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Efficiency of public institutions must be enhanced - President

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday insisted that the efficiency of the public institutions must be enhanced to put an end to the frequent public complaint that those do not cater to their needs.

Ministers, the President asked them to directly intervene to enhance efficiency in public service by introducing modern technology to those institutions.

The President pointed out that the public is not happy over inefficiency,

corruption and frequent delays in public institutions.

The President's monthly meeting with State Ministers was held at the President's House in Fort.

Observing that there were reports of inadequate performance by some

heads of public institutions, the President asked the State Ministers to furnish him a report on such institutions.

He added that he is ready to replace such Heads of institutions if necessary. **▶ PAGE 02**



COVID guidelines: Public warned against complacency

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Health Promotion Bureau (HPB) of the Ministry of Health has urged the public to act responsibly to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus by adhering to guidelines issued by the health authorities.

Issuing a COVID-19 warning on Tuesday (20) night, the HPB stated that there has been an increase in the number of coronavirus patients detected in Sri Lanka over the past few days and there has been a rapid increase in the number of patients admitted to the Intensive Care Units (ICUs). **▶ PAGE 02**



ICU beds, PCR Tests to be increased

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Health Ministry has decided to immediately increase the number of ICU beds and to provide high-flow oxygen to COVID-19 patients as required. **▶ PAGE 02**

PM MAKES SPECIAL STATEMENT ON EASTER TERROR ATTACKS:

ALL CULPRITS WILL BE PUNISHED

NO ROOM FOR RECURRENCE

ASSISTANCE ASSURED FOR AG

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa stated that all those responsible for the brutal Easter Sunday Terrorist Attacks on April 21, 2019 would be brought to justice. He said that the Government has taken all possible measures to prevent such an unfortunate situation from recurring.

The Prime Minister was making a special statement in Parliament yesterday regard-

HOUSE OBSERVES MINUTE'S SILENCE

Parliament yesterday observed a minute's silence to remember the victims of Easter Sunday Terror Attacks. Following the special statement by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at the commencement of Parliament, the Prime Minister requested Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena to permit a minute of silence in memory of the victims. The Government and the Opposition Members observed a minute's silence thereafter.

ing the Easter Sunday Terrorist Attacks. The Prime Minister

said that the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry appointed to look



into the Easter Sunday attacks and other documents had already been sent to the Attorney General to institute legal action. **▶ PAGE 02**

Second dose will be given as planned

- Health Minister

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

The supply of the AstraZeneca vaccine in Sri Lanka has not been suspended and the second dose is planned to be given to those who received the first vaccine in early May, Minister of Health Pavithra Wanniarachchi stated in Parliament yesterday. (21)

Wanniarachchi pointed out that not only the AstraZeneca vaccine but also any vaccine could cause complications and that giving undue publicity to the rare allergic conditions of the vaccine could undermine public confidence in the vaccine. **▶ PAGE 02**



Lankan women detained in Saudi to be repatriated

IRANGIKA RANGE

Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva said immediate action would be taken to repatriate Sri Lankan women detained at deportation centres and prisons in Saudi Arabia.

The Minister said that the Government had a discussion with the Saudi Government in this regard after the revelation made by Amnesty International about the Sri Lankan women who have been held at a Deportation Detention (Tarheel) Centre in Riyadh for periods ranging from eight to 18 months. **▶ PAGE 02**



Easter attacks: Catholic Church will continue its struggle - Cardinal

CHAMINDA PERERA

Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith yesterday reiterated that the Catholic Church will continue its struggle to find out who carried out the Easter Sunday attacks that killed more than 260 innocent civilians.

"We are surprised that even after two years, answers to the questions of who and why and what of these attacks have not been found by the relevant authorities," the Archbishop said addressing a special commemoration event held to mark the second anniversary of the Easter Sunday attacks at the St. Anthony's Church in Kochchikade yesterday morning.

He stressed the importance of implementing the recommendations made by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Easter Sunday attacks soon. **▶ PAGE 02**



Muslim Religious Affairs Coordinating Officer Dr. Hassan Moulana humbly greets Archbishop of Colombo His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith after draping a Golden Shawl around him as a sign of honour at the main event of remembering the victims of the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks held at St Anthony's Church in Kochchikade yesterday to mark two years since the suicide attacks on April 21, 2019. Most Ven Omalpe Sobitha Thera is in the centre. *Picture by Sulochana Gamage*

CID urged to trace US\$ 5 m donated for victims' welfare

Most Ven. Omalpe Sobitha Thera said he would request the CID to find out what happened to US\$ 5 million (Rs 1 billion) that the International Muslim Organization donated to the Government on July 30, 2019 to be used for the welfare of victims of the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks.

He was speaking at an event at St Anthony's Church in Kochchikade to remember the Easter Sunday victims.

He said many inquiries were

made to find out what happened to these funds, but no proper answer could be elicited from the authorities.

He said there was no information to prove that this money was used for the welfare of the families of the victims of the Easter Sunday bombings.

"Therefore we have decided to ask the CID to launch an investigation in this regard and trace what happened to this money," he said.



House adjourned for 10 mins following Opposition uproar

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Parliamentary proceedings were adjourned for 10 minutes yesterday following a tense situation that erupted over the initiation of the debate on the Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry

to investigate and inquire into as well as obtain information pertaining to alleged political victimization against public officers, public servants, members of the Armed Forces and the Police during the period of January 08th 2015 to November 16th 2019. **▶ PAGE 02**

Ship carrying radioactive material sent away from H'tota Port

LAHIRU FERNANDO

A vessel carrying dangerous radioactive cargo had entered the Hambantota Port for an urgent repair hiding the true facts about the cargo on board on April 20.

MV. BBC Naples sailing under the flag

of Antigua & Barbados had entered the port at 2100 hrs, en route from Rotterdam to China.

Agents for the vessel Ms. Barwil Meridian Navigation had not declared to the port authorities that there was dangerous cargo on board prior to the vessel entering the port.

However, it was later found that they were carrying a cargo of Uranium Hexafluoride via investigations made by the Sri Lanka Navy and the Port Authority.

The vessel was required to leave the port no sooner the facts were verified, the Hambantota Port Authorities said. **▶ PAGE 02**

'President ultimately responsible for Port City SEZ administration'

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

It is the President who is ultimately responsible for the administration of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Colombo Port City, the President's Secretary informed the Supreme Court yesterday.

President's Counsel Romesh de Silva appearing for the Secretary

to the President Dr. P.B. Jayasundera made these remarks when the 19 Special Determination petitions filed challenging the constitutionality of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill were taken up for oral submissions in the Supreme Court.

Refuting the allegations levelled by

petitioners that there is no regulatory body to scrutinize the activities of the Colombo Port City Project, De Silva said even the Master Plan of the project would be prepared in consultation with the President.

The Commission pertaining to the Colombo Port City Project is appointed by the President. **▶ PAGE 02**

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All culprits...From page 01

"Even though we do not wish to intervene with the judicial process, as a Government we are ready to provide any assistance required for the success of those actions. The President has facilitated the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and the Terrorism Investigation Division (TID) to carry out investigations independently. We are confident that the respective departments will take legal action in the future after concluding investigations," he said.



"Today we commemorate one of the darkest days in the history of Sri Lanka, the Easter Sunday attacks that happened two years ago. We take this moment to remember the locals and foreigners who were killed by the attacks. The Easter bombings took away 259 innocent lives and injured hundreds of people. Hundreds of injured and disabled people are still suffering physically and mentally. I wish them a speedy recovery. We also extend our deepest condolences to the families of all those who died and became disabled.

"The innocent people had to pay from their lives and limbs for the criminal neglect and evasion by the previous Government. They mixed up their political agendas with national security. Parties responsible for the attack are spreading various lies, influencing investigations and diverting social attention even to date. We feel sorry for such groups. While remembering all those who died, we as a Government are taking every step to prevent such an unfortunate situation from ever recurring. I would like to state that we will bring to justice all those responsible for this heinous attack," the PM stated.

Efficiency of public...From page 01

The President also underlined the need to monitor the progress of projects implemented under budgetary provisions and foreign loans and expedite them.

"The Government's policy is to generate employment opportunities. We have to create small and medium scale entrepreneurs at village level," the President said.



Second dose...From page 01

Minister Wanniarachchi made these observations in reply to a question raised by the Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa in Parliament under Standing Order 27(2).

Health Minister Wanniarachchi stated, "Complications can occur not only with the AstraZeneca vaccine but also after any vaccination. For example, one in four million children is at risk of contracting polio after being vaccinated against polio. One in 100,000 people will develop a throat allergy after most of the vaccines currently in use (rarely even fatal).

The Health Minister said: "Some persons vaccinated in some countries were reported to be having blood clots within a few weeks of receiving this vaccine. Six such cases have been reported in Sri Lanka and three of them have been fatal. According to the World Health Organization's Committee on Vaccines and Side Effects, no direct link between blood

clots and vaccines has been identified. The World Health Organization (WHO) has approved the continued use of this vaccine. A similar view has been put forward by the European Union's European Medicines Agency."

Minister Wanniarachchi further stated that the Government has taken several measures to identify such incidents. Wanniarachchi pointed out that a 24-hour hotline has been introduced to report any complications after receiving the vaccine via the telephone Number 011-3415985. The Minister also said that a special unit is ready at the Colombo General Hospital for such patients and those cases are referred to an expert committee.

Minister Wanniarachchi added: "Those vaccinated are advised to diagnose such allergic conditions in advance. Four days after receiving



the vaccine, if there is headache, sore throat, shortness of breath or severe pain in the leg, it is advisable to seek medical treatment. A committee consisting of specialist physicians (AEFI - Adverse Event Following Immunization) has been appointed to look into the case of patients with chronic complications. The committee is chaired by the Director General of Health Services and represents specialists from various fields."

Minister Wanniarachchi also stated that "the Epidemiology Unit has introduced a very specific methodology for reporting patients and the Ministry of Health accepts information released by the Epidemiology Division as official information. The information will also be released to the Government Information Department and through it to the media. I would like to inform you that data on

The Minister has advised the relevant authorities to repatriate these women to Sri Lanka immediately adhering to health guidelines to prevent COVID-19. The Minister also instructed the officials to provide all required facilities for the repatriates.

Accordingly, 156 Sri Lankan women detained at deportation centers and prisons are awaiting repatriation to Sri Lanka.



Ship carrying...

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The SLPA, Navy, and Customs officials had approved all the necessary documentation prior to berthing of the vessel, based on the declaration made by the agent.

The Navy and Customs were present at all times to ensure that there was no cargo unloaded onto the Hambantota International Port premises, the Port said. Currently the ship is docked at the outer port, it is reported.

'President ultimately...From page 01

That is in terms of Article 3 and 4 of the constitution. That is the exercise of people's executive power by the President. The President appoints the members of the Commission. What is wrong if the President appoints the members of the Commission in terms of Article 4 of the Constitution, De Silva questioned.

In Sri Lanka, the executive power of the people is exercised by the President elected by people. We are now taking away the concept of sovereignty of Parliament which is more applicable in Britain. This is a Commission controlled by the President. The Master Plan of the Port City Project has to have approval of the President, not by anybody else. It is necessary to work within that Master Plan. All the administration activities are within the control of the Commission. It is a very important matter. The Master Plan of the project is prepared in consultation with the President. There will be no master plan if the President does not approve his consent. Subsequently the commission would execute the Master Plan, De Silva further added.

De Silva argued that the President has executive power to appoint a commission to carry out the administration activities of the Colombo Port City Project.

"When the executive power is vested with the President, it does not need anybody else's consent. The establishment of commission is well within the four corners of our Constitution. The executive power of the people is exercised by the President," he further said.

Meanwhile, Romesh de Silva PC informed the Court that none of the petitioners has challenged the concept of Special Security Zone (SEZ) because of its significance for the advancement of the national economy.

"Most of the petitioners including Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), United National Party (UNP) and the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) have agreed that it is necessary to have a SEZ. That

is an agreed concept. Nobody is challenging the concept of SEZ.

The main feature of the SEZ is that it creates an area for an economic zone. It should create conditions conducive necessary for a SEZ. We have to attract the investors. We have to give them special incentives," said De Silva.

Expressing views regarding the members of the Port City Commission, De Silva said that his client is agreeable to appoint a few members of the Commission from Sri Lankan citizens.

All Commissions whether it is a Public Service Commission or Election Commission can have non-citizens. In the recent past, there was a dual citizenship holder in the Election Commission. Except for UDA, the President can appoint non-citizens, even to the office of Chief Justice or Judges of the Supreme Court. Why only objections here, De Silva said.

Meanwhile, Romesh de Silva said the appointments made by the President can be challenged in Court.

"Any appointment to this Commission can be challenged by way of a Fundamental Rights petition. If the Court wants, my client will recommend that there will be a minimum of two or three Sri Lankans. However, it would give license to fill the balance from non-citizens. If the criteria necessary for appointments is not followed, it can be challenged through a Fundamental Rights petition. The Fundamental Rights jurisdiction of this Court has not taken away. When the President makes appointments it can be challenged in Courts," said De Silva.

Meanwhile, De Silva said that the Bill has not taken away the jurisdiction of Courts through the arbitration process for the settlement of disputes. The arbitration process was introduced to expedite financial disputes.

Meanwhile, President's Counsel Gamini Marapana and Navin Marapana PC, who are representing Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris, argued

that there is no need to refer the Bill to the Provincial Councils since none of them is currently functioning.

A Supreme Court five-judge-bench comprising Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya, Justice Buwaneka Aluwihare, Justice Priyantha Jayawardena, Justice Murdu Fernando and Justice Janak de Silva fixed the petitions for further hearing for today (22). The intervention petitioners are to present their further oral submissions from 9:30 am today.

Nineteen petitions have been filed so far against the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill. They are by; Samagi Jana Balawegaya General Secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara, SJB Parliamentarian Harshana Rajakaruna, former JVP Parliamentarian Wasantha Samarasinghe, UNP Chairman Vajira Abeywardena, UNP General Secretary Palitha Range Bandara, Oshala Herath, Dr. Ajantha Perera, Jeran Jagatheesan who contested the 2020 General Election under the UNP ticket, President of BASL Saliya Pieris PC, BASL Secretary Rajiv Amarasuriya, Engineer Kapila Renuka Perera, Centre for Policy Alternatives and its Executive Director Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu, Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL), Ven. Muruthettuwe Ananda Thera, G.S. Shyamalee, Nagananda Kodituwakku, Rajika Kodituwakku and Trade Union activist Lesley Devendra.

The petitioners are seeking a declaration that the Bill in whole or in part requires the approval by people at a Referendum and requires a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

Meanwhile, 11 intervention petitioners including Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris, Secretary to the President Dr. P.B. Jayasundera, Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) General Secretary Attorney-At-Law Sagara Kariyawasam, Athula de Silva, SLPP Lawyers' Association, Secretary to the Minister of Finance and Secretary to the Cabinet Ministers have sought the Court's permission to present their submissions, in support of the Bill.

Easter attacks...From page 01

The Archbishop while reaffirming that there is no connection with religion and their teachings to murder, urged the Muslim community in the country to rise up against who try to instrumentalize and exploit Islam for their own purposes.

"Rise up and defend yourself against those who try to instrumentalize Islam to fulfill their own purposes. Oppose Wahhabism and organizations that promote such ideologies. Understand the global situation in organizing such crimes. They are not necessarily in favour of you," he said.

He said that the Criminal Investigations Department and other agencies have failed to unearth the Easter Sunday attackers and their purposes. It is surprising that the investigations are carried out to suit day-to-day fortunes, he added.

The Archbishop deplored what he described as the lethargic attitude of the previous Government and the incumbent government in conducting investigations into the Easter Sunday attacks.

"We have to stress that what is happening at this moment is an attitude



of no care, where all the factors are not properly investigated in a coordinated and organized fashion," he said.

He said that there are political reasons behind some of the investigations very often.

