00**

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**Govisetha** DRAW NUMBER: 2738 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 7,811,800.00**

WINNING LETTER: S WINNING NUMBERS: 19 51 59 80 THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 61,088,928.40**

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**Mega POWER 10** DRAW NUMBER: 804 TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 4,509,320.00**  
NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE **Rs. 126,081,556.40**  
NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE **Rs. 20,938,204.80**  
NEXT GRAND SUPER **Rs. 10,000,000.00**

WINNING LETTER: F WINNING NUMBERS: 23 01 11 26 48

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**Dhana Nidhanaya** DRAW NUMBER: 480 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 4,754,860.00**

WINNING LETTER: Z WINNING NUMBERS: 41 46 68 81 THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 91,124,410.80**

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**JATHIKA-SAMPATHA** DRAW NUMBER: 1109 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 3,499,380.00**

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31.03.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD **741,435**  
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS **Rs. 47,890,052.00**  
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## A shot in the arm

Sri Lanka's efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic literally received a shot in the arm on Wednesday with the arrival in Sri Lanka of 600,000 doses of the Chinese-made Sinopharm vaccine. Significantly, the country did not have to spend a single cent on it as it was a generous donation from China, one of our staunchest friends and allies. It was just the other day that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Chinese President Xi Jinping discussed matters of mutual interest including the vaccines over the telephone.

While the initial doses of Sinopharm will go into the arms of Chinese nationals living and working in Sri Lanka, the next round will be reserved for Sri Lankans, though the age group has not been announced at this time. An expert committee will analyse the vaccine further before this move.

The donation is timely in the present context, when India has temporarily stopped the export of the Covishield vaccine (the licensed version of the UK/Sweden Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine) as a result of the spike in Coronavirus cases there. Apart from the Covishield vaccine doses directly ordered by Sri Lanka from the Serum Institute of India (SII, manufacturer of Covishield), the temporary ban on exports will also affect shipments from WHO's COVAX facility, which also procures vaccines from the SII. Fortunately, Sri Lanka has already received one consignment from COVAX earlier, before the export blockage.

However, the Government has been prudent in its approach to vaccination, having placed orders with multiple vendors. The National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA), in addition to the AstraZeneca vaccine, recently gave approval to the Russian-made Sputnik V Vaccine, which is said to be having an efficacy of 92 percent in real-world use. This vaccine has already been authorized for use in more than 40 countries. Sri Lanka has already ordered seven million doses of the Sputnik V vaccine, which should cover 3.5 million people as two shots are needed.

Sri Lanka is indeed fortunate to have begun the vaccination drive rather early in the day, just a couple of months after developed countries such as the UK and USA. The credit for this initiative should go to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and the Government, which took quick action to secure vaccine supplies. This is a creditable achievement, given that more than 100 developing countries have not been able to vaccinate even a single individual up to now as rich countries hoard vaccines and "lock in" further orders. In fact, some rich countries have ordered vaccine doses that can inoculate their entire populations five times over.

Sri Lanka has however managed to vaccinate close to one million people, including frontline health workers and Security Forces/Police personnel. The COVAX vaccine doses are being given to those over 60, while the earlier consignment was given to those aged between 30 and 60. This avoids the whole question of age groups, with one school of thought calling for the elderly to be vaccinated first while another wanted the working age population to get the jabs. This way, both sectors have been covered. Even accounting for the delays from the SII side, Sri Lanka should be able to vaccinate everyone apart from schoolchildren and pregnant women by the end of the year or even earlier. There is hope for schoolchildren too, judging by the latest research. Trials conducted in the US among 12 to 15 year olds by Pfizer, which was the first to enter the now-crowded Covid vaccine arena with a new technology mRNA-based vaccine, has shown that the vaccine is 100 percent effective against the onset of serious disease and hospitalization. Moderna, the other mRNA-based vaccine maker, is also conducting trials among children. Both companies hope to conduct the trials all the way down to two-year-olds.

It will be vital to inoculate schoolchildren to ensure the smooth continuation of in-person classroom teaching. Online teaching has not been a roaring success even in the developed countries, due to broadband limitations and lack of access to computers. Besides, school is much more than textbook lessons, with attributes such as discipline, play, group work, obedience and punctuality also coming into the picture. Going by the "mantra" that no one is safe until everyone is safe, the teachers will also feel reassured if their students are also vaccinated.

Our health authorities should keep an eye on these developments and order vaccines for the younger generation as soon as they are authorized for use elsewhere in the world. Granted, Pfizer is expensive at nearly US\$ 20 a dose, but broadly similar results could be expected from the other vaccines too. As for pregnant women and infants, they will have to wait for some more time as research has not yet been completed.

Sri Lanka is fortunate in that there is zero vaccine hesitancy here. Nevertheless, there should be frequent Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on TV and radio extolling the virtues of vaccination, urging citizens to get the shot when their turn comes. That will help Sri Lanka achieve herd immunity within this year and see the back of the dreaded Coronavirus.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Vaccination may well be the greatest success story in medical history. - Michael Specter

# China's 'Precision Poverty Alleviation' and Lanka's 'Gama Samaga Pilisandara'

Sugeeswara Senadhira



Chinese President Xi Jinping, in his telephone conversation with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa earlier this week, said that China can lend a hand to Sri Lanka in the eradication of poverty adding that China succeeded in ending extreme poverty among nine million people.

President Rajapaksa said that the Hambantota Port Project and development of infrastructure facilities are continuing in a satisfactory manner and urged the government of China to complete the project work. He said he is committed to put the country on the track of prosperity within the next four years in office. "The eradication of poverty is my prime concern for which we can take a cue from China," President Rajapaksa said.

On September 25, 2020, President Gotabaya launched the 'Discussion with the Village' (*Game Samaga Pilisandara*) programme in Haldumulla in the Badulla district. The core intention of this programme is to meet the people of the remote villages outside the city who have not been given due attention so far, and inquire into their problems, to bring them to the notice of the officials at the same time, and provide solutions. The ultimate aim of the programme is to eradicate rural poverty.

Chinese President Xi Jinping commenced a similar programme by continuously conducting such grassroots visits since he became President of China in the beginning of 2013. His programme titled, "Precision Poverty Alleviation" began with a visit to Shi Ba Dong Village, Hu Heng County, Hu Nan province, which is a remote village, marked by rampant poverty.

Right after President Xi's visit to this village, a national campaign to alleviate poverty with precise and sustainable solutions has been developed, till December 2020. China has successfully eliminated extreme poverty in the history of its two thousand and two hundred years in existence as a state.

Based on the experiences and success achieved with the Precision Poverty campaign, China had further developed its rural development mechanism to a comprehensive system called "Rural Revitalization", launched in January 2018. In January 2021, while still being challenged by domestic and international challenges caused by the pandemic, the Chinese government issued the No.1 Government Document to set "Rural Revitalization" as the top priority of President Xi's administration. China would like to share its experiences and solutions with other developing countries through innovative international cooperation.

President Xi has emphasized that the reason why his administration has put rural livelihood development and upgrading among the top priorities is because a really healthy and strong country or a human society cannot be formed without a solid foundation of the happiness of their people coming from different geographic and social backgrounds, especially the most vulnerable ones. This is not merely a mission of China, but the vision for the next level of human civilization.

Chief Researcher of International Research Center for NeoChina Socialism, Liu Yang Sloan says there is vast potential to integrate China's RR experiences into the Sri Lankan context and form a duplicate mechanism for other developing countries. It is believed that the system will be able to integrate international support and investment directly to even the most remote corners on earth through cutting-edge technologies such as GIS and Blockchain. "We will take a close follow-up look at this mechanism and see how such a miracle is happening here in Sri Lanka," he added.

To develop a comprehensive and sound rural revitalization system which can deal with the complexity of the rural situations in each developing country is not an easy job. However,



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa talks to a farmer at one of his meetings with villagers.



SLT donates a smart whiteboard to a remote area school under the *Gama Samaga Pilisandara* programme.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in a video-conference call with Chinese President Xi Jinping

thanks to the joint work of the International Research Center of NeoChina Socialism, National Youth Service Council, Sri Lanka Telecom, Colombo Stock Exchange and a number of other technical and social institutions in Sri Lanka and China, an integrated RR mechanism called 3DRROS is currently under development in Sri Lanka, Liu said.

President Rajapaksa sought Chinese assistance for the establishment of a Technology University in Hambantota as a symbol of close and cordial relations between the two nations. With regard to cooperation in technology for economic development, Chinese Researcher Liu detailed the proposed cooperation under the academic enhancement campaign of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathe-

tics (STEM) which has been widely accepted by the world to boost human, social and economic development for any specific region. As the entire human race is facing the unprecedented challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, continuous out-of-box solutions must come on stage as soon as possible to meet the urgent needs of the people, especially the most vulnerable ones, he said. All such solutions should be objective and STEM based so that they can be delivered to the people efficiently to make some real changes.

Liu pointed out that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has a sound technical background with his academic achievement while studying as an IT student in Colombo University and working as a Unix Solaris Expert in the USA and he

has a clear understanding about the importance of integrating the STEM environment into the social development of Sri Lanka.

"Ever since the establishment of the Ministry of Technology and as the Minister, President Rajapaksa has emphasized the necessity to immediately equip Sri Lankan youth with STEM related knowledge and skills to better deal with the current challenges and difficulties of their personal lives in national and international scenarios," he said.

When it comes to Rural Revitalization, STEM means to bring all the cutting-edge technology to the rural area and make the miracles happen, starting from satellite based smart agriculture to all sorts of agricultural equipment to comprehensive e-commerce mechanism which can link the rural products to the world market efficiently to smart classrooms which will pave a solid foundation for rural children so that they can have enough capabilities to change their lives and make their hometown better sustainably.

Senior Advisor Hemal Dias of International Research Center for NeoChina recalled that since independence all the successive governments in Sri Lanka have focused on poverty alleviation with the introduction of many programmes such as *Janasaviya*, *Samurdi* and *Gamaneguma*, but many people still live below the poverty line. "The majority of our rural families are still poor and droughts, floods, diseases, and economic shocks could drag huge numbers further into poverty. To lift themselves out of poverty, rural people need to learn new skills and one of our main tasks through the Rural Revitalization (RR) project in Sri Lanka is to help rural people learn and practise new skills so they can improve their incomes from their newly acquired expertise," he explained.

During his telephone conversation on March 29, Chinese President Xi said China is willing to work with Sri Lanka to enhance the Belt and Road cooperation and contribute to the economic revival of Sri Lanka in the post-pandemic era. He said China will continue to provide necessary assistance to Sri Lanka, conduct cooperation in areas including aviation and education, and explore other potential cooperation areas.

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

President Rajapaksa thanked China for donating 600,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses to Sri Lanka. He also paid his gratitude to President Xi and the Chinese Government for standing by Sri Lanka at the 46th session of the UN Human Rights Council.

The President also appreciated the swap facility offered by the People's Bank of China to the Central Bank and reiterated that this facility will lead to Sri Lanka's financial stability.



Chinese President Xi Jinping talks to villagers in China.



Chinese President Xi Jinping believes that technology is the answer to the eradication of poverty.



(Part 1 of a three-part article)

# The Concept of Equality and Elimination of Discrimination in Employment: Scope and Developments



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Aristotle's analysis of justice shows the very close relationship between equality and the concept of justice. Indeed, for many laymen, if not philosophers, justice is equality. Theoretical speculation on the concept of equality reveals its many complexities for there are numerous senses in which the concept of equality may be understood. Aristotle, when he formulated his principle of distributive equality, was speaking in terms of social goods and rewards to equals. How equality is determined is a matter for which philosophical speculation by itself can give no answer. It is also extremely difficult to decide what cases are 'like' for there are always similarities and differences.

However, in the complex social, economic and political contexts in which every individual lives, the concept of equality is an extremely difficult one for the law to apply. This does not mean however that efforts at achieving some measure of equality through law are futile. A great deal has been achieved already and will undoubtedly be achieved in the future. It is necessary that difficulties be understood and that a conscious choice be made in each discussion of the variety of equality that is being examined. To speak of equality in the abstract or in general terms often clouds the issue.

## The ILO and Core Labour Standards

Income inequality between the rich and poor is increasing almost everywhere in the world, because among other factors, of the weakened bargaining strength of labour, due to multiple options available to capital in the globalized economy. Intensified global competition is adversely affecting the working conditions and labour standards the world over.

Calls for re-asserting social and labour rules relating to work environment in today's global market place, culminated in 1998 with the historic International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization (ILO), a solemn declaration of 'Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work', emphasizing on eight ILO Conventions – No. 29, 87, 98, 100, 105, 111, 138, and 182. While all ILO Conventions are important, the international community during the late 1990s had underlined the importance of this particular group of Conventions, known as 'the core labour standards'. The core labour standards are binding on all member States of the ILO including on those states, which have not ratified the eight conventions. They are both 'universal and inalienable and are not relevant to the stage of economic development of the country' and are binding on all the member states, irrespective of their economic progress. Following this Declaration, all member States of the ILO are obliged to respect, promote and realize in good faith the eight core conventions.

Sri Lanka has also ratified the eight core conventions. The ILO identified these core labour standards following the Social Summit held in Copenhagen in 1995 which set the 'Millennium Goals' and the 'Global Compact' as the social floor of the emerging global economy, to counteract the erosion of worker rights. The ILO felt that good governance of the labour market based on respect for fundamental principles and rights can contribute to a stable social and political environment and made the Declaration as the key to such an environment. Social dimension is essential to the success of the structural adjustment and good social policy is an integral part of economic efficiency.

The aforesaid ILO Declaration obliges its member States to respect the principles that are the heart of these core Conventions, which include (a) freedom of association (No.87); (b) effective recognition of the right to engage in collective bargaining (No.98); (c) elimination of forced or compulsory labour (Nos. 29 and 105); (d) elimination of discrimination in employment (Nos. 100 and 111); and (e) elimination of child labour and child abuse (Nos. 138 and 182).



The Elimination of Discrimination in Employment Conventions

Out of the above-mentioned eight core Conventions, two are related to the elimination of discrimination in employment. They are (i) the Equal Remuneration Convention No.100 of 1951; and (ii) Elimination Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention No. 111 of 1958.

The right to freedom from discrimination is inherent in the ILO Constitution and in the labour standards. The Equal Remuneration Convention No. 100 of 1951 emphasizes the need to promote 'equal remuneration for men and women for work of equal value' while the Elimination Discrimination Employment (and Occupation) Convention No.111 of 1958 defines discrimination as 'any distinction, exclusion for preference made on the basis of race, colour, sex, religion, political opinion, national extraction or social origin which has the effect of nullifying or impairing equality of opportunity or treatment in employment or occupation' and allows additional criteria included after consultation by the Government with the employers and worker organizations. It aims to promote equality of opportunity and treatment for men and women workers with family responsibilities.

## Discrimination

Discrimination bars people from some occupations, denies them a job altogether at times and does not reward them according to their merit on account of their ethnicity, race, caste, sex or social background. This generates a social and economic disadvantage that in turn leads to inefficiency and unequal outcomes. Discrimination at work is a violation of human rights that entails a waste of human talents, with detrimental effects on productivity and may lead to social upheavals and may adversely affect investment and economic growth.

Discrimination may be direct or indirect – direct when rules, practices and policies, exclude openly, people of certain ethnicity or of certain political party or give preference to certain individuals. Discrimination also occurs when for the same job of 'equal value' a migrant worker – an expatriate receives a higher pay than a national. Forms of direct discrimination include job advertisements stating discriminating conditions. Human resource practice that requires conditions prohibiting female employees marrying while in employment, is an act of violation of the Conventions Nos. 100 and 111. Discrimination is indirect when apparently neutral forms and practices have disproportionate effect on one or more identifiable groups without justification. Differential treatment of particular categories of workers in the form of inferior social benefits or remuneration also amounts



to discrimination. The lower protection granted to domestic servants (most of them are lower income male and female workers belonging to racial and ethnic minorities) are also tantamount to discrimination and a violation of the above two Conventions.

The State has a major responsibility in ensuring equality, not only in the public sector but also in private sector workplaces. Equally the trade unions and employers too have the responsibility to ensure that discrimination does not prevail in their workplaces. Despite a number of positive moves in terms of policies and legislation, the overall conditions of women in Sri Lanka had not significantly changed. Bias in recruitment in working conditions, gender-based low wages or salaries and cultural inhibitions, still keep the gender gap wide.

## Collective Bargaining and Equality

With regard to the interface between collective bargaining and equality, one important fact is that these two fundamental principles and rights are mutually reinforcing and can together promote workplace governance which reconciles economic with social goals. Unequal access to collective bargaining is an equality challenge. Inequitable access to collective bargaining is a human rights issue that implicates systematic discrimination against historically disadvantaged groups in the workplace.

For equality to be advanced through the collective bargaining process, it is essential that trade unions and employers be committed to seeking it. The process of preparing for collective bargaining by both unions and employers and the setting of bargaining demands and priorities should include an assessment of existing problems of inequality and discrimination. Inclusive strategies for consultation

and participation of historically excluded and disadvantaged groups are essential to identifying and defining problems of inequality.

## Collective Agreements and Achievement of Equality

An important starting point for implementing equality at work is inclusion in the collective agreement of a basic commitment to equality and non-discrimination.

Equality rights clauses may also serve as interpretive aids to other provisions in the collective agreement. In the face of ambiguity or potentially contradictory provisions in the collective agreements, an anti-discriminatory clause may reinforce interpretations that are consistent with equality. There is much potential within collective agreements to promote equality. Creative bargains struck in a context-sensitive fashion can greatly enhance the promotion of equality.

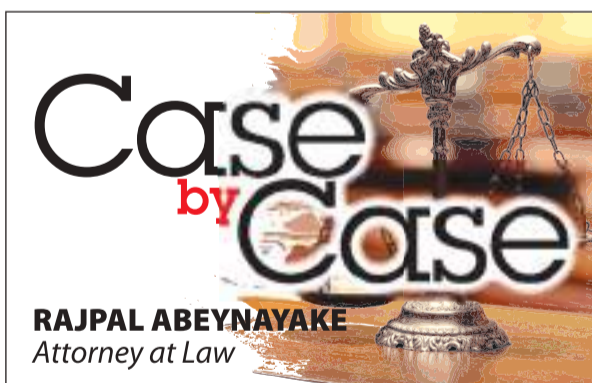
Legislation setting a floor of decent working conditions, including minimum wage laws, restrictions on hours of work, minimum rest periods as well as occupational safety and health legislative systems, serve a crucial equality role. Bringing equality to the workplace has significant economic benefits too. Employers who practice equality have access to a larger and more diverse workforce. Workers who enjoy equality have greater access to training, often receive higher wages and improve the overall quality of the workforce. The profits of a globalized economy are more fairly distributed in a society with equality, leading to greater social stability and broader public support for further economic development.

(To be continued...)

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# Those dreaded words, 'failing to prevent an accident'



"Failing to prevent an accident" is one of the most often bandied about legal terms that confound people when discussing liability for road accidents. It comes under the rubric of contributory negligence, in the branch of civil law. Oftentimes, those who have been accused of failing to prevent an accident are perplexed why they are being faulted at all. Maybe they shouldn't be, as the success of the appeal in the following case indicates. (*Hemachandra v. Ayoob and Another* - SLR - 309, Vol. 1 of 1987 [1986] LKCA 38; (1987) 1 Sri LR 309 (26 March 1986).

The Plaintiff in the District Court was the Appellant in Appeal Court. The Court of Appeal noted the circumstances of the case in this way, in judgement: "The case of the Plaintiff briefly had been that when he was riding this motorcycle along Galle Road from the direction of Fort towards Bambalapitiya this car driven by the Second Defendant emerged from Edward Lane

into Galle Road and in attempting to cross the line of traffic to proceed towards Fort, collided with his motorcycle as a result of which he sustained the injuries which constitute the foundation of his claim. The Plaintiff had contended that the proximate cause of this accident was the negligence of the Second Defendant which gave rise to the liability of the latter to make good the damages claimed. The Defendants however had taken up the position that it was the contributory negligence, if not negligence of the Plaintiff, that brought about the accident."

The primary issue was to determine who was at fault when a driver of a motorcar cut into a main road from a by-lane and passed two rows of stationary traffic, only to crash into a motorcycle when he proceeded to cross the third lane of traffic, which unbeknownst to him, was moving.

The Judges of the Court of Appeal explained things in this way, in judgement: "To put it precisely and with respect to the case before us I

think it was the duty of the Second Defendant to have halted his car at the top of Edward Lane before entering Galle Road (without having proceeded up to the centre line as he says he did) and then to have crossed the landside half of Galle Road to enter the seaside half only when it was possible to do so without obstructing the traffic going toward Bambalapitiya, that is, when the landside half of Galle Road was reasonably clear of traffic at this point to permit the Second Defendant to cross this half without imperilling the safety of such traffic."

The motorcyclist in this case under review was a policeman. When the car abruptly cut in before him, he took evasive action by sharply turning to his right to avoid the car getting in his way, but crashed into the left side lamp of the car nevertheless. The Court of Appeal Bench cited the case *vide Martindale v. Wolfaardt* ((1)-Negligence in Delict by Macintosh and Scoble, 4LR Ed.

pp. 288 and 289) and noted, "In such a situation if evasive action of some kind is taken by him (such as what the Plaintiff says he attempted to do here) in my view one cannot find much fault with that or term it contributory negligence even if such action might not have been of the optimum kind that might have been taken had there been the time and opportunity to do so."

The salient aspect of the case was that the District Court had declined to award the Plaintiff motorcyclist policeman damages on the basis that he contributed to the accident through his negligence.

However, the Court of Appeal took the view that the probabilities are that the Second Defendant drove his car up to the centre line completely blocking the path of the motorcycle which was close to it, thus rendering it necessary for the Plaintiff to move to the right in an attempt to avoid the car.



President's Counsel for the Respondents contended that the damage being to the left front side of the car points to negligence of the part of the Plaintiff. But the Judges of the higher Court thought otherwise. They decided that such damage is compatible with the Plaintiff having tried to avoid the impact without success, and being hit by the area of the left front headlamp of the car.

A sketch of the circumstances of the accident produced at the trial, they said, supported that view. Most offenders cite contributory negligence on the part of the victim of a road accident, and get away.

The Court of Appeal did not allow that outcome in the case under review, though the DC earlier had allowed it. The DC judgement was set aside.

"I set aside the judgement of the learned District Judge and give judgment for the plaintiff-Appellant as prayed for in his plea. He will also be entitled to his costs in this court and in the court below," wrote His Lordship Goonewardena J, ruling in favour of the Appellant.

That was in a civil court. In a criminal action, the legal terminology may be different, though the circumstances under consideration may be similar.

A bus driver, a First Defendant in a subsequent civil lawsuit for damages was charged in the Magistrate's Court for negligent driving and failure to avoid an accident under the Motor Traffic Act. He pleaded guilty to the second count, i.e., failure to avoid an accident and the first count, i.e., negli-



gent driving, was withdrawn by the police. The details of the charge that he pleaded guilty to, as noted by the Court of Appeal subsequently were: "A cow was coming across the road, the Respondent braked his motorcycle and the toppling happened in front of the Appellant. He had the last opportunity to avoid the accident, but he could not, because he was driving the bus too fast. It was the Appellant who had the last opportunity but not the Respondent. The Respondent cannot be blamed for contributory negligence."

In short, a motorcyclist encountered a cow crossing the road, and braked his vehicle violently to avoid the animal. However, he toppled and fell, and a bus coming from behind crashed into him. He was hospitalized and had his spleen removed.

On appeal (*North Colombo Regional Transport Board, Vs. Aparekkage Wasantha Pushpakumara Perea*, CA 977/98 (F)) by the Plaintiff bus driver, Court of Appeal cited the case

of *Daniel V. Cooray*. 42 NLR 422, explaining that, "in cases where the Defendant pleads contributory negligence the inquiry resolves itself in an elucidation of the question as to which party, by the exercise of ordinary care, had the last opportunity of preventing the occurrence."

It was decided that the bus driver — in much the same way as the Magistrate's Court had decided he failed to prevent an accident — had contributed to the accident through his negligence.

He had the last opportunity to stop the accident from happening as the motorcyclist had already toppled in front of him. But he didn't prevent the incident.

The Court of Appeal held with the Respondent, the motorcyclist, and affirmed the DC judgement in his favour.

A sum of Rs. 225,000 was awarded as compensation to the Respondent. Costs of the Court as well as the Court below were awarded to the Respondent.



## Special Boat Squadron

# The elite naval commandos

DISHAN JOSEPH

For seven decades the Sri Lanka Navy has secured our maritime domain. Apart from its ocean-going fleet the Navy has augmented its combat capability on land with elite Special Forces personnel. One of the formidable fighting units of the Navy is the Special Boat Squadron (SBS). They are the toughest and well-trained strategic combatants, with amphibious assault capacity in our country. They perform their clandestine missions with stealth and speed surprising the enemy. During a visit to Trincomalee, I was able to visit their headquarters located deep within dense forest, at an undisclosed location. The drive took me along paths where deer and monkey crossed at random. Upon reaching their camp, the first image visible was that of a mounted black statue beneath which the squadrons motto was painted 'Fortune favours the Brave'.

In retrospect, as the LTTE increased its sea borne threats by using suicide boats, divers, mines and littoral attacks in lagoons and coastal water, the Sri Lanka Navy had to outsmart the enemy. One of the pioneers in the Navy who realized the need for a special force element was Lieutenant Commander Shanthy Bahar, who led a team of specially trained sailors into the jungle thickets of Trincomalee.

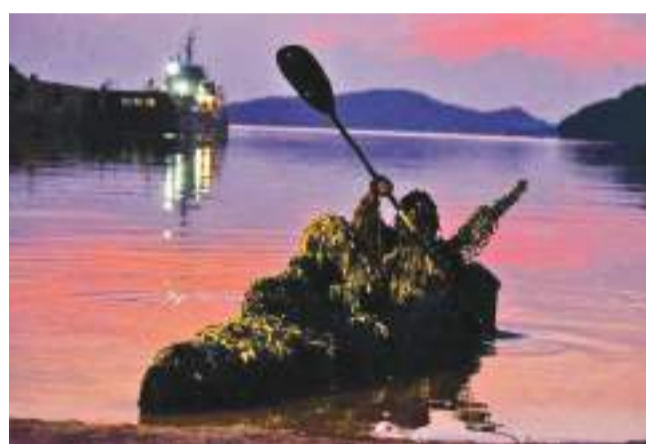
They searched and engaged concealed enemy positions. The history of this Naval outfit dates back to 1993 when a dynamic young officer named Lieutenant Commander Ravi Wijegunartne was inspired to form a special unit with rapid strike capability (he rose to become an Admiral and Commander of the Navy). Along with a likeminded comrade Commander Cedric Martenstyn there were 30 men who volunteered for this dangerous task at that time. The Special Boat Squadron of the Sri Lanka Navy was formally raised on January 18, 1993, at the SLN Elara Base, Karainagar, in the Northern Province.

Later a total of two officers and 76 sailors also became part of the team. Training in the secluded hot beaches of Karainagar the team enhanced their skills. Cdr. Martenstyn was later killed in action. In the early stages the SBS focused their training to fight in brown waters and coastal shallows. Their first mission was to support an amphibious landing near the Pooneryn Army Camp, which they successfully did under enemy fire moving from Inshore Patrol Craft (IPC). They managed to reinforce the camp. The SBS functions under the Director General Operations, Navy Head Quarters who is assisted by the Director Marine Special Forces. The elite SBS operates in a wide spectrum of clandestine operations — they include securing a



beach head prior to an amphibious operation, beach reconnaissance, gathering intelligence in enemy dominated coastal areas (during the war), waterborne infiltrations to destroy enemy assets, offensive mining and mine clearance, anti-ship hijack missions and hostage rescue tasks, combat diving operations, counterterrorism operations and even VIP protection.

Joining the SBS is not an easy task. It is a process that tests your physical and mental endurance filtering the toughest sailors. Prospective candidates are enlisted persons serving in the Navy. They have to pass a hard PT test that includes swimming, which is a vital part of SBS operations by day and night. Once chosen, the aspiring officers and sailors are committed to one year of intense training. Stage 1 has six weeks of orienta-



tion where the trainee is made physically fit. During this period they do endurance marches beginning from 3Km and gradually going up to 30 Km carrying a full pack with an assault rifle. The aspiring trainees encourage each other to complete these demanding marches. The teams firing capability is increased along with swimming skills. Combat swimming is very different from swimming for recreation in serene waters. Here the Naval fighter must not make any noise or cause ripples in the water. Further the lagoon or sea area he is entering can have concealed nets and mines. The teams operate in the sea, lagoons and rivers: each area of water presenting its natural hazards. Rivers are home to crocodiles and some species of snakes. Recruits are taught to stay submerged in the water for many

Joining the SBS is not an easy task. It is a process that tests your physical and mental endurance, filtering the toughest sailors.

Recruits are taught to stay submerged in the water for many hours, at times encountering jellyfish that deliver a painful sting.

sailors who excel in these tasks are absorbed into the highly covert LRRP Team (Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol). The SBS has members who specialize as snipers, combat divers and parachute jumpers. These skills when combined extend the operational reach of the Special Boat Squadron. The present Commanding Officer of SBS is Captain Nissanka Wickramasinghe.

Over the years, the squadron has expanded its mission capability, being able to excel in jungle and maritime warfare, asymmetric warfare, urban fighting and VBSS. The VBSS teams (Vessel Boarding and Sea Search) experience high-octane action. VBSS takes place in the deep sea, where a raiding party attempts to board a moving vessel, entering the vessel by climbing on a flexible ladder. Engaging is such tasks truly requires nerves of steel. The SBS operatives also excel in anti-ship hijack operations. They train regularly to keep themselves in prime condition. In the recent past, the SBS reached new heights of excellence where they trained Naval commandos from USA, China, India, Pakistan and Nigeria. This is testament to the combat experience that the Sri Lankans have accumulated, especially in small team operations. Joining the Navy and becoming a member of the Special Boat Squadron is the ultimate Special Forces career induced with adventure, for any young man.

## The lessons from the *Ever Given* saga

ISHAAN THAROOR

On Monday afternoon (March 29) in Egypt, the tide turned. An armada of tugboats, dredgers and salvage crews had toiled for days to move the *Ever Given* — a massive container ship that managed to get stuck between the Suez Canal's banks on Tuesday, March 23 — out of its rut. At last, it came free and lurched north toward the Bitter Lakes, where authorities could inspect the skyscraper-sized vessel without impeding maritime traffic.

The mishap had led to the ship choking off the Suez Canal, a man-made strait that sees more than a tenth of all global shipping pass through every year, for almost a week. While it provided no end of memes and mirth on social media, the blockage cost an estimated \$9.6 billion in daily delays and served as a reminder of the extent to which the global economy still moves on sea — that is, about 70 percent of all international trade.

It also could take close to another week to unsnarl the traffic jam of hundreds of other ships and tankers waiting to make the same passage. The supply-chain impacts of these disruptions may play out over many months to come. WorldView considers other lessons from this latest Suez crisis:

### IT'S A GLOBAL STORY

Egyptian President Abdel Fatah el-Sisi hailed the freeing of the vessel as a national success for his countrymen. "He portrayed the efforts as a patriotic victory that assured the world that Egypt could be trusted with overseeing the 13 percent of all global trade that passes through the crucial waterway," my colleagues noted.

Yet the dramatics personae of the whole episode represented a veritable floating — or in this instance, perhaps, "refloating" — United Nations. Consider the mammoth container ship itself: The *MV Ever Given* was owned by a company in Japan, operated by a container shipping firm based in Taiwan,



Tug boats and dredgers attempt to free the *MV Ever Given* from the Suez Canal in this satellite image taken Friday, March 26. (AFP)

managed by a German company and registered in Panama.

The ship's journey saw it conveying goods from Asia to Europe, specifically the Dutch port of Rotterdam. It ran aground amid a Middle Eastern sandstorm and was rescued by a multinational coalition that included Japanese and Dutch salvage teams and local Egyptian tugboat operators.

Lastly, the ship's 25 crew members were all Indian nationals, part of a legion of close to two million seafarers — many from impoverished backgrounds in South and Southeast Asia — who literally keep international trade moving.

Thanks to coronavirus-era border restrictions, hundreds of thousands of sailors have languished aboard their often cramped ships beyond the terms of their contracts, invisible workers in what one captain described to the *Financial Times* as the "shadow sector" of the global economy. The ship's ordeal also highlighted the fragility of the global economy. A century and a half ago, the opening of the Suez Canal heralded an era of global fast shipping that has only accelerated in the decades since. Over the past half-century, meanwhile, capacity

and port congestion, equipment shortages and capacity shortages on ships are set to intensify.

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### A WORLD OF CHOKE POINTS

The blockage of the Suez Canal offered a potent reminder of how important a handful of key maritime passages is to the whole global economy, as well as the strategic calculations of regional powers. A

crisis there, or the Panama Canal, or the Strait of Malacca, or the Strait of Hormuz would roil global markets and — depending on the context — trigger potential stand-offs between rival navies.

Some analysts saw on the relative farce of the *Ever Given's* foundering a glimpse of thornier crises to come. China is dependent on vast imports of oil and iron ore and has arguably structured the bulk of its foreign policy — including its ambitious Belt and Road Initiative — to secure its far-flung trade networks.

"Unlike the U.S., which is a net exporter of crude these days, China imports nearly three-quarters of the oil it consumes, as well as about four-fifths of the iron ore it uses to fuel its frantic pace of infrastructure buildout — not to mention most of the goods exports it uses to obtain hard currency to pay for these commodities," David Fickling and Anjani Trivedi of *Bloomberg* Opinion wrote.

They added: "That makes it peculiarly vulnerable to maritime blockades."

The geography of east Asia means that the straits of Malacca and Singapore, plus the quasi-straits that run through the naviga-

ble stretches of the South China Sea and those separating Taiwan from the Philippines, Japan's Okinawa islands and the Chinese mainland, are all highly vulnerable to interdictions in the event of conflict.

In other words, choke points such as the Suez Canal are bound to be even greater sites of geopolitical rivalry and tension. All the more reason, argued James Stavridis, a retired U.S. admiral and former supreme allied commander at NATO, for world powers to figure out a collective system for administering them.

