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NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM WITH EQUAL BENEFITS FOR EVERYONE AND EVERY AREA - PRESIDENT

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said that a robust national health system would be implemented to benefit all people irrespective of their social status and to cover all parts of the country.

S.M. Arnold said a set of guidelines

has been issued by the Director

General of Health Services under

the Quarantine and Prevention of

Diseases Ordinance to thwart a pos-

sible surge of Coronavirus cases

DINULI FRANCISCO

Mrs. World Caroline Jurie and model

Chula Padmendra were arrested by the

Cinnamon Gardens Police yesterday (8).

The arrests were made on the com-

plaint lodged by the winner Pushpika De Silva regarding the fiasco that TOPAGE 02

They were released on police bail.

President Rajapaksa urged to present new ideas to achieve this goal within a short period.

The President made these remarks participating as the Chief Guest at the

inaugural day of the 43rd Annual Academic Session of the Kandy Society of Medicine held in Kandy, on Wednesday (7). President Rajapaksa stressed the need for the entire health care com-

munity including doctors and other healthcare professionals to work with the government to identify and address long-term problems.

"As doctors, you are well aware of

the crucial role medical professionals play in our society. Their impact has been considerably heightened in the past year as a result of the global pandemic. TO PAGE 02

STRICT COVID-19 HEALTH **GUIDELINES FOR AVURUDHU**

LEGAL ACTION AGAINST VIOLATORS

Jurie, Chula Padmendra arrested,

bailed over pageant drama

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ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Stern legal action will be taken against those who violate COVID-19 health guidelines issued by the Health Ministry for the upcoming Sinhala and Tamil New Year (Avurudu) season.

Deputy Director General Health during the New Year period, when

SPIKE IN CASES Services (DDGHS) Consultant Dr. large numbers head to their home-

towns for the celebrations. He stressed that the people should not become complacent and must continue to follow all COVID-19 precautions such as physical distancing, wearing masks and washing hands frequently with soap and

water or sanitizer. Health experts have warned of a third wave of the pandemic if people do not follow these and other safety precautions.

The Health Ministry has restricted festivals celebrating the upcoming Sinhala and Tamil New Year to 100 persons at a time, TO PAGE 02

Palm oil banned due to health issues - PMD

Rajapaksa decided on a complete ban on palm oil imports because it is harmful for public health, the

President's Media Division

ment yesterday. "Medical and food spe-

cialists have frequently pointed out that consuming food processed using crude

palm oil is a main cause for illnesses. However, palm oil varieties with accepted standards are used to manufacture biscuits, sweet snacks and bread. TO PAGE 02

Coconut oil in bowsers had aflatoxin - Customs

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

Tests have confirmed that the stock of coconut oil in the two bowsers taken into custody by the Police in Dankotuwa recently was contaminated with aflatoxins, Customs Media Spokesman Sudaththa Silva said. TO PAGE 02

Man arrested for

laundering black money

The Criminal Investigations

Department (CID) arrested a

27-year-old person, who was in pos-

session of Rs. 136 million in his

bank account deposited by a for-

eign source, on Wednesday, Police

Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana

He said the suspect was arrested

for committing offences TOPAGE 02

Pettah Floating Market re-opened with added features



Pettah was re-opened for the public on Wednesday night

after a full renovation by the

Urban Development Author-

market premises to make it

The project was carried

out under the instructions

of President Gotabaya Raja-

Mahinda Rajapaksa. TO PAGE 02

paksa and Prime Minister

have been added to the

attractive for the public.

A number of new features

ity (UDA).

CCC Mali bound for **UN Peacekeeping**

AIM TO PREVENT

A new contingent of 243 personnel of the Combat Convoy Company (CCC) of the Army, set to leave for Mali to serve in the United Nations Peacekeeping assignments, presented a formal military salute to Army Commander Gen. Shavendra Silva at the Army Training Camp at Kukuleganga yesterday. The Sri Lankan CCC, comprising 20 Officers and 223 other ranks is scheduled to depart for Mali on April 22. Picture by Rukmal Gamage





House erupts over Speaker's stance on Ranjan's Seat

Opposition Leader raising baseless arguments - Dinesh

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Pandemonium reigned in Parliament vesterday following Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa demanding to guarantee TOPAGE 02

Ranjan ceases to be an MP - Speaker

Ranjan Ramanayake would cease to be a Member of Parliament (MP) from the date the conviction was entered upon by the Supreme Court, Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena announced in Parliament vesterday.

He said Parliament will proceed regarding the vacancy created TOPAGE 02

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Mannapperuma to fill Ranjan's Seat

The National Election appointment of Ajith Man-Commission yesterday napperuma to the Parlia- sion, in the exercise of the issued the Gazette noti- mentary Seat vacated by

fication announcing the Ranjan Ramanayake.

"We,the Election Commispowers vested in the Election Commission TO PAGE 02

Sinopharm jabs for locals only after NMRA nod - Minister

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said the Sinopharm vaccine will not be given to Sri Lankans until its safety is assured by health authorities. TO PAGE 02

TID arrests two for propagating extremist ideologies

The Terrorist Investigation Division (TID) on Wednesday arrested two people in Oluvil for propagating extremist ideologies, Police Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said.

The Police Spokesman said the suspects, aged 39 and 30 years, had been TOPAGE 02

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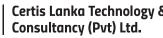
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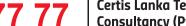












National Policy on traditional knowledge and practices related to biodiversity

Strategy Statement on Traditional Knowledge and Practices Related to Biodiversity in Sri Lanka were presented to Environment Minister Mahinda

Amaraweera yesterday. The policy was formulated by the Ministry's Biodiversity Secretariat and handed over to the Minister by Secretariat Director Padma Abeykoon.

There are times when our traditional are far ahead of modern science in what we call science and new technology, Minister Amaraweera said.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, he pointed said the knowledge that has been handed down from generation to generation is a cultural right of the people in the country.

"That is why we published this national policy and strategy, espe-

A National Policy and knowledge and wisdom cially in relation to traditional knowledge and practice related to biodiversity. We use traditional knowledge related to biodiversity in several sectors such as agriculture and fisheries," he said. "Sri Lanka is a country with a history of more than 2,500 years. The traditional knowledge used by the people of our country since that long time is still used in our country today. But many today do not



Biodiversity Secretariat Director Padma Abeykoon handing over the National Policy to Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera.

want to follow this traditional knowledge.

Our younger generation in particular say that traditional knowledge is unscientific," he observed. The Minister also commented on the measures taken so far against those who destroy the environment.

"We will not allow any person to damage the environment. The Government has arrested and prosecuted those responsible for all reported incidents. I responsibly say that about 300 people have been prosecuted so far

this year. Also, by 2020, 190 deforestation incidents had been reported. Cases have been filed against those involved in all 190 incidents. Over the past few years, the graph of deforestation in our country has been steadily rising. But I can responsibly say that after 2022 the curve of this environmental damage graph will be reversed. I will do everything I can about it," he commented.

Jamburewela Thera, another arrested

DILSHAN THARAKA

Ven.Jamburewela Chandrarathana Thera and another person have been arrested by the Fort Police during a protest held yesterday in the Colombo Fort area.

Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said a group of protestors had attacked and caused damage to a jeep belonging to the Fort Police.

Thereafter Fort Police had launched an investigation into the incident and Ven. Jamburewela Chandrarathana thera and another person who had joined the protest, have been arrested under charges of unlawful assembly, he said. Fort Police are investigating.

National health system... From page 01

That Sri Lanka managed to perform creditably on this front, despite extremely challenging circumstances, is a tribute to the strength and professionalism of our healthcare personnel and our public health infrastructure," he said.

He said that during his visits to villages in 17 districts, to attend the "Discussion with the Village" programme he was able to first-hand experience the numerous problems faced by the rural and estate community. There were some weaknesses that needed to be overcome in the health system. The President pointed out that if these shortcomings were allowed to continue, serious adverse consequences could arise.

"One of the most significant problems that has been raised time and again in my visits to these villages has been the lack of adequate healthcare facilities in these areas. In some regions, the villagers need to travel more than thirty to forty kilometers to consult doctors and receive proper medical care. Certainly, it is not a satisfactory situation where these poor villagers are concerned," he pointed out.

"Even though Sri Lanka has a free healthcare system, these structural problems in the distribution of healthcare are a significant hurdle we must overcome. If the present problems continue for much longer, the trust and respect that people in those communities have towards the broader medical community, will come under strain. In this context, people's trust and confidence in the government too will decline," he added.

The President emphasized the need to overcome this situation in rural areas and to ensure the immediate and careful attention of the medical community to guarantee good health for the entire population.

"As outlined in the Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour Policy Document, the central policy framework of our Government, ensuring a healthy nation is one of our foremost goals. We must build a national healthcare system in which Sri Lankans of all backgrounds and in all parts of the country have access to healthcare at a decent standard. We will need new and innovative initiatives to ensure this in a short span of time," he stat-

Strict COVID-19... From page 01

with a ban on a number of Avurudu games, especially contact games such as pillow fighting and tug-o-war to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

According to the guidelines issued for New Year celebrations, organisers of festivals must produce a document agreeing with the Ministry guidelines to the local Medical Officer of Health and the relevant municipal or urban

council prior to organising the event. This also prohibits all quarantined citizens, people diagnosed with COVID-19 and their family members from entering these festivals.

Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera stated that the total number of COVID-19 positive patients detected in the country has increased to 93,993.

TID arrests two for... From page 01

conducting classes for the students who sat GCE Ordinary Level Examination. The suspects had used various video footages and content of lectures of foreign terrorist organizations connected to extremism in their

"The students were also asked to follow a physical fitness training course and the students who were reluctant to attend the training had been assaulted by the two suspects. Police are tracing several students who were reluctant to attend those classes and they will be referred to a Judicial Medical Officer," he said. The DIG said the suspects had been detained at the TID Headquarters in Colombo under the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The suspects were guided by ringleader Zaharan Hashim, who carried out the Easter Sunday suicide bombings on April 21, 2019. The Police Spokesman said the Police previously arrested two suspects in Muttur on similar offences.

They had also been conducting classes for students who sat for the OL exam.

Palm oil banned... From page 01

Palm oil variety referred to as 'Palm Stearin' bearing the Harmonized Code 1511.90.10 or is one such variety. There is no prohibition to import this variety used for the production of various supplementary food," the

press release stated. "The incumbent Government banned ethanol imports, but permission was given to import ethanol for clinical needs. The permission to import 'Palm Stearin' is similar to that," the PMD said.

"It has been established through research that the palm cultivation leads to long term negative impacts on environment such as drying out of water retention areas and soil infertility. The President instructed the authorities about six months ago to gradually stop palm cultivation. It has been decided to gradually replace already cultivated palm trees with rubber or some other environment friendly cultivation," the PMD release added.

Pettah Floating...

The renovated market premises has 103 market stalls. The Government has come up with a plan to carry out the activities of this place properly.

Sinopharm jabs for... From page 01

She said once the Sinopharm vaccine is approved by the WHO it will be used on Sri Lankans with the approval of the Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases and the National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA).

Mannapperuma to... From page 01

by Section 64 (2) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981, do hereby notify the public that A. Ajith Kumara Mannapperuma has been declared elected as a Member of the Ninth Parliament for the Gampaha Electoral District to fill the vacancy caused by reason of ceasing to be a Member of Parliament of Ranjan Leo Sylvester Ramanayake," the Gazette Extraordinary stated.

Jurie, Chula Padmendra... From page 01

occurred last Sunday (4) at the 'Mrs. Sri Lanka for Mrs. World' pageant held at the Nelum Pokuna Theatre.

The arrests were made when Jurie and Padmendra appeared at the Cinnamon Gardens Police to record statements pertaining to the complaint lodged by Pushpika

De Silva for using criminal force and the head injuries that occurred during the scrimmage.

Police Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said the police are recording statements from the arrested suspects and the Cinnamon Gardens Police will conduct further investigations into the incident.

Coconut oil... From page 01

The samples obtained from crude coconut oil in the two bowsers were tested at the Sri Lanka Standards Institute (SLSI).

He said the Customs continue investigations on the matter. He said the samples of the stocks were also sent to the Government

Analyst's Department and the Food Control Unit of the Health Ministry, and that their reports were pending. The two bowser trucks were seized by Dankotuwa Police on March 30 on suspicion of containing carcinogenic sub-

Man arrested for... From page 01

under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The suspect was a resident of Dharmarama Road in Ratmalana.

"The money was transferred to the suspect's account by notorious criminal Dharmasiri Perera who is said to be in hiding in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He is currently operating from

Dubai," the Police Spokesperson

The arrest was made based on a previous arrest of a suspect arrested for the possession of Rs.190 million in a bank account. The money had been transferred from the bank account of wanted criminal Dharmasiri Perera.

Ranjan ceases... From page 01

after the Court of Appeal dismissed the case filed by Ramanay-

"The reason for me to make this announcement is that yesterday in the House, the Leader of the Opposition made a statement that the Secretary General of Parlia-

ment has taken steps to inform the Chairman of the Elections Commission that Ranjan Ramanayake has vacated his seat due to non attendance of Parliament for three months and the non-acceptance of his leave motion also contributed to this situation.

Opposition Leader... From page 01

the right of Ranjan Ramanayake to remain as an MP which later led to sittings being suspended for five minutes.

He raised the matter after Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena made a Speaker's announcement to inform the correct position on the letter that was sent by the Secretary General of Parliament to the Elections Commission Chairman on the seat rendered vacant with the ceasing of Ranian Ramanavake to be an MP in terms of Article 66(d) of the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

The Opposition Leader demanded that as Ranjan Ramanayake was in the course of appealing against the Court of Appeal decision on his membership in parliament, he should be given his due rights. "There seems to be a conspiracy to

deprive him of his membership in Parliament. He queried if the Speaker would reverse his decision to vacate Ramanayake's seat if the Supreme Court decided otherwise. He requested to ensure Ramanayake's right to contest the Court of Appeal decision on his membership. Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abey-

wardena observed that the Opposition leaders' argument was baseless. The Secretary General of the Parliament had acted in accordance with the judgement and the constitution. He added that no person can question it as it is a duty of the Secretary General. The Speaker stated that Ramanayake's right of appeal is still lying and instructed to challenge the Elections Commission's decision if the Opposition thinks the measures taken were wrong rather than wasting time here.



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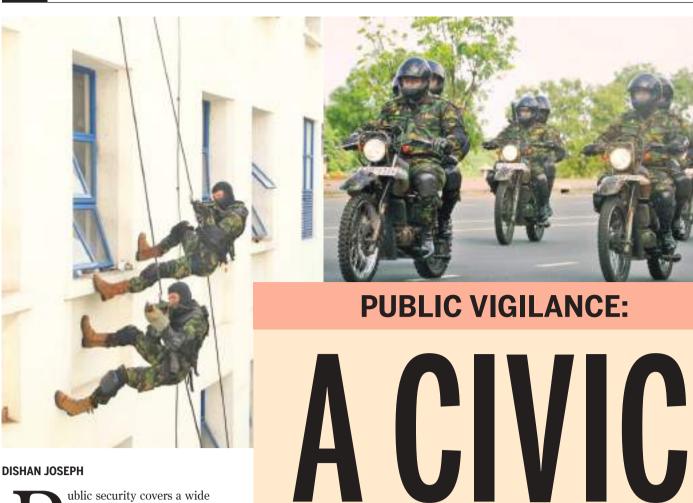








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DISHAN JOSEPH

ublic security covers a wide pectrum and involves many stakeholders. One of the primary stakeholders is the police force. The police are the guardians of the law. However the public has a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of their neighbourhoods and workplaces. The global security arena has faced many new threats over the last decade, some of which are case studies of how an individual or group can suddenly unleash mayhem and death in a peaceful environment. One such example was seen at the Boston Marathon bomb blast when an improvised pressure cooker bomb was exploded amidst athletes and bystanders.

In the traditional security sense police forces across the world were always empowered and deployed for crime prevention and crime detection. With a history of more than 150 years the Sri Lanka Police have done their share towards this concept, with some shortcomings. Change is evitable in any field of work in this digitally dominated era, and the Sri Lanka Police need a paradigm shift towards facing unexpected challenges. The police made a significant contribution towards the suppression of subversive uprisings and defeat of terrorism. The Special Task Force did an excellent job in the latter theatre. For the record almost 3,000 police officers have died gallantly in the line of duty, and this is testament to their courage. The STF has lost around 500 personnel.

What are the new challenges to police forces around the globe? Today the "acts of domestic terrorism" and "acts of criminal violence" manifest in new and somewhat innovative forms. Criminals and terrorists have stepped up their game, and the traditional modus operandi sometimes doesn't make sense and wanders away from human logic. Even FBI psychological profilers are bewildered about some bizarre forms of crime, which deviate from normally accepted human behaviour. One of the emerging crimes in the USA is the dangerous outburst of the 'lone shooter'. These individuals have some form of hatred towards society and unleash their violence by shooting innocent people in public malls and schools. In the recent past there were two incidents when such enraged 'lone wolves' targeted Asians at two separate locations, causing death and

No matter how much manpower or resources a police service has, it is impossible for policemen to be on duty everywhere, round the clock. This challenge is faced globally. For a developed country like USA with a skilled police force and so many specialized counter-terrorism teams it is not possible to secure every public location, i.e., malls, parks, libraries, sporting stadiums, hotels, churches, etc. However, the FBI working prudently with local police divisions has initiated practical public vigilance programmes. There are 1,800 (toll free code numbers) crime reporting hotlines and other terrorism reporting hotlines. Basically if someone sees something suspicious they can call in expecting a positive response. England also has similar programmes, with commendable initiatives from Scotland Yard. Both these countries have another val-

The present threats globally are within the urban environment FIBUA (fighting in built up areas such as



RESPONSIBILITY

uable asset: helicopter response teams comprising trained policemen. This system of "eve in the sky" has a twofold benefit. In a strategic security sense, armed policemen can enter a crime scene with the element of surprise. Secondly it boosts public confidence in the police response capability.

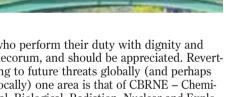
At present in the context of this article, Sri Lanka is void of the threats it once faced. But should we not think about our response if a 'lone wolf' shooter should suddenly wield an automatic firearm in public? It is a probability which we must anticipate and mitigate. Jane's Defence Weekly brings to light the changing crime trends and unexpected acts of violence manifesting globally. There is a need for an attitudinal change on the part of the Sri Lankan police in how they view and analyze criminal and terrorist activity. Let me explain this point. During the JVP insurgency in the 1980s, all men sporting beards were often stopped at police check points (irrespective of ethnicity) simply because the late JVP leader Rohana Wijeweera sported a full beard. This shows the generalization of a suspect's profile. This shows the lack of pragmatic "in-service" training among the lower ranks of the Sri Lanka Police. All policemen and policewomen must have a good knowledge of computers and how to access and research the internet.

For the record I must state that the Inspectorate of the Sri Lanka Police is the backbone of the police force. There are hundreds of hardworking honest officers in the ranks of Chief Inspector, Inspector and Sub-Inspector. These officers perform a massive workload with dedication. One is left to ponder on the updating of effective policing methods amongst the sergeants and consta-

The US and UK have another valuable asset: helicopter response teams comprising trained policemen

who perform their duty with dignity and decorum, and should be appreciated. Reverting to future threats globally (and perhaps locally) one area is that of CBRNE - Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear and Explosives. At present let's focus on the first three

over the years to look out for suicide bombers and automatic rifles. When the war was over we forgot the suicide bomber, until they resurfaced in a different style of synchronized attacks on Easter Sunday 2019. Let's take a futuristic example - what if someone (local or foreigner) should shrewdly keep a toxic cap-



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The Sri Lankan mindset had been induced

lance is needed. Security experts say that ISIS uses radicalized foreigners to launch attacks, and warn that such ISIS operatives can visit any country as tourists. According to the SITE Agency of Maryland, USA, there are about 80 foreign groups affiliated to ISIS, following their extremist ideology. ly skilled CBRNE response teams. The STF also has skilled SWAT teams and motorcycle

sule in an AC vent inside a public venue dur-

ing a conference, or poison food. Public vigi-

Thankfully the Special Task Force has highresponse teams. Other military teams in Sri Lanka (Army Commandos and Air Force SABF) can also be called in to intervene in such situations when required. It has been the aspiration among the public that the Sri Lanka police must have their own helicopters to respond to certain situations, at least in Colombo for a start. This would enhance their operational capability and enrich the image of the police. However the counter argument made in the past decades is that an air wing causes a huge additional cost to the police budget. The present threats globally are within the urban environment FIBUA (fighting in built up areas such as hostage rescue). The military perspective on this threat is coined as MOUT- military operations in urban terrain.

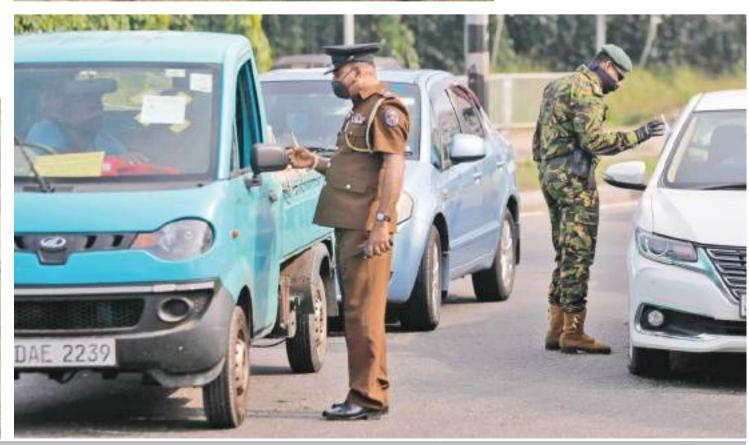
The Sri Lankan public have conveniently moved away from public vigilance, and given their undivided attention to cricket matches and cable television. The public must always assist the police in crime prevention. There are some shortcomings by few police officers in how they respond to the public's tip-offs, and this has caused a loss in public confidence. The public is sure to see suspicious signs in activities related to drug trafficking, etc. In the incident a few weeks ago when a suspect left a bag in busy Pettah (concealing a dead woman's body) no one noticed the unattended bag for a long time. What if this bag contained explosives? As I stated, the police can't be omnipresent. Social media platforms and smart phone apps can be used to alert the police and society of crimes, i.e., missing persons, stolen vehicles, etc. How cautious are we at a railway station platform or sports sta-

It is the role of all Sri Lankans to reactivate their vigilance committees incorporating temples, kovils, churches and mosques, in cooperation with their respective police divisions. These vigilance committees yielded good results in the past. All police stations OICs must duly engage the public in a friendly manner to eradicate crime and enhance public security. Female police officers must be sent out more into communities to interact with other women, and build trust. Women (mainly housewives) would be more comfortable reaching out to a woman police officer.

How much does a landlord verify the background of a new tenant? Especially when they rent houses in Colombo. Are there vigilance committees in large government built condominium flats where there are more than 700 to 1,000 apartments? During massive religious festivals does the public assist the police by being vigilant? Do Sri Lankans realize the danger of identity theft, on the digital domain? The police engaged intensively during the Covid prevention programmes, amidst their regular duties. We have to value this fact. We must remember this is our motherland and appreciate our ethnic diversity respecting all religions. The police and public vigilance partnership is vital for public security and prosperity. It ultimately impacts on national security.









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Navy nab 20 persons in migration bid

The Navy in Kondachchikuda, Silawathura apprehended 20 persons who were attempting to illegally migrate to a foreign country via sea on April

The Northwestern Naval Command, after having searched 4 suspicious threewheelers at the Kondachchikuda roadblock in Silawathura, nabbed the suspects. Twenty persons

in the threewheelers were on their way to the Silawathura sea area to migrate to a foreign country via sea routes. The group and four three-wheelers were taken into Naval custo-

Fourteen men, four women, a girl and one boy were nabbed. The accused were residents of Mullaitivu (09), Jaffna (4), Mannar (4) and each from Walachchani, Wattala and Puttalam. The person who devised the attempt was among the group.

The accused andour threewheelers were handed over to the Silawathura Police. The Navy also nabbed a group who were attempted to illegally migrate on March 11.

Speaker thanks Kuwait for assisting Sri Lankans in Kuwait

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardane extended his gratitude to the Government of Kuwait for the assistance provided for Sri Lankans in

He thanked the Government of Kuwait for the assistance including healthcare facilities for Sri Lankans working in Kuwait.

The Speaker was participating in the revival meeting of Sri Lanka-Kuwait Parliamentary Friendship Association in Parliament recently. Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Sri Lanka Khalaf Bu Dhhair and several Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Parliamentarians were present.

"Bi-lateral relations between Kuwait and Sri Lanka dates back over five decades. Our two countries established formal diplomatic relations on

Dhhair and Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardane at the meeting. February 19, 1971. This year, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between two countries.

"We wish to extend gratitude for the Kuwaiti Government for their cooperation in looking after the welfare of the stranded housemaids through establishing the Dasma Police and some Detention Camps and assisting the expeditious repatriation of housemaids to Sri Lanka" the Speaker said.

The new office bearers for the 9th Parliament were elected at the meeting. State Minister Kanaka Herath was appointed as the President of the Sri Lanka-Kuwait Parliamentary Friendship Association and Parliamentarians Faizal Cassim and Aravindh Kumar and Selvam Adaikkalanathan were appointed as the Vice Presidents. MPs Gayantha Karunathilake and Ishak Rahuman were appointed as the Secretary and the Treas-

Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Sri Lanka Khalaf Bu

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Mattala Airport will be made cargo hub – Minister Prasanna

al Airport will be developed as a cargo hub while upgrading its luxury facilities, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said in Parliament yesterday.

Minister Ranatunga said that an export processing zone, an aircraft maintenance and turnover vard (MRO) and a duty-free shopping complex will be built at the airport.

Minister Ranatunga was responding to Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Hesha Vithanage regarding the construction of the Mattala International Airport and its future activities, during the Oral Questions Round.

The Minister said that USD 247.7 million was spent on the construction of the Mattala International Airport. He added that China provided USD 190 million under the concessionary loan scheme and the airport and the airline



used the remaining funds. The Minister said that the Mattala Airport commenced operations on

March 18, 2013 and earned Rs. 445,319,656 up to November 2020. The number of flights operated from the date of opening to November 2020 was 10,206. Twenty three airlines, including SriLankan Airlines, operated flights during that period where 58,651 passengers had arrived. The number of departed passengers is

73,513. Plans are afoot to resume the operations of its duty free shopping mall and to develop the cargo terminal facilities. Minister Ranatunga said that the previous Government of Good Governance had brought disrepute to this airport by storing paddy in it. Minister Ranatunga said that although the Mattala Airport was planned to be made an active airport after the Government came to power, it was difficult to reach those targets because of the pandemic.

Opposition avoiding real issues by clamouring over Ranjan's Seat - Prof. Bandara

The Opposition is sys tematically deviating from the subject of focusing on the Presidential Commission's Report on Easter Sunday attacks, just by making a fuss on Ranjan Ramanayake's seat disregarding that he was imprisoned for making derogatory statements against the judiciary, Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) MP Prof. Ranjith Bandara yesterday said.

He was speaking at the adjournment motion on the report of the President's Commission on the Easter Sunday attacks in Parliament for the fifth

He said that the Opposition is complaining of the function of the Presidential Commission,

which was appointed under their government. He said that even the Opposition leader admitted that during their tenure they allowed over 300 people to have been killed by the Islam extremists. He said that even relatives of the Opposition MPs, too, faced this tragic incident. He said that the incident had an

Disciplinary inquiry

adverse effect on the economy.

The Opposition has a responsibility to discuss and debate the affected economy. "We saw how the political party, which was in power formerly, was rejected by the people. The United National Party (UNP) could not secure even a single seat in Parliament. However, we have seen this Government has strenthened the defence of the country," he said.

He said that the country affected by the Easter Sunday attacks was jeopardised by the COVID 19 pandemic. "However, it affected the entire world and we, too, are a victim. All must rally round to get rid of the situation,"

Agreements will be signed with many suppliers of COVID vaccines - Minister Pavithra

The National Drug Reguments with those compalatory Authority (NDRA) has received applications for supplying the AstraZeneca Vaccine from the Serum Institute, Sputnik Vaccine, Synopharm Vaccine and Covaxin from the Bharath Biotech and will sign agree-

nies and register for them in the future, Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said.

She said her Ministry will sign agreements for seven million doses of vaccines from Pfizer and the

stock will be supplied in the next year.

The Minister said that discussions have also comfor Modernna, menced Johnson & Johnson vaccines through the American

She said that if the talks

are successful, then the Government will take steps to buy the vaccine.

The Minister said that the Sinopharm vaccine had been donated to Sri Lanka and that any plans have not been made to buy the vac-





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a better home, God's own paradise.

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ITAK MP Rasamanickam's statement should be probed — State Minister Semasinghe

A CID investigation should be carried out on a statement by the Illankai Tamil Arasu Kachch (ITAK) MP S.R. Rasamanickam in Parliament in relation to the Easter Sunday attacks, State Minister Shehan Semasinghe yesterday said.

State Minister Semasinghe said that the Government should consider MP Rasamanickam's statement seriously and carry out an investigation to verify its content. State Minister Semasinghe said that MP Rasamanickam has predicted another terror attack in 2021 with the support of the ruling party during a speech he made in Parliament.

State Minister Semasinghe was speaking, joining the

adjournment motion on the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry that investigated the Easter Sunday attacks.

"While expressing our deep sorrow to all the victims of the Easter Sunday attacks, I feel very unfortunate to listen to these very same people who were then in power without preventing this attacks.

Opposition Leader questions Vaccination Project

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa raised concerns in Parliament yesterday over several areas in the Vaccination Project by the Government to curb the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

Opposition Leader Premadasa questioned why the Nation-Medicines Regulatory Authority has not yet given its approval for certain vaccines brought into the vaccination project by the Government.

He raised these concerns

under the Standing Order 27

"Beginning in late 2019, various countries and pharmaceutical companies were quick to discover vaccines to control the pandemic, which had spread rapidly around the world in the past year. By the end of last year, many countries started producing vaccines and distributing them in their countries. The Covax Facility, the World Health

Organization and the Global

Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (Gavi), had already

ensured that the vaccine was distributed fairly across the globe. While many other countri were starting vaccinations, the Sri Lankan Government was promoting various local medicines instead of rushing to import vaccines," he said.



tarian Thushara Indunil in Parliament yesterday. The Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena expunged the statement made by MP Indunil from the Hansard on the request of the Chief Government Whip Minister Johnston Fernando and many other

inquiry into the defamatory

statement on the Speaker

awegaya (SJB) Parliamen-

by Samagi Jana Bal-

statements. Following the statement by MP Indunil, Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) MP Shantha

Bandara objected that the Opposition Member was defaming the Chair of the august assembly. Minister Prasanna queried if Parliament goes forward with

Minister Johnston Fernando requested to expunge the statement by MP Indunil. He said that even the former Opposition MP Ranjan Ramanayake did the same mistake by addressing the Speaker in an unparliamentary language and Indunil was fol-

such MPs who did not

democratic Speaker.

understand the value of a

Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa, it was Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena who acted democratically in Parliament. He said that the Speaker is giving more time for the Opposition when the Point of Orders are concerned. He added that democratic values of the Speaker have been misused by the Opposition MPs.

lowing the same. He said

that after the former

Minister C. B. Rathnayake demanded a disciplinary inquiry into the defamatory statement by Parliamentarian Indunil.

Obituaries

PERERA, RITA, Loving wife of late

John, caring mother of Hiran, Suren and Nalin, mother-in-law of Jasmin, Chinta and Ayesha, darling grandmother of Roshan,

Rehena, Sohan and Maya, daughter of

late Mr and Mrs E.J. Perera, sister of late

Olive, Lloyd, Donny, Therese, Marie and

of Col. A.E.T. (Nimal) Perera. Cremation

will take place at General Cemetery, Borella

on Friday the 9th of April at 11.30 a.m.

Cortege leaves residence at 10.00 a.m. from

429/2, "Basildon", Old Kandy Road,

PUSHPA PIYASENA - (retired - Sri Lanka

Police). Late wife of Mr. Piyasena Ampawila

(retired - Sri Lanka Police), mother of

Mr. Priyasen Ampawila (Son) (Deputy

Director-CID), Mrs. Devika Ampawila

Department), Mrs. Priyanthi Ampawila

(Daughter) (Department of Irrigation,

Colombo), Mr. Gamini Munasinghe (Son-

in-Law) (retired Additional Director

General - Department of Census and

Statistics), Mr. Rohan Ampawila (Son) -

Australia, Gayanthi Ampawila (daughter-

in-Law) - Australia, Mr. Anura Ampawila

(Son) - Wiley Global Technologies and

Thanuja Shiromi Ampawila (Daughter-

in-Law) (Bank of Ceylon, Head Office),

grandmother of Senith, Siyath, Minura,

Visura, Manula, Sanula, Senali, Inuka

and Chenuka. Remains lie at Jayaratne

Funeral Parlour - "Restpect", Borella.

Cremation on 09th April at Borella General

Cemetery (Buddhist Section) at 5:30 p.m.

Nungamugoda, Kelaniya.

(Daughter-in-Law) (retired

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Rajaroobini Thamboo

We, the family members of late Mrs.Rajaroobini Thamboo, express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Dr.N. Jayakumaran who treated her to the best of his abilities and other doctors who provided her with the best of care whenever we sought medical assistance. We owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the clergy for conducting the service of thanksgiving and the burial service. We would also like to thank most sincerely those who attended the funeral, sent floral tributes and sent messages of condolence. We also wish to thank all our relatives, friends and those near and dear to us who strengthened and supported us in various ways during this time of distress and sorrow.

May God Bless You

Brian N. Thamboo & **Andrew Nirmalan Thamboo**

'Police duties in Jaffna taken by security firm'

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Kins Nelson revealed in Parliament yesterday that the Jaffna Mayor had deployed members of a private security firm to carry our traffic duties, which is the responsibility of the Police.

He said that under the 'One Law One Country' concept of the Government, only one Police

Department exists. He questioned the action of the Jaffna Mayor to deploy a separate unit to control traffic.

MP Nelson said that this private group was also wearing a uniform similar to that of the LTTE. Therefore, he urged the Minister

to address this matter urgently. "Even on Wednesday, this group had controlled traffic in Jaffna. This is a grave issue and I wonder if the Government is aware of this situation?" he asked.

Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said that the meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Defence Ministry was meeting last evening and invited MP Nelson to attend the meeting and raise his concerns.



Over 20,000 in Ratnapura District lack lands - State Minister Indika Anuruddha

Over 20,000 families in the Ratnapura District do not have land to build a house, Rural Housing and Construction and Building Material Industries State Minister Indi-

ka Anuruddha Herath said.

He was responding to a question by Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Hesha Withanage during the Question Round for Oral

Responses in Parliament yesterday. "Therefore, the Government is launching a number of housing projects such as Siyapatha Housing, Home for You and Mihindu Homes, and the construction of flats, the establishment of young farming colonies for those working in the estate sector, urban housing development projects are also included in the programme," he said. MP Chaminda Wijesiri requested the Government to construct such housing projects where every person can get a house with some garden space, and also to identify the problems

faced by people who live in flats or apartments in Colombo and take steps to minimise these issues when constructing these flats in the future.

The State Minister said that in designing such housing projects, common facilities such as playgrounds, community halls, proper garbage disposal systems and toilets should be included.

He said that in the implementation of such housing projects, ecosystems will be protected and this will be done under the guidance of the Prime Minister.

Second dose will be given on time - Health Minister

The timeframe for administering the second dose spans between April 23 and July 6 because the first dose of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine was administered from January 29 to April 23. The Health Ministry and relevant institutions will commence administering the second dose of the vaccine for those who received their first dose during the first round on time, Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said in Parliament yesterday. She was responding to Opposition Leader Saiith Premadasa under Standing Orders 27/2.

She said that under the first stage of vaccinations from January 29 until April 6, they had administered 924,687 doses of the Oxford Astra-Zeneca Vaccine. The Minister said that it had been scientifically proven that by administering the second dose of the vaccine after 12 weeks

of the first dose, an optimal level of immunity could be obtained. The Minister said that the Health Ministry Epidemiology Unit has allocated 356,730 doses of the Oxford Astra-Zeneca vaccine to administer the second dose.

She said that as the requirement for the administering of the second dose is 924.687 doeses, in addition to the allotted 356,730 doses, another 568,000 doses are required.

PERERA ABEYWARDENE), called to Eternal Rest. Everloving wife of Dhanushka Perera, beloved daughter of Esme Rita Abeywardene and late Maxwell Luke Abeywardene, sister of Malcolm, Marlene, Myrna, Mohan, Nimal, Ravi & Susantha, sister-in-law of Nirmala, Mahesh, late William, Suzanne, Gwendoline, Nishani, Shakila, Surekha, Vijitha and Charindu, daughter-in-law of Ramya & Jinadasa Perera, aunt of Nirosha & Shalindra, Maheshini & Eranga, late Suresh, Kristina, Dilan, Kevin, Shanelle and Brian, grandaunt of Jenul. Cortege leaves residence 18, Charles Place, Dehiwela at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday 10th April for Burial at Mount Lavinia Cemetery.

ANGELO JOSEPH RANJIT DAVID The family of Late Ranjit David would like to thank all who were with us during this time of loss, helped us in numerous ways, came to pay their last respects, sent messages of condolences and comfort. Whilst this loss will never be replaced in our lives, let us celebrate his life by offering mass in his memory

We invite you to join the family to celebrate his life A requiem mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mr. Ranjit David

> on the 10th of April (Saturday) 2021 at St Lawrence's Church, Wellawatte at 10:00 am

Interest Payment for Electricity Security Deposits

The payment of interest on electricity consumer deposits is a benefit provided to the consumer under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act. Cooperation between the various parties was required to implement such a benefit. The PUCSL has developed a methodology for determining interest rates in an accepted and transparent manner, Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) Chairman Janaka Ratnayake said.

He said that it would be a huge subsidy flowing to the country's economy through the power industry.

Ratnayake was speaking at a ceremony organised by the PUCSL together with Lanka Electricity Company Private Limited (LECO) to launch the 'Interest Payment for Electricity Security Deposits' scheme for LECO consumers at the BMICH yesterday.

He said that the Commission recently decided that the interest rate for this year would be 8.68 per cent.

"Licensed companies that provide electricity services on that interest have to calculate the interest benefit and pay it to their customers. Starting from now the consumers will get this unique benefit scheme," he siad.

He said that the implementation of the decision was delayed due to various issues such as determining the interest to be paid. He added that Section 28 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act stipulates that an electricity consumer must be paid interest on the security deposit paid by his client company or licensee.

"Lanka Electricity (Pvt,) Limited, a distribution licensee, will start paying interest to its customers from today. LECO alone will pay Rs. 42 million annually to its customers as a benefit through the interest payment benefit on customer deposits. We hope that in the future other licensees will implement this interest payment programme. When other electricity distribution licensees also implement this interest benefit scheme in the future, around Rs. 1,200 million will flow into the hands of electricity consumers annually," he stated.

The Chairman said that the Commission will also implement regulatory measures to meet the aspirations of the licensees to maintain a high quality and efficient electricity service.

"The PUCSL together with the electricity service providers today affirm a unique right for electricity consumers. We have taken the steps to protect the rights of electricity consumers since the inception of the Commission in accordance with the powers vested in it. We have published the Declaration of the Rights and Obligations of Electricity Consumers and many regulatory decisions to protect the rights contained therein and to protect consumers. Over 20 different regulations, rules and guidelines have been enacted to protect consumers," he said.

"The Commission has been entrusted with the regulation of electric vehicle charging stations. We also have plans to expand the network of electric vehicle charging stations to protect the rights of electric vehicle owners. This year, we are implementing a programme to enhance the quality of professionals in the electricity sector and ensure the maintenance of high-security electricity service. Nearly 45,000 people are working as electricians. Only by standardising these people can the quality of home electrical systems be guaranteed," he said.

"We have also paved the way for these electricians to be recognised nationally and internationally. The National Electrician Licensing Scheme prepared by the PUCSL will be introduced from this year. To obtain this licence, we have implemented an expeditious process of awarding at least the 3rd level of National Vocational Qualification or NVQ 3 Certificate. Under this expeditious programme, 2,500 electricians will be issued NVQ 3 qualification and professional licenses by next July. The awarding of the licence and NVQ 3 certificates to the first group of professional electricians will take place next June under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa," he said.

'Senior citizens' allowance will be increased by Rs. 500'

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Corr.

State Minister Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle told the media that the Government will increase the allowance of senior citizens by Rs 500.

Therefore, Rs. 2,000 that is now being paid will be increased to Rs. 2,500.

State Minister Dr. Ferandopulle said that about 416,677 senior citizens are receiving the allowance now.

Teenager commits suicide over mobile phone

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE, Northern Province Special Corr.

A 14-year old boy in Jaffna had committed suicide by hanging since his mother took his mobile phone.

The boy, who was studying in Grade 9, had been addicted to playing games on his mobile phone. His mother had taken it to prevent him from playing games.

The boy was a resident of Pilavattei, Sulipuram, Jaffna. Police are investigating.

Bilateral relationship has deepened – Afghanistan Envoy

MOHAMMED RASOOLDEEN

The Sri Lanka-Afghanistan bilateral relationship has deepened with mutual understanding between the two countries, Afghanistan Ambassador in Sri Lanka M. Ashraf Haidari said on Wednesday evening in Colombo.

The envoy was speaking at the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on estabilishing a political consultations mechanism between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan and Sri Lanka in Colombo.

The signatories to the accord were Ambassador Haidari and Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena.

The two sides will hold regular political consultations at the most senior level of the two Ministries,

discussing for further and longterm cooperation of mutual interest relating to "political, security, economic, culture, education, health, social, people-to-people relations, human resources development, and other issues."

The Ambassador said that the signing of a cooperation MOU between the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. It was facilitated by the Afghan Embassy last September.