"Jesus taught us to forgive and pray for our detractors. Even though we wish to forgive all these things we would like to know what really happened," he added. "We defeated the attempts made by different political and other forces to create animosity between the Christians, Muslims and Buddhists in the aftermath of the attacks. We have not reacted in a way that would lead to such a disaster."

The Archbishop paid his gratitude to the members of Maha Sangha and the Buddhist community who showed solidarity and brotherhood in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attacks.

He said that he believes that political posturing and the need for safeguarding alliances have impeded the process of finding the truth behind the Easter Sunday attacks.

"It is in this light we organized black Sunday programme in churches in order to stress that we are still looking out for the truth about these events," he told the gathering.

He said that he took every effort to prevent the clashes between the Sinhala and Muslim communities in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks. He said such subtle manoeuvres to incite the Sinhalese community against Muslims were negated. What transpired during the parliamentary debate on Easter Sunday attacks should seriously be examined.

Most Ven Omalpe Sobitha Thera, Apostolic Nuncio in Sri Lanka Archbishop Brian Udaigwe and a Moulavi also spoke.

ICU beds...From page 01

It has also been decided to increase the number of PCR tests to a minimum of 15,000 per day.

The Special Performance Review Committee of the Health Ministry chaired by Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi yesterday took several stern decisions in the wake of the growing number of COVID-19 cases in the country, the Ministry said in a press release.

The meeting was called as there is a risk of spread of COVID-19 again due to irresponsible behavior of the people in the past few

weeks. It has been decided to strictly enforce quarantine laws and punish violators of quarantine laws.

Formulation of special quarantine rules for those coming from abroad had also been considered at the meeting.

Other decisions taken at the meeting include strengthening the data collection system and providing more Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to medical staff, including doctors and nurses.

It has been decided to

identify more hospitals at the regional and district level to treat COVID-19 patients in the future and provide them with the necessary medical facilities. It has also been decided to make plans to refer patients who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 to the appropriate hospitals individually according to their medical conditions.

It has stressed that strong outpatient and inpatient care must be maintained and surgery services provided to patients who are hospitalized for other

ailments must be continued on a daily basis while maintaining treatment services for COVID-19 patients.

This Special Performance Review Committee is made up of medical administrators, administrative service officers, and specialist physicians. State Minister Dr Sudarshani Fernandopulle, Health Ministry Secretary Major General Sanjeeva Munasinghe, and Health Services Director General Dr. Asela Gunawardena also participated.

COVID guidelines...From page 01

The HPB further stated that new variants of the virus had been detected in Sri Lanka in the recent past and the scientific data review on this is currently underway.

"We have all seen in the past that the spread of disease can be controlled very quickly by following preventive measures. The gradual

decline in following these health guidelines over the past festive season has undoubtedly led to the creation of this new vulnerability," HPB said.

"It would be timely to recall our responsibility for disease prevention as a society to avoid resorting to actions such as the imposition of

stricter laws and restrictions on travel.

These preventative measures include keeping hands clean, wearing masks, keeping people away, avoiding crowded places, and avoiding crowded places if you have symptoms such as cough, sore throats, or cold."

House adjourned...From page 01

The two-day debate is scheduled to take place today and tomorrow (22-23).

Chief Opposition Whip of Parliament Lakshman Kiriella said that it was the Opposition that had requested the debate on the report and urged the Speaker to allow the Opposition side to start the debate.

In response, Chief Government Whip Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said that it had been decided at the Party Leader's meeting to allow a Government MP to present the Proposal and then commence the debate. "We

also proposed an alternative, in the event unwanted issues were being raised. If your side does not want to carry on, then we will move the Government business," he said, requesting MP Kiriella to act responsibly.

However, Kiriella insisted that the Opposition be given the opportunity to commence the debate. "We asked for the debate. MP Sarath Fonseka had submitted a motion and we asked for the debate. Hence, we have to start the debate."

When he urged the Speaker to allow them to commence the debate, the

Speaker said, "You all had decided on that day to move it from the Government side."

Kiriella then pointing to Parliamentary tradition said that it is the party that requested the debate that should be given the opportunity to start the debate. MP Rauff Hakeem urged the Speaker to allow the Opposition to commence the debate as per Parliamentary tradition, adding that if not it will set a wrong example.

An irate Minister Gunawardena then said, "MP Hakeem too was present at the Party Leader's meeting when we took the final

decision. We made it very clear that the majority of those who were victimised were our supporters. You should be ashamed of yourselves. All you did was harass our people. Don't you have shame to stand up and demand to commence this debate? It was your Government which harassed and targeted even Government servants who served under our Government."

While the Opposition created an uproar and obstructed the House business, the Speaker suspended sittings for 10 minutes to bring the situation under control.

Advertisement for the TV show 'Sakuge Lokaya' (සකුගේ ලෝකය) on CMG. It features a group of people and text indicating it starts from 3rd May onwards, every weekday at 8.00 PM.

Environmental Ambassador award conferred on SLAF Officer Roshan Abeysundera



Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera conferring Air Force Officer Ranaviru Roshan Abeysundera with a special award and an environmental brand ambassador award in recognition of his outstanding contribution for the cause of protecting the environment.

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said that the plea of Air Force Officer Ranaviru Roshan Abeysundera not to dump plastic and polythene into the ocean is an example to the whole world.

The Environment Ministry yesterday conferred him a special award and an environmental brand ambassador award in recognition of his outstanding contribution for the cause of protecting the environment.

Ranaviru Roshan Abeysundera, who set a world record by swimming across the Palk Strait, received the commemorative gift and the letter of appointment of the brand ambassador by Minister Amaraweera.

"The World Earth Day falls today. The main theme of this year's World Earth Day is "Restore our Earth". Today the focus is on protecting the planet from plastics and polythene, which are causing serious damage to our entire planet. Therefore, we thought it would be best to involve Ranaviru Roshan Abeysundera in launching programmes on the occasion of World Earth Day.

He set a new record by swimming across the Palk Strait. Earlier that record was set by our own country swimming champion Kumar Anandan. Breaking that record, Abeysundera set a new record and demanded that plastic and polythene not be dumped into the ocean. His request as a young athlete is truly historic and it is an example to the whole world," the Minister said.

"Our country emits 177,197 tons of polythene and plastic annually. But only 13 percent, or 12,636 tons, are recycled. Accordingly, the amount of plastic and polythene disposed of in our country per day is 3734.4 tons. We dispose of all polythene and plastics in the ocean or on land, except for recycling. Some burn these. It is very dangerous. As a result, the atmosphere becomes polluted and many carcinogens enter our body through the atmosphere. It is a serious health problem. I will request from the President to allow this war hero not only to serve in the Air Force but also to participate in environmental programmes. I also request the Secretary Defence to pay attention to this matter," he added.

"As the Environment Minister, I have issued the relevant gazette notification banning several types of polythene and plastic products used in our country as never done by any other Minister.

That law went into effect on March 31. According to the reports we have received so far, the production of sachet packets has stopped by 100 percent. These companies have confirmed to us that the sachets currently on the market will be sold out in another three or four months. I responsibly say that by the end of 2021, the sale of sachet packets in our country will come to a complete halt. I informed the Central Environmental Authority to strictly enforce that law," he underlined.

"If the current situation continues by 2050, there will be more polythene and plastic on the ocean floor than there are fish in our world's oceans. If we do not minimize the use of these, the very existence of life on earth will be extremely tragic," the Minister said.

"I set a world record after a long training session. When I was training in the Southern Seas as well as the seas around Mannar, I saw things like polythene and plastic bags floating across the ocean. Sometimes plastic bottles and shopping bags hit my face while I was swimming.

I was saddened to see plastic and polythene being blown towards our country by the waves. That's why I asked everyone to work to make our ocean a place free of polythene and plastic. I will continue to contribute to the country," Ranaviru Roshan Abeysundera said at the event. Air Commodore Senaka Fernandopulle, Additional Secretaries to the Ministry were also present at the occasion.

Mrs. World 2020 crown goes to Ireland after Caroline Jurie resigns



Mrs. World Inc Organisation announced in a statement that it has received the resignation of Mrs. Caroline Jurie as Mrs. World 2020 and the first runner up Mrs. Ireland World, Kate Schneider, will now become the new Mrs. World 2020.

"Her voluntary resignation decision was made solely by Caroline herself. We wish Mrs. Jurie and her family all the best in their future endeavours," the statement added.

Jurie's resignation was after she was involved in a controversy at the Mrs. Sri Lanka pageant held at Nelum Pokuna early this month.

Mrs. Jurie was arrested and released on bail earlier after a tense situation at the event in Colombo, where she forcibly removed the winner's crown while claiming the woman was a divorcee and not qualified to win the title.

Sri Lankan Bhikkus visit Buddhist sites in Pakistan

A delegation comprising senior Buddhist monks from Sri Lanka visited the Badshahi Mosque and Lahore Fort in Lahore on Tuesday.

The Buddhist delegation was led by Dr. Walpole Piyananda Thera, who is the abbot and president of Dharma Vijaya Buddhist Vihara, USA.

Dr. Piyananda said Pakistan has always helped Sri Lanka in the hour of need, including

assistance towards counter-terrorism measures.

Every religion has given a message of peace and harmony, he said, hoping the Pakistan government would take further steps to promote religious tourism.

The delegation is in Pakistan on a week-long religious pilgrimage to various Buddhist heritage sites, which has been arranged by the High Commission of Pakistan, Colombo with a view to

promote religious tourism in Pakistan.

Pakistan is home to the ancient Buddhist civilization which has remained hidden from the eyes of the world over the years. The Buddhist delegation will also hold meetings with officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony and meet President Dr. Arif Alvi, Prime Minister Imran Khan and Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood

Qureshi during a visit to Islamabad.

"In line with the Prime Minister Imran Khan's vision to promote religious tourism to earn valuable foreign exchange, we planned to make Buddhist clergy visit Pakistan and see the historical treasures that the country has," High Commission of Pakistan Colombo Second Secretary Ayesha Abu Bakr Fahad said.

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Ven. S. Mahinda Thera, born in 1901, was a world-famous Buddhist monk from Tibet. He was a poet and an author as well. He participated in Sri Lanka's Independence Movement. He lived at Sri Sudharmaramaya, Mahabellana, Alubomulla. He passed away on March 16, 1951.

Ven. S. Mahinda Thera arrived in then Ceylon at a young age and was ordained as a Buddhist monk by Ven. Dodanduwa Sri Piyaratana Tissa Maha Nayaka Thera. He was educated at Vidyodaya Pirivena, Maradana. Having learned the Sinhala language, he became a poet, creating several literary works inspiring patriotism among the Sinhalese and urging them to fight for their freedom during Sri Lanka's Independence Movement.

He is considered a National hero of Sri Lanka and one of the greatest Sinhalese poetry figures of all time. Ven. S. Mahinda Thera served as a teacher at Nalanda College, Colombo from 1934 to 1936.

Ven. S. Mahinda Thera wrote over 40 books, most of them are poems inspiring patriotism. His first book was *Ova Muthu Dama*, written around 1921. His last book is believed to be *Sri Pada*. He is also believed have written a number of unpublished works. In his works, he had focused on the past glory of the country, and the weaknesses of its people in the present, urging them to work towards their freedom. He wrote several books for children as well, and in these too he tried to inspire patriotism in the reader.

Nidahase Dhehena, *Nidahase Manthraya*, *Lanka Matha*, *Jathika Thotilla*, *Ada Lak Mawage Puththu*, *Nidahasa*, *Videshikayakugen Lak Mawata Namaskarayak*, and *Sinhala Jathiya* are among his literary creations.

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE



Principal I.A.D. Lakshman

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Forty long years ago, it was one of the peaceful nights in March 1981. I was sitting on the lap of my beloved mother. We were listening to *pirith* at the giant main middle building of the Alubomulla Maha Vidyalaya which was chanted to mark the school's 100th anniversary.

The building looks like a historic old construction at a Purana Raja Maha Viharaya. I have walked into this building several times with my mother to use its library which is at the end of this giant proud structure. I had the opportunity to read many valuable books at this library from 7.00 am to 1.45 pm whenever I cut school due to a minor ailment or some other reason. There were days that the school work did not end at 1.45 pm. So I watched how schoolchildren engaged in various sports activities, band practices, and various rehearsals with my mother and other teachers for another two or three hours.

But I was not angry with my mother for not taking leave and staying at home with me because of the friendliness of the staff and students of her school. The giant historic building has been watching the various changes that took place during the past 140 years in the school and in the lives of all connected well-wishers.

Western Province/ Horana/ Alubomulla Maha Vidyalaya (later named Alubomulla S.



Mahindyodaya Technical Laboratory



The Buddhist shrine located opposite to the historic school building.

Mahinda Maha Vidyalaya in 2004) was established in March 1881 in a cadjan hut with 20 schoolboys. The first principal of the school was D. Kaldera. D.N. Aron Perera was the first teacher of this school. In the beginning, Alubomulla Maha Vidyalaya was only a boys' school. In 1928, the school became a bilingual high school and in 1946, it became Alubomulla Vidyalaya, a mixed school. In 1959, Alubomulla Vidyalaya became a Maha Vidyalaya and the school was popular as '*Lassana Iskole*' (beautiful school) due to its natural beauty and attractive landscape with buildings. The school commenced Advanced Level classes in both Arts and Commerce streams in 1962. This is how this historical school walked forward during a period of 81 years.



These children are good in IT subjects as well.

The school celebrated the centennial in 1981 during the tenure of Principal D.A. Illeperuma Arachchi. The school won first place at the All Island Shot Put Competition and second place at the All Island Discus Throw Competition in 1979. The school made a significant progress during this era. In 2004, the school was re-named as S. Mahinda Maha Vidyalaya with the unveiling of a golden statue of the late Ven. S. Mahinda Thera.

L.P. Abeyratne, H. Amarasinghe, B.D.P. Jayasekara, N.S.P. Siriwardena, H. Jinadasa De Silva, D.G. Liyanage, D.A. Illeperuma Arachchi, D.A.S. Gunawardena and B.J.



Enthusiastic students engaging in science practical sessions.



Dancing, another area in which these schoolchildren have shown colours.



Students at the school library.



The School Management Board (Pictures by Thushara Fernando)

Seneviratne are among the prominent and popular principals who administered Alubomulla S. Mahinda Maha Vidyalaya during the past 140 years.

Alubomulla S. Mahinda Maha Vidyalaya has produced several prominent and popular figures such as Mahabella Sri Sudharmaram-adhipathi Ven. Panditha Alubomulle Rathana-jothi Thera, Alubomulla Udithoditharama-dhipathi Ven. Karma Vaagaachaarya Panditha Alubomulle Sanghananda Thera, former Examinations Commissioner Gamini Gunaratne, People's Bank Regional Manager Newton Liyanage, Sri Lanka Technical College Lecturer B.C. Perera, Dr. Keerthi Liyanage, Attorney-at-Law Sugath Handunge, and Principal H. Yasapala Perera.

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The school management board consists of Principal I.A.D. Lakshman, Deputy Principals H.T.C. Priyadarshana and H.C.R. Perera, Assistant Principal S.Y. Ariyapala and 10 teachers attached to the staff.

The school needs assistance to complete the ongoing construction work of the two-storied building with an auditorium. The school already has several other facilities such as a Mahindyodaya Technical Laboratory, solar power, and a library.

NARA and IMR, Norway to cooperate in fisheries research

The National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) and the Institute of Marine Research, Norway (IMR) joined hands to continue their cooperation in fisheries research in Sri Lankan waters.

The signature event in this regard was held on Tuesday. The two institutions will engage in research on fish stocks in the waters of Sri Lanka, with the aim of improved and sustainable management of marine resources in the country.

Norway's financial assistance enabled an ecosystem survey in the coastal waters of Sri Lanka by the Norwegian Research Vessel Dr. Fridtjof Nansen in Sri Lanka in 2018. After the successful completion of the first phase of the project, the Norwegian Embassy was pleased to approve

the second phase of the project for development of fisheries management tools at a cost of close to NOK 8.75mn (approx.1 Million USD), which will be operational until 2022.