"In all of these locations we should put significant focus on creating international authorities who manage them with an appreciation for their international character (the Suez and Panama canals both have well run authorities); conduct frequent drills and exercises to practise for disasters like the one that has just occurred in the Suez Canal; have internationally funded resources to make sure they can remain open in crisis (as was done on an ad hoc basis in the Suez); and have an international regime with regulatory powers inspect all of them frequently," he wrote in *Time* magazine. (*Washington Post*)



The *Ever Given* container ship begins to move in the Suez Canal on Monday. (AFP)

### 01. 'e-Grama Niladhari' Project

The 'e-Grama Niladhari' project is implemented to collect and store day-to-day information required for the duties related to the services rendered and for studying purposes regarding services rendered by Grama Niladhari. Based on the results of a pilot project implemented in 162 Grama Niladhari divisions in four Divisional Secretariat Division in 2016 and 2017, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted earlier to implement the same project in 7000 Grama Niladhari divisions under phase II. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval to the resolution tabled by the President as the Defence Minister for implementing the said project by the State Ministry of Internal Affairs with the consultancy of Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technological Agency (ICTA).

### 02. Implementation of flood minimising projects during 2021

The Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation has recognized the flood minimising projects to be implemented during 2021 for minimising floods occurring within Colombo and its suburbs as well as out of Colombo and ensuring environmentally sustainable urbanization. The Cabinet of Minister granted their approval to the proposal furnished by the Prime Minister as Urban Development and Housing Minister for the implementation of the said projects utilising Rs. 2,800 million allocated to the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation for 2021.

### 03. Implementation of a research project on the utilization of chemical fertilizer consisting of Nitrogen.

Considering the environmental impact and destruction due to non-management of chemical fertilizer (especially Nitrogen) correctly within the Asian region, the International Nitrogen Management Systems-INMS) jointed with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) has planned to implement a multi-purpose research proposal based in the South-Asian region in regard to use of fertilizer with Nitrogen in various cultivation fields. It has been planned to perform the collection of data in relation to Nitrogen damage and release of greenhouse gases in the cultivation fields selected by the proposed research study (Vegetables – Nuwara Eliya and Kalpitiya) (Rice – Anuradhapura), making aware the farmers in regard to that, identification of atmospheric pollution based on the minimum diversity of vegetation in the highland forests and making aware of the farmer community and the stakeholders for creation of a better Nitrogen Management systems with the intention of reducing the Nitrogen damage within the project period of 05 years under this project. Accordingly, the proposal furnished by the Minister of Education to enter into a partnership agreement among the University of Peradeniya and the United Kingdom Research and Innovation-UKRI) Institute, Global Challenges Research Fund and the South Asian Nitrogen Hub (SANH) for the implementation of this project is approved by the Cabinet of Ministers.

## CABINET DECISIONS

### 04. Partnership agreement between the Peradeniya University and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Canada.

Countries have taken numerous strategic precautions to control and minimise the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and its damage. However, a research project has been planned to be implemented in regard to the impact to women, children and minimum beneficiary social groups due to some of the strategies followed by certain countries. Accordingly, the proposal furnished by the Minister of Education to enter into a partnership agreement between the University of Peradeniya and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) for the implementation of the said project in Sri Lanka and Malaysia as the basis is approved by the Cabinet of Ministers.

### 05. MOU between the Ruhuna University's Agriculture Faculty and the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, of the Okayama University of Japan.

It was proposed to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the Ruhuna University's Agriculture Faculty and the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, of the University of Okayama of Japan to enhance higher educational cooperation and international relations. It has been planned to launch student exchange programmes, faculties and staff exchange programmes and conduct corporate researches as well as exchange experimental information. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Education for entering into the said educational accord initially for five years.

### 06. Obtaining service facilities from Sri Lanka Telecom for the Motor Traffic Department.

A large number of commuters gather at the head office, the office at Werahera, and district level offices in order to obtain services from the Motor Traffic Department. Since both the commuters and the officers of the Department are suppressed by due to the prevailing circumstances, it has been planned to apply solutions by utilizing novel information and communication technology for the activities such as allocating a scheduled time ahead of time to obtain their services, obtaining a number or token for that, guiding to access the relevant divisions for services and notification of relevant information by SMS. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the proposal submitted by the Transport Minister for the implementation of the said project in conjunction with Sri

Lanka Telecom, implementation of the project in Narahenpita, Werahera and five other District Secretariats with online facilities as the first phase and extend the project to 19 other remaining district offices under the second phase.

### 07. Establishment of Cyclotron-based Radiopharmaceuticals production Centre in Sri Lanka

Fluorodeoxyglucose (18F-FDG) is a radioactive drug and is being used for PET and CT Tests that conducted to diagnose cancers. A special device called Cyclotron is used to produce this drug and, Sri Lanka has to import this radioactive drug since the required facilities are not available in Sri Lanka. Due to the radioactive decay, about 97% of the capacity of the drug is lost when imported from India. Only 10 patients can be treated from the remaining capacity. Although there is a need to test about 30,000 patients annually, due to this only a capacity of 1,600 patients can be tested. It costs the government around Rs. 54,000 to test one patient using the imported drug. If the drug is manufactured locally, the cost can be reduced to Rs.14,000. Considering this situation, the Government has planned to set up a Deoxy Glucose Drug Manufacturing Center at Kotelawala Defence University Hospital premises in Werahera in collaboration with the Atomic Energy Board of Sri Lanka. Accordingly the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Power to implement the project.

### 08. Allocation of lands from Regional Industrial Zones to set up industries

The Project Evaluation Committees and Regional Industrial Services Committee of the Ministry of Industries have recommended the allocation of 16 plots of land in 9 industrial zones for commencing new industries. The 9 industrial estates above are Nalanda (Matale), Bataatha, Karadeniya, Udukawa, Embilipitiya, Kaluthara, Batticaloa and Nawagampura. The Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Industries to allocate the said lands on a 35 year lease basis subjecting to condition that "it cannot be transferred to other parties" with other relevant conditions.

### 09. Introducing a method to protect petroleum consumers

At the beginning, the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation was responsible for all the activities in relation to petroleum industry. However, a number of parties are currently engaged in such activities. The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka has been appointed as the regulatory body for the petroleum industry. However, the role of the agency is limited to advising and assisting the Ministry on policies and

regulation of the lubricant industry. Under these circumstances, no practical mechanism has been established to protect the rights of petroleum consumers. Therefore, it is proposed to establish an independent, transparent mechanism for receiving and resolving consumer complaints under the supervision of the Ministry of Energy and Sri Lanka Public Utilities Commission. Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Customs, Consumer Services Authority, Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka Police, Sri Lanka Standards and other relevant government agencies will be involved in the implementation of the proposed methodology. Accordingly the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by the Energy Minister to implement the Declaration of Consumer Rights and Responsibilities and the "Complaint Handling and Dispute Resolution Procedure" and to enter in to a MOU with other relevant Govt. Institutions.

### 10. The procurement for designing, manufacturing, supplying, installing, operating and delivering of a single sleeper multiple tie tamping machine for the Railways Department.

International competitive bids are called for manufacturing and delivering a single sleeper multiple tie tamping machine for the Department of Sri Lanka Railway in order to increase the volume of maintains of the Department of Railway and to minimise the maintaining expenses. Accordingly, the proposal tabled by the Minister of Transport to award the relevant procurement to the M/S Matisa Materiel Industrial.S.A.Switzerland at an amount of US\$ 4.96 Million, as recommended by the standing committee on procurement appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers, was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers.

### 11. Awarding the four civil work contract packages to rehabilitate, ameliorate and maintain the Colombo to Kandy (A001) Road (from 44+ KM to 100+000 KM)

Local competitive bids are called to award the four civil work contract packages to rehabilitate, ameliorate and maintain the Colombo – Kandy Road segment 44 KM to 100 KM. As per 47 bids have been submitted by 15 bidders. The Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal tabled by the Minister of Highways to award the relevant contract packages to the substantial responsive bidders as recommended by the standing committee on procurements appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

### 12. Amendments to the Firearms Ordinance, No.33 (Chapter 182) of 1916 amended by the Act, No.22 of 1996.

The Cabinet of Ministers on June 13, 2007 decided to further amend the Firearm Ordinance, No.33 (Chapter 182) of 1916 amended by the Act, No.22 of 1996. However, the Draft Bill was delayed due to the amendments adduced to it intermittently. Therefore, the proposal submitted by the President as Defence Minister to

advise the Legal Draftsman to draft the Bill by including all the relevant amendments appropriate to the present requirements.

### 13. Drafting the National Community Water Supply Development Bill.

Subsequently to the establishment of the Department of National Community Water Supply, the Department regulates and empowers community based organizations managed by the community. However, the department has to face many difficulties due to its lack of legal authority. Taking these facts into consideration, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal made by the Minister of Water Supply to draft the National Community Water Supply Development Bill in order to be able to carry out the role of the Department of National Community Water Supply in a systematic and effective manner.

### 14. Amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure

Motor Car accidents have increased dramatically in recent years. In such an accident, a case has to be filed in a civil court to obtain relief. There the victim or his heir should submit the forensic medical report and the other medical reports and they are inevitably marked as "subject to proof" records. It is up to the victim or his heir to ensure that the medical officer appears in court to testify to the contents of those reports. Since such a traffic accident case takes as long as ten or twelve years to complete, if the relevant medical officer is working in a remote area, the government will have to bear the unnecessary burden of summoning him to court and will lose the opportunity to devote his valuable time to professional purposes. Taking these factors into consideration, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal tabled by the Justice Minister to advise to the legal draftsman to draft the bill to amend the Code of Civil Procedure that enabling to make provisions to consider the forensic medical report as the post-mortem report and the ex-facie head head ticket report and the burden of dispelling the medical evidence falls on the defendant whenever the defendant disagrees.

## Constructing Jaffna water supply project accelerated

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

The construction of the water supply project for Jaffna has been accelerated by the Irrigation Department. The Project costs Rs 13,300 million.

Water will be provided to

925,000 people in Jaffna by 2028 once the project is complete. Jaffna needs 17,000 acre feet of water for a day.

The Northern Province receives water from sea water projects, Vadamarachchi Lagoon Project, Lower Paliara Reservoir

Project, Upper Parangiaru Reservoir Project and Lower Parangiaru Project.

The Peninsula has no rivers or tanks to be used as the main water source for the Water Project. An Irrigation Departments Spokesman said

that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been approved by the Management Service Department and a detailed estimate has been prepared. The project will be completed in three years, he said.

## Japan provides USD 3 m to strengthen SL Cold Chain System

The Government of Japan has provided nearly USD 3 million through UNICEF to support the cold chain system in Sri Lanka and strengthen delivery of immunization services, including in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sri Lanka is rolling out vaccinations now against the pandemic for prioritised groups, including the elderly population above 60 years in high-risk areas.

"As a long-standing friend of Sri Lanka, it is our great honour to provide emergency grant assistance through UNICEF in our joint combat against COVID-19. We believe that the procurement of cold chain equipment and relevant technical assistance will ensure equitable access and swift rollout of vaccination across the country," Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka Sugiyama Akira said.

This timely contribution from Japan will be used for the procurement of cold chain equipment, including walk-in cold rooms, ice lined refrigerators and vaccine carriers. The grant

will also support the operation and maintenance of the cold chain equipment, effective vaccine management and expansion of temperature monitoring system to all districts.

"Contributions like this from the Government of Japan are crucial in our joint efforts with the Health Ministry to support the delivery of COVID-19 vaccination services and strengthen Sri Lanka's health system", UNICEF Sri Lanka Representative Emma Brigham said.

Through the COVAX Facility,

in March, UNICEF brought in the first batch of 264,000 doses of the Oxford AstraZeneca 'Covishield' vaccines, which are being rolled out in line with the National Vaccine Deployment Plan of the Health Ministry.

This support from the Government of Japan comes as a boost to Sri Lanka's ongoing efforts to strengthen the overall immunization system, including to receive, store and roll-out the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

### Motorists cautioned against accidents

**RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA**

Motorists are advised by the Police to drive carefully in compliance with traffic rules in April, the month, in which, the highest number of accidents occurs. Police Media Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said that between April 10 and 20, a high number of road accidents are reported.

Five persons were killed in accidents in various parts of the country on March 31, the Police Media Spokesman said.

The Police Spokesman, therefore, urged pedestrians and drivers to pay more attention to road safety.

### Police seizes 1.78 kg of heroin from demolished house in Maradana

**DILSHAN THARAKA**

The Colombo-Central Criminal Investigation Divisions seized 1.78 kg of heroin from a demolished house in the Maradana Police Division yesterday.

The street value of the stock is reportedly over Rs. 10 million. No suspect has been arrested so far. Investigations are continuing.

The stock of heroin was handed over to the Maradana Police.

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Teachers/teacher assistants, who have not yet completed the formal training should send their applications prepared as per the Circular No.28/2016 by registered post to reach, "Director of Education, Teacher Education Administration Branch, Ministry of Education, Isurupaya, Battaramulla" before 27th of April 2020.

This Circular, Application and the Instructions Manual can be downloaded from the Official Web site of the Ministry of Education ([www.moe.gov.lk](http://www.moe.gov.lk)) or can be obtained from any Zonal Office of Education.

**Professor K. Kapila C. K. Perera,**  
Secretary  
Ministry of Education  
Isurupaya, Battaramulla.  
On 02nd of April 2021

# Sputnik gains wide acceptance around the world

President Vladimir Putin has praised the entire healthcare system, and particularly the hard-working team of scientists and specialists from different institutions for their efforts at research and creating a series of vaccines for use against the coronavirus both at home and abroad. Three vaccines already registered in Russia, two of them—Sputnik V and EpiVac-Corona—are produced in large quantities by Russian pharmaceutical companies and are currently used for vaccination. It is planned to roll out another one: CoviVac.

Despite the pandemic-related challenges, the domestic pharmaceutical companies, in conjunction with research institutes, have managed to accomplish a multitude of objectives in order to deploy new vaccine production sites in a short amount of time, Putin said during a videoconference meeting focused on increasing the manufacturing capacity of COVID-19 vaccines and the progress of vaccination in Russia.

Putin further noted that the implementation of a wide range of preventive measures, including widespread vaccination, has played a significant role in normalizing the epidemic situation. Overall, 6.3 million Russians have taken the first part of the vaccine, of these 4.3 million have been vaccinated in full, that is, they have received both vaccine components.

"We can safely say, and the practical results indisputably

corroborate, the fact that the Russian vaccines are absolutely safe and dependable. Our success is recognised abroad as well. The number of countries using the Sputnik V vaccine is expanding fast, more countries around the world are showing interest in our vaccine with 55 countries having authorised its use," he told the meeting.

In addition, Russia now has a number of contracts with foreign manufacturers—these are foreign manufacturers who will be producing our vaccine on their territory—have been signed for the number of doses needed to vaccinate 700 million people per year. Of late, it has signed a contract with an Indian company for doses to vaccinate 100 million people. Indisputably, working with 55 countries means a total population of 1.4 billion. There are plans to expand the number of partner countries and that will reach estimated 2.5 billion people.

While Russia and its pharmaceutical companies are considering the dynamics of the global market and the demand for Russian-made vaccines, and expanding their production capacities, they are also emphasis on domestic needs, supplying and vaccinating Russian citizens with vaccines. This is an absolute priority. It is estimated that at least 60 per cent of all adults in the country must be vaccinated for complete stabilisation. This requires 69.8 million sets of



vaccine doses. At any rate, there are more than 20 million Sputnik V doses, according to Russian president, quoting his Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin.

In his contribution at the meeting, Minister of Industry Denis Manturov informed that under the plan, 12.5 million sets of the vaccine must be produced in March. The planned figure for April is 17 million. It is planned to continue building up production so as to have over 80 millions of two-component doses by the first six months.

According to him, all these amounts will be primarily used to vaccinate Russian citizens. In order to meet the global demand for Russian vaccines, his ministry is working on scaling up production of vaccines and on transferring technology abroad. It already has comprehensive agreements on this with manufacturers in 10 countries.

Healthcare Minister Mikhail Murashko informed the meeting about organisations that keep monitoring the virus's mutations, including those in Russia. "We are analysing the

efficiency of medicines for preventing the disease caused by various strains. This work is ongoing continuously and involves several agencies," he said, and further mentioned the need to increase the speed of vaccination.

Participating in the meeting, Pharmstandard Chairman of the Board Viktor Kharitonin also discussed production capability of the vaccine and pointed to the successful completion of the transfer of laboratory technology, scaled and fine-tuned the manufacturing technology abroad.

"It should be specifically pointed out that, thanks to our cooperation with the Russian Direct Investment Fund, we have started supplying the vaccine to foreign markets. We have already transferred the production technology to Kazakhstan and Belarus and continue working with other countries, including India and Italy. In Italy, Sputnik V was highly praised by both scientists and our colleagues from pharmaceutical companies," added Kharitonin.

Taking his turn, Chairman of the Board of the R-Pharm Group Alexei Repik talked about efforts that are currently focused on the creation and manufacturing of new forms of the vaccine that will be easier to use and also to transport. He noted that it will increase the attractiveness of the vaccines on foreign markets, including countries with a hot climate: the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Director of the Gamaleya National Research Centre for Epidemiology and Microbiology Alexander Gintsburg also highlighted a few aspects of the vaccine production and about documents for registration. According to him, the Gamaleya Research Centre

also addresses the problem of expanding the production of the Sputnik Light vaccine.

In addition, as the holder of the registration certificate, the Centre assumes all responsibility for quality control of this vaccine at all enterprises where it is manufactured in this country and abroad.

Moreover, the Centre is directly involved in launching contractual production that is mostly organised by the Russian Direct Investment Fund. The Centre has prepared the entire package of documents for registering the Sputnik Light vaccine in 55 countries.

Considering that each country has its own regulatory system, this is not a fixed package of documents that will apply everywhere, therefore it has to adapt it to every country's regulatory system.

He further spoke about The Lancet, a highly prestigious and popular medical journal, that published two articles on the results of scientific data and clinical trials. This provides important scientific evidence proving the vaccine's efficacy, this has completely eliminated the Western academic community's scepticism regarding the vaccines' quality and efficacy. [IDN-InDepthNews]



# Covid-19: How Pfizer conquered the world

When the coronavirus pandemic began, the challenge for Pfizer and BioNTech wasn't just developing a Covid-19 vaccine – they also had to make it, and by the hundreds of millions. This was no small feat. Until the very end of last year, no mRNA vaccine had ever been authorized and no such vaccine had ever been manufactured to scale by any company.

Pfizer has now shipped more than 100 million doses to the US and it said this week it has successfully met its goal of 120 million doses released and ready for shipment by the end of March.

For Mike McDermott, Pfizer's president of global supply, the mission is still more doses. Billions of them.

"Our goal has been running 24/7, make as many doses as possible. I actually don't even have a production goal," McDermott told CNN Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta during an exclusive tour of its manufacturing facility in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in March. "Our goal is to produce as much as possible to get to 2 billion doses this year as soon as possible."

Pfizer/BioNTech's global goal is 2.5 billion doses by the end of the year.

Pfizer met its first milestones with substantial upfront investment, and it had no guarantees.

Pfizer was part of Operation Warp Speed as a potential supplier for Covid-19 vaccines and had a purchase agreement for an initial 100 million doses. However, the company didn't receive federal funding for the research or development of the vaccine.

So while Pfizer could repurpose some of its equipment at its main manufacturing site in Kalamazoo, most of what's there now didn't exist a year ago.

"Pfizer has spent at risk, almost \$2 billion on the overall program. From manufacturing, my team spent \$500 million, before we even got out of clinical trials. So all completely at risk. We didn't know if we had a product that was going to work," said McDermott.

Before Pfizer decided on its final vaccine candidate, it was looking into four different options. That meant McDermott and his team had to be ready to go in any direction.

"I think about like, we're going to have dinner tonight, and we need to get dessert ready, but I don't know what dessert we're having. So you just start buying ingredients," he said. "Maybe we're making a cake, maybe we're making brownies. Let's bring in the standard materials that we

need. So filling up this pantry was quite, quite expensive."

One of the biggest rate-limiting steps of this production, according to McDermott, has been the availability of raw materials and specifically lipids, the fatty substance that safely houses the mRNA until it can get to our cells.

"Lipid nanoparticle hasn't been used in a large commercial product. So the lipid suppliers weren't very large. And so we work very closely with them to build more lipids capacity, and actually making lipids in this site in Kalamazoo, Michigan," said McDermott.

Pfizer/BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine can simply be described as mRNA housed in a lipid coating, but the successful production of that by the millions all came down to a something the size of a quar-

ters through here? So my confidence level was actually quite low. Not that it could be done, I knew it worked at this scale, but how could you multiply it?"

McDermott's first thought was to go bigger, make a large-scale tea stirrer to allow more volume to pass through. When that didn't work, they ended up replicating the quarter-sized mixers and put technology in place to ensure efficiency in order to scale up production.

"There's a computer system that's running the whole apparatus that makes sure you have the precise amount of flow and pressure. And that allowed us to get more production out. Even though this size is small, we were able to really scale this up our original design for this machine. We're currently operating at four times the capaci-

ty." In its 1,300-acre foot Kalamazoo facility, Pfizer is installing around 13,000 square feet of modular rooms that are first built in Texas and then shipped to Kalamazoo.

"We've had planned to expand our formulation capacity. The question was, how can we do it quickly? If we built it wall by wall on site, it would have taken us a year. By doing it modularly, we could cut that in half," says McDermott.

Moving each room into place is surprisingly easy. With the help of compressed air – think of an air hockey table – you can simply slide them into place. Then the rooms are ready to be connected to electricity, sterilized and put to use.

With each of these improvements, Pfizer says it has gone from producing 3 to 4 million doses of vaccine a week to 13 million doses a week. They company expects to double that again by the middle of the year. That will mean roughly 100 million doses a month and the



# Sharp decline in Flu and Colds: Will masks stick around?

As the COVID-19 pandemic raged in the U.S. and other countries, masks became key to reducing the virus' spread. But they did more than just prevent people from getting or spreading COVID-19 — they also appear to be the reason why cases of the flu, cold and other respiratory diseases are down significantly in the last year.

And as a post-pandemic future becomes more clear with the vaccine rollout well underway, health experts are wondering if masks will stick around in the U.S. after COVID-19 is finally in the rear view.

Recent studies and data have shown that respiratory illnesses in children have sharply declined over the last year, when most kids either did virtual learning at home or were required to wear masks at school. A study published in the *Journal of Hospital Medicine* in March looked at the number of pediatric patients hospitalized for respiratory illnesses in 44 children's hospitals across the U.S., and found that it had declined by 62% this year.

Statistics from the Centers of Disease Control on this year's influenza season show a monumental difference. Typically, around 100 to 200 children die of the flu each year — during the 2019 to 2020 flu season, 195 kids died — but so far this season, there has been just one child flu death in the U.S.

"I think that that obliteration of the flu epidemic, which was seen globally, tells us that the way that influenza is transmitted from one person to another might really have been impacted by the use of masks, more than anything else," Flor Munoz, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' infectious-diseases committee, told the *Washington Post* in early March.

Adult flu deaths are also down sig-

nificantly. Depending on the severity of the flu strain that emerges each season, total deaths range from 12,000 to 61,000 a year. So far in the 2020 to 2021 season, the CDC has reported just 219 deaths.

"I think this has clearly shown that masking, distancing, hand-washing — all these things clearly work," Aaron Milstone, an epidemiologist and professor of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University, told the *Post*. "So I think the question will be, how much appetite do people have for all that to prevent influenza, instead of just COVID."

Milstone, and other health experts, have expressed skepticism that Americans will be willing to continue wearing masks after the pandemic. Though they have been common in Asian countries long before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, it's been tough to convince all Americans to wear masks, even with the deadly virus circulating.

"I'm a little skeptical that this crisis will be enough for a widespread culture change, given how difficult it's been to achieve a reasonable culture shift in the previous months," Dr. Ricardo Franco of the University of Alabama at Birmingham told NPR.

For now, with COVID-19 once again on the rise in the U.S. as the faster-spreading variants circulate, masks are essential to reducing cases, even if people have been vaccinated. On Monday, President Joe Biden urged states to keep or reinstate their mask mandates after Texas, Mississippi, Iowa, Montana, North Dakota and Arkansas all announced in the last few weeks that they would drop theirs.

"Please, this is not politics — reinstate the mandate," Biden said. "The failure to take this virus seriously is precisely what got us into this mess in the first place." (*Yahoo*)



ter. The heart of this whole machine is what's called an impingement jet mixer," said McDermott as he is twirled it around his fingers.

The impingement jet mixer, also known as the tea stirrer, works by simply pumping lipids in one side and mRNA in the other, forcing them together with 400 pounds of pressure. That's what creates the lipid nanoparticle which is essentially the vaccine.

These aren't just any lipids, Pfizer/BioNTech had to design the right combination of four different lipids that would not only protect the mRNA on the way to cells, but then release the mRNA once it gets there.

While the process of creating lipid nanoparticles is not new, McDermott said the challenge was scaling up this process.

"The first time somebody showed me this impingement jet mixer, I said, 'You can't be serious?' Like how could you put billions of

doses out of this site, it rushed over me like that was that was my moment," McDermott said. "That was our moonshot."

But McDermott says vaccine supply is always on his mind, and they have to prepare for the future — and that means coronavirus variants.

Although there is no evidence people immunized with Pfizer's vaccine will be less protected against the current variants, the company has started testing a third dose of its current vaccine.

Pfizer and BioNTech say they are also in ongoing discussions with regulators about potentially testing a vaccine modified to protect against concerning variants in a Phase 1/2 study.

The company's next giant leap is to be ready to get it to patients, if necessary.

Pfizer's goal, McDermott says: To be able to develop a new variant-specific vaccine, get it through production and get it to patients within a matter of months. (*CNN*)

# Pfizer says vaccine 100% effective in 12-15 year old children

Pfizer and BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine is 100% effective against the virus in children aged 12 to 15, the companies announced in a press release Wednesday.

In a placebo-controlled trial of 2,260 adolescents, none of the participants who received the real vaccine developed COVID-19, the companies said.

Eighteen adolescents who received placebo, or fake, doses became infected with the virus, they said.

The COVID-19 vaccine was "well-tolerated" by the age group, the companies said, with participants experiencing a similar range of side effects as seen in older teens and young adults.

Experts say that ensuring vaccines are safe and effective in children will be crucial to ending the pandemic. Although children are less likely to die of COVID-19, it's still possible for them to get sick and spread the virus.

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla said in a statement that he was "encouraged" by the clinical trial data, and that the company plans to submit the data to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration "in the coming weeks" to update its emergency use authorization to include children 12 and older.

The company hopes to start vaccinating children ages 12 to 15 "before the start of the next school year," Bourla said.

Experts say it's important to test vaccines in children to ensure they are safe and effective in the youngest members of society so that ultimately everyone is eligible to receive a potentially lifesaving vaccine.

Last week, Pfizer and BioNTech launched a global COVID-19 vaccine trial that will ultimately enroll 4,500 children between the ages of 6 months and 11 years old.

Their vaccine is currently authorized to be distributed in the U.S. for use in people ages 16 and up.

Other vaccine manufacturers have been moving to offer their vaccines to children. Moderna announced earlier this month that it would enroll 6,750 children ages 6 months to 12 years old in a clinical trial.

Johnson & Johnson also has said it intends to develop trials for children. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson's vaccines have been granted emergency use authorization by the FDA for those ages 18 and older. (ABC)



# Errors ruin 15 million doses of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine

An ingredient mix-up at a Baltimore manufacturing plant ruined 15 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, *The New York Times* reported. That could delay future shipments of this vaccine in the United States.

There are not any problems with the doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine that have already been delivered — those were produced in the Netherlands, the *Times* reported. But the tens of millions of the shots set to ship in April were supposed to come from this Baltimore plant.

The manufacturing plant, run by Emergent BioSolutions, received \$628 million from the Trump administration last year to expand its vaccine manufacturing capacity. The plant was still awaiting Food and Drug Administration authorization of its Johnson & Johnson vaccine production lines, and this enormous mistake — which *Times* sources attributed to human error — will likely delay that further. It's not clear how this setback will affect the availability

of this vaccine over the next few weeks. Moderna and Pfizer / BioNTech are still on track to meet their vaccine commitments in the United States, which should give the country enough doses to meet the Biden administration's target of having shots available for every adult by the end of May.

But limited availability of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine could still hurt US efforts to vaccinate enough people for herd immunity. People who are reluctant to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and say they'll "wait and see" are more likely to agree to take the Johnson & Johnson vaccine than the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna shots. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine only takes one dose, and is made using a more familiar technique. Only having the Pfizer / BioNTech and Moderna shots on offer could make it harder to convince some people to get vaccinated.

Around 30 percent of the US population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine so far. (*The Verge*)



# Egypt gets hundreds of thousands of vaccines via Covax

Egypt has received over 854,000 coronavirus vaccines through the Covax facility for lower and middle income countries, the World Health Organization said Thursday. The AstraZeneca vaccines, the first to be provided through COVAX to Egypt, were delivered by plane to Cairo late Wednesday, WHO said in a statement.

Egypt has registered more than 200,000 cases of coronavirus, including some 12,000 deaths.

The health ministry has said frontline health workers, the elderly and people with chronic diseases will be prioritised in the vaccine effort, in line with global guidelines.

WHO said 40 million doses would be provided to Egypt — enough for 20 percent of the country's 100 million population.

The Covax programme aims to help ensure 20 percent of the population in recipient countries is vaccinated by end-2021.

Egypt began its Covid-19 immunisation programme on January 24, becoming one of the first countries in Africa to begin vaccinating its citizens.

At a virtual press conference held by the WHO's eastern Mediterranean division, officials acknowledged the organisation faced "challenges" in reaching its 20-percent target. (*AFP*)



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## NOTICE TO THE DEPOSITORS OF CENTRAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE PLC, THE STANDARD CREDIT FINANCE LIMITED, TKS FINANCE LIMITED, THE FINANCE COMPANY PLC, ETI FINANCE LIMITED AND SWARNAMAHAL FINANCIAL SERVICES PLC

The licenses issued to Central Investment and Finance PLC (CIFL), The Standard Credit Finance Limited (TSCFL), TKS Finance Limited (TKSFL) and The Finance Company PLC (TFCP) to carry on finance business have been cancelled on 05.03.2018, 25.07.2018, 19.09.2019 and 22.05.2020, respectively and the businesses of ETI Finance Limited (ETIFL) and Swarnamahahal Financial Services PLC (SFSP) were suspended on 13.07.2020, in terms of Section 37 of the Finance Business Act, No. 42 of 2011. Accordingly, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) has already taken steps to pay compensation to the depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries of CIFL, TSCFL, TKSFL, TFCP, ETIFL and SFSP subject to a maximum of Rs.600,000 as per the then prevailed provisions of the Sri Lanka Deposit Insurance and Liquidity Support Scheme (SLDILSS).

Subsequently, the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has decided to increase the amount of maximum compensation payment from the SLDILSS from Rs.600,000 to Rs.1,100,000 with the objective of providing additional relief to the depositors.

The balance compensation payments to the depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries of CIFL, TSCFL and TKSFL will be directly credited to their specified bank accounts through Sri Lanka Inter Bank Payment System (SLIPS) by CBSL and depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries of TFCP, ETIFL and SFSP will be paid through the appointed Agent Bank, People's Bank, upon following the procedures stated below

### Compensation Payments Process through Agent Bank (People's Bank)

The depositors of ETIFL, TFCP and SFSP who have an insured deposit amount of more than Rs.600,000 can collect their balance compensation payments up to Rs.500,000 from People's Bank. The depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries of ETIFL can collect their compensation payments from People's Bank from 09.04.2021 onwards and the depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries of TFCP can collect their compensation from People's Bank from 12.04.2021 onwards. The compensation payment date of SFSP will be notified no sooner the ongoing repayments by SFSP to their depositors under the supervision of the Panel of Management appointed by the Monetary Board of the CBSL are concluded within the specified time period.

Accordingly, at present the depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries of ETIFL and TFCP can collect their claims from any People's Bank branch (preferably from the same branch where the previous claim was collected) by submitting originals of deposit certificates, identification details and other required documents.

### Compensation Payments Process through CBSL

The depositors of CIFL, TSCFL and TKSFL who have an insured deposit amount of more than Rs.600,000 and already received their compensation payments under SLDILSS are hereby requested to submit the duly completed Consent Form to express their consent to use the same credentials previously submitted to CBSL, as per the specimen below. Further, each depositor/relevant legal beneficiary, including joint depositors, are required to submit separate Consent Forms for each company. Depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries who have collected their original fixed deposit certificates and saving passbooks from CBSL after the first payment of Rs.600,000.00 are requested to re-submit all such original certificates and passbooks.

The Consent Form and Claim Form with Declaration are available in the Central Bank web site - www.cbsl.gov.lk and copies of the same are available at Head Office and Regional Offices of CBSL in Matale, Matara, Anuradhapura, Trincomalee, Nuwara Eliya and Kilinochchi. Duly completed Consent Form should either be hand delivered to mail room of CBSL Head Office or be sent by registered post on or before 20.04.2021 to the following address. Please mention as "CIFL" or "TSCFL" of "TKSFL" on the top left-hand corner of the envelop as applicable. Any further details can be obtained from CBSL Head Office through the telephone numbers given below.