"Indeed, the strong friendship and partnership between Afghanistan and Sri Lanka rest on a solid foundation of mutual respect, understanding, and benefit. This is underpinned by our cherished, shared heritage. The statues of Buddha in Afghanistan's Province of Bamiyan speak to the ancient civilizational bonds that tie the 'Jewel of the Indian Ocean,' Sri Lanka, and the 'Heart of Asia,' Afghanistan," Ambassador Haidari said.

Foreign Minister Gunawardena underscored his Government's firm commitment to expand the growing Afghanistan-Sri Lanka bilateral ties. In this light, the Foreign Minister reiterated Sri Lanka's consistent condemnation of the terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, calling for a peaceful resolution to end the deadly conflict that daily costs innocent lives. Sri Lankan Foreign Secretary Jayanath Colombage, Regional Cooperation State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya and other senior officials of the Sri Lankan Foreign Relations Ministry were present.



Afghanistan Ambassador in Sri Lanka M. Ashraf Haidari and Foreign Affairs Minister Dinesh Gunewardena signing the MoU.



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THE CONCEPT OF EQUALITY AND ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT: SCOPE AND DEVELOPMENTS



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ne *Perera v Jaya*vickrema case was an application under Article 126 of our Constitution, which came up before nine-member Full Bench of the Supreme Court. The petitioner was a Deputy Surveyor General, where there was personal animosity between him and the first respondent, the Minister of Public Administration due to differences between them as officebearers of the Sri Lanka Tennis Association. The first respondent threatened to put the petitioner in the Public Officers' Reserve (Pool) set out in the Public Administration Circular No. 136. The third respondent who was the Secretary, Ministry of Lands acting on instructions received from the second respondent (Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration) served a letter dated April 24, 1984 transferring the petitioner to the 'Pool' for 'inefficiency' and 'incompetence' and placing him on compulsory leave.

The petitioner received the letter through the Surveyor-General (fourth respondent) on 27.08.1984. The petitioner was also asked to show cause within 30 days why he should not be retired or otherwise punished. He, by his letter dated September 25, 1984 addressed to the second respondent through the third respondent, gave reasons why he should not be retired. Alleging non-receipt of a reply, the second respondent informed the petitioner by letter dated October 2, 1984 that he was being compulsorily retired on the ground of general inefficiency in terms of paragraph 24:3 of Chap. XLVIII of the Establishment Code. The petitioner complained that his fundamental right to equality was violated. He alleged that Circular No.136 was wrongly applied to him and that the procedure prescribed by the Establishment Code was not followed.

It was held unanimously that the petitioner was retired not by following the Establishment Code but by misapplying Public Administration Circular No.136. Arbitrary procedure had been followed and the action of the second respondent in retiring the petitioner was unreasonable, unjustifiable and lacked bona fides. The main question that confronted the Full Bench was whether the arbitrary action of the respondents amounted to a violation of the guarantee of equal protection. The petitioner did not disclose the names of the persons who were similarly placed but who, unlike the petitioner, had been treated according to law. On the other hand, the petitioner stated that as far as he was aware, he was the only public officer who has been dealt with in this manner, in flagrant disregard of the due process of law, administrative rules and regulations and violations of the rules relating to the disciplinary control of public officers and the rules of natural justice and that he had been denied equal protection of the law in violation of Article 12(1) of the Constitution.

The majority opinion of the Court was delivered by Chief Justice Sharvananda (with Justices Ranasinghe, Abdul Cader, Atukorala, Tambiah and De Alwis agreeing). The Chief Justice stated that a person claiming to be discriminated against must show that there was at least one other person similarly situated or equally circumstanced: that he had been treated differently from others and that there was no reasonable basis for such differential treatment.

The majority in *Perera v Jaya-wickrema* went on to hold that even if the petitioner's contention that Circular No.136 did not apply to him and that the relevant provisions of the Establishment Code applicable to him were not observed or followed was true, it





amounts only to a breach of the law but not constitute a breach of the right to equality. Chief Justice Sarvanananda stated in *Perera v Jayawickrema* that in the absence of a golden triangle as constituted by such Articles as 14, 19 and 21 of the Indian Constitution and "the incompetency of our courts to pronounce on the validity of arbitrary legislation, (the Sri Lankan) Constitution does not ... lend authority or support for the 'new doctrine'.

The three dissenting judgements in *Perera v Jayawickrema* may also be briefly stated here. Justice Wimalaratne endorsed the 'new doctrine' in no uncertain terms. He stated: "In order to establish discrimination it is not necessary for the petitioner to show that correct procedure was applied in the case of others and that he has been singled out for the adoption of a different procedure. Nor is it necessary for him to show that no others were victims of the wrong procedure now applied for the first time, perhaps in his case. Take the case of X, Y, and Z officers of the same grade lined up for retirement on say the ground of general inefficiency. The wrong set of rules is purposefully applied in the case of X and he is retired, while the cases of Y and Z have yet to be tired. It is not necessary for X to wait till Y and Z have been tried, perhaps after the executive becomes wise and tries them following the correct procedure.

The moment the correct Constitutional procedure has not been adopted in the case of X, the equal protection afforded to him by the correct procedure has been violated."

Justice Colin-Thome also stated: "In order to establish discrimination or denial of equal protection it is not necessary to establish the due observance of the law in the case of others who form part of that class in previous instances. The Rule of Law which postulates equal subjection to the law requires the observance of the law in all cases. The maxim omnia praesumuntur rite esse acta under Section 144 of the Evidence Ordinance applies and the Court will presume that official acts have been regularly performed."

The essence of the principle

enunciated by Justice Wanasundera may be stated as follows: In ordinary circumstances, a comparison is necessary. But where a comparison with a person similarly situated is impossible, as in the case of the first violation of a norm or a singular office, comparison would be with the legally applicable norm. However, a mere error or mistake would not be struck down. The impugned decision must have the characteristic and the nature of the policy decisions.

Bandara v Premachandra

In Bandara v Premachandra the petitioners who participated in a sick note campaign were treated as having vacated their posts. But they were informed that their services had been terminated. Due to this mistake, the petitioners were deprived of their right to submit an explanation, as provided by the Establishment Code. Justice Mark Fernando with Perera v Wijetunga agreeing, stated that he did not think it necessary that in order to prove discrimination the petitioners should have adduced proof of instances in which other public officers who were absent without leave were deemed to have vacated post and not terminated, as it was a matter of common occurrence, demanding judicial notice. However, the petitioners relied on additional matters to prove discriminatory treatment without a rational basis for differentiation. Despite being a full-bench decision, Perera v Jayawickrama was not followed in the landmark case of Jayasinghe v Attorney General.

Jayasinghe v Attorney General

The petitioner in *Jayasinghe* decided in 1994 was a storekeeper employed by the second respondent, a co-operative society. He was interdicted by letter dated October 14, 1977, without giving a reason and without pay. But it was known that he was alleged to have been responsible for shortages at four places where he had worked between March 16, 1974 and September 16, 1977. No charge sheet was served on the petitioner for over 14 years until January 1, 1992. His principal ground of

complaint was delay. Disciplinary proceedings were concluded only in August 1994, after the Supreme Court had granted leave to proceed. He was informed by letter dated September 2, 1994 that his services had been terminated with effect from October 14, 1977. This delay too has some relevance to the petitioner's claim that the equal protection of the law has been denied to him.

Justice Mark Fernando, with Justices Perera and Wijetunga agreeing, held that there had been a denial of one important protection which the law provided for the petitioner, upon interdiction without pay in respect of his livelihood, namely, that disciplinary proceedings which could have resulted in depriving him of his livelihood should be completed without inordinate delay. A delay of 16 years was manifestly excessive.

Dealing with the requirement that the petitioner has to cite instances of others who were similarly placed as him but were differently treated, the learned judge stated: "It is not enough for the petitioner to show that he has been denied the protection of the law. He must also show that he had been denied equal protection that he was treated less favourably than others similarly situated. Since the petitioner has not produced any evidence of the delays in similar cases, it is contended on behalf of the second respondent (relying on Perera v Jayawickrama), that the petitioner has failed to prove this essential ingredient. I doubt whether that decision must be regarded as laying down an inflexible principle of universal application; the facts of each case must be considered. If an employee alleges a denial of equal protection because he was compelled to participate in a disciplinary inquiry without ever being told what the charges against him were, would a court demand evidence to prove at least one other contrary instance? I think not. The Court must take judicial notice that ordinarily – and not merely in a few instances, charges are disclosed prior to inquiry.'

Jayawardena v Wijayatilake involved the cancellation of an appointment of an Inquirer into Sudden Deaths. The petitioner Equality is a new frontier in judicial activism in Sri Lanka. Social realities have demonstrated, however, that equality which the philosophers visualize is not always attainable in practice however sweeping be the pronouncements on equality in the statute book.

Many of the discriminations in society cannot be countered by law alone but need a deep change in social attitudes.

alleged that the first respondent had no power to cancel his appointment and that in any event, the cancellation was without cause or inquiry and hence invalid. Justice Fernando further stated in the Jayawardena case: "This Court can and indeed must, take judicial notice of the fact that, generally, a person holding an office which is public in character, is not removed without legal authority without cause, without complying with the *audi alteram* partem rule and without notice. Since the petitioner was not treated in accordance with these essential requirements of justice and fairplay, he was denied the equal protection of the law.

In Jayawardena v Wijayatilake, Justice Mark Fernando further pointed out that Chief Justice Sharvananda had not, in *Perera v* Jayawickrama considered an important question relating to proof. While dismissing the application on the ground that there was no evidence that some other person similarly circumstanced was treated differently and that the maxim *omnia praesumuntur* rite esse acta could not be invoked, the learned CJ had considered whether, in some circumstances, judicial notice could and should be taken of the fact that certain fundamental safeguards are generally observed. Thus if it is ever argued that an accused had been denied the equal protection of the law in a criminal trial because he was informed of the charge only after the verdict was given could it be said that in order to prove the denial of equal protection evidence should have been led of other trials in which the charge had been disclosed at the outset? Thus it appears that Mark Fernando J., built on the foundation laid down by Wanasundara J. Accordingly a violation of the norm would be a violation of equal protection as judicial notice could and should be taken of the fact that certain fundamental safeguards are generally The recognition that the viola-

tion of a legal norm is a violation of the Equal Protection Clause would mean that a violation of principles of administrative law also amounts to a violation of the Clause, thus giving rise to constitutional remedies in addition to remedies in administrative law. This development took place in both India and Sri Lanka.

Wickramasinghe v Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

This case involved the termination of the petitioner's dealership in petroleum products. Chief Justice S.N Silva, with Bandaranayake and Ameer Ismail JJ agreeing, stated that although the termination was in compliance with specific terms of the dealership agreement and the petitioner may not be entitled to any relief in respect of the termination under the law of contract and the common law on the subject that was from the perspective of the private law. However, the termination has been challenged from the perspective of public law, on the basis of an alleged infringement of fundamental rights. Therefore the matters to be considered transcend the mere examination of the terms of the agreement and a review of the legality of the termination in the light of the law of contract and enter the domain of the Constitutional guarantee enshrined in Article 12.

Chief Justice S.N Silva added: "Although the objective is to ensure that all persons similarly circumstanced are treated alike, it is seen that the essence of this basic standard is to ensure reasonableness being the positive connotation as opposed to arbitrariness being the related negative connotation."

related negative connotation."

Chief Justice S.N Silva stated that the application of this basic standard had been blurred in later cases due to an over-emphasis on the objective of ensuring that all persons similarly circumstanced shall be treated alike. Perera v Jayawickrama demonstrated the ineffectiveness of the guarantee in Article 12(1) when the doctrine of classification is rigidly applied. "Such a rigid application ignores the essence of the basic standard which is to ensure reasonableness as opposed to arbitrariness."

The learned Chief Justice explained that: "If the legislation or the executive or administrative action in question is reasonable and not arbitrary, it necessarily follows that all persons similarly circumstanced will be treated alike, being the end result of applying the guarantee of equality. The effectiveness of the guarantee would be minimized if there is insistence that a failure of the end result should also be established to prove an infringement of the guarantee. If however there is such evidence of differential treatment that would indeed strengthen the case of a petitioner in establishing the unreasonableness of the impugned action."

His lordship also emphasized the need to judge reasonableness from an objective basis as follows: "The question of reasonableness of the impugned action has to be judged in the aforesaid state of facts. The claim of each party appears to have merit when looked at from the particular stand point of that party. But reasonableness particularly as the basic component of the guarantee of equality has to be judged on an objective basis which stands above the competing claims of parties. In this context I find the basic standard laid down in the Royster Guano case ... to be a useful guide. It has to be borne in mind that the basic standard was laid in relation to a challenge of the validity of State legislation granting a tax exemption to certain corporations and not others." The principle element in the basic standard as stated above is reasonableness as opposed to being Equality is a new frontier in judi-

cial activism in Sri Lanka. Social realities have demonstrated, however, that equality which the philosophers visualize is not always attainable in practice however sweeping be the pronouncements on equality in the statute book. Many of the discriminations in society cannot be countered by law alone but need a deep change in social attitudes. However, the attainment of equality is considered to be one of the time-honored objectives of the law.

(Concluded (The writer is a retired professor in Law at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, has practised in courts and holds a PhD. in Law.)

Expressway from Colombo to Kurunegala opening next month

ARIYAPALA WANSHATHILAKE, Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

The Central Expressway Project from Colombo to Kurunegala will be opened next month.

It will end long road traffic delays caused by trains. This is one of the biggest projects that the Government has launched to develop the Kurunegala District under the direction of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The expressway comprises one and half metre wide pavements. The survey of

the project was done by the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) Government. The previous UNP Government could not implement the

project. The Expressway runs mostly through barren lands avoiding townships and minimising any social and environmental adverse impact.

The project was carried out by four contractors and the section from Meerigama to Kurunegala will be done with the Local Bank funding.

Section four from Kurunegala to Dambulla via Matale is done with the Exim Bank funding under the 'Reawakening Polon-

naruwa' Project. The project used 783 State lands and 3,827 private lands. Rs.661.6 million have been paid for land compensation so far.

The length of the Expressway from Mirigama to Kurunegala is 39.91km.

The contractors have been selected through competitive biddings.

Fined for operating bakery at unhygienic site

MAHINDA P.LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr

Galle Additional Magistrate Pavithra Sanjeewani Pathirana yesterday fined a bakery owner Rs 35,000 for operating it at an unhygienic site and ordered him to close it till April 20.

The bakery in Godakanda, Karapitiya was in a dilapidated state with cracks on the ground, spider webs on the roof and employees in rags. Bope-Poddala Pradeshiya Saabha (PS) Public Health Officers Palitha Wijesinghe, S. Sampath Sugathapala, S.T Nandimal, H.K.M Asanka Dakshina Gunaratne, W.O Keerthi Kumara and H.U.A Rishan including Chief Public Health Inspector P. Ranawaka prosecuted.

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More Commandos qualified in Hostage Rescue Missions, Dog Handling

The Commando Regiment (CR) on Wednesday evening graduated 56 Commandos in Hostage Rescue and Counter Terrorism Induction Course No-28 and 32 Other Ranks in Advanced War Dog Course

No-9 during a brief ceremony at its Regimental Centre, Ganemulla presided by Chief of Defence Staff and

Army Commander General

Shavendra Silva, as Chief

A drive-past Guard Turnout saluted the Chief Guest on his arrival, Major General Upali Rajapaksha Colonel of the Regiment of the CR and Commander, Security Forces - Mullaitivu (SF-MLT).

The Hostage Rescue and **Counter Terrorist Operative** duties qualified three Offic-

ers and 53 Other Ranks in the Course, while 32 K9 Kennel Handlers in the Advanced War Dog Course No-9 received their insignias during the graduation ceremony from the Chief Guest in the company of the Colonel of the Regiment, CR.Captain D. K. P. W Jayasekara was awarded as

the Best Shot and the Best

Student in the Hostage Res-

cue and Counter Terrorist Course No-28. Corporal H. L Gunasekara was adjudged the Best Dog Handler in the Advanced War Dog Course

General Shavendra Silva congratulated the graduates and underlined the importance of their duties for the country. A separate demonstration that highlighted glimpses of the acquired

qualifications in both courses was staged before the attendees.

Major General Senarath Bandara, Chief of Staff, Major General Wasantha Madola, Deputy Chief of Staff, Major General Sampath Kotuwegoda, Commandant, Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force, Major General Wasantha Abrew, Commander, Security Forces-

West, Major General Priyanka Fernando, Director General General Staff, Major General Nihal Amarasekara, Chief Field Engineer, Major General Asoka Peiris, Chief Signal Officer, Major General Krishantha Gunarathne, Commandant, SLMA, Directors, Commando Regiment Senior Officers, Officers and Other Ranks were present.

Governor mediates to resolve land issues

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT SPECIAL

Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath visited the Van-ela Rajamaha Vihara in Kantale yesterday.

The residents of the area are accusing the Forest Department of forcibly evicting them. The Governor inquired on the lands - a subject of great controversy.

The Eastern Province Governor promised them that she will take steps to resolve the land issue.

The Governor also visited the sites where people had been staying in the area earli-



Governor Anuradha Yahampath discussing the land issue with members of Maha Sangha, officials and residents.

Yuri Gagarin's Space Flight Visit to Ceylon commemorated

The inauguration ceremony of the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Yuri Gagarin's Space Flight and Visit to Ceylon was concluded on April 6 at the Russian House in Colombo. Chief Guest Skills Devel-

opment Vocational Education, Research and Innovation State Minister Dr. Seetha Arambepola; Deputy Head of Mission and Counselor of the Embassy of the Russian Federation Alexey Budanov; Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion State Minister and Sri Lanka-Russia Friendship Society President Susil Premjayantha; Advisor to the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and General Secretary of the Sri Lanka-Russia Friendship Society Dr. Saman Weerasinghe: First Secretary of the Embassy of the Russian Federation and Director of the Russian House in Colombo Madam Anastasia Khokhlova and Chief Executive Officer of the Russian House in Colombo Buddhapriya Ramanayaka participated.

The event was organised by the Russian House in Colombo in partnership with

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State Minister Dr. Seetha Arambepola at the inauguration ceremony.

the Sri Lanka Russia Friendship Society in a joint collaboration with Anura Samaraweera, Member of the International Association of Philatelic Journalists, Assistant Treasurer of the Philatelic Society of Sri Lanka provided stamps and photos pertaining to the event.

Magilin Nona - the girl who was chosen to garland Gagarin back in 1961- was

'India@75' commences

chosen for this honourable task due to her heroism in saving the lives of multiple individuals from drowning when she was merely a teenager. As she shared her experience of that memorable day 60 years ago, the crowd parted with knowledge and memories gained by the photos, newspaper articles, stamps put up for exhibition. The exhibition was open to the public from April 7 to 8.

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tory of her people, culture and achievements, commenced at the Consulate General of India, Jaffna on March 12. At the event. India's 75th Anniversary of

Independence will be celebrated over 75 weeks prior to August 15, 2022 and will continue till a year later.

As a part of the celebrations, the Consulate General



of India, Jaffna, and the Jaffna Teaching Hospital jointly organised a Blood Donation Campat the Chancery on the World Health Day April 7 with 13 officials voluntarily

donating blood. The programme began with the screening of a video on India@75.

Chief Guest Dr. S. Sribavanandarajah, Acting Director, Jaffna Teaching Hospital addressed the gathering and appreciated that this was the first time in the history of the Jaffna Teaching Hospital that foreigners were donating blood.

This gesture from the Indian Consulate will strengthen the relationship between India and Sri Lanka.

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The Avurudu dilemma

he exodus from the cities to the villages by New Year celebrants during the past week is expected to grow from the trickle to a deluge today and over the weekend with the dawn of Avurudu only hours away. The Government has made all arrangements for the large numbers of village-bound to get to their destinations in comfort with the SLTB deployed at full strength supplemented by private bus services and trains.

From the look of things, Covid-19 is not going to stand in the way of Sinhala and Tamil New Year being celebrated in the usual fashion with fun and games and going by the teeming shoppers in the cities. Perhaps the dwindling number of reported Coronavirus cases during the past few weeks would have emboldened the public to venture out in their numbers. Herein lies the danger. We witnessed this trend in the past as well.

All was well until October last year when it was widely thought that the pandemic was history in this country only for the public to be jolted by a rude awakening with the advent of a fresh cluster and a variant more potent and deadlier than the one before. A repeat was seen immediately after Christmas where the authorities, against the advice of PHIs, relaxed restrictions and lifted lockdowns only to see a massive spike in the pandemic. This showed that a single slip-up would be sufficient for the clock to be turned back and all the good work brought to naught.

True, there are only a little more than 100 cases being reported daily – a huge improvement from the 800 plus daily count a few weeks ago. But this is chiefly due to the public adhering to the heath guidelines in the strictest terms and not necessarily due to the vaccine, of which only one dose has been given to less than one million people.

Now with the surge in mobility during the festive season, with little or no restrictions placed on traditional Avurudu games, where the distance rule is bound to be observed in the breach, things would only take a turn for worse, in the opinion of medical experts. Dr. Hasitha Attanayake, Director, National Institute of Infectious Diseases (IDH) warned of a real possibility of a new cluster emerging after the Sinhala and Tamil New Year if the public fails to adhere to health guidelines. Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Sudath Samaraweera was emphatic that the country was not yet out of the woods, notwithstanding the drop in the number of cases.

"As we approach the Sinhala and Tamil New Year, Covid-19 could spread in areas where people gather in large numbers and in places where people could find it difficult to maintain social distancing," he says. As medical experts, they are reluctant to raise false hopes that the pandemic is on the wane merely based on the drop in the numbers. Neither are they placing all eggs in the vaccine basket. In India where the vaccine roll-out has gathered optimum pace, an all-time high of 126,000 cases was reported on a single day with 685 deaths. In some of the countries in the West where the vaccine campaign is at full tilt, lockdowns have been re-imposed in the wake of a daily surge of the pandemic. Besides, Sri Lankans are notorious for their short memories with a tendency to drop guard, the moment the immediate danger has passed.

Possible blind faith in the vaccine too could make people who have already received the first jab let go of their guard. According to medical experts it takes at least three weeks for immunity to set in after the injection of the first dosage. Most of those who are leaving for their villages to celebrate Avurudu are in this category and with the second dosage yet to be administered, could well spread the disease in the villages, if indeed they are carriers while still being within the gestation period.

It is perhaps for this reason that Army Commander and Head of the Anti-Coronavirus drive General Shavendra Silva has launched a random PCR test drive for those leaving the cities for the villages during the Avurudu season, in a quest to minimize the risk.

Of course, the authorities are in a dilemma. On the one hand they have to implement measures suggested by the health experts to prevent the spread of the virus far and wide. On the other hand, they cannot close the country down during a national festival like the Avurudu. It is this same thinking, perhaps, that guided the authorities to allow some leeway during the Christmas season, with drastic consequenc-

It will be certainly up to the public to act responsibly, at least this time around, learning from past mistakes. Like Dr. Attanayake says, members of the public should do a cost-benefit analysis before entering a crowded shop where there is no social distancing. Dr. Attanayake said: "You have to think about what is important. New clothes or the lives of your family members." That just about sums up the situation.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There's nothing more important than our good health - that's our principal capital asset.

- Arlen Specter

STORY OF DOUBLE GAMES

LTTE, RAW AND MOSSAD

Sugeeswara Senadhira



ast week, the Indian media reported a shocking revelation that Sri Lankan Tamil Tigers had provided training to Naxalites, the dreaded militants who have been carrying out armed attacks on the Indian Security Forces and Police for more than half a century.

On March 4, Sukma in Chhattisgarh witnessed yet another deadly attack on Indian Security Forces by Naxalite Maoists killing 22 Security personnel. Sukma is in the midst of the Naxalite belt running through Chhattisgarh, Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. Security officials said that preliminary investigations into the Sukma attack suggested that Basava Raju, leader of the political front of the Naxalites CPI (Maoist) led the execution. They also made a sensational disclosure that Basava Raju alias Nambala Keshav Rao was trained by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in 1987. Interestingly, it was the era in which the Indian intelligence arm the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) had set up several training camps for LTTE cadres in Chennai, Dehra Doon and Gurgaon.

Basava Raju became General Secretary of the CPI (Maoist) and has been part of the Naxal movement, which started in Naxalbari in the 1970s. The National Investigation Agency had announced a reward of Indian Rs 1.5 million (SL Rs 3.75 million) for any information on Raju who is 67 years old. He is an expert at using the AK-47. The Intelligence Bureau report of 2011 said that in 1987. Basava Raju along with Ganapathy, Mallojoula Koteshwar Rao and Malla Raju Reddy among others underwent training by LTTE cadres in ambush tactics in the forests of Bastar. In 1992, he was elected as a member of the central committee of the erstwhile Communist Party of India Marxist-Leninist People's War. In 2004 when the CPI (Maoist) was formed, Basava Raju was made the secretary of the central military commission.

The LTTE, while getting its cadres trained by Indian military experts, had clandestinely provided military trainers and mercenaries to Naxalites, obviously for huge payments. It is not clear whether it was a part of the RAW strategy to train Naxalites too, while giving weapons training to LTTE terrorists. The Indian intelligence services have different arms and sometimes one arm is not aware of the clandestine operations of the other arm.

The LTTE terrorists were also trained in military training camps in Lebanon set up by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in late 1970s and early 1980s. Founder Leader of the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE), Uma Maheswaran was one of the militants who received training under the PLO.

Mossad, short for HaMossad leModi in uleTafkidim Meyu adim, the national intelligence agency of Israel also played double games in the Sri Lankan issue since the 1980s. Former Mossad agent Victor Ostrovsky, in his book *By Way of Deception* made such sensational revelations in 1990

Mossad had a man with a British passport living in Jakarta, working undercover. His main task was to facilitate arms sales in the region. They also had a man in Japan, one in India, one in Africa, and occasionally, people in Sri Lanka, and in Malaysia.

The agent in Sri Lanka, Amy Yaar made the connection and then tied the country in militarily by supplying it with substantial equipment, including PT boats for coastal patrol. At the same time, Yaar and company were supplying the LTTE with anti-PT boat equip-



Seconds before the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi



A Dvora fast-attack craft



ment to use in fighting the Government Forces. The Israelis also trained elite forces for both sides, without either side knowing about the other. Ostrovsky claimed that Mossad helped Sri Lanka to cheat the World Bank and other investors out of millions of dollars to pay for all the arms they were buying from them.

Ostrovsky covered Sri Lankan dealings at Mossad headquarters. "When I was working in Yaar's department at the Mossad headquarters, I was assigned to escort President J.R. Jayewardene's daughter-in-law, a woman named Penny (Penny White, Ravi Jayewardene's wife) on a secret visit to Israel. She knew me as 'Simon'," Ostrovsky stated. "We took her wherever she wanted to go. We were talking in general terms, but she insisted on telling me about the Mahaweli Project and how money for it was financing equipment for the army. She was complaining that they weren't really getting on with it. Ironically, the project had been invented to get money from the World Bank to pay for those weapons."

"At that time, Israel had no diplomatic relations with Sri Lanka. In fact, they were supposedly embargoing us. But she was telling me about all these secret political meetings going on. The funny thing was that when news stories were leaked about the

meetings, they claimed Israel had 150 *katsas* (spy agents) working in Sri Lanka. We didn't have that many *katsas* in the entire world.

"I was to squire Penny around to the usual tourist spots for two days, and then she would be looked after by someone else from the office. Penny was a pleasant woman, physically an Indian version of Corazon Aquino. She was a Buddhist because her husband was, but she was somehow still a Christian, so she wanted to see all the Christian holy places. On the second day, I took her to Vered Haglil, or the Rose of Galilee, a horse ranchrestaurant on the mountain with a nice view and good food. We had an account there.'

Ostrovsky referred to training of Sri Lankans in detail in his book. "Amy and I escorted the nine Sri Lankans through a back door of the airport into an airconditioned van. These were the first arrivals from a group that would finally total nearly 50."

"An anti-terror group was training at the military base near Petha Tikvah, called Kfar Sirkin, learning how to overtake hijacked buses and airplanes or deal with hijackers in a building, how to descend from helicopters on a rope, and other anti-terrorist tactics. And, of course, they would be buying Uzis and other Israeli-made

equipment, including bulletproof vests, special grenades, and more.

"A purchasing team also came and they bought seven or eight large PT boats, for example, called Dvora, which they would use mainly to patrol their northern shores against Tamils. Yosy, another agent, was also looking after a group being trained by the Israelis. But they weren't supposed to meet my people. They were Tamils, bitter enemies of my Sinhalese group. Sympathy for the Tamils runs high in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, where 40 million Tamils live. Many Sri Lankan Tamils, escaping the bloodshed, have sought refuge there, and the Sri Lankan Government has accused Indian officials of arming and training the Tamils. They should be accusing the Mossad."

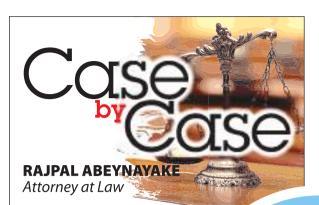
"The Tigers were training at the commando naval base, learning penetration techniques, mining landings, communications, and how to sabotage ships similar to the Dvora. There were about 28 men in each group, so it was decided that Yosy should take the Tamils to Haifa that night while I took the Sinhalese to Tel Aviv, thus avoiding any chance encounters."

"The real problem started about two weeks into the courses, when both the Tamils and Sinhalese unknown to each other, of course were training at Kfar Sirkin. It is a fairly large base, but even so, on one occasion the two groups passed within a few yards of each other while they were out jogging. After their basic training routine at Kfar Sir-kin, the Sinhalese were taken to the naval base to be taught essentially how to deal with all the techniques the Israelis had just taught the Tamils. It was pretty hectic. We had to dream up punishments or night training exercises just to keep them busy, so that both groups wouldn't be in Tel Aviv at the same time. The actions of this one man (Amy) could have jeopardized the political situation in Israel if these groups had met,' Ostrovsky said.

While Mossad played a double game, now it is clear that the Indian RAW too played a strange role. While the reasons for RAW's strategy of training Tiger terrorists is no longer a secret, its involvement of training Naxalites in LTTE camps is still shrouded in mystery.

The India-trained LTTE fought the IPKF, killed over 1,000 Indian soldiers and finally assassinated former Premier Rajiv Gandhi. Thanks to Sri Lankan Armed Forces, the dreaded LTTE terrorism ended in 2009. But the Naxalites are still active in several parts of Eastern India with LTTE trained Nambala Keshava Rao, Basava Raju reportedly heading the military wing since its formation in 2004

LAW PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN DECIDING ELECTION PETITIONS



n election petition was filed in the Court of Appeal where the petitioners challenged an election on the grounds of corrupt practice citing two statements alleged to have been made by the respondents to a newspaper (Gunasinghe Banda v. Navinna and Others - SLR - 207, Vol 3 of 2000 [2000] LKCA 21; (2000) 3 Sri LR 207 (1 August 2000).

The Appeal Court judgement excerpt that addresses the key issue reads as follows: "The petitioner has come to Court alleging two grounds of corrupt practice based on two different interviews said to have been given to the Lakbima newspaper by the first and second respondents respectively. In paragraph 12 of the supporting affidavit, it is averred that the first respondent "subjected himself to an interview through a journalist by the name of K. Dasanayake Bandara and that the said interview was carried in a particular issue of the said newspaper. Paragraph 17 of the affidavit alleges that the second respondent granted an interview to one Sampath Deshapriya and that the newspaper carried an interview. There had been no affidavits from either of the journalists."

However, Court took up the view that nowhere in the affidavit of the petitioner is it said that he was present when either of the interviews was granted.

Everything in the case turned on whether in an affidavit hearsay evidence — i.e. about something the petitioner heard, but was not aware of through personal knowledge, could be admitted.

Court held: "(4) The legal requirements of an affidavit are set out in Sections 181, 182 and 437 of the Civil Procedure Code. Section 181

grounds for such belief be set forth in the affidavit.

Considering that an affidavit could contain only such facts as a declarant is able of his own knowledge and observation to testify to, and hearsay could not be included as contents of an affidavit, Court made judgement on the case in the context of that particular interpretation of the law.

Court held: "In the instant election petitions, the petitioners were not able to state when and where the alleged statements were made by the respondents other than the producing of a copy of a newspaper, the publication of which was obviously subsequent to the date of making of such statement if such a statement was in fact made. The date and the place where the alleged statements were made are not stated in the affidavits." The election petition was dismissed.

On the subject of election petitions, the case of Mediwaka and Others v. Dayananda Dissanayake, Commissioner of Elections and Others (SC FR Application-No.412/99, 2000) is a study in how the law is interpreted concerning election malpractice, i.e., ballot stuffing, etc. on election day. The Commissioner of Elections did not annul the election despite the widespread violence and ballot stuffing against the petitioners, and in his defence it was argued by Counsel that he could not annul the poll unless the result of the entire District would have been affected by his not doing so. However, Supreme Court held that though there is a specific incidents such as a roof leaking at the election booth — which may have caused some interruption of the voting process — the officials are obliged to annul the poll if there is widespread fraud and malpractice which they are aware

It was held in judgement: It is true that Section 46A(2) does not require an automatic annulment of the poll for each and every noncompliance.

The word "may" confirms that the first respondent (the Commissioner of Elections) has a discretionary power.

trict would have been affected by his not doing so. However, Supreme Court held that though there is a prerogative not to annul if there are

However, that is a power coupled with a duty: whenever it appears that the proved non-compliance has interfered with a free, equal and the word "may" permits the applica-

secret ballot, that discretion must be exercised.

It is only where the lapse was trivial, and had no effect on the rights of electors that the Commissioner could properly refrain from exercising that discretion: as, for instance, if the poll had commenced a few minutes late (or concluded a few minutes early), or was interrupted for a few minutes by some accident or misfortune (e.g. a member of the polling staff being taken ill, or a sudden rainstorm causing a leak in the roof of the polling station, or a drunkard creating a disturbance). If it appears that no one was consequently prevented from voting, it would be an improper exercise of discretion to annul the poll:

tion of the principle that *de minimis* non curat lex."

It was not necessary to decide whether the Commissioner could annul the election because some voters were affected by some freak occurrence not related to their political views. This was a case of organized violence. Very different considerations apply to organized violence calculated to influence the poll significantly by deterring one section of the electors.

The fact that it was held that elections should be annulled if there was no proper polling that took place within the meaning of free and fair adult franchise, makes the case a landmark judgement with regard to free and fair polls in this country.



A healthy Indian Ocean feeds, protects, and connects all South Asians

PRASAD KARIYAWASAM

t is the oceans that engendered life. The lives of humans remain connected to the seas, making the good health of the seas and the efficient management of sea-based activity essential elements for the wellbeing of people and nations.

The Indian Ocean offers tremendous opportunities and some challenges for the island, coastal, and inland nations of South Asia and beyond.

Regional cooperation is an excellent platform for leveraging opportunities and transforming challenges to promote the health of, and harmony in, this ocean space of common heritage, for the common good.

Take the problem of plastic waste. Up to 15 million tons of plastic make its way into the Indian Ocean each year, contaminating it with a trillion pieces of plastic and making it the world's second most polluted ocean

after the North Pacific.

South Asian countries have developed isolated projects to manage the ocean's plastic waste. Fishermen in India's southern state of Kerala were paid to recycle the plastic bags, straws, flip-flops, and other plastic detritus countries to the plastic detritus countries to the plastic detritus countries.

detritus caught in their nets.

Once shredded, the plastic was sold to construction companies that used it to strengthen asphalt roads. With regional cooperation, lessons learned by the Kerala fishermen

could benefit other countries.

The formal basis for such cooperation is being laid. All eight nations of South Asia are now coming together through a new regional project, supported by the World Bank and its partners to fund innovative ways to prevent, collect, and upcycle plastic waste into global supply chains.

The project also supports research and innovation grants to find and



support alternatives to plastic. The Plastic-free Rivers and Seas for South Asia project aims to help build a circular economy for plastic that will stop plastic waste from leaking into the environment.

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ed arguments were made on behalf

of the petitioner. The petitioner's

counsel argued that Section 98 of

the Provincial Councils Elections

Act No. 2 of 1988 does not require

an election petition to be supported by evidence. Therefore Counsel

argued that the affidavit supporting

the petition does not necessarily

have to contain evidence — and

whether it's hearsay evidence or not

therefore is not a question that

However, Court held firm to the

view that any affidavit must be

sworn according to the Oaths and

Affirmations Ordinance, and the

Civil Procedure Code which at Sec-

tion 181 indicates that affidavits

shall be confined to the statement of

such facts as the declarant is able of

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admitted, provided that reasonable

However, some rather convolut-

The Indian Ocean Rim Association, whose two dozen member states stretch from Australia to South Africa and north to Iran and the United Arab Emirates, are watching the project and may expand it across the Indian Ocean.

Some of the busiest sea lanes in the world cross the Indian Ocean and its rich marine life. Under its surface lies state-of-the-art global communications technology.

As the world's economic growth engine pivots toward the Indo-Pacif-

ic, activity in the Indian Ocean increases.

This growth must be managed in harmony with nature and in tranquility, to ensure optimum and shared benefits, and prosperity for all

For this purpose, it is essential for South Asian nations to work toward evolving a system where all communities that use the Indian Ocean pursue their aspirations and competing claims in accordance with international law, regional conventions, and age-old traditions.

A system with greater cooperation among States and with differential treatment for resource and technical capacity asymmetries is needed for tackling natural disasters, promoting maritime security, and keeping

sea lanes open and safe.

This system should also enhance economic connectivity within South Asia and facilitate access to markets in the region and beyond, delivering goods and services at faster speeds, greater volumes, and lower costs.

Without doubt, the Indian Ocean needs better overall management which, among other measures, requires: protecting the marine environment and pollution control; managing illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; protecting fish and other resources in exclusive economic zones claimed by governments in coastal waters; combating trafficking of humans, drugs, and arms; combating piracy and marine





terrorism; safeguarding energy supply chains at maritime choke points; managing port security and ensuring secure cargo loading; promoting ocean-based tourism and leisure activities with a connected regulatory framework for safety in territorial waters and the high seas; ensuring that Indian Ocean sea lanes, which carry much of the world's cargo, including petroleum, are safe and secure; and ensuring the safety of fibre optic cables on the ocean floor that transmit internet traffic, including financial transactions,

e-mail, and phone calls.

Working in partnership with countries and sharing information, expertise, and best practices is essential as no single country can

meet these maritime challenges on its own.

Disputes must be settled within a rules-based system that follows international norms and transparent practices.

South Asian nations can work together, with other major maritime nations beyond the region, and with multilateral institutions to promote health and harmony in the Indian Ocean. The results will benefit South Asia now and the generations to come.

(Ambassador Prasad Kariyawasam has served as Sri Lanka's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva and New York and was a member of UN panels on migrant workers and disarmament.) (IPS)

We should encourage Sri Lankans to consume liquid milk and export powdered milk

ndustry leading local dairy milk producer, Pelwatte Dairy Industries Ltd, a trend setter in saving major foreign exchange from milk powder imports, is now planning to be a major FOREX earner.

The company created history by creating the sole milk powder processing plant in the Southern Province in Buttala opening up a new lively hood to the entire Province.

Diversified Entrepreneur Ariyaseela Wickramanayake invested over Rs. 1.2 billion in 2006 as a 'single owned local investor' to put up this milk powder processing plant in Buttala and under the brand name, Pelwatte Dairy introducing 100% locally made Pelwatte Powdered Milk and several other by products to Sri Lankan supermarket shelves and even wayside kiosks.

With time he increased production resulting in several other local companies too 'increasing' their local powdered milk production thereby helping to reduce the powdered milk imports bill to Sri Lanka by several millions of rupees.

their island wide milk collection centers.

Dairy Industries is their initiative on training

and knowledge sharing with the local dairy

farmers on important facets of dairy farming.

company's vision is farfetched from the

ideologies of financial gain but more on

Pelwatte Dairy Industries conducts

regular training camps at their Training and

Development farm in Buttala. The ideology

behind the training process of the dairy

farmers for the Pelwatte Dairy Industries is

that it would in turn pave the way for the

farmers to supply high quality and

concentrated feed based on their

animal feed plant, which can boost

To strengthen the initiative of

uplifting the socio-economic statues

of the local dairy farmers, Pelwatte

Dairy Industries recently opened

04 new milk collection centers in

Haputale, Ambagasdowa, Maoya and

Padaviya. As of now the company

houses 40 milk collection centers

across the island. These centers benefit

the farmers, with hassle free and timely

handing over of the collected milk,

which evades the inconveniences faced

by the farmers of remote areas such

as Nuwara Eliya, Haputale, Hatton,

West region and etc.

Expressing his

Batticaloa, Ampara, Trincomale, North

Wickramanayake the Chairman of

future plans

the output of the dairy cows.

Wickramanayake further stated that the

network continues to grow.

towards serving the nation.

Sri Lanka, for the first time in its history, has been able to save over US\$ 300 million (almost Rs. 50 billion) from not importing milk powder from overseas in 2020. This is a major plus point achieved during the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year Sri Lanka only imported milk in limited volume according to the latest Customs data.

Chairman Wickramanayake said that C-19 though has many negative factors to both human and economy it has resulted in taking Sri Lanka towards self-sufficiency in milk sooner than expected. "I am sure there will not be any milk powder imports for 2022. Sri Lanka by then will also reverse the pattern in the milk powder industry and will join an 'elite' group of countries in the world that export milk powder," he said.

Wickramanayake said that the main point to remember is that the '2020 import bill of Rs. 50 billion saving' from milk powder went to local farmers increasing their per capita income. "Hence the import restrictions had twin economic benefits, saving FOREX and increasing local farmer income," he commented.

He said the savings were less than the cost of building Mattala Airport and little higher than the cost for Phase 1 of the Hambantota

Harbor and Moragahakanda Irrigation Project. Wickramanayake said last year the local fresh milk production has increased and several new players have introduced locally produced milk and fresh milk to the Sri Lankan market. "In addition the price of fresh milk offered to local farmers too has increased and NLDB pays around Rs. 130 per liter of fresh milk which is encouraging more people to invest in dairy as a self-employment." This price was around Rs. 90 per liter two years ago. Currently there are 1.3 million milking cows and only around 240,000 are milked.