Speaking at the event, Norwegian Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, Trine Jøranli Eskedal, underscored that Norway is "committed to bilateral cooperation on oceans and to helping Sri Lanka put in place data-based management systems for ocean resources, which will enable Sri Lanka to better monitor its fish stocks." She added that the Norwegian fisheries cooperation with Sri Lanka, which dates back to the 1970s, includes fisheries management, research and education, and private sector development. From 2013 to 2020, NOK 20.3 mill. (approx. 2.4 mill.



Ambassador of Norway to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Trine Jøranli Eskedal with Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda and State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish and Prawn Farming Kanchana Wijesekera.

USD) have been disbursed to the fisheries sector.

Ambassador Eskedal also highlighted the importance of sharing these research findings with other Sri Lankan stakeholders, both in the public and private sector, to make informed deci-

sions related to oceans and fisheries and to bringing in new and advanced technology to Sri Lanka's fisheries sector. She also reiterated the importance of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG 14) – to conserve and sustainably use the

oceans, seas and marine resources, and the importance of the fisheries sector to advance more sustainable economic growth in Sri Lanka.

Speaking at the event, Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda, mentioned that

the Government of Sri Lanka is looking for renewed opportunities to strengthen the fisheries sector.

"Research projects of this nature are an opportunity for our Sri Lankan fishermen and for the sector as a whole. Sri Lanka and Norway have a longstanding bilateral relationship within the fisheries sector and wish to ensure the livelihoods of fishermen and the local economy," he stressed.

The Minister added that Sri Lanka is an island nation blessed with abundant marine resources. It is the government's mandate to sustain such resources, while bringing in research-based advanced technology to boost the sector. The Minister also thanked the Government of Norway for its continued support during these unprecedented times.

State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish and Prawn Farming Kanchana Wijesekera mentioned that the Government's strategy for enhancing the marine fisheries sector in Sri Lanka aims at developing and managing the sector in a successful way using scientific evidence and modern technology. "To obtain science-based recommendations for managing the fisheries, capacity building of Sri Lankan scientists is essential," the State Minister underscored.

NARA Chairman Prof. Navaratnarajah underscored the importance of this cooperation: "The technical assistance from IMR scientists provides immense support to develop the capacity of Sri Lankan scientists, while enabling the collection of prop-

er marine data in a scientific manner."

He also added that Norway's support to the fisheries sector in the past was remarkable, and that NARA, with the guidance of the Ministry of Fisheries of Sri Lanka and its sister organisations, hopes to continue the bilateral relationships while strengthening the technical cooperation with IMR in the future.



South Africa, Sri Lanka to enhance people-to-people interactions



Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to South Africa S. Amarasekara presenting his Credentials to President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa.

High Commissioner to South Africa S. Amarasekara presented his Letters of Credence to President of the Republic of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa on April 14, 2021 at Sefako M. Makgatho Presidential Guest House in Pretoria along with eight envoys from other countries.

The ceremony was held in two phases, complying with strict COVID-19 health protocols. In the 1st phase, each envoy was accorded a Guard of Honour and led to the audience chamber to introduce to the President Ramaphosa and the 2nd phase of the ceremony was to present the President Ramaphosa the Recall papers of the Predecessor as well as the Letters of Credence of the High Commissioner Amarasekara.

Just after accepting the Credentials of the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to South Africa, President Ramaphosa happily recalled his visits to Sri Lanka and emphasised the importance of enhancing bilateral relations with special attention to tourism sectors of the countries. In his response, High Commissioner Amarasekara also highlighted the importance of enhancing people-to-people interactions and strengthening the economic ties between two countries.

The High Commissioner was accompanied by his spouse Hema Amarasekara to the ceremony.

Navy to develop 8 underprivileged schools



Navy personnel inspecting one of the underprivileged schools that is to be reconstructed.

In connection with the 70th anniversary of Sri Lanka Navy, the sea going arm of the country has launched a social responsibility initiative, under the directives and guidance of Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne to develop selected underprivileged schools in the country this year.

The prime motive of the project is to create a more conducive learning environment for the children - the future generation of the country. Accordingly, this timely project was launched in the Western, Eastern, North Central, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southern and Northern Naval Commands on April 19.

Financial contribution extended voluntarily by all officers and sailors from their monthly salaries is utilized for the project, while the Navy also enables its able manpower required for the construction work.

After contributing to the success of the humanitarian operation to liberate the nation from the brutality of the LTTE terrorism that has battered the country for nearly three decades, the Navy throws its weight behind various development projects of the government, to help achieve its National Policy Framework 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour', by contributing Navy's skilled manpower and other resources.

A financial allocation of Rs.4.5 million was made available to each Naval Command to develop eight underprivileged schools, selected by seven Naval Commands, islandwide to support the education of children schooling in remote areas, with less facilities.

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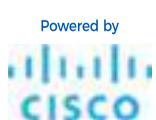
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FIFA, ICC branches to turn SL into South Asian Sports Hub: Namal

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the International Cricket Council (ICC) are requested to set up their branches in Sri Lanka in a bid to turn Sri Lanka into a sports hub in South Asian, Youth and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa said in Parliament yesterday.

He said so in response to a question raised by Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Parliamentarian Chaminda Wijesiri during the oral questions round.

Minister Rajapaksa said that a committee comprising the Sports Ministry Secretary, a group of Attorneys-at-Law, as well as representatives of the Attorney-General's Department, is drafting the new Sports Act. He requested the Opposition members who were 'concerned' over the



development of sports in the country to assist the endeavour rather than talking to the media.

Responding to MP Wijesiri, the minister said that reports of the Committee on Public Enterprises of the Parliament have revealed that a misappropriation of Rs.29 million had taken place during the period Thilanga Sumathipala served as the President of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC).

When Wijesiri said that Sumathipala had been

assisted by the Government to engage in such corruptions, Rajapaksa said that the misappropriation had been made by remitting the money to a different bank during the 2018 South Africa vs. Sri Lanka cricket match. He added that he and the current government were in the Opposition during the time. He added that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) had filed B Report in 2018 regarding the matter on a complaint made by the SLC, under the instructions of the Sports Ministry.

The minister said the sports sector faces many issues, and that the election of office-bearers in sports associations is 'highly questionable'. In some cases, the number of voters is more than the

number of players, he added. Rajapaksa said that all these issues would be addressed with the new Sports Act. He added that sports should not be politicised.

The Sports Minister said that due to this reason, he 'strongly refuses' certain Opposition MPs' requests to appoint Interim Committees. He added that office-bearers in sports association should be appointed in accordance with international standards.

When SJB MP Heshu Withanage suggested Minister Namal Rajapaksa to take the assistance of veteran cricketer Arjuna Ranatunga, the minister said that he had already requested it. However, he added that he would not accept Ranatunga's assistance if he were to do so

through an interim Committee.

When MP Lakshman Kiriella pointed out that Sri Lanka was the only country where a permanent ICC Anti-Corruption Branch is located, Minister Rajapaksa said that it was not only to monitor Sri Lanka, but all cricket-playing countries in the South Asian region.

He added that they have invited the ICC, whose headquarters is located in Dubai, to set up a branch in Sri Lanka.

The minister said that FIFA is also requested to set up one of their branches in Sri Lanka.

He added that it is healthy for the sports economy of the country, and is also a constructive move to make the country a Sports Hub in the South Asian Region.



Sandasen Marasinghe, Camelia Nathaniel and Amali Mallawarachchi

New technology for Meteorology Department: Chamal

Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said in Parliament yesterday that the Meteorological Department would be provided with modern equipment soon.

Responding to a question raised by SJB MP Heshu Withanage during the oral questions round, the minister said that this would make many



activities of the Meteorological Department

more efficient. Rajapaksa also said that ₹2.50 billion, Rs.486 million, and US\$35 million would be spent on the equipment.

He added that steps would be taken to upgrade the Meteorological Department with new technology between 2022 and 2024.

Health Ministry has launched project to develop hospitals in tea-growing regions: Pavithra

The Health Ministry has launched a programme to develop hospitals in tea-growing regions, Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said in Parliament, yesterday. She was responding to a question raised by MP Velukumar regarding hospital facilities for people providing labour in the plantation sector.

The minister pointed out that the total number of hospitals located in plantation regions in Sri Lanka is

494. According to her, only 44 hospitals in those regions have been taken over by the government. The districts in which those hospitals are located in are Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kegalle, Ratnapura, and Kalutara, she added.

There are 450 health institutions in tea plantation regions which have not been taken over by the government, but are under the control of the plantation

companies, Wanniarachchi said. She added that she is aware of the health problems of estate workers.

The minister pointed out that the Health Officers are currently working in these regions due to the shortage of doctors.

Wanniarachchi informed the House that the Health Ministry is currently preparing plans to take over those 450 private institutions as well.



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'Government won't use Easter Sunday attacks for political purposes'

The Government would never use the Easter Sunday attacks as a means to an end, Minister Johnston Fernando said in Parliament, yesterday. He said so in reply to a speech made by MP Manusha Nanayakkara regarding the matter.

Minister Fernando was critical of the MP and the Opposition for making 'false statements' regarding the Easter Sunday attacks in an attempt to mislead the public.

"We never mix politics with the Church. We have never asked even for a preferential vote in the

Church. Therefore, I would like to ask the Opposition not to use the Easter Sunday tragedy for political purposes.

The Opposition should do a public apology for causing the Easter Sunday carnage. Instead, they are simply wearing black as

a publicity stunt," the minister said.

"The Government will not spare anyone who is responsible for the tragedy. The President and the Prime Minister believe that the culprits of the Easter Sunday carnage must be brought to jus-

tice. If the Opposition is keen on doing the same, I request them to go before the CID and give statements. Every move made by the Government concerning this tragedy were made as per the instructions given by the Attorney-General," the minister said.

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Discrepancies in Health Ministry's COVID-19 statistics: Sajith

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa, raising a question under Standing Order 27 (2) in Parliament yesterday, expressed concerns over the COVID-19 vaccination programme carried out by the Government.

Premadasa said, "It has been recognised that the free health service in this country is at a high level. Many health indicators are higher than other countries in the region. However, weaknesses in the current management are causing some setbacks in the health sector. This is particularly reflected in the weak measures taken by the Government to control the spread of COVID-19."

"It appears that the Gov-

ernment is working to control the spread of COVID-19 in the country in order to keep the economy afloat. There are discrepancies in the statistics of COVID-19 infections in Sri Lanka released by the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health and the data obtained from laboratories," he added.

The Opposition Leader observed that as a result, accurate statistics are not provided for decision-making in all sectors, including public and private sector institutions.

Premadasa said, "It seems that there are actions such as reducing the number of PCR tests, as well as minimising public attention to the pandemic by not publishing



accurate information and statistics. Therefore, there is a reduction in hygienic practices by people in public places. If this continues, there is a risk of another wave."

In the past two weeks, there has been a rapid increase in the spread of the virus in India, which has triggered the world's largest vaccination drive, Premada-

sa said. The number of daily infections has risen to 200,000, while the number of daily fatalities has risen to 1,000 in a number of states in India, including Maharashtra. A similarly significant rise has also been seen in Britain and South Africa, he added.

The use of the Indian AstraZeneca vaccine given to the people of this country to control the coronavirus has been suspended; the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine has been discontinued in a number of other countries due to issues as well, the Opposition Leader said. It is also reported that some of the people who used the vaccine had died due to blood clots, he added.

Tender for liquor bottle stickers granted to foreign company during previous regime

Pathirana urges Government to grant it to State Printing Corporation instead

Samagi Jana Balawegaya Parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana requested the Government to cancel the Rs.1 billion tender to print stickers for liquor bottles that was granted to a foreign company during the previous government's rule. He asked that it be granted to the State Printing Corporation (SPC) instead.

The Parliamentarian made the request in the form of a supplementary question during the oral questions round. "The tender was granted to an Indian company that had been blacklisted internationally. If the SPC can print lotteries, it can print these stickers as well. The price may be high, but allow the profit to be pass to a government institution," he said.

Pathirana said the gazette stating that government institutions should compete for tenders should be amended. He added that priority should be given to state institutions. Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said that he would look into the matter and take the necessary measures. Minister Rajapaksa also commended MP Pathirana for speaking up against the former government, even though he was a part of it, in order to stand for justice.

MP Pathirana said that certain government officials did not bring such topics up as they would have lost the commis-

sions given to them by private companies. Rajapaksa, in response, said that he would look into the matter to amend the clauses of the said document after a study and invited him to an official discussion on the matter.

Pathirana further said that there was massive corruption related to the tenders procuring food for the Tri-Forces. Products such as tea, milk powder, and yoghurt could be procured by the government itself, but the former Finance Minister did not dare it due to the influence of several officials, he added.

Minister Rajapaksa said that the Government intends to buy the products of state institutions. He added that it has been decided to buy such products from the Mahaweli Authority and the Fisheries Corporation as well.

MP Sarath Fonseka said that the Forces could not buy products from state institutions as they are allocated a limited budget. Therefore, the Forces

would have to buy goods at lower prices from whoever that procures it. He added that hence, such a restriction should not be set. Rajapaksa said that that matter would be looked into as well.

Obituaries

AMARASEKERA - INDRANI MANEL - Beloved wife of late Reggi Amarasekera, beloved mother of Dilan and Nadhee (UK), mother-in-law of Ira and Nilanka, grandmother of Nathasha, Prihan, Shelini, Dilini Nathali, Nethanya and Nishay. Her remains lie at **A.F. Raymond, Borella**. Cortege leaves A.F. Raymond at 5.30 p.m. on 22nd April 2021 for cremation at 6 p.m. at the General Cemetery (Old Crematorium) Borella. 0776604947. 029644

CRONER - CLEMENT (DINDY) - passed away in **Brisbane, Australia** on 21st April 2021. Beloved husband of Mavis Croner (Nee De Fransz) and loving father of Suzette Randall and Marsha Croner, father-in-law of Jade Randall and loving grandchildren Jordan, Sienna and Zahara. 029639

Indo-Lanka travel bubble on hold

Sri Lanka has decided to postpone launching the proposed "travel bubble" with India, in the wake of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in India, officials at the Ministry of Tourism said.

"We are just postponing the bubble, this is not a cancellation. When things get better in India, we look forward to launching the travel bubble," an official at the Ministry told The Hindu. Sri Lanka has been preparing to open up the country for tourists in phases as

earnings from the sector, a crucial foreign exchange earner, fell steeply in the pandemic year.

The two governments have discussed ways to enhance connectivity with the airport to help Buddhist pilgrims in Sri Lanka visit important religious sites in India. "Once the pandemic situation eases, we will be able to finalise that," the official said.

India accounts for one of the highest sources of tourists in Sri Lanka. Following the virus

outbreak in March last year, Sri Lanka closed its borders and reopened it only in December 2020, stipulating protocols for on-arrival testing, quarantine and travel within the country. Witnessing a gradual increase in the last four months, Sri Lanka recorded 4,581 tourists from select countries in March 2021. Just before the pandemic hit, Sri Lanka received 228,434 tourists in January 2020 and the highest percentage of arrivals was from India, at 18%. (The Hindu)

Ex-Policeman found guilty of all charges for George Floyd's murder

US: Derek Chauvin, a white former Minneapolis police officer, was convicted Tuesday of murdering African-American George Floyd after a racially charged trial seen as a pivotal test of police accountability in the United States.

The jury deliberated less than 11 hours before finding 45-year-old Chauvin guilty of all three charges against him: second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter.

Chauvin, who had been free on bail, was put in handcuffs after Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill read out the unanimous verdicts reached by the racially diverse, seven-woman five-man jury. Wearing a facemask and display-

ing no visible emotion, Chauvin was escorted out of the courtroom by a deputy. The 19-year veteran of the Minneapolis police force, was seen on video kneeling on the neck of Floyd for more than nine minutes as he lay facedown and handcuffed on the ground saying repeatedly "I can't breathe."