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### CONSENT FORM

#### COMPENSATION PAYMENT FOR THE DEPOSITORS OF CENTRAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE PLC, THE STANDARD CREDIT FINANCE LIMITED AND TKS FINANCE LIMITED THROUGH SRI LANKA DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND LIQUIDITY SUPPORT SCHEME

#### General Instructions

- This consent Form is applicable only to the depositors who have total deposit amount of more than Rs.600,000 of Central Investment and Finance PLC (CIFL), The Standard Credit Finance Limited (TSCFL) and TKS Finance Limited (TKSFL) and already received their compensation payments under Sri Lanka Deposit Insurance and Liquidity Support Scheme (SLDILSS).
- Consent Form consists of three parts namely Part A, B and C.
  - Part A of the Consent Form should be duly completed to give the consent to process the balance compensation payment under SLDILSS based on the previously submitted Claim Form with Declaration and other relevant information.
  - Part B of the Consent Form should be duly completed to notify the changes of the depositor details subsequent to the receipt of first compensation of Rs.600,000.
  - Part C of the Consent Form is only applicable for CIFL Depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries who have received first compensation payment of Rs.600,000 through Cheques.
- Depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries who have collected their original certificates from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka after the first payment of Rs.600,000, should re-submit all such certificates to be entitled for balance payment under SLDILSS and depositors who have not submitted all of their certificates, are required to submit the rest of their certificates to be entitled for the balance payment under SLDILSS along with a duly completed new Claim Form with Declaration as mentioned in Paragraph 5 below.
- Each Depositor/relevant legal beneficiary, including joint deposit holders, should submit separate Consent Form for each company.
- In the following instances, depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries of CIFL, TSCFL and TKSFL are required to submit duly completed new Claim Form with Declaration (published in the Central Bank web site - www.cbsl.gov.lk) and other relevant information and documents stated thereof,
  - Depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries who have not yet submitted their Claim Form with Declaration to claim compensation payments under SLDILSS.
  - Previously submitted bank account details are not valid due to closure or non-operating of the bank account (not applicable to the CIFL depositors who have received compensation through cheques)
  - Depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries who have not submitted all original fixed deposit certificates or savings passbooks or not correctly stated all eligible deposits in the previously submitted Claim Form with Declaration.
  - In case a depositor has demised after the first compensation payment of Rs.600,000, the relevant legal beneficiary should submit the Claim Form with Declaration.
  - If the depositor or the joint account holder is submitting his own Consent Form, the respective depositor should mention his/her name against both 'name of the claimant or legal beneficiary' and 'name of the depositor' under Declaration Section (i.e. Section 6) of Part A of the Consent Form.

PART A	PART B
<p><b>Expressing the consent to process balance compensation payment under SLDILSS based on the previously submitted Claim Form with Declaration and other relevant information</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name of the company: .....</li> <li>Full Name of the Depositor: .....</li> <li>Identification Nos: National Identity Card No./ Business Registration ..... Passport No. .... Driving License No. ....</li> <li>Telephone Nos: Fixed..... Mobile .....</li> <li>I agreed to receive balance compensation payment amount under SLDILSS to the same bank account which was previously submitted with the Claim Form and accept the full responsibility of the accuracy of the given bank details (Please tick the check box) <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Declaration I, ..... (name of the claimant or legal beneficiary) of ..... (address of the claimant) state that this claim is made on behalf of ..... (name of the depositor) and that I have already received compensation payment of Rs.600,000 earlier. I do hereby agree to receive my second payment under SLDILSS based on my previously submitted Claim Form for the said first payment of Rs.600,000 and I have no objection thereof. Signature of the claimant: .....</li> </ol> <p>The claimant having read over and understood the contents hereof declared and signed at ..... on this ..... day of .....20..... Before me</p> <p>Signature: .....</p> <p>Attorney at Law/Notary Public/Commissioner for Oaths/Justice of the Peace</p> <p>Office Stamp</p>	<p><b>Details of the Depositor changed subsequent to the receipt of compensation of Rs.600,000.00 should only fill Part B</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name of the company: .....</li> <li>Name of the Depositor: .....</li> <li>Name of the claimant/legal beneficiary :- .....</li> <li>Current Address: .....</li> <li>Telephone Nos. - Fixed..... Mobile .....</li> <li>Any other changes affect to the second payment if any : .....</li> <li>In case the previously submitted bank account is closed or currently non-operating, details of another operative bank account shall be submitted along with a duly completed new Claim Form. I fully understood, accepted, and have no objection thereof. (This is only applicable to depositors other than depositors of CIFL who received compensation through cheques and those depositors who are required to complete Part C)</li> </ol> <p>Signature of the depositor/claimant</p>
	<p><b>PART C</b></p> <p><b>Only applicable for CIFL Depositors who received Compensation Payment of Rs.600,000 through Cheques</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of Depositor's Bank Account to make Compensation                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name of the account holder: .....</li> <li>Name of the bank: ..... 1.3 Bank account No.: .....</li> <li>Name of the bank branch at which the account is maintained: - .....</li> </ol>                     (A copy of the Passbook or Bank Statement should be attached with Part - C)</li> </ol> <p>I do hereby confirm and certify that the information provided herein is true and correct and I fully understand and agree that the balance compensation payment under SLDILSS will be deposited to the bank account as per the above details.</p> <p>Signature of the depositor/claimant</p>

# LESSONS FOR TODAY'S WORLD FROM GOOD FRIDAY

RODNEY MARTINEZ

**T**oday is Good Friday where the Christian world will commemorate the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross over two millennia ago. Good Friday is the culmination of Lenten which began on Ash Wednesday and the intervening 40 days was marked by acts of fasting, penance, mortification and other forms of sacrifices as Christians retraced the last days of Jesus leading up His Crucifixion on Mount Calvary.

In Sri Lanka too Catholics engaged in solemn prayer and sacrifice participating in the Way of the Cross where the faithful relived the passion of Christ symbolized by the fourteen Stations of the Cross depicting Christ's each step of the way to Golgotha. Pilgrimages are also being made during the Lenten season to prominent local Easter landmarks such as Hiniduma and Mawathagama where the Way of the Cross is performed before giant lifelike statues reliving the last journey of Christ, by the faithful with much emotion and passion. Such activities are being held this year

on a low key due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### THE HOLY WEEK

The week leading to Good Friday is called the Holy Week that began on Palm Sunday which heralded Christ's triumphant entry to Jerusalem, during which there is an intensification of acts of penance and sacrifice by the faithful. There are also passion plays held at church venues in the Catholic belt - the most famous being the Duwa passion play - the brainchild of the legendary Fr. Mercelline Jayakody who was equally at home in every place of worship, regardless of religion. Distribution of alms is also common on Good Friday as acts of expiation of one's sins on this day of great importance for Christians.

The main Good Friday services will be held in all Churches in the country, subject to health guidelines, with the central feature being the 'Three Hours Agony'

marking the final hours of Christ's passion. For Catholics in Sri Lanka Good Friday (and Easter Sunday) will have an added poignancy and somnolence due to the grave calamity that befell a section of their community due to terrorist bombing of churches bombings exactly two years ago, resulting in hundreds of deaths (The exact date is April 19). This nightmare is bound to linger in the minds of not just Catholics but all other Sri Lankans with the approach of every Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

### MONUMENTAL SACRIFICE

Good Friday and Easter Sunday, to follow, are the single most ground breaking events in the Christian calendar, perhaps even more important than Christmas, since they mark the death and resurrection of Christ, fulfilling the word of the scriptures in the Old Testament. By his death Christ bowed to the wish of His father the Almighty God, for by this single act He purged the sins of mankind and gave hope for redemption from sin. With His monumental sacrifice Jesus banished the darkness that enveloped the world and ushered in a new light of redemption and hope for all mankind.

During his short mission on Earth, Jesus sought to change the entrenched beliefs rooted in the Old Testament and clashed with the Pharisees who saw in him a challenge to their domination. He preached love and compassion by enjoining his audience to turn the left cheek to those who slap you on the right, in place of an Eye for an Eye. This was compassion instead of revenge. He mingled with sinners and outcasts and condemned the rich epitomized by the Pharisees and the High Priests of the temples. When He was questioned of his company by the Pharisees Christ had only one word for them - "who among you is without sin let him cast the first stone". Christ also preached the virtue of selflessness and sharing and enjoined the rich to give to the poor people. His life was



mostly spent with the meek and the humble. He took to task the rich who hoarded their wealth and let the poor have only the crumbs as with Lazarus. He enjoined them the virtues of giving and sacrifice if they wished to enter the Kingdom of God.

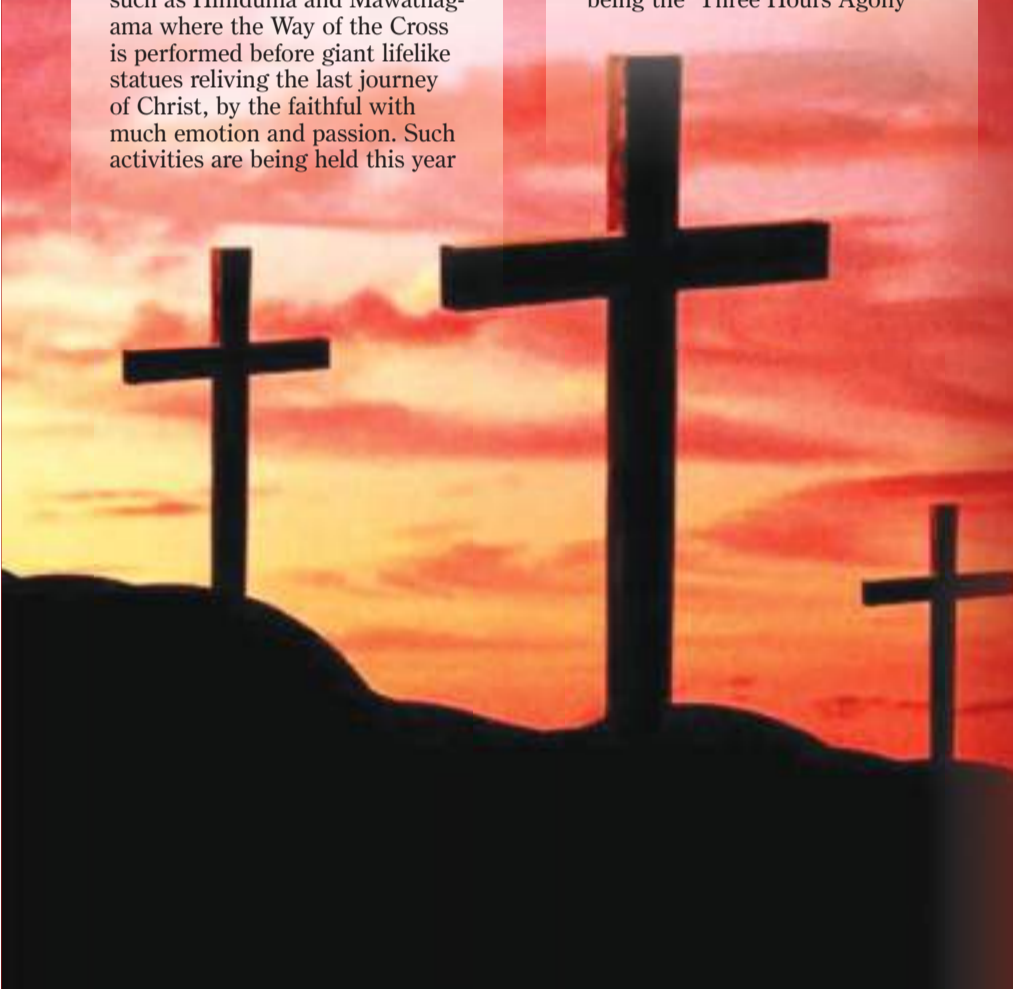
He preached that "it was easy for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter heaven". He told Peter and the rest of his Apostles that if they were to follow Him to be prepared to leave behind all their possessions and all things they coveted. Christ preached the virtue of love and respect for one's fellow human beings and in fact, all beings. "Love thy neighbour as thine own self. Forgive those who had harmed you," was his message to the followers. Christ even forgave Judas who betrayed him in the end. In his Sermons on the Mount He also preached the virtue of humility.

### TEACHINGS OF THE CHRIST

Good Friday should be an occasion for reflection on the teachings of Christ and the true meaning of His brief but everlasting mission on Earth. All that He abhorred and condemned during his short

mission on Earth are today very much evident as at no other time in a selfish and corrupt world. The race for riches and power is rampant as at no time before. This is seen not only among individuals but also among States. Rich nations today are reluctant to help their poor counterparts. One only has to look at how the rich nations are hoarding COVID-19 vaccines at the expense of poor countries, with some countries ordering vaccine doses that can inoculate their populations 10 times over. The world will be able to come off this calamity if they share such resources.

Money is spent for producing weapons to wage war whereas this could have helped feed the teeming millions in poverty stricken nations - the complete antithesis to the violence which Christ preached against. There is also inequality everywhere and justice is denied to the innocent and might reign over what is right. Interestingly, a majority of these countries are from the Christian world that ought to have known better.



# Jesus belongs to everyone

## TODAY IS GOOD FRIDAY

GWEN HEART

What does Good Friday mean to us Christians?

It is not only a day of repentance, but of accepting Jesus as our Saviour as we become the Church, the world and are His tenants. One of the most fundamental spiritual acceptance we owe Him are tenants, entrusted with responsibility and dedication the belief that our live are not about us but about our faith in Him.

Jesus Christ is God's judgment. We are all are under his judgment.

How many times have I said it and how many times have I meant it? I get that piercing rip through my heart when I look into thy loving, compassionate eyes, but what have I done for thee. Nothing at all. But Jesus you know I love you with my heart and soul. Everything climaxes ultimately to Good Friday that finally you redeemed us all. There is no one Christian who would have passed a day and for that matter, a moment without repenting this Lent season but that is insufficient. It has to come from the heart and be a commitment to Jesus. Many of us feel the tears rolling down, sighs escaping and pierced by guilt but remain mortals. That's we are. When the week of

agony passes away and Jesus Christ ascends, we all forget our spiritual pledges

And continue our sinful lives forgetting how great he is.

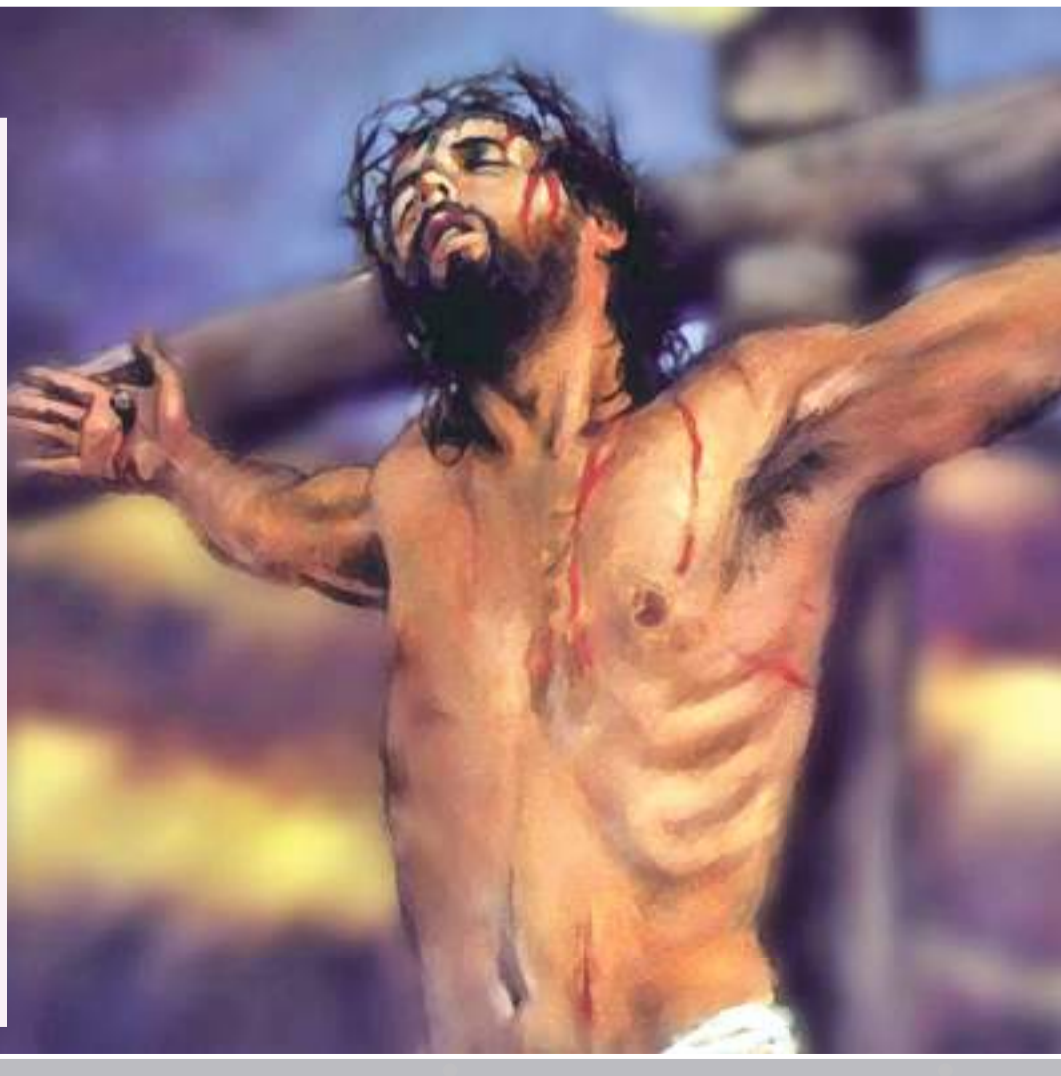
Therefore, we cannot live without Jesus for wholeness of life that many non-Christians have come to recognized in our Lord, especially because of his crucifixion and the way he sacrificed to redeem the world not only those who believed in him but all non-believers.

Good Friday is not only for us but for the whole world, every individual every nation up in arms against each other, Jesus belongs to everyone, even to Pilate who sentenced him to death and Herod who found Jesus innocent against charges leveled against him. Even upon the cross, he forgave the thief who trusted him and repented. Such was the undying love for all. The Bible speaks of the nine fold fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22). It refers to the character of Jesus. Remember, it is the fruit and not fruits. It is an integrated whole. It is one multiple fruit and it is the Holy Spirit who produces Christ character in us. Jesus vanquished death and rose again to fulfill his Father's promise to release the bondage that Satan holds over us, His children.

Jesus knew his time had come for the mission to be completed and obeys his Father in heaven. He knew by now everything was completed and in order to the scriptures to come true. He said 'I am thirsty'. He was given a bowl of cheap wine. Jesus drank the wine and said 'It is finished'. Then he bowed his head and died. It was Friday. An army officer who saw what happened, praised God. Saying 'Certainly, he was a good man'.

Earlier, Jesus was put through immense suffering carrying the heavy cross up the hill by the soldiers who had no mercy on him. It was about twelve o'clock when the sun stopped shining and darkness covered the whole country until three o'clock and the curtains hanging in the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split apart, the graves broke open and many of God's people had died were raised to life. It was amazing.

They left the graves and after Jesus rose from death, they went into the Holy City where many people saw them. The soldiers, who were watching Jesus, saw the earthquakes and everything else that happened and were terrified.



# Utility player Kapila Knowlton did Army and Sri Lanka proud

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Some players in the game of rugby had naturally gifted talents imbibed with them where they had the capability of occupying several positions as a utility player, later contributing immensely to his team's success. Kapila Knowlton was a robust player who performed exceptionally well in handling the rugby ball in the three quarter line, starting his career as a centre three quarter, at times as a wing three quarter while occupying the crucial fly half berth as and when his service was needed due to his kicking skills from the time of his school career until he represented the country.

Kapila Knowlton was born in 1975 in Thimbirigasyaya and his father was late Stephen Knowlton and mother is Ciccy where both of them served in Sri Lanka Police.

He had three siblings with his elder brother late Major Charles Lasantha who died in Paranthan in 1997 during the civil war Indika is his sister and Gaya is his twin brother. Since his parents were in the Police they grew up in the Police flats Thimbirigasyaya, Havelock Town. Kapila had the opportunity of spending his free time with other children engaging in various sports.

He was admitted to Mahanama College, Colombo in 1981 as a primary student and went on to complete his schooling by 1994. Due to his healthy physique, he was able to represent multiple sporting disciplines cricket, basketball and rugby.

He launched his illustrious sporting career with cricket at school with the

under-13 team and went on to compete in the first XI team.

Basketball became his second sport which he competed from the age of 15 years until he played in the under-19 team. The game of rugby was his third sports discipline which he took up mainly because of the involvement of his friends at Police flats, where most of them opted to handle the oval shaped ball while witnessing rugby matches involving Police which motivated him to take up rugby. With his regular academic studies and other sports, he finally joined the under-15 rugby team at school.

Just after one year, he was called to join the College first XV team at the age of 16 years and was associated with them from 1991 to 1994.

The best achievement during his tenure as a player was when they came to semi-finals of the under-19 'Premadasa Trophy knock out Tournament' defeating Royal College in 1991 under the captaincy of Nalin Dissanayake. They also emerged Cup Runner-up in the 'Milo Trophy' Schools under 19 Rugby Sevens in 1993 under Sharad Khan's captaincy, losing to S Thomas College Mount Lavinia 21-0 in the final. He also represented the Western Province under-19 school rugby team in 1994. His coaches were Marco de Silva (former Sri Lanka and Havelocks player) and T.D. Motha (former police player) during his school rugby career.

After his eventful school career, he decided to continue his club rugby



career and joined the Sri Lanka Army 'A' team in 1995. He launched his first club league tournament in 1995 and played his first match against Kandy at Galle Face ground, at former Army headquarters under the captaincy of Prabath Naranthota, which they lost to Kandy SC 10 - 0. Subsequently, Army couldn't continue the tournament due to the outbreak of the ethnic war. This resulted in all services teams withdrawing from the tournament and joining war operations. He had to undergo his basic training in Army Military Academy in Diyatalawa in 1995 and got commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1997. From that point, he continued his rugby career with Army from 1995 to 2013 which spanned 18 years, as a regular player. He led the under 24 Army 'A' team in 1998 and participated at the All India Rugby Tournament in Kolkata in 1999 ending up champions. He surged ahead to captain the Army 'A' team in 1999 under New Zealand coach Kelvin Farrington. Some of their achievements during



Kapila Knowlton

that period was becoming runner-up in Clifford Cup Knock Out Tournament losing to Kandy SC 15 -36 (in 2000 led by Ajith Peiris), 16-17 (in 2001) and 19-26 (in 2002 led by Ajith Peiris) while ending up runner-up in the Caltex League Tournament in 2001 under the leadership of prop forward J.M. Jayatileke. They became Champions of the Dialog Club rugby sevens tournament in 2004 under foreign coach Rob Gibson.

He captained Defence Services team in 2006 and was awarded Army Colours, Defence Services Colours and National Colours, piling up 100 points during the 2009 rugby season by scoring tries and kicking at goal. Army team participated in the 80 x 80 International tournament in Thailand and were placed third under his captaincy in 2007.

He took over as Army coach with the assistance of foreign coach Ben

MacDougall in 2013. He has an unforgettable memory during his tenure as a player with Army beating Kandy at Galle Face ground in 2004. It all happened with him scoring a try within the first five minutes. Laga as no 8 and England player playing as centre. From the starting whistle, Army dominated play and went on to score at regular intervals. Kandy bounced back in second half but just fell short by two points after Nalaka Weerakkody's penalty kick went astray to give them a memorable 21-19 win. This Army team was under Y.P. Rajapakse's captaincy. While his tenure donning the Army jersey he got the National call in 1997 for national sevens Squad, which he competed until 1999.

With this, he established a permanent place in the National Squad in both sevens and XV's format from 2000 to 2005. He played in the under-24 National team in 1998 against Hong Kong in Sri Lanka under Harris Omar's captaincy. He participated in the Rugby Asiad in Japan in 2000 under Asoka Jayasena's captaincy coached by retired senior DIG Nimal Lewke. Became Champions at the Triangular. Tournament in Malaysia in 2001. He took part at the Shanghai Sevens in China in 2001 under Sanjeeva Jayasinghe's captaincy coached by Nimal Lewke.

Participated at the Rugby Sevens at Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2004 under Leonard de Zilva's captaincy coached by Asanga Seneviratne. Participated in the Rugby Sevens and XV's at the Asian Games in Busan, Korea in 2002 under Harris Omar's captaincy

coached by Tavitha Thulagesi (Laga) and C.P. Abeygunawardena.

Participated at Rugby Asiad in Bangkok, Thailand in 2002 under Asanga Rodrigo's captaincy coached by Tony Amit. Played test matches in Sri Lanka during above mentioned period against Thailand, Chinese Taipei and China National teams winning all the test matches. Played a triangular tournament in India and became champions in 2005 under Pradeep Basnayake's captaincy coached by late George Simpkin, played in Hong Kong Sevens in 2008 under captaincy of Pradeep Liyanage which eventually was his final appearance with the National team.

After his tenure as a player, he has served as a member of National Rugby Selection Committee since 2017 under three chairmen namely Michael Jayasekara, Rohan Abeykoon and at present under Asoka Jayasena. He

likes to extend his sincere gratitude to former chairmen of Army Rugby Committee, Brigadier J. P. A. Jayawardena (retired), Major General Nimal Krishnaratne (retired) and Major General Evan Chandrasekara (retired) for supporting his successful career.

His wife is Pushika Jayasuriya who worked at Janashakthi Insurance and at present works at Rukula Company as head of recovery. He has two children with son Dinil 18 years studying at Mahanama and daughter Thinaya 16 years studying at Defence Services College. He is a Lieutenant Colonel who is the Commanding Officer in 4th Sri Lanka Army Service Corps at Hin-gurakgoda in Polonnaruwa.

## Sanjana fine athlete and volleyball player

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Athlete and Volleyball Captain and five times Best Volleyball Player of the year Warnakulasuriya Sanjana Nethmini Peiris has brought honour and glory to her school Wekada Maha Vidyalaya, Dankotuwa

She was born on 12th March 2005. In 2011 she was admitted to Sri Rathanajothi Primary School and her Principal was Mrs. Jessica and her first class teacher was Mrs. Nalika. When she was in Grade Two she participated in the Inter House Sports Meet and came first in 50 and 75 metres and in the following year too she won the same events and when she was in Grade Four she swept the board in 50, 75 and 100 metres and became the under 11 Champion and in the following year too she repeated the same performances.

Though she won the Championship in Athletics her forte is volleyball and her parents Sanjith Susantha Peiris and Nayana Nilmini Silva encouraged her to play volleyball and in the same year she came under the school Volleyball Coach and Prefect of Games Saman Bandara and at the Divisional and Zonal under 13 tournaments they were runners up and in the following year too they were the runners up in the District Tournament and in the Provincial tournament they came third. When she was in Grade ten they won the Divisional, Zonal and Provincial tournament and at the All Island Tournament their school came up to Best Eight.

She captained the school volleyball team from



Sanjana Nethmini Peiris

Grade Seven to Eleven and she was the best Volleyball Player of the school too in these years.

In 2019 they were the runners up of Inter Schools DSI Tournament and in 2020 too they came up to the Best Eight. Once again when she was in Grade Ten taking part in the Inter House Sports Meet she won Putt Shot, Javelin and Discus Throw Events and became the under 16 School Champion.

## Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

# Sunil Gunawardana - first schoolboy to run 100 metres in under 11 seconds

Herath Liyanage Don Sunil Benedict Gunawardana, who represented Sri Lanka in the 200m event at the Munich Olympic Games in 1972, was born on October 6, 1949 at Chilaw.

He was educated at St. Mary's College, Chilaw and set up several Sri Lanka records before representing the country at the Olympic Games.

In 1968, he participated in the first Inter-House Athletics Meet and from thereon, he registered victory after victory in Group Meets, District Meets, Public Schools Meets, Junior National Meets and National Athletics Championships.

When he ran the 100m in 10.9s he became the first schoolboy to have run this distance under 11 seconds. He equalled Duncan White's record of 22.2 seconds for the 200m in that year. The records for the 100m and 200m were set up by him on grass tracks.

In 1968, Sunil was selected to represent Sri Lanka in the 200m event at an International Meet held in Thailand, because he beat D. K. Podimahatmaya who was an acclaimed sprinter at that time.

In the actual race in Thailand, Sunil beat both Anant Ratanapol of Thailand and W. Wimaladasa of Sri Lanka registering a time of 21.6s. He was still a schoolboy at that time.

From 1968 to 1978 he participated in the National Athletics Championship and won the Challenge Cup awarded to the Best Athlete several times.

In 1974, he was a member of the 400x4m Sri Lanka Relay Team which won the Gold Medal at the Asian Games in Teheran setting up a new Asian record.

After having attained the qualifying standard, Sunil was picked to represent Sri Lanka at the Munich Olympic Games. In the first heat in the 200m race he



Sunil Gunawardana

came third and won a place in the next round.

In the second round, although beaten, he recorded a time of 21.31s which was the best for an Asian. Sunil was an Executive Committee Member of the Sri Lanka Athletics Association from 1996 to 1997 and later he became the Vice-President in

1998/1999 and was the President in 2000/2001.

In addition, he was the Coordinating Secretary to the former Sports Minister S. B. Disanayake. Under his purview he was able to unearth many talented athletes including Sugath Thilakeratne, Damayanthi Darsha, Sriyani Kulawansa and Susanthika Jayasinghe.

Sunil also accompanied the Sri Lankan contingent as the Chef-de-Mission for the 2000 Olympic Games and has earned a reputation as a coach and administrator.

He had the privilege of following a coaching programme on short distance running in 1971 in West Germany and in Indonesia. He also had the distinction of participating in several athletics seminars conducted by Jacky Joyner and her coach in Beijing, China and also by Kathy Freeman and her coach in Australia. (C.D)

## Bimandi Bandara a table tennis star in the making

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

Fifteen year old Bimandi Bandara, started schooling at Sussex College, Kegalle and entered Hillwood College after passing the grade five scholarship exam. She started playing table tennis when she was five years old as her brother was a TT player. Her first coach was Sampath Rajapakse and she became the Under 8 Champion at the Under 10 Girls event at the Kegalle District Novices TT Championship in 2011. She was the runner-up at the under 8 seventh Tilbhar All Island Novices TT Championship in 2011 and she started training under the School TT Coach Dharshana Pradeep.

She emerged champion when she was seven years old at the All Island Semi-Government and Private Schools

TT Championship in 2012 and again she emerged champion in the Under 8 Girls event in the Sabaragamuwa Province TT Championship in 2012. Bimandi was coached by Buddhika Dikkumbura in the year 2013 and she became champion in the Under 10 girls TT event at the All Island Intermediate Novices TT Championship and from 2014 onwards she continued training under the coaching of Gayan Liyanage and became the champion in the Under 12 Girls event at the Butterfly All Island Novices TT Championship in 2015.

She was the champion of the Under 10 Girls All Island Ranking TT Tournament and thereafter Bimandi emerged champion in the Sabaragamuwa Province Open Ranking TT Championship as well as in the Under

10 Junior National TT Championship in the same year. By the end of 2015 she was placed No.1 in the under 10 Girls category in Sri Lanka and won the up and coming TT Player award at the Andro Sports Awards Ceremony in 2016. In the same year she got admitted to Hillwood College and her TT Coach was Chandima Abeyratne and currently her school coach is DMGS Kumara. She qualified to represent Sri Lanka as the No.1 TT Player at the Regional Hopes week of South Asia held in Pune, India in 2016 and she became the TT Champion in the Under 12.15 Open Women's event and runners-up at the Under 18 Central Province TT Championship in 2017 and became the most outstanding player. Again in 2017 she emerged champion at the under 12 and 18

Mixed doubles at the Junior National TT Championship and was awarded colours at the School Colours award Ceremony, in 2018 and 2019 she was the Best player at the I & D and Tilbhar All Island TT Championship and also emerged champion at the Mayor's Cup, Kandy.

In 2019 Bimandi represented Sri Lanka at the Commonwealth TT Championship held in Odisha, India and was placed eighth and played against so many International Women TT Players and represented the country at the Asian Games held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in 2019. She qualified to represent Sri Lanka in the World TT Championship in 2020 and followed a one month course in India and was selected to represent Sri Lanka as the No.2 player in the 13th



Bimandi Bandara in action at a TT championship. Picture By Upananda Jayasundera

South Asian Games held in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Bimandi's intention is to get a Gold Medal for her motherland in both

Asian and South Asian Games and her long term target is to participate at the Olympics in table tennis and bring glory to Sri Lanka.

## Ishan Wiratunga heads Kandy YMCA

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Kandy's chess promoter Ishan Wiratunga has been elected president of the Kandy YMCA. He defeated his opponent by 7 votes to 6. Rest of the new committee members are Vice Presidents Harsha Vithnaga, P.U.K. Bokkawela, Secretary Lalantha Jayasinghe, and Treasurer Benjamin Arumugam. The newly elected chess promoter is a product of St Anthony's College, who is a person who gives a big hand for sports especially chess. At school he took part in chess and athletics; he captained the Antonian chess

team in 1991/92 season. After leaving school he started playing chess for YMCA in 1993 along with his school mates Tiwanka Mallawarachchi, Kamal Kanumale and Asanka Tennakoon, at that time Wasantha Wettasinghe gave a big hand for YMCA chess. He is also a fine athlete and cricket umpire.

Kandy YMCA chess team became the national champions of inter club tourney organized by CFSL in 1994. Then again won another championship organized by the Colombo chess club in 1995. On both occasions Ishan Wiratunga won board prizes.

Kandy YMCA organized an inter club chess championship in 1997 with over 40 teams joining.

Then again in 2016 once Ishan Wiratunga became a board member of Kandy YMCA they resume playing chess.

Kandy YMCA became the runners up in the interim national chess championship in 2019. This is considered to be the oldest active chess club in Sri Lanka operative since late 1970s. The journey Ishan started at Kandy YMCA commenced in 1993 and in 2021 he became the president of this oldest soci-

ety in Kandy which supports many sports

This year's National Inter Club (Super League) Chess Championship which was held with ten teams in the fray out of which the one and only team from hill capital was Kandy YMCA. This time they were placed eighth. In the last tournament they were the silver medalists. Kandy YMCA players like H.M.S.S. Hippola, Janith Wiratunga, C.Anurudha Galapaththi, Manushka Yatawala, Dhnushka Banda, A.S. Galagamarachchi and Shiraz Liaquath (Captain) have fared well.

## Masters cricket encounter at Ambalangoda

M.H.YAKEEM

Lanka Cavaliers will travel to Ambalangoda to play against Ambalangoda Masters in a 30 over Cricket encounter, to be played on April 4 at the Ambalangoda New ground. Cricket loving fans could witness many past cricketers who will play in this game.