He also took the initiative to uplift and empower the local dairy farmers and smallholders through multiple socioeconomically empowering avenues rendered through the company's Dairy Services and

Pelwatte Dairy Industries, Chairman, Ariyaseela Wickramanayake



The then President Mahinda Rajapaksa opening the animal feed factory. Chairman of the Company Ariyaseela Wickramanayake and Dilrukshi Ratwatte Wickramanayake look on

Maubima Lanka Foundation said that they had invested around Rs. 1.2 billion to build two milk powder processing plants in Kurunegala, and in the North. "We were the first to have a Spray Dry Milk producing factory in Sri Lanka and will install latest machinery for our Kurunegala plant to be opened in May 2021," he said. Recalling history behind his investment in Pelwatte Dairy Industries he

said it all started when he saw a newspaper ad calling for tenders to sell the Pelwatte Sugar Company in 2002 and purchased it.

"I then met the farmers who were growing sugarcane and taking an income for their harvest only once in 10 months and introduced them to dairy farming and they are now getting better income," said Wickramanayake.

"I am proud to say that we are owners of a most modern dairy factory established under the Danish technology, which produces vivid varieties of dairy products namely Full Cream Milk Powder, Non Fat Milk Powder, Yoghurt, Butter, Ice Cream, Sterilized Plain and Flavored Milk and also Cow Ghee. Our dairy processing factory is the first largest factory of its magnitude in the island and is an ISO 22000: 2005 certified Company."

The company has extended its marketing even beyond the shores of Sri Lanka and is currently exporting

butter to Far East and the Maldives. Plans of venturing into new markets in Africa are also underway.

Hambantota harbor development

Recalling experiences

involved in the diving business, he said that he had established his first company, Master Divers, investing the money he had earned in Saudi Arabia.

He had been the first Sri Lankan to start a diving company in 1978 and is the oldest and most prestigious underwater services and Salvage Company. "Ship owners preferred to go to Master Divers because the process of getting diving services from the government was complicated by bureaucratic procedures and liable to cause delays," he elaborated.

Through this venture I met the cream of the shipping society both locally and globally and they too agreed that the Hambantota port has the potential to be the largest in the World. "I made this proposal to successive governments and Political leaders but none were serious to implement this project except former President and present Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

With the building of the Hambantota Harbor economic benefits started trickling in with one of the world's largest hotel chains Shangri La investing and several other investments taking place.

"The port, lying beside one of the world's biggest sea routes, provides an opportunity for exports far greater than Colombo. It is unfortunate that Sri Lanka is not controlling this asset which could have had multiple economic benefits to Sri Lanka," concluded





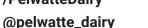


Strengthening our local dairy farmers by providing wholesome products to all

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Kurunegala Plantations Ltd.,
on Journey of Excellence
with Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour

urunegala Plantations Limited (KPL) is a fully government-owned plantation management company. The company comes under the purview of the Plantations Ministry. It is also a model plantation company operating under the State Ministry of Coconut, Fishtail Palm, Palmyra Product Promotion and Allies Industrial Production and Export Diversification.

This great national asset has provided direct employment to over 1000 and indirect employment to over 5000 People. The land occupied for farming comes to about 4971 hectares or 12278 acres. The estates are operated in an environment-friendly manner. The use of organic fertilizer has ensured the quality of the harvest in an elevated manner.

Beyond its territory in Kurunegala, KPL manages estates in Anuradhapura, Matale and Gampaha under the guidance of Plantations Minister Dr Ramesh Pathirana, the State Minister of Coconut, Fishtail Palm, Palmyra and Rubber Product Promotion and Allies Industrial Production and Export Diversification Arundika Fernando and the General Treasury.

As a result of teamwork of and painstaking efforts of its incumbent chairperson Madhavi Herath, Chief Executive Officer SMM Samrakoon and her Board of Directors, area estate superintendents and the entire management, this fully government-owned company is earning profits continuously.

The company offers a role model to any government institute having profited 100 per cent more than it did in 2019. The company is held in high regard on par with the private

Moreover, another objective of the company is to contribute to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's Saubhagya programme. As a result, KPL was active even Covid 19 pandemic in order to supply essential curry nuts requirements to consumers and make Saubagya National Programme a success. Turmeric is now being harvested. The management expects to reach the target of expanding the estate acreage by 400 per cent. The entrepreneurs are now keen on projects executed by governmentowned companies in collaboration with the private sector. Significantly, the company also



Chairperson, A. V. K. M. Herath

offers considerable assistance to the country's coconut plantation sector. Accordingly, over 500,000 coconut seed nuts will be handed over to the Coconut Cultivation Board within this

The seedlings will be distributed among the farmers as well as garden owners. For the farmers interested in entering the plantation sector but lack land, the company offers its land extent on a five-year lease period. This will be a great consolation for the farmers. Kurunegala Plantations Limited also caters to the coconut requirement with high-quality supplies. Moreover, the KPL is instrumental in providing coconuts to the industrial sector and domestic consumption. Commendably, the company has been engaged in these activities even amid the inclement weather conditions.

The Kurunegala Plantations Limited has been able to find speedy solutions to the frequent issues such as Mites in coconut, hence in collaboration with the Coconut Research Institute. The company now has a state-of-the-art predatory mite laboratory to control mite. Using modern technology for farming, adequate supplies of water and proper fertilisation leading to a good harvest is a model example of Kurunegala Plantations been introduced under the new chairperson Limited. Plus, the chairperson appreciates the support from the educated, intellectual, efficient and experienced staff.

Getting prepared for the future quite early is another significant move. as a result, king coconut cultivation has already started due to the high demand across the globe. The KPL was well aware of the demand for king coconut at home and abroad on par with natural rubber. Therefore the company moved ahead with new estates. The company has also made arrangements to provide high demanding produce such as cocoa powder, turmeric powder, cinnamon powder as valueadded products.

The company was taken under the responsibility. A new batch of products has



Chief Executive Officer S. M. M. Samarakoon

and the board of directors appointed in 2020. Cinnamon powder, pepper powder, white copra and white coconut oil have been introduced to

government wing as it experienced several setbacks under private ownership. Since it was taken over by the government, the company has shown steady progress. Significantly, KPL has paid over Billion rupees as profits and lease rental to the Treasury within the past 15 years. The company has therefore rendered a yeoman service to the country's economic progress, especially by providing indirect employment. It is also entrusted with the challenging task of providing high-quality products at a competitive price with a governmental



Minister of Plantation Industries Ramesh Pathirana inspecting a planted field

State Minister Arundika Fernando making a speech during an inspection tour

the local market in export quality. KPL has already made arrangements to follow that route in collaboration with modern technology.

Accordingly, white coconut oil, produced from the coconut alone has also been introduced. It is now distributed across the island and has a wide public appeal. The common complaint about turmeric powder is that its exorbitant price and questionable quality. As a government-owned company, KPL has made arrangements to release the product at an attractive price, wrapped protectively. Pepper and cinnamon, already popular, are now available at reasonable prices. The KPL is dedicated to offering the highest value to the local pepper, by being the pioneer among the countries where pepper farming takes place. During the course of the past four years, the KPL has managed to secure the award given to the Best Pepper Farmer. The KPL is ready to introduce pepper in liquid form as well in addition to white pepper and pepper powder.

The KPL is the only company that has diversified the highest number of crops in addition to coconuts in the coconut triangle. That quantity is farmed on an estate running for 1600 acres. About 1000 acres have been given to surrounding farmers as well for the intercropping. That has benefitted immensely. Moreover, KPL is paying attention to large scale intercropping in order to gain the maximum productivity of coconut farming. Although coconut and rubber are their primary farming, KPL has been smart to farm crops of diverse nature. Accordingly, crops such as cocoa, avocado, guava, cinnamon, coffee, mangosteen, mango, cashew, waraka, dragon fruit, areca nut, rambutan and nutmeg are being farmed. KPL, therefore, is providing fruits fresh in quality to the public. Besides, in terms of employee welfare too, KPL is at the forefront. They have established job security of the employees. As the payments are paid on time, the employees can securely spend their time in retirement.

The company is held in high regard for maintaining employee welfare at a high level. Significantly every employee from the labourerrank is given due recognition. In return, the company gains their service to the maximum. Another significant feature is to have the staff and employees insured. The children of the employees are given scholarships as well for higher education.

The mission of the KPL is to manage the plantation and other agribusinesses productively, profitably and sustainably through effectively harnessing natural, physical and human resources in an environmentfriendly and socially responsible manner to the benefit of all stakeholders and the country at large and to be the model plantation and agribusiness management company in the South-East Asian Region.

> By. Nuwan Mahesh **Jayawickrema**

Kurunegala Plantations Limited has opened a high quality Cinnamon Processing Factory at the Dodangaslanda area state to supply high quality Cinnamon to the nation yesterday. In addition high quality turmeric powder has been introduced to the market.

LAKE HOUSE

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Chairperson with staff members during her field visit

The Products of Kurunagala Plantation Now Available in the Market



Dodangaslanda Area Estate of Kurunegala Plantations Limited offers its garden fresh Black Pepper & processed White Pepper at a very reasonable price which cannot be purchased from outside market.

* Black Pepper; 250 g @ Rs. 285/-

* White Pepper; 250 g @ Rs. 425/-



KPL TRUE CINNAMON & CINNAMON POWDER

Dodangaslanda Area Estate of Kurunegala Plantations Limited offers True Cinnamon & Cinnamon Powder at a

- * True Cinnamon; 50 g @ Rs. 250/-
- * Cinnamon Powder; 50 g @ Rs. 350/-



KPL PURE WHITE COCONUT OIL

KPL Pure White Coconut Oil is made up of fresh coconut kernel without converting into copra where no any chemical refining process is adopted and minimum contamination is assured. Fresh coconuts are peeled and dried, then after careful mechanical pressing, the oil is simply filtered. No bleaching or pasteurization.

- * 5 L @ Rs. 3,500/- * 1 L @ Rs. 750/-
- * 675 ml @ Rs. 510/- * 350 ml @ Rs. 265/-



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- Delivery charges will be added with the quantity and the distance.
- Discount will be considered to the bulk purchases.
- CASH ON DELIVERY AVAILABLE.
- Free delivery available on Colombo-Kandy-Gampaha & Kurunegala

Please contacts 0716884082 / 0716884085

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

, Gatamanna Gammacharige Sushayama Yeshani (NIC No. 837851009V) of No. 384, Kumarathunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara do hereby give notice to the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and to the General Public that I have revoked and cancelled the Power of Attorney bearing No. 690 dated 05.12.2011 attested by W.K.G. Sajeewani, Notary Public of Matara granted by me to Gatamanna Gammacharige Thamidu Dasun (NIC No. 902942459V) of No. 384 Kumarathunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara

by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

Talgaswattage T Jagath Pushpakumara Attorney-at-Law

CANCELLATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, RANJITH SENERATH YAPA of No. 141/2/D, Prasannapura, Delgahawatte, Homagama do hereby inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and to the public that I have revoked and cancelled the Power of Attorney bearing No. 5787 dated 29.06.2018 attested by A.M.W. Jayathilake Attorney-at-Law & Notary Public given by me to Manjula Nilantha Senerath Yapa of No. 111/10, Sri Soratha Mawatha, Gangodawila, Nugegoda (N.I.C. No. 199103202370) with immediate effect and I hereby declare that I do not take any responsibility for any act done by him under the said Power of Attorney hereafter.

Ranjith Senerath Yapa

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is to inform the Government of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Power of Attorney No. 5873 dated 14th January, 2020 attested by S.M. Inoka Pushpa Kumari, Attorney-at-Law & Notary Public and granted by me to Wahala Thanthige Chandana Pradeep Kumara (Nic No. 810804432V) of No. 23, Athurugiriya Road, Kottawa is hereby revoked and cancelled. Thanthrige Wijayasuriya Mudiyanselage Amila Wijayasuriya.

07th April 2021

Notice is hereby given under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 that the following company was incorporated on the 28th of March 2021. Name of Company:
ANDREW AND

NOTICE

VINCENT (PRIVATE) LIMITED Company Registration No. PV 00237340 Registered Office Address: 97A, Kadawatha Road,

On behalf of the Board by **Gregory's Partners** Company Secretary 53/3, Gregory's Road,

Dehiwala.

TODDY TAVERN FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022

DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT -MAHAWEWA

Tenders will be received for Toddy Rent Sales for the period from 01.07.2021 to 30.06.2022 until 10.30 a.m. on 12.05.2021. For further particulars please see the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka of 09.04.2021.

H.M. Nadeeja Herath, **Divisional Secretary,** Mahawewa.

29.03.2021

MUSAEUS COLLEGE

ADMISSIONS - 2022

GRADE ONE

INTERVIEWS

An e-mail announcing interviews for Grade One will be sent to all applicants with the respective date and time.

The dates for Interviews have been scheduled as follows:-

24th April 2021 (Saturday)

25th April 2021 (Sunday)

26th April 2021 (Monday)

(Please note the above dates are subject to change at the discretion of the management depending on any prevailing situation in the country.)

In the event you do not receive an automated email with your interview date & time, please contact the Registrar's Office yoshini@musacus.lk) by 19th April 2021.

Registrar, Musaeus College Colombo 07



COLOMBO 7

The property that is mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon Plc by WAHUMPURAGE ANANDA JAYARATHNA as the Obligor.

I shall sell by Public Auction the property described above at the spot,

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE BY

COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC (EMBILIPITIYA BRANCH) By virtue of authority granted to me by the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registered No. PQ. 116) under section 4 of the Recovery of Loans

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1 & 2 depicted in Plan No. 4712 dated 02.05.2011 made by M.M.D.S. Shantha, Licensed

Surveyor of land called 'Aharagalawattehena, Kehelle Gaha Hena, Kovulmandiya & Portion of Gale Pahalahena now known as Witihelawatte

situated at Bibilegama Village within the Grama Niladhari Division of Bibilegama West G.N. Division No. 223C in Pradeshiya Sabha Limits

of Godakawela and Divisional Secretary's Division of Godakawela in

Thambagam Pattu of Atakalan Korale Ratnapura District Sabaragamuwa

Containing in Extent ELEVEN ACRES & SIXTEEN PERCHES (A:11 R:0 P:16)

together with buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon

ON $12^{\mbox{th}}$ DAY OF MAY 2021 AT 10.00 A.M

Please see the Government Gazette, Dinamina, the Daily News and Veerakesari News Papers dated 04/10/2019 regarding the publication of

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY:

From Godakawela town, proceed about 200 meters along Embilipitiya Road up to meet the Police Station. Then turn right to the Bibilegama Road and continue about 6.2 Km up to the subject property situated on both

sides of the road MODE OF PAYMENT

The successful purchaser should pay the following amounts in cash to the Auctioneer at the fall of the hammer.

01) Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price. 2) One percent (01%) as Local authority Tax. 3) Two Decimal five percent (2.5%) as the Auctioneer's commission 4) Notary attestation fees Rs. 2000/= 5) Clerk's & Crier's wages Rs. 500/= 6) Total costs of Advertising incurred on the sale. 7) Liable to pay Value added Tax (VAT). 8) The balance Ninety Percent (90%) of the purchase price should be deposited with the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC Head Office or at the Embilipitiya Branch within 30 days from the

Further particulars regarding Title Deeds and Other Connected documents could be obtained from the following offices.

Commercial Bank of Ceylon P.L.C. No. 67, Nonagama Road, Pallegama, Embilipitiya.

Tel. 047-2230258-9 Fax: 047-2261590

L. B. Senanayake, Justice of the Peace Senior Licensed Auctioneer. Valuer and Court Commissioner, No.200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo-12.

Tele: 011-2445393 / 011-2396520 Tele/Fax: 011- 2445393 Email: senaservice84@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) (PRIVATE) LIMITED

BID NO.: 099/T/2020

GENERAL PEST / TERMITE / RODENT CONTROL SERVICES TO **BUILDINGS AT** MATTALA - RAJAPAKSA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MATTALA

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the Supply of General Pest/Termite/Rodent Control Services to Buildings at Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Mattala.

Bids should be submitted on documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport Katunayake on a cash payment of **Rupees Three Thousand (Rs. 3,000.00)** being a non-refundable bidding document fee, together with an official letter of request issued by the bidder.

Bidding documents may be purchased between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 15.04.2021 up to 17.05.2021 from the office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. If bidders are so desire they may personally hand over the sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 18th May 2021** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids..

An on demand Bid Security equivalent to Sri Lankan Rupees One Hundred & Twenty Thousand only (Rs. 120,000/-) in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid

Pre bid Briefing will be held on 29.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the Conference Room of the Civil Engineering Division Building at Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Mattala.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, on Telephone No 011-2264103, e-mail: head.scm@airport.lk or by visiting our web site: www. airport.lk

Chairman

Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited **Bandaranaike International Airport,** Katunayake.

Ministry of Education

Undergraduate & Postgraduate Scholarships offered by the Government of India - 2021/22

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the award of undergraduate & postgraduate scholarships offered by the Government of India for the academic year 2021/22.

Undergraduate Scholarships

*	Scholarship Programme	Number of Scholarships
1	Undergraduate Scholarships offered under the Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme (Any field other than medical, dental sciences & nursing, Fashion Design)	120
2	Engineering (IT/BE/B. Tech) scholarships offered under Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Scheme (Only for mathematical stream)	25

Postgraduate Scholarships

	Scholarship Programme	Number of Scholarships
1	Master's degree scholarships offered under Maulana Azad Scholarship Scheme	50
2	Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme	05

Open for all streams except MD, MD in Indigenous Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Fashion Design.

 Closing date : 20th April 2021

Application and further details can be downloaded from the Ministry web site: www.mohe.gov.lk

Secretary Ministry of Education No.18, Ward Place Colombo 07



National Institute of Education



Higher Diploma in Physical Education and Sports 2021/2022

Applications have been called for the 1st intake of Higher Diploma in Physical Education and Sports offered by the Health and Physical Education Unit, National Institute of Education, Maharagama

Basic qualifications for recruitment to the course

Newly recruited sports coaches in government schools who have passed G,C E A/L examination or fulfilled a similar qualification.

Course Information

Duration 02 Years Medium Sinhala/Tamil Selection method Structured interview

Mode of Study Part time (Weekends 9.00 am to 4.00 p.m.) Mode of Delivery Lectures, practical and Online Sessions Course Fee Rs. 90,000/= (Can be paid in 2 instalments).

> In addition, the approved examination fee should be paid

 Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) Level IV certificate will be awarded on completion of the course successfully.

Method of Apply

Duly filled application according to the given template on the web page www.nie.lk with the endorsement of the Head of the Institute, along with a 9"X4", size, self addressed stamped envelope to the value of Rs. 15/= should be sent by registered post to the Head, Health and Physical Education Unit, National Institute of Education, Maharagama on or before 15th May 2021. "Advanced Diploma in Physical Education and Sports" should be written on the top left corner of the envelope.

A non-refundable sum of Rs, 1200/= as the application fee should be credited to the account number 607628 of the Director General, National Institute of Education at any branch of the Bank of Ceylon, and annex the receipt to the application form.

Dr. Upali M. Sedara **Director General (Acting) National Institute of Education** Maharagama

Centre Avantha played for Sri Lanka with his brother Radhika in 2007 Rugby Asiad

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The game of rugby is a body contact sport. The players competing in this sport have to maintain a good physique while taking care of their injuries on a regular basis. Some times they suffer serious injuries while playing competitive rugby, resulting in a sad end to their career, while they are at their peak. Udaya Avantha Hettiarachchi is one of the rugby players who hails from a family which was involved in handling the oval shaped ball, who had a sad end to his career with a knee injury which ultimately sidelined him permanently from the game when he was at his peak.

Avantha was born in 1980 in the outskirts of the city of Kandy. With a height of over five feet he was a robust player in the field of rugby. His father was Vijey Hettiarachchi a businessman while Nirmala his mother is a house wife. He has two elder siblings Vinod and Radhika who attended Dharmaraja College. Udaya played rugby for the school and later donned the jersey of Kandy Sports Club, CR and FC and Sri Lanka while Radhika also represented Kandy, Air

Force, CR and FC and CH and FC at another legend from his school Hemanclub rugby and donned the National jer- tha Yatawara. He also represented the sey along with him. Avantha too college football team on par with rugby schooled at Dharmaraja from 1986 to from under-13 stage until the under-17 1999 from the primary to higher education. He was also very enthusiastic in engaging in sports like his two elder brothers at school. While he was concentrating on his studies, his sporting talents were spotted by C.S. Ekanayake who turned out to be his junior coach in rugby, who also taught him the basics of the game. He then started competing from the College under-13 team and gradually went on to play in all age categories before reaching the first XV team. The feature of his rugby career was that he was able to play with his elder brother Radhika who was one of the best in the game at that time.

He occupied the key fly half position due to his extraordinary kicking ability which was a gifted talent imbibed in

During his two-year tenure as a player in the college first XV team, he played under Damith Kulakumsuirya's captaincy which was ably coached by mer club CR and played from 2005 to

age category, where he led them. Apart from these sports, he turned out be a boxer at school and competed at the L.V. Jayaweera tournament in the 65 kg weight category and played cricket in the under-13 and 15 age category.

Soon after passing GCE A/L exam, he joined CR and FC where both his elder brothers were donning their jersey in 2000 playing as a fly half.

He was also another player who changed clubs frequently during his tenure as a player. Represented Kandy Youth Sports Club in 2001 when they emerged champs.

He then represented the Kandy Sports Club playing in the under- 21 tournament which also won the championship. He then was promoted to play in the senior team with Kandy from 2001

After completing his contract there, he shifted to Colombo to rejoin his for-



2008 as a centre three quarter. He finally concluded his club rugby career while representing CH and FC from 2009 to 2013 occupying the same position as his previous club. During his club career, he was in several champion sides in all the clubs he represented. He tiarachchi) for CR and FC and the

played for Sabaragamuwa Titans at the Carlton Rugby sevens tournament. While he was playing for CR in 2007 he was called upon to represent the National team as a centre three quarter under Galgamuwa's captaincy in the Rugby. Asiad in Colombo in which Sri Lanka emerged runners up to Kazakhstan losing 17-24 in the final While he was establishing a regular place, he

incurred a very unfortunate knee injury which sidelined him permanently and retired from competitive

He has some fond memories in his rugby career including winning the Caltex President Cup in 2007 for CR and FC led by Shamil Mohamed. Also was fortunate to play rugby with his elder brother (Radhika Het-



National team in 2007. He has followed an Advanced diploma in Marketing (SLIM) and worked for Walker Tours from 2004 to 2007 and then joined Pan Asia Bank in 2013. He led the team in 2018 which played in the Mercantile Sevens and works with them up-to-date. His wife is Sumali Guruge Hettiarachchi and has a baby son Mihein Thewhas who is only six months old.

Beach volleyball player Yasiru Udara proud product of Vijayaba NS, Hungama

DILWIN MENDIS Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Sri Lanka Universities Beach Volleyball Captain and Cricketer Yasiru Udara Dhanapala Wijesinghe brought honour and glory to his Alma Mater, Vijayaba Natoonal School Hungama, and Sabaragamuwa University and his motherland.

Yasiru was admitted to the Grade One of Vijayaba National School Hungama in 2008 and the then Principal was Mr. Ratnayake and his first class teacher was Mrs. Krista from Grade One to Five he did not take part in sports. But his parents Arivathillake Danapala Wijesinghe and Chamila Sudarshani Saram insisted him to take up a sport and Yasiru selected volleyball in 2007.

His first tournament was Mini DSI and they came up to Provincial and lost in the quarter finals. He gave up school under 13 and 15 cricket teams in 2008 and safe fielder

and commenced playing vol-



Sri Lanka Universities A and B Teams posed for a photograph in Munich Germany after their Beach Volleyball matches against Germany in 2018. Standing L/R - Muditha Sandakelum, Yasiru Udara Wijesinghe (Captain), Ajantha Dahanayake (Asst. Coach), K. R. D. C. Rathnamudali (Coach), Asanka Chamuka, Sandun Wimalasena (Picture by -Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

al, Zonal, District and Provincial tournamentsand in the DSIU Tournament they were the second runner up and in the All Island Inter Schools Tournament his Volleyball and played for the school lost in the Quarter Finals and after winning the District and Provincial 2009 and he is a right hand Tournaments his team was middle order batsman and the runner up. In 2013 after medium pace bowler and a winning the Zonal and Provincial tournaments they He gave up cricket in 2010 clinched the All Island Schools Championship and

his school won the division- under 19 team and they were the runners up in the DSI and All Island Schools Tournament. In 2013 he was awarded Milo School Col-

ours for Volleyball. Rathnaweera formed the was awarded University Vol-Vijayaba Sports Club and in leyball Colours in 2017 and the Dialog Tournament they came up to semi finals and in 2017 they were the All Island Dialog Runners Up and he captained the team. In the following year he took part in the World Universileyball in 2011 and in 2012 in 2014 he captained the ties Beach Volleyball Tour-



nament in Munich, Germany leading the team and out of 32 countries Sri Lanka Universities Team came up to 30th place and it was a Then in 2016 Mr. fine exposure for Isuru. He re awarded in 2018 and 2019.

> Last year he was in the pool for the 2020 Beach Vollevball Tournament in Spain and due to Covid 19 it was postponed.

Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

Athlete Karunananda kept Sri Lanka's flag flying at Tokyo Olympics

who was more popularly known among his admirers as Ranatunge Karunananda developed his talents as an athlete after joining the Sri Lanka Army. He reached National level while coming third in the 5,000m race at the National Track and Field Championships in 1957. He was again placed third in the same event in 1962. In a determined effort to win the National Championship he won the 5,000m race in 1963 in 15 minutes and 18.2 seconds.

'Karu' who won the event while serving as a Corporal in the First Regiment of the Sri Lanka Army, did not

The same year, represent-

he won the 5,000m event in 14 minutes 56.8 seconds while creating a new Sri Lanka record and shattering the then existing record

of 15 minutes 2.0 seconds. He also won the Army Road Race completing the 10,000m course in 28 minutes 0.2 seconds. Displaying his capabilities 'Karu' was included in the Sri Lanka Team for the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

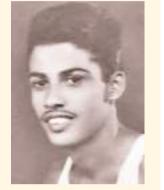
At the Olympics, in Tokyo, he was placed 29th in the 10,000m in a time of 34 minutes and 21.6 seconds. Coming last he ran the final three rounds all by himself. When he completed the course all the spectators gave him a standing

keeping with the Olympic ideals of participation in the Games. The Sri Lankan runner

turned out to be the hero at Tokyo Olympics, because of his determination to show that participation is more important than victory, which is the aim of the Olympic Games.

This little Sri Lankan star, unlike others who took part in the event, did not give up and was therefore praised by the international media.

Even after his return to Ceylon, 'Karu' did not quit the field. In 1965, at the National Track and Field events he lost to S. L. B. Rosa in the 5,000m. Yet, he



Ranatunge Karunananda

won the Army 10,000m Road Race completing the course in 28 minutes and 18.2 seconds. Although in 1968 he won the 5,000m event he was placed second to Rosa in the 10,000m

This great champion bid adieu to competitive sports that year at the age of 38 years. In December 1974, he succumbed to an accident in Ampara, having shone in the field of sports during the period from 1962 to 1968, bringing profound sorrow to his admirers. **(C.D)**

Thirukkovil Udayasooriyan SC football team victorious

I.L.RIZAN,

Addalaichenai Central Correspondent Thirukkovil Udavasoorivan Sports Club team beat Akkaraipattu Hijra team by five goals to four on a penalty shootout in the fourth match of the soccer tournament conducted by Akkaraipattu Development Football League at the Thirukkovil Udayasooriyan play grounds recently. Akkaraipattu Development Football

League launched a programme to promote goodwill among players and sports activities in the region. Under this programme, the Akkaraipattu Development Football League President and Akkaraipattu Munici-

pal Council Member Asmi Abdul Gaffoor organized this tournament. The match was held under the

Leadership of Tournament Committee Secretary of the Akkaraipattu Development Football League A.H.Hamza Sanoos while Akkaraipattu Develop-



The champion Thirukkovil Udayasooriyan SC football team

Akkaraipattu Municipal Council Mem-round. ber Asmi Abdul Gaffoor graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Udayasooriyan sports Club team sent.

Addalaichenai Eversine Youth Club cricket champs

ment Football League President and has qualified to compete in the next

Akkaraipattu Development Football League General Secretary All participated very keenly and M.I.M.Riyas, Treasurer S.M.Aroos, enthusiastically. The players were Akkaraipattu Development Football introduced to the guests at the event. League officials and players were pre-

Hiran Sasanga an outstanding gymnast



Hiran Sasanga **UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA**

Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

Seventeen year old Hiran Sasanga Ihaladeniya, a Grade Eleven student of St.Sylvester's College, Kandy is a talented gymnast who started the game under the coaching of Amal Rasanga, a veteran gymnastic coach.

Hiran Sasanga brought fame to his school by winning eight gold medals and three bronze medals at the Kandy District Gymnastic Championship held from the year 2014 up-to 2020.

He went up on the ladder of success at the Central Province Gymnastic championship and won nine gold medals, two silver medals and 10 bronze medals from the year 2015 to 2020. He was placed first at the Sony TV International Invitational Gymnastic Cup in the year 2016. He won four gold medals in Floor Exercise, in Vault, Parallel Bar and Pommel Horse at this gymnastic championship.

In the Under 14 Sri Lanka Junior National Gymnastic Championship in the year 2017 Hiran became second in Vault, second in Parallel Bar and in the All Island Schools Games in the same year he was second in the Parallel Bar event. Again In the year 2018 at the All Island School Games in the Under 16 age category he became first in Rings, second in Floor, and Pommel Horse, third in Vault and in the year 2019 at the All Island School games he came first in Parallel bar and second in rings.

Hiran became the champion of the National Novices Artistic Gymnastic Championship (Boys) which was held in the year 2019.

Hiran Sasanga is an energetic gymnast and his intention is to be an International level gymnast and he is thankful to his gymnastic coach, Amal Rasanga and the Principal of St.Sylvester's College who is encouraging the sports loving students of the school.





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er 20 registered youth club cricket teams from Addalai-

I.L.M.RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Corr.

Addalaichenai Eversine Youth Club emerged champions of the Addalaichenai DS division inter youth club cricket championship-2021 conducted by the Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat Youth Services Unit when they won the final against Addalaichenai New Star Youth Club team at the Public Playground, Palamunai

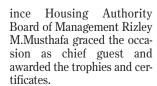
This tournament was organized by the Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat Youth Services Officer B.M.Rivath under the guidance of the Addalaichenai Divisional Secretary M.A.C.Sabir successful-

The cricket tournament was held as a part of Addalaichenai inter divisional youth sports meet -2021. Altogethchenai DS division took part.

Addalaichenai New Star Youth Club team, won the toss and elected to bat first and scored 35 runs for loss of seven wickets in their allocated five overs In reply Addalaichenai Eversine Youth Club team, scored 36 runs for loss of six wickets in

The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Kalmunai Electorate Organizer and Member of the Eastern Prov-

4.4 overs.



The champion Addalaichenai Eversine Youth Club team

The champion Addalaichenai Eversine Youth Club

team, have been selected for the upcoming Ampara District Inter Division Cricket Championship – 2021 which will be conducted by the National Youth Services Council Ampara District Office.

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WORLD OF SPORTS

LOCAL EVENTS

NETBALL Super League Tournament in

(Inter-Schools U-19 Tournament): St. Peter's vs Thurstan at Bambalapitiya Maris Stella vs Basilica at St. Benedict's vs Zahira at

Trinity vs Wesley at Asgiriya (Major Club Tournament Badureliya CC vs NCC at CCC Grounds Ragama CC vs Army CC at NCC Grounds

Clay Court Nationals at SLTA Courts, Green Path FOREIGN EVENTS

(Indian Premier League): Mumbai Indians vs Royal

(County Championship): Essex vs Worcestershire at Nottinghamshire vs Durham at Nottingham Warwickshire vs Derbyshire at

Leicestershire vs Hampshire at

Lord's Manchester Northamptonshire vs Kent at Northampton Yorkshire vs Glamorgan at

(Premier League): Fulham vs Wolverhampton (Spanish League): Huesca vs Elche

Kingswood edge out Sri Rahula

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Kingswood College edged out Sri Rahula College, Katugastota by 15 runs in their Inter-Schools Under-19 Limited Over Cricket Tournament fixture played at the Prison Grounds in Pallekele yesterday.

Chief scores

Kingswood: 182 in 48.1 overs (Mahasen Ranasinghe 58, W. A. A. S. Senevirathne 34, A. M. M. Y. B. Abeykoon 22, Thilanka Kumarathunga 4/23, Dananjaya Bandara 3/34, Janith Maitipe 2/34)

Sri Rahula: 167 in 45.5 overs (Vichintha Malwatta 48, Dananjaya Bandara 47, Sayuru Ranathunga 30, Tharindu Fonseka 21, W. M. C. L. K. Abeyrathna 3/20, P. W. H. I. Polkotuwa 3/28, Divaniana Bandara 2/21).

Openers Pulshan Rohana (57) and Sadishan Chamodya (58) struck half-centuries as Mahanama College defeated St. Thomas' Colege, Matara by four wickets in their Under-19 Limited Over Cricket Tournament match played at the Bloomfield Grounds yesterday.

This was Mahanama's fifth successive win and they finished as the table leaders to qualify for the quarter-finals.

Chief scores

•At Bloomfield Grounds (Mahanama won by four wickets) St. Thomas', Matara: 188 in

Mahanama: 192/6 in 39 overs (Pulshan Rohana 57, Sadishan

Chamodya 58). •At Kotahena (St. Joseph's won by 143 runs)

St. Joseph's: 275/8 in 50 overs (Dunith Wellalage 58, Sheran Fonseka 56, Shevon Daniel 53, Malinda Perera 5/29)

St. Benedict's: 132 in 41 overs. At BRC Grounds (Dharmasoka won by four runs)

Dharmasoka: 119 in 41 overs **Lumbini:** 115 in 27.3 overs

(Sahan Sankalpa 6/15). •At Kotte (Sri Jayewardenepura

MV won by 170 runs) Sri Jayewardenepura MV: 333/8 in 50 overs (Janith Akash 106, Jayandu Sankalpa 50)

Sachini wins pole vault in style at Athletic Trials

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Army produced a fine performance to win the Women's pole vault with an effort of 3.50m on the second day of the National Athletics Trials, worked off at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

this was a below performance from the star athlete considering the fact that she established a new record of 3.56m at the previous Nationals.

K. L. K. L. Perera of Air Force was placed second with 3.30m.

Meanwhile Soldier Tharindu Dasun with a distance of 2.11m won the Men's high jump event and the second place went to B. R. I. Udaya Kumara (Army) with a distance of 2.08m.

Silva finished with an equal discompetition in the Men's discus Men's and Women's 200m finals.

throw event. S. P. J. T. Bandula Sachini Perera of Sri Lanka also from Army finished with a distance of 44.35m.

Meanwhile, the Men's junior triple jump event was won by Pasindu Malshan with a performance of 15.50m while Wishmitha Kumara was placed second with 15.24m.

Sadini Kaveesha and Lakshani Although she won the event, Dissanayake won the first and second places respectively in the Women's junior long jump event with an equal distance of 5.40m.

The Women's discus throw event was won by P. A. I. M. P. Perera of Navy who recorded a distance of 41.78m while Heshani Maheshika came in second place with 40.53m.

The Men's high jump event was won by Tharindu Dushan of Army with a distance of 2.11m while B. R. I. Udaya Kumara won the sec-Two athletes from Army, S. M. ond place with a performance of A. M. P. Saparamadu and S. D. K. 2.08m.

Today is the final day of the tritance of 44.69m after a tough als and the key event will be the



Sachini Perera (pole vault)



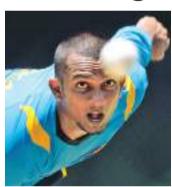
Sadini Kaveesha (long jump)



Pasindu Malshan (triple jump)

in action

NCC, Ragama favourites to win SLC L/O semis



Ishan Jayaratne (Captain - Ragama CC)

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Ragama CC are favourites to win

their respective semi finals of the

Major Club Limited Over Crick-

et Tournament, which will be

NCC, led by Angelo Perera has

a strong batting line-up and they

highest team total of 375 for five

wickets against Nugegoda SC.

worked off in Colombo today.

Place.





(Captain - Badureliya SC)

batsman with 324 runs with a century and two fifties while Skipper Angelo Perera has scored 305 runs including a century and a half-century.

NCC will meet Badureliya CC The two pacemen Lahiru Kumara and Chamika Karunaratne at the CCC Grounds in Maitland Crescent while Ragama CC will are their key bowlers while legbattle it out against Army CC at spinner Chaturanga de Silva will the NCC Grounds in Maitland provide the back-up support.

Badureliya SC, led by Alankara Asanka Silva defeated Moors SC by seven wickets in the quarteralso have the credit of making the finals and are set to cause a major challenge to the NCC outfit.

Their opener Sandun Weerak-



Angelo Perera

All-rounder Chaturanga de kody has amassed 384 runs in Jayasundara and Skipper Two unbeaten teams, NCC and Silva is their most successful this tournament and is the key Jayaratne are also among the Milinda Siriwardana and Thillekarartne Sampath are capable of making useful runs.

Meanwhile, Army CC who beat the more fancied SSC in the quarter-finals are expected to provide a tough challenge to the unbeaten Ragama CC Team.

Ragama CC, led by all-rounder Ishan Jayaratne have a well balanced side while Janith Liyanage is the highest run-getter of the tournament having accumulated 414 runs with a century and Udara three half-centuries.



Thisara Perera (Captain - Army CC)

batsman while all-rounders runs in this tournament while Binura Fernando, the highest wicket-taker of the tournament with 17 will spearhead the bowling department.

Army CC led by Thisara Perera will have the services of two experienced players Seekkuge Prasanna and Asela Gunaratne.

Off-spinner Dushan Vimukthi has 15 wickets while off-spinner Maheesh Theekshana and legspinner Lakshan Fernando are also among the wickets for Army CC.

Saha and Sasen to clash in U-12 final

Saha Kapilasena and Sasen Premarathne powered their way in to the final of the Boys' Under-12 Singles final by winning their respective semifinals at the Hutch-HNB Clay Court Tennis Nationals, which continued at the SLTA Courts in Green Path yesterday.

Kapilasena defeated Aahil Kaleel in straight sets 6-3, 7-5 while Premarathne had the better of Methika Wickramasinghe 3-6, 7-6 (5), 14-12 after a keen contest.

The results:

round: Ransath Peiris beat Kajan 6-2, 6-2. Hasal Ahanga- 14-12. (C.D)

ma beat Lisal Goonetilleke 6-1, 6-1. Zaidh Zihar beat Roshith Abeysundara 6-7 (5),

6-2, 10-4. Boys' Under-12 semi-Boys' Under-16 third finals: Saha Kapilasena beat Aahil Kaleel 6-3, 7-5. Sasen Rimitha Perera 6-0, 6-0. Premarathne beat Methika Sandaru Guruge beat Manesh Wickramasinghe 3-6, 7-6 (5),

SLC announces Selection Committee

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) yesterday announced the appointment of the Cricket Selection Committee with immediate effect.

The six-member panel was ratified by the Minister of Youth and Sports Namal Rajapaksa.

The Selection Committee will be headed by Pramodya Wickramasinghe and the rest of the members are Romesh Kaluwitharana, Hemantha Wickramaratne, Varuna Waragoda, S. H. U. Karnain and Thilaka Nilmini Gunarathne.

Mahanama cruise to fifth successive victory

St. Mary's, Kegalle: 163 in 45.2 overs (Kushan Banuka 75).

•At Railway Grounds (Carey won by nine wickets)

C. W. W. Kannangara MMV: 42 in 15.5 overs Carey: 43/1 in 8.1

•At Morartuwa (St. Sebastian's won by 110 runs) **St. Sebastian's:** 210/9 in 50

St. Anne's, Kurunegala: 100 in 32.3 overs (Chrishane Perera 6/27). •At Maradana (Maris Stella won

overs (Savindu Rodrigo 56)

by three runs) Maris Stella: 220/8 in 50 overs (Hansaja Hiruna 96, Chemindu Weerawansa 60)

Zahira: 217/9 in 50 overs (Chamod Lakshan 64, Raaed Rizwan 61). •At Kalutara (Holy Cross won by

48 runs) Holy Cross: 148 in 48.3 overs Tissa Central: 100 in 29.4

 At Pannipitiya (St. Joseph Vaz won by 99 runs) **St. Joseph Vaz:** 258/9 in 50

overs (Tharusha Fernando 70) Dharmapala MV, Panniptiya: 159 in 42 overs

•At Piliyandala (St. John's, Panadura won by six runs) **St. John's:** 170 in 43 overs

Piliyandala Central: 164/9 in

(Reshan Malith 57)

50 overs. (D.R)

Mahanama leg-spinner Devindu Kekirideniya took three for 31. Picture by Hirantha Gunatilleka

Wesley, St. Benedict's to play inaugural Big Match



Avanka Fernando, Principal Wesley (second from left), receiving the Platinum sponsorship from Anandaraj, Director Melwa Holdings. Also in the picture are (from left): Lalith Madappulli, Joint President of St. Benedict's, Rev. Bro. Dr. Pubudu Rajapaksha, Director St. Benedict's.

ALTHAF NAWAZ

pioneer cricket playing schools St. Benedict's College and Wesley College will clash in their inaugural Inter-School Big Match cricket encounter at the end of this month.

This two-day match will be worked off on April 23 and 24 at Kotahena while the limited over fixture will be played on May 8 at the P. Sara Oval. The two-day game will be played

for the Rev. James Cartman Cup named in honour of former Wesley Principal while the limited over match will be played for the Rev. Bro. Luke Gregory Shield, named in honour of former Director of St. Bene-

dict's. As per the agreement by the joint committees, St. Benedict's will host this year's two-day fixture while leaving out for their rivals Wesley to take their turn next year while agreeing to host the limited over fixture at a neutral venue.