President Joe Biden called members of the Floyd family to say he was "relieved" by the verdicts, then later he and Vice President Kamala Harris addressed the nation in televised remarks.

Barack Obama, the nation's first Black President, said "a jury did the right thing" but "true justice requires much more." - AFP

Black teenager shot dead by Ohio Police

Police in the US State of Ohio fatally shot a Black teenager who appeared to be lunging at another person with a knife, less than an hour before former officer Derek Chauvin was convicted of murdering George Floyd.

The shooting occurred at a tense time with growing outrage against racial injustice and police brutality in the United States, and set off protests in the city of Columbus.

Police also released a portion of the footage from the body camera worn by the officer who shot the teenager. Franklin County Child Services identified her as Ma'Khia Bryant, 16. - AFP



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A prudent move

The decision taken by the Government and political parties not to hold May Day rallies is a prudent one given the dire situation facing the country as a result of an irresponsible public who deigned to ignore all health guidelines during the festive season. At a Party Leaders' meeting at the National Operations Centre for the Prevention of COVID-19 presided by its head Army Commander General Shavendra Silva it was decided to call off the May Day rallies due to the prevailing high risk situation.

Besides, May Day being what it is in this country, it would be well-nigh impossible to expect inebriated crowds bused in from the outstations to city venues to observe the distance rule and other health guidelines. Also with the Workers' Day being made a mockery with politics and politicians playing the dominant role the accent no doubt will be on the crowd sizes that could be drawn by each political party in a show of strength, regardless of the prevailing guidelines. We saw this identical situation during the General Elections where such warnings were thrown overboard by all political parties. Just as in Colombo, the situation could aggravate even in the outstations particularly in the plantations where May Day rallies draw huge crowds.

It would only need one spark to set off a conflagration as far as the relatively virus free outstations are concerned. May Day is rather a redundant event in this country and has lost the allure and attraction from the days when the pro-worker Marxist parties held sway. What was once an event reserved for the workers to air their grievances and assert their rights has today been hijacked by politicians. Workers themselves are partly responsible for this state of affairs in allowing the politicians to ride piggyback on their shoulders and steering their struggles in a different direction.

Hence it is futile in precipitating another health risk in the country through a non-event. The JVP and its offshoot the Peratugamis it is reported are planning to defy the ban and hold their respective May Day rallies. The authorities should come down hard on those acting contrary to the directives of the health authorities from whichever quarter. The New Year fiasco ought to have opened the eyes of the authorities of what is in store if more leeway is granted. Perhaps the Rathu Sahodarayas whose electoral fortunes have plummeted to new lows expect to lift the morale of their cadres by bringing in the crowds. It was the PHIs who insisted that May Day rallies be cancelled owing to the worsening situation, according to media reports. PHI Union President Upul Rohana predicted a definite rise of COVID-19 cases in the coming weeks due to the callous disregard for health restrictions by the public during the festive season. He did not rule out a situation like in India where the careless conduct by the public who indulged in mass ritual bathing in holy rivers and thronging Hindu festivals and political rallies in their hundreds of thousands have turned that country into a health nightmare today where the daily count of COVID-19 positive cases reaches 300,000 and the daily death toll over 2,000. Rohana said Sri Lanka was also facing a critical situation in terms of the spread of the Coronavirus.

At least on this occasion the authorities have paid heed to the PHIs in clamping down on free movement. It was the same advice that the PHIs gave prior to Christmas only for the authorities to ignore them at a huge cost heralding another outbreak, after the country was relatively free of the virus during the preceding months. The top echelons of the Government have taken a serious view of the situation. Cabinet Spokesman Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana said it was regrettable that the public failed to pay heed to the health warnings during the festive season. He asked the people to stay calm assuring that the Government was confident that the rise in the infections will be contained. He said nearly one million people in Colombo and Gampaha have been vaccinated and hence the chances of the virus spreading were limited.

Here a word of caution is in order. The second dose of the vaccine is yet in coming and until then the people are certainly exposed to the risk. There is no guarantee that even after the second dose the vaccine will be foolproof. Some people in India who received both doses of the vaccine had still contracted the virus. India, despite being the largest producer of the AstraZeneca vaccine is now only second behind the US in the number of infected and the numbers are rising each day at an alarming rate so much so it is short of hospital beds and fast running out of oxygen cylinders and ventilators, according to NDTV News. Hence over-reliance on the vaccine would prove to be costly here too and it should be drilled into the minds of the public that strict observance of the health guidelines is the only safe bet for avoiding the deadly virus.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Natural forces within us are the true healers of disease. - Hippocrates

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa making an inspection tour of the Port City in December 2019.



COLOMBO PORT CITY: “Chinese Colony” or “Gateway to South Asia”?

The legal contours of the country's first-ever offshore financial centre have been worked out and that piece of legislation was at the centre of attraction last week leading to a heated political and social debate.

Many will agree that the China-funded Colombo Port City (CPC) is an ambitious and a giant project that has the capacity to be a make or break factor of this island-nation's economy in the years to come. The legal infrastructure carries equal weight as, or even more weight than, the physical infrastructure when it comes to the successful operation of this economic hub-to-be of the country.

If the country is to yield the best out of the proposed international financial centre in Colombo, it is necessary to have a solid and attractive legal foundation that can compete with other offshore financial centres in the world while having enough safeguards to protect the national economy and national interests.

The country is in dire need of foreign investments as its economy is precariously positioned with countless challenges lying ahead, mainly due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and a debt burden that has worsened due to decades of financial mismanagement under successive Governments. The promising opportunities the Port City offers in this direction could be viewed by the Government and financial analysts alike as a knight in shining armour.

Sri Lanka's strategic location on the modern Maritime Silk Road, the sea route part of the impressive 'Belt and Road Initiative' (BRI) of the Chinese, is an added advantage for the Colombo Port City, South Asia's first offshore financial centre. Built with Chinese funds on an artificially reclaimed 269-hectare land adjacent to the Colombo Port, it is simply the largest foreign investment the country has hitherto received (an initial US\$ 1.4 billion).

The Government at the same time has to be wary of the geopolitical realities in the Indo Pacific Region when moving ahead with the proposed financial hub. Knowing that there is a thinly-veiled power rivalry between China and India, and that the United States (US) is frowning at the increased Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean Region with its heightened friendship with India, the Government has to tread carefully not to invite unnecessary troubles by any global super-



Opposition Leader
Sajith Premadasa

power. (China already controls the Hambantota Port in the South under a deal signed by the previous Yahapalana Government). In addition, the Chinese interest in Sri Lanka is unmistakably intertwined with its long term economic and political plans and goals.

Given all the above considerations, it is apparent that the Government is at a crossroads today. It has its work cut out to set the Colombo Port City wheels turning with a well-knit legislation that goes hand in hand with a well-thought-out strategy for the best interests of the country. As things stand, it is slated for full completion by 2040.

19 PETITIONS

The 'Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill', which was placed before Parliament on April 8 by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, led to a barrage of comments by political parties and civil society activists stealing the media spotlight throughout the 'Avurudu' holiday.

Despite the fact that the holidays outnumbered the working days in the week left aside for public litigation, the Supreme Court received 19 petitions challenging the constitutionality and legality of the provisions in the 76-page Bill. Among the petitioners are representatives of the Samagi Jana Balawegaya

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(SJB), Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), United National Party (UNP), Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL), Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA), Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) and several trade unions as well as Abhayarama temple Chief Incumbent Ven. Muruththettuwe Ananda Thera, a politically influential Buddhist monk who headed the powerful Nurses Union. The petitioners seek a declaration that the Bill in whole or in part requires the approval by people at a Referendum and a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

The draft Bill, which is now in the public domain, has proposed a Special Economic Zone with a low tax regime to magnetize Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) to kick-start the operations of the Port City Colombo. It has proposed a 5-7 Member Commission appointed by the President to manage the administrative and business affairs of the Zone. The Commission, which invokes memories of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission (GCEC) of 1978, will serve as a "single window" facilitator that provides one-stop-shop clearance for potential foreign investors.

The CPC will initially need investments to develop its infrastructure and its Master



State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal showing a map of Port City at a presser last week.

Plan includes offshore banks, trusts and international companies, condominiums with time-shares (an arrangement whereby several joint owners have the right to use a property as a holiday home under a time-sharing scheme), parks, international hospitals and recreational facilities. The Project aims to develop the CPC as a world class 'Smart City' in South Asia. Obviously, its products and services are targeted at high-net-worth individuals and corporate clients.

OPPOSITION'S CONCERNS

The Government fought tooth and nail last week to defend the draft Port City legislation by dispelling misinformation, allaying doubts and fears and clarifying any grey areas associated with it. The Opposition parties took up a collective slogan stating that the proposed Bill makes the CPC a "Chinese Colony".

One major concern raised by the Opposition is that the Port City does not come under the jurisdiction of the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) or the Western Province, and this coupled with the non-application and exemption of many local enactments makes it similar to a separate territory. However, several analysts pointed out that the GCEC, which later became the basis for the Board of Investment (BOI), had a similar arrangement.

"One law and one country was what the ruling party campaigned for prior to the election. The Port City Bill runs contrary to this concept. This Bill also betrays the country's sovereignty. This attempt of the Government has to be defeated," Opposition Leader and SJB Leader Sajith Premadasa commented.

More concerns raised by the Opposition include that the CPC funds are not audited by the Auditor General and those do not come under the scope of the Parliamentary watchdog committees. Parliament is only notified of the President's Gazettes relating to the future affairs of the CPC and Parliament's nod is not needed for them to be operative.

The Opposition has also alleged that only foreigners can invest in the Port City, that even foreigners can be appointed as Members of the high-powered Port City Economic Commission, and that any item bought by the locals at the Port City premises would be taxed at the exit point.

In an interesting development, US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Alaina Teplitz was one among the first to raise concerns that "the nefarious

actors" may attempt to turn the CPC in to a "money-laundering haven" exploiting the sweeping tax breaks. Her comments in an online discussion with a group of journalists in Colombo received wide publicity, and the Government promptly countered those negative sentiments stressing that the Port City-centric new Financial City would not allow investments by way of money laundering or funds which were raised from any form of terrorist activities.

SMART CITY

Last week, the Government made an all-out effort to negate the allegations against the Bill by taking the time to directly respond to those concerns one by one. Strongly backing the proposed Port City legislation, Money, Capital Markets and State Enterprise Reforms State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal viewed that it would be a "turning point" for the country's economy and that the President has been given wide ranging powers to oversee the functions of the CPC to ensure that its activities do not impede national interests.

"The CPC is not limited to China but open to all countries. It will help jump-start our ailing economy. Claims of a 'Chinese Colony' are unfounded. The Project will bring in US\$ 15 billion as FDIs in the next five years and will generate 83,000 new jobs. Legal reforms are needed because Sri Lanka has dropped in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings to the 99th position, behind India, Bhutan and Nepal in the South Asian region," underlined the State Minister.

Cabraal explained that the CPC would be under Sri Lankan jurisdiction and its investment approvals would be presented to the Cabinet by the President. "The Port City Economic Commission will be audited by an international auditing firm. The Police will oversee security in the Port City premises. There will not be a different system in place," he commented observing that the shape of this Project is no different to similar projects in other parts of the world.

Last week, Attorney General Dappula de Livera informed the President that the Port City Bill is not inconsistent with the Constitution. The Government is seen determined to push the legislation through Parliament subject to any revisions as deemed fit by the Supreme Court. No doubt, the CPC legislation will be a game-changer in the country's economy, and it is up to the Government to craft a success story out of it to elevate the country's economy to a whole new level.



Work in progress at the Port City land.

Easter attacks:

Wheels of Justice begin to move swiftly

Hindsight

LAKDEV LIYANAGAMA

Sri Lanka yesterday commemorated the second anniversary of the Easter terror attacks that cost the lives of more than 250 people. Answers to many questions arising from the attacks remain elusive despite numerous efforts of the incumbent Government to resolve issues.

Security was strengthened ahead of the anniversary. Earlier this week, Police Headquarters issued a special notice to all senior police officers to provide maximum security during the special church services and other religious ceremonies that were to be held to commemorate the victims.

The attacks occurred during the government of then President Maithripala Sirisena when he headed a Cabinet that consisted of members of the United National Party (UNP) with Ranil Wickremesinghe as Prime Minister. It was well known that the relationship between the duo was strained at the time.

That was because of events that had occurred six months earlier, when former President Sirisena 'sacked' Premier Wickremesinghe and swore in Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Prime Minister, a decision that was later overturned by the Supreme Court who deemed the President's acts 'unconstitutional'.

In such a context it was not surprising that, following the Easter attacks, the President and the Cabinet engaged in rhetoric aimed at shifting blame to each other. Former President Sirisena who was visiting Singapore when the disaster unfolded, professed ignorance to intelligence warnings of the attacks.

A series of inquiries followed. There was public pressure to unearth the facts related to the attacks. Leading the call for an impartial investigation was the Archbishop of Colombo, His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith who has been outspoken in his criticism of the security lapses that enabled the tragedy.

On the day after the inci-

dents, then President Sirisena appointed a three-member committee to probe the attacks. It comprised of Supreme Court Judge Vijith Malalgoda, former Inspector General of Police N. K. Ilankoon and former Law and Order Ministry Secretary Padmasiri Jayamanne.

Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC)

Similarly, a month after the attacks, then Speaker of Parliament Karu Jayasuriya appointed a separate Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) to probe the attacks. This was widely interpreted as a manifestation of the lack of trust between the President and the ruling UNP at that time.

The eight-member PSC was chaired by Deputy Speaker Ananda Kumarasinghe and comprised of parliamentarians Rauff Hakeem, Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Ravi Karunayake, Kavinda Jayawardana, Ashu Marasinghe, Jayampathy Wickramaratne and M. A. Sumanthiran.

The committee appointed by the President handed over its final report on June 10, 2019. While the committee's report offered insights into the attack and the prevailing security climate at that time, it did not make any specific recommendations regarding any individuals, institutions or culpability.

Meanwhile, Sittings of the PSC were conducted in public. From what emerged at the hearings it was evident that there was a significant lack of communication and cooperation between the various government agencies tasked with ensuring the safety and security of the nation, enabling the attacks.

Some examples were then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe describing how he was not invited to meetings of the National Security Council after the constitutional crisis six months earlier. Then Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando recalled difficulties he had in

meeting with President Sirisena.

With proceedings of the PSC being broadcast to the public, the then opposition accused the PSC of attempting to shift the blame on President Sirisena instead of taking responsibility for its own lapses. President Sirisena was also summoned before the PSC and was subjected to rigorous questioning.

A day after the PSC recorded the evidence of President Sirisena, he appointed a five-member Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) on September 22, 2019 to probe the attacks. It was tasked with identifying those responsible for the attacks, in carrying them out and through negligence.

The five-member Commission was chaired by Justice of the Court of Appeal Janak de Silva. Its other members included Justice Nissanka Bandula Karunaratna, Retired Justice Nihal Sunil Rajapaksa, Retired Justice Bandula Kumara Atapattu and retired Ministry Secretary Ms. W.M.M.R. Adikari.

The PCoI handed over its final report to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa earlier this year. By virtue of President Rajapaksa assuming office following the presidential elections in 2019, the PCoI, though appointed by former President Sirisena, handed over its report to President Rajapaksa.

Ironically, the PCoI appointed by former President Sirisena has now recommended criminal proceedings against him, holding that the then President was guilty of 'criminal liability' for his part in the acts or omissions which resulted in the tragedy. This has led to controversy in political circles.

The PCoI recommended that



His Eminence
Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith



Former President
Maithripala Sirisena



Former Prime Minister
Ranil Wickremesinghe



Justice Minister
Ali Sabry, PC

the Attorney General consider instituting criminal proceedings against the former President under "any suitable provision in the Penal Code". Among the issues the PCoI held the then President liable for was the non-appointment of an acting Minister of Defence.