Players, namely Wasanthala Fernando, Ex Cambrian, well known in the Cricket field, Johann Pieris, who captained S.Thomas College in the centenary game against Royal College, Asoka de Silva, Test Umpire, Deepal Ahangama, brother of Saliya Ahangama, who is also a famous cricketer an ex Thomian, Sirosha Gunathilaka, is also a house-

hold name in the cricket arena, is an Ex Thurstanite, will play in this encounter.

Lanka Cavaliers from Wasanthala Fernando, Nalin de Alwis, Suranjith Dharmasena, Krishan Dharmasena, Sujith Perera, Johann Pieris, Deepal Ahangama, Sirosha Gunathilaka, Riaz Farouk, Chaminda Rajapaksha, Varuna Waragoda, Sudharshan Guruge, Asoka de Silva, Susan Bandara

Ambalangoda Masters from Manjula Nishan, Chamara Silva, Saman Mohan, P.Milton, Indika Peiris, H.W.Kumara, Sriya Hewawasana, Saveen Samage, Viraj Chaminda, R.M.Jayantha, Lal Ranasinghe, Sarath Ashoka, Daminda Pradeep

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WORLD OF SPORTS

(April 2)  
**LOCAL EVENTS**  
**CRICKET**  
(Women's Division One Tournament):  
Army SC 'A' vs Navy SC at Welisara  
Air Force SC 'A' vs Army SC 'B' at Panagoda  
Air Force SC 'B' vs Chilaw Marians CC at Katunayake  
Seenigama CC vs Colts CC at Hikkaduwa  
(Inter-Schools U-19 Tournament):  
Thurstan vs Mahanama at Thurstan Grounds  
**TENNIS**  
Clay Court Nationals at SLTA Courts, Green Path  
**BASKETBALL**  
Masters Tournament at Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium  
**FOREIGN EVENTS**  
**CRICKET**  
(World Test Championship):  
West Indies vs Sri Lanka (2nd Test) at Antigua (5th day)  
South Africa vs Pakistan (1st ODI) at Centurion  
**TENNIS**  
(WTA and ATP Outdoor)  
Miami Open at Hard Rock Stadium  
**GOLF**  
(USPGA Tour, Stroke Play):  
Valero Texas Open at TPC San Antonio  
**FOOTBALL**  
(Spanish League):  
Levante vs Huesca

# Injury woes continue for Lasith Embuldeniya

Sri Lanka suffered a major setback as Lasith Embuldeniya was stretched off the field with a thigh injury on the fourth day of the second and decisive Test against the West Indies at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound, Antigua yesterday.

The 24-year-old left-arm spinner hurt himself while fielding near the boundary line after opener John Campbell had flicked Vishwa Fernando for a couple of runs during the

West Indies second innings. Embuldeniya put in the slide but then couldn't get up immediately and he was in some pain and after treatment from the Sri Lankan physiotherapist he was stretched off the field.

In 2019, Embuldeniya dislocated his finger during a Test against South Africa in Port Elizabeth and was out of cricket for more than six weeks.

With Sri Lanka short of a bowler,

West Indies went on to extend their overall lead to 165 runs by reaching 69 for two at lunch on day four.

Earlier, the West Indies needed only 23 deliveries to pick up the final two Sri Lankan wickets as the home side took a first innings lead of 96 runs. Roach and Gabriel came out with a plan and they bowled short at the batsmen and it worked out well for them as Sri

Lanka were dismissed for 258 runs in the first innings. Pathum Nissanka completed his fifty in the very first over but could not carry on and once he was dismissed the final wicket fell in the space of two deliveries. Nissanka playing in his second Test match showed a lot of promise before he was ninth out for a well compiled 51 from 131 deliveries inclusive of four boundaries. (Agencies)



Pathum Nissanka celebrates his half-century.



Lasith Embuldeniya is taken off the field by the medical team.

SCORECARD	
<b>WEST INDIES</b>	<b>1ST INNINGS 354</b>
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>1ST INNINGS</b>
D. Karunaratne c Bonner b Joseph ..... 01	L. Thirimanne b Roach ..... 55
O. Fernando lbw b Mayers ..... 18	D. Chandimal c sub (Walsh Jr.) b Gabriel . 44
D. de Silva lbw b Blackwood ..... 39	P. Nissanka c sub (Walsh) b Roach ..... 51
N. Dickwella c da Silva b Holder ..... 21	S. Lakmal c Brathwaite b Joseph ..... 06
D. Chameera c da Silva b Holder ..... 02	L. Embuldeniya not out ..... 05
V. Fernando c Da Silva b Roach ..... 00	Extras: (b4, lb5, nb7, w1) . 17
<b>Total:</b> (All out; 107 overs) . 258	<b>Fall:</b> 1-18, 2-64, 3-77, 4-152, 5-177, 6-203, 7-214, 8-231, 9-258
<b>Bowling:</b> K. Roach 18-5-58-3, S. Gabriel 16-3-37-1, A. Joseph 22-4-64-2, J. Holder 21-3-39-2, K. Mayers 11-7-10-1, R. Cornwall 15-5-25-0, J. Blackwood 4-0-16-1	<b>WEST INDIES 2ND INNINGS</b>
K. Brathwaite not out ..... 22	J. Campbell c Dickwella b Lakmal ..... 10
J. Blackwood c Dickwella b Chameera . 18	Kyle Mayers not out ..... 09
Extras: (lb8, nb1, w1) . 10	<b>Total</b> (2 wickets; 24 overs) . 69
<b>Fall:</b> 1-14, 2-58	<b>Bowling:</b> S. Lakmal 6-2-13-1, V. Fernando 7-0-26-0, D. de Silva 6-1-10-0, D. Chameera 5-0-12-1

## Colts flattened by Avishka, Charith tons at SSC

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**  
Opener Avishka Fernando (132) and Charith Asalanka (101 n.o.) added 184 runs for the second wicket as SSC defeated Colts CC by eight wickets in their SLC Major Club Limited Overs Cricket Tournament fixture played at the SSC Grounds yesterday.

Colts CC made 278 for seven in 50 overs and the SSC reached their target in 38.4 overs.

**Chief scores:**  
● At SSC Grounds (SSC won by eight wickets)  
**Colts CC:** 278/7 in 50 overs (Priyamal Perera 101 n.o.)  
**SSC:** 279/2 in 38.4 overs (Avishka Fernando 132, Charith Asalanka 101 n.o.)  
● At Welisara (Navy SC won by five wickets)  
**Lankan CC:** 142 in 46 overs.  
**Navy SC:** 143/5 in 20.3 overs.  
● At P. Sara Oval (Moors SC won by five wickets)  
**Kurunegala YCC:** 139 in 33.5 overs.  
**Moors SC:** 140/5 in 32.2 overs.  
At Kurunegala (Negombo CC won by eight wickets)  
**Kalutara TC:** 199/9 in 50 overs  
**Negombo CC:** 200/2 in 37 overs.  
● At Dombagoda (Nugegoda SC won by 39 runs)  
**Nugegoda SC:** 143 34.1 overs.  
**Ace Capital CC:** 104 in 29.2 overs.  
● At BRC Grounds (Kandy Customs CC won by one wicket)  
**BRC:** 192 in 42.1 overs.  
**Kandy Customs CC:** 193/9 in 49.3 overs.  
● At CCC Grounds (CCC won by eight wickets)  
**Air Force SC:** 154 43.5 overs (Wanindu Hasaranga 5/38)  
**CCC:** 157/2 in 19.5 overs.  
● At NCC Grounds (NCC won by 37 runs)  
**NCC:** 299/5 in 50 overs (Angelo Perera 106, Chaturanga de Silva 118 n.o.)  
**Tamil Union:** 262/8 in 50 overs.  
● At Thurstan Grounds (Ragama CC won by 132 runs)  
**Ragama CC:** 266/5 in 50 overs (Janith Liyanage 102 n.o.)  
**Galle CC:** 134 in 32.4 overs.  
● At Police Park (Police SC won by four wickets)  
**Sebastianites CC:** 255 in 50 overs (Asel Sigeru 5/34)  
**Police SC:** 258/6 in 48 overs.  
● At Katunayake (Chilaw Marians CC won by 164 runs)  
**Chilaw Marians CC:** 320/8 in 50 overs (Lasith Croosepulle 119, Kamindu Mendis 110)  
**Panadura SC:** 156 in 43.3 overs.  
● At Bloomfield Grounds (Baduraliya SC won by six wickets)  
**Bloomfield:** 289/9 in 50 overs  
**Baduraliya SC:** 292/4 in 47.3 overs.



Avishka Fernando and Charith Asalanka. Picture courtesy SLC

## Trinco to be a centre for beach sports - Minister

The Trincomalee beach will be upgraded to a beach sports garden for the conducting of beach sports under the directions of Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa.

The Sports Minister made these directions to the authorities during his recent visit to the Municipal Council Stadium, Trincomalee under the new programme titled 'Open Day'.

The Sports Minister also said that a talent search programme will be conducted for cricket tournaments to form a Women's Cricket Team.

The Sports Minister has given instructions to look for Women who are over five feet and 10 inches tall, to form a talented netball pool.

Sports Ministry Secretary Anuradha Wijekoon, Sports Director General Amal Edirisuriya, Trincomalee District Secretary Saman Dharshana and officials of the National Youth Services also participated at this occasion. (D.R)



Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa inspects the Trincomalee Municipal Council Stadium

## Janali to face Savini in Women's Open final



Janali Manamperi in action



Savini Jayasuriya in action

Janali Manamperi and Savini Jayasuriya reached the Women's Open final of the Hutch-HNB Clay Court Tennis Nationals by winning their respective semi-finals at the SLTA Courts in Green Path yesterday.

Manamperi defeated Oneli Perera 7-6, 6-1 after

an exciting contest while Jayasuriya had the better of Sethmi Sumanaweera in straight sets 6-1, 7-6.

**Results:**  
**Men's Open quarter-final:** Akila Vimukthi beat Dumidu Dilum 6-3, 7-5. Luca Kneese beat Jaithra De Saram 7-6,

6-3. Sanka Athukorala beat Savith Weerasinghe 6-7, 7-5, 10-8. Thehan Wijemanne beat Dilvan Hearth 6-4, 6-3.

**Women's Open Singles semi-finals:** Janali Manamperi beat Oneli Perera 7-6, 6-1. Savini Jayasuriya beat Sethmi Sumanaweera 6-1, 7-6. (C.D)

## Matale Thomians win last-ball thriller at Ja-Ela

Leg-spinner Vidathru Subasinghe produced a fine all-round performance as St. Thomas' College, Matale recorded a last ball one-wicket victory over Christ the King College, Ja-Ela in their Inter-Schools Limited Overs Cricket Tournament fixture played at Ja-Ela yesterday.

**Chief scores:**  
● At Ja-Ela (St. Thomas', Matale won by one wicket)  
**Christ the King:** 227/9 in 50 overs (Dharshana Chaturanga 44, Dudila Karunaratne 4/43)  
**St. Thomas':** 228/9 in 50 overs (Vidathru Subasinghe 62, Kavindu Senarante 43).

● At Railway Grounds (Ananda Sasthralaya won by 40 runs)  
**Ananda Sasthralaya:** 184 in 48.4overs (Ashen Isira 41, Vihanga Wayantha 47 n.o, Kevin Kulendran 5/31)  
**Carey:** 144 in 44 overs (Mohamed Nabeel 74, Nadeesh Yasiru 4/28).  
● At Kotte (Harischandra NS won by five wickets)  
**St. Thomas', Kotte:** 172/9 in 50 overs (Kulara Pramudh 50 n.o, Tharin Gimhan 40, Lakshan Dissanayake 4/14)  
**Harischandra NS:** 173/5 in 43.5 overs (Devinda Dharshana 49, Tharushka Asel 3/25).

● At Galle (Vidyaloka won by 246 runs)  
**Vidyaloka:** 337 in 49.5 overs (Lakshan Sandeepa 100 n.o, Dilan Rashinda 44, Yasith Deshan 43)  
**Wanduramba Central:** 91 in 41.5 overs (Dasun Chamod 4/19).  
● At Asgiriya (Trinity won by 45 runs)  
**Trinity:** 262/8 in 50 overs (Ranuda Somaratne 40)  
**D. S. Senanayake, Colombo:** 217 in 46 overs.  
● At Kirindiwela (Lyceum, Wattala won by five wickets)  
**Sri Dharmaloka, Kelaniya:** 181 in 37.5 overs (Rusiru Randunu 63, Helanka Viduranga 52, Uvin Perera 5/42)

**Lyceum:** 182/5 in 36.5 overs (Hansaja Bandara 60).  
● At Sandalankawa (Sandalankawa Central won by 115 runs)  
**Sandalankawa Central:** 260/7 in 50 overs (Chalitha Chamod 73, Yohan Aloka 62)  
**Maliyadeva Model School:** 145/9 in 33.3 overs.  
● At Mathugama (St. Mary's won by 123 runs)  
**St. Mary's:** 188 in 37.3 overs (Heshan Welgama 106, Praveen Harshana 4/21)  
**Ananda Central, Elpitiya:** 65 in 33.3 overs (Earanda Dias 4/4). (D.R)

## Royal, Mahanama, Richmond dominate U-19 Cricket Tournery

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**  
Royal, Mahanama and Richmond are on top of their respective groups in the Tier 'A' Under-19 Inter-Schools Cricket Tournament after the completion of matches on March 30.

Royal the Group 'X' leaders won all three matches with two bonus points and obtained 14 points while Trinity (9) and Wesley (8) are placed second and third respectively.

In Group 'Y', Mahanama recorded three bonus points victories to come on top with 15 points while St. Sebastian's, Moratuwa (9) and St.

Thomas', Matara (8) are in second and third places respectively.

Richmond who won all three matches with 12 points are on top of Group 'Z' while St. Anthony's, Kandy and Nalanda, Colombo are in second and third place respectively.

Meanwhile, in the Under-19 Tier 'B' tournament St. Peter's, Bambalapitiya, Isipatana and St. Anthony's, Wattala are on top with an unbeaten record after three matches.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final will be worked off on April 20, 25, and 30 respectively.



Action from an Inter-Schools U-19 cricket match. Picture by Hirantha Gunathilaka



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## Tourism to reopen allowing vaccinated guests into country

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Reopening the tourism sector to foreigners, Sri Lanka will allow tourists who have taken both COVID-19 insulations to visit the country and also roam freely without additional quarantine regulations.

This will also be extended to Sri Lankans based overseas and planning to visit the country. They will only be subjected to one PCR test upon arrival, Chairperson, Sri Lanka Tourism Kimarli Fernando said at the Key Persons Forum organized by Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Association (SLGJA) at Shangri-La Hotel in Colombo on Wednesday. She said the health authorities have identified that people who take the vaccine 14 days prior to their arrival carry a minimum risk of spreading the virus and hence they could travel freely.

"There will not be any minimum stay period, or any specific hotel regulation for them. However they will have to prove that both doses of the vaccination were taken from authentic source."

She however said that there may be some restrictions for European nations that have new virus variants for which the vaccine may not be effective.

She also added that other tourists should follow the usual procedure spelt out earlier and could stay in the 350 safe and secure certified hotels and travel in the bubble to 19 approved sites.

Usual visa procedure rules will apply for both segments of tourists. She also said that talks were ongoing to explore the possibility of opening up Sri Lanka to attract Indian tourists under the bubble concept. Fer-

nando also said that Sri Lanka's true potential for tourism has not been marketed properly by earlier administrations and new strategies would be put in place to woo up market tourists in the future. "We have to pitch higher and reposition Sri Lanka."

Answering a query from Gem and Jewellery stakeholder in the audience on around 30% commission demanded by travel guides when bringing tourists to gem shops and even spice gardens, she ensured this process would be stopped and a zero commission structure would be introduced. "We will come up with a system where the guide would be working on a salary/incentive basis."

She also appealed from gem and jewellery stakeholders to ensure that quality and fair priced items are offered to tourists as there

have been many complaints that tourists were ripped off and cheated by local jewelers giving a negative image to Sri Lanka.

A new APP is being

designed with the assistance from the World Bank, police and other authorities to protect tourists and also keep a tab on their activities. Minister of Tourism Prasanna

Ranatunga promised to work closely with the industry stakeholders and ensured they will work closely to market the next FACETS exhibition next January.



Minister of tourism Prasanna Ranatunga receives a token of appreciation from, State Minister of Gem and Jewellery related Industries and Prison Reforms, Lohan Ratwatte looked on by Kimarli Fernando chairperson, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, Chairman Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery association (SLGJA) Ahsan Refai at the event. Pictures by Sumanachandra Ariyawansa



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## Gem and jewellery exporters to be allowed vehicle importation

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

The government will allow the import of vehicles for any person in the Sri Lanka gem and jewellery sector who bring in foreign exchange to the value of USD 100,000 said State Minister of Gem and Jewellery related industries and Prison Reforms, Lohan Ratwatte.

This is an encouragement to egg on exporters, he said at the Key Persons Forum organized by Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Association (SLGJA) on Wednesday.

The State Minister said that they will allocate around 900 areas of land in new locations for gem mining under strict environmental regulations. He said that there is a mega irrigation project taking place in Kumbukkan Oya and the land which is to come under water after the project would be given out for mining of gems. "We hope to start allocating around 300 acres of land from next week."

The Minister also said that new technology would be used to track a gemstone from the time it leaves the quarry until it reaches a buyer.

Thilak Weerasinghe, Chairman NGJA, said that this simple and practical

view point was not adopted before the land for Moragahakanda Irrigation project went under water.

He also said that they have introduced a 'one stop shop' to provide speedy approvals for issues relating to gem mining permits under three weeks.

"The gem tower will also see an addition of a mega hotel and a convention centre in the future." He said several other initiatives including tax concessions were provided to the industry to take it to a USD 1 billion forex earner soon and a USD 5 billion target by 2025.

Tourism is an important player for the industry and the estimated foreign exchange earnings through tourism are in the range of USD 200 to 250 million Refai said.

Chairman SLGJA, Ahsan Refai said several new initiatives by the Ministry including the gem tower in Ratnapura will help promote the industry to the world in better conditions.

"We would like to work with the SLTDA and request the Ministry of Tourism to establish a task force consisting of the NGJA, SLTDA and the private sector to promote and oversee this cooperation.

## Ceylon Electricity Board to raise up to Rs. 20 bn in capital through CSE

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) has approved an application by the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) to issue Senior Unsecured Listed Redeemable Rated Debentures at an Issue Price of Rs. 100 amounting to a potential capital raising

of up to Rs. 20 billion. The debentures will be issued for period of 5 years with a fixed coupon interest rate of 9.35% p.a. (AER 9.35%) to be paid annually. The issue will open on April 8 2021.

The initial issue will consist of 100 million debentures with an option to issue up to a further 100 million debentures at the discretion of the CEB in the event of an over subscription of the initial issue.

This will pave the way for CEB to raise Rs. 10 billion in capital initially with an

option to raise a further Rs. 10 billion subsequently. The debentures carry a rating of AA-(lka) by Fitch Ratings Lanka Limited while CEB is rated as AA-(lka) with a Stable Outlook by the same rating agency.

Commenting on the devel-

opment, the CEO of CSE Rajeeva Bandaranaike stated "We are pleased to note that the CEB is opting to finance its capital requirements through the Sri Lankan stock market. This once again demonstrates the confidence placed in the Sri Lankan

stock market by both private and state institutions as an effective and efficient source of capital raising. We welcome other state institutions to strongly consider the Sri Lankan stock market as a vehicle to finance growth and development."



Dr. Padeniya  
Picture by Dinesh Perera

## PNF calls for timely abolishment of Provincial Councils

DINESH PERERA

Head of the Government Medical Officers Association and a member of the Professional's National Front (PNF) Anuruddha Padeniya

called for the timely abolishment of the Provincial Councils.

Padeniya challenged anyone thinking otherwise to illustrate their views to the Profession-

als National Front. Padeniya called on the general public to realise that the country was operating well without the functioning of a single Provincial Council. Padeniya

was speaking yesterday at the Organisation of Professional Associations at an event that looked to create awareness on the proposed changes to laws governing the co-opera-

tive sector. Padeniya recalled how politicians of the standing of Phillip Gunawardena and N M Perera used to champion the cause of the co-operative sector.

He noted that in contemporary politics there was no one either in the government or opposition that championed the cause of the co-operative sector.

## Inflation mutes in March

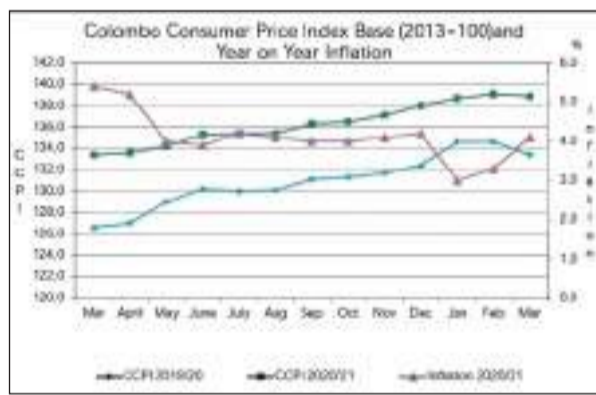
The Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) remained largely unchanged as the country heads into the festive season. The all item index moved from 139.1 in February to 138.9 in March.

From the major groups of items measured restaurant and hotels saw the largest change and increase from 139.6 in February to 145.4 in March. The largest decline was seen in the food and non-alcoholic beverage group from 157.7 to 155.2.

The index would suggest that there had been a decrease in expenditure by Rs154.18 in the market basket. Food items contributed a decrease of .49% and non-food items by .31% respectively to the index.

The price indices of communication, recreation and culture, and education remained unchanged during the period.

The varieties of rice; Kekulu white, Kekulu red, and Nadu white saw a price increase. The Nadu white



variety of rice saw a price decrease. All major 4 categories of rice measured by the CCPI are over Rs 100 per kilogram. The overall rate of inflation as measured by the CCPI on an annual basis was 4.1% in March and 3.3% on a Y-o-Y comparison with the month of February. The Y-o-Y inflation in the food category has increased from 7.9% to 9.6% in March. The non-food group has increased from 1.3% to 1.8% in March. The moving average rate of inflation for the month of March is 4%.

The collection of data was hampered due to COVID-19 restrictions in February. Accordingly, the figures for February were compiled in certain instances on the basis of phone calls while the figures in March were compiled through in-person visits.

The press release by the Department of Census and Statistics notes: 'When facing numbers of missing prices, it is important to mention that all temporarily missing prices were imputed using the methods described in the Consumer Price Index Manual.

## Korea to explore trade and tourism opportunities in Northern Province

Republic of Korea Ambassador Santhush Woonjin Jeong in a bid to enhance its cooperation and support to the Northern Province met with the Governor of the Northern Province, P.S.M. Charles in Colombo.

During the meeting with the Governor, the Ambassador discussed ways to promote the economic and cultural ties between Korea and Sri Lanka. Both sides discussed opportunities to explore potentials in trade, infrastructure development and tourism in the Northern Province.

The significance of ways to strengthen people-to-people ties between Korea and Sri Lanka is of utmost importance once COVID-19 subsides in the region. The Ambassador said, "The Korean Development Assistance (ODA) agencies such

as Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and Korea Eximbank have greatly contributed to the expansion of development in the Northern region."

KOICA and Eximbank have funded projects in education, transportation, water resources, sanitation and regional development in Sri Lanka. These fruitful endeavours benefitted around 40 schools in the Northern region.

Ambassador Santhush Woonjin Jeong reiterated that there is more potential to increase trade relations between Korea and Sri Lanka. "The trade volume should be expanded for both countries to enjoy the favourable outcomes of investment and economic growth."

"Under the vision of Pres-



Korea, Ambassador Santhush Woonjin Jeong and Northern Province Governor, P.S.M. Charles in Colombo

ident Gotabaya Rajapaksa the Ambassador is keen to assist Sri Lanka in achieving the fruits of development in all regions including the Northern Province. Education has been one of

the most significant pillars behind the national development of Korea."

Governor Charles appreciated the assistance extended by the government of Korea for educa-

tion, infrastructure development and capacity building in the Northern Province.

"Korea's economic success story is indeed an inspiration to Sri Lanka as there are many lessons to be learnt in overcoming hardships," she said. The Governor further discussed ways to boost tourism in Jaffna and uplift the livelihoods of the populace. Furthermore, the Ambassador stated that Korea has also been providing assistance to Sri Lanka to cope with COVID-19 by strengthening its cooperation to uplift public health in Sri Lanka.

Ambassador Santhush expressed his willingness to explore the possibilities in the Northern Province, especially in the tourism sector and explore the establishment of trade activities.

## South Asian Economies bounce back but face fragile recovery

### Fast and fair vaccination, preventive healthcare key for sustainable growth

Prospects of an economic rebound in South Asia are firming up as growth is set to increase by 7.2 percent in 2021 and 4.4 percent in 2022, climbing from historic lows in 2020 and putting the region on a path to recovery. But growth is uneven and economic activity well below pre-COVID-19

estimates, as many businesses need to make up for lost revenue and millions of workers, most of them in the informal sector, still reel from job losses, falling incomes, worsening inequalities, and human capital deficits, says the World Bank in its twice-a-year regional update.

Released today, the latest South Asia Economic Focus: South Asia Vaccinates shows that the region is set to regain its historical growth rate by 2022. Electricity consumption and mobility data is a clear indication of recovering economic activity. India, which comprises the bulk of the region's

economy, is expected to grow more than 10 percent in the fiscal year 2021-22—a substantial upward revision of 4.7 percentage points from January 2021 forecasts.

The outlook for Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan has also been revised upward, supported

by better than expected remittance inflows: Bangladesh's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to increase by 3.6 percent in 2021; Nepal's GDP is projected to grow by 2.7 percent in the fiscal year 2021-22 and recover to 5.1 percent by 2023; Pakistan's growth is expected to

reach 1.3 percent in 2021, slightly above previous projections.

The improved economic outlook reflects South Asian countries' efforts to keep their COVID-19 caseload under control and swiftly roll out vaccine campaigns. Governments' deci-

sions to transition from widespread lockdowns to more targeted interventions, accommodating monetary policies and fiscal stimuli—through targeted cash transfers and employment compensation programs—have also propped up recovery, the report notes.

SHARES - COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE

Market Statistics on 01.04.2021

Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
<b>Main Board</b>							
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	1,071	30.20	30.00	30.20	30.00	30.10	(0.10)
ACCESS ENG SL	281,476	22.10	22.40	23.50	22.00	23.00	0.90
ACL	420,902	35.90	36.50	37.00	36.00	36.40	0.50
ACL PLASTICS	206	254.50	254.50	264.00	242.50	260.50	6.00
ACME	24,651	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.20	6.30	(0.20)
AGALAWATTE	8,532	27.70	26.90	28.00	26.90	27.50	(0.20)
AHOT PROPERTIES	3,000	37.40	36.60	36.60	36.60	36.60	(0.80)
AITKEN SPENCE	32,444	55.50	58.00	58.00	55.10	57.10	1.60
ALLIANCE	1,400	49.50	50.40	50.40	49.40	49.60	0.10
AMANA BANK	589,502	3.30	3.20	3.30	3.20	3.30	0.00
AMAYA LEISURE	8,084	17.80	18.50	18.50	17.80	17.80	0.00
ASIA ASSET	16,042	5.60	5.80	6.10	5.80	6.00	0.40
ASIRI	1,810	25.50	25.80	26.00	24.50	25.70	0.20
ASIRI SURG	1,623	13.80	13.80	14.00	13.80	13.90	0.10
AUTODROME	1	70.10	72.90	72.90	72.90	70.10	0.00
BAIRAHA FARMS	9,660	137.75	144.50	144.50	131.25	135.00	(2.75)
BALANGODA	3,865	10.70	10.90	11.30	10.90	11.10	0.40
BUKIT DARAH	96	329.75	317.00	329.50	317.00	329.75	0.00
C T HOLDINGS	3	170.00	171.50	171.50	171.50	170.00	0.00
CARGILLS	174	235.00	233.25	236.00	233.00	233.75	(1.25)
CARGO BOAT	1	60.00	61.90	61.90	61.90	60.00	0.00
CARSONS	2,558	278.50	275.00	300.00	275.00	277.50	(1.00)
CDB	19	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	0.00
CDB (CDB.X0000)	3,052	71.90	70.00	72.00	70.00	70.00	(1.90)
CENTRAL FINANCE	2,312	80.70	83.00	83.00	81.50	82.90	2.20
CENTRAL IND.	14,649	103.00	105.00	106.75	105.00	105.50	2.50
CEYLINCO INS. (CINS.X0000)	1,000	1,100.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	(30.00)
CEYLON INV.	377	63.70	63.80	63.80	61.50	63.80	0.10
CEYLON TOBACCO	142,522	979.75	999.00	999.00	980.00	989.50	9.75
CHEMANEX	472	76.90	78.50	79.00	74.50	78.50	1.60
CHEVRON	59,412	90.00	90.00	90.00	89.50	89.60	(0.40)
CIC	263,970	50.90	52.50	53.00	50.60	52.50	1.60
CIC (CIC.X0000)	164,986	42.40	42.80	44.00	42.70	43.50	1.10
CITRUS LEISURE	2,520	8.30	8.10	8.70	8.10	8.50	0.20
COLD STORES	603	621.75	623.00	623.00	619.00	623.00	1.25
COLOMBO CITY	504	851.75	898.00	900.00	865.00	899.75	48.00
COLOMBO LAND	4,775	24.00	26.40	26.40	25.80	26.00	2.00
COMMERCIAL BANK XD XC	42,383	85.50	85.30	86.00	85.00	85.60	0.10
COMMERCIAL BANK (COMB.X0000) XD XC	6,246	78.60	79.00	79.00	79.50	77.50	79.00
CONVENIENCE FOOD	44	1,245.00	1,299.75	1,300.00	1,220.00	1,245.00	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	30,820	10.30	10.20	10.70	10.20	10.60	0.30
DFCC BANK PLC	7,366	59.60	59.80	59.80	59.20	59.30	(0.30)
DIALOG	16,060	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.90	12.90	(0.10)
DIMO	1	530.25	534.00	534.00	534.00	530.25	0.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	1,851,041	46.40	46.60	48.10	46.00	47.10	0.70
DOCKYARD	13,329	71.50	72.00	74.00	72.00	74.00	2.50
DURDANS	1	101.25	99.00	99.00	99.00	101.25	0.00
E B C REASY	4,261	30.40	30.40	30.40	29.90	30.30	(0.10)
EAST WEST	729	9.90	10.20	10.30	10.20	10.30	0.40
EASTERN MERCHANT	622,216	5.00	5.00	5.60	5.00	5.40	0.40
EXPOLANKA	2,702,838	44.70	45.10	46.30	44.70	46.00	1.30
FORT LAND	15,243	12.90	12.90	13.30	12.90	13.00	0.10
GESTETNER	100	85.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	5.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	90,824	118.00	117.00	124.25	117.00	122.25	4.25
HAYCARB	138,395	93.00	94.00	97.50	92.50	95.50	2.50
HAYLEYS	1,208,041	60.80	61.60	64.30	61.10	63.40	2.60
HAYLEYS FABRIC	203,112	14.10	14.10	14.60	14.10	14.50	0.40
HAYLEYS FIBRE	212	47.60	47.60	49.40	47.60	49.30	1.70
HDFC	100	33.40	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.90	0.50
HEMAS HOLDINGS	33,184	83.40	83.00	84.00	82.60	82.70	(0.70)
HNB XD XC	174,513	126.00	126.25	126.75	124.75	125.25	(0.75)
HNB ASSURANCE	8,367	59.30	57.90	58.90	57.30	58.70	(0.60)
HNB (HNB.X0000) XD XC	921,951	97.20	97.00	97.50	96.00	97.00	(0.20)
HORANA	10	23.20	23.10	23.10	23.10	23.20	0.00
HOTELS CORP.	200	10.60	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.60	1.00
HUNTERS	10	581.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	581.00	0.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	586,562	0.40	0.40	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.00
JKH	1,089,977	148.50	149.25	150.75	149.25	150.00	1.50
KANDY HOTELS	1,194	5.30	5.40	5.40	5.30	5.40	0.10
KEGALLE	195	97.20	98.90	98.90	98.00	98.20	1.00
KELANI CABLES	672	111.75	113.50	113.50	113.00	113.25	1.50
KELANI TYRES	45,140	78.00	78.00	80.50	77.50	79.60	1.60
KELANI VALLEY	4,102	37.50	38.50	38.50	37.10	37.20	(0.30)
KINGSBURY	16,483	6.00	6.00	6.10	6.00	6.10	0.10
KOTAGALA	5,551	5.30	5.30	5.50	5.30	5.30	0.00
L O L C HOLDINGS	351,911	292.00	298.75	303.00	292.50	295.75	3.75
LANKA ALUMINIUM	2,785	16.60	16.80	16.80	16.30	16.70	0.10
LANKA ASHOK	2	839.25	781.00	781.00	781.00	839.25	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	510	43.50	43.00	44.00	41.10	41.30	(2.20)
LANKA IOC	61,701	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.90	18.90	(0.10)
LANKA TILES	313,272	37.15	41.40	41.90	38.00	41.30	4.15
LANKA VENTURES	4	48.60	51.20	51.20	48.60	48.60	0.00
LANKA WALLTILE	368,749	37.70	40.70	43.00	37.80	41.90	4.20
LAUGFS GAS	695	21.70	21.20	22.00	21.20	21.80	0.10
LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	14,150	15.50	15.30	15.30	15.20	15.20	(0.30)
LAXAPANA	3,267	13.90	13.90	13.90	13.70	13.70	(0.20)
LB FINANCE	44,153	47.40	47.80	48.00	47.50	47.70	0.30
LEE HEDGES	4,447	65.00	67.90	67.90	64.20	64.20	(0.80)
LMF	23,711	150.25	154.75	155.00	152.25	154.75	4.50
LVL ENERGY	3,107	9.70	10.00	10.00	9.80	10.00	0.30
MALWATTE	28	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.40	12.50	0.00
MALWATTE (MAL.X0000)	1	7.90	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.90	0.00
MELSTACORP	491,936	44.00	44.50	45.00	44.00	44.80	0.80
MERC. SHIPPING	240	72.30	68.00	68.00	67.80	67.80	(4.50)
MERCHANT BANK	21,230	7.00	6.90	7.00	6.90	7.00	0.00
MULLERS	2,174,010	1.10	1.10	1.30	1.10	1.20	0.10
NAMUNUKULA	47	184.50	184.00	185.00	184.00	184.50	0.00
NAT. DEV. BANK	11,590	80.80	80.80	80.80	79.80	80.00	(0.80)
NATIONS TRUST	7,157	55.30	54.90	55.70	54.60	55.40	0.10
NATIONS TRUST (NTB-X-0000)	218	60.30	61.00	61.00	61.00	61.00	0.70
NAWALOKA	75,565	4.90	5.00	5.20	5.00	5.20	0.30
NESTLE	1,633	1,146.50	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,125.00	1,133.50	(13.00)
OVERSEAS REALTY	83,906	15.50	15.40	15.80	15.40	15.50	0.00
PAN ASIA	51,520	14.00	14.40	14.80	14.20	14.50	0.50
PANASIAN POWER	73,422	3.60	3.50	3.70	3.50	3.60	0.00
PEOPLE'S INS	41,450	30.60	31.00	31.40	31.00	31.40	0.80
PEOPLES LEASING	59,522	11.80	11.80	12.00	11.80	11.90	0.10
PIRAMAL GLASS	6,243,215	11.10	11.20	11.40	11.10	11.20	0.10
PRINTCARE PLC	70	27.30	28.30	28.30	27.30	27.30	0.00
R I L PROPERTY	904,317	6.50	6.60	7.30	6.40	7.00	0.50
REGNIS	21,635	49.10	49.20	49.90	48.00	48.60	(0.50)
RENUKA AGRI	5,148,273	3.50	3.60	4.30	3.60	4.20	0.70
RENUKA CITY HOT.	13	226.25	226.00	226.00	226.00	226.25	0.00
RENUKA FOODS	82,361	12.70	12.90	13.40	12.60	12.70	0.00
RENUKA FOODS (COCO.X0000)	4,250	10.40	10.70	10.90	10.70	10.90	0.50
RENUKA HOLDINGS	155,014	14.40	14.50	15.40	14.50	15.10	0.70
RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL.X0000)	8,823	11.40	11.40	12.00	11.30	11.40	0.00
RESUS ENERGY	103	24.20	25.30	25.40	24.30	25.40	1.20
RICHARD PIERIS	366,448	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.60	16.80	0.00
ROYAL CERAMIC	169,105	257.00	259.50	274.00	256.00	268.50	11.50
S M B LEASING	1,740,531	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.40	0.50	0.00
S M B LEASING (SEMB.X0000)	9,558,961	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.00
SAMPATH	628,215	53.80	53.80	53.80	53.30	53.50	(0.30)
SANASA DEV. BANK	16,312	56.80	57.00	58.00	56.60	57.00	0.20
SEYLAN BANK XC	3,731	49.00	50.00	51.00	48.60	51.00	2.00
SEYLAN BANK (SEYB.X0000) XC675,039	43.20	43.50	44.00	43.50	44.00	44.00	0.80
SEYLAN DEVTS XD	17,058	15.30	15.30	15.30	14.90	15.20	(0.10)

# Double win for ComBank from Asiamoney magazine

## Adjudged Sri Lanka's 'Best Bank for SMEs' and 'Best Bank for CSR'

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has won the awards of 'Best Bank for Small and Medium Enterprises' and 'Best Bank for Corporate Social Responsibility' for the second year in a row from Asiamoney Magazine, the top-ranking publication and authority on banking and capital markets in Asia.