As per the Bens, the La Sallian brothers have made this novel suggestion to play a cricketing encounter of this nature, with the fullest bless-

ings while sharing their rich cultures. They have made some changes to the playing formats unlike the other big matches infusing a format. This included the team taking the first lease of the wicket will play a maximum of 65 overs.

Each team will bowl the same number of overs irrespective of interruptions or unless they are all out.

Any team has the option of declaring their inning within the 65 overs quota and the team batting second could be enforced to follow on at the end of 65 overs if they are 100 behind. In compliance with the health guidelines, both matches will be played closed doors but have decided to televise both matches live on television.

They have also made arrangements to live stream the matches through Quadrangle's YouTube channel, a popular schools focused digital plat-

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Red tape hits Pelwatte export oriented milk powder processing plant in Kurunegala

Approval not granted for 45-acre land to build a factory

Although faithful promises are given by successive governments including the present one that local entrepreneurs would be egged on, this has not happened to Pelwatte Dairy, as approval for 45-acre state land to build Sri Lanka's first-ever milk 'export oriented' processing plant in Mawathagama is yet to be approved.

"I have been requesting for approvals for four years from the previous government and one year from the present one but with no avail," said Pelwatte Industries Chairman Ariyaseela Wickramanayake addressing a 'Media Development Forum' at the Media Ministry on Wednesday.

public administrators are sickening as I was told 'if I can't find land just don't do it for several groundbreaking projects I have initiated."

Expressing his plans Wickramanayake said he has an investment of Rs. 1.2 billion upfront to build a spray dried milk powder processing plant in Kurunegala. I plan to export powdered milk to China and other countries like the Maldives and also butter to Japan earning around USD 90 million in foreign exchange per

"We were the first to have a spray dried milk producing factory in Sri

"The attitude of some of the top Lanka in 2006 in Buttala and we will install the latest machinery for our Kurunegala plant too for which advances have already been paid to a Danish company. I just need three months to build the plant and install machinery and produce milk. The project will also generate over 200 new job opportunities"

> Wickramanayake explained that he has been requesting 45 acres of state land in Mawathagama on a 33-year lease for the past five years. There are no environmental issues for the said land.

"I have been pushed from one state institution to another and back to the

same institution, but final approval is not received. I have brought up this matter to the attention of Industry Minister Wimal Weerawansa and other senior members of the cabinet as well."

In September, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa instructed to formulate both short and long-term plans to increase the local liquid milk production. These plans aim to meet the total local requirement which is a reality.

This prompted several other local entrepreneurs to invest in this segment which resulted in the price of fresh milk offered to local farmers

increasing from around Rs. 90 per litre two years ago to Rs. 130 per litre.

Sri Lanka for the first time in its history was able to save over US\$ 300 million (almost Rs. 50 billion) from not importing milk powder from overseas in 2020 as the local input is further increasing.



S-LON OBTAINS C-19 SAFETY...

Port City to be open for investment

DINESH PERERA

Colombo Port City will be insulated from the domestic financial system there will be a more lax approach to foreign exchange controls in the special economic zone. The Foreign Exchange Act will not be

CBSL Deputy Governor Yvette Fernando

applicable to Colombo Port City.

Central Bank of Sri Lanka Deputy Governor Yvette Fernando noted that though specific details are yet to be announced the Port City zone will not be subject to the foreign exchange controls that entities outside the zone but within Sri Lanka are. The Port City is currently not subject to foreign exchange controls. The framework governing Port City are yet to be made into legislation.

Fernando was speaking on yesterday at the Press Conference following the Monetary Policy Announcement at the Central Bank Head Office.

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka shall not have direct regulatory oversight of institutions registered in the Port City. A Bank registered in the Port City zone will not fall under the purview of the regulations of the

Foreign investors and individuals of Sri Lanka descent who are eligible due to the nature of their proceeds (e.g. earnings from work overseas) will be able to bring in said funds to the Port City for investment purposes. There will be a highly limited capacity for the government to forcefully appropriate the proceeds made to the special economic zone.

Central Bank stays the course with monetary policy

DINESH PERERA

The Central Bank continued its accommodative monetary policy stance and accordingly Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and the Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) of the Central Bank at their current levels of 4.50 per cent and 5.50 per cent, respectively.

There have now been monetary easing for a period exceeding 2 years. Central Bank Governor Prof W D Lakshman said, "The declining trend in market lending rates must be continued."

"The dynamics of the global economy must also be considered in making these decisions." Lakshman was speaking on 8 April at the Central Bank Head Office.

In reference to the economic fallout of COVID-19, the governor said, "(It) justified the most severe of policy reactions." He noted that the large

liquidity injections into the economy helped maintain solvency in businesses that would have otherwise been insolvent due to market forces.

The governor acknowledged the 'extra-ordinary levels of policy accommodation by the monetary board. However, demand-pull inflation remains weak in the economy and if it were to rise with economic growth the monetary board shall be open to tightening monetary policy.

Along with the successful swap facility with the People's Bank of China, there is expected to be a loan facility with the China Development Bank. The Central Bank is expecting a positive outcome and shall signal this to the market in the coming weeks.

The Central Bank mentioned but remained tight-lipped on future sources of financing with 'quick disbursements' in the instance of any unexpected shocks to the economy. Central



CBSL Governor **Prof. W D Lakshman**

Bank officials are currently on official visits to the Middle East. No agreement with the IMF will be sought.

The Central Bank in line with its nationalistic policy framework has begun conducting broadcast press conferences primarily in the vernacular. Though the conferences remain open and provide content in all three languages there shall be an increased impetus to answer the questions of the common person. Sri Lanka will be the first major Central Bank to adopt a vernacular first approach to broadcast media in the sub-continent.

Many large macro-economic indicators and micro-economic indicators showed signs of a better than expected recovery. GDP growth and employment figures had been higher than expected with economic growth rebounding in the second half of 2020.

There has been a growth in demand for private sector credit. The policy has been successful in allocating credit to lower-tier borrowers through both targeted and systemic schemes of the government. The Port City has already begun giving the economy the needed confidence boost and foreign reserves to sustain future growth. With more certainty on the legal framework, this

will only increase. Lakshman criticized public calls for high returns on fixed income securities and call on people to reap income from sources that are not rent-seeking but rather productive to the economy.

The government plans to have targeted employment creation schemes that shall smoothen incomes across the wealth spectrum.

Food price inflation was at 9.6%. Queries were raised of the disproportionate impact to lower-income and retirement age households with higher weightage of food in their consumption basket. Queries were also raised on the inability of current market interest rates to compensate for inflation.

An initial forecast for tourist arrivals was 800,000 travellers but this has since been reduced due to a harsh 3rd wave in Europe. It is estimated that 10,000 tourists have already visited

Fitch affirms Hemas at 'AAA(lka)'; stable outlook

Fitch Ratings has affirmed Sri Lankabased consumer and healthcare company Hemas Holdings PLC's National Long-Term Rating at 'AAA(lka)' with a Stable Outlook.

The affirmation reflects the defensive nature of Hemas' operating cash flows stemming from its pharmaceutical trading and manufacturing, and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) businesses, which account for more than 90% of the group's EBIT. The recent exit from the cyclical leisure sector has further reduced the company's business risk.

The rating also benefits from Hemas' exceptionally strong balance sheet and high rating headroom, with net leverage likely to remain below 1.0x over the next two years compared with the 4.5x leverage threshold for the current rating.

"We expect Hemas' healthcare business to grow in the low double digits over the medium term, amid strong demand from an ageing population, higher incidents of non-communicable diseases and rising affordability of private healthcare. Hemas is the leader in pharmaceutical distribution in Sri Lanka, supported by strong relationships with global principals and an extensive distribution network.

Steps to set up National Industrial Park in Ratmalana



Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa with the Chinese Embassy officials in Sri Lanka

A discussion was held at the Ministry of Industries in Kollupitiya recently under the patronage of the Minister of Industry Wimal Weerawansa to take further steps with the assistance of the Government

of China to implement five identified special projects to prepare the physical environment required for the development of the industrial sector in Sri Lanka.

Consul General of the Chinese

Embassy in Sri Lanka Li Guangjun, Third Secretary Dong Xiakun and Zhu Min were also present at the discussion.

Among these projects is the establishment of a National Indus-

trial Park in Sri Lanka, which will be built on 16 acres of land in the Ratmalana area. The 'Industry for a Village' project aims to empower the rural community into entrepre-

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These include the establishment of the Agro Food and Fish Processing Zone (GAFFC) and the Establishment of Semiconductor Manufacturing Industries in Sri Lanka (SEPC), a major tool of the Fourth Industrial Revolution in Sri Lanka for the production of semiconductors.

The establishment of a China-Sri Lanka Advanced Industrial Training Institute (China-Sri Lanka Advanced Industrial Training Institute) was also dis-

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SriLankan, AASL IT teams helps BIA to go live on Google 'Indoor Maps'

Google Indoor Maps was launched at Colombo's Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) today, becoming the first indoor facility to enable this feature in Sri Lanka.SriLankan Airlines and Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited teamed up in a remarkable joint project that resulted in BIA becoming the first venue in Sri Lanka to be enabled on Google Indoor Maps, accessible on smartphones and tabs on both Apple and Android devices.

Google Indoor Maps puts yet another resource in the hands of passengers and visitors for finding out many possibilities available to them before they start their journey or arrive at the air-

Passengers and visitors to BIA can access detailed digital floor plans of the Departure, Transit and Arrival Terminals with just a few easy swipes on smartphones or tabs. Google Indoor Maps can be accessed via the desktop ver-

sion of Google Maps as well as from the Google Maps Mobile App for Android and Apple iOS devices. SriLankan Airlines, as the authorised ground handler of BIA, and AASL as the airport operator took on this project in the firm belief that this would be a fresh experience for Passen-

Initiatives such as these are furthering the digital and IT roadmap of the country in conforming with the vision of the President, under the guidance of the Minister of Tourism, State Minister of Aviation and Export Zones Development and the leadership of the Major General (Rtd.) G A Chandrasiri, Chairman of AASL and Ashok Pathirage Chairman of SriLankan Air-

"Using indoor maps, users will find it easy to locate building directories within the airport enabling indoor wayfinding to greatly improve the passenger experience. This feature helps passengers get to the appropriate gate, terminal, baggage claim, or ticketing counter on time by providing landmarkbased navigation", stated Ashok Pathirage Chairman of SriLankan Airlines.

experienced and novice travellers it is very important to have airtheir hand. The indoor maps at

BIA will feature gates and checkin counters, amenities, and retail outlets across multiple levels to make it easier for passengers to navigate through the terminal." Major General (Rtd.) G A

Chandrasiri Chairman of AASL SriLankan Airlines CEO Vipu- said, "Google Indoor Maps not la Gunatilleka said, "For both only enables wayfinding to help passengers navigate, but it can also help improve safety, situaport navigation at the palm of tional awareness, and facilities management.'



Launching of BIA on Google Indoor Maps.

ICRA reaffirms issuer rating of [SL]A- for Capital Alliance

ICRA Lanka Limited has reaffirmed the issuer rating of [SL]A- (pronounced SL A minus) for Capital Alliance Limited. The outlook on the rating remains

The rating factors in the healthy performance of CAL, which earned a net profit of LKR 997 million in the 9M ended December 2021 and LKR 737 million in FY2020 vis-à-vis LKR 37 million in FY2019, supported by a highly favourable interest rate environment.

The Company's core capital had grown to LKR 2.8 Bn in January 2021, aided by its strong earnings, compared to LKR 2.0 billion in March 2020 (LKR 1.4 Bn in March 2019). The comfortable capital buffer of LKR 1,847 million (the current regulatory minimum capital threshold is LKR 1.0 Bn) is expected to provide a cushion against adverse interest rate movements.

The risk-weighted Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) stood at 30.72% in December 2020 (15.57% in December 2019) above the regulatory minimum of 10%, whilst portfolio duration stood at 2.72 times (4.17 times in December 2019).

The rating also notes the good control processes along with robust IT systems, and the synergies arising from group entities that offer other financial services such as equity broking, asset management, and financial advisory.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

MARKET

SHADES - COLOMBO STOCK FXCHANGE

SHARES -	COLC)MBO	STO	CK	EXC	HA	NGE
Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's	Change (Rs.)
Main Board		Close				Close	
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	2,735	31.90	32.00	32.00	30.10	31.80	(0.10)
ABANS	1	151.00	152.00	152.00	152.00	151.00	
ACCESS ENG SL	1,839,436	23.60	23.60	24.00	23.00	23.90	0.30
ACL	228,714	38.10	38.00	39.80	37.60	39.40	1.30
ACL PLASTICS	203	260.75	271.75	271.75	268.00	269.00	8.25
ACME	23,421	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30	0.00
AGALAWATTE	3,856	26.90	26.70	27.50	26.50	27.50	0.60
AHOT PROPERTIES	10	38.80	36.60	38.50	36.60	38.80	0.00
AITKEN SPENCE	78,354	57.60	57.00	59.00	57.00	57.30	(0.30)
ALLIANCE	745	49.10	50.00	50.00	49.00	49.50	0.40
AMANA BANK	340,232	3.20	3.30	3.30	3.20	3.30	0.10
AMAYA LEISURE	3,790	18.00	17.90	18.90	17.90	18.00	0.00
ASIA ASSET	9,338	5.90	6.00	6.30	6.00	6.10	0.20 (0.20)
ASIRI	7,363	25.20	25.00	25.80	25.00	25.00	
ASIRI SURG AUTODROME BAIRAHA FARMS	1,684 100 82,745	13.80 78.90	14.00 70.50	14.00 70.50	13.90 70.50	14.00 70.50	0.20 (8.40)
BALANGODA BUKIT DARAH	100 57	134.25 11.20 307.25	140.00 11.20 310.00	140.00 11.20 315.00	134.25 11.20 307.00	136.00 11.20 307.25	1.75 0.00 0.00
C M HOLDINGS	1,621	82.90	83.00	85.00	82.10	84.30	1.40
C T HOLDINGS	314	170.00	165.00	170.00	165.00	170.00	0.00
CARGILLS	2,021	233.25	234.75	234.75	233.00	233.75	0.50
CARGO BOAT	8,614	62.90	62.90	63.00	62.90	63.00	0.10
CARSONS	15	275.00	280.00	280.00	275.00	275.00	0.00
CDB (CDB.X0000)	17,845	72.00	73.00	75.00	73.00	74.00	2.00
CENTRAL FINANCE	35,816	83.70	83.90	84.00	83.50	83.90	0.20
CENTRAL IND.	36,339	115.50	115.00	117.75	113.50	115.50	0.00
CEYLINCO INS. (CINS.X00	00) 3	1,084.25	1,099.75	1,099.75	1,099.75	1,084.25	0.00
CEYLON GUARDIAN	2,382	120.75	118.50	124.75	118.50	122.00	1.25
CEYLON GOARDIAN CEYLON INV. CEYLON TOBACCO	12,444 155	63.70 982.50	63.30 989.00	67.00 989.00	63.20 976.00	65.70 980.75	2.00 (1.75)
CHEMANEX	500	75.00	77.70	78.90	77.70	78.00	3.00
CHEVRON	334,411	91.50	92.50	92.50	91.60	92.00	0.50
CIC	592,955	56.40	56.90	59.00	54.00	58.70	2.30
CIC (CIC.X0000)	617,528	46.60	47.90	49.00	46.10	48.20	1.60
CITRUS LEISURE	2,261	8.80	8.30	8.70	8.30	8.50	(0.30)
COLD STORES	201	618.00	622.00	622.00	613.00	613.25	(4.75)
COLOMBO CITY	1	884.75	866.00	866.00	866.00	884.75	0.00
COLOMBO LAND	4,173	24.90	24.60	25.00	24.60	25.00	0.10
COMMERCIAL BANK XD	355,536	85.60	85.60	86.00	85.00	85.70	0.10
COMMERCIAL BANK (COM	22,446	209 78.90	78.90	79.80	78.90	79.60	0.70
CONVENIENCE FOOD		1,245.00	1,245.25	1,280.00	1,245.25	1,245.00	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL		11.60	11.60	12.10	11.00	12.00	0.40
DFCC BANK PLC	34,196	59.50	59.90	60.00	59.50	59.90	0.40
DIALOG	84,892	12.90	13.00	13.00	12.90	13.00	0.10
DIMO	145	550.25	556.00	598.00	556.00	563.25	13.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	5,091,544	55.20	55.50	57.30	54.40	56.80	1.60
DOCKYARD	520	74.40	75.00	77.80	75.00	76.90	2.50
DOLPHIN HOTELS DURDANS	71 1	24.20 98.90	22.50 103.50	23.70 103.50	22.50 103.50	76.90 24.20 98.90	0.00
E B CREASY	7,488	30.10	30.00	30.30	29.10	30.00	(0.10)
EAST WEST	74,462	10.90	11.00	11.10	10.60	11.00	0.10
EASTERN MERCHANT	86,560	5.40	5.50	5.50	5.20	5.20	(0.20)
EXPOLANKA	7,375,524	47.40	47.70	49.60	47.00	49.20	1.80
FORT LAND	20	13.00	12.80	13.40	12.80	13.00	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	388,112	127.00	134.00	139.00	133.00	138.00	11.00
HAYCARB	676,122	110.25	110.00	113.00	108.00	110.50	0.25
HAYLEYS HAYLEYS FABRIC HAYLEYS FIBRE	1,143,019 1,412,116	73.20 15.50 53.60	71.00 15.50	74.60 16.00	70.50 15.50	73.90 15.90	0.70 0.40
HAYLEYS FIBRE HDFC HEMAS HOLDINGS	75,626 9,274 644,744	34.00 83.30	55.00 35.00 82.80	55.00 36.80 83.00	54.50 34.00 82.50	55.00 36.00 83.00	1.40 2.00 (0.30)
HNB XD	4,483,956	130.25	130.00	134.00	130.00	132.25	2.00
HNB ASSURANCE XD	271,404	57.50	57.80	58.00	57.20	58.00	0.50
HNB (HNB.X0000) XD	617,191	100.25	101.00	103.25	101.00	103.00	2.75
HORANA	1,100	21.30	21.90	21.90	21.20	21.20	(0.10)
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	2,144	59.50	59.00	60.00	59.00	59.70	0.20
HOTELS CORP. NDUSTRIAL ASPH.	2,144 290 451,644	10.80 0.40	11.90 0.50	11.90 0.50	10.90 0.40	11.20 0.40	0.40 0.00
JKH	1,124,457	149.00	148.75	149.75	148.00	148.50	(0.50)
KANDY HOTELS	6,563	5.20	5.10	5.10	5.00	5.10	(0.10)
KEGALLE XD	17,722	95.10	95.60	97.00	95.00	95.30	0.20
KELANI CABLES	47,364	121.00	121.50	131.00	121.00	126.75	5.75
KELANI TYRES	101,759	85.10	85.00	87.00	84.00	85.90	0.80
KELANI TYRES KELANI VALLEY KINGSBURY	1,555 23,362	38.30 6.00	39.00 6.20	39.80 6.20	38.50 5.90	38.50 6.00	0.20 0.00
KOTAGALA	13,610	5.10	5.30	5.40	5.30	5.30	0.20
∟O L C HOLDINGS	684,730	304.50	305.00	325.00	300.00	323.00	18.50
LANKA ALUMINIUM	71,037	17.00	17.70	17.90	17.00	17.70	0.70
_ANKA ASHOK _ANKA HOSPITALS	71,037 2 530	839.25 40.50	855.00 41.00	855.00 42.90	854.00 41.00	839.25 42.60	0.70 0.00 2.10
LANKA IOC LANKA TILES	46,741 942,439 17	18.80 46.40 48.60	19.00 46.30	19.50 47.90	18.90 45.00	19.20 47.70	0.40 1.30
_ANKA VENTURES _ANKA WALLTILE _AUGFS GAS	1,511,183 12,068	48.80 48.80 22.30	51.70 47.90 21.40	51.70 50.50 22.50	49.10 47.00 21.40	48.60 49.50 22.40	0.00 0.70 0.10
_AUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	6,673	14.90	14.80	15.20	14.50	14.90	0.00
_AXAPANA	148,794	15.20	15.30	16.00	15.20	15.60	0.40
LB FINANCE	58,378	52.40	52.40	53.90	52.10	53.10	0.70
LEE HEDGES	28	64.70	67.30	67.30	64.70	64.70	0.00
LION BREWERY	20	569.00	544.00	544.00	544.00	569.00	0.00
_MF	263,715	170.25	171.00	183.00	169.50	180.00	9.75
_VL ENERGY	28,314	9.80	9.80	10.00	9.70	9.70	(0.10)
MALWATTE MALWATTE (MAL.X0000) MELSTACORP	90 607 551,366	12.50 7.60 48.50	11.70 7.70 49.20	11.70 7.70	11.70 7.60 47.60	12.50 7.60	0.00 0.00 0.80
MERCHANT BANK MULLERS	37,854 268,706	6.20 1.20	6.50 1.20	50.00 6.50 1.30	6.40 1.20	49.30 6.50 1.20	0.30
NAMUNUKULA XD	639	159.50	160.25	169.50	160.25	169.50	10.00
NAT. DEV. BANK	87,393	80.00	81.00	81.30	80.50	81.00	1.00
NATIONS TRUST	34,385	54.30	54.40	55.00	53.50	54.50	0.20
NAWALOKA	148,415	5.00	5.00	5.30	5.00	5.10	0.10
NESTLE	1,625	1,050.50	1,060.00	1,060.00	1,049.00	1,052.25	1.75
OVERSEAS REALTY	284,891	15.30	15.20	16.10	15.00	15.80	0.50
PAN ASIA	1,129,208	14.60	14.50	15.60	14.40	15.30	0.70
PANASIAN POWER	33,070	3.70	3.70	3.80	3.70	3.80	0.10
PEOPLE'S INS	42,695	30.70	31.00	31.50	30.90	31.20	0.50
PEOPLES LEASING	699,507	11.90	11.90	12.10	11.90	12.10	0.20
PIRAMAL GLASS	1,098,528	11.20	11.20	11.30	11.20	11.20	0.00
PRINTCARE PLC	10,200	27.90	28.40	28.40	28.10	28.10	0.20
R I L PROPERTY	12,709	6.60	6.70	6.90	6.70	6.70	0.10
REGNIS XD	14,629	49.70	49.90	49.90	48.00	48.40	(1.30)
RENUKA AGRI RENUKA CITY HOT. RENUKA FOODS	1,266,512 88 500	4.00 226.00 13.80	4.00 226.00	4.10 226.00 14.20	3.80 226.00	3.80 226.00	(0.20) 0.00 0.40
RENUKA FOODS RENUKA FOODS (COCO.) RENUKA HOLDINGS		10.70 15.60	14.20 10.70 15.80	10.70 15.90	14.20 10.70 15.20	14.20 10.70 15.40	0.00 (0.20)
RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL	.X0000) 823	11.40	11.50	11.70	11.50	11.50	0.10
RESUS ENERGY	25,338	25.40	26.20	27.70	25.40	26.30	0.90
RICHARD PIERIS	731,980	17.80	17.50	17.50	17.10	17.30	(0.50)
ROYAL CERAMIC	516,787	315.75	320.00	324.00	312.00	322.75	7.00
S M B LEASING	1,144,211	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.50	0.50	0.00
S M B LEASING (SEMB.X0		0.30	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.00
SAMPATH		53.90	53.90	56.10	53.60	55.80	1.90
SANASA DEV. BANK SEYLAN BANK SEYLAN BANK (SEYB.X00	35,530 169,657	54.60 49.90 43.50	54.90 49.00	54.90 50.00	53.60 48.70	54.50 50.00	(0.10) 0.10
SEYLAN BANK (SEYB.200	00) 20,083	43.50	43.30	43.90	42.60	43.10	(0.40)
SEYLAN DEVTS XD	17,929	14.90	14.90	15.20	14.90	15.20	0.30
SIERRA CABL	423,826	6.50	6.50	6.60	6.30	6.50	0.00
SIGIRIYA VILLAGE	20	35.30	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.30	0.00
SINGER FINANCE	7,266	14.00	13.90	14.00	13.80	13.90	(0.10)
SLT	5,749	34.50	35.20	35.20	34.20	34.90	0.40
SUNSHINE HOLDING	118,736	26.50	26.90	27.00	26.00	26.40	(0.10)
SWISSTEK	660,737	27.10	27.80	28.00	26.80	27.40	0.30
TALAWAKELLE	8,675	39.70	39.90	39.90	38.80	39.80	0.10
TANGERINE	70	40.40	41.00	41.00	40.20	40.40	0.00
ΓΕΑ SMALLHOLDER	50	37.00	36.30	36.30	36.30	37.00	0.00
ΓΕΕJΑΥ LANKA	512,527	42.00	42.00	43.20	42.00	43.00	1.00
THREE ACRE FARMS	63,227	205.00	215.00	215.00	207.00	213.00	8.00
TOKYO CEMENT	682,028	72.60	72.50	76.50	70.60	75.80	3.20
TOKYO CEMENT (TKYO.X(0000)2,111,351	66.40	65.50	71.50	65.00	71.00	4.60
JNION BANK	425,712	10.70	10.70	11.10	10.70	11.00	0.30
JNISYST	26,540	7.80	7.70	8.00	7.70	7.80	0.00
UNITED MOTORS VALLIBEL VALLIBEL FINANCE	7,186 995,902 2,116	60.50 7.50	60.60 7.50	64.00 7.60	60.50 7.50	63.20 7.50	2.70 0.00
VALLIBEL FINANCE	2,116	111.75	112.00	116.50	112.00	114.50	2.75
VIDULLANKA	319,196	5.50	5.50	5.60	5.50	5.60	0.10
WATAWALA	36,575	53.50	54.00	54.00	53.00	53.10	(0.40)
YORK ARCADE		159.50	152.50	154.75	138.00	141.25	(18.25)
	1,153						
SECOND BOARD		27.00	07.50	07.50	OF 66	07.50	0.50
SECOND BOARD	5,502	27.00	27.50	27.50	25.60	27.50	0.50
ABANS FINANCIAL	14,170	5.20	5.10	5.20	5.00	5.10	(0.10)
AMBEON CAPITAL	17,005	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.20	5.30	0.00
SECOND BOARD ABANS FINANCIAL AMBEON CAPITAL ASIA CAPITAL BROWNS BEACH COMM LEASE & FIN	5,502 14,170 17,005 44,154 670,023	5.20 5.30 10.10 5.90	5.10 5.30 10.70 5.80	5.20 5.30 11.00 6.50	5.00 5.20 10.20 5.80	5.10 5.30 10.40 6.40	(0.10) 0.00 0.30 0.50
SECOND BOARD ABANS FINANCIAL AMBEON CAPITAL ASIA CAPITAL BROWNS BEACH COMM LEASE & FIN DIALOG FINANCE DISTILLERIES FIRST CAPITAL XD	5,502 14,170 17,005 44,154	5.20 5.30 10.10	5.10 5.30 10.70	5.20 5.30 11.00	5.00 5.20 10.20	5.10 5.30 10.40	(0.10) 0.00 0.30
SECOND BOARD ABANS FINANCIAL AMBEON CAPITAL ASIA CAPITAL BROWNS BEACH COMM LEASE & FIN DIALOG FINANCE DISTILLERIES	5,502 14,170 17,005 44,154 670,023 2 54,013	5.20 5.30 10.10 5.90 64.90 20.20	5.10 5.30 10.70 5.80 65.00 20.40	5.20 5.30 11.00 6.50 65.00 20.40	5.00 5.20 10.20 5.80 65.00 20.10	5.10 5.30 10.40 6.40 64.90 20.20	(0.10) 0.00 0.30 0.50 0.00 0.00

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Security	Volume	**V.W.A.	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A.	Change
		Previous Close				Yesterday's Close	(Rs.)
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LOLC FINANCE	2,018,504	6.00	6.10	6.30	5.90	6.20	0.20
MADULSIMA	9,211	8.70	8.30	8.70	8.20	8.20	(0.50)
ODEL PLC ORIENT FINANCE	1,110	19.20 13.20	19.10 13.70	19.10 13.70	19.10 13.70	19.20 13.70	0.00
PDL	6,588	123.00	126.00	127.50	117.00	127.00	4.00
PEOPLE'S MERCH	3,320	7.00	7.00	7.20	6.90	7.00	0.00
SINGER SRI LANKA	17,667	17.50	17.10	17.70	17.00	17.70	0.20
DIRI SAVI BOARD						••••••	
AGSTAR PLC	207.670	8.10	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.00
ALUMEX PLC	227,670 529,808	12.00	8.00 11.80	8.30 12.20	8.00 11.70	8.30 12.00	0.20
AMANA TAKAFUL	1,103	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.10	7.10	(0.20)
AMBEON HOLDINGS	41,807	16.20	16.50	18.00	16.50	17.50	1.30
AMF CO LTD ARPICO INSURANCE	5 395	297.75 23.20	299.00 23.20	299.00 23.20	299.00	297.75 23.10	0.00
ASIA SIYAKA	199,627	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.60	2.60	0.00
BANSEI RESORTS	1,499	8.90	8.20	8.60	8.20	8.60	(0.30)
BERUWALA RESORTS BOGALA GRAPHITE	1,235 5,219	0.80 25.10	0.90 24.20	0.90 25.00	0.90 22.40	0.90 23.70	0.10 (1.40)
BOGAWANTALAWA	45	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00
BPPL HOLDINGS	134,249	14.50	14.90	15.00	14.50	14.80	0.30
BROWNS	188,463	165.00	165.00	184.00	162.00	177.50	12.50
BROWNS INVSTMNTS CTLAND	87,247,746	5.60 28.60	5.60 29.90	6.00 29.90	5.50 29.90	5.90 29.90	0.30
C.W.MACKIE	90,805	45.30	44.90	45.00	40.00	41.30	(4.00)
CEYLON TEA BRKRS	3,100	3.20	3.30	3.30	3.20	3.30	0.10
CFI CIT	1,440	66.00 99.80	65.10 105.25	67.90 105.25	65.00 105.25	65.10 99.80	0.00
CITRUS HIKKADUWA	1,300	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.20	5.30	0.00
CITRUS WASKADUWA	2,535	3.20	3.30	3.30	3.20	3.30	0.10
COM.CREDIT	1,040	21.20	21.90	21.90	21.80	21.90	0.70
COMMERCIAL DEV. XD E - CHANNELLING	5,242 15,846	105.75 5.90	105.00 5.90	105.00 5.90	104.75 5.80	105.00 5.90	(0.75)
EDEN HOTEL LANKA	43,892	9.90	10.20	10.20	10.00	10.10	0.20
ELPITIYA	6,862	43.00	43.80	43.80	42.10	42.20	(0.80)
FORTRESS RESORTS GALADARI	4,701 17,925	11.20 7.80	10.80 7.80	11.80 8.20	10.80 7.80	11.10 8.10	(0.10)
HAPUGASTENNE	5	14.60	15.50	15.50	15.50	14.60	0.00
HATTON	625	8.80	9.00	9.10	8.80	8.80	0.00
HNB FINANCE	12,000	8.90	8.50	9.00	8.50	9.00	0.10
HNB FINANCE (HNBF-X-0000) HVA FOODS) 92 26,286	6.70 5.40	6.40 5.30	7.00 5.40	6.40 5.20	6.70 5.20	0.00
JOHN KEELLS	7,000	65.20	65.10	66.90	65.00	66.40	1.20
KAHAWATTE	105	27.50	27.50	28.90	27.50	28.90	1.40
KEELLS FOOD KEELLS HOTELS	78 19,928	167.00 9.70	162.00 9.80	162.00 9.90	162.00 9.60	167.00 9.70	0.00
LANKA CERAMIC	91	122.75	128.75	128.75	128.75	122.75	0.00
LANKEM CEYLON	263	26.10	25.50	27.30	25.50	26.00	(0.10)
LAUGES POWER (LDL X 0000	3,454	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.80	(0.20)
LAUGFS POWER (LPL-X-0000 LOTUS HYDRO)) 9,328 1	6.40 9.70	6.40 9.90	6.40 9.90	6.10 9.90	6.20 9.70	0.00
MAHAWELI COCONUT	6,917	30.20	30.00	30.10	29.00	29.10	(1.10)
MAHAWELI REACH	1,645	12.90	12.50	12.90	12.50	12.50	(0.40)
MARAWILA RESORTS MASKELIYA	41,699 2,450	1.80 10.70	1.90 10.90	1.90 11.10	1.90	1.90 10.90	0.10
MILLENNIUM HOUSE	38,159	6.40	6.00	6.40	6.00	6.30	(0.10)
PEGASUS HOTELS	100	31.20	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	(2.20)
PRIME FINANCE RAIGAM SALTERNS	3,300 55,454	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	0.00
RAMBODA FALLS	72	5.30 17.20	5.30 17.20	5.40 17.20	5.20 17.20	5.30 17.20	0.00
RENUKA CAPITAL	758,264	5.70	5.80	6.10	5.60	5.90	0.20
RICH PIERIS EXP XD	3,404	358.00	355.00	364.00	355.00	360.50	2.50
SATHOSA MOTORS SERENDIB ENG.GRP	1 700	217.00 6.20	220.00 6.20	220.00 6.20	220.00 6.20	217.00 6.20	0.00
SERENDIB HOTELS	5,005	14.20	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	(0.20)
SINGER IND.	10	47.50	46.70	47.00	46.70	47.50	0.00
SINGHE HOSPITALS	188,198	2.10	2.10 11.70	2.10	2.00	2.00	(0.10)
SOFTLOGIC SOFTLOGIC CAP	86,953 22,701	11.70 3.90	3.90	12.50 4.00	11.70 3.80	12.00 3.90	0.30
SOFTLOGIC FIN	735	9.70	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.10	0.40
Softlogic Life	450,231	30.80	30.80	30.90	30.00	30.60	(0.20)
TAL LANKA TRANS ASIA	11,694 127	12.80 56.00	13.20 53.00	15.50 55.00	13.20 53.00	14.80 53.80	2.00 (2.20)
UDAPUSSELLAWA	1,403	22.90	21.50	22.40	21.00	21.20	(1.70)
UNION ASSURANCE	1,656	306.00	310.00	319.00	309.00	313.00	7.00
VALLIBEL ONE	1,665,885	54.20	54.30	56.10	53.40	55.90	1.70
WATCH LIST							
ANILANA HOTELS	13,090	1.20	1.10	1.20	1.10	1.10	(0.10)
BIMPUTH FINANCE BLUE DIAMONDS	111 13,100	6.20 0.80	6.40 0.80	6.40 0.80	6.40 0.80	6.40 0.80	0.20
BLUE DIAMONDS (BLUE.X000		0.40	0.80	0.80	0.30	0.30	(0.10)
LANKEM DEV.	225,417	3.30	3.30	3.50	3.20	3.30	0.00
MACKWOODS ENERGY	10,732	2.50	2.50	2.60	2.50	2.50	0.00
MULTI FINANCE NATION LANKA	901 1,052,857	6.80 0.80	6.80 0.80	7.00 0.80	6.70 0.70	6.70 0.80	(0.10)
SINHAPLITHRA FIN	2.980	6.00	6.20	6.40	6.70	6.40	0.40

MARKET STATISTICS		
EQUITY DETAILS	TODAY	PRV.DAY
VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)	3;915;522;715.70	5,164,892,663.50
VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)	150,560,722	97,746,198
TRADES(NO.)	21,825	25,816
MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.)	3,238,491,028,531.53	3,193,838,717,652.88
GOVT. SECURITIES	TODAY	PRV.DAY
VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.) VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.) TRADES(NO.) MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.)		2
CORPORATE DEBT	TODAY	PRV.DAY
		6-Apr-21
VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)	21,654,149.37	31,105,813.20
VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)	210,000	308,000
FRADES(NO.)	2	
EQUITY INDICES	TODAY	PRV.DAY
PRICE INDICES		
CSE ALL SHARE INDEX	7,412.46	7,310.26
S&P SL 20 INDEX FOTAL RETURN INDICES	3,002.71	2,954.94
TRI ON ALL SHARES (ASTRI)	9,941.69	9,804.27
TRI ON S&P SL 20 INDEX (S&P SL20 (TR))	5,043.20	4,960.06

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COCONUTS

Coconut	Products -	Prices	on	08.04.	2021
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Retail		IARTI) Wholesale
Large Size Rs/Nut Small Size Rs/But	70.00-75.00 65.00-68.00	80.00-90.00 65.00-75.00
(b)Coconut Development Auth Use)	ority – Colombo Aucti	ion (For Industry
Average Price Nuts Offered Nuts Traded		
Without husk Price Rs/1,000 N	Nuts	
(c) Coconut Development Auth	nority – Kuliyapitiya Aı	uction
Price Range Nuts Offered Nuts Trade		
(Without husk Price Rs/Kg)		
(d) Locally Traded (Farm-gate	price)	
Rs. 1000 Nuts (with Husk) Rs.		
Kurunegala Dist Puttalam Dist Gampaha Dist Hambantota Dist	55,000-65,000 55,000-65,000 58,000-60,000 70,000-80,000	110,000-115,000 108,000-112,000 105,000-112,000 110,000-115,000
2. COPRA – (Locally Traded)	(08.04.2021)	110,000-110,000
Copra Edible M.S. No.1 Copra M.S. No.2 Copra MO – (Milling Ordinary) Copra	(Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg)	88,750 72,500
COPRA - (At Colombo Auctio	n)	
Quantity of Copra Offered Quantity of Copra Sold M.S. No.1 Copra	(Kgs) (Kgs)	
Highest Price M.S. No.1 Copra	(Rs./250Kg)	
Simple average price M.S. No.1 Copra	(Rs./250Kg)	
Market price M.S. No.2 & 3 Copra	(Rs./250Kg)	
Simple average price M.S. No. 2 & 3 Copra	(Rs./250Kg)	
Market price	(Rs./250Kg)	
Next Auction on -		
3. DESICCATED COCONUT Fine Sri Lanka (Domestic) Medium	(Rs/Kg) (Rs/Kg)	520-525 520-525
Sri Lanka FOB (Fina, Medium		
4. COCONUT OIL Local Wholesale Price	(Rs/Mt)	650,000-700,000 N
Philippines (CIF-Rott) (Oil World) (31/03/2021)	(Rs/Mt)	290,938
5. POONAC	(Rs/Mt)	65,000 - 75,000 7
6. MATTRESS FIBRE	(Rs./50 Kg)	950-1,400 T
7. OMAT FIBRE (FAQ)	(Rs. /50 Kg)	3,750-5,000 T
8. MIX FIBRE	(Rs. /50 Kg)	1,500-1,750
9. BRISTLE FIBRE 1 TIE	(Rs. /50 Kg)	5,000-7,000 7
10. BRISTLE FIBRE 2 TIE	(Rs. /50 Kg)	7,500-8,500 T
11. COCONUT HUSKS	(16.03.2021)	
District Puttalam	Rs/per 1,000 husks 4,500-5,000	
Gampaha Matara	4,500-5,000 4,500-5,000	
Kurunegala	4,500-5,500	
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12. COCONUT SHELL	(Rs./MT) 29,500-30,500 T	
13. COCONUT SHELL CHAR (19/03/-25/03/2021) Moisture 12% Dust 3%(Rs/MT		110,000.00 7
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14. COCONUT EKELS	(Rs/MT)	43,000-46,000 T

exchange rates

	08.04.2021	
by commercial	rates of the following of banks in Colombo for 30 a.m. are as follows;	
CHERENCY	DUVING DATE	SELLING DATE

CURRENCY	BUYING RATE	SELLING RATE
Acceptation Dellan	454 0070	455,0000
Australian Dollar	151.2976	155.9666
Canadian Dollar	156.7181	162.3547
Euro	235.5180	242.1778
Japanese Yen	1.8123	1.8608
Sterling Pound	274.0640	280.5288
US Dollar	199.2100	203.5000

based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the US\$ are as follows;

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	INDICATIVE RATE
Bahrain	Bahrain Dinar	530.5528
Kuwait	Kuwait Dinar	662.4661
Oman	Oman Rial	519.5418
Qatar	Qatar Riyal	54.9192
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian Riyal	53.3226
JAE	UAE Dirham	54.4542

(3) The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowest Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 01-Apr-2021, by all commercial banks was 5.78 percent and 4.75 percent respectively.

Packsense shines at 'Entrepreneur of the Year' with two Silver awards

6.40

3.70

0.00

Packsense Pvt Ltd, a leading manufacturer of all types of corrugated cartons for over 15 years, was the winner of two Silver Awards at the Entrepreneur of the Year awards ceremony organized by the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industries Sri Lanka.

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The 24th edition of Entrepreneur of the Year was recently held at the BMICH with President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa as the chief guest. Packsense MD Wasantha Kumara received the two coveted awards for Manufacturing Sector, Large Category in National Level and Western Provincial Level respectively.

Being a forerunner in manufacturing high-quality corrugated cartons, boards and 2ply rolls, Packsense exports 90% of its products directly and indirectly. Direct exports go to a number of leading foreign compa-



Packsense MD Wasantha Kumara receiving the award.

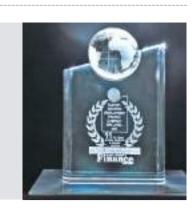
Packsense's clientele. As a result of being committed to maintaining

ing commitment to quality and durability, we have been able to win the nies. In addition, a large number of accredited with ISO 9001:2015 companies and local giants as well. tomized solutions.

BOI approved companies are in certification."Due to our unwaver- We do understand that packaging is what the end-users of our customers would see at first glance. Therefore high quality, the company has been trust of a number of leading foreign we take extra care in providing cus-

⁴⁾ The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of March-2021 was 5.20

Sarvodaya Development Finance recognized as fastest growing development finance company



Sarvodaya Development Finance (SDF), the financial services arm of the Sarvodaya Movement, has won global recognition as the fastest growing development finance company in Sri Lanka, at the UK based, Global Banking and Finance Review Awards 2021.