The Commission also recommended that the Attorney General consider criminal proceedings against several others including former Police Chief Pujith Jayasundara, former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando and senior Police officers Nandana Munasinghe and Deshabandu Tennekoon.

The PCoI was also quite critical of the conduct of the former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, particularly for not keeping Parliament informed about not being invited for meetings for the National Security Council. However, it stopped short of recommending action against the former Premier.

The Government has responded to the PCoI report by appointing a ministerial committee to study its findings. This committee was headed by

Minister Chamal Rajapaksa and included Johnston Fernando, Udaya Gammanpila, Ramesh Pathirana, Prasanna Ranatunga and Rohitha Abeysunwardena.

Second anniversary of Easter attacks

Since then, as the second anniversary of the Easter attacks approached, there has been much public discussion about who was responsible for the attacks. Cardinal Ranjith has asked on several occasions that justice be done for the victims of the attacks before the second anniversary of the tragedy.

Two weeks ago, Minister of Public Security Sarath Weerasekara told Parliament that a person known as Nawfer Moulavi had been identified as the mastermind behind the attacks. Minister Weerasekara said Nawfer Moulavi had been propagating extremist Islamic ideology for several years, since 2014.

Nawfer Moulavi who was initially based in Qatar, had instigated and provoked the 'leader' of the attacks, Zahran Hashim and his followers into carrying

out the attacks by indoctrinating them, the Minister said. Nawfer Moulavi is in custody and action will be taken against him, Weerasekara said.

Despite these revelations, Justice Minister Ali Sabry was to say a few days ago that it was unlikely that any action could be taken by the second anniversary of the attacks. Minister Sabry said that framing charges was not the duty or the responsibility of the government but of the Attorney General.

"Soon after assessing the evidence collected by the Police and if the Attorney General is satisfied that there is a *prima facie* case against any suspect, charges will be framed against him or her. The Government must not or should not join in these tasks," Minister Sabry, a President's Counsel, said.

However, the Minister noted a team of ten senior Counsel from the Attorney General's Department had been appointed to assist investigations into the Easter attacks and added that the Government was also keen to see legal action being taken against the suspects who have been involved in this crime.

On Tuesday, a day before the second anniversary, Attorney General Dappula De Livera filed indictment in the Kegalle High Court under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) against several persons including Nawfer Moulavi. However, these indictments were not regarding the Easter attacks.

Cases will be filed against them for conspiracy to cause violence and thereby incite religious ill feeling and disharmony amongst communities by the destruction of five Buddha statues in the Mawanelle area in December 2018, the office of the Attorney General announced on Tuesday.

The opposition also raised events leading up to the attack in Parliament this week. Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) Parliamentarians Harin Fernando and Manusha Nanayakkara made several claims in Parliament on Tuesday which they alleged related to the origin of the attacks.

Justice for Easter attack victims

In response, Chief Government Whip Johnston Fernando urged the two Parliamentarians to provide information they disclosed in Parliament to the Police and support the Government's efforts to find out those responsible for the attacks. "There is no need to politicise the issue," the Minister said.

His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith meanwhile has continued his campaign to seek justice for Easter attack victims. "No one should harm anyone who does not belong to his religious or ethnic group," Cardinal Ranjith said this week while unveiling a monument for victims at the Colombo cemetery.

Considering the events of the recent past related to the aftermath of the Easter attacks, it is clear that there will be more developments in the coming weeks and months. The attacks received global attention at the time and the outcome of investigations is being awaited internationally as well.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has pledged to allow the law to take its course. This was reiterated by Justice Minister Sabry. It is likely that the Government will go ahead with the recommendations of the PCoI, despite the fact that this may have significant political implications for the ruling coalition.



The Cabinet Sub Committee observations on the Easter PCoI Report being handed over to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

Negativity has not been an option except for the critics

RAJPAL ABEYNAYAKE

The most scenic highway in Sri Lanka — the Central Expressway — is to be opened in May. The 'ambul thiyal' offensive-play is now over. It is remembered that the JVP started a campaign claiming the Southern Expressway when it was declared open in 2011, was built to transport ambul thiyal, a fish preparation famous in the South, as a privilege for 'the ruling Rajapaksa family.'

There is no talk about this sour fish preparation anymore. The traffic on the Southern highway reaches 'spill level' when there is a national holiday such as the *Aluth Avurudu*. The income for the two days is in the tens of millions, as seen this year.

The reader gets the idea. The Central Expressway will be declared open despite the setbacks of COVID that basically shuttered a good part of the economy. Despite all this, the JVP is whining once more. This time they have 'ambul thiyal-fied' the Port City. It won't be long before they find something to cry about in the Central Expressway as well. They may say it was built to bring brides from Matale. Or as it is said in the local idiom, 'ketles from a basket' (*Kethalen mallak*).

The Central Expressway was a project that should have seen fruition before the end of the tenure of the previous Yahapalana dispensation. They had five years in which to do it. But the project was buried in endless indecision about who should complete which stretch of the highway. Disputes were rife with the foreign — mainly Japanese — contractors. The then powers that be did not have the necessary focus or ambition to see it to a finish.

That's their style. They also call it democracy not because they are in love with misnomers, but because they need some PR verbiage to cover up their lack of resolve, or their



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Highways Minister Johnston Fernando inspecting the Central Expressway.

incompetence. They say that they are wedded to a democratic administrative style, which leads to equitable decision making with various involved parties such as contractors.

The scenic highway never got built. But it got built in the very short time period in which this Government had been in power. Basically, a year and a half. The highway, as will the Port City, would be reaping the rewards for future generations. It would also reap some rewards for those who will start using it now — for instance, in the tourism trade, when travel begins in earnest because the pandemic and its hangover would not last forever.

Work gets done. Jobs are provided for locals — and in this regard the decision taken in the teeth of the pandemic to restrict the last phase of construction to local contractors was a bold one that took some courage. The local firms have rewarded that move by delivering on time, and with exceptional sangfroid.

The nerves of the carping critics are frayed these days. They see things happening despite their forecasts of doom, gloom and disaster. The Port City Bill has been like some javelin driven right between their eyeballs. As someone quipped, they expected the artificial island that was built to yield a few thousand rupees with a

few coconut trees planted here and there on the reclaimed terrain. When there are billions of dollars in investment on the cards, they wonder how this happened in a pandemic damaged economic climate.

Central Expressway, Port City projects

A lot of these ventures — the Central Expressway, the Port City and more — represent projects the previous dispensation did not want to complete, and/or could not complete. That indecision was partly a compact with certain other parties which were against these projects. Suffice to say here that there is a certain visceral resistance among some Sri Lanka watchers abroad about the country dealing with the Chinese in any way, shape or form. Let us leave that aside for the moment.

What of the Central Expressway? There was resistance to that too. It was after all a project begun by the previous dispensation — the Mahinda Rajapaksa Government before the advent of the 2015 Yahapalana regime.

If the country is interconnected by an efficient highway network, that would give traction to the new rural based agrarian and small industry based economy that if not front and

centre of the State's economic plans, are at least a major component. The British opened up tea plantations, but this new estate economy would have amounted to nothing if they had not conceptualized and implemented the plan for a brand new railway network. The construction was through difficult hilly terrain, and the engineers did not have the benefit of modern equipment. But yet a spectacular railway was built through one of the most scenic routes. Not even the most hard boiled of cynics and negativists could avoid a lump forming in their throats when they traverse that part of the railway from Ella, Talawakele up to Badulla, which has been called the most beautiful train route anywhere in the world by more than one international travel writer.

There was no JVP at that time to stage protests to say that the track was an excuse for the Governors to haul mineral water from St. Clare's falls. Or golf balls from Nuwara Eliya. After the British built the railways, the highway network conceptualized by the Mahinda Rajapaksa administration was the first national project that was ambitious enough to join the entire island in one interconnected grid. The scenic aspect was a by-product of the ambitious scheme, as it was during the British era.

Yahapalana years

The British were exploitative — they certainly wanted to siphon off the tea earnings to England, and that was what being a colonizer was all about. But they knew how to build and manage things, even if it was for themselves. In contrast, these days we have a people's administration — elected — that wants to grow the economy. There is no easy estimate on how much the national economy would be enhanced with the highway project. But certainly, once the pall cast by COVID is lifted there will be growth, and that will be seen in the numbers. That evidence will be incontrovertible and as incontrovertible as the regressive growth line that was evident in the Yahapalana years.

There is also the tangible growth that is more in the realm of perception than in the numbers. That is the single biggest difference between a right wing SJB/UNP type of regime, and a progressive regime of the sort in power now. There is an almost touchable, solid perception of growth even in the most difficult of times. Take the current conjuncture. It bears repetition that within a space of two months the Port City and the Central Expressway both became functional realities. The Port City was already in existence in physical form but it was just this month that it was given the legal go-ahead to begin func-

tioning as a fully operational business oasis. What's more, these two months referred to, are not quite in the 'out of danger time zone' as far as the pandemic is concerned.

But that's a tangible outcome is all about. People are seeing results. That immediacy is more potent than mere numbers on a graph. After the long hiatus of stagnation under UNP rule, it's as if a dam burst. The JVP and the SJB opposition seem to be flailing in the floodwaters that have resulted. They are clutching at straws mouthing the sovereignty argument, which is a joke coming from folk who have demonstrably shown serial disrespect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of this country. Those facts have been gone through elsewhere in previous articles by this writer.

Besides, the Port City is a new additional land mass added to the island, which was not even on the map. It is truly 'offshore' in that sense, and even though it does not mean that it should function as a separate entity that does not fall under the sway of the Executive and Legislature, such a scheme of things would by definition have a great degree of autonomy. Such is a *sine qua non*. Those who have no understanding of that fact are either pretending to be daft, or are being blinded by the spite engendered by success of the Port City and highway projects.



The Central Expressway



Ven. Omalpe Sobitha Thera and Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith at a ceremony held at the St. Anthony's Shrine, Kochchikade, yesterday to mark the second anniversary of the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks. (Pictures by Sulochana Gamag and Saman Sri Wedage)



REMEMBERING EASTER SUNDAY TERROR VICTIMS



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and his wife Shiranthi Rajapaksa yesterday joined in a sombre commemoration at Temple Trees to observe two-minutes silence in memory of the Easter Sunday Terror Victims. (Picture by the Prime Minister's Media Unit)



The Catholic community in Puttalam observed two-minutes silence, lit candles and sounded church bells in remembrance of the lives lost during the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks. They held a peaceful demonstration in front of Wennapuwa Church demanding justice for the victims. Picture by Marawila Group Corr. Mihira Wijesekara



The Batticaloa Municipal Council erected a memorial for the Batticaloa Zion Church victims to commemorate the second anniversary of the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks at Gandhi Park yesterday (21). Mayor Thiagaraja Saravanapavan, Deputy Mayor K.Sathyaseelan and Councillors paid floral tributes and lit candles. Picture by Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Special Correspondent



Devotees at St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Katuwapitiya, Negombo who participated in the special Mass in remembrance of the people killed in the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks held a walk and a silent protest demanding justice for the victims after observing two-minutes silence. Picture by D.Mihindukula, Kochchikade Corr.



The Zion Church, Batticaloa yesterday commemorated the 31 dead and 86 injured devotees to mark the second anniversary of the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks. Church Pastor Roshan Maheshan presided. Relations and friends of the victims gathered in numbers to express their sorrow and paid floral tributes. Picture by Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Special Correspondent



The Colombo Fort Railway Station Three-wheeler Drivers' Association yesterday joined in the observance of two-minutes silence at 8.45 am in remembrance of the lives lost during the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks two years ago. Picture by Kelum Liyanage



St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Katuwapitiya, Negombo held a special Mass in remembrance of the people killed in the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks of 2019. The event was presided over by Colombo Auxiliary Bishops J.D. Anthony and Maxwell Silva with the participation of a large crowd. Two-minutes silence was observed at 8.45 a.m. after the sounding the church bells. People also lit candles at the commemoration plaque at the site. Picture by D. Mihindukula, Kochchikade Corr.

Newest Mali bound Army contingent leaves for UN duties



Chief of Defence Staff, Army Commander and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) General Shavendra Silva speaking with Commanding Officers and members of the Mali-bound CCC before their departure.

Sri Lanka Army's newest contingent of 243 professionally-trained Army personnel in the Combat Convoy Company (CCC), well-prepared to serve in the United Nations (UN) Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) left the country for Mali yesterday morning (21), amidst the best wishes of Chief of Defence Staff, Army Commander and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) General Shavendra Silva.

General Shavendra Silva, together with a few senior officers were at the airport to see the Sri Lankan CCC, comprised of 212 Officers and Other Ranks, representing 12 Regiments of the Army, off to the landlocked West African country.

General Shavendra Silva shared a few thoughts with Lieutenant Colonel Dinesh Bulathsinhala, Commanding Officer in the Mali-bound CCC, Phase III, Major L Udagedara, 2nd in Command of the CCC Phase III and members of the CCC and extended his best wishes.

On April 10, the Mali-bound CCC presented a formal military salute to the Commander of the Army at the IPSOT-SL premises at Kukuleganga.

A group of 31 Army personnel, belonging to the same CCC are expected to leave after a few days due to logistic requirements. In the meantime, 240 members of the CCC troops (Phase II) already serving Mali having completed their peacekeeping roles will return home soon under two phases.

Major General Senarath Bandara, Chief of Staff, Major General Priyanka

Fernando, Director General Staff, Major General Sanjaya Wanasinghe, Adjutant General, Brigadier Lasantha Rodrigo, Major General Indrajith Kandanaarachchi, Director General Agriculture, Major General Swarna Bothota, Commandant, OCDC, Buttala, Major General Lal Chandrasiri, Overall Security Coordinator at the Army HQ, Director Overseas Operation, Brigadier Dinesh Udugama, Centre Commandant, Gajaba Regiment and few Senior Officers also were there at the airport during their departure.

Sri Lanka, Seychelles discuss fisheries co-operation

Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to the Seychelles Srimal Wickremasinghe who presented his credentials to President Wavel Ramkalawan on Tuesday told reporters that Sri Lanka wants to further develop its relationship with Seychelles.

"We would be setting up our programme to see the sectors that we would work on together to bolster stronger cooperation.

A discussion has already started around the education sector and we are offering the chance for students to study medicine in Sri Lanka," said Wickremasinghe.

He said that Sri Lanka is also interested in providing its expertise to help Seychelles in its infrastructural development.

From the State House, Wickremasinghe made a courtesy

call on the Seychelles Minister of Fisheries, Jean-Francois Ferrari. Both countries are active members of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

Both the Minister and the High Commissioner agreed to re-activate fisheries cooperation discussions between the two countries, with a particular focus on maritime surveillance and monitoring in an effort to eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in their respective Exclusive Economic Zones.

The partnership will enable Seychelles and Sri Lanka to continue to be at the forefront in fisheries transparency and ensure compliance with international obligations such as those set by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Ferrari also made a proposal that Sri Lanka's private institute of higher

education (CINEC) offers more fisheries related courses with a particular focus on modern fishing technologies both at the Seychelles Maritime Academy (SMA) as well as the CINEC campus in Colombo.

He said that this will encourage more Seychellois youths to

join the fisheries sector in Seychelles not just as fishermen, but to take hold of equally important career opportunities in the fisheries value chain.

Fisheries is the second top contributor to the Seychelles economy after tourism. (Seychelles News Agency)



Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to the Seychelles Srimal Wickremasinghe presenting his credentials to the President of Seychelles Wavel Ramkalawan.

Crested Hawk Eagle rescued



The rescued Crested Hawk Eagle.

M.U.M.SANOON, Puttalam TKN Corr.

A Crested Hawk Eagle was rescued in the Kalpitiya area in Puttalam, with serious injuries to its wings. The eagle was rescued by the Puttalam Wildlife Control Department on Tuesday (20th) morning.