The award for 'Best Bank for SMEs' recognises Commercial Bank's efforts in identifying the importance of small and medium enterprises to the economy of the country and the products and services put in place to empower this segment, while the 'Best Bank for Corporate Social Responsibility' award is a tribute to the Bank's nationally-significant contributions via its CSR

Trust, to the spheres of education, healthcare, environment and community development.

The Bank clinched the first award for its persistent efforts to support small and medium businesses (SMEs) affected by the pandemic in 2020, with among others, the disbursement of a substantial amount in COVID-19 support loans by the close of the year under multiple relief schemes to provide working capital loans to pandemic affected businesses, including loans provided under the Central Bank mandated programme as well as the Bank's own support schemes.

The Bank launched 'Arunella' – a Financial Support Scheme that included 12 initiatives

designed to assist and provide concessions to SMEs. Commercial Bank is one of the largest lenders to the SME sector in Sri Lanka. Apart from specialised savings accounts, loan products and personalised service offered to SME customers, the Bank has taken the initiative to launch an exclusive Credit Card for SMEs and also launched ComBank Biz Club, with the objective of providing SMEs with extensive networking opportunities, support beyond lending and a range of other benefits including special bank concessions and a personalised Biz Club Debit Card. Members also receive economic updates and alerts on new business developments via email and SMS and free registration

for Online Banking facilities. The CSR award is a tribute to the Bank's continued support to community projects, despite the pandemic. In 2020, Commercial Bank donated Rs 10 million to the National COVID-19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund and joined forces with the Sri Lankan Army's 'Thuru Mithuru' project focused on driving Sri Lanka towards self-sufficiency in essential food. Persisting with its contribution towards IT education in Sri Lanka, the Bank donated its 200th fully-equipped IT laboratory and set up Coding Clubs in 50 schools and initiated a project to establish 100 STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) classrooms in 100 schools.



## Sky One Residences offer concessionary rates to lawyers

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Sky One Residences currently under construction in the heart of Colombo City in Maradana is providing luxury apartments for lawyers at a very concessionary rate. This is due to its proximity to the Hulftsdorp court complex.

The Colombo Law Society has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sandal Colombo Private (Ltd) to promote this offer.

With an investment of 70 million USD, the Sky One Residences is being developed in a 1.5 acre land.

The fully air-conditioned Sky One residences with 36-stories has 349 housing units with a swimming pool, health and fitness center, indoor sports complex, children's play area, family party area, knowledge hub library, dedicated parking spaces with seven floors and a sophisticated surveillance and security system on par with global safety standards are all additions that enhance modern living.

This luxury housing complex is also targeting professionals and the business community in the Colombo metropolitan area and housing units are available from Rs. 25 million upwards.



Colombo Law Society President Attorney Vijaya Gamage and Sandal Colombo Private (Ltd) President Fu Zhong Yue exchange the MoU.

Sandal Colombo Private (Ltd) President Fu Zhong Yue said they will complete the project in two years' time.

"We have opened Sky One Residences for the public and already around 30% has been sold out."

The client mix includes Sri Lankans, Chinese and Sri Lankan expatriates and also lawyers.

Colombo Law Society President Attorney Vijaya Gamage said that

lawyers will be benefited because the luxury apartment building is very close to the Hulftsdorp Court Complex.

"According to the MoU, Sandal Colombo Private (Ltd) agreed to offer 600 square meters to Colombo Law Society," Gamage said. Sky One is the third project unveiled in Sri Lanka by ZTDH this year, the first two being Excel World shopping mall project and Thurston 42 apartment project.

## Medina Holdings launches 23SEVEN Media Desk

Medina Holdings (Pvt) Ltd announced the launch of their official advertising division: 23SEVEN Media Desk, which will help build, enhance and drive business and brand to the very pinnacle of its potential. Offering fresh solutions and services by breaking down stagnant patterns in order to look at things differently, 23SEVEN promises to make ideas happen and change the face of advertising as you know it.

"One aspect of major significance is the launch of the official 23SEVEN website mediadesk.lk which promises to be a solutions portal for entrepreneurs and major corporations alike.

With numerous platforms and possibilities of catering from the masses to the niche, according to your business, brand or target



The 23SEVEN MEDIA team which is the advertising arm of Medina Holdings

market," said Chairman, Medina Holdings (Pvt) Ltd Feisal Marjan.

Although 23SEVEN Media Desk specializes in Location Based Branding & Digital signage, the desk also provides the community with a range of creative and strategic advertising

solutions, such as Brand Management Consultation, Brand Collateral (Print), Advertising & PR, Logo Design, Graphic Design, Web Design, Software & App Construction, Social Media Management, Copywriting, Audio Productions,

Photography & Cinematography including Event Management.

Marjan, of Medina holdings began operations in 2017 in Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka and has now expanded its reach to a brand new corporate office in Dehiwala, Sri Lanka along with a new team of highly experienced and driven individuals at all touch points from creatives to sales and service personnel.

With their values set on serving the community and helping at the grass root level to build a better future for both brands and businesses, 23SEVEN Media Desk offers affordable and cost effective packages for small business owners and start-ups such as the "23SEVEN Starter Pack" which helps businesses set the foundations of their business or brand and get equipped for the digital age.



## International Medical Care donates wheelchairs to General Hospital



International Medical Care, a leading company for supplying medical equipment and providing an efficient ambulance service recently donated wheelchairs to the General Hospital related to their CSR projects. This was organized together with the Lions Club of Moratuwa Orient. Picture shows Ranjith Karunaratne, Chairman of International Medical Care, Past District Governor Lion Ganamini Sumasena, President of Lions Club of Moratuwa Orient Dr. Amitha Jayawardane, staff of International Medical Care and the hospital at the donation.

## Brandix Associates manufactures protective equipment for COVID-19

In a show of solidarity with healthcare workers risking their health to treat COVID-19 patients, Brandix Associates manufactured export quality protective equipment including 490,000 protective gowns and 250,000 face masks that met the physical and micro-allergy testing standards by the Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDH) prior to distribution.

The protective gowns were distributed across 23 hospitals, while the facemasks were handed out to 9 hospitals by Brandix Associates from the community.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is unlike anything we have seen in our lives, and there is immense pressure on the frontline health workers treating those affected. Having received treatment for COVID-19 at one of the hospitals, I have seen first-hand the

sacrifices made by them for our well-being. It gives me a sense of pride to be able to give back to them by ensuring that the PPE they wear are manufactured to the best standards and will protect them in the line of duty," commented Nilanka Fernando – Associate Trainer of Brandix.

The Infectious Diseases Hospital, Homagama Hospital and Neville Fernando Hospital in Colombo, Punani Hospital in Batticaloa and Rambukkana Hospital in Kegalle were among those that received sizeable contributions of PPE.

Additionally, Kahawatte and Nivithigala Hospitals in Ratnapura, Kegalle Teaching Hospital and Warakapola Hospital from the Kegalle District and the Colombo North Teaching Hospital in Ragama were major beneficiaries of face masks.



Brandix team members handing over PPE to Colonel S.K.A. Sriyananda and Lieutenant Colonel Nalinda Manage of the Brandix Punani Quarantine Centre.

## Seylan partners Mintpay buy now, pay later payment platform

Seylan Bank and Mintpay, a platform that is the first to offer customers the option to buy now, pay later for any product or service offered by merchants powered by Mintpay's AI-driven payment platform.

While the market is used to instalment based payments through many financial service providers, where they're expected to either go to the merchant location and ask that their transaction be converted to an Instalment based plan or call their financial service provider to request for the transaction to be converted to an instalment plan.

Mintpay is a bank agnostic and will eventually also be a merchant agnostic payment platform that will manage this process automatically.

This partnership has a host of opportunities for Online shoppers in Sri Lanka, through the proprietary technology developed by Algoreedge, we can now



Seylan Bank; Manoj Wijewardane and Chaminda Senewiratne. MintPay; Urmila Chandrasekaram and Kukaraj Tharmasegaram.

provide both merchants and consumers across the island with a novel online shopping experience.

Customers will be able to use the Mintpay payment platform with any of their merchant partners to split their shopping cost

into three interest-free payments over a payback period of two months. The solution typically allows the customer to check out at any online shop that is registered with Mintpay and use their credentials to log in and make the payment which automatically converts their payment to an instalment plan.

Sharing his thoughts on the partnership Mintpay Chief Technology Officer Kukaraj Tharmasegaram said "the start-up" was inspired by the thought of hundreds of eager customers not being able to purchase goods due to the unavailability of credit at a time of need, and not being able to use their Debit Cards.

The registration process to Mintpay is easy and hassle-free. One could consider this service as a cash advance service for the customer while enabling the merchants to receive the entire purchase value at the time of purchase itself.

An initial test-launch was coordinated in September 2020, the Mintpay team has been able to confirm the viability of their service and iterate further to develop an end-to-end seamless user experience.

An essential step forward for the e-commerce platform was made possible through this partnership. Merchants are quickly realizing the value of increased conversion rates that come with providing customers with a Buy Now, Pay Later payment method.

"The solution is revolutionary; as it's the first homegrown payment platform of this nature that has been launched in Sri Lanka. Seylan Bank has always placed itself in the forefront of embracing innovative customer-centric solutions that are profoundly needed in the rapidly evolving financial ecosystem in Sri Lanka" said Chami Senewiratne Head of Digital Banking, Seylan Bank.

## Hemas Consumer collaborates with WNPS in mangrove restoration project

Hemas Consumer, a leading manufacturer in beauty and personal care sector, reiterating its commitment to bio-diversity conservation has collaborated with the Wildlife and Nature Protection Society (WNPS) in a scientific mangrove regeneration project within the Anawilundawa Wetland Sanctuary.

Hemas will work closely with the WNPS over a period of three years in implementing necessary measures to restore mangroves in selected blocks of land. The project is also in reasonably close proximity to the Hemas Manufacturing Plant at Dankotuwa. Aided by a holistic approach to mangrove rehabilitation, this 3-year long project will ensure that the restored mangroves are carefully nurtured until they flourish with regular monitoring from all par-

ties. The Dankotuwa Plant will play an active role in this project through participation and by raising awareness among nearby communities on the importance of restoring mangroves for future generations. The Hemas team along with WNPS, will be instrumental in promoting the participation of local communities in mangrove conservation by conducting awareness sessions. This long-term project comes in to fruition in the backdrop of over 50% of Sri Lanka's mangrove forests being destroyed during the past 30 years. An important element is also that part of the funding is allocated towards scientific study and continual analysis and measurement of the eco system.

Mangroves are among the most productive ecosystems in

the world that shelter and feed thousands of animal species and are said to absorb up to 4x CO2 than tropical forests while shielding the surrounding against storms, tsuCommenting during the MoU sign up between Hemas Consumer and the WNPS, Fiona Juriansz Munasinghe - Director Marketing Hemas Consumer said, "We are indeed honored to partner with Wildlife & Nature Protection Society to initiate this time-line project that aims to restore the mangrove ecosystem surrounding Anawilundawa wetland, which is threatened by further human activity. Sri Lanka's ecological resources are declining exponentially for some period and it is high time that we take necessary action before they slip away from our control."



Hemas Consumer; Azmara Mannan Perera, Sherlene Gunanayagam, and Fiona Juriansz Munasinghe. WNPS; Graham Marshall and Tami Flamer Caldera.

Marine Committee Chair Graham Marshall speaking on behalf of the Wildlife and Nature Protection Society said, "This initiative is driven by the Marine Sub Committee of the WNPS who are

extremely happy to be a part of this critical project initiated and owned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Department of Forests and supported by the University of Wayamba."

# SLT-MOBITEL pushes boundaries in ICT, Telecom Education

Having achieved for itself a name within the telecom industry, SLT-MOBITEL identified the significance of elevating the nation's young minds and empowering the growth of the industry by tapping into the education sector. This is when SLT Training Centre (SLTTC) came into being and today can be hailed as an educational institute that is widely recognised for specialized education in the country.



SLTTC was initiated with the aim of developing the competency of the company's staff members and the steps that were taken by the telecommunications service provider eventually paved the way to expand their educational services even further; working to uplift youth who were enthusiastic about entering the telecom industry in Sri Lanka.

The educational arm of SLT-MOBITEL, SLTTC first began operations by offering engineering courses which extended up to degree level courses. Now, the training centre is looking forward to diversify on their course offerings and

provide a range of courses for members of the public who seek to achieve a career pathway in the telecom sector.

Commenting on the role that the SLTTC plays in the country's tertiary education landscape, Janaka Silva, General Manager of Talent Development Division, Sri Lanka Telecom stated, "Sri Lanka Telecom Training Centres have, over the years, maintained and continued to make a name as a premier provider of education services in the ICT and telecommunications disciplines. Being the training arm of SLT-MOBITEL, it also places the training centre on a higher standing

where our students are guaranteed to receive the best in terms of higher education and training, during their time here with us.

With our abundance of facilities, range of short and degree-level courses and the knowhow gained through easy access to industry-expertise, our students will be able to find their footing in the real world out there and confidently penetrate into the ICT and telecom industry, both locally and internationally."

Prospective students can choose from an array of short courses such as Certificate in Applied Information Technology (CAIT), Advanced Certificate in

Contact Centre Profession (CCP), Data Communication (CCNA), Transmission and Telecommunication Technician (NVQ Levels 3/4), and some that cover areas including Optical Fibre, Power and AC. Sri Lankan students can therefore, easily gain a world-class education from the comfort of their own country and that too, at a fraction of the cost it would take to seek education abroad.

A major highlight from the training centre's achievements is the recognition it received when 10 first-class honours holders graduated from two batches, in two consecutive years (2019 and 2020).

## Emirates celebrates 35 years of service to Colombo

Emirates is celebrating 35 years of connecting Sri Lanka to the world. Since its first flight in 1986, the airline has carried more than 8 million passengers to and from Colombo – operating more than 49,000 roundtrip flights. Emirates currently serve the country with six weekly flights, connecting customers to more than 90 destinations within its network, via Dubai.

Emirates launched its operations to Colombo on 1st April, 1986, utilising a Boeing 777-200LR. In 1997, due to increased passenger demand, the airline upgraded its operations and introduced its wide-body Boeing 777-300ER aircraft in a three-class configuration. Today, Emirates is the only international airline to serve Colombo with First Class services – offering passengers superior services and comfort in air and on-ground.

Emirates SkyCargo, the airline's freight division, continues to play a crucial role in maintaining vital trade links and driving economic activity - helping local businesses connect to more than 130 cargo destinations worldwide. Over the past 10 years, Emirates SkyCargo has carried more than 275,000 tonnes to and from the country including the main commodities of seafood, fruits, vegetables, pharmaceuticals, consumer electronic goods, and medical equipment.

More than 140,500 Sri Lankan nationals and residents are enrolled in Emirates Skywards, the award-winning loyalty programme of Emirates and flydubai – allowing members to redeem exclusive benefits and rewards including flights with partner airlines, hotel stays, retail outlets and lifestyle experiences supported by the airline. The loyalty programme was one of the



first in the world to offer its members an extension on tier status until 2022 – providing members more flexibility, choice and reassurance throughout the pandemic.

Emirates is one of the world's largest international airlines with a global footprint across six continents. Sri Lankan customers can fly safer and better on Emirates as the airline has implemented a comprehensive set of measures at every step of the customer journey, introduced free multi-risk travel insurance and revised its booking policies to offer greater flexibility and generous re-booking terms.

## Chiranthi Cooray appointed to HNB General Insurance Board

HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI) recently announced the appointment of Chiranthi Cooray as a Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director. The appointment was approved by the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka.

Chiranthi Cooray currently serves as the Deputy General Manager, Chief Transformation Officer of Hattton National Bank PLC. She leads key transformations in digital, tech, product, service

and people strategies to drive growth and support achievement of mid to long-term goals of the Bank, whilst facilitating change management and delivering business value. Chiranthi serves on the Boards of CSR Sri Lanka (Guarantee) Ltd and the Advisory Board of AISEC Sri Lanka. Chiranthi holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Wales (Cardiff Metropolitan). She is a Senior Certi-

fied Professional SHRM, USA, and a Certified HR Professional from IPMA, USA. She has completed the CIMA (UK) exams and is awaiting admission to membership. Chiranthi was awarded the HR Leadership Award for Global HR Excellence organized by the World HR Congress in February, 2015. She has also been awarded the Gold Category at the Women for Governance Professional & Career Women Awards



Chiranthi Cooray

2014/2015 by the Women in Management for her exceptional contribution and achievements in the field of Human Resources.



Buddika Binduhewa

Posa Tech Pvt Ltd a company that has diversified interest in Sri Lanka has been successfully introducing Sri Lankan products to the world since 2016 through its popular website www.buySriLanka.lk. To achieve its growth plan targets the company has recruited Buddika Binduhewa as Chief Operating Officer from the Pharmaceutical sector who has served in the corporate world for over 27 years. Working

towards the company's goal of taking Sri Lanka to the world while uplifting the living standards of Sri Lankans, POSA Tech has been finding new markets for local manufactures since its inception. The website that sells Sri Lankan brands locally and internationally, promotes the quality and authenticity of Sri Lanka and Sri Lankan products. Many companies have benefited through this e-commerce operation of Posa Tech.

Posa Tech has also been making a name for itself in its core business area as a reliable construction and interior company. Some of his corporate experiences have been with Multinational companies such as Cipla Pharma, Roche, SWISS BIOGENICS, Burroughs Wellcome, Glaxo Wellcome and GlaxoSmithKline. His achievements in the Pharma industry are many. Posa Tech Construction, the

construction arm of Posa Tech specializes in medium to large scale projects. They have undertaken projects for some blue-chip companies such as the Soflogica Group, Abans Group, Mercantile Investments Group and multinationals such as the London Stock Exchange amongst many others. They have also completed many projects, especially for the Hospitality and Tourism Industry. The other sectors POSA Tech

has diversified into successfully are BPO operations and Stationery Solutions. The BPO operation provides Call Centre Solutions, Data Processing Services and Debt Recovery Solutions to foreign and local clients. POSA Tech is the sole agent/distributor of the Dolphin Stationery brand which is quite well known in The Middle Eastern region. Dolphin Stationery provides innovative solutions to students and offices. POSA TECH

employs over 47 people directly and indirectly supports over 100 families. The company also plans to move into the Pharmaceutical industry. They have already made progress with the new COO directly overlooking this area as his area of expertise is the same. Buddika Binduhewa says that the company has rolled out a five-year plan where they wish to capitalize on the major growth they foresee in the Sri Lankan Economy.

## Posa Tech appoints Buddika Binduhewa as Chief Operating Officer

Home Lands Skyline continues to change the course of the real estate industry by introducing Santorini: Sri Lanka's first Theme Park Style Resort Apartments and Residencies.

This ground-breaking apartment and residency concept was established and designed to reflect Santorini, an island in Greece, which is known primarily for its stark, bright white walls and flashes of vivid shades of blue along with its discernable architecture.

Homelands Skyline is proud to introduce this stunning apartment and residency complex based on the picturesque architectural design of Santorini, combined with Sri Lanka's First Theme Park Style Apartments and Residencies in Negombo.

The project will be designed on 17 acres of land in a prime location in a highly residential area with close proximity to the city. The new property is facing Baseline Road - Negombo and is proposed to be developed into 384 architecturally designed houses and apartments with 9 theme parks and over 50 facilities, uniquely offered by Homelands Skyline to their customers. Santorini - Negombo is located in extremely well developed social and civic infrastructure with multiple schools, hospitals, retail, residential, and commercial spaces in close proximity.

Santorini Resort Apartments and Residencies is located just 7 minutes away from the highway interchange of SEW (E01) and is surrounded by all the necessary infrastructure to provide potential customers with the highest level of convenience. Moreover, it is only 5 minutes to Negombo Town, 7 minutes to the Bandaranaike International Airport, 10 Min to Katunayake Highway and only 20 minutes to Colombo City limits.

In addition to its prime location, Santorini Resort Apartments and Residencies - Negombo will offer over 50 activities in addition to its theme park concept which will be set up within the apartment and residency premises itself. This project is with designed with leisure, entertainment, luxury, and safety of its residents in mind.

Customers will have a large variety of housing styles to choose from, including 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom apartments, two storey houses in the single and twin houses style, as well as serviced apartments and a commercial zone.

Furthermore, Santorini Resort Apartments and Residencies - Negombo offer a "diplomatic zone" which will consist of one apartment

# Homelands Skyline Does It Again With Santorini

## Sri Lanka's First Theme Park Style Resort Apartments and Residencies



complex as well as twin houses. Housing and apartments in this area will function as a serviced apartment / housing which offers services such as security, a butler service, cleaning / housekeeping services, maintenance of property and a host of additional facilities being made available to them.

Homelands Holdings, a leading name in the real estate industry in Sri Lanka has a long-standing reputation of breaking records and developing and constructing properties with innovative and cutting-edge technology and revolutionary concepts.

Both Homelands Holding (Pvt.) Ltd. and Homelands Skyline (Pvt.) Ltd. are the first companies in Sri Lanka to receive the highest grading from CIDA for the first time in Sri

Lanka for the year 2021 (LBI & L1) after being evaluated by CIDA (Construction Industry Development Authority), (successor to ICTAD) for maintaining the highest standards in real estate and commitment to quality and excellence.

The repertoire of Homelands Skyline is known for its own unique identity. Ariyana Resort Apartment - Athurugiriya - which is the first resort concept apartment in South Asia with 352 apartment units, Canterbury Golf Apartment,



Piliyandala - Kahathuduwa - which is the first golf apartment in Sri Lanka with 784 units, Elixia 3C's - Malabe - with 336 apartment units, Green Valley - with 354 apartment units and their latest project, starting this year is located in Negombo and designed with a brand new exciting concept; with a total of 384 units.

Additionally, Homelands Skyline broke records by completing 590 apartment and housing sales during the year 2020 while the entire country was being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and recently celebrated the opening of Ariyana, which is the first resort apartment complex in Sri Lanka, to its residents.

In the year 2018, Homelands Skyline introduced the "resort living" concept to the country with Ariyana Resort Apartment - Athurugiriya and has also succeeded in including a variety of value additions to its projects with COVID-19 in mind, like the Wellness Center within the apartment complex premises; like at Canterbury Golf Resort Apartments - Piliyandala, Kahathuduwa. ARIYANA, the first ever Resort Apartment Concept in Sri Lanka, was introduced by Homelands Skyline; and has redefined apartment living. It is the most successful project handled by Homelands Skyline to date, and was completely sold out prior to the expected date of completion! Ariyana Resort Apartments was honoured with the "Award for the Best Housing Development (Sri Lanka)" at the most prestigious "Property Guru Asia Property Awards (Sri Lanka)" which was held in July 2018, and the accolade for the "Best Housing Architectural Design". It was highly commended by the "Best Green Development" as well.

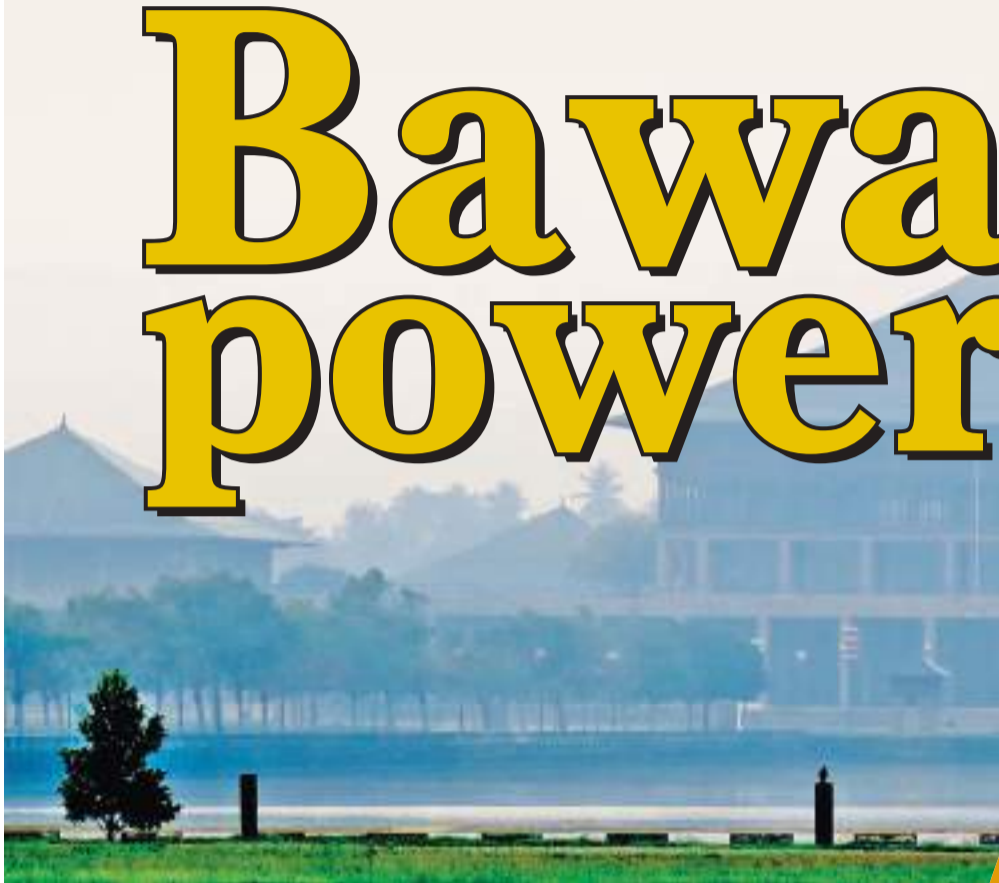


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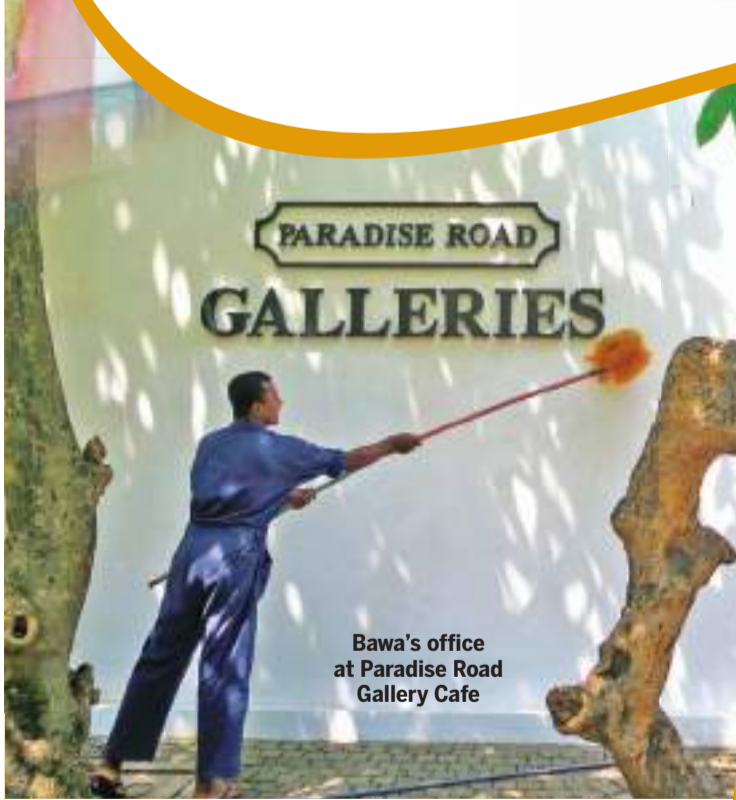
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# Bawa power!



Bawa's splendid Parliament out of the mist

*Geoffrey Bawa, the islands most iconic and transformational architect, has inspired lovers of architecture to travel from all corners of the world to appreciate his wonderful sense of place. His clever use of open sided buildings with cool courtyards moulded to the landscape allows for the natural movement of air and environmental designs that were way ahead of his times*



Bawa's office at Paradise Road Gallery Cafe



3. Gallery Cafe - Bawa the architect's first office



New way at looking at Sri Lankan architecture



Portrait of Bawa

Bawa's house NO 11 COLOMBO



Bawa's magical staircase

the Jetwing Light-house hotel pool, where they are randomly scattered features of this stunning space. So, without moving or destroying nature, he always used his imagination to make them part of his grand and poetic designs that incorporated the artistic works of some of Sri Lanka's most talented and creative minds. Bawa was not just about the building and what it would look like from the outside, but also the interiors and the art bought or created for each building. He would commission Lucki or one of his amazing team, to give a building its character and distinctive purpose.

Within a decade of Bawa returning to Sri Lanka, he revolutionised the island's designs and became a formative influence on others in the profession, who in turn redesigned many other Sri Lankan buildings and landmarks. His immense range of projects offered the architectural blueprint for radical new ways to live in a tropical city that blended Eastern and Western styles like the Roman Villa and Palace styles of antiquities, breaking down the barriers of the traditional use of inside and outside spaces.

Bawa's rich portfolio of building projects attract tourists from all over the world, who travel all over the island to see his work or stay in one of his award winning hotels, like Heritance Kandalama, which enable one to get right to the heart of his visionary ideas. To find out more about his life and work, head to a quiet suburb of Colombo, where you can visit his city house. You can start your exploration with the fascinating home/laboratory for architectural ideas, now a museum, at No. 11, 33rd Lane, Bagatelle Road, in the quiet and pretty suburb of Colombo 3. As you approach the end of the lane, notice the decorated glass door and semi-circular moonstone, marking the entrance to Bawa's town house, the rather plain building on the left. Visitors are only allowed in on tours, which are usually run at 10.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 16.00, but it is always best, in the current situation, to check first and make sure you book in advance, as space is limited with social distancing. And, if you want to immerse yourself in his thought processes, the Bawa trust now rents the room out in the white Corbusier-style tower attached to the house.

True to Bawa's style and philosophy, the unassuming exterior of No 11 hides a plethora of treasures and surprises inside the four houses he bought and joined together, creating something new and original with interconnecting corridors, courtyards, loggias and verandas. A walk through his home, adorned with rooms without roofs and roofs without walls, is an aesthetic journey, and an insight into his unique ideas and innovative style that incorporates pools and fountains. As Lanka's architectural genius, Bawa created this oasis of space, light and art by taking a small lane, and then covering it to form the

entrance corridor, itself a remarkable feature of the house. As you walk along it, the drama of the inside outside use of space with masterpieces, is brought to life, highlighting the importance of not only how a building is designed, but also the thinking behind it from the architects choices in commissioned art works.

Be sure to ask if you can watch the documentaries on Bawa's life and work, at the end of the tour, which you can see whilst sitting at Bawa's very own dining table. You can then retrace your steps out of the house, and begin your leisurely stroll through the suburb that was home to Bawa for many years until he died in 2003. At the end of the lane, a left turn will take you past the breezy white homes on either side, while another left turn at the end of the street will bring you to Queen's Road. A right and left turn here will lead you to Alfred House Road, which in turn will take you to Gallery Café, inside a dynamic open courtyard with water features and colonnades. This building was Bawa's architectural office, and his influence, if not his artifacts, can still be appreciated inside. The café and gallery has been transformed by Shanth Fernando, now owner of this fabulous property that was once the muse for so many original architectural works done by the genius and his team. Shanth has retained the quaint and quirky charm coupled with the elegance and open space fashioned on an Italian villa. He has regular art exhibitions and is famous for his amazing desserts and cakes.