The international award, which is valued throughout the global banking and financial community, recognizes companies in the financial sector that specialize and excel in their chosen field. Nominations are reviewed for suitability and the judging panel, com-

prising a research team, an editor and publisher select a winner.

This international recognition of SDF as the fastest growing development finance company in Sri Lanka, reflects SDF's contributions towards its customer segments over the years, and in particular during 2020, when SDF extended extensive support for Sri Lanka's SMEs. While continuing to serve all customer segments during the unexpected emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, by facilitating uninterrupted availability of financial solutions for

enterprises, entrepreneurs, individuals and their families, SDF was quick to respond to the urgent needs of SMEs during this time.

Sri Lanka's SMEs were the most vulnerable to market shocks, including the sudden and total loss of orders and supplies, and experienced a real threat to their survival during the prolonged periods of national and global lockdowns.

Instead of forsaking the struggling SMEs during these dark months, SDF has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with its entrepreneurs and supported them both

psychologically as well as financially, by immediately allowing them to benefit from the repayment moratorium, while also assisting them to develop recovery plans. As a member of the Sarvodaya family, SDF has traditionally adopted a customer centric approach in its service delivery, while emphasizing financial support for sustainable businesses that do not have adverse social and environmental impacts. In its role as a financial services provider, SDF also values entrepreneurship, particularly rural entrepreneurship, as essential

for the growth and prosperity of Sri Lanka's economy. Therefore, SDF has developed and delivered many valueadded services in tandem with its specialized financial products, to assist SMEs develop markets and business opportunities, including technical training programs and special market development events.

The linkages with Sarvodaya Sharmadana Societies, together with the strategic investments in modern ICTs, made it possible for SDF to reach out to grassroots rural entrepreneurs in this

time of need. Looking beyond Covid-19, SDF is ready to enhance its financial services by reaching deeper into the Sri Lankan rural economies to encourage a faster overall economic recovery. SDF's business policy is to fuel economic growth by channeling credit, and other support services, for environmentally friendly, sustainable business models across the country that contribute towards environmental conservation, while also facilitating quality of life improvements for communities as a

CIPM Supports Ministry of Transport to Develop Master HR Plan

CIPM Sri Lanka - the Nation's leader in human resource management through its pool of experienced and qualified professionals rolled out a high-profile initiative to develop a Master HR Plan for the Ministry of Transport to sustainably achieve its long-term goals and objectives including the vision to make Sri Lanka the country with the premier People-Centered Transport System in the Region.

The initiative was launched recently with a briefing session held at the Ministry premises which was followed by the main workshop at the CIPM Auditorium, and another workshop conducted by CIPM on the third day at the National Transport Commission Auditorium in Park Road. Senior officials of the Ministry and Departments under the purview of the Ministry including the Chairpersons or heads of these institutions, Chief Executive Officer, Director General, General Manager, and Head of HR & Administration participated in the sessions.

The departments and institutions under the Ministry include the Department of Railways, Department of Motor Traffic, Sri Lanka Transport Board, National Transport Commission, National Council for Road Safety, National Transport Medical Institute, and Lakdiva Engineering (Pvt) Ltd.



CIPM President Jayantha Amarasinghe

Secretary of the Ministry of Transport Monty Ranathunga contributed his thoughts on the critical importance of the Master HR Plan initia-

The participants including the Secretary exchanged their views with the facilitators while participating interactively at the sessions.

"In order to pursue and

achieve the targets of the Transport Sector specified in the National policy framework 'Saubghagyaye Dekma', our efforts to achieve a people-centric, environmentally friendly and sustainable transport system which caters to the needs of the people requires a wellstrategized human resource master plan to ensure that we have the right skills in the right numbers at the right time. To support us in this important endeavor of developing the Master HR plan for the Ministry and the organizations under its purview, we invited the Chartered Institute of Personnel



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Management (CIPM) - a notable leader in the sphere of human resource management in Sri Lanka" said Monty Ranathunga -Secretary, Ministry of Transport.

"We are delighted to share the expertise in human resource management and business acumen of our experienced resource persons to support the Ministry of Transport to develop the Master HR Plan, an essential tool for any organization," said Jayantha Amarasinghe-President, CIPM Sri Lanka.

The Master HR Planning initiatives were facilitated and conducted by Lead Consultant Sarath Kumara (CCIPM), Professional Certified Coach, Senior Certified Team Transformation Coach, HR and Management Consultant, and former Vice President of HR at Camso-Loadstar (Pvt) Ltd., and Janaka Kumarasinghe (FCIPM), Director/CEO of Kentridge (Pvt) Ltd and Past President of CIPM.

Prime Lands Residencies completes milestone of 35 unique properties

Prime Lands Residencies (Pvt) Ltd, the condominium property arm of the maestro of real estate artistry in Sri Lanka, Prime Group, recently celebrated a milestone achievement upon the completion of its 35th property project.

With 5 more projects nearing completion and another 5 awaiting launch, the completion and handing over of 35 properties to anticipating residents has established Prime Lands Residencies as the benchmark condominium developer in the country.

Prime Lands Residencies' commitment to constructing best-in-class residential units plays a key role in filling the 100,000 units per annum housing gap, while also significantly contributing to the country's economy.

These large scale developments have been a driving force for economic growth as investments on condominiums have generated historical returns of 17% ROI and 5% - 9% rental yield, according to KPMG International.

The affordability of developments from Prime Lands Residencies ena-



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bles many Sri Lankans to capitalize on the favorable property market condi-

As the developer looks



Co-Chairperson Sandamani Perera

towards the future, Prime Lands Residencies has understood that their success over the years has been guided by a far sighted, strategic vision and single minded commitment towards professionalism.

While 35 completed units is a milestone to be beaten, the firm is expected to make their Initial Public Offering (IPO) in the near future.

This development will certainly ensure that the firm continues to grow from strength to strength, with a commitment to bring the best value to all their stakeholders, ensuring their satisfaction is parallel to the growth of Prime Lands Residencies and the Prime Group.

ComBank wins four at Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon's commitment to the betterment of the environment, society, and the economy was recognised when the Bank was presented four awards including the award for the second runner-up overall at the Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards presented by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

The Bank won the Sector Award for Best Performance in the Financial Sector, the category award for Best Performance in Governance, and was presented an award for being among the Top 10 Best Corporate Citizens in Sri Lanka, in addition to its second runner-up award.

The Financial sector award recognised Commercial Bank's position as the most progressive banking institution in the country and its commitment to preserving the environment through responsible lending protocols. The Bank pioneered a mandatory social and environmental screening process for its project lending activities and was the first bank in Sri Lanka to venture into Green Financing. It also revolutionised digital banking by introducing features in its 'Flash' mobile application to measure and offset customer impact on the environment.

The Category Award for Governance was presented for the frame-Financing of Terrorism in 2020.



Commercial Bank's MD S. Renganathan, Chief Operating Officer Sanath Manatunge, Chief Risk Officer Kapila Hettihamu and Deputy General Manager - Marketing Hasrath Munasinghe accept the four awards won by the Bank at the Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Award.

works, structures, and processes of an entity to facilitate conformance to requirements, equity among stakeholders, ethical behaviour and optimum performance. The Bank launched eLearning modules for Anti Money Laundering and Combating

The Best Corporate Citizen Awards acknowledged the 10 corporate entities that have adopted the most outstanding sustainability practices.

In the sphere of environmental sustainability, Commercial Bank embarked on a mangrove restoration project in Koggala, launched a marine turtle conservation initiative to protect the biodiversity of the ocean, and financially supported the 'Thuru Mithuru' initiative of the Sri Lanka Army to transform Sri Lanka into a country self-sufficient in essential food.

The Bank's focus on society, as defined by its employee relations, customer relations, and commitments to the community are affirmed by several of its initiatives. The Bank has contributed immensely to improve the lives of Sri Lankans by reaching out to communities and conducting more than 400 CSR projects in the past decade supporting education, healthcare and culture. Commercial Bank's largest contribution is towards IT

education in Sri Lanka. The Bank has donated 200 fully-equipped IT laboratories to schools and other institutions and is a partner to the Smart Schools Project' that helps to introduce a comprehensive digital Learning Management System

(LMS) to 65 schools in the country. Furthermore, as an institution that accords its customers the highest priority, Commercial Bank has empowered over 7,000 entrepreneurs through capacity building programmes. This includes eFixed Deposits, an e-Slip app, e-passbook and online customer registrations. To further enhance access to its services for customers, the Bank

provides trilingual communications through all channels, including social media.

In terms of its contribution to the economy, especially during the pandemic, Commercial Bank recorded the highest disbursement among private sector Banks under the CBSL's 'Saubagya COVID-19 Renaissance scheme,' facilitating quick and easy access to financial support during challenging times. It also funded two other special loan schemes of its own, one for SMEs affected by COVID-19 and the other the 'Dirishakthi COVID-19 Support Loan' scheme to assist micro enterprises disrupted by the pandemic.

DSI unveils Sri Lanka's first ever PVC wellington boots

Sri Lanka's first ever PVC Wellington Boots designed under ISO 20346:2014 Personal protective equipment Protective footwear Specifications has been unveiled by D Samson Industries Pvt Ltd. Building on the R&D success borne out of their pioneering spirit, the innovative boots that provide value for money, will be available under the brand "Kebellawa"

The new PVC wellington boots will greatly enhance our powerful portfolio of footwear brands and a new experience for our customers. This product complies with the current health standards. We also plan to introduce safety boot features such as steel toecap and steel plates for heavy duty industrial use. In addition, we also hope to offer this product to our international buyers in the near future and are proud and pleased that we can reduce the much needed foreign exchange spent on importing Safety Boots," stated DSI Executive Director Dilshan Rajapaksa.

"The growth of the industrial safety footwear market



DSI Executive Director Dilshan Rajapaksa

is fueled by mounting demand for the product in the construction sector, growing compliance regulations in the manufacturing sector, and increasing adoption of health and safety measures in medical sectors. Reducing foot injuries in the workplace is a key factor and our boots are designed to safeguard the feet from falling objects, fatigue, burns, cuts, electrical hazards and adheres to current pandemic regulations," expressed DSI Head of R&D Gamini Senaratne.

The ISO quality certification of the PVC boot manu-



quality and comfort.

DSI endorses the government's initiative to control imports and encouragement given for the manufacturing sector.

backed with superior DSI

D. Samson Industries (Pvt) Ltd is the largest footwear manufacturer in Sri Lanka with over 3,000 employees in its footwear plants; while DSI Samson Group provides over 10,000



Lankatiles donates high-end ventilator to **Colombo North Teaching Hospital - Ragama**

Yet again demonstrating its credentials as a truly Sri Lankan company, the nation's leading tile manufacturer, Lankatiles, took the initiative to donate a ventilator to the Coronary Care Unit of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital - Raga-

The ventilator, a Hamilton C3 machine, is worth Rs. 4.3 million. It has been touted as a high-end, world-class solution suitable for all patient groups.

Present at the official hand-over of the ventilator to the Hospital was Lanka Walltiles PLC and Lanka Tiles PLC MD Mahendra

Jayasekera, Colombo North Teaching Hospital - Ragama Director Dr. S. P. A. Liyanage Ranaweera and Colombo North Teaching Hospital - Ragama Consultant Cardiologist Dr. Sanjeewa Rajapakse.

At a time when state-of-the-art equipment are urgently needed to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, Lankatiles reaffirms its commitment to help frontline hospital staff in their efforts at reducing the spread of the virus and at easing patient numbers, a commitment the company remains ready to stand by at all times in the interests of the country.



NEWS/ADVERTORIAL

Cargills initiates plastic modified asphalt concrete car park

As a socially responsible corporate citizen, Cargills holds a strong commitment to serving the nation and preserving the planet for future generations.

By partnering with AGC Innovate, one of the country's leading innovative solutions providers Cargills initiated the launch of "Paving with Plastic" as a means to address Sri Lanka's plastic waste menace in an eco-friendly and pragmatic approach. The benefits of plastic are irrefutable this versatile material is ubiquitous in our everyday lives, due to it being cheap and convenient to produce as well as being highly durable and user friendly. However, once used and



disposed, plastic lingers in the environment for too long and does not decompose.

As a result, the inherent problem of plastic pollution is a global crisis, with Sri Lanka generating

approximately 7000 metric tons of mismanaged solid waste daily, with 6% accounting for plastic and polythene waste.

Therefore, in the absence of a proper waste management system, non-recyclable plastic is dumped in large landfill sites. These sites are now exceeding their maximum capacity and have lead to pressing environmental and social concerns in the country. As a first step to tackling this waste plastic problem, Cargills made a landmark decision to pave the Cargills Food City Carparks using Plastic Modified

A sustainable solution, PMAC harnesses green technology by enhancing conventional asphalt on the polymer level with the use of waste plastic. Furthermore, extensive research has shown that PMAC also improves road strength

Asphalt Concrete, partnering with

AGC Innovate.

parameters and durability, when compared against traditional blacktop asphalt concrete.

Beginning from waste collection to the laying of the PMAC, this process is a technical achievement and a promising response to plastic pollution in Sri Lanka. The carpark attached to the Walgama Food City outlet, will be the launch pad of the "Paving with Plastic" initiative, with the final PMAC laying process being undertaken on April 1 with approximately 200,000 waste plastic bags being used. Subsequent to this would be the official opening of the Walgama Food City car park, which will take place in the near future.





Ceylinco General Insurance feted at SLIM Nielson Awards

Ceylinco General Insurance crowned 'People's General Insurance Brand of The Year' at the 2021 SLIM Nielson People's Awards, for an unprecedented 15th consecutive year.

As a true voice of the people, this award reflects public perception about brands and as 'People's General Insurance Brand of The Year', Ceylinco General Insurance is closely intertwined with people's lives as a trustworthy and reliable brand that keeps its promis-

Commenting on the achievement, Patrick Alwis, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer said, "We are truly humbled to receive this award for the 15th consecutive year and are deeply grateful to people who vote for us year after year. Our unique insurance solutions, customer-centric culture and our unconditional support to people in times of crisis are the key pillars of our success, coupled with our skilled and professional team. This award really inspires our stakeholders both internal and external, amidst what has been a difficult year for all. "

The selection process for these awards consists of a nation-wide survey covering all 9 provinces with over 5,500 respondents interviewed one-to-one, making



Ceylinco General Insurance Director Ajith Perera and Deputy General Manager Marketing Senaka Rajapaksa accepting the award.

it representative, unbiased and relevant. Therefore, the winners of the People's Awards reflect the true voice of Sri Lankans from across communities, regions and social strata. The People's Award is the most coveted award for corporates because it reflects the voice of the people and indicates the brand they love and

During 2020, Ceylinco General Insurance recorded a premium income of Rs. 20.1 billion and paid claims to the tune of Rs. 9.1 bil-

The unprecedented amount of money provided in lieu of claim settlements

and benefits reflect the company's continuing commitment to ensuring timely claim settlements to all customers, as Ceylinco General Insurance has always maintained an undisputed and unsurpassed reputation for speedy settlement of claims, most of them On The Spot.

vey carried out on service providers by LMD magazine amongst the general public for over a period of 12 weeks in 2020, Ceylinco General Insurance had the honour of being chosen as the most popular insurer in terms of 'Service Excellence' in the general insur-

Also, in an exclusive sur-

ance industry.

Dialog Axiata, Ministry of Environment launches Husma Dena Thuru Song

The 'Nakethata Palayak' programme, initiated to assimilate reforestation and conservation into the Sri Lankan culture, launched its environmental song titled 'Husma Dena Thuru' and held a symbolic tree-planting ceremony at Independence Square.

This national environmental effort is driven by Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, Dialog Axiata PLC (Dialog), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment.

The progress of the Na tree planting at Independence Square was updated on the 'Thuru' app by the Minister of Environment and key personnel. Thuru is a social media app for tree planters to update the progress of their urban forestry efforts, including those conducted under the 'Husma Dena Thuru' ini-

An ode to reforestation and con-

servation, the 'Husma Dena Thuru' ballad was penned by Roshini Disanayakage and brought to life by the country's prolific artistes Bathiya Jayakody, Santhush Weeraman, Umaria Sinhawansa, Sanuka Wickramasinghe and Sanka Dineth.

The "Nakethata Palayak" programme under the aegis of 'Husma Dena Thuru' initiative aims to promote urban forestry at homes during this Sinhala and Tamil New Year, where if one home plants one seedling during the designated 'tree planting' auspicious time at 6.40 am on April 16. Five million trees would be planted across the nation simultaneously.

With climate change posing as a growing global threat, the 'Husma Dena Thuru' campaign was implemented by the Ministry of Environment, to increase the country's forest density to 30% and with the



Buddhika Iddamalgoda, W.D.S.C. Weliwatta, Sarath Chandrasiri Vithana, Bhathiya Jayakody, Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Minister Mahinda Amaraweera, Colombo Mayor Rosie Senanayaka, Roshanie Dissanayake, Amali Nanayakkara, and Harsha Samaranayake.

objective to reduce the rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere while creating a healthy, habitable

The two initiatives aim to pave a path towards a greener community and healthier lifestyle for genera-

S-Ion obtains Covid-19 Safety Management Systems Certification

S-lon Lanka, recently obtained the SLS 1672: 2020 certification which is the Covid-19 Safety Management Systems Requirement for Organizations.

The certificate was officially handed over to Group Director S.C. Weerasekera at a ceremony held at the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) by its Chairman Dr. Nushad Perera. The senior officers of SLSI and S-lon Lanka were present at this event.

Explaining the rationale for the Certification, SLSI Chairman commended S-lon for formalizing their commitment in controlling the spread of COVID-19 within its employees and the community by ensuring all health and safety guidelines and protocols. These

measures adhered within both the manufacturing facility and the office. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Perera further mentioned that, "Assurance of safety is a relief to everybody associated with the brand and the country more broadly because S-lon is involved in a very sensitive industry: water supply. We hope their proactive approach will inspire other Organizations too to come

of COVID 19" S-lon Lanka, Group Director S.C. Weerasekera said: "The certification process was highly convenient because S-lon was already adhering to all safety stipulations by virtue of being an organization that is deeply

forward and obtain this cer-

tification to stop the spread

committed to ensure protection of all stakeholders including customers." The purpose of SLS1672: 2020 is to produce safe

work practices in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infection to workers, visitors, customers and other stakeholders. Contents of the certification include: Scope, References, Definitions, Covid-

19 Safety Management Systems, Leadership, Covid-19 Risk Identification Assessment and Control, Covid-19 Safety Control Plan & Objectives, Support, Operation, Performance Evaluation and Improvement.

S-Lon Lanka is a subsidiary of Capital Maharaja



Group (CMG) founded in Capital Maharaja Group Director S C Weerasekera and SLSI Chairman Nushad Perera with the certificate.

AIA celebrates Women's Day with 'Choose to Challenge' programme

To commemorate Women's Day celebrations this year, AIA launched the 'Choose to Challenge' programme with a series of programmes held throughout the year to empower its women staff to be the best of them every day.

AIA's female staff was invited for a celebration at office where they were individually thanked for their immeasurable contribution to the company. Each attendee received a gift pack with a personalized card.

The highlight of the day was a virtual event featuring the Programme Manager Women in Work, Sri Lanka for the International Finance Corporation (IFC), Sarah Twigg, on the theme 'Choose to Challenge' where she

motivated the women of AIA by sharing real-life experiences and stories of leadership. The session was moderated by Chathuri Munaweera Director and Chief Officer Legal, Governance and Operations of AIA Sri Lanka.

AIA further encouraged employees to share their inspiring stories to motivate others on social media with hashtags #AIA#IWD2021 #ChooseToChal-

At AIA, the celebration of women goes beyond this one day and will continue throughout the year. Notably, a special paid leave was granted for all AIA mums, for the first day of school after the pandemic. Not to forget the host of maternity and new motherhood benefits offered that has seen 85% of AIAs female staff returning to work after maternity

AIA is also committed to

ensuring that experienced female talent is represented at the senior management and board level while proactively enabling progression for women within the company. AIA also recently partnered with IFC to increase access to Insurance for Sri Lankan women including female entrepreneurs, while also allowing a better chance of a job in the Insurance industry. It is all these things that has made AIA one of the 'Best Workplaces for Women in Sri Lanka' (awarded by Great Place to Work) for three consecutive years (2018, 2019, 2020).



NDB Group hosts knowledge sharing session for SMEs



NDB; Indika Ranaweera, Senaka Kakiriwaragodage, Group CEO Dimantha Seneviratne, and Nilendra Weerasinghe. CSE Chief Regulatory Officer Renuke Wijayawardhane, Chairman Uni Power Jayantha Rajapakse, and CEO NDBIB Darshan Perera. Corporate Advisory of NDB whilst addressing and highlighting many other reasons other than

NDB Investment Bank Limited in collaboration with National Development Bank PLC conducted a knowledge sharing session recently, in providing a holistic view on alternate sources of fund-

The Forum focused on assisting local businesses including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurs to navigate and financially transform their businesses towards the next phase of growth through such funding.

The forum, which was hosted in a hybrid form with participants attending physically as well virtually, was received with much interest with over 400 participants in total.

The forum was launched as a convenient platform to provide insights and solutions to the major challenges faced by entrepreneurs and other corporate businesses the importance of the key areas in investment banking such as forms of Debt Financing, Private Equity, Mergers and Acquisitions and Initial Public Offerings (IPOs). The forum featured an engaging

panel discussion followed by an interactive Q & A session. The Panel comprised Renuke Wijayawardhane, Chief Regulatory Officer of the Colombo Stock Exchange, Jayantha Rajapakse, Chairman Uni Power subsidiary of CIC Holdings PLC, Dimantha Seneviratne, Director and Group CEO of NDB Bank, Senaka Kakiriwaragodage, CEO of NDB Capital Holdings Limited, Darshan Perera, CEO of NDB Investment Bank Limited and Indika Ranaweera, Vice President SME Middle Market and Business Banking of NDB Bank.

The Q&A was moderated by Nilendra Weerasinghe, Head of

Investment Bank whilst the presentation on Financial Options was done by Vindhya Jayasekara Vice President of NDB Wealth Management Limited. Speaking at the Forum, Diman-

tha Seneviratne, Director and Group CEO stated that the timing of empowering SMEs could not be more relevant.

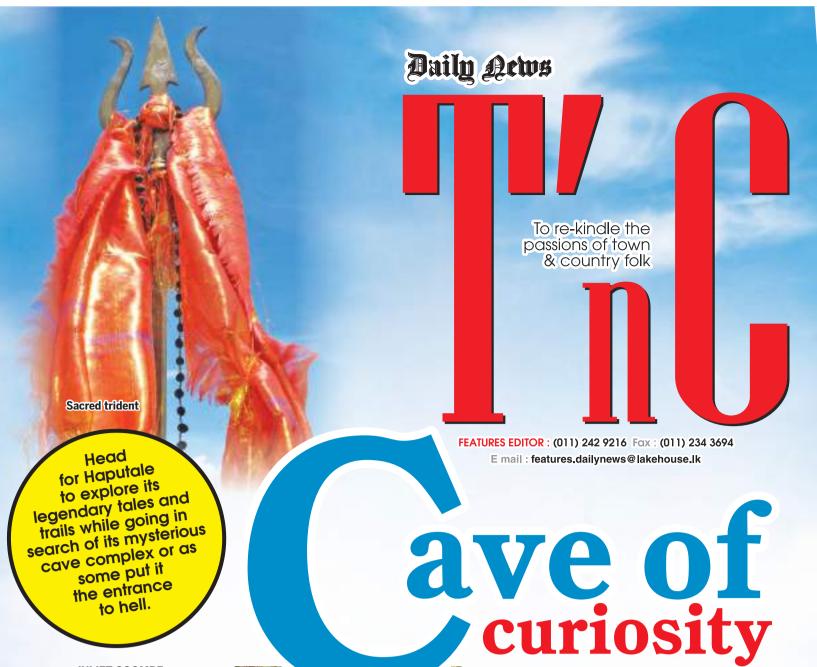
As the global economy is on a recovery from the effects of the pandemic, SMEs play a critical role in that process. Banks and other financing institutions have a tremendous responsibility in supporting and empowering SMEs with not just financing but also with knowledge on the various

Darshan Perera, Chief Executive Officer of NDB Investment Bank Ltd highlighted that companies should actively consider IPOs for having exhausted their borrowing

Senaka Kakiriwaragodage, Chief Executive Officer of NDB Capital Holdings Ltd, identified the scalability of a business, coach ability of the management and presence of sound governance systems as key attributes that make a company attractive to a Private Equity inves-

Renuke Wijayawardhane, Chief Regulatory Officer of the Colombo Stock Exchange stated that CSE is geared to support and incentivize those who seek financing options through the CSE.

Jayantha Rajapakse, Chairman Uni-Power praised NDB Investment Bank for its excellent support and guidance extended in transforming Uni-Power into a high growth venture with the acquisition by CIC Holdings PLC.



JULIET COOMBE here is another world-

ly quality about the tea country and in particular Haputale, which incorporates the epic Lipton's seat and its spectacular views of the hills. My destination was the mysterious cave complex known as Songamony point (meaning 'cave god' in Tamil). If you get up early morning to hike through the hills you will hear in hushed whispers the tea pickers many legendary and mythical stories about the area, handed down from one generation to the next, which are all the more lively over a steaming cup of early morning breakfast tea. It was one such morning that I discovered from one bunch of tea pickers that Songamony cave is actually the official entrance way to hell and that I should be very careful when going there. Curiosity of course got the better of me and despite the long walk to the caves in the hot sunshine, it was more than worth while as the site is not only a stunning Hindu shrine dedicated to the local god, Songamony, as well as Ishvaran, but also a giant cave that drops deep into the mountains guts that some say goes to the very core of the earth, where demons exist in this hellish hot spot of molten red lava.

the entrance to hell.

All tea trail walks are inspiring and beautiful as they trail through some of the worlds most beautiful estates and I learn as I buy snacks at the local village Kade that it takes about an hour from the Greenfield Bio Plantations Ltd, pure Organic Tea factory to the highest point, where the sacred shrine can be found. Eagles mark this mysterious area by circling it like a scene out of Lord of the Rings as I climb ever upwards this turned out to be true, but be warned the clouds that look more like waves can sweep back in at anytime across the valley, covering the rock face completely in minutes so its invisible to the naked human eye, and like the sea, can be very dangerous if you are out alone trekking. The giant white blanket of clouds according to a wizened old tea picker can cover the huge hill top walls in minutes and make visibility for the walker almost impossible. If this happens walk slowly onto the pinnacle, where you are often above the cloud line and enjoy an ancient site that makes one feel as though you have left Greenfields estate behind and entered into another world through a shroud of mist revealing like a

> mals and very strange rituals have gone on here for centuries. Everywhere there are remnants of these rituals that continue to take place in the Uva Province since the birth of tea in the area. The estate proclaims "At the core of every organic life tea is an age old story of our ancestors who preserved the land on which they

theatrical production a a

cave that vanishes into the

belly of the earth, wild ani-

farmed. Now, over a century later, we strive to produce the highest quality, organic teas through our certified carbon neutral farms" and this holistic approach can be felt as you follow the trail ever upwards. The walk is easy at

first along the main track

Fabled 'cave to hell'

and a lovely way to really experience a working organic forest tea garden estate first hand, however once off road the adventure really begins emerging from the tea bushes, you walk up a 'stairway to heaven'-like path and arrive on a grassy, peaty plateau, which is dotted with strange looking granite stones and small water holes. In places there are hand paths to follow indented with rocks to stop you slipping on a rainy day, and in other spots they vanish altogether and all you can do is clamber ever upwards, finding a branch or two to hold onto when the going gets rough. From the hot sun to lightning zipping across the sky one is reminded when doing a tea country trail to take all weather clothing, lots of water and snacks in case you get lost. I could hear thunder claps in the distance, it was now late morning in Haputale a place that was to the sounds of 'Poli Poli' reverberating through the tea bushes and all around the different estates, as the Tamil women pick the symbolic first handful of tea and pray that the rain will go away until the end of the day, which seems to work more times than not. The area is full of fascinating traditions and every year the Hindu Pusari (holy man) becomes possessed by a god when he is performing the factory's annual goat sacrifice to Rodamoni, the god of machinery. I learn how a goat is killed early morning with a sword and then a few drips of blood are put on each area of the factory, bringing the building and the machinery inside it good fortune. When new bushes are planted, puja ceremonies are always performed, with coconut smashing, and other special rituals. If the coconut breaks special wishes to the gods are made and prayers are sent asking for them to protect the new plants. At pruning time, bindi ash is put on the knives to protect against accidental cuts.

As you approach Songamony point, the site of a Hindu shrine, large birds of prey swoop round almost directing you to the sacred area and its curious cave complex. Once there, having slipped off your

shoes or walking boots and socks in respect to the god, you will have a fantastic view of the whole valley basin and hill range: the now doll'ssize Haputale town below; the forest that surrounds the ethereal Adisham Monastery, where it is said political intrigue has been plotted and the best Jams in Sri Lanka are made; and even on a clear day views of Nuwara Eliya to the east, famous for its English buildings with rose arched gardens and horse racing.

Turning away from the view, with

the smell of sudu mal, a white flower, lacing the air with perfume, you will focus on the shrine. If you believe in the supernatural, it has a strange power resonating from it, as does the cave through a whole series of bushes, and at the end of a very rough pathway below, which is thought to be the place where the Songamony god resides during the heat of the day. The shrine itself has five components and is marked with a white flag. From left to right, there are two tridents covered in sari pieces representing individual pilgrim wishes, with cracked eggs and remnants of other puja offerings scattered around them from the early morning pilgrims, and an arch structure with a sacred stone inside, decorated with shiny bright orange fabric. The main focus is the god himself, with a bell tower beside it, is an arched white kovil structure with a statue of the blue Songamony god supporting long tresses and a curled black moustache. Looking like a cross between Bob Marley and an Indian sadu just back from taking the waters in the city of learning and burning Varanasi. Here offerings lay strewn about in front of Songamony and behind the shrine, coins in colourful material had knots in them, remnants of white rice offerings on banana leaves laid scattered like confetti after a wedding, joss sticks half burnt made the air smell sweet and broken yellow coconuts caught the tropical sun light as the local insects feasted on their fleshy remains.

Heading out of the clearing and down an over-grown path to the right of the shrine you will come to the god cave, which sends up bursts of freezing cold air even on the hottest of days. Taking pictures it seemed to also send an electrical current to the camera, which sparked and almost made the flash catch fire, thinking it was a coincidence I took another shot and the same thing happened. I did not risk shooting a third picture in fear the whole thing would burst into flames as the sun was now out and hotter than before it rained and so instead sat down trying to take in the site and all its peculiarities and evocative beauty.

Dripping water can be heard inside, and locals get nervous if

you get too

close

because once

people fall in,

they are said

to never return from hell, and a cold misty day they say you will hear the screams of the dead as the wind whips way around the tea hills. It feels deeply surreal, with purpleflowered vines creeping across the entrance way, shards of sunlight illuminating huge cobwebs with giant spiders spinning webs to catch passing flies, large ferns growing from the mossy stone walls and bees and butterflies flying around oblivious of the latest visitor. The air, scented with incense, mingles with the earthy damp stench of the cave interiors. Yes, it's a disturbingly enchanting place with a scary double edge to it- but you definitely wouldn't want to be lost in the area when the churning mists that rapidly descend from above covers everything in a white shroud like the one used in Turin. Making everything vanish and finding your foot hold anything but

As soon as the clouds moved in I headed out of the area and caught a lift with one of the tea trucks on the road half way down the track, who kindly took me back to the factory, where I enjoyed a nice cup of freshly picked tea.

As i looked out of the tea factory window and it started to rain again, I thought the cave god walk would by now be a waterfall, but the environmental ethos of the area is a reminder to all of us that it's up to everyone on the planet whether we make a heaven or hell, that we are all responsible for Mother Nature's well being and that the best things in life such as a beautiful mountain trek

is free. As a friend Kavinda succinctly put it from the tea country "having a cup of tea is almost spiritual · even better if it's while watching the cricket or walking the hills. If you buy really good tea, you don't have to do anything special. Just boil it and drink it. When you drink it, you can feel it."



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View of Haputale, Uva province



Hindu marks the entrance to the cave complex



Guardian of songamony cave



Greenfield factory

Danger lies beyond this point

Dr. Shanika Arsecularatne awarded **Best Woman Entrepreneur**

Entrepreneur Awards 2020

ry programs, and social media education campaigns in order to create awareness and trust her inspirational jour-ney to becoming one of the most among the general public." Dr. Shanika Arsecularatne, alongney to becoming one of the most successful businesswomen in the side her mother, Prof. Ramani country, and also of her outstanding Arsecularatne have celebrated contribution to the field of cosmetolmilestone after milestone of contribution to the new of cosmetor ogy and wellness in Sri Lanka.
"I'm truly honoured to receive this their multiple award-winning centre ever since its founding recognition, especially because I in 2014. As it stands now, The believe that no one receives an award Christell Skin Clinicboasts like this out of sheer luck, but rather two state-of-the-art facilities in acknowledgement and appreciation of the hard work, sleepless nights in Sri Lanka and the Maldives, with over 50 full-time and sacrifices we have all made, to be employees, including spewhere we are today, said Dr. Arsecularatne on accepting her award. medical doctors, and nurs

"As a young doctor, my decisions cialised ing staff. The centre has and expertise would be constantly served more than 20,000 clients to date, including questioned, especially by those who quesuoneu, especial, oy chose who were sceptical, she said, speaking heads of state, VVIPs, were scepular, on the many hurdles faced when attempting to break throughas ambassadors, a provider of niche medical services. and residents; some clients even flying to Sri Lanka for a provider or medical services.
"Additionally, due to the lack of proper awareness and unfortunate incidents owing tounsafe procedures treatments and theraconducted by practitioners previous ly, wehad to work very hard to conpies. -NDeA y, wended to work very natu to convince paueius to get the treatments they needed; conducting workshops,

Dr. Shanika Arsecularatne receives the trophy for Best Woman Entrepreneur



Prof. Ramani Arsecularatne and Dr. Shanika Arsecularatne receive the Best Enterprise service sector

Skin Clinic Director Ihan Jayawardene and Dr. Shanika Arsecularatne

the aim to recognise and honour micro, small, medium and large sector entrepreneurs that have contributed significantly to Sri Lanhristell ka's service sector over the past year. their mettle as The country's leading aesthetics and wellness centre took home The industry leadersyet again, by clinching the three topmost Best Enterprise service sector trophy, awards at the recently heldas well as the Best Entrepreneur of awarus at the recently neid-Western Province Entrepre-Neurship Awards Ceremony 2020 The bighty anticipated the Year award - the most soughtthe real awaru - the most sought after prize of the night. More notably 2020. The highly-anticipated aner prize of the fight, whole hotality however, the Best Woman Entrepreannual event jointly organised by neur title was awarded to the director the National Enterprise Developneur une was awarueu to the ancest of the Christell Skin Clinic, Dr. Shanment Authority (NEDA) and the ika Arsecularatne, in recognition of National Chamber of Commerce of

Sri Lanka-took place this year at the BMICH. The event brought together industry leaders and newcomers A call for gender diversity adequate representation of women at its workplaces. Expack is one such company and has a zero tol-

elebrating the ever inspiring contribution and enthusiasm of women in its workplace, sustainable packaging solutions provider Expack Corrugated Cartons held an event at its state-of-the-art factory premises in Kelaniya during the week in view of the International Women's Day last month.

Expack recognized and commemorated their fine achievements, highlighting their impressive drive and high spirits towards sharing ideas and knowledge among fellow employees. 'Their entrepreneurial mindset and attitude goes beyond

Compliance- Expack Corrugated Cartons.

'This is very impressive in comparison to their male counterparts. We've witnessed numerous such thoughts and contributions with our open door policy. We encourage and place high emphasis towards fostering a culture that embraces women empowerment, inclusivity, diversity and equity. We look forward to having more women onboard and challenge the status quo in a traditionally male dominated industry sector,' he

Gender diversity is very important irrespective of the nature of the business and industry, and today many companies of different sizes and types see this as a fundamental need; to close the gender gaps and have a healthy and equal or

erance policy towards gender discrimination. The men and women at Expack are respected, rewarded and compensated equally, with the leadership encouraging a wider acceptance that women and their strengths are a key pillar in the both the company's as well as the overall economy's growth and success.

With over 300 employees from diverse backgrounds, Expack believes in promoting policies and strategy that provides a platform which respects and includes the voice of each and everyone irrespective of their religion, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, norms and beliefs.

Expack was recognized as one of Sri Lanka's best workplaces for 2018, 2019 and 2020 and also one of Asia's best workplaces for 2019 and 2020 by Great Place to Work

Institute. Expack believes having a stimulating environment that brings out the best of

The Big Bad Wolf Book Sale "Howls" Online Once Again!

et ready as the World's Biggest Book Sale, the Big Bad Wolf-Book Salemakesyet another virtual return to Sri Lanka for the second consecutive year in its fifth entrance to the country. The Book Sale is just around the corner and is bound to bring much excitement among its Wolf pack and book enthusiasts. The Online Book Saleis scheduled to go live from May 05 to 12 and is poised to be bigger and better, offering books at amazingly low prices.

The decision to stick with a virtual Sale format for two consecutive years is primarily to safeguard the wolf pack, so that they can enjoy the Sale from the comfort and safety of their own homes, as well as the fact that international travel and restrictions have not returned to Pre-Covid levels. As last year's online Sale hinted, the fans are more than happy to meet the Wolf online.

This year's Online Sale will see improvements in all aspects thanks to last year's first ever Online Sale that helped to figure out the necessary changes and improvements which need to be made.

This year, the muchanticipated Big Bad Wolf



Online Book Sale is expected to showcase a selection of over 50,000 new English book titles, ranging from fiction, bestsellers, literature, non-fiction, business, cookbooks, art and design, as well as coffee table books, all on offer with massive savings of up to 90% off the recommended retail prices.

The Online Sale will be further developed to serve the 24-hour online shopping experience with an even smoother home delivery service. In addition, the Wolf has partnered with Sampath Bank as the official banking partner for the sale in order to provide the fans with a safe and secure method to complete payments.

The Wolf Fans can also expect an array of exciting games and competitions hosted by the Wolf's official radio partners: Lite 87 and TNL Radio.

We invite all book lovers across Sri Lanka to stay tuned for more updates on what's to be expected at the Online Sale coming soon! -AK

Special Iftar Buffet at Curry Leaf, Hilton Colombo

he Curry Leaf Restaurant at Hilton Colombo is preparing a season with an array of Middle–Eastern cuisine. The promotion will run for a month starting April 12 with the dinner buffet opening at 6pm for guests to breakfast. Furthermore, a prayer room will be available upon

Iftar buffet includes dishes required to break fastfrom Moroccan dates on the table to congee and condiments, home-made falooda and juices to a selection of short eats, appetizers and salads which include a classic Lebanese hum-Baba-



ganoush, Fattoush and Falafel to name a few. The menu will also feature a carvery with the chef's special of the day and a variety of hot dishes like biryanis, kebabsetc and a delightful collection of desserts. The buffet is on nightly until mid-

In addition to the restaurant offering, a special curated Iftar menu consisting Iftar saw an options to share for four or more and an

sive selectizing dishes are available on www.shop.hiltoncolombo1. com for take-away and free





delivery. -GDeS





Ancient Japanese culinary technique meets modern performance art

The Kingsbury's new Japanese restaurantTenku

icture this: on a balmy Colombo evening, you are seated ata tablein a private dining enclosure that is centredon a teppan (iron hotplate). The panoramic views show the twinkling lights of the city as you relax into your deluxe seat. Teppanyaki Specialist Chef Sugath Ratnayake is in front of you, and is about to begin performing his culinary art.He begins by tossing the



spatulas, flipping them and clanging them together. Next, he expertly chops and dices the food, and then quickly sets the grill aflame. He throws ingredients in the air and seems to be dancing with them while they sizzle on the hot plate. Watching your food

being cooked with such pomp and pageantry, your senses celebrate, as you patiently wait to dig in to the delicacies being prepared.

Fresh and flavourful ingredients and light seasoning; the seeming simplicity of its preparation belies the complex art behind it. Teppanyaki is a style of ancient Japanese cooking that has embraced modern performance art. As a cooking technique, Teppanyaki, literally meaning grilling on an iron plate, in Japanese, is popular the world over for its unique flavour, coupled with the entertainment value it offers. When at a Teppanyaki table, you get to

choose how you want your food prepared, and decide on the type and amount of seasoning.You also get to decide on the oil you want in the dish, as well as the meat, seafood or noodle of your choice. The skill of the Teppanyaki Chef, as well as the finest ingredients that are used, are the main

reasons why Teppanyaki is a luxurious indulgence. At Tenku, the carefully curated Teppan menu consists of Lobster Tail, Wagyu Strip Loin, Norwe-

gian Salmon, Baby Octopus and-Lamb Chops, just to name a few. A special Teppanyaki selection with Edamame, Miso Soup and Green Tea Ice Cream and Fresh Cut Fruits, is also on offer. The Kingsbury Colombo

adheres to stringent safety protocols, having received the 'Safe and Secure Tourism' Compliance Certificate from the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority in 2020. -AK









never believed that cats tainly did could be this sweet until not have enough courage to chase Sophie came to our lives the poor girl out though I did not like her owner!!! I am far advanced when the entire world was battling with Covid than her former owner!!

19. She was our neighbour's cat, but became homeless as my neighbour was taken away by her son to live with them. Being little selfish, they never thought even a bit about this poor soul's future!!

In fact my neighbour did not love her very much. She did not have a name either. However the poor thing did make a very clever decision by trying out me as her new

She was roaming around our house for two or three days and one day she was courageous enough to come to our sitting room through a

I decided not to chase her away. She has very innocent, speaking

So we started calling her Sophie, for no particular reason at all!! Since the country was under lockdown we stayed at home and did most of our shopping online. Initially I ordered special cat food for her even though she did not expect much from me.