While commenting on this, the Wildlife Control Department officials said that the bird may have sustained its injuries due to a fight between two male eagles.

The rescued eagle has been sent to Nikaweratiya Veterinary Hospital for further treatment, the officials said.

Temasek Foundation of Singapore donates 300,000 Livinguard face masks to SLASA

The Temasek Foundation of Singapore donated 300,000 Livinguard face masks to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association (SLASA), as part of their COVID-19 relief programme.

The consignment of masks was delivered to Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association on March 3, 2021, and are expected to be distributed among district and divisional level public officers including frontline field officers who closely work with the general public.

The donation was made by the Temasek Foundation as a result of a request made by High Commissioner of Sri Lanka Sashikala Premawardhane to Chief Executive Officer of the Temasek Foundation International Benedict Cheong.

Livinguard masks are produced in Sri Lanka by the apparel conglomerate MAS Holdings, to be used in Singapore and beyond, as a result of the cooperation between the two countries. According to the manufacturer, these masks are produced using patented antiviral technology, and can be reused 210 times.



The consignment of masks donated by Temasek Foundation of Singapore to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association, as part of their COVID-19 relief programme.

The Sri Lanka apparel manufacturing industry has gained a strong reputation worldwide for ethical manufacturing of high-quality apparels trusted by the iconic global fashion brands. Sri Lanka's apparel and textile manufacturing industry is the most significant and dynamic contributor to Sri Lanka's economy and during the pandemic demonstrated its agility and adaptability by successfully switching to the production of personal protective wear and equipment including facemasks and PPE.

The Temasek Foundation earlier donated one million Livinguard face masks, a large number of Fortitude PCR test kits, 50 Oxygen Concentrators, 50 ResMed BiPAPs, 25 Medtronic Ventilators and PPE items, to the Government of Sri Lanka, helping its battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2009/10, the Temasek Foundation has conducted 14 single country programmes in Sri Lanka. These programmes have resulted in the capacity building of professionals in the education, healthcare and many other sectors. Over 1,600 Sri Lankans have participated in these programmes, and cascading participant figure exceeds four thousand individuals.

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President J.R. Jayewardene arrives in Washington, DC.

President Reagan and Nancy Reagan with President Jayewardene and Elina Jayewardene.

President J.R. Jayewardene addresses the gathering while President Ronald Reagan looks on.

President J.R. Jayewardene in Japan, 1951 and US, 1984

A reiteration of Sri Lanka's commitment to peace, reconciliation and non-violence

RANJIV GOONAWARDENA

During the early 80s period Sri Lanka was very much ahead of the crowd, a trailblazer in thinking, when President J.R. Jayewardene came up with a bold idea to suggest creating a United Nations Anti-Terror Organisation.

If you read this carefully this is why Japan should have voted at the UN Human Rights Council in favour of Sri Lanka rather than abstaining. After all, J.R. Jayewardene at that time defended Japan against the intentions of the Western powers and prevailed with his intellect and rationale not to impose punishment on Japan. After the First World War in 1919, the victors demanded reparation from Germany to the value of 269 billion gold marks to be exact - the equivalent of around 100,000 tonnes of gold, during that period.

Ronald Reagan, the late USA President, was full of praise about Sri Lanka's potential and the richness of its society during the state visit to the USA by the President of Sri Lanka President Jayewardene and Mrs Jayewardene on June 18, 1984.

The following quotes are from the speech delivered by President Ronald Reagan:

"Although our two countries are on opposite sides of the globe, we share a common bond in the great institution of democracy. You have held elections at regular intervals with almost equal regularity. Losers as well as winners accept the verdict of the people and the true winners are the people of Sri Lanka."

It is a pleasure for us to have you as our guest. You underscored this heartfelt commitment during your first visit here in September of 1951 during a gathering of the representatives of nations who had fought in the Pacific War. Some at that San Francisco Conference insisted that Japan should not be given its full freedom. They argued that Japan should remain shackled as a punishment for its role in World War II, but as the representative of Sri Lanka, you spoke out for the principle of freedom for all people including the Japanese. You quoted the Buddha, the great teacher and said that hatred ceases not by hatred but by love.

We share your dedication to freedom and goodwill. This is more than political theory. It is a way of life. This spirit makes it natural that our two nations should be friends. I hope that the international community will be able to eradicate terrorism which has become a major challenge to those of us who believe in the democratic process.

I know this sentiment is shared by the people of all the democracies - when I say the free men and women of this planet will never cower before terrorists. Human liberty will prevail and civilisation will triumph over this cowardly form of barbarism. We applaud your determination not to yield to terrorism in your own country as well as your efforts to find through the democratic process a peaceful resolution of communal strife. There is no legitimate excuse for any political group to resort to violence in Sri



As Finance Minister in 1951.

Lanka, a country with a strong democratic tradition and a nation of many races, religions and ethnic groups.

We Americans know from experience that there is room for all in a democracy. Dividing your country into separate nations, as some would have you do, is not the solution. Instead of separating people, now is the time to bring them together in the same spirit you spoke about in San Francisco three decades ago of love, not hatred. A united progressive Sri Lanka can flourish and live in peace with itself and the rest of the world. We wish you every success in your search for reconciliation and a better life for all your people. Sri Lanka is among those enlightened nations that understand incentives hold the key to greater economic growth and personal opportunity.

Sri Lanka is an example of independent people determining their own destiny and a country which the United States is proud to count among its friends. Welcome to America."

This is how Sri Lanka was received by President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan.

Then it was the turn of President Jayewardene to make his opening speech and I quote: "This is not our first visit. We came in September 1951 to your West coast to attend the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference held in San Francisco. I came as my country's representative. I received then a full measure of praise and gratitude from members of the United States Government of the day - Dean Acheson, John Foster Dulles and others who attended the conference - for helping to secure the acceptance by the conference of the peace treaty with Japan. The Japanese leaders Prime Minister Yoshida and others are equally grateful. The thinking of the people of my country which was expressed by me on that occasion was that we should not ask for reparations from a fallen foe, who had harmed our land and people also; that we should forgive those who were enemies quoting the words of the Buddha that hatred ceases not by hatred but by love, which you also just quoted. We should restore to Japan the freedoms of democracy. Those were the ideas which inspired us then and inspire us now."

Our history and civilisation have survived unbroken from the fifth century BC for 2,500 years. There were glimpses of modern democracy even then, as in the appointment of mayors to our ancient cities. We were the first in Asia in 1865 to select members to the municipalities that governed our major cities and in 1931, under universal franchise, we exercised our right to elect the government of our choice. I happen to be the 193rd in the line

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Then Finance Minister J.R. Jayewardene addressing the San Francisco Conference in 1951.

and South America, the whole of Africa, the whole of Asia from the Mediterranean Sea to the Seas of China and Japan, there are very few countries which could be called a democracy. Ours is one. That is why the assistance that developing nations of the world received from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund is appreciated though there are many matters which we feel should be changed to help them to exist as free countries.

We have been able to commence and have almost completed the largest development programme which in our long history has ever been attempted by King or President. We have, however, problems. Some of them are unique to our country - excessive rains, sometimes floods, landslides, and cyclones. A modern problem and one of universal occurrence today is terrorism. This happens in the extreme north of our country where a group of misguided people seeks separation from a united Sri Lanka. There are more Tamils living in the East and among the Sinhalese, the major community, than in the regions that seek separation who do not support them. My party holds 10 out of 12 seats in the Eastern Province.

The terrorists are a small group who seek by force including murder, robberies and other misdeeds to support the cause of separation including the creation of a Marxist state in the whole of Sri Lanka and in India, beginning with Tamil Nadu in the South. I am glad that your country is taking a lead in creating an international movement to oppose terrorism. If I may suggest, it may be called the United Nations anti-terrorism organization. It is

vital that the developed world helps us with finances in this sphere and that all nations cooperate to eliminate the menace of terrorism from the civilized world.

I was very happy when I heard your address to the Irish Parliament on June 4. You made an appeal to Nations to reaffirm the principle not to use force in their dealings with each other. You said the democracies could inaugurate a programme to promote the growth of democratic institutions throughout the world. You spoke on behalf of hundreds of millions who live on the borderline of starvation while nations will spend next year a trillion dollars on the manufacturing of armaments for the destruction of human beings and their products.

I have never failed to express similar ideas. Non-violence is compassion and the Great Teacher whom I follow, the Gautama Buddha, and the Great Teacher you follow, Jesus Christ, and India's great son, Mahatma Gandhi, preached and practised the doctrine of non-violence successfully.

I remember when one of your representatives came to see me, I told her, a leader must know only two words - yes and no. I think President Reagan knows those two words very well. Once you say "yes", or "no" stick to it whatever happens.

We all are human beings. We extend our affection not only to human beings but also to animals - to the little elephant that we gifted to you. That is the philosophy which we have learnt in our country. That is the philosophy which if I can spread throughout the world and I find in you and Madam Reagan - very good disciples."



President J.R. Jayewardene and First Lady Elina Jayewardene in Colombo.

of heads of state from 483 BC to date. We had ambassadors of the court of Claudius Caesar - you find it recorded in Pleiade's letters - he even mentions the name of the ambassadors. We had sent delegations to China in 47 AD. The great Chinese pilgrims Xuanzang and Faxian came to our country in the fourth century AD and the sixth century AD. So did Sinbad, the sailor Marco Polo and Ibn Battuta.

For the first time, Westerners came in the 16th century and the Portuguese came as tourists but stayed for 150 years, after that, came the Dutch and then came the English and we are now once again a free country. We wish to be friendly with all and the enemies of none - that is my policy and the policy of our people. We would like the people of America to understand us through the long history of Sri Lanka.

In our modern history, we cannot forget the contribution made by an American, Colonel Henry Steel Olcott, when he helped the Buddhist leaders of Sri Lanka hundred years ago to establish a movement for the revival of education through schools owned and managed by the Buddhists themselves.

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The J.R. Jayewardene Memorial in Japan.



President J.R. Jayewardene gifting an elephant calf to President Ronald Reagan in June 1984.

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Winning ICC T20I World Cup in 2014 was special - Sangakkara

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka marked their Silver Jubilee celebrations of winning the 1996 Cricket World Cup in March this year.

And on April 6, the country celebrated another significant triumph in their historic achievements as they marked the seventh anniversary of winning the ICC Twenty20 World Cup in Bangladesh.

Sri Lanka led by Lasith Malinga defeated India by six wickets in the final played in Mirpur, Bangladesh.

The Indian Team led by M. S. Dhoni were the favourites to win the title with their strong batting line-up which included Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Ajinkya Rahane, Yuvraj Singh and Suresh Raina.

However, Sri Lanka with a good bowling line-up restricted the Indians to 130 for four wickets in 20 overs.

Kulasekara, Malinga and Herath took one wicket each but more importantly all the bowlers were able to finish their overs while conceding under 30 runs.

Kumar Sangakkara led the run chase with an unbeaten 52 in 35 balls inclusive of six fours and one six while Mahela Jayawardene made a valuable 24 in 24 balls with four fours. Thisara Perera struck the winning runs with a six off Ravichandran Ashwin in the 17th over as Sri Lanka celebrated a magnificent victory. It was a special moment for Jayawardene and Sangakkara as both veterans decided to call it a day on their T20I careers after the 2014 T20 World Cup. Sangakkara won the Man-of-the-Match Award for playing a vital role in their success.

But Sangakkara felt Malinga and Kulasekara played a crucial role in Sri Lanka's success.

Describing how the two Sri Lankan pacers restricted India to 130 for four in the first innings, Sangakkara said: "The best death bowling that I have ever seen in my life."

"I have seen Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram bowl in the death but the overs from Kulasekara and Malinga to two of the biggest hitters and two of the best finishers in the short-



Sri Lanka Cricket Team celebrate with the trophy

er version, I have never seen anything like that before or since."

"Twenty-four yorkers on the spot, ball after ball. Walking into the dressing room after that, we knew the momentum was with us."

"The 2014 ICC T20 World Cup in

Bangladesh was very special. I have said every tournament is special but this was much more so because it was going to be my last T20 World Cup. It was going to be Jayawardene's last T20 World Cup."

"This was quite an emotional game



Kumar Sangakkara is carried by his teammates

for Mahela and myself, because it was our last game in Sri Lankan colours in this particular format."

Sangakkara stated India were 115 for two when Malinga came in to bowl the last T20 World Cup.

A well-settled Kohli was with Yuvraj

in the middle then. While fans expected India to finish around the 150-mark, Malinga and Kulasekara conceded a mere 15 runs in the last three overs. Earlier in 2009 and 2012 Sri Lanka reached the T20 World Cup finals but finished as runners-up.

Bairstow guides Sunrisers to first win of IPL

Jonny Bairstow's unbeaten 63 led Sunrisers Hyderabad to their first win of the 2021 Indian Premier League (IPL) with a nine-wicket victory over Punjab Kings in Chennai yesterday.

Bairstow put on 73 with David Warner (37) and 48 with Kane Williamson (16 n.o.) as his side won with eight balls spare.

Punjab were bowled out for 120 from 19.4 overs with Mayank Agarwal and Shahrukh Khan top scoring with 22.

Khaleel Ahmed was the pick of the Sunrisers bowlers taking three for 21.

Bairstow is now the third-highest run-scorer, behind Delhi Capitals' Shikhar Dhawan and Royal Challengers Bangalore's Glenn Maxwell, in this



Jonny Bairstow

season's competition with 173 runs from four innings.

He hit three fours and three sixes in his 56-ball innings, and

took 48 balls to reach his half-century - the longest it has ever taken him in a Twenty20 match.

It was his seventh half-centu-

ry in IPL cricket, and the highest individual score in a chase at Chennai this season.

Sunrisers are the third team, in eight games, to win chasing in Chennai this season with sides finding batting second difficult at the ground with the pitch slowing as the game progresses.

The win takes Sunrisers - who are coached by England's World Cup-winning coach Trevor Bayliss - to fifth in the eight-team table, while Punjab are now bottom.

Chief scores
Punjab Kings: 120 in 19.4 overs (Mayank Agarwal 22, Shahrukh Khan 22, Khaleel Ahmed 3/21)

Sunrisers Hyderabad: 121/1 in 18.4 overs (Jonny Bairstow 63 n.o.) (BBC)

Sri Lanka Cricket launches an Online Series of 'Coaching Masterclass'

Sri Lanka Cricket's Coach Education Unit is delighted to announce the launch of its brand-new online Coaching Masterclass Series, which is now available through the Coach Education App of the SLC.

The Coaching Masterclass Series forms a key part of the SLC's Coach Education programs, launched digitally to develop the knowledge of Cricket Coaches, spread across the country.

The new series offers a diverse range of text and audio video-based materials, which can be accessed by coaches of all levels by clicking <https://www.teamapp.com/cricket/530855?webpage=v1> The App is tailored to work either on the Desktop, Tablet, and Mobile Devices.

The 'Coach Education App'



es and Coach Educators of Sri Lanka Cricket's High-Performance Center. The subject areas consist of mental skills development, game sense coaching, and player-centered coaching, and skill development.

The Coach Education App releases content on a monthly basis, thus expanding the resources available within 'Skill Videos' and 'Coaching Resources', to ensure that coaches are kept abreast with new information.

"We're excited to launch the new Coaching Masterclass Series, which I am sure, will benefit the coaches, immensely, as this program can be followed at their own time and space," said Heshan De Mel, Head of Coach Education at Sri Lanka Cricket. (SLC media release)

of Sri Lanka Cricket, launched during the year 2020 to educate the cricket coaches via virtual, amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, has become a central portal to learn the art of coaching and gain vital knowledge and skills.

The new Coaching Masterclass Series covers 'Core skill Areas', presented by the Coach-

Hasali bags U-16 Tennis Title



Hasali Gajaba in action

Hasali Gajaba produced a splendid performance to bag the Girls' Under-16 Singles title at the HNB-Hutch Clay Court Tennis Nationals, which continued at the SLTA Courts in Green Path yesterday.