Enter through the narrow corridor, experience the rustic features of the building, and proceed on to the Gallery café, noting the art pieces displayed along the walls. Emerge into the unexpectedly expansive and bright space, complete with lounging areas, formal tables, and a tranquil open courtyard around the bar serving cocktail creations such as the popular chilli tamarind martini. Enjoy a refreshing coffee, cocktail, or even the famous black pork curry, part of the extensive gourmet list of dishes served on the Café's Sri Lankan menu, before jumping in a taxi to see Bawa's greatest masterpiece of all: the Parliament buildings in Sri Jayewardenepura, Kotte. This magnificent structure is most imposing as it appears to be floating on its own island, with minimal design features outside but a stunning golden interior.

Construction of this architectural

gem, the brainchild of Bawa, began in 1979 after the then-prime minister, Ranasinghe Premadasa, obtained approval for it. It was declared open in 1982 by J.R. Jayewardene, who became the first Executive President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Standing outside on the parliament grounds and looking back at Bawa's creation is a somewhat simple summation of the country's magic; the serene lakes representing the natural beauty upon which stands a structural example of the brilliance that individuals can produce. On the right hand side is the war memorial and, in the grounds across the road from Parliament, you will find young people playing cricket and generally enjoying themselves, exuding a spirit of fun and warmth, all of which are truly Sri Lankan. The building is so amazing and spectacularly lit up at night. Before Bawa died in 2003, he was already a legend as a visionary architect, who lives on with all that worked under him. The parliament can be visited, but special permission must be obtained to gain access.

David Robson, the writer on Geoffrey Bawa's work, puts it succinctly when he describes the essence of great architecture, quintessentially the Bawa trademark, "It should play to all the senses - the smell of vegetation after rain, the sound of birds and the wind in the trees, the texture of clay floor tiles and rough plaster." By removing the concept of indoor and outdoor, Geoffrey Bawa, Sri Lanka's most inspiring architect, captured all the senses, when creating his buildings that range from opulent hotels to extravagant homes, to the iconic Parliament building with all its golden grandeur inside, and the wonderful people-focused projects like his spiritually beautiful Buddhist temple in Colombo.

Each one was drawn and produced with master craftsman and talented builders who were passionate about creating buildings that not only last, but speak to the world about the island's immense creativity.

As another writer, Colin Bisset succinctly put it, "It's no exaggeration to say that Geoffrey Bawa transformed the look of South-East Asia. And yet, what he did is so subtle that we almost take it for granted today. In short, Bawa tailored modern buildings to a specific environment. It hardly seems revolutionary and yet no one else had done anything like it in the region."



## How we spent the lockdown

COVID-19 is a viral disease, highly contagious and fatal if not properly treated, which gripped the whole world including our motherland. To stop the spread of disease, the government clapped an all-island curfew, which lasted nearly three months.

All essential goods could be bought at our doorsteps and our family concentrated on keeping our time occupied. My sister and I helped my mother in cleaning the house, washing clothes and helping her in the kitchen. I learnt to cook simple dishes like dhal curry, coconut sambol, omelettes and tempered mushrooms. We did all our studies and I helped my sister with her studies. With the help of our teachers, we studied online and answered model questions. I read a lot of English novels to improve my language.

Our plot of land was cleared of all debris, ahead of the dengue menace. After that we planted various herbs, vegetables and fruits such as turmeric, mint, tomatoes, ginger, green chillies, brinjals, spinach, onion, guava, mangoes, pomegranate etc.

To exercise, we played badminton and rode our bicycles. We played indoor games like chess and my sister practiced her melodica. We amused ourselves watching cartoons.

During this lockdown, the atmosphere was less polluted and wild animals roamed freely. In some countries people suffered various hardships due to overcrowding in hospitals and overworked medical staff. We prayed for them to get well soon. We worried about our father who was working abroad too.

Our mother gave us boiled coriander water and vitamins and nourishing food, to keep us free from illnesses. Thus ended the lockdown, which was educational, amusing and sad as well.

**Rohini Ramaraj,**

14 years,  
WP/Jaya/Mahamathya Vidyalaya,  
Athurugiri



## My best friend

My best friend is Nethumli Nihara Jayasinghe. She is 11 years old. She lives in Galle. She likes to play badminton. Her favourite food is hoppers. Her favourite drink is faluda. Her mother is a teacher. Her father is a doctor. Her hobby is reading books. Her favourite book is 'Boy in the Dress.' Her favourite colour is red. She wants to be a doctor.

**Dulshani Perera,**  
Grade 7,  
Sujatha Vidyalaya,  
Matara



## A dog speaks

I am a dog. I am a Daschund dog. My name is Smitty. I am two years old. My favourite food is rice. And my favourite drink is water. I am brown in colour. My owner is Methupama. I have a brother. His name is Rish. It is a sausage dog. It is black in colour. I play with my brother and owner every evening. I have a big kennel with a water bowl.

On all my birthdays my owner celebrates it very beautifully. On rainy days she puts a piece of cloth into my kennel. Sometimes she washes me. Sometimes she walks me around the house. Some days she dresses me in her small T-shirts. My owner loves me a lot. I also love her very much.

**Methupama Wijerathne,**  
Grade 8,  
Holy Cross College, Gampaha

## Butterfly

Butterfly is a very innocent insect. It has two wings. There are big and small butterflies. There are blue, yellow, red, white and black butterflies.

Butterflies come to the flowers in the garden. They suck honey from the flowers and that is a very beautiful sight. We can see many butterflies at the zoo.

I like butterflies very much.

**Rehana Ashroff,**  
Grade 4,  
Amana International School,  
Kolonnawa

## The actress I like best

The actress I like best is Samantha Akkineni. Her real name is Samantha Ruth Prabhu. She was born on April 28, 1987 in Chennai, India. She was educated in Angels Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School, Stella Maris College and University of Madras.

Samantha Akkineni is an Indian actress who has established a career in the Telegu and Tamil film industries, and is a recipient of several awards including four Filmfare awards. She has emerged as a leading actress in the South Indian film industry. 'Theri', 'Oh Baby',

'Kaththi', 'Irumu Thirai' and 'Mersal' are some examples of films that she acts well in. Samantha Akkineni's spouse is Naga Chaitanya. Her country citizenship is India. Her religion is Christianity. Her occupation is acting. She is the second cutest woman in the Tamil films. Now her age is 33. Some nicknames of Samatha are Sammie, Samsa, Sammu. I love her very much.

**Farha Farzan,**  
Fathima B. M. V.,  
Puttalam



## Magic

Swish, swish the magic flies around the wonder tree,  
It made my heart, sadness free,  
And then the magic swirls around me,  
Puff! I'm in the air, look at me!  
When I was in the air,  
I saw the whole world, I swear,  
Oh no! I was lost in the air,  
I didn't know where...  
Then I saw a fairy,  
She was lovely and merry,  
She said, "don't worry,"  
And she brought me home safely.

**Chiara Francisco,**  
11 years,  
Holy Family Convent,  
Colombo 4

## Warming hearts

Text and pictures by **MU M SANON,** Puttalam TKN Corr

Puttalam Friends NGO has provided free school equipment to 60 students from low income families.

The equipment has been provided to students residing in 10 selected Grama Niladhari Divisions under the Wannathavillu Divisional Secretariat which functions under the company's Child Rights Development Programme.

The event was organized at the Grama Niladhari office of the area considering the spread of Covid 19.

The event was attended by Grama Niladhari, Samurthi Officers, Economic Development Officers, Agricultural Development Officers, National Child Protection Officers, children's volunteers, parents and Friends Officers.



**Menaya Rodrigo,** Grade 6, Southlands College, Galle

## Duck and ducklings



**Saviru Tillekeratne,** Grade 8, Royal International School, Kurunegala

## Flowers



**Dasun Dias,** Grade 2, St. Anthony's College, Kandy

## In the needy hour

Text and pictures by **I L M RIZAN,**  
Addalaichenai Central Corr

The People's Bank Hindu Society donated a photocopier worth Rs 200,000 to Thiraikeni Government Tamil Mixed School (GTMS) in the

Addalaichenai DS division coming under the purview of Thirukkivil Educational Zone recently.

The handing over ceremony was held under the patronage of People's Bank Addalaichenai branch Manager M.I.M.Yehiya at the branch premises.

Assistant General Manager (AGM) R.Ravikaran and Ampara Regional Manager (RM) D.M.Kapila Dissanayakka graced the occasion.

The School Principal M Sandeswaran received the donation from the guests at the event.

People's Bank Addalaichenai Branch Deputy Managers S M A Jawath and P Vijitha, Business Promotional Officer M I M Nafeel, Ampara District Hindu Society Co-ordinator A Sundararajan, teachers and students were present.



# Photo-like ballpoint pen drawings

**M**ostafa Khodeir, a talented young artist from Egypt, spends up to two months working on a single one of his ballpoint pen drawing, but the result of his labor is nothing short of awe-inspiring.

The first time that 28-year-old Mostafa Khodeir saw hyper-realistic ballpoint pen drawings, he was speechless, even though, in hindsight, the skill level of the artist was pretty low. He decided to try it for himself, so he started practicing, and after a while he started producing some truly impressive material. Khodeir can spend up to two months on certain drawings, but the result are always impressive.

"I practiced a lot to reach the level I am at now, and feel I have surpassed the skill of those pictures I first saw in pen," Mostafa Khodeir said. The hyperrealist was encouraged to join Twitter in 2018 by his friends, and the first ballpoint pen drawing he ever posted on the popular social network ended up getting over two hundred thousand likes. It was a portrait of a baby, which remains one of his most amazing drawings ever.

In the beginning, Khodeir focused mostly on blue ballpoint pen drawings, but he has since started using colored pens as well, to great effect. Some of his most recent projects are virtually indistinguishable from photographs.

From portraits of icons like footballer Mohammed Salah or the Late Princess Diana, to portraits of random strangers and animals, Mostafa Khodeir's ballpoint pen masterpieces all look like photographs. *Play Junkie*



Mostafa Khodeir



## Iceland's stunning Diamond Beach



**A** black sand beach littered with huge chunks of glistening ice has become one of the most visited attractions in Iceland, and for good reason, it looks like something out of a fantasy movie.

Known as Breiðamerkursandur in Icelandic, Diamond Beach takes its name from the chunks of pristine ice scattered across the black volcanic sand and glistening like giant, uncut diamonds. It is located next to Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon on the South Coast of Iceland, about six hours away from the country's capital, Reykjavik. Although it's not part of the popular Golden Circle Tour, Diamond Beach has become one of the country's top tourist attractions in recent years, and looking at photos of it, it's easy to see why.

Diamond Beach is located by the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, which is filled with huge pieces of ice that constantly break off from Breiðamerkjökull, an outlet glacier of Vatnajökull, the largest icecap in Europe. Bits and



pieces of these chunks of ice end up on the black sand and create a stunning visual effect.

The size of these "diamonds" can range from palm-size to larger than an average person, as can the color, which ranges from deep blue to bright white, and brilliant turquoise shades in-between.

Apart from the diamond-like chunks of ice, Diamond Beach is famous for never looking the same on two different days. As the ice melts and new chunks are washed ashore, this place can look completely different from one day to the next.

In recent years, its famous nickname has made Breiðamerkursandur a very



popular place for marriage proposals, as well as a hotspot for Instagram influencers looking to impress their followers.

If you plan on visiting Diamond Beach during the winter, it's recommended to spend 2-3 days on the country's south coast, as the daylight is limited and you want to take the beauty of this place in ideal conditions. *Oddity Central*



## WEARABLE WORK OF ART

spectful of each other's artwork," she explained, "and chose images that I would like on my dress."

Once completed, Bonner wore the now rainbow-colored dress to two years' worth of art fairs in her district, much to the delight of her student artists. Her daughter Charleece Lake posted an image of her mom wearing the student art on Twitter in 2019, and the images quickly went viral. Bonner was puzzled by this. "Not really sure how it went so viral... But I sure am glad that it put some positivity out into our world about public school, the fine arts, and teachers." The devoted art teacher also shared that she voted art teacher will be inspired to pursue careers in arts education.

Meanwhile, her students have been begging her to make another dress. *My Modern Met*



**P**arents and teachers purchase washable markers in their clothing. But as one elementary school teacher discovered, giving children permanent markers and fabric pens can result in some festive high-fashion designs. In 2018, art teacher Rebecca Bonner of McAuliffe Elementary School in Highland Village, Texas, began a collaborative project with her over 500 art students. The young artists helped design a unique piece of fashion that their creative teacher wore - not once, but twice - to display their work. The dress then went viral and is still en-

chanting viewers today. Bonner got the idea for the art project from a Facebook group of educators who were sharing their creative ideas for student engagement. The Texas educator wanted to get her students excited to create artwork. So, she bought a simple white dress on Amazon and supplied her pupils with permanent and fabric markers. Each child took part in the gown's decoration by adding their own unique design. It turned out to be both fun and a great opportunity for learning.

"We talked about how we had to be re-

## Fairytale building nestled in a Japanese forest

**T**his new resort is a perfect place to spend a few days while traveling to Tokyo. Located just outside of the city in the Tochigi prefecture, the PokoPoko Clubhouse is a whimsical forest retreat for all ages. Its name is a Japanese word meaning to stick-out or stick up as the three conical roofs extend up to meet the treetops around them. Klein Dytham Architecture describes that its design

was meant to "create a fairytale building in a clearing of the forest."

The PokoPoko Clubhouse is an extension of the Risonare Hotel complex near Mount Nasu and is meant to provide additional space for families to enjoy a peaceful forest retreat. Guests can reach the new extension by taking a footbridge through the forest that connects the original resort to the new clubhouse.

The entire structure is mostly made from local pine trees that are also used to create the incredible interior spaces. The three distinct timber members are organized radially around central skylights which fill each space with

plenty of natural light. Their curving roofs sit on mostly glass façade that wraps around the entire structure, meaning that guests can stay visually connected to the serene woodlands all around.

Each of the three cones is designed to accommodate different programs related to the hotel and the site. The central cone is focused on cooking spaces that allow the facility to teach food workshops and classes to the visitors. These activities are supported by ingredients grown on-site. The guests can also create their own pizzas and bake them in the wood-log oven.

Two other cones sit on either side of the central cooking space. One of these volumes is specifically designed for children and centers around a play area featuring a white net



that acts as a climbing structure. While this cone is perfect for kids, parents can find a peaceful refuge on the opposite side of the clubhouse. Comfortable furniture is arranged

around an open fireplace and a small library for the older family members to sit back and enjoy their vacation.

*My Modern Met*



## Humanitarian Excellence Award for Ramesh

Senior journalist Ramesh Uvais was presented with the Humanitarian Excellence Award 2021 recently in recognition of his media role to build peace and harmony among all communities, through culture and arts.

The 'Kala Keerthi' award was presented by the Media Unit of the

Human Rights Organization of Justices of Peace.

In a career spanning more than two decades, Ramesh has also participated in diverse fields like acting and singing in addition to documentary translations and film subtitling.

In 2013, the Colombo Zahira College old boy also won the SIGNIS/OCIC Cyril B. Perera

Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award for film journalism, being the first and only Muslim journalist to clinch this award so far.

Veteran journalists Samantha Yahampath, Kelum Srimal and Priyanka Wijesinghe also received this Humanitarian Excellence Award 2021 in addition to several senior artistes.



## Playful and chic kids' Avurudu comfort



**T**ropic of Linen (TOL) has released its adorable Avurudu kids' collection, with cute 'redde & hatte' sets for little girls, and smart sarong-shirt combos for little boys. Designed with style and comfort for children aged 1-8 years, this year's line features vibrant and whimsical themes for every child's unique personality. These kids Avurudu outfits have been created keeping ease-of-wear and use in mind. The chic cuts of the girls' 'hatte' tops that feature peek-a-boo heart shapes or crisscross backs, are complemented beautifully with pretty and playful 'redde' skirts in floral, nautical or tropical prints. These tops have also been thoughtfully designed for life beyond the season, and can be worn as cute crop-tops when paired with shorts, skirts, trousers, or pinafores. This versatility as well as adjustable waistbands



For the mini gentlemen, Tropic of Linen has brought back their classic boys' shirts and tunics, featuring an assortment of collar types and long or short sleeve options to choose from - per-

this festive season with TOL's elegant triple layer linen masks for kids and adults. -NA

## FROK LAUNCHES FASHION FORWARD ONLINE PLATFORM

**F**ROK is a completely customer-centric. The customer will actually be able to reach out and speak to a member of the FROK Family, who will assist them. We do not believe the future of e-commerce should devoid the HUMAN element. The HUMAN Element is our strongest USP.

FROK aims to be the Sri Lankan hybrid of ASOS or SHEIN and will support and market home grown vendors and adapt to Global trends to fit within the cultural context. With the assistance of FROK, Young Fashion designers will be able to do what they love. FROK will be positioned as a forerunner for fashion forecasting, utilizing a relatable online platform and provide trendy, fast fashion products on an efficient and easy to use platform, essentially, making aspirational wear affordable and attainable, locally, regionally and eventually globally.

The platform (frokme.com) offers a mix of FROK Signature designs and select collections from local designers who will showcase their interpretation of the authentic FROK Feel.

repertoire in PR and Marketing. She has always had an interest in entertainment and F&B ventures which lead her to be at the forefront of the conceptualization and development of immensely popular nightclubs, bars and restaurants in Sri Lanka over the last 10 years.

Natalie is a Fashionista in her own right and has always been a trendsetter. She has the ideal recipe for morphing fast fashion into high fashion, without altering the price point.

Mario Gooneratne, Director FROK, is the founder and the CEO of LinearSix (Pvt) Ltd, a boutique technology and consulting company with a strong focus in helping banks, finance and insurance companies be better by implementing cutting edge software solutions to digitally transform them.

The technology behind FROK offers a Hyper-personalized experience. "We believe that every shopper should have a hyper personalized experience when they shop online. The backbone of FROK is a scalable e-commerce platform that captures vast amounts of data points from the

shoppers so that we can use machine learning to bring out hyper-personalized experiences to our valued clients" says Natalie Jayasuriya "We expect to make use of valuable data that we capture so that we can offer a great shopping experience." -FM



Natalie Jayasuriya

### MARMADUKE



"That's the last time we let Marmaduke into our blanket fort."

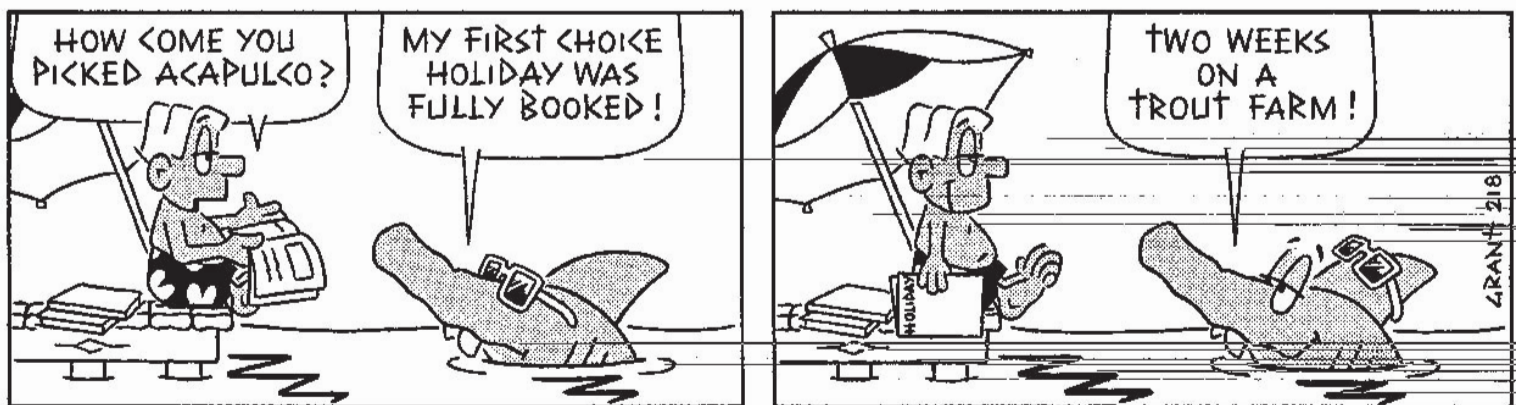
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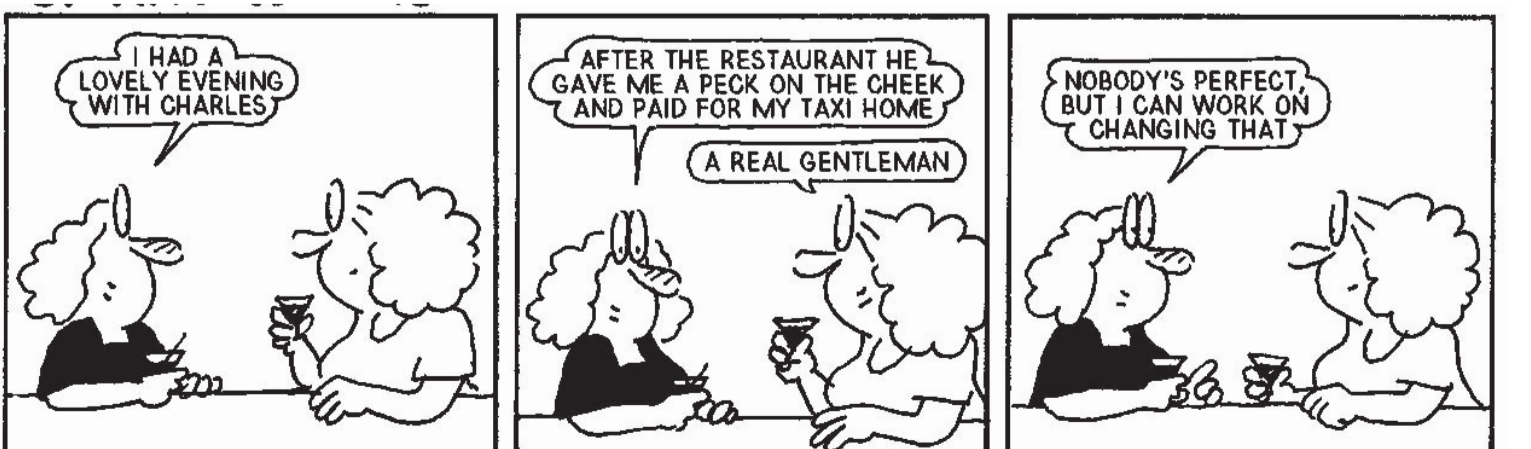
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## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY

Sealed bids are invited from 9.00 a.m. on 05th April 2021 for the Provision of Services mentioned below to our Department for the year 2021/2022.

- 01/2021 - Provision of Security Services for one year
- 02/2021 - Provision of Cleaning & Sanitary Services for one year

Procurement documents could be obtained from 9.00 a.m. on 05th April, 2021 up to 3.00 p.m. on 21st April 2021 from the Procurement Division of the Department of Meteorology after paying a non refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00.

Bids received will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 22nd April, 2021, immediately after closing of accepting bids.

**Director General,  
Department of Meteorology,  
Buddhaloka Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.**

02.04.2021

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the works described below :

	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Engineer's Estimate (Rs. Mn.)	Contract Duration (Calendar Days)	Bid Security
01	RDA/EOM&M/ GOSL/ELE/ MSB/2021/01	SUPPLY OF TRAILER MOUNTED MOBILE LED SIGN BOARDS FOR EOM&M DIVISION	34.22	120	500,000.00
02	RDA/EOM&M/ GOSL/ELE/ GB/2021/02	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF TOLL BARRIER MACHINES FOR THE EOM&M DIVISION	38.77	120	500,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information during office hours from Actg. Director (EOM & M), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama if necessary. (TP : 011-3047817, 011-3047806, Fax : 0382289560).
- The Pre Bid Meeting will be held at **10.00 a.m. on 27.04.2021 (Supply of Trailer Mounted Mobile LED Sign Boards for EOM&M D) & 11.00 a.m. on 27.04.2021 (Supply and Installation of Toll Barrier Machines for the EOM&M D)** at the office of the Director, EOM&M Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama.
- 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 **05.04.2021** until **03.05.2021** from 09.00 hrs to 14.30 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of (01 Item) **Rs. 7,000.00 + 560 (VAT)** and (02 Item) 7,500 + 600 (VAT). The method of payment will be in cash. 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.**
- Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for an amount given in the table. Bid Security shall be valid until **31.08.2021**.
- Both Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, **C/o Director General's Office, 1st Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla** at or before **14.00 hrs on 04.05.2021**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who chooses to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **03.08.2021**.

The address referred to above is :

**The Chairman,  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee,  
Road Development Authority,  
1st Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216,  
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.**

## TENDER NOTICE

### CHIEF SECRETARY'S SECRETARIAT- NORTHERN PROVINCE

#### SALE OF USED VEHICLES

Tender No.: NP/09/FRM/01/02/DV/2021

- The Chief Secretary of Northern Province invites sealed bids from interested bidders for the sale of undermentioned vehicles that were used by the Ministries and Departments of the Northern Provincial Council.

S. No.	Vehicle Number	Make / Class	Bid Security	
			Amount (Rs.)	Validity Date
<b>Four Wheels Vehicles</b>				
1	NP JP-2562	TATA LPT 713 - Motor Lorry	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
2	NP JB 6198	NISSAN Urvan Ambulance	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
3	NP PA 7488	VOLKSWAGON - T5 Transporter - Dual Purpose Vehicle	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
4	NP PA 4179	VOLKSWAGON - T5 Transporter - Dual Purpose Vehicle	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
5	61-6814	ISUZU WFR62F - Motor Coach	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
6	NP PB 0985	MICRO MPV - Dual Purpose Vehicle	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
7	NP PB 8111	MICRO Ssang Yong Actyon Sports 200XDI - Dual Purpose Vehicle	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
8	NP LW 0567	MICRO Maxus - Ambulance	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
9	NP PB 8728	MICRO Ssang Yong Actyon Sports 200XDI - Dual Purpose Vehicle	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
10	42 SRI 0228	TOYOTA Dyna - Motor Lorry/Trivan	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021
11	41 SRI 6007	TATA 909 - Motor Lorry/Trivan	10 % of Quoted Price	25.08.2021

#### Motor Cycles

S. No	Vehicle Number	Make / Class	Bid Security Amount (Rs)
12	NP VG 8267	BAJAJ- Boxer BM 100 - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
13	NP WI 5387	BAJAJ Platina BM125 -Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
14	NP TA 4805	TVS Scooty Pep+ - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
15	NP MS 6715	TVS STAR - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
16	NP MI 6215	LML FREEDON KS - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
17	NP MI 6324	LML FREEDON KS - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
18	NP UL 3945	TVS STAR - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
19	NP TK 7324	BAJAJ CT 100 - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
20	NP JN 6181	HERO HONDA AMBITION- Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
21	NP US 1095	BAJAJ BOXER-S - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
22	NP HI 6458	HERO HONDA STREET - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
23	NP GV 1560	HERO HONDA CD 100 SS- Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
24	NP WS 4753	HERO HONDA CD DAWN - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
25	NP WI 1706	BAJAJ PLATINA BM125 - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
26	NP WL 5643	HONDA- DIO - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
27	NP WN 4560	TVS STAR - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
28	NP WN 4528	TVS STAR - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
29	NP WX 7946	HERO HONDA CD DAWN - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
30	NP XI 3584	HERO HONDA CD DAWN - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
31	NP WJ 4803	HERO HONDA CD DAWN - Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
32	NP XZ 3113	MINNELLI ELEGAN -Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
33	NP XZ 3095	MINNELLI GN 125 -Motor Cycle	3,000 /-
34	NP XZ 3074	MINNELLI ELEGAN -Motor Cycle	3,000 /-

- Interested bidders shall obtain the prescribed each bidding document on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.250/= along with a written request to the **"Deputy Chief Secretary-Finance, Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary- Finance, Northern Province, Provincial Council Complex, A9 Road Kaithady, Jaffna** between office hours of 9.30 a.m – 3.30 p.m from 05.04.2021 to 28.04.2021.
- Bidders shall view the said vehicles between 9.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m. from 05.04.2021 to 28.04.2021, on working days at the **Exclusive Vehicle Park, Elders' Home Complex (Back Side Entrance), A9 Road Kaithady, Jaffna**
- A bidder can submit bids in respect of one or more vehicles, but for each vehicle separate bidding documents should be used.
- For vehicles denoted by serial number 01-11 (four wheels vehicles) bidders shall furnish 10 % of the quoted bid price as Bid Security from any Commercial Bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka using the standard format given with the bidding document. Bid security shall be valid up to 25.08.2021 and for Motor Cycles denoted by serial number 12-34 (Motor Cycle). Bidders have to pay a refundable deposit as bid security, by cash at the Deputy Chief Secretary-Finance, Office of the **Deputy Chief Secretary - Finance, Northern Province, Provincial Council Complex, A9 Road Kaithady, Jaffna** as mentioned in the above table.
- The sealed bid which should be addressed to the **Chairman, Chief Secretary's Procurement Committee, Chief Secretary's Secretariat, Northern Province, Provincial Council Complex, A9 Road, Kaithady, Jaffna** to reach on or before 29.04.2021, 11.30 a.m., with the words "Bid to purchase used vehicle - Vehicle No." on the left hand top corner of the envelope. Bids would be opened immediately after the time of closure of the said bids. Either bidders or their authorized representatives would be permitted to be present at the opening of bids.
- The Chairman of the Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders.

**A. Pathinathan,  
Chairman,  
Chief Secretary's Procurement Committee, Chief Secretary's Secretariat,  
Provincial Council Complex,  
A9 Road, Kaithady, Jaffna.**  
30.03.2021

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ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### Invitation of Quotations for the Supply of Labourers for Maintenance Work from Galenigama to Kottawa Section of the Southern Expressway

- Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Road Development Authority on behalf of the Road Development Authority from eligible and qualified bidders for the following project at the Southern Expressway.

Contract No.	Name of the Project	No. of Labourers Per Day	Contract Period (Months)	Total Number of Labour Days	Non-Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)
RDA/EOM&M /GOSL/WP/MNT/ STDP/ 2021/07	Supply of Labourers on contract basis for maintenance work from Galenigama to Kottawa Section of the Southern Expressway	45	12	13,500	8,000.00 + 640.00 (VAT)	250,000.00

- Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority will be the implementing agency.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for the award of contract, experience the bidders have in supplying labourers of similar capacity will be considered as a qualification.
- Bids should be valid for 91 calendar days until 29.07.2021 from the closing date.
- Bids should be accompanied by a bid security for the value mentioned in the table above which should be valid until **26.08.2021**. Bids without a valid bid security will be rejected.
- Bidder should place the signature and the official seal on every page of the bid.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at **10.30 a.m. on 22.04.2021** at the Office of the Procurement Division of the Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority at Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama.
- Interested bidders may obtain a set of bid documents prepared in Sinhala language from the Office of the Director of the Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama on submission of a written application upon payment of the non refundable fee of **Rs. 5,000.00 + 400.00 (VAT)** between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. from **05.04.2021** until **28.04.2021**. Agent / Representative and the successful winner of the Tender should register with the Department of Registrar of Companies as per the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on 29.04.2021**.
- Sealed bids in duplicate may either be sent by registered post or hand delivered to "Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Road Development Authority, Road Development Authority, 01<sup>st</sup> Floor, Maganeguma Mahamedura, No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla" to receive before **2.00 p.m. on 29.04.2021**. The caption **"Supply of Labourers on Contract Basis for maintenance work from Galenigama to Kottawa section of the Southern Expressway"** should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at the Office of the Director General of the Road Development Authority, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Maganeguma Mahamedura" No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatta, Battaramulla. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Tel. Nos. for further details :
  - Engineer, (Maintenance -Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Unit), Road Development Authority – Tel. No. 011-3047806.

**Chairman,  
Procurement Committee of the Road Development Authority,  
Road Development Authority,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Maganeguma Mahamedura,  
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Koswatta, Battaramulla.**



## DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

(State Ministry of Corporative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection)

### Special notification to customers who deposit money in Co-operative Societies

Co-operative Societies have been registered by the Commissioner of Co-operative Development and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies under the Co-operative Societies Act No. 05 of 1972 and Co-operative Societies enactments adopted by Provincial Councils.

As the deposits and loan interest rates being decreasing to a single index under the current easy monetary policy of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, other banks and financial institutions too are in the process of reducing their deposits and loan interest rates.

When cash deposits are made in Co-operative Finance Institutions by people, all customers are notified that deposits should be made after ascertaining that the relevant societies are financially stable and well managed so that they could withdraw their deposits in future.

Department of Co-operative Development,  
No. 330, Union Place,  
Colombo 02.

Tel./Fax: 0112-330706  
E-mail: cg.nbsu@gmail.com



## COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed Bids for the procurement of following Service from eligible qualified Bidders.

Reference No.	Description
1. CPD/16/400/2021	Providing of Janitorial Services to Colombo City Limit Municipal Premises 2021 - 02 (11 Locations)
2. CPD/16/3635/2020	Procurement of Services of a Surveyor and a Licensed Surveyor

Bidding document (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by two methods.

- Download from the CMC Website ([www.colombo.mc.gov.lk](http://www.colombo.mc.gov.lk))
  - Non-refundable Bidding Document Fee of Rs. 5400/= can be paid by following method.
    - Any People's Bank Branch to credit **People's Bank, Town Hall Branch, Acc No : 167-1-001-6-3169425.**
    - Payment Counters of following Municipal premises of Colombo City Limit from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.
      - > District Office 04,  
No. 147, High Level Road, Kirulapone,  
Colombo 06.
      - > Drainage & Water Supply Division,  
Maligakanda, Colombo 10.
  - It is mandatory to attach the receipt / slip with the Bidding Document.