However, a friend of mine advised me not to give them artificial pet food because local cats are not much used to those and they might end up as 'obese" cats! She now eats salaya with rice and I feel that is her favourite meal.

Initially I was 'horrified" to see Sophie sleeping on my bed in the middle of the night. I chased her away and later repented. The poor girl looked at me in a sad manner

that made me almost cry. Perhaps she might have thought that she would lose her second home too. Now she sleeps on my bed like a

She would start meowing at around 6 in the morning. Then would drink her bed tea before going out to the garden.

Now, many months after the Covid 19 lockdown Sophie is a happy cat.

When my neigbour returned when the bad days are over, Sophie was firm in her decision. She did not want to disappoint her " friend in need" who helped her when she needed it most!! - Gavani SK

DOG CARE

Deafness in dogs due to fire crackers

Dr GCS KURUGALA,

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inhala Avurudu season can be extremely stressful for dogs because of firecrackers. Besides the loud sound, light and smoke emitted by crackers too affect ani-

Fireworks and other explosive materials can emit sounds - up to 190 decibels (110 to 115 decibels above the range of 75 to 80 decibels where the damage to the human ear begins). Fireworks generate a higher noise level than firecrackers, gunshots (140 decibels), and some jet planes (100 decibels). Noises caused by fireworks and firecrackers can lead to loss of hearing

Dogs' hearing capacity is higher than that of humans. They can hear even minute sounds and high frequency sounds. Dogs' hearing range is 67-45,000 Hz when compared to humans' hearing range which stands at 64-23,000 Hz. This auditory acuity of dogs is one of the reasons why the sound of fireworks can be so harmful to

SIGNS

They show signs of overwhelming anxiety as they are unable to escape from the sound.Common reactions are freezing or paralysis, uncontrolled attempts to escape and hide, and tremors. Other more intense signs may also be present, such as salivation, tachycardia, intense vocalizations, urination or defecation, increased activity, hyper alertness and gastrointestinal disorders. All these signs are indicative of great discomfort.

Irritation of the ear can be seen like head tilt, ear tilt, bleeding from ear, itching ear, no response to sound or calling etc.

TREATMENT

This is an emergency situation which requires speedy attention. You have to rush to the vet. The animal will get treatment accordingly. But you have to avoid exposure to similar conditions repeatedly by the animal. Most of the deafness due to loud sound is irreversible.

FEAR AND STRESS

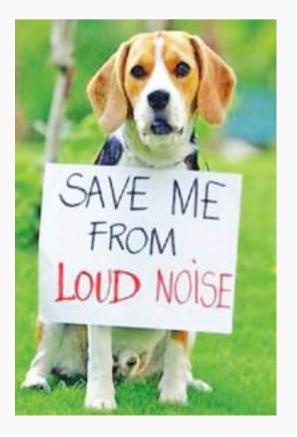
In addition to these damages, the noises caused by fireworks harm animals by causing fear. In fact, repeated exposure to unexpected, unpredictable loud noises can cause phobias in many animals, increasing panic reactions to loud noises in the future.

HARMFUL EFFECTS BY CHEMICAL PARTICLES

In addition, firecrackers are poisonous, and their explosion releases harmful particles such as fine dust (PM10) that is toxic to inhale. It can worsen the existing diseases and may cause other illnesses as well. Therefore, fireworks can pose a danger to animals that live in the vicinity as well as those living in relatively distant locations because the wind transports the particles. There is also a risk of ingestion of firework residues and firecrackers. Burns and damage to the eyes depends on the proximity of the animals to the areas where the firecrackers are made.

The chemicals are also dangerous for cats and dogs with respiratory diseases such as asthma. Careless use of crackers/fireworks can also cause mutilations and fatal accidents to animals who are close by.

Let's all be a bit more considerate towards dogs (cats, birds as well) when celebrating Avu-



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SAHANA RAVISHANKAR

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IS IN SYNC WITHINHEKIDS

GRETCHEN REYNOLDS Dogs orient and move in synchrony with family members, which may have implications for the emotional development of people and pets

amily dogs match their movements to those of the children they live with, according to a poignant new study of young people and their pets. In the study, pet dogs moved when their accompanying children did and remained still when they stopped, a physical synchrony that often signals emotional bonding. The family canines also tended to stay close by and to orient themselves in the same directions as the kids, a further indication of social engagement and attentiveness that could have implications for the emotional development of well as for the safety of the interactions between them.

The results add to the growing evidence that how people and other creatures move depends to a surprising extent on who they are with, and that social connections can be shaped and strengthened by shared activity. The findings also raise practical questions about how children and dogs can best learn to read each other's body language, and how family pets might help to encourage children to move more or best serve as a source of emotional support.

The idea that being around others influences how we move is not new. Past research shows that romantic couples tend unconsciously to synchronize their walking pace to a much greater extent than strangers do and that men often speed up when walking with other men, even if the new pace is not physiologically comfortable for them.

In the same way, moving together seems to build familiarity, even if it did not exist before.

together, for instance, often express greater closeness and cohesion afterward. Moving in tandem seems to generate intangible, intimate bonds.Other research suggests that these connections are not limited to humans.

When, during earlier studies, scientists asked adults to bring their pet dogs to large, unfamiliar rooms and then walk around the space, sometimes pausing, sometimes changing direction, and not directly engaging with their pets, the dogs followed and repeated their owners' actions to a remarkable degree. About 80 percent of the time, the dogs walked when their owners



walked and fell





RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

ot everyone accepts the victory another with grace. From snatching the crown off a winner's head to drunken brawls, some of the biggest catfights have happened in beauty pageant history. And now the Mrs Sri Lanka for Mrs ried and a divorcee is not fit to World 2021 beauty pageant can be crowned. be added to the list.

Dozens of beauties were prepping for months for what they hoped will be the crowning day of their lives.

Then finally on April 4, 2021, at a gala event held at Nelum Pokuna theatre, contestant number 20 and former beauty queen, Pushpika Sandamali de Silva, was adjudged as the winner. She was crowned by Prime Minister's wife Shiranthi Rajapaksa and Mayor Rosy Senanayake who was herself a winner of the Mrs World title.

However what took place next on stage showed that some weren't about to let de Silva take the crown without a fight. After the VIPs have left and the judges vacated the premises, de Silva was about to take centre stage to celebrate her victory. The reigning Mrs World Caroline Jurie took up the microphone and cited a pageant rule that contestants should be mar-

"There is a rule that prevents women who have already been married and are divorced, so I am taking steps to make the crown go to second place,' she claimed before dramatically pulling the crown off the winner's head. Adding fuel to this melee, Chula Padmendra who was also part of the show supported Jurie in stripping the crown off de Silva and crowning the first runner up instead.

Following the brawl that erupted, it is reported that significant damage was caused to the Nelum Pokuna premises, mainly the dressing rooms. De

De-crowned and re-crowned!



Mrs. World 2020 Caroline Jurie stripping the crown off Pushpika De Silva.

Silva is also said to have suffered scalp injuries when the crown was ripped from her head.

The crown has since been returned to de Silva, after pageant organisers confirmed she is not a divorcee, but is separated.

Speaking about the incident which she terms as 'unreasonable and insulting' de Silva notes that she is currently focusing on taking her duties as Mrs Sri Lanka World 2021 forward.

"I addressed the issues faced by women, divorcees, single mothers and children. However some have begun politicizing my comments. The people expect me to perform the duties of a beauty pageant title holder at this moment, not a political figure. So that is what I am set-

ting my sights on right now," she said.

Though she had initially decided to press charges against Jurie and Padmendra for the damage caused to her image, de Silva said now she has decided to let bygones be bygones. You cannot gain anything through vengeance and malicious acts. Her biggest concern was not being stripped of her crown but due to the trauma that her son had to suffer after witnessing her injuries.

"There are a lot of single mothers like me who are suffering in Sri Lanka today. I dedicate my crown to all of them," she mused adding that a true queen is not a woman who snatches another woman's crown, but a woman who secret-

ly sets another woman's crown. Branding the event as 'disgraceful', the event organizers have officially apologized to de Silva. National Director of the Mrs sri Lanka World organization Chandimal Jayasinghe said, "There is no need to take any action against Jurie as the whole country witnessed her behaviour in disgust. We expect Mrs. World organization to take action against her. Caroline may be suffering from some issues, but we do not know what happened. She made a huge blunder. She is responsible for her own actions."

Describing the incident as unacceptable and shocking, Colombo Mayor Rosy Senanayake stated, "This is not how women should behave. For me, I



Pushpika with her son

am ashamed because this is disgracing the Mrs. World organi-

It is a disgrace for all humanity to see people going to the extent of humiliating, character assassinating and plucking the crown off someone and making it look like a wrestling match.

The little I saw of this, I am shocked!"

The *Daily News* made several attempts to contact Jurie via phone calls, smses and e mails to inquire about her views about the incident but all attempts failed as she did not respond to the calls or messages.

MARMADUKE



"Fetching halfway doesn't cut the mustard."

MUTT AND JEFF

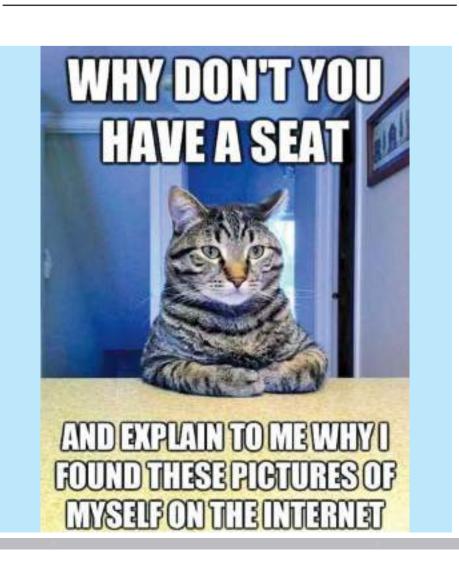


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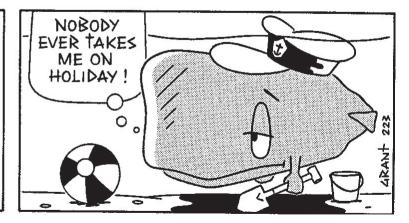




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UP & RUNNING







CA Lanka, Kelaniya University sign MoU

To increase collaboration and strengthen accounting profession



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Manil Jayesinghe addressing the event. thi de Silva aims to reinforce The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka the long-standing relation-

Kelaniya, Senior Prof. Nilan- students at the university,

exchanging the MoU. ship between both institutions while also facilitating

Speaking at the event, Jayesinghe said that a key feature of this MoU is that it will allow CA Sri Lanka to offer scholarships and awards for best-performing

students and lecturers of both

institutions to participate in

their knowledge on account-

various forms to develop

while both institutions will share resources to improve the knowledge of the students of both the University and CA Sri Lanka

The MoU will also create a path for both institutions to jointly undertake research

He said that it was important for institutions to foster an environment of collaboration without restricting to the borders of their organisations, or institutes, "The ability to work together, will be

critical for the future success of our country," he said.

Jayesinghe said that both the University of Kelaniya and CA Sri Lanka, have contributed immensely towards supporting Sri Lanka's vision of a skilled nation. "Therefore, there is an underlying need to strengthen the partnership between professional and academia if we are to overcome challenges we face and will

Jayesinghe highlighted

CA Sri Lanka President Manil Jayesinghe and the University of Kelaniya, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nilanthi de Silva that members of CA Sri Lanka, who are Chartered Accountants influence and give leadership to a wide spectrum of businesses across all industries. He added that he was certain the MOU with the University of Kelaniya will provide new opportunities for the undergraduates who are interested to take up a successful career in accountancy or wish to enhance their knowl-

edge on the subject as an

additional qualification.

IIHS appoints new Director for International Marketing and Development

Sri Lanka's pioneer healthcare education provider, the International Institute of Health Science (IIHS), having to pioneer in Nursing education in Sri Lanka, is looking to take its model to the region and beyond

As part of an ambitious internationalization strategy, which seeks to contribute to an expansive postpandemic Sri Lankan export sector and develop indigenous research capacity, IIHS has appointed a long-time international education figure, Carl Jones.

Newly appointed board member and Director, International & Development, Carl have been with IIHS since January 2021 playing a development and advisory role in expanding student recruitment beyond Sri Lanka. Drawing on years of experience in education marketing in prestigious universities including Deakin University, Australia, he is charged with developing partnership and recruitment opportunities and developing international distribution channels

Commenting on his new appointment, Jones said, "It was truly an honour to be invited to be a part IIHS organisation and its ambitious program. I have known IIHS for many years and, as an observer and partner, I've been incredibly impressed with its trajectory and culture. With its international 'multiversity' plans and it's soon to come degree-awarding status, IIHS is set to become a significant regional player in a world that needs new dynamic, flexible and integral models of healthcare education".

"This is a most opportune time to be involved with such a provider in Sri Lanka. There is endless employment



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opportunity in the health sector at home. in the region and the developed world.

Carl's area of focus will be South Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Dr Kithsiri, Edirisinghe, CEO & Co-Founder IIHS commented, "Carl will be a vital asset to us as we journey ahead, By opening doors for foreign students to come to IIHS, we can support the Sri Lankan economy through foreign remittances and can further help develop the country as a tourist destination. Students in the region will benefit from this offering as they will have access to quality education at an affordable price and secure employment in the first world. We have an enormous opportunity as a nation to be an exporter

DFCC Bank offers Cardholders savings for the Avurudu season

to offering credit cardholders up to 60% in savings across 300 island-wide part-

From shopping to electronics and e-commerce online platforms, the bank for everyone has left no stone unturned, allowing for their loyal customers to rejoice in shopping sprees with their loved ones this festive season.

In addition to the savings offered to cardholders, every transaction will entitle the cardholder to 1% CashBack credited to a DFCC Bank account throughout the year. Further to this, credit cards from DFCC Bank also have the lowest

processing fee on loan on card and balance transfer products.

Among the 300 merchants DFCC Bank has partnered with, some consumer favourites have been included as

Cardholders will also enjoy discounts at leading merchants across electronics and household; holiday and travel; health and well-being; jewellery; clothing and accessories; restaurants; supermarkets and leisure categories.

As many customers prefer to appliances and high-value items during this period of the year, DFCC Bank has also enabled a Buy Now Pay Later

incentive to cardholders. Featuring payment plans of up to 12 months with 0% interest during April, cardholders are encouraged to make use of this offer.

This year, the bank has also incentivized their debit cardholders. To encourage debit cardholders to use their cards for transactions instead of going through the hassle of withdrawing cash through ATMs, DFCC Bank is offering many discounts at selected shopping, footwear, jewellery and dining partner outlets including offers for online purchases. Speaking on these festive card offers from DFCC Bank, Lakshman Silva, CEO, DFCC Bank said, "Year after



year, we have made the Avurudu season happier for our cardholders by offering

through our partner merchants. As last year's celebrations were subdued due to year, our customers will once again be able to celebrate the Avurudu Season

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Chinthaka Nadun Ratnaweera

Uvidu Praveen Sumanasekara of Badulla Central College, Badulla, Arulanantham Abhinanthan of Hindu College, Jaffna and R M S Ravindu Sanwara of Ananda College, Colombo won Bronze medals at the 52nd International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) in July 2020. The fourth member of the Sri Lankan team Shakindi Vihanga of Sujatha Vidyalaya, Matara also won an honourable mention. This was indeed remarkable achievements from our team as Sri Lanka participated in this competition for the first time in history. The Sri Lankan team was selected and trained by the Chemistry Olympiad Sri Lanka (COSL) committee of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon (IChemC).

The IChO is a competition organized for secondary school students of all levels from all over the globe to promote their creativity and cognitive skills in solving Chemistry related problems. While identifying and recognizing the most talented youngsters in Chemistry, the IChO helps to facilitate cordial relations between the youth of different nationalities and encourage networking. IChO is one out of the 12 International Science Olympiads held in the world. The rest represent other disciplines, such as Mathematics, Physics, Biology, etc. The IChO headquarters is based in Bratislava, Slovakia of the former Eastern

The IChO event began in 1968



Dr. Ireshika De Silva.

with participation from Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary. Subsequently, other countries joined the program and currently, there are more than 80 participating countries including the USA, UK,

China, Russia, India, etc.

In 2016, IChO steering committee officially accepted the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon (IChemC) as the official organizer to conduct the National Chemistry Olympiad competition in Sri Lanka. Since then IChemC is organizing the local Chemistry Olympiad annually and named it as Chemistry Olympiad Sri Lanka (COSL). Sri Lanka participated as observers in IChO in the Czech Republic and France and respectively in 2018 and 2019 and was illegible to participate as a team to take part in the competition in Turkey in 2020. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the world competition was remotely held under a virtual platform. After screening and intense training, the steering committee of COSL selected four highly talented students to represent the Sri Lankan

The IChemC recently organized a charm ceremony to award the medals and certificates received from the International Organizers. The event was held at the IChemC headquarters on February 18, 2021, and the Chief Guest was Prof Janitha Liyanage who is the current Vice-Chairperson of the University Grants Commission.





SUJATHA VIDYALAYA Shakindi Vihangana

Dean of the College of Chemical Sciences Prof Sujatha Hewage has also participated. Due to the pandemic situation, the number of participants was restricted however the event was live-streamed on

Prof Sagarika Ekanayaka who is the current President of the Institute welcomed the gathering and

said she was very proud of the young prodigies who produced exceptional results as the first time participants of the IChO. Dr Chinthaka Ratnaweera who is the chairman of the COSL committee presented a brief introduction to the Chemistry Olympiad competition and explained the opportunities and challenges. Next, Prof





ANANDA COLLEGE Ravindu Sanwara

Janitha Liyanage addressed the gathering and congratulated the team for the outstanding performance. She also thanked the IChemC for providing all the support for this program and committee members for voluntarily organizing these events and training students. Medals and certificates were awarded by Prof Janitha

Liyanage. After the presentation of awards, each of the winners addressed the audience and all of them expressed their sincere gratitude to the mentors who trained them with immense dedication. Praveen, during his talk, invited youngsters to take part in future Chemistry Olympiads as they can develop their logical and critical

thinking skills which will help

their future academic career. Abhinanthan was very happy and emotional about his achievements and specially mentioned that the Chemistry practical sessions have been a valuable experience for him. Ravindu said even though he felt there was a big gap between the A/L chemistry content and the International Chemistry Olympiad syllabus due to the training he received and with the hard work he was able to make this achievement. Shakindi said that she has realized the beauty of Chemistry after experiencing this chemistry Olympiad training workshops and got to know a lot of new friends.

Before the end of the event, the new Chemistry Olympiad website was launched by the IChemC past President Dr Poshitha Premarathne who has given visionary leadership to establish the COSL. Dr Ireshika De Silva, Secretary of the committee delivered the vote of thanks to end the

The 53rd International Chemistry Olympiad will be held in Japan during this year. The COSL committee is eagerly waiting to select a team and train them and expect even better performance from them to bring honour to our motherland.

Anyone interested to learn more about the programme can visit this new website through the http://www.web.ichemc.edu.lk/ cosl/. Also, applications forms and deadlines for the future selection examinations will be updated on this website and students can obtain the Chemistry Olympiad past papers and educational resources through it.

One in three Covid-19 patients are diagnosed with a neuropsychiatric condition - study

Six months after being diagnosed with Covid-19, 1 in 3 patients also had experienced a psychiatric or neurological illness, mostly mood disorders but also strokes or dementia, a large new study shows.

About 1 in 8 of the patients (12.8%) were diagnosed for the first time with such an illness, most commonly anxiety or depression. Compared to control groups of people who had the flu or other non-Covid respiratory infections, first-ever neuropsychiatric diagnoses were almost twice as high.

The study, published Tuesday in The Lancet Psychiatry, used real-world health data on millions of people to gauge the incidence of 13 brain disorders. Anxiety, mood, and substance use disorders were most common, but the researchers also found worrying, if lower, rates of serious neurological complications, especially in patients who had been severely ill with Covid-19. In all Covid-19 patients, 0.6% developed a brain hemorrhage, 2.1% an ischemic stroke, and 0.7%

"We need urgent research to better understand how and why does this occur in patients with Covid-19 and how they can be treated and [how to] prevent it," Max Taquet, a clinical fellow in psychiatry at the University of Oxford and a study co-author, said on a call with reporters on Tuesday. "But we think that regardless of the explanation, health services need to be prepared for the increased demand that this data is showing.'

The size of the study lends confidence to its findings, which confirm what has been hinted in smaller studies, including earlier work from the Oxford group. The researchers analyzed electronic health records of 81 million U.S. patients (both insured and uninsured), finding 236,379 people who had been diagnosed with Covid-19

and comparing them to three cohorts of similar people: one cohort had the flu, another had another respiratory illness such as sinusitis or pneumonia, and one cohort

included people who were hospitalized for unrelated conditions such as bone fractures or gallstones. The researchers hoped that comparing the Covid group to the others would help isolate Covid-19 as a cause and tease out its effects on the brain.

After accounting for patients' age, sex, ethnicity, and existing health conditions, patients overall had a 44% higher risk of neurological and mental health diagnoses after Covid-19 than after flu, and a 16% higher risk after Covid-19 than after other respiratory tract infections.

There were two exceptions: The researchers did not see increased risk of Parkinson's



disease, a movement disorder. or Guillain-Barré syndrome, which is a rare disorder that shows up after some viral infections as tingling and weakness when the immune system attacks nerves.

Allison Navis, assistant professor in the division of neuroinfectious diseases at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, sounded a note of caution. The lead clinical neurologist at Mount Sinai's post-Covid clinic, she was not involved in the Lancet study.

"It does highlight that there is something unique going on with Covid," she told STAT. "And the 12.8% who have a new diagnosis of something neuropsychiatric can sound very sensational.

That 12.8% encompasses depression and anxiety, so it's extremely important to not minimize that and not make that sound like a lesser diagnosis at all, but the more severe things like strokes are still fairly uncommon. I don't want people thinking that 1 in 10 people get a stroke with Covid.'

The new study reinforces previous research that showed some brain disorders increased with the severity of illness, going up in people who needed to be hospitalized and rising further in people who needed intensive care. While 33.6% of people developed a neuropsychiatric illness overall, that risk grew to 46.4% among Covid patients treated in an ICU.

What's new is the distinction between neurological and psychiatric complications. People with very severe Covid-19 had a higher risk of complications like stroke or dementia, but people who developed anxiety or depression spanned the spectrum of illness severity.

While the study did not examine the mechanisms that might explain neuropsychiatric disorders associated with the virus, the authors did speculate in the call with reporters that if patients know that they have Covid-19, that and other stressors might contribute to a psychiatric illness. "It could be psychological factors and biological factors and psychosocial factors, such as, for instance, the

need to isolate and the loss of income as a result of that," Taquet said.

It's easier to tie neurological disorders to the virus' effects on the brain. Scientists believe the virus can enter the brain through the olfactory bulb, where taste and smell are decoded. Inflammation throughout the body also harms blood vessels in the brain, and can lead to strokecausing blood clots, delirium, or dementia. While the medical records could tell the researchers whether someone had previously suffered a stroke or been diagnosed with dementia, they couldn't surmise whether someone was going to have a recurrence any-

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way or whether Covid-19 caused it, Masud Husain, professor of neurology and cognitive neuroscience at Oxford and a study co-author, warned. Longer follow-up will be needed to answer that question, but the signal was too strong to ignore, he said. Husain also cautioned that the numbers they reported could be an underestimate if they don't include people who were infected with Covid but did not test positive for it, or if people had no symptoms that drove them to seek medical care. On the flip side, patients with Covid-19 might be more likely to have a neurological and psychiatric disorder diagnosed simply because they were receiving more medical attention compared to patients with the flu or other respiratory infections, Taquet pointed out.

This was not a study of long-Covid, said Paul Harrison, professor of psychiatry at the University of Oxford and a study co-author, referring to the constellation of lingering symptoms that overlap with some problems caused by the neuropsychiatric illnesses described in the current paper. But the need for more research and continued clinical care is

"Sadly, many of the disorders identified in this study tend to be chronic or recurrent, so we can anticipate that the impact of Covid-19 could be with us for many years," Jonathan Rogers and Anthony David of University College London wrote in a commentary appearing with the Lancet study. (STAT)



More side effects from Moderna vaccine

The anecdotal reports are true: people who get the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine say they have more side effects than people who get the Pfizer / BioNTech shots, according to new data published this week in

JAMA. The study analyzed reports collected through a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention program called v-safe. It's a text message-based program designed to track side effects in vaccine recipients. For the first week after each vaccine dose, people who enroll are prompted to fill out a daily survey about any

symptoms, like fatigue or arm pain.

Over 3,600,000 people who got their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before February 21st enrolled in v-safe and checked in at least once. Around 70 percent of those people said they had some kind of injection site reaction, like pain or swelling, and half had a more generalized reaction like fatigue or chills. For both, people who got a Moderna shot were more likely to have a side effect — 73 percent had an injection site reaction, compared with 65 percent of people who

had a Pfizer / BioNTech

dose. Around 51 percent of Moderna recipients had full-body symptoms, compared with 48 percent of people who got Pfizer / BioNTech.

The gap widened after the second dose. About 1.4 million people completed those check-ins. Almost 82 percent of people getting their second Moderna shot had injection site pain versus just under 69 percent of people with Pfizer / BioN-Tech. Overall, 74 percent of people said they had general reactions after their Moderna shot, compared with 64 percent of people getting Pfizer / BioNTech. (The Verge)

Rapid progress achieved in COVID drugs research

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Researchers are reporting some progress in their search for drugs that tamp down the overwhelming immune reaction that can kill a patient with COVID-

These reactions are triggered by Coronavirus infections and can veer out of control in some people. It's this reaction, rather than the virus itself, that is the real peril for people seriously ill with COVID-19. Doctors last year recognized that a cheap and readily available steroid drug called dexamethasone can often rein in this overreaction, which is a form of inflammation. In fact, it's the only COVID-19 drug so far that clearly saves lives.

"Dexamethasone is a really powerful anti-inflammatory," says Dr. Rajesh Gandhi, an infectious disease doctor at Harvard and Massachusetts General Hospital, but, "there are still people who need more.'

Two anti-inflammatory drugs that have been developed to treat rheumatoid arthritis are sometimes used, either instead of or in addition to the steroid. Tocilizumab is recommend-



ed for patients who are getting rapidly worse in the drug, baricitinib, is sometimes prescribed alongside an antiviral drug called remdesivir.

But there's also a race to come up with something

Last week, Humanigen announced in a press release that its drug, lenzilumab, reduced the risk that someone with COVID-19 would need to be put on a ventilator.

"You really don't want to be in the ICU. You don't want to be on a ventilator," says Dr. Cameron Durrant, president and CEO of

Humanigen. "You don't want to be in a hospital bed. So potentially offering patients out faster is something that we're all striving

Durrant says that based on a study of about 500 patients the company plans to ask the Food and Drug Administration to grant emergency authorization for its drug.

The press release certainly left an impression on investors, who at least briefly drove the company's stock price sharply higher. That enthusiasm was tempered when scientists said the press release left some

significant questions unanswered.

Derek Lowe is a pharmaceutical researcher who writes a related blog called In the Pipeline. He noted that there was a wide range of uncertainty about the reported results, which could mean that the experimental drug is either much worse or much better than the company reported.

Similar questions cropped up when the company NeuroRx announced in a press release that its drug, aviptadil, also showed promise in treating an excessive immune response in COVID-19. Lenzilumab is in a class of

medicines called monoclonal antibodies. They have been engineered to disable certain molecules that help regulate the immune system. The concept is that by interfering with the molecules that help orchestrate inflammation, it's possible to mute the reaction. (The steroid dexamethasone, in contrast, is less targeted in its ability to tamp down an immune reaction.)

Another feature of these engineered antibodies: They are expensive to make, and companies often sell them for thousands of dollars a dose. So, Lowe doubts these drugs — even if the FDA authorizes them for emergency use — will replace cheap and readily available steroids as the first drug of choice.

"You would figure more expensive, more targeted sorts of inflammation drugs like this are going to be second or third line," he says. "I think they're going to help some, but they are not going to be game changers.

Vaccines are the game changers, and as more and more people get vaccinated, fewer will end up in the hospital needing intensive care. (NPR)

Vaccine passports 'likely' trend Qatar Airways

The CEO of a flagship Middle Eastern airline has said the requirement for Covid-19 vaccinations will likely be a trend in air travel, as the industry attempts to rebound from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

"In the short term, yes, I think that the vaccine passport will be helpful to give confidence both to governments and to the passengers in our industry to start travelling again," Qatar Airways Group CEO Akbar Al Baker told CNBC's Hadley Gamble on Tuesday.

When asked whether vaccinations will become a "necessity" in order to fly, Al Baker said: "I think this will be the trend initially, because



the world needs to open people need to have confidence in the air travel."

"I think this will be a trend that will happen until such a time that people are certain that there is a proper cure, or proper treatment for this very serious pandemic we are facing today," he added.

The idea of vaccination passports has been floated by many governments and

industries, with proponents saying it would make travel safer. Critics, however, argue it could worsen inequality and access for people from countries that are further behind in their inoculation campaigns

Asked who should run the vaccination passport process, the CEO said, "In my view, it should be led by IATA (the International Air Transport Association) ... I have full

confidence that IATA will get into grips with the issues in front of the industry."

The conversation with Al Baker took place in conjunction with the launch of Qatar Airways' first fully Covid-19 vaccinated flight, on an A350-1000. The "flight to nowhere"

will remain within Qatari air-

space and feature the company's new hygiene and safety features, including "zerotouch" in-flight entertainment technology. It will carry only passengers and crew that have been vaccinated against the virus that turned the world economy on its head and bankrupted so many airlines in the past year. (CNBC)

CureVac seeks EU approval by June

Coronavirus vaccine maker CureVac has said it hopes its Covid shot will receive European approval in the second quarter. CureVac's CEO Franz-

Werner Haas told CNBC Thursday that the vaccine maker was close to finalizing the recruitment for the vaccine's Phase 3 clinical trial. Approval could come not long after, he said, given the urgent need for additional effective coronavirus vaccines and the expedited regulatory approval process.

'We are expecting, according to our calculations, that towards the end of April or beginning of May that we will have the data," Haas told CNBC's Squawk Box Europe.

"So we expect to be



given approval, depending on the data certainly, in the beginning of June.'

Once the trial is underway, the German biotech CureVac will wait for safety data and then conduct an interim analvsis of results from the late-stage study. Crucially, it will also have to wait until a certain number of trial participants develop Covid-19 in

order to see how effective the vaccine is at preventing the virus.

The data is then submitted to regulatory authorities, such as the European Medicines Agency, for what's called a "rolling review;" this is where the data is analyzed by regulators as it emerges, speeding up the assessment of new, potentially life-saving vaccines or medicines

during public health emer-

The U.K. and EU have pre-ordered up to 455 million doses of CureVac's mRNA vaccine, subject to regulatory approval. The company is already producing its vaccine, despite the fact it has not yet been authorized, in anticipation of the shot's approval.

CureVac CEO Haas said the company was trying to avoid manufacturing pitfalls hit by other vaccine makers. This issue has perhaps been most notable at AstraZeneca and has put the vulnerability of global supply

chains into sharp relief. "Manufacturing is certainly a struggle at the moment," he said.

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Expressions of Interest Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Ministry of Education Name of Procuring Entity: The Open University of Sri Lanka

The Department Consultant Procurement Committee on behalf of the Open University of Sri Lanka invites proposals or CVs to provide the above consultancy services from eligible individual consultants for following two separate individual consultancy assignments.

- Individual Consultancy Service for Finance & Inventory Systems of Open University information. Management System (OMIS)
- 2. Individual Consultancy Service for University Management System (UMS), Completion System and Security Management System of Open University Management Information System (OMIS)

More details regarding the individual consultancy services are provided in the Terms of References (TDRs). The individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants, published by National Procurement Commission.

Interested consultants may obtain further information and TOR at the address below Senior Assistant Registrar, Capital Works, and Planning Division, Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda (Tel: 0112881286) or Director, Information Technology Division, Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugogoda (0112805675) from 09.04.2021 to 28.04.2021 between 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs or download from the university website (www.ou.ac.lk).

Interested consultants may obtain further information and TOR at the address below Senior Assistant Registrar, Capital Works, and Planning Division, Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda (Tel: 0112881286) or Director, Information Technology Division, Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda (0112805675) from 09.04.2021 to 28.04.2021 between 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs or download from the university website (www.ou.ac.lk).

Expressions of interest in terms of proposal /CV must be delivered to the address below on or before 29.04.2021 at

The Department Consultants Procurement Committee OMIS Development Project Capital Works & Planning Division Open University of Sri Lanka Tel: 01128818495/0112881286 Email: dirit@ou.ac.lk/sarcw@ou.ac.lk

09, April 2021

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT (ESCAMP) MINISTRY OF WILDLIFE AND FOREST CONSERVATION Credit No.5792 LK, Project ID: P 156021

Legal Consultant (National) (To develop "Public-Private Partnership" (PPP) Model Contractual Agreement/MOU for Nature Based Tourism Development)

1. The World Bank has extended a credit to the Government of Sri Lanka for the Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP) with the view of improving the management of sensitive ecosystems in selected locations for conservation and community benefits. The Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation will execute the project through a Project Management Unit (PMU). The Forest Department (FD) and the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) will implement the project activities. The sub-component 3 (b) of ESCAMP aims at enhancing the quality of nature-based tourism opportunities in priority Protect Areas (PAs) under the jurisdiction of the DWC and FD, including marine PAs. The subcomponent aims to support the development of nature-based tourism strategies and plans for the DWC and FD, the two lead project implementing agencies (IAs).

It is well accepted that, the tourism has been one of the major economic and social development avenue of the twentieth century, the largest and fastest growing industry and contribute largely in foreign exchange earnings and generate employments for many developing countries. Although it has greater demand for nature based tourism development in Sri Lanka, the lack of improved facilities (infrastructure and logistics) and services (visitor services, interpretation, guiding, transport etc.) have been significantly hindered the development of this sector. The main constraint faced by this sector is that the limitations of public funds for developing Sri Lanka's potential in nature based tourism. The private sector could be a potential partner in investing and developing the nature based tourism sector in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Forest Department. Considering that Sri Lanka's experience in public private partnerships (PPP) in nature based tourism development is limited, the Forest Department requires legal assistance in drafting a model contractual agreement for PPP in nature based tourism, within the current legal framework governing the Forest Department and PPPs with the Government of Sri Lanka.

2. The ESCAMP intend to hire an experience Legal Consultant to Project Management Unit (PMU), ESCAMP to develop a "Public-Private Partnership" (PPP) Model Contractual Agreement for selected Nature Based Tourism activities to be carried out by the Forest Department. He/She will be mainly responsible in developing this PPP model Contractual Agreement/MOU to be implemented in selected forests which have potential for nature based tourism development, managed by the Forest Department.

- 3. The intended Contract Period is 3 Months
- 3.1 Interested experts should provide a proposal with sufficient proofs indicating that they are qualified to perform the consultancy in complying with the ToR given in the web site www.escamp.lk (The full TOR of the consultancy and other information are uploaded in the website for references).
- 3.2 The expert will be selected based on professional qualifications and experiences in the relevant field and the procedures set out in the World Bank's Consultancy Guidelines: Selection and Hiring of Individual Consultants by World Bank Borrowers January 2011, revised July 2014.
- 3.3 Interested Experts may obtain further information from the Procurement Specialist, ESCAMP,

Email; <anushaseneviratne1987@gmail.com>

Telephone: +940112888 / 25 - 428 Fax: +94-11-2888 577

3.4 Expression of Interest with a project proposal must be delivered in duplicate to the address given below, not later than 1500 hrs on ... April 2021. Envelope containing the Expression of Interest should be marked "Public-Private-Partnership (MOU/Agreement Development Consultant) - ESCAMP".

Project Director,

Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project, Project Management Unit,

No. 82, "Sampathpaya", Rajamalwatte Road,

Battaramulla

Sri Lanka

Telephone: +940112888 / 425 - 428, Fax: +94-11-2888 577

09/04/2021



TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from reputable companies who are capable of providing janitorial services to Colombo International Container Terminals Limited ("CICT").

Inquiry No	Description	Closing date
RFQ- 01-04- 2021	Procurement of annual janitorial services (2021/2022) to Colombo International Container Terminals Ltd.	CLOSING DATE - 28 th April 2021

Prospective Vendors are requested to obtain Tender Documents (In Electronic Format Only) by email to Ranidu Laksiri of Procurement Department of CICT (Mob/Tel: 0766-666803, 0112-666803) (Email: ranidu.laksiri@cict.lk)

Please submit your sealed tenders to be received to below address not later than 3:00 pm (local time) on 28th April 2021 mentioning "Procurement of annual janitorial services 2021/2022" on the Top Lefthand corner of the envelop.

Management committee

Colombo International Container Terminals Limited, Port of Colombo, 120/20, Marine Drive Road, Colombo 01,

Sri Lanka.

Southern Provincial Ministry of Education, Lands and Land Development, Highways and Information

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education from qualified bidders from 09.04.2021 up to 10.00 a.m. on 10.05.2021 for the following works implemented under the Province Specific Development Grants Programme.

Ser No.	Project No.	School	Work Description	Required CIDA Registration	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security Value (Rs.)
01	G/C/21/01	Ga / Siri Abeyatissa K.V.	Construction of 70'x25' Two Storey Building (Stage 2)	C7 and C6	1000.00	75,000.00
02	M/C/21/01	Ma / Dickwella North M.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Three Storey Building - Balance Work	C7 and C6	1000.00	60,000.00
03	M/C/21/02	Ma / Kirinda Puhulwella P.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Two Storey Building (Stage 3)	C8 and C7	1000.00	45,000.00
04	M/C/21/03	Ma / Kithalagama West M.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Two Storey Building (Stage 2)	C7 and C6	1000.00	70,000.00
05	M/C/21/04	Ma / Kolavenigama M.V.	Completion and Construction of 80'x20' Building	C9 and C8	1000.00	20,000.00
06	H/C/21/01	Ha / Alapothdeniya K.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Two Storey Building – Ground Floor (Stage 2)	C7 and C6	1000.00	70,000.00
07	H/C/21/02	Ha / Wathukanda K.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Two Storey Building (Balance Work)	C8 and C7	1000.00	45,000.00
08	H/C/21/03	Ha / Magama K.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Two Storey Building (Stage 2)	C7 and C6	1000.00	80,000.00

- 1. Contractors who are registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the specific grades for the above works.
- 2. Further details regarding this, may be obtained from the Secretary, Southern Provincial Ministry of Education, Ground Floor, Dhakshinapaya, Labuduwa or by calling on Tel. No. 091-2242776. Bid documents may be inspected during office hours at the Accounts Division of this ministry.
- Bid documents may be obtained by submitting the receipt obtained from the Shroff of this office upon payment of the abovementioned non refundable fee or the receipt obtained from the bank upon crediting that amount in official account of this ministry bearing Account No. 00015874232 maintained at the Galle Fort Branch of the Bank of Ceylon to the Chief Accountant. Bid documents will be issued from 09.04.2021 up to 3.00 p.m. on 07.05.2021.
- Bids should be accompanied by a bid security as per the form given with the bid documents obtained from any reputed commercial bank registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to the specific amount. Bid security should be valid from 10.05.2021 until 06.08.2021. Bid security amount may also be made as a refundable cash deposit and if so, the amount mentioned against the item for which bid is submitted should be paid in cash to the Shroff of this office before 3.00 p.m. on 07.05.2021 and the receipt obtained should be submitted with the bid. Bids should be valid until 09.07.2021.
- Bids will be received up to 10.00 a.m. on 10.05.2021 and the bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day. Bids may either be sent by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Official Room of the Chief Accountant to receive before 10.00 a.m. on that date. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. Late bids will be rejected.
- Name of the work and the relevant No. should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. Bids should be submitted in duplicate as Original and Duplicate in separate sealed covers mentioning "Original" or "Duplicate" clearly. Those two envelopes should be reinserted in a single cover, sealed and submitted.
- Pre bid meeting for all works will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 28.04.2021 at the Auditorium of the Southen Provincial Ministry of Education, First Floor, Dhakshinapaya, Labuduwa, Galle.
- As inspection of the worksite is very important, you should make arrangements to inspect the worksite before submission of bids.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure. As the value of the works performed under this procurement is less than Rs. 50 million, regional priority and CIDA priority will be taken into consideration when evaluating the bids as per Public Finance Circular No. 4/2016 (iii).

Ranjith Yapa **Chairman, Procurement Committee Southern Provincial Ministry of Education** First Floor, Dhakshinapaya, Labuduwa, Galle.

09.04.2021



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS





FUNDED BY THE INCOME OF EXPRESSWAY IN SRI LANKA NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

HIRING OF VEHICLES FOR EXPRESSWAY OPERATION, MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (2021/2022)

 The Chairman, EOM & M Division's Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites scaled bids for above, from eligible and full qualified firm. Complete details are available in the bidding document. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security as in the table given below.

No	Vehicle Type	Contract No	Quantity	Bid security per One Vehicle Rs.
01.	Labour Transport Truck	RDA/EOM&M/PRC/ 2021/MNT/11-LT-1-9	09	30,000.00
02	Tipper Truck	RDA/EOM&M/PRC/ 2021/MNT/11-TT-1-4	04	25,000.00
03	Sign Board Transport Truck	RDA/ECM&M/PRC/ 2021/MNT/11-STT-1-4	04	30,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Section, Expressway Operation, Maintenance & Management Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama (Telephone: 038-2289122, Fax: 038-2289560) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours free of charge.
- 4. A complete set of Bidding Documents in Sinhala language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama from 09/04/2021 until 07/05/2021 during 09:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs. upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 + 400(VAT). As per the Public Contract Act no. 3 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.
- 5. Bid shall be delivered to the Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama on or before 10:00 hrs. on 07/05/2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who chooses to attend.
- 6. Bid Validity period shall be until 08/08/2021.
- Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security. Bid-Security shall be valid until 06/09/2021.