The schoolgirl from Visakha Vidyalaya rallied around beautifully and went on to beat Ruvi Lewkebandara of Gateway College in straight sets 6-2, 6-3.

Sea Hawks edge out Blue Eagles 1-0

Sea Hawks SC edged out Blue Eagles SC 1-0 in their Super League Football Tournament match worked off at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

This match was continued for the second day as the game was inter-

rupted on Tuesday after 43 minutes due to bad weather with Sea Hawks SC leading 1-0.

The scoreline remained unchanged at the end of the final whistle and Sea Hawks SC emerged victorious after an exciting contest. (AN)



M. Hasmeer of Sea Hawks SC celebrates after scoring the solitary goal

Boxing coaches camp in Kandy

The Boxing Coaches Association of Sri Lanka (BCASL) will be organising a two-day workshop for boxing coaches on April 24 and 25 in Kandy.

This training camp, scheduled for 2020, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The BCASL has obtained the approval of the Public Health Instructor in the relevant area to conduct a training camp at the National Development Association in Kundasale, Kandy.

Participant should register for the coaching camp before 8.30 a.m. on April 24.

Amendment to the rules and regulations of the international boxing association (AIBA) in dealing with international competitions will be discussed.

The key lecturers during the course are AIBA Instructor and President of the Boxing Referees and Judges Association Capt. (Rtd) R. K. Indrasena and AIBA 3-star Referee Rukman Wekadapola.

Rahula Basketball Association AGM on May 1

Rahula Basketball Association, the unity of old and present basketball players of the Rahula College, Matara will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 1 at the Galapatti residence, Pamburana, Mat-

ara from 5pm onward. The association hopes to elect potential young blood as office bearers by replacing long standing officials. All members are expected to come and vote at the election.

Action continues at Summer Season Open Badminton



Action during the tournament

The 2021 edition of the Summer Season All Island Open Badminton Championships is currently taking place at the Municipal Council Indoor Stadium in Nuwara-Eliya with some of the top stars in the country vying for major honours.

The event, organized by Central Province Badminton Association Together with Nuwara Eliya Badminton Association under the patronage of Sri Lanka Badminton, is continuing in full swing with a total

of 993 shuttlers competing under 39 categories.

The event follows the highly successful completion of key events including the 68th nationals and Mercantile tournaments despite the pandemic situation over the past few months.

The Summer Season Open Championships, which is one of the major events in the Sri Lanka Badminton calendar, is turning the heat up in Little England and will culminate on April 27.

Trinity down S. Thomas'

Opener Umair Raizan struck a fine knock of 84 with five fours as Trinity College defeated S. Thomas' College by four wickets in their Under-

19 limited over cricket fixture played at Mount Lavinia yesterday.

Chief scores
S. Thomas': 195/8 in 50

overs (Kanika Dayaratne 44, Shalin de Mel 49, Pasan Kularatne 3/28, Dinuka Tennakoon 3/27)

Trinity: 196/6 in 48 overs

Umair Raizan 84, Ranuda Somaratne 30, Akram Muthalib 37 n.o., Anuk Palihawadana 3/55, Yasiru Rodrigo 2/25.)

(D.R)

Chance Sports sponsors CCC cricket tourney

The Colombo Cricket Club Tournament took place at Ananda Shasthralaya Kotte with the participation

of over 150 children, coaches, and parents. The King Fisher Academy was crowned champions this year. It

was a great opportunity for the children to have experienced an energetic and an eventful weekend,

teaching youngsters the value of cricket as a sport. It would have surely been a privilege for all who participated in an event of a this nature with a vision to help develop players through a method that combines the technical aspect with that of mental, emotional, and interpersonal.



The champion Fisher Academy cricket team with officials

The Chance Sports was the main sponsor at the event. Lasantha Amarasinghe, Founder of The Chance Sports gave away the awards to the best players.

The following Cricket Acad-

mies took part in this tournament: C.C.C School of cricket - Wings, Maroons, Silver, S.S.C School of cricket - Blues, Red, Bloomfield C.A, Colombo premier cricket foundation, N.P

Cricket academy, H.R Cricket academy, H.R Cricket academy, Grand park arena: C.C Piliyandala, Freedom: C.A (Runner-up), Mighty C.A - Colombo, A.S. Cricket - C.A Oval cricket, King-



CCC School of Cricket head veteran coach Nelson Mendis receiving the sponsorship from Chance Sports

fisher cricket academy (Champion), S.A cricket academy - Moratuwa, S.A cricket academy - Panadura cricket coaching school, Sanath Jayasuriya C.F



Thilaka Jinadasa

Thilaka Jinadasa nominated for Sri Lanka's IOC Women and Sport Award

Thilaka Jinadasa has been heralded with the rare honour of being nominated for Sri Lanka's IOC Women and Sport Award 2021.

Thilaka was the very first female Olympian to represent Sri Lanka in the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and is also a double International athlete who represented Sri Lanka in both Athletics and Netball. She is the only Sri Lankan athlete to have represented the country in five consecutive South Asian Games and won medals in all Games including one gold, four silvers

and four bronze medals. She was also the Sri Lankan netball team vice captain when the team won the Asian Netball Championship title in 1997 in Singapore.

The versatile sports veteran Thilaka expressing her feelings on this nomination said: "I feel it is a great honour and privilege for being nominated as the IOC nominee of the Women and Sport Award.

I have been involved with two sports at the very top level – as an athlete and an administrator cum coach and my greatest passion in this is my ability to uplift the cause of women's sport in this country and fight towards equality in sport."

While she was an athlete, she

felt there was a lack of women participation in sports in Sri Lanka; therefore, she decided to become a coach to promote women in sports. She turned her experience gained in sports to role model top athlete in the country to serve and enrich the lives of athletes in rural parts of Sri Lanka with her new role, coaching girls in netball and athletics.

As she dreamed, Thilaka became an International Netball Coach, IAAF Level-1 Athletics Coach and Australian Strength and Conditioning Level-1 Coach to empower women through sports. Under her guidance, as a national netball coach, Sri Lanka won the Asian Netball Championship title twice in 2009 and

2018. Also, Sri Lanka qualified on both occasions to compete at the World Cup Netball Championship in 2011 and 2019. Her coaching career spans for over two decades and she has immensely contributed to uplifting women's sports in Sri Lanka. Her achievement was recognised by the SLT SLIK Sports Awards and awarded as the Outstanding Coach of the Year in 2018.

Thilaka accounts for international experience as well in coaching when she was sent by the International Netball Federation to India to conduct netball coaching workshops for coaches in 2007.

She also served as National Netball Coach for the national

teams of Maldives and Brunei Darussalam where she shared her expert knowledge to uplift girls' sports with the limited resources in those countries.

Under her guidance, Brunei Darussalam Netballers were exposed to international experience playing netball in the international arena and won their very first medal at the South East Asian Games, which was a milestone in Brunei Netball.

Moreover, Thilaka also engaged herself as a commentator in sports programmes in electronic media nationally and internationally. On the academic front, she serves as a visiting lecturer at the National Institute of Sports Sciences in Sri Lanka.

As a role model in society she

inspires the girls by way of her inspirational talks invited on more than 30 occasions by the schools, universities, and media to deliver motivational speeches to empower the children in and out of Sri Lanka.

She is also a working member of the International Council for Coaching Excellence and currently involved in the development of coaching systems in emerging countries. Currently, she is working as a Team Leader Sports Development at Gateway Colleges (Group) a leading school in the country with over 5,000 students.

Thilaka is a founder member of Gold March Sports (Netball), which is a high-performance framework programme for the

development of athletes and coaches internationally, where she is heading the netball segment and consultant for the athletic segment. She is also a speaker in their webinar series on different topics such as women involvement in sport, safeguard sport and doping in sports.

Thilaka was the very first female sportsperson to be recognised at the National Heroes Day in 1988 where she was awarded National honours 'Deshabandu' by the President for her achievement and dedication to sports. Last year activist and former reputed netball player Caryl Tozer was nominated for this accolade by the NOC SL. (D.R)

Kavya shines for Wekada Maha Vidyalaya



The under 14 Volleyball team of Wekada Maha Vidyalaya Dankotuwa who came up to best eight teams in 2019 at the DSI Tournament. Kavya Gihani is standing in the back row second from left. Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent



Gangabodage Kavya Gihani

DILWIN MENDIS
Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

Fifteen year old up and coming volleyball player and athlete Gangabodage Kavya Gihani has brought honour and fame for her school Wekada Maha Vidyalaya, Dankotuwa and she was admitted to Rathnajothis Primary School initially in 2011 when Mr. Wasantha was the Principal. Her first class teacher was Mrs. Kamani. She took part in the Inter House Annual Athletic Meets of the school in 2013, 2014 and 2015 and she was appointed as

the House Captain and a prefect. In 2016 she commenced volleyball under their Prefect of Games and Coach Saman Bandara and she took part at the volleyball Tournaments at the Inter House Sports Meets. The school team won the fourth place at the Divisional and at the Inter District DSI Tournament in 2018. They participated at Provincial Level and at the District under 13 tournament they obtained the second place and at the 2019 tournament their under 14 team came up to Best Eight teams and she was the vice captain.

In the mean time their school organized a Dual Tournament in athletics and volleyball and their team emerged the volleyball champions and in the athletic meet she came second in the 400 meter race and in 2020 in the Divisional Meet their school came second place and she led the team but could not go further due to Covid 19.

With the commencement of the schools for the year 2021 they are continuing strenuous training under their coach Saman Bandara for the forthcoming tournaments.

Sportsman Muhiseen Ariff wins accolades



Muhiseen Ariff receiving Diploma in Psychology and Counseling Certificate from Senior Lecturer of the Department of Sociology University of Kelaniya Professor Dr. Anusha Edirisinghe. Dr. Prassanna Dharmapriya, Member of the Zahira College Board of Governors, Dr. Saffraz Saleem and President of the Heartwork Academy of Psychological Studies Rhumy Amith were also present. Picture by: Ruzaik Farook

RUZAIK FAROOK
Sportsman Muhiseen Ariff received his Diploma in Psychology and Counseling Certificate from Senior Lecturer of the Department of Sociology University of Kelaniya Professor Dr. Anusha Edirisinghe at the Public Library Auditorium recently. It was organized by the Heartwork Academy of Psychological Studies.

Muhiseen Ariff was a National player of soccer in 1976 and he was

represented his school soccer, Hockey, athletic and table tennis teams.

He was a the Inaugural captain of the College 1st XI hockey team in 1996 and captain of the 1ST XI soccer team at the Brazil Cup Tournament in which they became the champions in 1996.

Ariff holds a Ministry of Sports Class 11 Football Coaching License since 1981 and also a Football Lecturer at the University of Kelaniya from 1981 to 1984.

He was also a visiting lecturer at the National Institute of Sports Science – Ministry of Sports for 12 years. Also he was the Chairman Referees Committee – FFSL (2004 to 2013) and President of the Sri Lanka Football Referees Association from 2005 to date.

Muhiseen Ariff was the Prefects of Games last five years and presently the Prefects of Discipline at the Zahira College, Colombo

Akkaraipattu Walkers Union initiates walking for health

(Text and Picture by: **LL.RIZAN,** Addalaichenai Central Correspondent)

The Walkers Union, Akkaraipattu the first of this nature in the region held its Annual Walking Competition - 2021 under theme 'Let's do physical exercise and maintain good healthy life' during the weekend.

Akkaraipattu Walkers Union President M.H.Jainudeen organized the programme while Akkaraipattu Municipality Mayor Athaullah Ahamed Zackie was the chief guest.

The competitions began with the hosting of the National Flag by Mayor Athaullah Ahamed Zackie in the presence of Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretary M.S.M.Razzan at the Water Park premises, Akkaraipattu.

The competitors and the guests made a pledge to work on time and the event was started off at 6.24 am.

The highlights of the competitions were walking competition for senior citizen and ladies. The all three winners of the ladies competition were

girls under 12 years who competed with their mothers.

The senior citizens thank the Walkers Union for giving them an opportunity of such an exciting event.

Winners were awarded certificates and cash prize by the Guests at the event.

Winners of the Senior Citizen.
1st place – P. T. Alawdeen. **2nd place** – H. L. A. Kuthoos. **3rd place** – M. I. M. Marzook.

St. Sylvester's reigns supreme in Kandy sports



HAFIZ MARIKAR

St. Sylvester's College has produced some of the top class sportsmen. This school is situated in the heart of the ancient Sinhala Kingdom and remains as the one and only school in the country if not in the World to have produced a sportsman who was selected to represent two different countries at two different Olympic Games. That is none other than boxer Malcolm Bulner. He was the eldest of the famous Bulner brothers. He represented Ceylon at the Olympic Games in Tokyo and was later selected to represent Australia at the following Olympic Games. But was deprived of achieving this rare feat owing to technical reasons.

Malcolm who became an Australian national later qualified as a world class boxing judge and officiated at several boxing meets in Australia. He also boxed for the country at the Empire Games in Perth and the Asian Games in Bangkok. He was a south paw was the best boxer produced by Derrick Raymond the famous coach who was in England and passed away a few years back. Bulner won several national titles before migrating to Australia. His three brothers Michael, Noel and Clifford too were good fighters in the

lower weight class. Some products produced by Derrick Raymond were Nimal Leweke now a retired DIG who was also a stylish boxer and brought honor to the country in several meets locally and internationally and was adjudged the best boxer at national meets. He also hit the top in the rugby arena where he was top player, later a coach, referee and the first to head a national body that was rugby. The others who come to mind are A.C.R. Hearthe, M. Reyal, S.A.Azwer, H. Edmun, J. Peterson, D.C.Weerasinghe, T.S. Hassan, Derick Gunasinghe, N.Thirukumar.

The first Sylvesterian to win a national boxing title was Donald G. Labrooy who won the Bantham Weight title in early 1950's. He was followed by Malcolm, Marshal, Milroy de Soysa, Anslam de Soysa, M.E. Marikar. Boxing was synonymous with St. Sylvester's which was in the forefront of schools boxing winning the coveted Stubbs Shield several times - within fourteen years they won on 12 times. Origin of St. Sylvester's dates back to the early 1940's. St. Sylvester's began as a separate institution on November 1, 1940 with very Rev. Fr. D. Robert. Perera O.S.B. as the principal. The college owed its inception to the foresight of his Lordship Bishop Regna and Abbot Weerasinghe, the heads of the Sylvestro-Benedictine congregation.

They felt that a good catholic school in Kandy town was a prime

need. Once St. Anthony's College completely shifted to its home on the banks of the Mahaweli at Katugastota. Rev father Robert was given the tremendous task of seeing to progress of the new school. St. Sylvester's had made a name for itself in the field of education. Not only in Kandy but also throughout the length and breadth of the island. Starting with a mere 250 pupils and 12 teachers in 1940. Father Robert was not expected to do big things at St. Sylvester's. The buildings were not teeming with scholars the laboratories were empty, and libraries were without books. It is said that he had to start with an over draft. But the picture of the institution now is a very different one. It is full to capacity, and its financial stability is assured.

The authoritarian of the Sylvestro-Benedictines intended originally to develop St. Sylvester's only as a junior school and affiliated to St. Anthony's. But such restrictions did not dampen the spirit of Father Robert. He had early visions of his institution as a collegiate school, second to none in the Island. Statue of Sylvester Gozzolini at St. Sylvester's College, Kandy Motto: (Success through dedication).

Later during the Primer ship of late S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike the school was taken over by the Government. A big hand should go to principals like late D.J.N. Senavirthe who did yermson service followed by K.S.Gunaratne, W.B.Goppallawa, late

Bertie Nillagoda, and Asoka B. Hearth, T.R. Meetiayagoda gave their best and the present principal continues the good work.