- Collect from Town Hall Premises
  - Bidding Documents could be obtained from the Office of **Chief Accountant (Procurement), Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 22nd April 2021, upon payment of a non-refundable Bidding Document Fee of Rs. 5400/= for each** to the Shroff Counters of Town Hall Premises.

Bidding Documents will not be available on the Website / issued after 3.00 p.m. on 22nd April 2021.

Duly filled sealed Bidding Documents in original & duplicate should be deposited in the Tender Box (Bid Box) kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 23rd April, 2021.**

**Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 23rd April 2021** and will be opened immediately thereafter. Authorized representatives of the Bidders are allowed to be present at the opening.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Chief Accountant (Procurement) on Tel. 0112686389, 0112673173 and 0112686369.

**ROSHANIE DISSANAYAKE - ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,  
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.**

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**Southern Provincial Council , Ministry of Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Irrigation, Water Supply and Drainage, Food Supply and Distribution, Trade and Cooperative Development**

### Southern Provincial Council – Department of Irrigation

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Southern Provincial Irrigation Department invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the work described below. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding, however, limited to the bidders who are registered within administrative boundary of the Southern Province'

SUB ITEM NO.	PROJECTS	D.S.DIVISION	CIDA GRADE	CIVIL COST (Rs.)	BID BOND (Rs.)
<b>Galle District</b>					
G/01/21	Construction of two bay Anicut for Kaluwarajakumburayaya	Akmeemana	C9	516,876.57	5,170.00
G/02/21	Construction of two bay plankable Anicut for Meepawala Panwilayaya	Bope Poddala	C9	816,454.38	8,165.00
G/03/21	Improvement of Suduwelipathayaya Channel	Neluwa	C9	639,615.10	6,400.00
G/04/21	Construction of bridge cum Anicut and retaining wall of Gamagediwela channel at Badungala	Yakkalamulla	C8	2,866,765.84	28,670.00
G/05/21	Improvement of Galbendidola Ela (stage 1)	Nagoda	C8	2,963,080.18	29,630.00
G/06/21	Rehabilitation of Katuaththala Ela at Nakanda	Habaraduwa	C9	1,653,063.23	16,530.00
G/07/21	Improvement of sum channels of Munamune Anicut	Baddegama	C9	1,055,608.54	10,560.00
G/08/21	Improvement of Balapitiya Karidgepititiya Paddy (Re-cultivation of abandoned paddy areas)	Balapitiya	C9	1,053,849.39	10,540.00
G/09/21	Construction of bridge cum Anicut at Hadakmulla Ela at Niyagama	Niyagama	C8	2,405,335.95	24,055.00
G/10/21	Construction of Anicut at Atahaulayayela Wathurawila	Elpitiya	C9	1,674,502.72	16,745.00
G/11/21	Improvement of Polgahawilayaya Mid channel to Maben Ela	Weliwitiya Divithura	C9	1,542,078.90	15,420.00
G/12/21	Construction of agro well at Kosgoda	Balapitiya	C9	747,844.41	7,480.00
<b>Matara District</b>					
M/02/21	Concreting the main channel of Kamburugamuwa tank	Weligama	C8	4,291,610.00	42,920.00
M/03/21	Construction of Diwelwaththa tractor crossing	Kamburupitiya	C9	810,230.29	8,105.00
M/03/21	Construction of Dodangasmoadara tractor crossing	Kamburupitiya	C9	1,025,117.94	10,250.00
M/04/21	Rehabilitation of Dandenita tank left bank	Dikwella	C8	3,658,991.94	36,590.00
M/05/21	Construction of Beralapanathara Pathawita retaining wall	Pasgoda	C9	1,227,696.43	12,280.00
M/06/21	Improvement of Angulugaha Anicut	Akuressa	C9	1,459,325.65	14,600.00
M/07/21	Construction of Karunawala retaining wall	Hakmana	C8	2,103,250.25	21,035.00
M/08/21	Development of Ambekumbura Anicut, Beliwatiya Anicut and Agricultural Road	Pitabeddara	C8	2,505,060.93	25,050.00
M/09/21	Construction of the Pitadoowayaya Anicut	Weligama	C9	894,985.38	8,950.00
<b>Hambantota District</b>					
H/1/21	Rehabilitation of Siyambalagas Tank.	Tangalla	C8	2,864,629.29	28,650.00
H/2/21	Construction of Udadembura Anicut at Denagamaara	Okewela	C8	3,727,836.06	37,280.00
H/3/21	Construction of Sluice & Desilting Tank at Belialthakumbura Tank.	Walasmulla	C8	2,051,096.50	20,510.00
H/4/21	Rehabilitation of Pansaleyaya Anicut.	Katuwana	C8	2,862,709.69	28,630.00
H/5/21	Rehabilitation of Sluice Canal, Sluice & Tank bed Desilting at Athbatuwa Tank.	Ambalantota	C8	3,084,416.05	30,845.00
H/6/21	Rehabilitation of left bank canal at Thambarawa Tank	Thissmaharamaya	C8	2,834,301.60	28,345.00
H/7/21	Rehabilitation of left Bank Sluice canal at Karametiya Tank.	Sooriyawewa	C8	4,424,176.10	44,240.00
H/8/21	Rehabilitation of Meegahamulana Anicut, channel bund & Construction Tractor Crossing.	Beliaththa	C8	3,456,753.28	34,570.00
H/9/21	Rehabilitation of Bakmeegahamulana Anicut at Ambakolawewa/S	Weeraketiya	C9	1,554,417.47	15,545.00
H/10/21	Rehabilitation of Spill at Seethawakadeniya Tank, Raluwa		C9	887,705.40	8,880.00
H/11/21	Rehabilitation of regulator at Ihalagama Rotawalayaya canal	Ambalantota	C8	2,422,360.50	24,225.00
H/12/21	Construction of R/Wall, construction of turn out & Rehabilitation of canal spill at Miriswatta Amuna canal	Walasmulla	C8	2,310,909.98	23,110.00

To be eligible for above contract awards, the successful bidder shall attain a valid CIDA registration under the category of Irrigation and Drainage or valid registration as an accredited Farmers' Organization in the effective area of proposed project and having experience in the above category and it must be confirmed when submitting the bids.

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on payment of a Rs. 1000.00 Non-refundable Tender fee per set to the accounts section in the office with written application from 02.04.2021 to 19.04.2021 from the office of **"Provincial Department of Irrigation, 5th Floor, District Secretariat Building, Galle"** during office hours (from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.). Relevant bidding documents for each district Galle, Matara and Hambantota may be purchased from District Irrigation Engineers' offices in the same manner.
- Bids shall be valid up to 25.06.2021.
- Bids should be accompanied with an unconditional Bid Security valid up to 25.07.2021. This could be an accredited bank guarantee/ order obtained from a commercial bank or an insurance agency registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as per the standard format or a receipt of cash payment to the office .
- Duly completed bids i.e. original and copy should be submitted in two separate envelopes indicated by "Original" and "Copy" and enclosing both in a single sealed envelope with the title of the relevant work mentioned at left top corner, should be sent by registered post addressed to **"Chairman – Procurement Committee , Provincial Director of Irrigation, Provincial Department of Irrigation, 5th Floor, District Secretariat Building, Galle"** to be received at or before 11.00 a.m. on 20.04.2021 or may be hand delivered and deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Provincial Director's office of the Department.
- Bids will be opened soon after closure of acceptance at 11.00 a.m. on 20.04.2021. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the occasion.
- Late bids will be rejected.
- If any further clarification is necessary, please contact us over the phone at office line 0912245176 or 0912223206. Same Procurement Notice has been published in the Department Official Website <http://www.irrigationdept.sp.gov.lk/>.

**Provincial Director of Irrigation / Chairman, Procurement Committee,  
Provincial Department of Irrigation,  
5th Floor,  
District Secretariat Building,  
Galle.**

02.04.2021



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## 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 ABC Metal (Mixed Metal) / Gravel Earth and Metal required for Pannala Asphalt Manufactory

Open Quotations are invited by this Authority from interested suppliers for the supply of ABC Metal (Mixed Metal) and Gravel Earth required for the following Executive Engineers Divisions of the Western Provincial Road Development Authority.

##### Bid Summary

Bid No.	Description	Metal m <sup>3</sup>	ABC Mixed Metal m <sup>3</sup>	Gravel Earth m <sup>3</sup>	Tender Form Fee (without VAT) Rs.	Bid Security Amount	
						In Cash	Bank / Insurance Guarantee
PRDA/WP/PRO / 2021/18	For Minuwangoda and Gampaha Divisional Secretary's Divisions (Udugampola Executive Engineer's Office)		10100	3410	2,000.00	187000.00	374000.00
PRDA/WP/PRO / 2021/17	For Negombo, Ja Ela, Wattala and Katana Divisional Secretary's Divisions (Negombo Executive Engineer's Office)		3200	935	2,000.00	57700.00	115400.00
PRDA/WP/PRO / 2021/16	Kamburawala Kalugala Pelawatta Road (Agalawatta E.E.'s Office) and Dalugama - Wewelduwa Road (Kirindiwela E.E.'s Office)		5100	300	2,000.00	79500.00	159000.00
PRDA/WP/PRO / 2021/11	Invitation of Bids for the Supply of Metal required for Pannala Asphalt Manufactory (0-5, 5-12, 12-20 sizes)	3100			2,000.00	41500.00	83000.00

- 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 9.00 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. from 05.04.2021 until 21.04.2021. 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.
- 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.
- Bids will be closed at 2.30 p.m. on 22.04.2021 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



## 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)

#### Purchase of Materials required for the Divulapitiya Precast Concrete Yard

Open bids are invited for the supply of following materials that are requirements of an year for the Divulapitiya Precast Concrete Yard of this Authority.

##### Bid Summary

Bid No.	Description	Unit	Qty	Non Refundable Tender Form Fee (without VAT) (Rs.)	Value of Bid Security	
					In Cash	Bank / Insurance Guarantee (Rs.)
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/19	Tor Steel Rods 10 mm	Bar	7000	2,000.00	71,300.00	143,000.00
	Tor Steel Rods 12 mm	Bar	10000			
	Binding Wire	Kg	1000			
Closing and Opening of Bids at 10.30 a.m. on 23.04.2021						
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/20	Supply of River Sand	M3	200	2,000.00	13,500.00	27,000.00
	Supply of Metal of mm 12.5 size	M3	500			
Closing and Opening of Bids at 2.30 p.m. on 23.04.2021						

- 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 05.04.2021 until 22.04.2021. 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.
- To be eligible for the award of the procurement 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.
- Closing and Opening of bids will take place in this office as stated above and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at that occasion.

Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)  
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill  
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GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### INVITATION FOR BIDS TO PURCHASE OF HEAVY VEHICLE TYRES FOR ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RDA/DPR/HVT/2021/67

- The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee on behalf of the RDA, invites sealed bids for purchase of heavy vehicle Tyres for the following.

Vehicle Type	Description	Quantity
Bitumen Browsers	11.00 x 20, 18PR Rib Tyre	54 Nos
	11.00 x 20 Tube	54 Nos
	11.00 x 20 Flap	54 Nos
Wheel Loader	17.5 x 25, 12PR Lug Tyre	04 Nos
	17.5 x 25 Tube	04 Nos
	17.5 x 25 Flap	04 Nos

- Executing agency will be the Road Development Authority.
- Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedure.
- Bid shall be valid up to 91 calendar days from the date closing of the Bid.
- Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security (Valid up to 26.08.2021) for the amount of Rs. 65,000.00. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- All pages of the bidding Document shall be initialled by the bidder and required to place his official seal.
- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of Procurement Division, Road Development Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla during the office hours.
- Complete set of bidding documents shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director, Procurement Division, Road Development Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla from 05.04.2021 until 27.04.2021 during office hours on 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. upon payment of a non-Refundable Tender fee of Rupees. 3,240.00 (Inclusive of VAT) by depositing to the Bank of Ceylon - Corporate Branch Account Number 0000001943 in favour of Director General, Road Development Authority for contract. The original payment slip should be produced when purchasing the Bid Documents.
- Sealed Bids may be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, Road Development Authority, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla, to receive before the closing time at 2.00 p.m. on 28.04.2021 Please indicate "PURCHASE OF TYRES" on top left hand corner of the envelope.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing at the office of the Director, Procurement's office, Road Development Authority, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.
- For further details, please contact Director (Procurement Division), RDA on Tel No. 011-2884790 during office hours

Chairman,  
RDA Procurement Committee,  
Road Development Authority



## COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

BID NO.: MT/ME/DN/164/2020

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed Bids for the following work.

	Bid Items	Eligibility of Bidder	Value of Bid Security Rs. Cts.
1.	Proposed Storm Water Drain System to Perera Lane, Colombo-06.	Storm Water Drainage Contractors belonging to CIDa Grade C06 or above	Rs. 488,000.00 Unconditional on demand Guarantee

Bidding document (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by two methods.

- Download from the CMC website ([www.colombo.mc.gov.lk](http://www.colombo.mc.gov.lk))
  - Non-refundable bidding document fee of Rs. 5,400/= for each bid can be paid by following method.
    - Any People's Bank Branch to credit People's Bank, Town Hall Branch, Acc No: 167-1-001-6-3169425.
    - Payment counters of following Municipal premises of Colombo City Limits from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.
      - > District Office 04, No. 147, High Level Road, Kirulapone, Colombo 06.
      - > Drainage & Water Supply Division, Maligakanda, Colombo 10.
  - It is mandatory to attach the receipt/slip with the Bidding Document.
- Collect from Town Hall Premises
  - Bidding documents could be obtained from the Office of Project Management Division of Municipal Engineer's Department, Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 22.04.2021, upon payment of a non-refundable bidding document fee of Rs. 5,400/- for each Bid to the Shroff Counters of Town Hall Premises.

Bidding documents will not be available on the website / issued after 3.00 p.m. on 22.04.2021.

Every bidder should produce valid documents to prove the CIDa Grade at the time of collecting tender documents (if applicable). Bids shall be submitted only on the forms available for this purpose. Bidding documents will be issued only on a letter of request submitted on a business letterhead on payment. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the Project Management Division of Municipal Engineer's Department.

Value of unconditional on demand Bid Security should be valid for 210 days from the date of closing Bids. Bid Security shall be valid till 18.11.2021. Offer should be valid till 19.10.2021.

Duly filled sealed bidding documents in original with duplicate should be deposited in the Tender Box (Bid Box) kept at the Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 am. on 23.04.2021.

Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 23.04.2021 and Bids received after closing time will be rejected and bids will be opened immediately after closing time. If this day is declared as a Public Holiday, bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs on the following working day. Authorized representatives of the bidders are allowed to be present at the opening. Clarification (if any) shall be sought from the Dir. Engineering (Drainage) on Tel: 0112674809.

Detailed invitation for bids will be issued with the bidding documents. Please refer Circular Number PCA/13278 of Department of the Registrar of Companies attached with the bidding documents.

ROSHANIE DISSANAYAKE - ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,  
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

### VEHICLES FOR SALE

VEHICLE No	VEHICLE CATEGORY	MAKE & MODEL	YOM
BOKUNDARA YARD - No 225/A, J.D.SOLAMAN MW, DULAMMAHARA, PILIYANDALA			
WP HM-4001	CAR	HYUNDAI ELANTRA	2000
CP PD-1947	CAR	NISSAN NAVARA OUTLAW	2007
SP DAD-2749	MINI LORRY	FOTON AUMARK	2016
TISSAMAHARAMA YARD - No 163, KACHCHARIYA GAMA, TISSAMAHARAMA			
UP DAE-3035	MINI LORRY	TATA ACE EX 2	2016

**TENDER WILL BE CLOSED ON 09th April 2021**  
 Vehicle Inspection during week days from 2nd April 2021 to 09th April 2021 from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm  
**UB Finance reserves right to remove any vehicle without prior notice whatsoever**  
**For Details Contact :**  
**Arjuna - 0712 628 552 / Chaminda 0703 070 102**

**UB FINANCE**  
A UNION BANK COMPANY

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Gold articles, kept as a surety for loans obtained from Vallibel Finance and default in payment as agreed will be auctioned at No 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03 on 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

**VALLIBEL FINANCE RESERVES RIGHT TO CANCEL, POSTPONE AUCTIONS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE.**

Manager - Gold Loan Division Vallibel Finance  
 No 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

**vallibel Finance**

### Ministry of Plantations Chilaw Plantations Limited

#### Quotations for Supply of Barbed Wire & Iron Staples

Quotations are invited for approximately 657 barbed wire rolls & 595 kg of fencing staples from local manufacturers and local agents of foreign manufacturers who are reputed for supplying of **Barbed Wire & Iron Staples** with following specifications.

- Specification for Barbed Wire & Iron Fencing Staples**
  - Barbed Wire Type - 10 WA (Four Point)
  - Type of material used - HOT DIPPED GALVANISED WIRE
  - Zinc Coating - 45-50gr/m.sq.
  - Wire thickness - Line Wire 2.0 mm  
- Point Wire 2.0 mm
  - Guage - 14 g. (or above)
  - No. of Nodes (twist) between barbs - (3 Min)
  - Weight / Coil - 25kg/Roll
  - Length / Coil - Over 310 yards per roll
  - Tensile Strength - 450-500 Mpa
  - Pitch of Barbs - 3"
  - Supplier Mill test Certificate
  - 1x8 Iron Staples
- Rate per roll/kg (with VAT & Others)
- Terms
  - Payments
  - Delivery / Transport Cost per km
  - Availability
  - Validity of offer

Please forward your sealed quotations **with any other beneficial information**, under registered post to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Chilaw Plantations Limited, "වජ්ජුල සෙවන" No. 165, Puttalam Road, Chilaw or deliver to the Procurement Box available at the above Office on or before 16th April, 2021 at 02.00 p.m. The top left-hand corner of the envelope should be marked **"SUPPLY OF BARBED WIRE & IRON STAPLES"**

The Procurement Committee of the Chilaw Plantations Limited reserves the right to either accept or reject all of the Bids received without assigning reasons and their decision shall be the final. Quotations will be opened immediately after closing the tender.

**CHAIRMAN  
CHILAW PLANTATIONS LIMITED  
Telephone : 032-5744265**

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

#### Northern Provincial Department of Health Services

#### Procurement for Supply of Services

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply of following Services for Health Services in Northern Provincial Department.

No.	Details	Reference No.	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable (Rs.)
A.	Sterilization of Female Dogs	NP/21/05/Dog/2021	100,000/=	3,500/=

- To be eligible for contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have valid business registration for the specific above required service.
- To qualify for award of the Contract, bidders shall meet the minimum qualifying criteria if given in Section 2 -Bidding Data.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the above address and inspect the bidding documents at the same address from **0900 Hours to 1500 Hours** on working days.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased from the below address by interested bidders on submission of a written application from 05.04.2021-27.04.2021 from **0900 Hours to 1500 Hours** upon non-refundable cash payment as said above.
- Bids shall be deposited into the box located in the Chief Accountant's room at the below address at or before **1000 Hours** on 27.04.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- All rights are reserved to the Chairman of DPC (Major) to cancel the bidding process at any stage without paying any compensation to any party or to accept the part of the bids in this bidding process.
- Office Address :- Provincial Department of Health Services, Health Village, Pannai, Jaffna, NP**

**Chairman - Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC - Major)**  
**Northern Provincial Department of Health Services,**  
**Health Village, Pannai, Jaffna. 40000.**  
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### Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs

#### Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project

#### Recruitment of Individual Consultants to Provide Design, Supervision and Management Consultancy Services

The Government of Sri Lanka implements the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project through a loan obtained from the Asian Development Bank. The Project is executed by the State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs and implemented by Colombo Municipal Council (CMC), for the work within Colombo municipal limits. The work includes rehabilitation of Sewerage pipelines, Wastewater pumping stations and related sewerage assets in above area.

The consultancy positions are individual, national positions and based on field-offices in the Colombo city. It is intended to recruit following positions of Design, Supervision and Management Consultants on individual basis to provide appropriate management, technical and contract supervision support in implementing the above works.

No.	Position	No. of Positions	Proposed Salary
1	Senior Structural Design Consultant	1	40,400.00 LKR per working day
2	Electrical & Instrumentation Engineer	1	20,000.00 LKR per working day
3	Social Safeguard Specialist (Resettlement Expert)	1	250,000.00 LKR per month

The Secretary, State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs intend to recruit eligible individuals having appropriate management, and technical competencies. The Terms of Reference (TORs) for individual assignments can be downloaded from [www.lgpc.gov.lk](http://www.lgpc.gov.lk) web address or from the Project Director's office, at **Project Director, Project Management Unit, Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project, No. 86, Millennium Centre, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 7. (Tel : 0115736015, 0112665331, Fax: 0112665330).**

The consultants shall be selected and engaged in accordance with the provisions of Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by ADB and its Borrowers, March 2013, as amended from time to time. Interested and eligible individuals are invited to deliver their applications with all necessary certificates, through registered post to **above mentioned postal address** so as to reach on or before 09th April 2021.

**Secretary,  
State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs**

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND HEALTH NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

#### Purchase of Veterinary Drugs, Animal Feed and Photocopy Machines for the Department of Animal Products and Health relevant to the year 2021

Bids are invited under the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure by me, Provincial Director / Procurement Committee Chairman from eligible bidders for purchase of Veterinary drugs, Animal Feed and Photocopy Machines as per details mentioned below for the North Central Province Department of Animal Feed and Health.

Ser./No.	Details of Goods	Basic Estimate (Rs. Mil.)	Bid Security to be submitted (Rs.)	Non-refundable Bid fee (Rs.)
01	Supply of Calf feed	1.00	10,000.00	1,000.00
02	Supply of Drugs for Calves	3.00	30,000.00	1,000.00
03	Supply of Grower mash	1.50	15,000.00	1,000.00
04	Supply of 02 Photocopy machine	0.50	10,000.00	1,000.00


- Interested Bidders could inspect Bid documents free of charge during working days of the week from 05 April 2021 up to 27 April 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. at the Provincial Office of the Department of Animal Products & Health located at Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura and Bid documents could be obtained after paying a non-refundable Bid fee of Rs. 1,000.00. An unconditional Bid Security to the value as mentioned in the schedule above valid for 91 days from the date of Bid opening (29th July 2021) obtained from a commercial bank approved by the state should be submitted with the bids.
- Duly completed Bids prepared in two copies should be inserted in separate envelopes as original copy and duplicate copy and these should thereafter be enclosed in a single envelope and sealed and sent by registered post to the Provincial Director/Chairman, Procurement Committee, Provincial Department of Animal Products and Health, Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura to be received at or before 3.00 p.m. on 28 April 2021 or could be inserted in the tender box kept in the official room of the Provincial Director. The purpose for submitting quotations should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the bids. Bids received after the specified time will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting Bids at 3.00 p.m. on 28 April 2021 and the bidders or authorized representatives could be present on this occasion. The decision of the Departmental Procurement Committee of the Department of Animal Products and Health, North Central Province, regarding these procurement activities is deemed final. Further details if required could be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 025-2222533.


**Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
Department of Animal Products and Health,  
North Central Province,  
Anuradhapura.**


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Reference to the above Bid Invitation appeared in the Daily News and Dinamina newspapers on 02.03.2021. This is to notify that there are some changes made and the closing date of the Bid has been extended from 06th April 2021 to 19th April 2021 at 2 PM.

Please visit the University Website ([www.jfn.ac.lk](http://www.jfn.ac.lk)) for further details.

The Vice Chancellor,  
University of Jaffna  
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# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

NO. 61/1, M.D.H. JAYAWARDENE MAWATHA,  
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## CLIMATE SMART IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE PROJECT

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### OBTAINING VEHICLES ON RENTAL BASIS

The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee (PPC) on behalf of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for obtaining vehicles on rental basis. Details are as follows:

Bid No.	Office	Types of Vehicles required on rent	Minimum KMs expected to use for a month	Bid Security valid up to 16th September 2021 (Rs.)	Condition of Vehicles
CSIAP/DPD/ North Central Province/ CSIAP/ PMU/05/2021	Deputy Project Director CSIAP, 596/15, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Stage 01, Anuradhapura TP No. 025-2054227	-Two 4WD Double Cabs with driver and fuel -One Van (should be able to travel 10 or more passengers) with driver and fuel	3000 Km 3000 KM	30,000.00 per each vehicle	Should be registered within 7 years from the date of bid opening.
CSIAP/DPD/ North Western Province/ CSIAP/ PMU/05/2021	Deputy Project Director Office - CSIAP, No. 51, Mihindu Mawatha, Yaggapitiya Housing Dambulla Road, Kurunegala. TP No. - 037-2227950	-Two 4WD Double Cabs with driver and fuel -One Van (should be able to travel 10 or more passengers) with driver and fuel	3000 Km 3000 KM	30,000.00 per each vehicle	Should be registered within 7 years from the date of bid opening.
CSIAP/DPD/ Northern Province/ CSIAP/ PMU/05/2021	Deputy Project Director Office - CSIAP, Kovinthan Kadai Junction, Wilson Road, Kilinochchi. TP: 021-2284881	-Two 4WD Double Cabs with driver and fuel -One Van (should be able to travel 10 or more passengers) with driver and fuel	3000 Km 3000 KM	30,000.00 per each vehicle	Should be registered within 7 years from the date of bid opening.
CSIAP/DPD/ Eastern Province/ CSIAP/ PMU/05/2021	Deputy Project Director Office - CSIAP, Love Lane, Uppuweli Trincomalee. TP No. 026-2054999	-Two 4WD Double Cabs with driver and fuel -One Van (should be able to travel 10 or more passengers) with driver and fuel	3000 Km 3000 KM	30,000.00 per each vehicle	Should be registered within 7 years from the date of bid opening.
CSIAP/DPD/ Uva Province/ CSIAP/ PMU/05/2021	Deputy Project Director Office - CSIAP, No. 12, 01st Lane, Wellawaya Road, Monaragala. TP No. 055-2277334	-Two 4WD Double Cabs with driver and fuel -One Van (should be able to travel 10 or more passengers) with driver and fuel	3000 Km 3000 KM	30,000.00 per each vehicle	Should be registered within 7 years from the date of bid opening.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information up to **2.00 p.m. of 21st April 2021** from The Project Director / Procurement Specialist, Project Management Unit of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project, **No. 61/1, M.D.H. Jayawardena Mawatha, Madinnagoda, Rajagiriya** or Deputy Project Director /Procurement Specialist of respective DPD Office and inspect Bidding Documents at the addresses given above.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a Written application to the Project Director, Project Management Unit Or Deputy Project Directors Offices upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 3000.00** by cash to the respective offices from **01st April 2021 until 21st April 2021 from 09.00 hrs. to 1400 hrs.**
- Bidder should submit separate bids for each DPD Office mentioned above.
- Interested parties can bid for above all vehicle requirements or any single vehicle requirement separately for each DPD Office.
- Bids shall be delivered with a duplicate. Envelops should be marked as "Hiring of vehicles for ..... Province" on the top left-hand corner and those should be delivered to the addresses given above at or before **2.30 p.m. on 22nd of April 2021**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or bidder's representatives who choose to attend in person at the above address at **2.30 p.m. on 22nd of April 2021**.
- All bids must be accompanied by Bid Securities bearing of amounts mentioned above and obtained from Commercial Bank registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, valid up to **16th September 2021**.
- Bids should be valid up to **19th August 2021**.

**Chairman**  
Project Procurement Committee - Project Director  
Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project  
No. 61/1, M.D.H. Jayawardena Mawatha,  
Madinnagoda,  
Rajagiriya.  
31.03.2021

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, LAND & LAND DEVELOPMENT, HIGHWAYS, INFORMATION - SOUTHERN PROVINCE

### SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sealed bids are now invited from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction of following works, on behalf of the SPRDA.

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.

The selected bidder should possess the required grade of (CIDA) registration within Southern Province.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the General Manager, Southern Provincial Road Development Authority, No. 19, Lower Dickson Road, Galle.(Telephone Nos. 091-2226440/ 091- 4936371) during office hours and may inspect the bidding documents.

A complete set of Bidding Documents can be purchased by interested bidders from **02.04.2021 to 3.00 p.m on 22.04.2021** on submission of a written application to the address below and payment of a non refundable fee of **Rs. 2,000/-**.

Bids enveloped, sealed and marked with the relevant road name on top left hand corner of the envelope should either be sent by registered post to reach the "General Manager, Southern Provincial Road Development Authority, No. 19, Lower Dickson Road, Galle" or deposited in the Tender Box provided at the same premises for the purpose.

Bids shall be delivered to the address below up to **10.00 a.m on 23.04.2021** and the late bids will be rejected. The bids received will be opened at **10.00 a.m on 23.04.2021** at the address below in the presence of the bidders or their representatives.

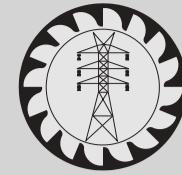
All pages of the tender document shall be initialed by the bidder with his official seal.

No.	Divisional Engineer's Office	Description of Works	CIDA Grade	Bid Bond Amount
01	Baddegama	Carpeting of widening section (0+540 Km - 0+680 Km) & Construction of Box Culvert (0+625) at Labuduwa Narawala Road	C-07	81,000/-
02	Baddegama	<b>Package No: BA 01</b> I. Construction of Box Culvert at Hiyare Ketendola Road (0+900 Km) II. Construction of Retaining wall at Hiyare Ketendola Road (0+020 Km) III. Construction of Side Drains at Kahaduwwaththa Hapugala Road (0+750 Km)	C-08	37,000/-
03	Baddegama	<b>Package No: BA 02</b> I. Construction of Cross Drain at Nugaduwa - Bataduwa Road (0+680 Km) II. Reconstruction of Culvert at Nugaduwa - Bataduwa Road (1+300 Km) III. Construction of Drains at Milidduwa - Bataduwa Road (Near the Aradana Hotel) III. Construction of Side Drains at Milidduwa - Bataduwa Road	C-07	54,000/-
04	Baddegama	Construction of Concrete Retaining wall at Jayanthi Mawatha (0+250 Km)	C-07	62,000/-
05	Elpitiya	Improvement of Poramba Polwatta - Wathugedara Road (2+500 Km-3+900 Km)	C-08	32,000/-
06	Elpitiya	<b>Package No: EL 01</b> I. Construction of Concrete Cross drain & Side Drain at Maha-induruwa Napegoda Road (0+250,0+550 Km) II. Construction of Retaining wall at Mahakarawa Road (0+600 LHS) III. Construction of Box Culvert, Side Drain & Hand Rail at Bentara Circular Road	C-07	57,000/-
07	Elpitiya	Construction of Gabion Wall at Pathaweliwitiya - Hammaliya Road (Near the Therun-ela Iron Bridge)	C-08	44,000/-
08	Elpitiya	Improvement of Wicramasooriya Road	C-09	19,000/-
09	Thawalama	<b>Package No: TW 01</b> I. Construction of widening Double Hume Pipe Culvert at Embalgedara - Mandalapura Road (4+800 Km) II. Construction of Retaining wall & widening Culvert at Neluwa - Kadihingala Road (0+500 Km)	C-08	39,000/-
10	Thawalama	Construction of Gabion wall at Udugama - Bangama Road (3+400 Km)	C-08	24,000/-
11	Thawalama	Construction of Retaining wall at Udugama - Mapalagama Road (0+600 Km)	C-08	47,000/-
12	Makandura	Improvement of Deegala - Lenama Road (0+930 Km) LHS	C-08	29,000/-
13	Makandura	Construction of Gabion wall at Kadduwa - Kamburupitiya Road (3+966 - 4+090 Km)	C-07	91,000/-
14	Makandura	<b>Package No: MK 01</b> I. Construction of Box Culvert at Kudapana - Pitabeddara Road (13+500 Km) II. Widening Hume pipe Culvert at Derangala - Banagala Road (2+500 Km)	C-08	34,000/-
15	Makandura	<b>Package No: MK 02</b> I. Construction of Retaining wall at Deiyandara - Handugala Road (5+100Km) II. Construction of Retaining wall at Deiyandara - Handugala Road (5+200Km) III. Construction of Box Culvert at Opatha - Banagala Road (0+600Km) IV. Widening of Box Culvert at Opatha - Banagala Road (1+600Km) V. Construction of Gabion wall at Opatha - Banagala Road (1+600KM)	C-07	72,000/-
16	Weligama	<b>Package No: WE 01</b> I. Construction of Concrete Drain at Uduwa Kapuduwa II. Kadawedduwa Road (1+500-1+600 Km) III. Construction of Retaining wall at Kirineliya - Radampala Road (2+300Km) IV. Construction of Retaining wall at Kirineliya - Radampala Road (0+250Km)	C-07	52,000/-
17	Weligama	<b>Package No: WE 02</b> I. Construction of Concrete Drain at Wehelgoda - Malagoda Road - 1st Km (80 m) II. Construction of Retaining wall at Bandaranayaka Road (0+950Km) III. Construction of Box Culverts at Akurugoda - Thelijjawila Road	C-08	46,000/-
18	Weligama	Construction of Concrete Drain at Midigama Ibbawala Road	C-08	28,000/-
19	Weligama	Reconstruction of Retaining wall at Dandeniya Hettiarachchi Mawatha (2+700-2+900Km)	C-08	33,000/-
20	Tangalle	Construction of Retaining wall at Deiyandara - Gal-etumba -Handugala Road (9 <sup>th</sup> Km)	C-08	34,000/-
21	Tangalle	Construction of Gabion Wall at Yakgasmulla - Galahitiya Road (2 nd Km)	C-07	56,000/-
22	Tangalle	Construction of Box Culverts at Nihiluwa - Okewela Road (4+500 Km)	C-08	28,000/-
23	Tissa	<b>Package No: TI 01</b> I. Construction of Hume pipe Culverts at Sandagirigama Gamsaba Road (1+400 Km,1+600 Km) II. Construction of Hume pipe Culvert (1+250 Km) & Retaining wall (1+250 Km) at Sandagirigama Gamsaba Road	C-08	32,000/-
24	Tissa	<b>Package No: TI 02</b> Construction of Drains at Wedihitkanda Road (0+000-0+450 Km) Road Concreting & Construction of Concrete Drain at Wedihitkanda Road (0+820-0+845 Km)	C-07	76,000/-
25	Tissa	Construction of Side Drain at Mahabolana Koggalle Road	C-08	25,000/-
26	Tissa	Construction of Internal Roads at Situlpawwa Temple	C-08	29,000/-

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security with validity period up to 90 days for the amount mentioned as above. The bid security can be made through a bank guarantee or bank draft obtained from a reputed bank or can be submitted to the Account Division of the SPRDA.