The Chairman

Road Development Authority Procurement Committee

C/O Director (EOM&M Division),

Road Development Authority,

Kahatagahahena, Walgama,

Bandaragama.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Ministry of Justice

DESIGN, MODIFICATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF SECOND FLOOR Phase-II - KALUTOTA BUILDING

Contract No : MOJ/AC/26/12/2021

1. **The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC) of the MINISTRY OF JUSTICE** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to **design, modification and refurbishment of Kalutota Building Second Floor Phase II** as described below and estimated to cost of Rs. 36 Million.

Face lifting of front entrance of Second Floor Phase II and internal interior design of our plan should be a main scope of the work

Contract Period - one Months and 365 days of defects liability period.

- 2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure (Bidder has to submit Preliminary Information, Design/Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal in duplicate. The proposal will consist of two different sealed envelopes, where the first envelope will contain the Preliminary Information, Design/Technical Proposal and the second envelope will contain the Financial Proposal). Bid price of the technically qualified Bidders will be read out at the time of opening of financial bid.
- 3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the requirements of Institution for Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) registration with the Grade **SP3 or above** for interior design in **Building Construction**.
- 4. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award shall be.
 - Average annual turnover value of the company in last Five years shall be at least LKR 4.5 million.
 Experience in successful completion of one project in similar nature (Interior Design and Build Construction or Construction, Modification and refurbishment of a Building) of which value shall
 - not be less than LKR 50 million within last five years.
 The minimum amount of liquid assets and / or credit facilities (after setting a apart for other contractual commitments) and exclusive of any advance payment which may be made under this Contract shall be not less than LKR 10 million.
- 5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Accountant, Supplies Division 3rd Floor, Ministry of Justice. Superior Courts Complex, and Colombo-12 and inspect the Bidding documents free of charge at the same address from 09/04/2021 until 29/04/2021 from 09.00hrs to 15.00hrs during a working day.
- 6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to The Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12 from 09.04.2021 until 19.04.2021 from 0900hrs to 1500hrs during a working day upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees Five Thousand Rupees (LKR 5,000.00). The method of payment will be in cash.
- 7. Bids shall be delivered to The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC), Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, and Colombo-12 or shall be deposited in the Tender Box placed in the Procurement Division, Third Floor, Supplies Division, Ministry of Justice, Colombo 12 at or before 11.00 am on 30.04.2021. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 8. All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand Sri Lanka Rupees (LKR 360,000.00) issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. This Bid-Security shall be in the form of an unconditional, on demand bond and shall be obtained in favor of Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo-12 and shall be valid up to 27.08.2021 (119 days after the Bid Opening).
- 9. Pre Bid meeting will he held at the $\bf Auditorium~in~the~Ministry~of~Justice~$ at 1100 hrs. on 20/04/2021.

The Chairman Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC) Ministry of Justice Superior Courts Complex Colombo 12

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMED
SHERIFF RAZIEN
AHMED of 72, Hajiyar
Rd, Nintavur-18, hereby
notify the Government
and General Public of
the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka
that my son SHARAF
AHMED RAZIEN
will hereby change his
name and will be called
as Sharaf Ahmed from

today onwards.

SALE OF TODDY RENT 2021/2022

WENNAPPUWA DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT DIVISION

Tenders will be accepted for toddy rent sales to the period of 01.07.2021 to 30.06.2022 till 10.30 a.m. on 10.05.2021. Further particulars please see the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 09.04.2021.

U.S.N.Fernando, Divisional Secretary - Wennappuwa.

Divisional Secretariat, Wennappuwa

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR!

Cabinet approval has been granted to extend up to June 2021, the relief granted (up to January-March 2021) to the private sector businesses and industries which could not function without hindrance due to the Covid-19 pandemic to pay the higher amount of Rs. 14,500.00 or half of the monthly salary when paying monthly salaries to their employees. The prior approval of the Commissioner General of Labour must be obtained before implementing this relief.

Institutions that apply for the said relief must submit a written request with the following details to the Commissioner General of Labour 10 days prior to payment such salaries.

- 01. Total number of employees of the institution
- 02. Number of employees for whom the relief is required and the period.

Commissioner General of Labour

Department of Labour Colombo 05.

06.04.2021

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7(1) LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

My No - New : DIVPANN/LND/ACB0A/1/7/9
Old : 3/62/462/68

Land Min. Ref. No : J.72L.1023

The land described in the schedule below is intended to be acquired for a public purpose. For further details please see Part III of the Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 2218/18 dated 08.09.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

Province : North Western
District : Kurunegala
Divisional Secretariat : Pannala
Grama Niladhari Division : No. 1598, Welpalla
Village : Welpalla
Plan No. : F.V.P. 256 -

Supplimentary 7, F.V.P. 256 -Supplimentray 8 : 52, 53

Extent of Land : 0 Acres, 02 Roods, 00.00 Perches 0 Acres, 02 Roods, 00.05 Perches

Divisional Secretary Pannala

At the Divisional Secretariat - Pannala

Lot Nos.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7(1) LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

My No - New: DIVPANN/LND/ACDEP/1/4/12 Land Min. Ref. No : 4-3/8/2017/PC/63

The land described in the schedule below is intended to be acquired for a public purpose. For further details please see Part III of the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2218/67 dated 12.03.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

District : Kurunegala
Divisional Secretariat : Pannala
Grama Niladhari Division : No. 1553,

Ingaradawula
Village : Ingaradawula
Name of the Land : Indigahawelawatte
Plan No. : F.V.P. 341

Lot No. : 130
Extent of Land : 0.5939 Hectare

Divisional Secretary

Pannala At the Divisional Secretariat - Pannala

INVITATION FOR BIDS



DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL, VAVUNIYA

PROCUREMENT ON SUPPLY OF OFFICE FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply of Office Furniture, Equipment & Medical Equipment for District General Hospital, Vavuniya. Requirement details are given below:

S.No.	Reference No.	Item	Non- Refundable Fee	Refundable Deposit
01	NP/04/43/OFE/ PSDG/2021/01	Computer Accessories Computer with UPS, Printer	1,000.00	9,000.00
02	NP/04/43/OFE/ PSDG/2021/02	Office Furniture & Equipment Revolving Chair, Glass Cabinet, Office Table, Mattress, Stool, Executive Chair, Executive table with locker, Single Steel Bed with Mattress, Hybrid Chair	1,000.00	20,000.00
03	NP/04/43/OFE/ PSDG/2021/03	Electric Items Air Conditioner, Refrigerator – Double Door, Washing Machine, Forklift, Ceiling Fan, Stand Fan, Wall Fan, Exhaust Fan, Water Pump - Electric	2,000.00	31,500.00
04	NP/04/43/ GHV/PS- DG-ME/2021/01	Hospital Furniture, Medical Equipment & Upper Extremity work station with Accessories Heavy IV Stand, Bed Side Screen, Wheel Chair, Hand held Doppler, Syringe pump, Digital Blood, Pressure Monitor, Pulse Oximeter, Upper Extremity work station with Accessories	2,000.00	24,000.00
05	NP/04/43/ GHV/PS- DG-ME/2021/02	Laboratory Equipment Centrifuge, Mini Autoclave, Chemotherapy shaker	1,000.00	20,000.00
06	NP/04/43/ GHV/PS- DG-ME/2021/03	Ultrasound Scanner	2,000.00	45,000.00
07	NP/04/43/ GHV/PS- DG-ME/2021/04	ENT Equipment Portable Video Bronchoscope, Rigid Nasal Endoscope	2,000.00	38,000.00
08	NP/04/43/ GHV/PS- DG-ME/2021/05	Bronchoscope for existing Endoscopy system	2,000.00	30,000.00
09	NP/04/43/ GHV/PS- DG-ME/2021/06	Fire Protective Devices	1,000.00	3,000.00

- 1. Bidding procedure will be conducted separately through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- 3. Interested bidders may obtain further information from District General Hospital, Vavuniya (Accounts Branch) and inspect the bidding documents at the same address from 0900 Hrs to 1500 Hrs on working days.
- 4. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application from 09.04.2021 to 28.04.2021 from 0900 Hrs to 1500 Hrs upon of non-refundable cash payment mentioned above.
- . Bids shall be submitted to Director, District General Hospital, Vavuniya at or before 1030 Hrs on 29.04.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 6. Pre-Bid Conference will be held at District General Hospital A9 Road Vavuniya commencing at 10.00 a.m. on 20.04.2021. (Tuesday).

Dr. T. Gandeepan Chairman – Regional Procurement Committee District General Hospital Vavuniya.

024-2222715, 024-2228094, Fax: 024-2222762. Email: acctghv@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2021/162/T003)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers to supply & delivery of

Three Phase Four Wire CT Connected CT/ VT Connected Static Energy/Demand Electricity Meter with Remote **Meter Reading Facility - 1,000 Nos**

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Procurement Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from 09th April, 2021 to 04th May, 2021. Draft bid document (Not for Bid) is available on www.promise.lk or www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than 2.00 p.m. on 05th May, 2021. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.



General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 411, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel: 011 2371660 / 2371637

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

STATE MINISTRY OF VEHICLE REGULATION, BUS TRANSPORT SERVICES AND TRAIN COMPARTMENTS AND **MOTOR CAR INDUSTRY**

SUPPLY OF 21600 NOS. NEW TYRE KITS TO SRI LANKA TRANSPORT BOARD (SLTB)

Procurement No: SMOT/04/CT/04

1. The Chairman, Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee of State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry, will receive sealed Bids for the Supply of 21600 Nos. New Tyre Kits to SLTB until 2.00 p.m. on 12.05.2021. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure. Bids should be submitted on the prescribed form available from the Office of the Secretary, Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Transport Board, 200, Kirula Road, Colombo 05. (Tel. 0117706110, Tel/Fax: 011-2588457). Bidding documents will be issued from 09.04.2021 up to 11.05.2021 during office hours on normal working days on payment of a non-refundable Bid Fee of Rs. 80,000/=.

Description	Bid Security (Rs.)
Supply of 21600 Nos. New Tyre Kits to SLTB on minimum 45 days credit basis (600 Nos. of size 8.25 x 20, 20856 Nos. of size 9.00x20 & 144 Nos. size 10.00x20)	i) For Bidders offering new tyre kits of sizes 8.25x20 & 10.00 x 20 only - Rs. 0.3 Mn ii) For Bidders offering new tyre kits of size 9.00 x 20 only - Rs. 8.4 Mn iii) For Bidders offering new tyre kits of all 03 sizes - Rs. 8.7 Mn

- 2. Only Tyre Manufacturers and Sole Nominated Local Representatives or Accredited Local Agents of Tyre Manufacturers are eligible for this bid.
- 3. Domestic preference will be a bid evaluation factor.
- 4. Bids shall be valid up to 12.09.2021. However, prices quoted shall be fixed for a period of one (01) year.
- 5. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the value mentioned above, valid till 12.10.2021, irrevocable & unconditionally encashable upon the first written request by SLTB and issued by a registered commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or an Insurance Agency registered with the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- 6. (a) Any person who acts as an Agent or Sub Agent, representative or nominee for or on behalf of any Bidder shall register himself before submission of Bid with the Registrar of Public Contracts, Sri Lanka as required by the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. The Original Certificate of Registration shall be submitted with the Bid. Bids of those Bidders who failed to submit such Original Certificate shall be rejected.
 - (b) Bidders shall also register themselves immediately after the submission of Bids and prior to the award of the procurement in terms of the Public Contracts Act. No. 03 of 1987. The Procurement shall not be awarded to any Bidder unless such Bidder has submitted the Certificate of Registration issued in terms of the Public Contracts Act to the relevant Procurement Committee.
- 7. All pages of the Bid Documents shall be initialied by the Bidder and his seal affixed.
- 8. Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 12.05.2021. Sealed Bids should be dispatched either by Registered Post or hand delivered to The Chairman, Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee, C/o Chief Accountant, Accounts Division, State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry, No.01, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10. The sealed cover in which the Bid is enclosed should be marked "Bid for the Supply of 21600 Nos. New Tyre Kits to SLTB" at the top of left-hand corner of the envelope.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of the Bid at the Accounts Division of the State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of Bids.

The Chairman,

Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,

State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry

No. 01, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha,

Colombo 10.

For further details and inspection of Bid Documents free of charge, please contact:

The Secretary, **SLTB Procurement Committee,** Sri Lanka Transport Board, 200, Kirula Road, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka.

Telephone Nos: Tel: 011-7706110, Tel/Fax: 011-2588457

My No: RG/NB/11/2/8/2021/පිටු/සැ

NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the land described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule
- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands, Homagama, 16.04.2021 to 30.04.2021 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- 3. Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 07.05.2021. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 27 of volume 174 of G Division of the Land Registry Homagama Colombo District.	All that divided and defined Lot No. 'A1' of the land called 'Kongahawatta alias Paluhena portion situated at Weliwita Palle Pattu of Hewagam Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province bounded on the, North by: Land of A.F. Pigera and others East by: Land of B.K. John Rodrigo and others	 O1. Deed of Transfer No. 3215 written and attested by D.F.J. Perera, Notary Public on 18.07.1941. O2. Deed of Mortgage No. 3216 written and attested by D.F.J. Perera, Notary Public on 18.07.1941.
	South by: Lot B West by: Juwunngehena Extent: A:01 R:00 P:25	03. Deed of Transfer No. 108 written and attested by C.M.M. Mahroof, Notary Public on 29.05.1944.
Folio No. 126 of volume 275 of G Division of the Land Registry Homagama Colombo District.	All that divided and defined Lot No. 'A1' of the land called Kongahawatta alias Paluhena portion' situated at Weliwita Palle Pattu of Hewagam Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province bounded on the,	01. Deed of Transfer No. 2885 written and attested by S. Wickramasinghe, Notary Public on 24.08.1959.02. Deed of Transfer No. 1103 written and
	North by: Land of A.F. Pigera and others East by: Land of B.K. John Rodrigo and others South by: Lot B West by: Juwunngehena Extent: A:01 R:00 P:25	attested by G.T.B. Makalande, Notary Public on 06.07.1963. O3. Deed of Gift No. 5370 written and attested by M.K.R. Ranawaka, Notary Public on 01.09.2005.

W.M.M.B. Weerasekara Registrar General

Registrar General's Department, No. 234/A3 Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw., Battaramulla.

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

STATE MINISTRY OF VEHICLE REGULATION, BUS TRANSPORT SERVICES AND TRAIN COMPARTMENTS AND MOTOR CAR INDUSTRY

LIMITED BID FOR THE SUPPLY OF 200 NOS. NEW DIESEL AIR CONDITIONED **LOW FLOOR BUSES** FOR THE SRI LANKA TRANSPORT BOARD

Procurement No. SOMT/04/09/CT/02

- 1. The Chairman, Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee, State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry, No. 01, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10 will receive sealed bids from Accredited Local Agents of Foreign Bus Manufacturers registered for the Supply of 200 nos. New Diesel AC Low Floor buses for the SLTB within 90 days of signing of contract agreement up to 14.00 hrs. on 11.05.2021 under Limited National Competitive Bidding
- 2. (a) Only Accredited Local Agents of Foreign Bus Manufacturers having (i) workshop facilities, equipment, qualified & trained staff, (ii) at least 05 years experience in bus repair and maintenance to attend to warranty obligations during the warranty period of offered buses and (iii) whose principals have at least 10 years experience in manufacturing of buses and 03 years experience in manufacturing of Low Floor buses are eligible to submit bids.
 - (b) Bidders shall provide details / proofs of (i) their workshop facilities, equipment, qualified & trained staff (ii) their experience in bus repair and maintenance and (iii) OEM Agency agreement and the principal's experience in manufacturing of buses & Low Floor buses.
 - (c) Bids from Bidders who fail to prove their eligibility as per (i), (ii) and (iii) above with supporting documents shall be rejected.
- Bids should be submitted on the Forms obtainable together with Bidding Documents from the Office of the Secretary, Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Transport Board, 200, Kirula Road, Colombo 05 (Tel: 011 7706110, Tel/Fax: 011 2588457) during normal working days from 09.04.2021 to 10.05.2021 between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs (Sri Lanka time) on payment of a Bid fee of Sri Lankan Rupees 200,000/ = .
- 4. (a) Any person who acts as an agent or sub agent, representative or nominee for or on behalf of any bidder shall register himself before submission of bids with the Registrar of Public Contracts, Sri Lanka as required by the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. The Original Certificate of Registration shall be submitted with the bid. The bids of those bidders who failed to submit such Original Certificates shall be rejected.
 - The bidders shall also register themselves immediately after the submission of bids and prior to the award of the procurement in terms of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. The procurement shall not be awarded to any bidder unless such bidder has submitted the Certificate of Registration issued in terms of the Public Contracts Act to the relevant Procurement Committee.
- 5. Bids shall be valid up to 11.10.2021.
- 6. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as per annexure II for the value equivalent to Sri Lankan Rupees 70 Million valid till 11.11.2021, irrevocable & unconditional encashable upon the first written request by the Secretary, State Ministry of Vehicle Registration, Bus Transport Services, Railway Compartments and Motor Car Industry and issued by a registered commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or an Insurance Agency registered with the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security as mentioned above will be rejected.
- 7. All pages of the Bid Documents shall be initiated by the bidder and his seal affixed.
- Bids will be closed at 14.00 hrs on 11.05.2021. Sealed bids should be dispatched either by Registered Post or hand delivered, addressed to:

The Chairman,

Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,

Accounts Division,

State Ministry of Vehicle Registration, Bus Transport Services,

Railway Compartments and Motor Car Industry.

No. 01, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

The sealed cover, containing 'Original' and 'Copy' of the Bid in two separate envelopes, should be marked "Bid for Supply of 200 nos. New Diesel AC Low Floor buses for the SLTB" at the top of left hand corner of the envelope.

- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of the Bid at the Accounts Division of the State Ministry of Vehicle Registration, Bus Transport Services, Railway Compartments and Motor Car Industry. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.
- 10. For further details, please contact:

Chief Accountant,

State Ministry of Vehicle Registration, Bus Transport Services, Railway Compartments and Motor Car Industry. No. 01, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha,

Colombo 10.

Tel/Fax No. 94 (11) 2694371

The Chairman,

Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee, State Ministry of Vehicle Registration, Bus Transport Services, Railway Compartments and

Motor Car Industry. No. 01, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha,

Colombo 10.



TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from reputable companies who are capable of providing tyres to Colombo International Container Terminals Limited ("CICT").

Inquiry No.	Description	Closing date
RFQ- 02-04- 19	Procurement of Annual Agreement of supplying of Tyres 2021/2022.	30 th April 2021

Prospective Vendors are requested to obtain Tender Documents (In Electronic Format Only) by email to Ranidu Laksiri of Procurement Department of CICT (Mob/Tel: 0766-666803, 0112-666803) (Email: ranidu.laksiri@cict.lk)

Please submit your sealed tenders to be received to below address not later than 3:00 pm (local time) on 30th April 2021 mentioning "Procurement of Annual Agreement of supplying of Tyres 2021/2022)" on the top left-hand corner of the envelop.

Management Committee

Sri Lanka.

Colombo International Container Terminals Limited, Port of Colombo, 120/20, Marine Drive Road, Colombo 01,

Replies to Classifieds

&

Casual Advertisements published C/o the

Daily Acws

should only be sent by ordinary post.

Replies sent under registered cover will not be accepted.

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Ministry of Mass Media

Construction of Generator Room and Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of 100kVA Generator to Ministry of Mass Media, No.163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Mawatha, Polhengoda, Colombo 05.

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ministry of Mass Media, No.163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapona Road, Polhengoda, Colombo 05 on behalf of the Secretary, Ministry of Mass Media invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the "Construction of Generator Room and Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of 100kVA Generator to Ministry of Mass Media, No.163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Mawatha, Polhengoda, Colombo 05.

The Site is located at the premises of Ministry of Mass Media, No. 163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Road, Polhengoda, Colombo 05 & work to be carried out is mainly comprised of Construction of Generator Room and Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of 100kVA Generator

The contract period will be 119 Days.

- 1. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- 2. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements: CIDA Registration Required:

Specialty: Generators (Gen) Grade : EM 4 & above

- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:
- 1) Experience in successful completion of at least ten diesel generators of the offered brand of supply and installation works of 100 kVA or larger within the
- 2) Average annual turnover of generator installation work performed in the last 5 years exceeding Rs. 40 million.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Secretary, Ministry of Mass Media, No. 163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Road, Polhengoda, Colombo 05, Tel. No. 071-0382040 and can inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by you on submission of a written application to the Secretary, Ministry of Mass Media, No. 163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Road, Polhengoda, Colombo 05, from 12th April 2021 until 06th May 2021 from 09:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs, upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 4,000.00 (without taxes).
- Bids shall be delivered to the address below, on or before 07th May 2021 at 14.00 hrs. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of Bids in the presence of the bidders or their representative.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 130,000.00 (Rupees One Hundred and Thirty Thousand).
- Name of Beneficiary Secretary, Ministry of Mass Media, No. 163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Road, Polhengoda, Colombo 05.

(Refer ITB Clause No. 16 - Page No. 09 of Volume II)

- 9. Bids shall be valid up to 91 days.
- 10. Bid Security shall be valid up to 119 days from the bid closing date.
- 11. Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10.00hrs on 30th April 2021.

Secretary, Ministry of Mass Media, No.163, "Asidisi Medura",

Kirulapone Road, Polhengoda, Colombo 05.

UVA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

UVA PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION

INVITATION FOR BIDS Bids are hereby invited from eligible and qualified Contractors, registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) for the

completion of works, described in the table below, implemented by the Uva Provincial Department of Irrigation. 02. Procurement Forms could be obtained by the interested Bidders upon payment of refundable deposit and the non-refundable fees mentioned

in the table below, paid to the Office of the Director of Provincial Irrigation in cash to obtain bidding documents.

Bidders should have to submit the ICTAD (CIDA) Registration Books and a certificate to ascertain that the Bidder have not been blacklisted.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure. Due to the reason that any work included in this notice does not exceed Rs. 50.0 million in its total estimate, the Construction Industry Development Authority Registration Grade preference and Contractors Province preference will be taken into consideration while evaluating the Bids, according to the Ministry of Finance Circular No. 4/2016(III).
- 04. Instead of the refundable Bid Security an unconditional Bank Guarantee double that amount obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka valid up to 60 days could be submitted with the Bids. Relevant conditions are given the bidding documents /
- 05. For works Rs. 5.0 Million or above in value. Contractor should have to register under Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 (PCA3) and Bids, sans that Registration Certificate or documents to substantiate that matter will cause to be rejected.
- 06. A Pre Bid Meeting is scheduled to be held using On-line Technology, in future and information / details in this regard could be had from the office of the Provincial Director of Irrigation.
- 07. Duly completed sealed Bids in duplicate addressed to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ministry of Provincial Agriculture and Irrigation, Ratwatta Mawatha, Badulla should be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of Ministry of Provincial Agriculture and Irrigation to receive on or before 2.00 p.m. on 03.05.2021. The duplicate should be photocopy of the original and Bidder's Official Frank/ Seal should be placed over it and signed by the Bidder.

Issue of Bid Forms : From 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 08.04.2021 to 30.04.2021 and upto 1.00 p.m. on 03.05.2021 during office hours.

Acceptance of Bids : Up to 2.00 p.m. on 03.05.2021. Opening of Bids : At 2.00 p.m. on 03.05.2021

Bidder or one of his authorized Agents could be present on the occasion of opening of Bids. Engineer's estimate and further details could be had from the Office of the Provincial Department of Irrigation, Ratwatta Mawatha, Badulla on contacting Telephone No. 055-2222311. Email: pdirrigationbd@gmail.com

The decision of the Procurement Board, regarding the award of the Bids in the final.

Serial No.	Name of the Work	Regional Irrigation Engineer's Office	Divisional Secretary's Division	ICTAD Old/New Category	Refundable Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Date of Completion of Works
PDIUVA1	i. Pahala Hobaragoda Wewa Tank & Canal System - Reconstruction	Buttala	Thanamalwila	C-6,C-05	84000.00	3500.00	
PDIOVAI	ii. Construction of Naa-liya Wewa Tank	Buttala	Thanamalwila	C-0,C-03	84000.00	3300.00	
PDIUVA2	i. Construction of Bagamuwa Canal System	Buttala	Thanamalwila	C 6 C 05	F1000 00	3500.00	
PDIOVAZ	ii Construction of Manelgala Wewa Canal System	Buttala	Wellawaya	C-6,C-05	51000.00	3300.00	
PDIUVA3	iii. Mahagodayaya Wewa Tank and Canal System - Reconstruction	Buttala	Buttala	C-7, C-06	29500.00	2500.00	
PDIOVAS	iv. Weherayaya Wewa Tank Canal System - Reconstruction	Buttala	Buttala	C-7, C-00	29300.00	2500.00	
	i. Yalwela Canal Road Development	Buttala	Bibila				
	ii. Abeylanda Udubupula South Canal Development	Buttala	Bibila	C-6, C-05	5 67500.00	3500.00	
PDIUVA4	iii. Improvements Yakunnewa Wewa and Canal	Buttala	Medagama				
	iv. Reconstruction of Ankada Maha Ela Canal	Buttala	Badalmumbura				Within 03 Months of
							Agreement
PDIUVA5	v. Improvements to Pathigalalanda Canal	Buttala	Buttala	C-7, C-6	29500.00	2500.00	
	i. Construction of Batale Wewa Tank Spill	Badulla	Rideemaliyadda				
PDIUVA6	ii. Beligalle Lift Irrigation Project	Badulla	Rideemaliyadda	C-6, C-05	55000.00	3500.00	
	iii. Hepola Oya Alikandura Anicut and Canal - Construction	Badulla	Rideemaliyadda				
PDIUVA7	Repairs to Mahawela Ela Canal and Anicut	Badulla	Kandaketiya	C-8, C-07	13000.00	1500.00	
PDIUVA8	i. Kelipana Wela Maha Ela Canal - Reconstruction	Badulla	Haldummulla	C-8, C07	15000.00	1500.00	
PDIUVA9	ii. Reconstruction of Palle Bambaragama West Canal	Badulla	Bandarawela	C-8, C-07	39500.00	1500.00	
PDIUVA10	Reconstruction of Endarugala Yaya Wewa and Canal	Buttala	Buttala	C-7, C-7	35000.00	2500.00	
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Chairman

Ministry / Department Procurement Committee,

Ministry of Provincial Agriculture, Irrigation, Animal Products and Fresh Water Fishing Ratwatta Mawatha, Badulla.

Provincial Department of Irrigation

(055-2222311) 07.04.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

PROCUREMENT OF GOODS

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

The Chairman, Ministry Minor Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Finance invites sealed Bids for eligible and qualified bidders for Printing Annual Report for the Year - 2020 - "Ministry of Finance in Sinhala, Tamil and English Languages" as described below:

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and this Invitation for Bids (IFB) is limited for the Bidders who have substantially fulfilled the following qualifications criteria:
 - I. Bidder shall be a registered business venture/ institution registered within Sri Lanka;
 - II. Participation as contractor in at least 3 works within the last 3 years each with a value of at least LKR 3 million that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are similar to printing works;
 - III. Ability to design and print report in three languages, namely, Sinhala, Tamil and English.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Accountant (Supplies), Ministry of Finance, The Secretariat, Colombo 01. (Telephone/ Fax: 011 -2484538/ 011-2421253).
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Chief Accountant, Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Colombo 01 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.1,500.00 between 9.00 am & 3.00 p.m. from 9th of April 2021 till 30th of April 2021. The method of payment will be by
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for an amount of **Rs. 50,000.00** (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Finance. Bid security shall be a bank guarantee issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka, approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Bid Security shall be valid up to 29th July 2021 after the date of the closing of bids.
- Bids must be inserted in the tender box kept in the Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance or dispatched by registered post to the address: Chairman. Ministry Minor Procurement Committee, Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor. New Building. Ministry of Finance, Lotus Road, Colombo 01, to reach at or before 3.00 p.m. on 30th April 2021. Late Bids shall be rejected. The top left hand corner of the envelope should be marked "PRINTING ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR - 2020". Bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Lotus Road, Colombo 01 in the presence of the bidders and their authorized representatives.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Colombo 01 on 22nd April 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

The Chairman **Ministry Minor Procurement Committee Ministry of Finance** Secretariat, Colombo 01. 09.04.2021

VEHICLES FOR SALE

VEHICLE No	VEHICLE CATEGORY	MAKE &	MODEL	YOM
BOKUNDARA Y	ARD: No 225/A, J.D.SC	LAMAN M	W. DULAMMAHARA, P	LIYANDALA
WP CBA-3171	CAR	TATA	NANO	2017
WP CBA-7483	CAR	TATA	NANO	2017
SP CAZ -9428	CAR	SUZUKI	SPEACIA	2016
WP CAF-4589	CAR	TATA	NANO TWIST	2014
NW CAB-7180	CAR	HONDA	CR-Z	2012
WP DAG-3560	MINI LORRY	TATA	SUPER ACE	2018
SP DAE-8900	MINI LORRY	TATA	ACE HT2	2016
SP PU-1702	MINI LORRY	TATA	ACE EX	2012
SP DAF-4653	LORRY	TATA	ACE HTZ	2017
CP LA 2106	LORRY	TATA	207 RX	2005
CP NC-3156	BUS	EICHER	SKYLINE	2015

TENDER WILL BE CLOSED ON 16th April 2021 Vehicle Inspection during week days from 09th April 2021 to 16th 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





Invitation for Bids A Building on Lease Basis

Bids are invited to obtain suitable commercial buildings on lease basis to house undermentioned Offices of the Education Employees Cooperative Thrift & Credit Society Limited

Office	Town where the building should be situated	Required Square Area Sq.Ft.
Nuwara-Eliya District Office	Nuwara-Eliya	2500-3000
Jayawardenepura Office relevant to Colombo District	Battaramulla / Malabe	1500

Specifications of the Buildings

- Buildings should be situated close to the city centre facing either a Main Road or a by Road in the cities mentioned above.
- They should be in a suitable condition for an office and should have a tiled floor
- Should have parking facilities for at least 05 vehicles
- Should have sanitary facilities of specific standards (At least 04 toilets)
- Should have separate water and electricity connections and a water tank of 2000 litre capacity should be available for storing water
- It is mandatory to attach a copy of the building plan and deed with the quotations submitted.

Note: A form for the submission of quotations could be obtained either from the Head Office or from the District Offices and Tenders should be submitted on these specific forms.

Owners and holders of Power of Attorney only should submit quotations along with documents to prove the ownership and all other relevant documents and the quotations may either be sent by registered post or hand delivered to reach the Chief President of the Society before 12.30 p.m. on 30.04.2021. The caption "Quotation for the Leasing of Building" should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.

Bids will be opened at 1.00 p.m. on the same day at the Head Office and the Bidders may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

General Secretary Education Employees Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Limited No. 294, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Telephone: 011-2370067 / 011-2575172, Fax: 011-2577475

SALE OF RENTS FOR 2021/2022 IN THE DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT MADAMPE FROM 01.07.2021 TO 30.06.2022

Tenders will be received for toddy rent sales for the period from 01.07.2021 to 30.06.2022 till 10.30 a.m. on 11.05.2021. For further particulars, please see the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 09.04.2021.

> A.M.C.M. Premasooriya Divisional Secretary. Madampe.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Divisional Secretariat, Madampe.

05.04.2021

My No: WGSWD&EIP/ACQ/KB/33 Land Min's Ref. No: 4/3/10/2016/LRB/67

Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage and Environment Improvement Project, No.03, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

The inquiry for ownership and compensations under Section 9 of the Land Acquisition Act regarding the lands described below which have been acquired to the Government will be held on 27.04.2021. For more details, please see the Gazette No. 2218/18 dated 08.03.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

- 01. Province : Western 02. District
 - : Colombo
- 03. D/S Division : Kesbewa
- 04. Location : Allotments of lands located adjacent to the Garbage Recycling Center at Karadiyana and Weras Ganga
- 05. Village : Thumbowila
- 06. Plan No. : Cadastral Map No. 521203, Block No. 16, Sheet No. 04
- 07. Name of the lands: Karadiyan Kumbura and Korale Kumbura, Dunuhinga Kumbura, Maaweekotuwa, Etadombawewa Kumbura, Karadiyanawaththa
- 08. Lot Numbers : 150, 151, 152, 154, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183,
- 184, 185, 186, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195 09. Total Extent : 5.9804 hectare

Acquiring Officer Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & Environment Improvement Project, **Divisional Secretary's Division - Maharagama**

Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & **Environment Improvement Project** No. 03, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha, Weliakada, Rajagriya.

02.04.2021



No 35, D R Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10

TENDER NOTICE





Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Operation (AHEAD) **Operational Technical Secretariat (OTS)**

RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA **MIHINTALE**

The Chairman of Project Procurement Committee (University) on behalf of AHEAD Project, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following proposed project. Bidding Document should be collected on the submission of a writing application to the Deputy Director (Procurement), AHEAD Project from 0900 to 1500 hrs on working days from 09/04/2021 to 06/05/2021. Sealed bids will be closed at 1400 hrs. on **07/05/2021.**

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive bidding procedure.

Bidding Document may be inspected free of charge at the Office of the Deputy Director (Procurement), AHEAD Project of Rajarata University of Sri

Project Title	File Reference No.	Minimum Qualifications	Non Refundable doc- ument fee (Rs.)	Bid Bond Amount (Rs.)
Construction of Student Centre (Phase II) for Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities in Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale	RUSL/FSSH/WORKs/01	ICTAD Grade – C05 or C06 Specialty-Building Construction	5,000/-	110,000/-

The Bid should be valid up to 26/07/2021 The Bid bond should be valid up to 23/08/2021

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 30/04/2021 at 1000 hrs at Faculty of Social Science and Humanities.

A complete set of bidding documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request to the Deputy Director (Procurement), OTS Office, AHEAD Project, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as stated in above until 1500 hrs on each working day from 09/04/2121 to 06/05/2021. The method of payment shall be by cash or a bank deposit made to Account No.008-1-001-8-1725841 at People's Bank, Anuradhapura in favor of Bursar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

Bidder should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No 03 of 1987 for PCA 3 Certificate and should submit with the Bid (Please register online www.drc.gov.lk)

Sealed bids may be dispatched either by registered post to the Director (OTS), OTS Office, AHEAD Project, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale or inserted in the tender box kept at the OTS Office, AHEAD Project, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale to receive on or before 07/05/2021 at 1400 hrs. Please indicate the name of the project, Contract number and Opening date & time on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Bids will be opened at 1415 hrs on 07/05/2021 at the OTS Office, AHEAD Project, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale. For further details or clarifications, bidders may contact Deputy Director (Procurement) through 025-2266513 or Works Engineer through 025-2266787 of this University.

Chairman of Project Procurement Committee Rajarata University of Sri Lanka Mihinthale

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Bids are invited for the repairing of Mahendra LF-4885, belonging to Kuliyapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha. Sealed Bids will be accepted until 3.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021.

Procurement documents can be obtained from the Cashier of Kuliyapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha, upon a non-refundable payment of Rs. 1000.00 from 09.04.2021 to 21.04.2021 during working days of the week, between 8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Procurement documents will be issued until 10.00 a.m. on 21.04.2021. Bids will be closed at 3.00 p.m. on 21.04.2021. Bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 22.04.2021.

Bids can be sent under registered cover, addressed to 'Chairman, Kuliyapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha, Bohingamuwa, Kuliyapitiya' or can be deposited in the Tender Box kept at Kuliyapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha and the top left corner of the envelope containing Bids shall be marked as 'Bids for the repairing of Mahendra Vehicle'.

Further details can be obtained via contact Nos. 0374947212, 0374937905

On 09th of April 2021

R.D.K. Amarajeewa, Secretary, Kuliyapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha.



STATE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL HERITAGE, PERFORMING ARTS & **RURAL ARTS PROMOTION**

MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA NATIONAL TELE CINEMA PARK, RANMIHITHENNA

Invitation for Bids

Construction of Movie Sets (05 Village Houses and Walauwa) at Ranmihithenna Tele Cinema Village

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, State Ministry of National Heritage, Performing Arts & Rural Arts Promotion on behalf of the Mahinda Rajapaksha National Tele Cinema Park, Ranminithenna now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for "Construction of Movie Sets (05 Village Houses and Walauwa) at Ranmihithenna Tele Cinema Village." as described below;
 - The construction period is 91 Days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- 3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall have;
 - a) Valid business registration.
 - Should have at least 7 years experience in construction sets in film or television industry.
 - Should have employed an experienced Production Designer, Art Director or Construction Manager with experience of 7 years in the film or television industry.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Accountant, State Ministry of National Heritage, Performing Arts & Rural Arts Promotion, 4th Floor, "Sethsiripaya, Stage II", Battaramulla and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address on any working day from 9:00hrs to 15:00hrs.

Contact numbers are: Phone: 011-2786094/077-7444719.

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chief Accountant**, State Ministry of National Heritage, Performing Arts & Rural Arts Promotion 4th Floor, "Sethsiripaya, Stage II", Battaramulla from 12th April 2021 until 3rd May 2021 from 9:00hrs to 15:00hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees three thousand five hundred (Rs.3,500/-).
- Bids shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the Chairman, Department **Procurement Committee, State Ministry of National Heritage, Performing Arts** & Rural Arts Promotion, 4nd Floor, "Sethsiripaya, Stage II", Battaramulla to reach at or before 14:00 hrs on 3rd May 2021. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the 4th Floor, "Sethsiripaya, Stage II", Battaramulla in presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids must be submitted within a valid period of 77 days from 03.05.2021 or any extension of the prescribed period for opening bids.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security which shall be; (Bid Bond)
 - in the form included in the **Section 09** in the Bidding document.
 - in favour of Secretary, State Ministry of National Heritage, Performing Arts & Rural Arts Promotion should be submitted in the name of the State Ministry.
 - unconditional refund when requested for an amount of Rs. 130,000.00
 - valid until the date of preparation of the contract (valid for a period of
 - issued by a registered bank recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as specified in clause 16.0 of the Schedule.
- A preliminary meeting will be held on 22.04.2021 to inspect the Ranmihithenna site before bidding and discuss the issues regarding bidding from 10.30 am to 14.00 pm at Ranmihitenna premises. No transport or other facilities are provided for this purpose.

Secretary,

State Ministry of National Heritage, Performing Arts & Rural Arts Promotion 4nd Floor, "Sethsiripaya, Stage II", Battaramulla.

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DIVISION OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

1. Sealed bids for the supply of undermentioned medical equipment will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Saram Place, Colombo 10 up to 10.00 a.m. on closing date stated below.

	Item	Bidding D	The period: Bidding Documents could be obtained		Non- refundable fee to be	Estimated Cost (Rs.) (In
	Ttom.	From	То	Date	made at BES Office. (Rs.)	Million)
1	09 Nos. Ultrasound Scanners	09.04.2021	30.04.2021	03.05.2021	12,500.00	90

- 2. Only the sole nominated representative/accredited agent of manufacturers of the medical equipment offered for Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this procurement.
- 3. Sealed bids shall be made on a complete set of bidding documents in duplicate purchased by any interested eligible bidder, agent, representative or nominee on submission of,
 - a) A written application to the Director, Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Saram Place, Colombo 10.
 - b) A registration certificate issued by Registrar General of Companies for the item for which bidding documents are to be purchased.
 - c) Upon payment of the non-refundable fee stated above in cash to the Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services.
 - d) Certificate of Business Registration with a photocopy.
 - e) A certificate / letter issued by the principals appointing as local agents for their products.
- 4. Bidding documents can be obtained from the Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Saram Place, Colombo-10 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. during the period stated above. (Tel. No.: 011-2691916, 2694479 - Fax No.: 011-2698317)
- 5. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the office of Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Saram Place, Colombo-10.
- 6. Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Saram Place, Colombo-10.
- 7. Please submit contract registration certificate issued by Company Registrar with bidding document.
- 8. Further information could be obtained from Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical
- Engineering Services on Tel. No. 2684732.

Chairman/Ministry Procurement Committee, Division of Biomedical Engineering Services,

27, De Saram Place, Colombo-10.



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/04/PT/6188 (EL)	Spare Modules for the Stinis Spreaders	30,000.00	1,000.00	11.05.2021 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/03/PT/6194 (EL)	Main and Guide Wheels for Duratrack Trolley of JCT	60,000.00	1,000.00	11.05.2021 10.00 hrs
CM/LP/20/PT/20/054	Marine Quality Paint & Thinner for Dredger Hansakawa	100,000.00	3,500.00	19.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/07/059	5040 Litres of Transfluid Oil P-157	24,000.00	1,000.00	27.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/14/015	01 No. Battery / Inverter System for JCT RTG Crane	22,000.00	1,000.00	28.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/16/051	10 Nos. PVS Piston Pumps for RAM Spreaders - 41T	20,000.00	1,000.00	28.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/13/51	Cam Clutch KK8332H-22/ Tsubaki - MZ 70G TK - 10 Nos.	38,000.00	1,000.00	29.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/10/051	Fifth Wheel Unit P/N T27055449	50,000.00	1,000.00	29.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/01/053	Cloth Polyester Brown Suiting - 7700 Meters for Year 2021	50,000.00	1,000.00	29.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/08/059	Marine Quality Paint and Thinner for Tug Nandimithra		1,000.00	30.04.2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/01/051	Diesel Engine for ZPMC Transtainers at JCT - 01 No.	150,000.00	3,500.00	30.04.2021 13.30 hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable to Tenders total cost exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned Tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any Bidder who wishes to act as an Agent, Sub-Agent, a Representative or a Nominee for and on behalf of any foreign Manufacturer or a Supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his Bid Documents.
- Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 4 from 09th April, 2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All Bids must be accompanied by the amount of abovementioned Bid Security.

Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management), **Supplies Division,**

Sri Lanka Ports Authority,

No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.

Telephone Nos: 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2483024, 2482638

Fax Nos: 2381652, 2470443

Procurement Notice

Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha - Bentota

Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha up to 10.00 a.m. on 29.04.2021 for Construction work mentioned below. Bids will be opened at this Office on this day at this time in the presence of the Tenderers.