**Chairman, Procurement Committee**  
Southern Provincial Road Development Authority

**General Manager**  
Southern Provincial Road Dev. Authority,  
No. 19, Lower Dickson Road, Galle.  
31.03.2021



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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.

## CENTRAL PROVINCE - 02 - APRIL 2021

GINIGATHHENA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
<b>Maskeliya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-10	08:00 - 17:00
Bulk : Water Refinery	
Bulk & Distribution : Adams Peak Estate, Alton Estate, Brunswick Estate, Deeside Estate, Farelawn Estate, Gartmore Estate, Gawarawila Estate, Glenugie Estate, Mahaniluwa Estate, Mincinelane Estate, Mocha Estate, Queensland Estate, Stock Home Estate, Strathspey Estate, Telecom Upcot	
Distribution : Alton RE, Banyon Bungalow, Brunswick R.E, Emalina Division, Gartmore -Frogmore Division, Gawarawila Janapathaya, Maskeliya Pump House, Maskeliya Town NO-02, Meriya Kotasa New Scheme, Meriya Kotasa Stage - ii, Minna.Division, Mocha Upper Division, Scrabough Strathspey, Strathspey RE., Upcot Town.	
<b>Norton Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-03	10:00-16:00
Bulk : Maliben Garment	
Distribution : Ginigathena AGA Office	
2021-04-07	10:00-16:00
Distribution : Black Water	
KEGALLE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
<b>Kegalle Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Edurapotha, Walagama South	
<b>Moronotha Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Halmessa Saw Mill, Water Board - Moronotha, Water Board Halmessa	
Distribution : Keselwatta, Moranthota Market, Moronotha New Sub (Halmessa Road)	
2021-04-06	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Aragama New, Bossalla, Dandenya Junction, Degalathiriya, Ganthuna Pallegama, Ganthuna Unankanda, Mabopitiya, Nikapitiya, Parambe Gama, Ulkada	
2021-04-08	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Hungampola Rubber Factory, Parambe Rubber Factory, Water Board - Moronotha	
Distribution : Aragama New, Bossalla, Degalathiriya, Elagalla, Ganthuna Pallegama, Ganthuna Unankanda, Hungampola Temple, Kanangamuwa, Keselwatta, Mabopitiya, Moranthota Market, Nikapitiya, Parambe Gama, Puspapane Junction, Siyaster Undugoda, Telecom Undugoda, Ulkada	
2021-04-10	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Nikapitiya	
<b>Rambukkana Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-03	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Compost Factory, Rathnagiri Metal Crusher	
Distribution : Alugolla, Dambulla, Deliwala, Deliwala New, Dobemada - Seruwagala, Dombemada - Sillugala, Hangawela Weligamuwa, Hewadiwela, Hewadiwela School, Kudagama Junction, Mahagama Hewadiwela, Meeduma Temple, Moragahawela, Padavigampola, Puwakmote, Siyabalangamuwa, Thismalpola, Walgama, Wawetenna	
2021-04-06	09:00-17:00
Bulk : P.T.K.Garment, Pradeshiya Saba - Rambukkana, Ravi Export (Pvt.) Ltd.	
Bulk & Distribution : Dalukgala Oil Mill	
Distribution : AGA Office, Champika Madawala, Dialog Tower - Madawala, Eraminigolla, Halpitiya, Hashipura, Hospital Road, Mottapuliya, Naranbadda, Pinnawala School, Pradeshiya Saba New, Rambukkana Town, Regent	
<b>Thulhiriya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-02	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Clean Polly Packing (Pvt.) Ltd., Galigamuwa Garment, Row Lanka Industries	
Bulk & Distribution : V.T.A. - Yattogoda	
Distribution : Assalla Kanda, Batapotella, Ihalagama, IT Center - AGA Office, Mobitel Tower - Manpita, Nelundeniya - 2, Nelundeniya - 1, Yattogoda Govijanasewa, Yattogoda Junction	
2021-04-04	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Dialog Tower - Kalukanda, Flying Star Lighting (Pvt.) Ltd., Jayadewa Traders, Unilack, Warakapola Base Hospital - 1	
Bulk & Distribution : Etnawala Rubber Factory, Udawatta Hotel - Warakapola, Wijesiri Saw Mill	
Distribution : Babul Hasan Vidyalaya, Dummaladeniya, Dummaladeniya Junction, Ethnawala, Ganithapura - Dodandeniya, Ganithapura - Hasanpura, Ground Sub - Warakapola, Handehettiya - Paththouduwa, IOC Warakapola, Kudumeriya New, Piladuwa, Prison - Ambepussa, Rajapaksha Building, SLT Tower - Mahenawatta, Super Market - Warakapola, Udawalpola, Warakapola Hospital Sub - 2, Warakapola Junction (Ayrweda Junction), Warakapola Town - Galepansala, Warakapola Town - Kovila, Warakapola Town (Rangama Rest)	
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Kandegama	
2021-04-08	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Kandegama	
2021-04-09	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Dialog Tower at Nangalla	
Distribution : Gallidamulla, Hunuwala -Mangedara, Karadana Colony, Nangalla, Thulhiriya Housing Gate, Thulhiriya Housing Scheme, Thulhiriya Parakramagama	
MAWANELLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
<b>Dippitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-06	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Alupotha, Deiyawela, Gavilipitiya - New, Girapathgama - Weragolla, Horewala, New Sub at Dippitiya Town, Polambegoda, Welimanna	
2021-04-07	09:00-17:00
Distribution : (Eradopupitiya) Kalugala, Debatgama Kalugala, Debatgama New, Gonamada Kumarapura - ii, Kumarapura, Kumarapura Kolani	

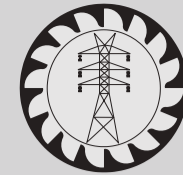
2021-04-08	09:00-17:00
Distribution : 42 Colony, Ahasliyadda, Deewala ( Daluka ), Deewala Udagama, Wakirigala	
2021-04-09	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Ambadeniya Rubber Factory, Debatgama, Elangapitiya, Gavilipitiya - Telecom Exchange, Hathgampola, Moragamma, Wilpola Road	
<b>Hemmthagama Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-08	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Ambalawa	
<b>Mawanella Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Danagama ILV	
2021-04-03	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Nankurugala	
2021-04-07	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Danagama ILV	
NAWALAPITIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
<b>Gampola Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-01	08:00-17:00
Distribution : Harakola, Hatugoda, Keerapone Junction, Rahimale, Singhapitiya	
2021-04-04	09:00-16:00
Distribution : Botalapitiya - ii (Kahatapitiya - Galgediyawa), Kahatapitiya, Saliyaela Temple, Unambuwa New	
2021-04-06	09:00-12:00
Bulk : Deenside Factory - Gampola	
Distribution : Bowala, Gampola Mount Temple - Water Project (Unambuwa Water Scheme), Keerapone, Mount Temple, Unambuwa	
<b>Kurunduwa Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
Bulk : Nagastenna Estate	
Bulk & Distribution : Galamuduna Estate	
Distribution : Dolosbage, Dolosbage Telecom (Single Retail), Galmuduna N C Colony, Kabargala (Thebaboise) Scheme, Nagastenna Horagolla, Windsor Forest	
<b>Nawalapitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-01	08:30-12:30
Bulk : Okwin Resort - Mapakanda	
Distribution : Hynaford - ii, Samanalagama	
2021-04-06	08:00-17:00
Distribution : Nayapana	
2021-04-11	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Goraka Oya Estate	
Distribution : Inguoruoya - ii	
NUWARA-ELIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
<b>Nuwara-eliya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-01	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Derana TV, EAP Network - Kikiliyamana, Hiru FM, MTV Station, Police VHF Station Kikiliyamana, S.O.S Village, Serani Villa Hotel, Water Pump Kalapura	
Bulk & Distribution : Labukele Estate, Oliphant Estate, Ramboda Estate, Single Tree, Wedamulla Estate	
Distribution : Bambarakele Housing Scheme, Bambarakele RE , Fisheries Station Bambarakele, Kalapura Shanthipura, Kalukele, Kelegala, Kemenitenna Wedamulla, Kikiliyamana RE, Kuda oya, Labukelle Upper Division, Nuwara Eliya Estate, Nuwara Eliya Office, Oliphant Upper Division, Palagolla, Ramboda New Division, Ranmala Fashion, Sanasa, Selwaraj, Westwood Estate	
<b>Rikillagaskada Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-01	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ladupitiya	
2021-04-03	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Naranbedda Garden Hotel	
Distribution : Alakolamadiththa Scheme, Dimbulkumbura, Getatuluwa, Happawara, Kondathanna Kahatagasthenna Muwagiriwalawa, Lamasuriya, Moragolla Illagolla, Moragolla Kondathanna, Prajamoolla Water Board, Rammalkandura Illagolla, Rikillagaskada Jambuwatta Manapitiya, Sarasunthanna Lamasooriya, Udagalaula Pallegalaula, Udawatte Road - Pallegalaula Scheme, Wewathenna, Wimalpura Stage - ii	
2021-04-04	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Naranbedda Garden Hotel	
Distribution : Alakolamadiththa Scheme, Dimbulkumbura, Getatuluwa, Happawara, Kondathanna Kahatagasthenna Muwagiriwalawa, Lamasuriya, Moragolla Illagolla, Moragolla Kondathanna, Prajamoolla Water Board, Rammalkandura Illagolla, Rikillagaskada Jambuwatta Manapitiya, Sarasunthanna Lamasooriya, Udagalaula Pallegalaula, Udawatte Road - Pallegalaula Scheme, Wewathenna, Wimalpura Stage - ii	
2021-04-05	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Ceylon National Industries (Sithara Garment), Vira fashion Garment	
Distribution : Keerthibandarpura, Keerthibandarpura Dimbalawa, Ladupitiya, Naaranthalawa Malapattawa - i, Naaranthalawa Malapattawa - ii, Pannala, Salt Village Pannala, Serupitiya, Wewakele	
2021-04-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution :	
2021-04-07	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ladupitiya	
2021-04-08	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ladupitiya	
<b>Thawalantenna Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-01	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Ishini Ramboda, Ramboda Falls, Ramboda Resort, RDA Ramboda	
Distribution : Metal Cresher Scheme Near Ramboda, Rambodagama, Tawalantenna Exchange, Wawendon Estate	

Walapane Electricity Consumer Service Center	
2021-04-05	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Walapane Water Board, Water Board Werella	
Bulk & Distribution : Mahauva Estate, Watumulla	
Distribution : Ambanella, Bolagandawale, Dambare, Deliwala Kalaputuwawa RE, Diyanilla, Egodakanda, Goradiyagolla, Harasbedda, Kalaganwatte, Ketakandura, Kirikanda, Kumbalgamuwa, Kumbalgamuwa Kanda Colony, Mallagama, Meeriyabedda, Miriswaththa, Mulhalkele, Naranthalawa Riti Ella Near Keerthi Bandara School Scheme, Near Chandana Metal Crusher, Nelugaha, Nildandahinna, Ruppe Nayakele, Tea Factory, Teripaha ( Near Hospital ), Theripaha Galkandawala, Udamadura, Valliappuwa, Walahinda Imbulapathana Scheme, Walapane Batagollagama Scheme, Walapane Dialog Tower, Welihinda, Werellapathana, Wewatenna, Wewekele	
2021-04-07	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Dearick	
Bulk & Distribution : Delmar Estate, Gorden Factory, St. Leonards Estate, St. Margaret's Estate, Waldemar Estate	
Distribution : Alanwick Estate, Ambaliyadda RE, Amherst Estate, Demata Arawa, Dickson Corner, Halgranoya, Kandayaya, Kandayaya Warathenna, Kotemba, Kurupanawela RE - i, Kurupanawela RE - ii, Madulla, Meeapanawa, Pallegama Rupaha, Pandithayakumbura, Rappahanock, Rockland Estate, Rupaha Elagetenna, Rupaha Pallewela, Rupaha Pinnapitiya Wawela, Samagipura, Suriyagahapathana, Thunhitiyawa Yatimadura, Udupussellawa Hospital, Udupussellawa Town, Walapane Yatimadura Meegolla, Yatimadura near Primary School	
PERADENIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
<b>Ampitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
Bulk : U.G.D. Metal Crusher at Mailapitiya	
Distribution : Adhikarigama Near Victoria Check point, Akkara Paha, Appallagoda, Bopitiya New (Near School), Dehalkada, Gallinda, Hewawissa, Ihaketiya, Kahambiliyawa, Kande Handiya, Kandewela, Kapuliya (Narangastenna), Kobissa, Kolabissa (Murapola), Lakpahana, Ma - Oya Watta, Mahaoya, Mahawedagama, Mailapitiya Ranaviru, Marassana, Milapitiya, Milapitiya Land Sale, Moragolla, Pasgama, Sagama, Ududeniya, Welegammeda	
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Ampitiya Banquet Hall with Mini Hotel, Ice Plant - Ampitiya	
Bulk & Distribution : Ampitiya Water Board	
Distribution : Ampitiya 3rd Mile Post, Berrawats School, Dalukgolla (Ampitiya Ratemulla Rd. ), Galpitiya, Ilukmodara, JMC International, Meekanuwa, Monaranga - Kings wood Tea Fac, Ranasinghe Building - Ampitiya, Semaneri Water Board (Pump), Thanekumbura New	
2021-04-06	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Dolamite	
Distribution : Ketawala Social (Vocational Training), Ketawala Temple, Kossinna	
2021-04-06	09:00-13:00
Distribution : Appallagoda, Kandewela, Mahawedagama, Welegammeda	
<b>Eriyagama Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-05	08:00-10:00
Distribution : Geliya Karamada, Kosinna	
2021-04-05	09:00-13:00
Bulk : Produce Transport Co.	
Bulk & Distribution : Elugoda	
Distribution : Additional Substation at Hendeniya, Elamaldeniya, Hendeniya, Kamburadeniya, Muruthagahamula, Nikatenna (Petiyagoda), Palle Aludeniya, Piligalla, Pitawelawatta, Sangabogama	
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Elamaldeniya, Muruthagahamula, Nikatenna (Petiyagoda)	
2021-04-05	10:30-12:30
Bulk : Produce Transport Co.	
Bulk & Distribution : Elugoda	
Distribution : Additional Substation at Hendeniya, Elamaldeniya, Hendeniya, Kamburadeniya, Muruthagahamula, Nikatenna (Petiyagoda), Palle Aludeniya, Piligalla, Pitawelawatta, Sangabogama	
2021-04-05	13:00-15:00
Distribution : Godamuduna	
2021-04-05	13:30-15:30
Distribution : Parkland Estate (Misty Groove), Wariyagala Estate Mount Citadale	
<b>Yatinuwara Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Ambilmeegama Tea Factory, Cargills Foodcity - Pilimatalawa	
Distribution : Ambilmeegama, New Gangoda, Wakadapola's Building	
2021-04-06	08:30-10:30
Distribution : Omendal Watta	
2021-04-06	10:30-12:30
Bulk : Sri Lanka Umbrella (Raincoo Umbrella), Telecom Kadugannawa	
Distribution : Kadangama, Kadugannawa Balungala Watta, Mudaliwaththa -II, Mudaliwatta, Naa-ulla, Police - Kadugannawa, U.C. - Kadugannawa	
2021-04-06	13:30-15:30
Bulk : Anverdeen Tea Factory, Diamond Plastic Pilimatalawa, Harisons Learners - Pilimathalawa, Rural Development Centre Pilimatalawa, Seetha Resturent & Caters	
Distribution : Building No.246 Pilimathalawa-Yatinuwara, Isara Complex - Pilimathalawa, Lakruwa-Pilimathalawa, Nawarathna Complex, Pilimathalawa	
2021-04-06	15:30-17:30
Bulk : Candy Garment, Daulagala Booster Pump Station	
Distribution : Eladetta (Wahunkoho)	

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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.

## CENTRAL PROVINCE - 01 - APRIL 2021

DAMBULLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA		Hasalaka Electricity Consumer Service Center	
<b>Dambulla Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>		2021-04-02	09:00-17:00
2021-04-03	09:00-17:00	Distribution : Narangamuwa, Ranamure	
Bulk : J.C.Village No.78 I, Dilrukshi Farm, K.T.R.-H.M.N.G. Mohamad(Rice Moragollawa), KTC Rice Producers, Lanka Polissaks(2), Tata & Midland Rice Mill, Dambuluoya Rice Mill, Nishm (Jayawardana) Rice Mill, Perera Hotel (New Hotel), Lanka Plastic (Polissak-1), Thilanka Hotel, Ayesha Rice Mill, Cultural Heritage and Spa, Victoria Rice Mill		2021-04-05	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Puwakathawala-1, Rathmalgahaela - 1, Kirigolla Weehentipiya, Madamulla Scheme, Binthabara Scheme - Dambulla, Puwakathawala-2, Thiththawelgolla - II, Wellangasmana, Yapagama, Yapagama Siyabalawewa scheme, Kandalama Junction, Pahalawewa Yapagama, Dambulla - Yapagama, Thiththawelgolla, Adahana Maluwa, Rathmalgahaela - 2 (Kudagammanaya)		Distribution : Randenigala Dam Site (Not Energized)	
<b>Naula Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>		2021-04-06	10:00-16:00
2021-04-05	09:00-17:00	Distribution : Dewagiriya	
Bulk : Head Works for Kaluganga Reservoir, Kaluganga Reservoir Head Works Project		<b>Ududumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
Distribution : Moragahakanda Reservoir Head Works Pro.		2021-04-09	09:00-17:00
2021-04-07	09:00-17:00	Distribution : Moonamalpelessa	
Bulk : Hingurana Agro (Pvt) Ltd. - 2, SF - Regimental Center - Madawala Ulpatha		2021-04-10	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Army Camp Koholanwala		Bulk : Mahawela, Mediawaka Gangoda	
Distribution : Nalanda Pump House, Hapugasaya, Nalanda RE, Pitakanda Telecom Tower -Nalanda, Bogasbobbella, Hingurana Agro (Pvt) Ltd. - 1, Thalapiya (Dewaradapola)		Distribution : Kaluntenna, Hapukanda, Dewahandiya, Madugalle, Madugalle New, Matiwalatenna, Udapitawala, Kalawala, Ududumbara - Kalawella, Airtel Tower Galapitagama - Madugalla, Galapitagama Miniwanganuwa, Palle Pitawala, Kalalgamuwa	
2021-04-08	08:30-17:00	<b>MATALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
Bulk : Thalagahakotuwa (Rajjammana), Image Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. - i		<b>Matale Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
Distribution : Akarahaduwa Stage - II, Andawala, Kubaloluwa Jc. Andawala (Mukalanayaya), Rajjammana Water Supply, Ketawala, Rajamal Uyana, Opalgala Watta, Senagama, Nagala Colony, Akarahaduwa, Andawala Lihinipitiya, Opalgala		2021-04-01	08:30-17:00
<b>Pallepola Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>		Distribution : Guralawela, Balakaduwa Welikanda, Wademada, Ovilkanda, Enasalameda, Guralawela Scheme (Nugapitiya), Makulemada, Pathingolla	
2021-04-09	09:00-17:00	2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Aluthwewa Etisalat & Dialog Tower		Bulk & Distribution : Pansalatenna	
Distribution : Nilagama Hakirilla, Bambaragaswewa - i, Nilagama, Aluthwewa Egodayaya, China State Construction (Puwakpitiya)		Distribution : Kalalpitiya, Aluvihare Temple	
<b>GALAGEDARA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>		2021-04-02	09:00-17:00
<b>Hatharaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>		Bulk : INTAKE PUMP HOUSE I, Water Purification, INTAKE PUMP HOUSE II, Water Intake	
2021-04-06	09:00-17:00	2021-04-03	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Multy Purpose Building - Galagedara, Meece Holdings Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd, Penguin Cloths, Penguin Leisure Wear		Distribution : Samandawa	
Distribution : Akkarawatte, Galagedara Telecom, Galagedara VC - Power Loom, Galagedara Hospital Road, Pethigewela, Madige, Green Wood, Unapathayaya		2021-04-07	09:00-17:00
2021-04-08	09:00-17:00	Distribution : 2nd Mile Post Thenna, Halangoda (Udupihilla), Koobiyangoda, Kotuwegedara, Udupihilla (New Udupihilla)	
Distribution : Green Wood		2021-04-09	08:30-17:00
<b>Nugawela Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>		Distribution : Kanangamuwa - ii, Kanangamuwa - i	
2021-04-06	09:00-17:00	2021-04-10	10:00-11:00
Bulk : Chandana Offset Printers		Distribution : Hunugala, Hangarankanda, SAPUMALGAMA, Seluwa Kanda, Alkaduwa Dothalawa, Pitakanda State, Kandenuwara, Mobitel Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., Pitakandagama, Puchi Selwakanda	
Distribution : Kandekumbura		<b>Weragama Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
2021-04-08		Distribution : Madakumbura-Udathanna, Maussagala estate, Horagolla, Welangahawaththa, Nikal Oya, Pattakkare	
08:00-17:00		2021-04-05	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Harispattuwa D.S. Office, Pradeshiya Sabha Building - Harispattuwa, Dihan Clothing (Pvt.) Ltd., Trans Apparel (Pvt.) Ltd. - Harispattuwa		Distribution : Alakolamada	
Bulk & Distribution : Barigama		2021-04-10	10:00-11:00
Distribution : Thiththapajjala, Ullandupitiya, Nugawela, Nugawela - 2 (Rajapihilla Junction), Central College - Nugawela, Mapamadulla (Malagammana)		Distribution : Neluwakanda, Muwandeniya R.E., DIALOG TOWER ELAGALA, Epitamulla, Karahadungala (Janapadaya)	
2021-04-10	09:00-17:00	<b>KANDY CITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
Bulk : Delma Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Delma Match Co.		<b>North Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
Distribution : Wiguhumpola, Aladeniya, Beragama		2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
<b>Poojapitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>		Distribution : Kahalla	
2021-04-01	08:30-17:00	<b>KATUGASTOTA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
Bulk : Ankumbura Tea Factory		<b>Wattegama Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
Bulk & Distribution : Vilana Tea factory, Hapugolla(RE + BS)		2021-04-06	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Mirissala Amabatenna, Ankumbura ii ( Ehalamulla ), Ankumbura Town I, Ankumbura iii ( Egodamulla ), Batagolladeniya, Pansalathenna Colony, Mirissala Saw Mill, Rambukkella, Wilana R.E ( Elle kade), Mirissala (Thenne Gammadda)		Bulk : I.T.N., Hunnas Fall Hotel, M.T.V. (Dialog Broad Band), S.L.B.C.	
<b>KUNDASALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>		Distribution : Elkaduwa, Hunnasgiriya, Mahaoya, Pangirimanawa, Mahamola, Elkaduwa Estate, Pahala Wehigala, Ihala Wehigala, Imbulpitiya, Upper Hunnasgiriya	
<b>Dumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>		<b>KUNDASALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA</b>	
2021-04-01	09:00-17:00	<b>Dumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center</b>	
Bulk : Bogaskumbura, Nelumpathinna		2021-04-01	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Aluambe Pilawala - ii, Pilawala1 (Coca Cola)		Bulk & Distribution : Pansalatenna	
2021-04-02	09:00-12:00	Distribution : Kalalpitiya, Aluvihare Temple	
Bulk : Telecom Kundasale, Director Jetika Kalaniketanya, Industrial Manegment Dev.& Training Insititute		2021-04-02	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Inter National Buddhist Center, Sasa Housing Scheme, Army Camp Laksepaya, Janasavigama - ii, Ransiyagama, Janasavigama - i, Pallekele Army camp, Pallekele Soya Project - ii, Secretarial Complex, Smart Shirt Germent, Prime Land Residencies, Pallekale Soya project i, Pallekele Village		Bulk : INTAKE PUMP HOUSE I, Water Purification, INTAKE PUMP HOUSE II, Water Intake	
2021-04-03	10:00-12:00	2021-04-03	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Jethawanarama Temple (Near CEB Quaters), Sun Match Rajawella (Aluthwatta)		Distribution : Samandawa	
2021-04-07	09:00-17:00	2021-04-07	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Nithulemada, Ambagalanda Gammedda, Nithulemada Parketa wella, Senarathwela, Ambagalanda, Kumbukkandura Church RD.		Distribution : 2nd Mile Post Thenna, Halangoda (Udupihilla), Koobiyangoda, Kotuwegedara, Udupihilla (New Udupihilla)	
Bulk & Distribution : Maberiyatenna Office		2021-04-09	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Dananandana Saw mill, Maberiyatenna - i (Coconut Collecting Center), Rajawella Holdings, Kumbukkandura - i, Maberiyatenna - ii, Rajawella Golf, Victoriya Link (Mariland), Golf Club		Distribution : Kanangamuwa - ii, Kanangamuwa - i	

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### LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

#### Notice Under Section 33

My No. Udu 2/5/2/10  
L.M. No. 13/97/FR/241

I, Sujani R. Wijetunga, Divisional Secretary of Ududumbara, Kandy District, do hereby inform that I have deposited a sum of Rs. 2,75,000.00 (Rupees Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Only) for the case No. LAD 158/20, in the Teldeniya Judicial District Court vide section 33 of the Land Acquisition Act Chapter 460) as compensation to be paid to the claimants, for the land acquired of which the description is given in the schedule below.

Divisional Secretary,  
Ududumbara.

26.03.2021

#### Schedule

Name of Land:- Liyangahamula watta  
Plan No. :- P.P. Maha 6079  
Lot No. :- 1, 2  
Extent :- 20.2361 Hec.  
Situation :- Land called Liyangahamula watta, situated in the Grama Niladari Division of Karambakatiya, in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Ududumbara.

### APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE FROM THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF COMPANIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in pursuance of Section 34 of the Companies Act No.7 of 2007, an application has been made to the Registrar General of Companies for a license directing that a Company about to be formed under the name and style of

"LALITH HAPANGAMA FOUNDATION"

To be registered with limited liability without the addition of the word 'Limited' to its name.

The objects for which the Association is proposed to be established are:

1. **Cancer Awareness** by introducing a mobile cancer unit to travel around the country providing free health screenings for local communities.
2. **Mental Health Awareness** by identifying potential policy changes and procedure for the creation of a regulatory body for Mental Health Professionals in the country.
3. Establish centers for handicapped and disabled permanent or otherwise, or provide assistance to institutions established for that purpose or provide assistance to procure necessary equipment to individuals.
4. Initiate scholarship schemes for secondary and tertiary education for children who have proven themselves in government examinations or other recognized examinations.
5. Provide assistance and encourage children for primary education.
6. Formulate and/or Provide assistance for community development projects aimed at the upliftment of the general condition of living standards through community centers and village libraries etc.

A copy of which may be inspected at No. 95B Zone A, Biyagama EPZ, Malwana during office hours on working days.

Any person, company or corporation objecting to this application may bring such objections before the Registrar General of Companies on or before the 22nd of April 2021 by a letter addressed to the Registrar General of Companies No. 400, "Samagam Medura", D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Attorney at Law of the Promoter

02nd April 2021



## CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION

ON

**INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE)  
REPORT OF PROPOSED 2400 kw WHG BIOMASS POWER  
PROJECT AT THISSAMAHARAMA IN HAMBANTOTA DISTRICT**

### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after a study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9 (i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993 as amended by the Gazette No. 1152/22 dated 02nd November 2000 to grant approval to the WHG Eco Power (Pvt) Ltd., No. 485, Hambantota Road, Tissamaharama for the implementation of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (Amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and available at the Library of the Central Environmental Authority.

Director General  
Central Environmental Authority  
"Parisara Piyasa"  
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.

## VEHICLE SALE

DUAL PURPOSE	YEAR	YARD
PC-6240 TOYOTA	2006	EMBILIPITIYA
MOTOR CAR	YEAR	YARD
CAD-3687 TOYOTA / PRIUS	2013	RAGAMA

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

**EMBILIPITIYA (Hiran) - 0773 038 137**

**RAGAMA - 0113 288 893**

**LB FINANCE**  
L.B. Finance PLC.  
No.27/75, Post, Dissanayake Mawatha, Colombo 7.

## VEHICLE SALE

MOTOR CYCLE	YEAR	YARD
BFO-2087 YAMAHA/RAY	2017	AMPARA
BEK-9083 HERO/PLEASURE	2016	ANURADHAPURA
THREE WHEELER	YEAR	YARD
ABS-1717 BAJAJ	2018	PANADURA
ABS -1214 BAJAJ	2018	MATARA
ABK-1260 BAJAJ	2016	EMBILIPITIYA
ABA-0573 BAJAJ	2015	AMPARA
ABC-2220 BAJAJ	2015	RAGAMA
ABD-7488 BAJAJ	2015	RAGAMA
AAW-4084 BAJAJ	2015	RAGAMA
ABA-8071 BAJAJ	2015	RAGAMA
ABH-8510 BAJAJ	2015	RAGAMA
ABB-7631 BAJAJ	2015	RAGAMA
AAS-3681 BAJAJ	2014	RAGAMA
AAM-3158 BAJAJ	2013	NUWARAELIYA
AAJ-9435 BAJAJ	2013	RAGAMA
AAJ-7021 BAJAJ	2013	PANADURA
AAA-7047 BAJAJ	2012	EMBILIPITIYA
AAB-3978 BAJAJ	2012	RAGAMA
AAB-6274 BAJAJ	2012	RAGAMA
AAF-4773 BAJAJ	2012	RAGAMA
YW-5239 BAJAJ	2011	RAGAMA
QX-9573 BAJAJ	2010	MATARA
YH-0073 BAJAJ	2010	PANADURA
QU-3191 BAJAJ	2009	RATHNAPURA
QT-8832 BAJAJ	2009	RAGAMA
QP-1636 BAJAJ	2008	RAGAMA
QL-8927 BAJAJ	2007	EMBILIPITIYA
QG-7839 BAJAJ	2006	KANDY
ABG-9911 PIAGGIO / APE	2014	MATARA
MOTOR CAR	YEAR	YARD
CBF-9427 SUZUKI / WAGON R	2018	RAGAMA
CBB-8960 SUZUKI / WAGON R	2017	RAGAMA
CAZ-2435 SUZUKI / BALENO	2016	RAGAMA
CAS-0830 MICRO / PANDA	2016	RAGAMA
CAK-7043 SUZUKI / ALTO	2015	RAGAMA
CAG-5102 MICRO / PANDA	2015	PANADURA
CAG-0735 TATA/NANO/TWIST	2015	RAGAMA
CAS-3568 TOYOTA / AQUA	2013	RAGAMA
KY-2885 TOYOTA	2012	CHILAW
KW-4584 HONDA	2012	RAGAMA
KO-0812 TATA / NANO	2011	RAGAMA
KH-8235 MICRO / TREND	2008	ANURADHAPURA
DUAL PURPOSE	YEAR	YARD
DAC-2363 TATA/LIGHT TRUCK	2015	KANDY
PU-7720 TATA	2012	RAGAMA
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51-4099 MAZDA / BONGO	1987	RAGAMA
MOTOR COACH	YEAR	YARD
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MATARA 0414 935 734	PANADURA 0773 610 142 Client	ANURADHAPURA 0772 385 714 Chamil
CHILAW 0777 289 182 Sachtha	EMBILIPITIYA 0773 038 137 Hiran	KEGALLE 0777 381 375 Chathura

## Ministry of Justice

### Recruitment to Post of Assistant Secretary, Labour Tribunals of the Office of the Secretary, Labour Tribunals - 2021

Applications are hereby invited from the Officers of Grade 1 Management Services belonging to the Combined Service, having fulfilled necessary qualifications to recruit for 22 Nos. post of the Assistant Secretary, lying vacant in the Labour Tribunals under the Ministry of Justice.

Applications prepared as per the Specimen Application Forms published in the Website of the Ministry of Justice should be sent by Registered post addressed to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Labour Tribunals, Superior Court Complex, Colombo 12, to be received at or before the following closing date. The caption to the effect "Recruitment to the post of Assistant Secretary, Labour Tribunals of the Office of the Secretary Labour Tribunals", should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing applications.

**Closing date of applications : 03.05.2021.**

Applications could be forwarded only by the Officer of Grade 1 in the Management Services employed in the Combined Service.

**Note :** Complaints stating that an application or a connected letter was lost or delayed in the post will not be considered. Damages related to delaying applications until the closing date should be borne by the applicants themselves.

01. The Secretary of the Ministry of Justice will call applications and recruitments are made upon structured interview by a panel of Interviewers appointed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Justice.

02. **Nature of the Post**  
This post is permanent and pensionable.

03. **Salary Scale :**  
MN-2-2016 - Rs. 28,940 - 10x300 - 11x350 - 10x560 - 10x660 - Rs. 47,990.

04. **Basic Qualifications :**  
Should be an Officer of Grade 1 of the Management Services of the Combined Service.

05. **Method of Recruitment :**  
Recruitments are made for the existing vacancies, according to the order or merit of the marks received at the Structured Interview.

The procedure of giving marks at the Structured Interview information regarding the Labour Tribunals, where vacancies exist and the Specimen Application Forms are published in the Ministry's Website ([www.moj.gov.lk](http://www.moj.gov.lk))

06. Information relevant to the application, should be inserted by own hand writing by the applicant himself. Incomplete application in any manner, applications sans basic qualifications received later than the prescribed date and contrary to the specimen provided will be rejected without prior intimation. Keeping a copy of the application will be beneficial. It is further notified by me that the applicant should himself check that whether completed application is filled compatibly to Specimen indicated in the notice and if it is not so application is liable for rejection. Applications should be prepared according to the Specimen Application provided therein. Applications will not be acknowledged.

All the applications should be forwarded through the Head of the Department / Institution / applicant presently employed.

07. The Secretary, Ministry of Justice will decide on any matter, not mentioned in this application. All the applicants are obliged and bounded to act according to the General Conditions laid down in this notice of calling applications.

08. In case it arises any incompatibility among Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums of notices, the Sinhala medium notice is to be followed and acted accordingly.

**M.M.P.K. Mayadunne**  
**Secretary,**  
**Ministry of Justice.**  
23.03.2021

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