Details	Required Registration (CIDA) In terms of Section No. 3 of Public Finance Circular No. 03/2020 dated 09.10.2020 and Section No. 3.3 of Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(iii) dated 18.02.2021	Value of Bid Guarantee Rs.	Validity Period of Bid Guarantee	Non Refundable Tender Form Fee Rs.
01. Construction of a two storied building with the New Public Market, Gonagala, Bentota. (SP/G/BTPS/2021/001)	C4 or C5 only (For Buildings)	500,000.00	24.08.2021	2000.00
02. Repairing the Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha Building (SP/G/BTBS/2021/002	C5 or C6 only (For Buildings)	250,000.00	24.08.2021	2000.00

- 02. Bid Forms could be obtained from the Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha Office up to 3.00 p.m. on 28.04.2021.
- 03. Contracts will be awarded to Contractors registered at and approved by the Construction Industry Development Authority.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the estimated value of work to be performed under this Procurement (excluding VAT and other Taxes) is below Rs. 50 Million, Regional preference and CIDA Grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(iii).
- Further details concerning this Procurement could be obtained on working days of the week during office hours from the Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha Office.
- A Bid guarantee as shown in the above column should be submitted on behalf of every bid. This Guarantee should be obtained upon a bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and it should be unconditional and payable on demand. This Bid Guarantee must be in the Form of No. 09 of the Bid Document.
- 07. The name of the work should be mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing Bids. Bids should be prepared in two copies and marked as original and duplicate and enclosed in separate envelopes and thereafter, these covers should be inserted in a single envelope and submitted. The Bidders or an authorized representative could be present at the Bid opening.
- Bids are valid for 90 days.
- 09. A Pre Bid Meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 21.04.2021 at the Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha Office.
- 10. The decision of the Chairman of the Procurement Board is final.

Tele : 034-2275419 Chairman - Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha **Procurement Committee Chairman,** 034-3029531 / 034-3029530 Bentota Pradeshiya Sabha : 034-2290646 Bentota. Email: bentotaps@yahoo.com

09.04.2021

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT (ESCAMP)**

MINISTRY OF WILDLIFE AND FOREST CONSERVATION

Credit No. 5792 LK, Project ID: P156021

Hiring of Two National Consultants for Nature Based Tourism Planning (To Support the International Consultants)

- 1. The World Bank has extended a credit to the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) for the Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP) with the aim of improving the management of sensitive ecosystems in selected locations for conservation and community benefits. The Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation (MoWL&FC) executes the project through a Project Management Unit (PMU) in coordination with the Forest Department (FD) and the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) for implementation of the project activities.
- 2. The Project Management Unit (PMU) now invites eligible Consultants with proven experience to undertake the assignment to:
- (A) Support the International Consultant for preparation of 1 Nature-Based Tourism Plan and Update 4 existing Nature-Based Tourism Plans of protected areas in Sri

Project sites include;

- a) Sinharaja Forest Reserve (FR) and Knuckles Conservation Forest (CF) which are managed by FD and Udawalawa National Park (NP) and Bundala NP which are managed by DWC (for which 4 NBPTs have been prepared previously); and
- b) Galawila Ecopark which is managed by FD (a new site).
- (B) Preparation of Composite NBTP for Hurulu-Kawudulla-Kanthale Landscape in Sri Lanka.

Project sites include;

Hurulu Forest Reserve (FR), Galoya Forest Reserve (FR), Chundakadu Forest Reserve (FR), Kawudulla National Park (NP), Minneriya National Park (NP) and Somawathie National Park (NP) within the Hurulu--Kawdulla-Kanthale (HKK) Cluster.

- 3. The intended Contract Period is 5 months (full-time)
- 4. Interested experts should provide a proposal with sufficient proofs indicating that they are qualified to perform the consultancy in complying with the ToR given in the web site www.escamp.lk (The full TOR of the consultancy and other information are uploaded in the website for references).
- 5. The expert will be selected based on professional qualifications and experiences in the relevant field and the procedures set out in the World Bank's Consultancy Guidelines: Selection and Hiring of Individual Consultants by World Bank Borrowers January 2011, revised July 2014.
- 6. Interested Experts may obtain further information from the Procurement Specialist, ESCAMP,

Email: anushaseneviratne1987@gmail.com

Telephone: +940112888 / 425-428 Fax: +94-11-2888577

7. Expression of Interest with a project proposal must be delivered in duplicate to the address given below, not later than 1100 hrs on 30th April 2021. Envelope containing the Expression of Interest should be marked "EOI - National Consultant NBT - ESCAMP". (Indicate the relevant consultancy accordingly).

Project Director,

Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project,

Project Management Unit,

No. 82, "Sampathpaya", Rajamalwatte Road,

Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.

Telephone: +940112888 / 425-428, Fax: +94-11-2888577

09th April 2021

REVOCATION OF FOREIGN POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, PARAMJIT SINGH KANG (Passport No. GBR525665791) of Two Pins Clare Drive, Farnham Common Slough Bucks, United Kingdom do hereby give notice to the General Public that the Foreign Power of Attorney granted by me to JAGODA ARACHCHIGE NANDASINGHE PRIYANTHA (Nic No. 492310590V) of No. 45/3A, Govikam Pedesa, Divulapitiya dated 30.10.2019 has been revoked and cancelled by me and henceforth with effect from 9th April 2021, I will not be responsible for any act or deed done by the said JAGODA ARACHCHIGE NANDASINGHE PRIYANTHA in his capacity as our Attorney.

PARAMJIT SINGH KANG On this 9th April 2021



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Procurement of Sports Gear (Cricket items)

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Bidding documents containing specifications and other details can be obtained from the High Commission on any working day between 1000 hrs and 1400 hrs. Sealed bids must reach the High Commission at or before 1100 hours till Monday May 10th, 2021. Bids will be opened the same day at 1130 hours in the presence of the bidders/their authorized representatives. The High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan reserves the right to fully or partially accept or reject any or all tenders/bids as per Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Pakistan (PPRA) Rules.

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- b) www.pakistanhc.lk

Head of Chancery High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan No. 42, Bullers Lane, Colombo-7. Tel: 011-2055681-82

VEHICLE FOR SALE

The following vehicles will be available for inspection from 9th April to 12th April 2021 between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. at No. 295/4F, Wijemanne Gardens, Koswatta, Battaramulla.

Contact: 0761364072 - Mr. Roy

Vehicle Number	Туре	YoM
WP JQ 34XX	Toyota Hilux Pickup	2004
WP PE 63XX	Toyota Hilux Pickup	2012
WP HM 47XX	Toyota Hilux Pickup	2003

Please submit your sealed offer to the above location on or before 5 p.m. on 12th April 2021.

The organization reserves the right to withdraw sale of any of the above vehicles without prior notice.

Central Provincial Council - Chief Ministry and Ministry of Education

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

Source of Fund – Provincial Specific Development Grant

- eligible and qualified bidders for Construction work as described in the table below. Construction cost and Construction period are mentioned in the table below.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), in the Grade as mentioned below in the field of
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Deputy Provincial Director (Education Building), (Telephone Number 081-2203892) Education Building Office, 3rd Floor, Ministry of Road Development Building, Yatinuwara Street, Kandy on working days and inspect the bidding documents at the same office.
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English Language could be obtained from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on public working days from 09.04.2021 to 04.05.2021 upon production of the receipt obtained from the Deputy Provincial Director (Finance) of the Central Provincial Department of Engineering Service, of the payment of the prescribed
- Pre Bid meeting will be held at the Deputy Provincial Director (Education Building) office, 3rd Floor, Ministry of Road Development Building, Yatinuwara Street, Kandy at 10.00 a.m on 23.04.2021
- The Chairman of Procurement Committee, Chief Ministry and Ministry of Education (CPC) invites sealed bids from 6. Sealed bids should be delivered either by registered post, addressed below or deposited in the Tender box kept at the Office of the Ministry of Chief Ministry and Education, Pallekele, to be received on or before 05.05.2021 at 10.00 a.m. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
 - All the bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security, for the value given in the following table, obtained from a reputed commercial bank, approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, or from the Construction Guarantee Fund (CGF) or a Photostatcopy of the receipt for the payment of the Bid Security in cash, paid to the Deputy Director (Finance) of the Central Provincial Department of Engineering Services, valid for the period mentioned in the table below.
 - The certified copies of all required documents with documentary evidence of Technical, Financial and other qualifications should be attached to the bids.
 - Bids of bidders who have not fulfilled the specified Technical, Financial and other qualifications will be rejected. 10. When the BID value exceeds 5 million, the successful bidder should submit a registration certificate issued by the
 - Registrar of Companies under chapter 8 of the Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987.
 - Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Estimated value of Work to be performed under this procurement (Excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs. 50 Mn., regional preferences and CIDA grade preferences shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (iii).

Serial	Bid No.	Work	BOQ Amount (Rs.) (Without	Required CIDA Registration	Refundable Cash Deposit or Bid Security		Contract	Validity period of	Bidding Document	
No.	bia no.	Work			VAT)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cash Deposit (Rs.)	Period in weeks	Bid Security (Days)	Fee (Non Refundable) (Rs.)
	Construction and Repairing of School Buildings									
	Kandy District									
1	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/03	Construction	n of the Second Floor of four storied building at K/D.S. Senanayake Maha Vidyalaya.	35,504,600.00	C4 or C5	712,000.00	356,000.00	26	119	11,000.00
2	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/04		n of two storied quarters for teachers at K/Tel/Meemure Kaikawala Vidyalaya	15,632,300.00	C5 or C6	314,000.00	157,000.00	22	105	5,500.00
3	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/05	Construction	n of Single storied Principal quarters at K/Unuwinna Primary School	8,257,300.00	C6 or C7	166,000.00	83,000.00	20	105	4,000.00
4	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/06	Construction Stage	n of 70'x25' two storied building at K/Gam/Haynford Mapakanda Muslim Vidyalaya - 1st	7,672,500.00	C6 or C7	154,000.00	77,000.00	20	105	3,500.00
5	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/07	Construction	n of upper floor of 70'x25' two storied building at Denu/Ilukwatta Muslim Vidyalaya	6,301,500.00	C6 or C7	128,000.00	64,000.00	20	105	3,000.00
6	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/08	Repairing o	f school buildings at K/Gam/St. Andrews Balika Maha Vidyalaya.	2,956,700.00	C7 or C8	60,000.00	30,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
7	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/09	Repairing o	f school buildings at K/Gam/Gampola Bauddha Vidyalaya.	2,548,100.00	C7 or C8	52,000.00	26,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
			Mathale District							
8	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/10	Building at	n of Upper floor of 90'X25' two storied school building including the stage of the Auditorium Mt/Aluviharaya Maha Vidyalaya	22,556,100.00	C5 or C6	452,000.00	226,000.00	24	105	7,500.00
9	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/11	+	n of 60'x20' single storied building at M/Wil/Weheragalayaya Vidyalaya.	4,685,800.00	C7 or C8	94,000.00	47,000.00	15	91	3,000.00
10	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/12	+	f school buildings (Main Building) at M/Wil/Naminioya Maha Vidyalaya	3,081,100.00	C7 or C8	62,000.00	31,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
11	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/13	Repairing o	f school buildings (Main Hall Building) at M/Nagolla Siddhartha Maha Vidyalaya	2,768,100.00	C7 or C8	56,000.00	28,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
12	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/14	Construction	n of 70'x25' three storied building at M/ Mt/ Sujatha Balika Maha Vidyalaya - Balance Work	2,880,300.00	C7 or C8	58,000.00	29,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
13	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/15	 	f Electricity system of Computer Lab at M/Wil/Handungamuwa M.V.	2,371,800.00	C7 or C8	48,000.00	24,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
14	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/16	Completion	of the balance work of 90'x25' three storied building at M/Na/Nalanda Maha Vidyalaya	2,308,000.00	C7 or C8	48,000.00	24,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
15	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/17	Construction	n of Retaining Wall at M/Wil/Vidyartha Vidyalaya - 1st Stage	1,836,100.00	C8 or C9	38,000.00	19,000.00	12	77	1,500.00
16	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/18	Construction	n of Retaining Wall at M/Kaikawala Primary School	1,574,900.00	C8 or C9	32,000.00	16,000.00	12	77	1,500.00
			Nuwaraeliya District							
17	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/19	Construction	n of 80'x25' two storied building at Hat/Nishshankamalla Primary Vidyalaya. Balance Work	16,187,200.00	C 5 or C6	324,000.00	162,000.00	20	105	6,000.00
18	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/20	Construction Balance Wo	n of 90'x25' two storied building at N/Saumya Moorthi Thondaman Tamil Maha Vidyalaya - rk	14,913,400.00	C 5 or C6	300,000.00	150,000.00	20	105	5,500.00
19	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/21	Construction Balance Wo	n of 70'x25' two storied building at N/ Methodist Tamil School (Highgreen Upper School) - rk	14,152,300.00	C 5 or C6	290,000.00	145,000.00	20	105	5,000.00
20	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/22	Construction	n of 90'x25' two storied building at N/Koth/Kothmalgama Primary School - final stage	11,024,200.00	C 5 or C6	222,000.00	111,000.00	20	105	4,500.00
21	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/23	Construction Work	n of 90'x30' three storied building at N/Koth/Delta Gamunupura Maha Vidyalaya - Balance	9,681,800.00	C5 or C6	194,000.00	97,000.00	20	105	4,000.00
22	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/24	Construction	n of 70'x25' two storied building at N/Hangu/Swarnapradeepa Primary School - 1st stage	8,685,900.00	C6 or C7	174,000.00	87,000.00	20	105	4,000.00
23	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/25	Construction	n of 90'x25' three storied building at N/Hangu/Mathurata Maha Vidyalaya. – Final Stage	8,362,500.00	C6 or C7	168,000.00	84,000.00	20	105	4,000.00
24	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/26	Construction	n of 70x25 two storied school building at N/Hat/ Ambagamuwa Primary School – Final Stage	6,679,600.00	C6 or C7	134,000.00	67,000.00	20	105	3,500.00
25	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/27	+	f school buildings (Main Hall) at N/Hat/Sripada Maha Vidyalaya.	5,237,500.00	C6 or C7	106,000.00	53,000.00	20	105	3,000.00
26	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/28	1 -	n of the ground floor of 90'x25' two storied building at N/Hangu/Mathurata Maha Vidyalaya -	4,269,300.00	C7 or C8	86,000.00	43,000.00	12	91	2,500.00
27	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/29	+	f school buildings at N/Hangu/Udawela Maha Vidyalaya.	2,910,700.00	C7 or C8	60,000.00	30,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
28	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/30	+	f school buildings at N/Hat/Honcey Tamil Maha Vidyalaya.(Puliyawatta T.M.V.)	2,587,500.00	C7 or C8	52,000.00	26,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
29	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/31		n of Retaining Wall between technical unit and two storied building at Hangu/Deegalahinna	2,509,900.00	C7 or C8	52,000.00	26,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
30	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/32	'	f Principal Quarters at N/Hangu/Padiyapelella Maha Vidyalaya.	2,497,500.00	C7 or C8	50,000.00	25,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
	Repairing of Zonal Education Offices									
			Package 01							
31	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/01/33		 Repairing of buildings at Katugastota Zonal Education Office Completion of the remaining works of ground floor at Wattegama Zonal Education Office Construction of two toilet systems at Teldeniya Zonal Education Office 	3,520,100.00	C7 or C8	72,000.00	36,000.00	15	91	2,500.00
32	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/0		Renovation of buildings at Galewela Zonal Education Office	3,046,100.00	C7 or C8	62,000.00	31,000.00	12	91	2,000.00
33	CPC/CMS/ACC/06/2021/03	1/35	Repairing of buildings at Walapane Zonal Education Office	1,361,600.00	C8 or C9	28,000.00	14,000.00	12	77	1,500.00

Secretary to the Ministry and Chairman of Procurement Committee, Chief Ministry and Ministry of Education (Central Province), Provincial Council Complex, Pallekele, Kundasale.

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09.04.2021

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COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No.4 of 1990.

Loan Account Nos: 2033079, 2362561

SUNALIKA PRIYANGI SERASINGHE

At a meeting held on 27th October 2020 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as

WHEREAS SUNALIKA PRIYANGI SERASINGHE of No.206/1D, Sarath Elvitigala Mawatha, Siddamulla, Piliyandala, as Obligor has made default in the payments due on Instruments of Mortgages executed under the Registration of Title Act No.21 of 1998, dated 1st August 2016, 9th August 2017, 01st February 2018 and 5th February 2019 all attested by M.S.R. Weerasooriya Notary Public of Colombo, in favour of Commercial Bank of Cevlon PLC in respect of the land and premises morefully described in the said Instruments of Mortgages and the Schedule hereto and there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, as at 3rd December 2019, a sum of RUPEES FIFTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE AND CENTS THIRTY FIVE (Rs,15,614,193.35) on the said Instruments of Mortgages and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990, do hereby resolve that the land and premises morefully described in the schedule hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Instruments of Mortgages, be sold by public auction by Mr. L.B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12, for the recovery of the said sum of RUPEES FIFTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE AND **CENTS THIRTY FIVE (RS.15,614,193.35)** with further interest on a sum of Rs. 8,883,932.65/-at the rate of 14.0% per annum and on a sum of Rs. 5,115,000.00 at the rate of 16% per annum from 4th December 2019 to the date of sale together with costs of advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received."

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that land Parcel No. 0027 of Block No. 02 depicted in Cadastral Map No. 520020 made by Surveyor General together with the trees plantations building and everything else standing thereon situated at Siddamulla Village within the Divisional Secretary's Division of Homagama in the Grama Niladhari Division of 591-Siddamulla North in the District of Colombo in the Western Province and which the said land Parcel No.0027 is bounded on the **NORTH** by Parcel No.6 and 7 on the **EAST** by Parcel No.28 on the **SOUTH** by Road and on the **WEST** by Parcel No.26 and containing in Extent Nought decimal Nought Two Four Eight (0.0248 · Hectares) according to the cadastral Map No. 520020 and registered at Homagama under Title Registry Certificate No. 00030021091:

R. A. P. RAJAPAKSHA **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Date: 12.11.2020

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES Bids for the selection of Cleaning Services Suppliers, for the year 2021 / 2022

Procurement No. DSS/03/SERVICES/NCB/2021/01

- 1. Sealed bids are hereby invited from eligible and qualified bidders, for cleaning services and garden maintenance in the following 13 institutions, governed by the Department of Social Services, for the year 2021/2022.
 - Vocational Training Centre, Liyanagemulla, Seeduwa.
 - Vocational Training Centre, Thelambuyaya, Angunukolapelessa.
 - (iii) Vocational Training Centre, Wawinna, Wattegama, Kandy.
 - Vocational Training Centre, Ketawala, Lewla, Kandy
 - Child Guidance Centre, No. 11, Wela Road, Pathiragoda, Nawinna, Maharagama (v)
 - "Jayawiru Sevana", Shelter Home, North Ambalanwatta, Puwakpitiya, Avissawella. "Jayawiru Samadhi" Rehabilitation Institute, North Ambalanwatta, Puwakpitiya,
 - Avissawella.
 - (viii) 'Wibhawi' Vocational Training Centre, Meepagama, Pahala Kukulegama, Kalawana.
 - Vocational Training Centre, Dewala Road, Pothuwila, Madampe. Vocational Training Centre, Amunukumbura, Waturugama, Gampaha.
 - (xi) "Sithijaya", Hambantota District Child Guidance Centre, Malpetthawa, Ambalantota.
 - Vocational Training Centre, Kumburamulai, Valachchenai, Batticaloa.
 - (xiii) Childrens Skills Development Centre, Amarasekara Mawatha, Athurugiriya Road, Kottawa.
- 2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
- 3. A complete set of bidding documents, in Sinhala language could be obtained by the interested bidders, on submission of a written request to the Director of the Department of Social Services, and the receipt of the payment of a non refundable fee of (LKR) Rupees Three Five Hundred (Rs. 3,500.00) from 15.04.2021 to 29.04.2021, on working days. Payment should be made to the Shroff of the Department of Social Services.
- 4. Eligibility requirements and additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
- 5. Duly completed Bids in duplicate should either be forwarded to the following address, or deposited in the tender box kept at the Accounts Division for the purpose to receive on or before 14.00 hours on 30.04.2021.
- 6. Late bids will be rejected. bids will be opened immediately after closing at the place mentioned in the item No. 09. Bidder or one of his agents could be present on this occasion.
- 7. All the bids should be accompanied by a bid security of Sri Lankan Rupees One Hundred and Seventy Thousand (Rs. 170,000.00) from a local bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, valid up to 15.06.2021.
- 8. Bidding documents could be inspected free of charge by the bidders at the following address.

Department Procurement Committee, Department of Social Services, Second Floor, Stage II, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla,

Sri Lanka.

Telephone: +94 11 218 7058 Fax +94 11 218 7060 **Email** : dirssdss@gmail.com

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MATALE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Matale Municipal Council Office from eligible applicants up to 10.00 a.m. on 30.04.2021 for leasing of selling rights of beef/mutton stalls at the Central Market (Supermarket Complex) and at the Gongawala Market for the period from 01.06.2021 up to 31.05.2022.

Stall No.	Non-Refundable Tender Form Fee and Government Tax Payable (Rs.)	Refundable Tender Deposit (Rs.)	Minimum Bid Amount For
No. 32, Super Market Complex - Beef Stall	1000.00	175000.00	1,750,000.00
No. 3A, Gongawala Market - Beef Stall	1000.00	175,000.00	1,750,000.00
No. 30, Super Market Complex - Mutton Stall	1000.00	109,500.00	1,095,000

- 02. Bidding will be conducted according to National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- 03. Successful eligible bidders not being blacklisted are qualified for awarding of bids.
- 04. The undermentioned requirements will be taken into consideration at the evaluation.
 - Should be a Sri Lankan Citizen
 - Should submit a Grama Niladhari Certificate in proof of residence.
 - Should submit an Income Certificate or a Worth Certificate to the value of Rs. 300,000.00 obtained from the Divisional Secretariat regarding the financial capability.
- 05. Bidders interested in the matter should call over at the Matale Municipal Council Office during weekdays from 09.04.2021 up 2.30 p.m. on 29.04.2021 and Bid Forms could be obtained after paying the non-refundable Tender Form fee and the Government Taxes as shown in the above column. Bid forms be inspected free of charge on this occasion.
- 06. The refundable deposit as shown in the column above should be paid to the Matale Municipal Council before submitting bids and a copy of the receipt thus obtained should be retained by the bidder and the original copy should be submitted with the
- 07. Duly completed bids should be prepared in two copies and marked as "Original" and "Duplicate" and enclosed in separate envelopes and sealed and thereafter, these two envelopes should be inserted in a single envelope and marked as "Tender for sale of Beef/Mutton" on the top left-hand corner and sent to the Procurement Committee before 10.00 a.m. on 30.04.2021 or inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Municipal Commissioner's Office, Municipal Council, Matale". Bids received late will
- 08. All pages of the duplicate copy should be certified photocopies of the Original bid.
- 09. Taxes imposed by the Government should also be paid in addition to the minimum bid mentioned above. Tender conditions and further details could be obtained during office hours from the Municipal Accountant (066-2222275).
- 10. Tenders will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 30.04.2021 at the Municipal Commissioner's Office of the Matale Municipal Council and the Tenderer or his authorized representative could be present on this occasion.
- 11. If selected as the eligible bidders;
 - You should pay 1/12 of the minimum bid submitted by you as a monthly
 - An amount equivalent to 03 times of this monthly rent (03 months rent) should be paid to the Matale Municipal Council as a deposit before signing the agreement.
- 12. The decision of the Tender Board is deemed final and the full right of accepting or rejecting the tender rests with the Procurement Board.

K.G.S.P. Kaluarachchi, Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Counicl,

At the Office of the Matale Municipal Council,

06.04.2021

Matale.





UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

VACANCIES

University of Jaffna will entertain applications from qualified persons for the undermentioned

Senior Lecturer Grade I / Senior Lecturer Grade II / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Lecturer (Probationary) in Pharmacy/Nursing/Medical Laboratory Sciences

NOTE: Applications for the above posts will be entertained from the degree holders in the relevant field of Pharmacy/Nursing/Medical Laboratory Sciences respectively.

Remuneration:

Posts Salary scales Rs.91,310-7 x 2,170-106,500/-p.m Senior Lecturer Grade I Rs.79,360-11 x 1,630-97,290/-p.m Senior Lecturer Grade II Lecturer (Unconfirmed) Rs.69,580-5 x 1,630-77,730/-p.m Lecturer (Probationary) Rs.54,600-10 x 1,335-67,950/-p.m In addition to the above salary,

1. The following allowances will be paid as the percentage of the basic salary:

i) Academic allowance

Senior Lecturer Gr.I/Gr.II Lecturer (Unconfirmed) - 131% - 115 % Lecturer (Probationary)

ii) Research allowance - 35 % (Payable to the Academic Staff based on the research activity) iii) Additional monthly allowance - 20%

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- Sabbatical leave entitlement as per the existing UGC Circulars Membership in Universities Provident Fund and Pension Scheme in the University
- Gratuity payments
- Employees' Trust Fund benefits
- Free Medical Services

Those who wish to apply are strongly advised to visit our University Website www.jfn.ac.lk for all the relevant details.

Closing Date:

Applications should reach us on or before 13.05.2021.

Application forms and other details will be available in the University website www.jfn.ac.lk Applicants are requested to send the prescribed application form downloaded from the university website with the paid Bank Slip for the deposit of a sum of Rs.100/- credited to the People's Bank in favour of University of Jaffna Collection Account Number: 97000009000387 of Bursar. University of Jaffna.

The candidates who apply for more than one post should submit separate application along with separate Bank slip. The post applied for should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope Perfected applications shall be sent to the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments,

University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka under registered post with the photocopies of statement of the Degrees and Service certificates. Submission of Applications will not be entertained in

Applicants from the University System/Government Departments /Corporations and Statutory Boards should channel their applications through the Head of respective Institutions, but may send an advance copy in the first instance. However, no such applicant will be considered for interview, if the application channelled through the Head of the Department is not received.

Applications and referees reports should be in the relevant format. Incomplete and illegible applications and applications received after the closing date will be rejected without intimation. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for an interview.

UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA.

08.04.2021





Municipal Council - Kurunegala

Procurement Notice

National Competitive Bids are invited for the construction of the Solid Waste Management Center of Municipal Council Kurunegala at Sundarapola.

No	Industry/ Service	Qualifications	Tender Form Fees+VAT 8%	Tender Guarantee Deposits/Bid Security
1.	Renovation and new construction of Waste Management Center at Sundarapola	C9 or above	1000.00	30,000.00

Industry Description

The work includes renovation of the security post, construction of a concrete pathway to reach each location, raising the side walls of the gully refinery tanks of Sundarapola Solid Waste Management Center belonging to Municipal Council Kurunegala.

Procurement documents can be inspected during the office hours on weekdays.

Bidding documents for the above bidding can be obtained from the Municipal Accounts Department during office hours till 2.00 pm on 27.04.2021 by submitting a request made on company letter head. The tender will be opened on 28.04.2021 at 2.00 pm at the Committee Meeting Hall of the Municipal Council and the bidder or their authorized representative can participate. A tender security guarantee of Rs. 30,000.00 obtained from a recognized financial institution for the above industry should be submitted and other details can be obtained along with the tender documents.

For more information

Telephone : 037 - 4941869 Email

: ginumviyadam@gmail.com :037 2228136

> Municipal Commissioner, **Municipal Council,** Kurunegala.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board or Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PO 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery or Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 or 1990.

Loan Account No. 2193760

MYCOM LANKA (PRIVATE) LIMITED

At a meeting held on 26th April 2019 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows:-

"WHEREAS MYCOM LANKA (PRIVATE) LIMITED a Company duly incorporated under the Laws of Sri Lanka and having its Registered Office at No. 91 3/1, Galle Road, Colombo 04 as the Obligor and DEVARAJAN GNANA OLIVE as Mortgagor has made default in the payment due on Bond Nos. 1636 dated 9th December 2005 attested by V. A. Samararatna, Notary Public of Colombo and 534 dated 15th June 2007 attested by S. S. M. Ranasinghe, Notary Public of Colombo in favour Commercial Bank of Ceylon Limited now known as Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC and there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC as at 8th August 2018 a sum of RUPEES FIVE MILLION (Rs.5,000,000/-) on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the property and premises morefully described in the Schedule hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon Limited now known as Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Bond Nos. 1636 and 534 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of Thrivanka & Senanayake Auctioneers of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Five Million (Rs 5,000,000/-) with further interest on the said sum of Rs.5,000,000/- at 18.0 % per annum from 9th August 2018 to date of sale together with Costs of Advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received".

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 63 depicted in Plan No. 1156 dated 1st July 1991 made by B.H.A. De Silva, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Attidiya Welyaya bearing Assessment No. 146, Hill Crescent Dehiwala situated at Attidiya within the Municipal Council Limits of Dehiwala - Mount Lavinia in Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot 63 is bounded on the NORTH by Lot R2 on the EAST by Lot 62 on the SOUTH by Lot 64 and on the WEST by Lot R2 and containing in extent Eight Decimal Four Five Perches (A0-R0-P8.45) or 0.0214 Hectares according to the said Plan No. 1156 and registered under Title M 2012/90 at the Delkanda Nugegoda Land Registry.

Together with the right of way in over and along the following allotments of land:-

- 1) All that divided and defined allotment of land marked **Lot R1** (Reservation for Road 30 feet wide) depicted in Plan No. 1156 dated 1st July 1991 made by B. H.A. De Silva, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Attidiya Welyaya situated at Attidiya aforesaid and which said Lot RI is bounded on the NORTH by Canal, Lots 6 and R2 on the EAST by Canal and Lot 7 on the SOUTH by Lot 7 and Canal and on the **WEST** by Lots 1, 3 to 6 and R2 and containing in extent One Rood and Seven Decimal Three Perches (A0- R1-P7.3) according to the said Plan No. 1156 and registered under Title M 1983/267 at the Delkanda- Nugegoda Land Registry.
- 2) All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot R2 (Reservation for Road 30 feet wide) depicted in Plan No. 1156 dated 1st July 1991 made by B. H.A. De Silva, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Attidiya Welyaya situated at Attidiya aforesaid and which said Lot R1 is bounded on the NORTH by Canal, Lots 6, R3, 8, 9, 20, 21, R4, 22, 23, 34, 35, R5, 36, 37, 50, 51, R6, 52 to 54 and 68 on the EAST by Lot R1 Canal and Lots 63 to 66 on the SOUTH by Canal, Lots 1, 2, R3, R1, 13-18, R4, 27-30, R.5, 42-45, R6, 59 to 63 and on the WEST by Canal and containing in extent One Acre and Thirty Eight Decimal Two Nought Perches (A1-R0-P38.20) according to the said Plan No. 1156 and registered under Title M 1983/261 at the Delkanda Nugegoda Land Registry.
- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot R6 (Reservation for Road 30 feet wide) depicted in Plan No. 1156 dated 1st July 1991 made by B. H.A. De Silva, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Attidiya Welyaya situated at Attidiya aforesaid and which said Lot R6 is bounded on the NORTH by Lot R on the EAST by Lots 45 to 49 and 51 on the SOUTH by Lot R2 and on the WEST by Lots 52, 55 to 59 and containing in extent Twenty One Decimal Three Five Perches (A0-R0-P21.35) according to the is said Plan No. 1156 and registered under Title M 1983/253 at the Delkanda Nugegoda Land Registry.

DATE: 22.05.2019

PRAMITH RAJAPAKSHA **COMPANY SECRETARY**

INVITATION FOR BIDS



Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, **Probation and Child Care Services**

Regional Director of Health Services - Nuwara Eliva Year 2021



The chairman, Procurement committee of Regional Director of Health Services, Nuwara Eliya, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction and Repair Projects of which the details are given in the list below. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bids.

tii	through runonal competitive Blus.						
	01	Date, time and place of issue of bid documents	From 09.04.2021 until 27.04.2021 on weekdays from 9.00 am to 3.00 p.m. Nuwara Eliya-Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Hawaeliya, Nuwaraeliya				
	02	Closing date and time for the submission of completed bids	Bids should be sent through the registered post to the institution or delivered to the box kept in the accounts branch of the institution on or before 10.00 am on 28.04.2021.				
	03	Bids opening Time	Immediately after the bids are closed on 28.04.2021.				
	04	Bond for the bid	A bond for the bid for relevant repair or work issued by a Commercial Bank or a Construction Security Fund approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka should be submitted as per the table shown below.				
		How bidding must be Complete.	Duly completed bids i.e. original and copy should be submitted in two separate envelops indicating by "Original" and "Copy" and enclosing both in a single sealed envelop with the title of the relevant repair or work mentioned at the left top corner of the envelop.				
	06	Further information about bids	Please contact the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Nuwara Eliya. Telephone No. 052-2234482 Please contact District Engineer for all work Health Buildings Nuwara Eliya. Telephone No. 052-2235865				

		Bagistustian	Amount of the Engineering	Non- refundable	The value of the bid bond		Validity Period of
	Constructions and repairs	Registration (CIDA Grade)	Bill of Quantities (Without VAT)(Rs.)	amount (Rs.)	In cash (Rs.)	In Bond(Rs.)	the Bid bond
Plan	for Strengthening of Primary Health	Services (PSSP)					
01	Construction of the upper storey of the Office Building of the Medical Officer of Health, Bogawantalawa	C-7,C-8	3,879,614.05	3000.00	19,400.00	39,000.00	2021/07/28
02	Improving the Drug Store of the Office of Nuwara Eliya Regional Health Services Director	C-8,C-7	5,243,861.64	3000.00	26,300.00	52,600.00	2021/08/11
03	Repairing the Quarters of the Medical Officer of the Maskeliya Divisional Hospital	C-7,C-8	2,065,005.70	3000.00	10,400.00	20,800.00	2021/07/28
04	Repairing the old Outpatient Department building complex of Dickoya District Hospital – Phase - 1	C-7,C-8	2,209,424.20	3000.00	11,100.00	22,200.00	2021/07/28
05	Repairing the quarters of the Nursing Officer of the Watawala Divisional Hospital	C-6,C-7	4,857,830.00	3000.00	24,300.00	48,600.00	2021/08/11
06	Repairing the Ambulance Garage and Driver's Duty Room at Maturata Divisional Hospital	C-7,C-8	3,923,091.47	3000.00	19,700.00	39,400.00	2021/07/28
07	Repairing the Staff Quarters of the Theripehe Divisional Hospital	C-7,C-8	3,413,624.80	3000.00	17,100.00	34,200.00	2021/07/28
08	Repairing the Medical Officer's Quarters of the Nildandahinna Divisional Hospital - Phase 02	C-6,C-7	6,818,705.40	3000.00	34,100.00	68,200.00	2021/08/11
09	Construction of the Quarters of Nawathispane Primary Medical Care Unit - Phase 01	C-7,C-8	2,507,372.80	3000.00	12,600.00	25,200.00	2021/07/28
10	Repairing the drug store of Ginigathhena Divisional Hospital	C-8,C-9	905,515.71	1000.00	4,650.00	9,300.00	2021/07/28
11	Repairing the Medical Officer's Quarters of Laxapana Divisional Hospital	C-8,C-7	4,564,232.90	3000.00	22,900.00	45,800.00	2021/08/11
12	Repairing the quarters of Kurupanawela Primary Medical Care Unit	C-7,C-8	2,777,170.58	3000.00	13900.00	27,800.00	2021/07/28
Provincial Specific Development Programme (PSDG)							
13	Construction of Staff Quarters of Dayagama Divisional Hospital	C-8,C-7	4,246,512.00	3000.00	21,150.00	42,300.00	2021/08/11
14	Repairing the Building of Hapugastalawa Primary Medical Care Unit	C-7,C-8	3,813,906.61	3000.00	19100.00	38200.00	2021/07/28
15	Repairing the access road from wards 02, 03 and 06 to the nurses' quarters of Udapussellawa Divisional Hospital	C-7,C-8	3,586,833.41	3000.00	17,950.00	35,900.00	2021/07/28

- > If the bid bond is not paid in cash,
- A bid bond should be submitted in favour of the Nuwara Eliya Regional Director of Health Services.
- > The bidder or their representative with written authorization may attend the opening of the bid.
- > Each bid is forwarded to the Technical Evaluation Committee.
- > The final decision of awarding the bids vests with the Procurement Committee.
- ➤ Bids documents may be checked free of charge at the Office. (From 9.00 am to 3.00 pm from 09.04.2021 to 29.04.2021.

The Chairman,

Procurement Committee of the Office of the Director of Regional Health Services, Office of the Director of Regional Health Services Nuwara Eliya

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Southern Province - Calling for Applications

Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Posts of Sales Manager (Non Technical Management Assistants Category 2) Grade III for the Department of Industrial Development of Southern Province - 2021

Method of application

Candidates who are eligible as per the announcement of Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the Posts of Sales Manager (Non Technical Management Assistants Category 2) Grade III for the Department of Industrial Development of Southern Province - 2021 published on the Official Website of the Southern Provincial Public Service Commission (www.psc.sp.gov.lk), should apply online on or before 30.04.2021.

Examination Fees

The examination fee is Rs. 600.00. should be credited from any Bank of Ceylon branch to the current account of the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Southern Province, Account No. 87262909, Bank of Ceylon, Galle Fort Branch. And the National Identity Card number of the applicant and the examination code number OC21602 of this examination should be mentioned in the cash deposit slip

Gamini Weerawickrama

Secretary 09.04.2021

NOTICE

Public Service Commission - Southern Province

Recruitment to the post of Additional Provincial Director under the Department of Animal Production and Health - Southern Province -2021

Applications are hereby called from the eligible applicants in Grade 1 of the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service for the post of Assistant Provincial Director under the Department of Animal Production and Health - Southern Province.

Notice for calling applications and the specimen application for the above post is published in the Daily News dated 30.04.2021 and website of the Public Service Commission in all three languages. (www.psc.sp.gov.lk)

Gamini Weerawickrama

Secretary

Public Service Commission, Southern Province

The Office of the Public Service Commission, Southern Province 6th Floor,

District Secretariat Building,

Galle .

PLANTATION MINISTRY

SRI LANKA PLANTATIONS CORPORATION

VACANCIES

Applications are called from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for filling following vacancies in the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation

- 1. MANAGER LEGAL **Post** 2. INTERNAL AUDITOR

Qualifications - 1. Manager Legal

(a) External Candidates Attorney-at-Law

> A minimum of three years post qualifying experience in the legal field after having oaths as attorney-at-Law with good knowledge in labour law and handling legal matters well

Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.

2. Internal Auditor

(a) External Candidates (1 or 2 or 3 below)

1. A Bachelor's degree in Accounting/ Finance Management/ Management / Commerce which is recognized by the U.G.C.

A minimum of three years post qualifying experience in the relevant field to the Post, after obtaining the first degree.

2. Having passed the Intermediate Examination of a recognized professional Chartered Institute, of which the subject area is relevant to the post

A Minimum three years post qualifying experience in the relevant field to the post.

3. Having passed the HND in Accountancy of Sri Lanka Technical College or Institute of Higher Technical Education of Sri Lanka.

A minimum three years post qualifying experience in the relevant field to the post.

(b) Internal Candidates (1 or 2 below)

- 1. Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above.
- 2. Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in a post in the Junior Manager (JM) category, in the subject area relevant to the post in Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation.

Recruitment Procedure

- As per the Management Service Circular 02/2016 a Salary Scale of M M 1-1 - 2016 Rs.53,175- 10 x1,375- 15 x 1,910 - 95,575 is entitled for the above Post.

On the results of a Structural Interview conducted by a panel appointed by the appointing authority.

Structural Interview

 Relevant experience 30 Marks Relevant additional educational qualifications 30 Marks Other achievements 15 Marks Performance at the interview 25 Marks

100 Marks

Age

Salary Scale

- Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. The upper age limit will not apply to internal candidates.

Other

All recruitments to this category will be strictly in compliance with the provision of this Scheme of Recruitment.

Extra Benefits

- Facilities under Indoor and Outdoor Medical Insurance Scheme. Contribute to the Employees' Provident Fund or to the Ceylon. Planters' Provident

Society a minimum of 10% of your salary to such Provident Fund and the SLSPC contribution to such Provident Fund will be a maximum of 12% and 3% to Employees' Trust Fund of your salary.

Applicants

Should forward their applications together with all details and copies of Birth Certificate, Educational Certificates and Experience to reach the below mentioned address under registered post with the post applied for written on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Applicants who are in Government/ Corporations/Statutory Boards should forward their applications through their Heads of the Departments with the recommendation of him.

Applications

Closing Date of Receiving - On or before 30.04.2021 to reach the below mentioned address

Chairman **Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation** No 21, BCC Premises

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NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

Invitation for Applications to fill vacancies

Applications are invited by the National Police Commission from retired Officers possessing relevant qualifications for the post mentioned below. Officers who applied in response to the previous newspaper advertisement dated 03.03.2021 need not reapply.

- 01. No. of posts of Provincial Director will be (02 posts for the Western Province and one each for other Provinces).
- 02. Relevant qualifications:-
 - Should be a retired officer who served in any post of Grade I or special grade in Executive Service Category of the public service.
 - Age should not have exceeded 67 years on the date of recruitment. iii. Knowledge of English / Tamil apart from the Sinhala language will be considered
 - as an additional qualification.
 - iv. Experience in investigation activities will be a special qualification.
 - v. Will be appointed on contract basis for a period of one year. vi. Preference will be given to applicants who are permanent residents of the area
 - applied for. vii. An all inclusive allowance of Rs. 60,000/= will be paid monthly.
 - Interested applicants should submit applications containing the bio-data by registered
- post addresed to the Secretary, National Police Commission, Block No. 09, BMICH Premises, Colombo 07 to be received on or before 30.04.2021. The name of the post applied for should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the application.

Secretary, **National Police Commission,** Block No. 09, **BMICH Premises,** Colombo 07.

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