St. Sylvester's continues to produce boxers, cricketers, footballers, hockey players, athletes, ruggerites with limited facilities. It is said that during the early years after the second World War, St. Sylvester's was entitled to use the Police Barracks. The pint sized ground was expanded with the help of Sylvestrian students and also the Principal of Trinity College permitted the Sylvesterians to use the Asgiriya Grounds for athletic practices and sports meets free of charge. In athletics, Sylvesterians produced an athlete who broke a public schools record and was one of the country's crack sprinters. Felix Samarawickrema, who later crossed over to St. Joseph's College. He lowered the Public Schools 440 yards record with a timing of 51.8 seconds in 1948. At the same meet he won the 100 yards sprint with a timing of 10.6 seconds. Felix Samarawickrema was chosen to represent the country at the Empire Games in 1949 along with Trinity College's Duncan White. But had to pull out due to a muscle injury and Vivian Blaze took his place. Other top athletes to come out of this school, in the 1950's were Cyril Ranatunge, P. Thagavelu, Ananda Daswatte, G.S.Fernando, M.E.Marikar, S.Wickremasuriya, Leslie and Malcolm Marshal. later there were several others like L.S.B

Cabral, Rodney David, W.R.P. Dias, S.B.Pattapola and Eric B. Perera.

Football was another popular sport from 1940's to 1960's. Some of them played for the country and others for Kandy, Up-Country and work places among them were Mahinda Aluwihare the first Sylvesterian to lead the Country. The other who shone in the early days before Mahinda Aluwihare first Sylvestrian to lead the country were N.E.Perera, I.M.Saheed, Edmun Samarawera, A.H.M.Jabar, Jaya Aluwihare, R.P.Wijasiri, Tony Dirceck, Percy Samaraweera, Rukman and Rajendra de Silva, M.E.Marikar led in 1953, Donald G. Labrooy, Abdul Razak, Gerad David, I.M. Anver, Hector Galuge, M. Ayub.

In the recent years they have won many at cricket accolades. It was M.E. Marikar who first played premier cricket without playing for the school. He was followed by Abdul Razak. Nihal Samarasekara was the first to play for the Ceylon before Sri Lanka gained Test status. Ishak Shabdeen was the first to play for the country after gaining Test status. Later the school produced galaxy of cricketers. The man who reached the top in coaching is Malcolm Perera who hit the highest spot in coaching, though he did not play for the country. He rose to be Sri Lanka Cricket Coaching Director and later Manager. He had the privilege of leading Kandy CC, Kandy and Central Province at cricket.

In hockey they have produced top teams and players, coaches and administrators.

Hockey is one of the oldest sports at this school. Moot of the products have done their best in this sport by representing Combined Schools, Kandy and the country. To name some of the hockey players - Malcolm Marshal, Lesley Marshal, M.E. Marikar, P. Thangavelu, T.D.S. Perera, T. Murigesh, Lakshman Kulture, C. Paramasivam, Nihal Samarasekara, Malcolm Perera has played in 23 hockey nationals. Anton Perera, M. Ayub, I. M. Anver, A.G.T. Soloman, S. Sundaranayagam, H.C. Rangith, H.C. Edward, David brothers, Rodney, Kinsley and Gerad, Anton Perera played for the country as a schoolboy, D.G. Tilkarathne, M.A.M. Saheed, R. Maheswaran, M. Ashroff, Chandra Mohan are some of the names which came to mind.

Though rugby is new, some of the Sylvesterians who played club rugby without playing for the school are Malcolm Marshal, Cyril Aluwihare, Hector Galuge, Sarath Basnayake, Gerad David, Tony Dirceck, Nimal Leweke, Hafiz Marikar, M. Jamilon, Vasantha Ratnayake, Anton Fernando and Manjla Pathirane became the first to play for the combined school after rugby was started. They first played rugby in 1954 under the leadership of Malcolm Marshal and after two years they had to give up due to lack of facilities.

WORLD OF SPORTS

(April 22)

LOCAL EVENTS

CRICKET

(ICC World Test Championship): Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh (1st Test) at Pallekele Stadium (2nd day)

(U-19 Division One Tier 'B' quarter-finals): Devapathiraja vs Isipathana at Wijerama Mawatha

Mahinda vs St. Joseph Vaz at Prince of Wales Grounds, Moratuwa

(Under-19 Division Two Tier 'B' quarter-finals): St. John's, Panadura vs Sri Piyarathna, Padukka at St. Anthony's Grounds, Wattala

BADMINTON

All-Island Summer Season Championship in Nuwara Eliya

FOOTBALL

Super League Tournament at Sugathadasa Stadium

FOREIGN EVENTS

CRICKET

(Indian Premier League): Royal Challengers Bangalore vs Rajasthan Royals at Mumbai

(Nepal Tri Series): Malaysia vs Nepal at Kirtipur

FOOTBALL

(Premier League): Leicester City vs West Bromwich Albion

Shanto maiden ton puts Bangladesh in command



Najmul Shanto in action

Bangladesh dominated the opening day of the first Test against Sri Lanka as they piled up a formidable 302 for two in their first innings at the Pallekele Stadium in Kandy yesterday.

The visitors lost opener Saif Hasan in the second over of the innings after they had won the toss and elected to bat first.

However, Najmul Hossain Shanto joined the experienced Tamim Iqbal as the pair repaired the early damage with a second wicket stand of 144 runs.

Tamim fell 10 runs short of what would've been his 10th Test hundred as he edged a wishid delivery to the lone first-slip fielder off Vishwa Fernando.

Even then, it was a special moment for Najmul who went on to complete his maiden Test hundred in 235 deliveries inclusive of one six and 12 boundaries.

"I am finally relieved at get-

SCORECARD	
BANGLADESH	
1st innings	
T. Iqbal	not out 64
c Thirimanne	Extras: (04 lb6, nb5, w7) . 22
b V. Fernando	TOTAL: (2 wickets, 90 overs) 302
S. Hassan	Fall: 1-8, 2-152
lbw b V. Fernando	BOWLING: S. Lakmal 18-7-55-0, V. Fernando 17-2-61-2, L. Kumara 19-2-63-0, A. Mathews 5-1-8-0, D. de Silva 16-1-71-0, W. Hasaranga 15-1-34-0
N. Shanto	
not out 126	
M. Haque	

ting the big Test score I had been working so hard for the last few months," Najmul told after the match.

"I kept on believing in myself even when I wasn't getting runs. Today, my focus was simply on taking it a session at a time, without looking at the runs next to my name and to capitalise whenever the ball was in my strong areas."

"I think batting will be even easier on day two and three but there might be turn on day four and five," he added.

Najmul has been at the crease since the second over and he has batted with great

discipline through almost the entire day.

This pitch, contrary to expectations, hasn't offered a whole lot of help to the fast bowlers, and Bangladesh have capitalised on the batting-friendly conditions to set themselves a great base for the rest of this Test match.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Skipper Mominul Haque wasn't far behind as he notched up his 14th Test fifty as well.

For Sri Lanka, Viswa Fernando was the only successful bowler as he claimed both the wickets.



Tamim Iqbal plays a shot

Isipathana should have it easy against Devapathiraja



Thevindu Dickwella (Isipathana Captain)



Navod Paranawithana (Mahinda Captain)



Sudeera Weeraratne (Devapathiraja Captain)



Tharusha Fernando (St. Joseph Vaz Captain)

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Unbeaten Isipathana College will meet Devapathiraja College, Rathgama in their Under-19 Division One Tier 'B' quarter-final cricket fixture at Wijerama Mawatha today.

Isipathana will bank on their strong batting line-up which includes Skipper Thevindu Dickwella, Randunu Gunaratne, Kavindu Amantha, Themiya Gunaratne, Amaan Thaha and Tharusha Nethsara.

Isipathana's bowling will be in the hands of leg-spinner Savindu Uthara and off-spinner Dickwella who captured five wickets for 21 against St. Joseph Vaz College.

Pavan Sandesh is the most successful batsman for Devapathiraja having scored 138 against Dharmasoka.

Skipper Sudeera Weeraratne and Irushaka Thimira are the key bowlers and they are expected to get

some early wickets in this game.

Meanwhile, Mahinda College will meet St. Joseph Vaz College in their Tier 'B' quarter-final game at St. Sebastian's Grounds in Moratuwa today.

The Mahindians will have a slight edge over their opponents having more experienced players in their line-up.

Kaushitha Kodituwakku, Skipper Navod Paranawithana, Sandev Induwara

and Rashmika Madushanka are in tremendous form and will strengthen their middle order.

St. Joseph Vaz will be led by all-rounder Tharusha Fernando and will have the services of Vishwa Rajapaksa and Kaushan Wijeratne who are the key batsmen in the side.

Skipper Fernando and Menusha Perera are the most successful bowlers for St. Joseph Vaz this season.

SL earns Tokyo Olympic spot after successful CAS appeal

Sri Lanka has earned an individual Tokyo 2020 quota place in jumping following a successful appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

A decision by the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) to annul results from its events at Villedieu-Loubet in France that concluded in January 2020, has been successfully challenged.

While the CAS accepted that FEI rules had not been followed, it pointed out that this had been

the fault of the international governing body for wrongly allowing the competitions involved to go ahead, and cited 'human error'.

Consequently, the jumping rankings have been recalculated and there are also changes to the individual quotas for this year's Olympic Games.

Sri Lanka, thanks to the reinstatement of results achieved by its rider Mathilda Karlsson in France, now has an individual place for Tokyo.

(Agencies) Mathilda Karlsson



St. Thomas', Matale edge out Taxila Central

HAFIZ MARIKAR

St. Thomas' College, Matale edged out Taxila Central, Horana by 18 runs in their Inter-Schools Under-19 Division Two Tier 'B' Cricket Tour-

nament quarter-final match played at Kurunegala yesterday.

Chief scores

St. Thomas': 154 in 49.4 overs (Nimsara Wijethunga 52, Thisara

Sachinthana 4/30, Tharuka Senitha 2/16)

Taxila Central: 136 in 45.5 overs (Adeepa Jayalath 51, Anjana Jalayath 30 n.o., Sanuka Givantha 3/24, Dulara Madushanka 2/19).

Dialog powers 142nd Royal-Thomian Battle of the Blues

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Sri Lanka's longest rivalry in schools cricket comes alive as Royal College and S. Thomas' College, will once again battle it out for the 142nd Battle of the Blues for the Rt. Hon. D. S. Senanayake Memorial Shield from May 6 to 8 at the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium in Hambantota.

This year's encounter will be played behind closed doors keeping in line with the COVID-19 restrictions and the health and safety guidelines mandated by the Ministry of Health.

Due to non-spectator environment this year's encounter will be broadcast live on Dialog Television channel number 72 and will also be available via live stream on the ThePappare.com and the Dialog Vuu app.

The three-day fixture will be followed by the limited over encounter played for the Mustangs Trophy, which will be completed in a T20 format on May 10 at the same venue.

The teams, coaches and support staff along with umpires and match officials will follow bio secure environment (BSE) protocols, in line with the COVID-19 health and safety guidelines under the supervision of Southern Prov-



(From left): Prasanna Fernando - Co-Chairman, Royal-Thomian Joint Match Committee, V. M. S. Gunatilake - Acting Principal of Royal, Rev. Marc Bilimoria - Warden, S. Thomas', Sandra De Zoysa - Group Chief Customer Officer, Dialog Axiata PLC, Navin Pieris - Vice-President, Enterprise Business and Large Enterprise Sales, Dialog Axiata PLC and Roshan Adams - Co-Chairman, Royal-Thomian Joint Match Committee. Picture by Rukmal Gamage

ince and Hambantota Regional health services.

For the 13th consecutive occasion, this event will be powered by Dialog Axiata PLC.

The team from Mount Lavinia will be led by all-rounder Shalin de

Mel while the lads from Reid Avenue will play under the captaincy of Ahan Wickramasinghe.

The overall tally between the two schools at present stands at 35 all.

S. Thomas' are the holders of

the Shield after putting up a superb performance in 2019 under the captaincy of Sithara Hapuhinna.

The boys from Reid Avenue last won the Shield under Geeshanth Paditharatne in 2016.

Dharmasoka stun St. Peter's by five-wickets

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Skipper Lohan de Soysa produced a fine all-round performance as Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda recorded stunning five-wicket win over St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya in their Under-19 Division One Tier 'B' quarter-final match played at the Galle Stadium yesterday.

The Peterites won the toss and elected to bat first and they were restricted to 153 for nine in their allotted 40 overs while Dharmasoka reached their target with eight balls to spare.

Meanwhile, Skipper Saviru Bandara and Maoshada Fernando took three wicket each as Ananda College beat St. Anthony's College, Wattala by five wickets in their Division One Tier 'B' quarter-final game played at Bambalapitiya yesterday.

Chief scores
At Galle (Dharmasoka won by five wickets)
St. Peter's: 153/9 in 40 overs (Wanuja Kumara 50,



Lohan de Soysa (Dharmasoka)

Chanaka Jananga 3/40, Sahana Sankalpa 3/17)

Dharmasoka: 156/5 in 38.4 overs (Lohan de Soysa 36 n.o.)

At Bambalapitiya (Ananda won by five wickets)

St. Anthony's: 132 in 40.1 overs (Saviru Bandara 3/28, Maoshada Fernando 3/19)

Ananda: 134/5 in 30.5 overs (Lakshitha Kularathne 31).

At Campbell Place (Holy Cross won by three wickets)

Sri Dharmaloka, Kelaniya: 99 in 27.1 overs (Lakshitha Boteju 37, Akash Dewmina 4/11)
Holy Cross: 100/7 in



Maoshada Fernando (Ananda)

35.4 overs (Hasindu Prabod 3/17).

At Moratuwa (P.de S. Kularatne MV won by one wicket)

Revatha, Balapitiya: 121 in 35.5 overs (Kamesh de Silva 39 n.o. Kaveesh Sathsara 4/22)

P. de S. Kularatne MV: 122/9 in 47.3 overs (Ravishan Nethsara 31).

At Bandaragama (Sri Sumangala, Panadura won by three wickets)

Piliyandala Central: 189 in 49.2 overs (Chanupa Perera 67, Vishwa Lahiru 3/25, Vidusha Peiris 3/34)

Sri Sumangala: 191/7 in 45.1 overs (Imeth Gampola 61, Kavindu Gayathra 44, Movinde Silva 3/27).

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Apparel sector aims at cost cutting by reducing centre operations

DINESH PERERA

Survey data showed that the Sri Lankan apparel sector aimed to cut costs mainly by reducing the level of centre operations.

The sector was impacted due to lockdown measures and a disruption in supply chains. The industry is looking to build supply chain resilience. Institute of Policy Studies Economist Kithmina Hewage noted that during the downturn some leeway was given to firms with regards to labour law. The leeway has since been tightened.

Hewage was speaking on a webinar titled 'Recovery of the Apparels Sector of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka: Is a Value-chain Based Solution Possible?' on April 20. The survey data is part of research by the Institute of Policy Studies in collaboration with Bangladesh based Centre for Policy Dialogue.

Sri Lankan firms are seen to have reduced tasks at large central headquarters. Companies are also increasingly using online platforms and online sales mechanisms. The industry is

looking to improve sourcing initiatives and capacity development to ensure more resilient supply chains.

The procurement of apparel has also changed with the pandemic. The sale of US clothing stores had declined by 79% in April 2020. This caused fiscal constraints throughout the supply chains.

The research showed that the coordination of inventory levels has been insufficient to allow for smoothening within the supply chain.

Price competitive production centres noted the highest reduction in order reductions. The proportion of firms that recorded order reductions were highest in Bangladesh (93%), Vietnam (80%), China (74%), and India (61%).

Bangladesh lost over 360,000 jobs in the apparel sector. Only 14% of the laid-off/retrained workers in Bangladesh received their statutory dues. It is estimated that 58% of Bangladeshi apparel sector workers were put in financial difficulty. 82% saw a reduction in food intake.



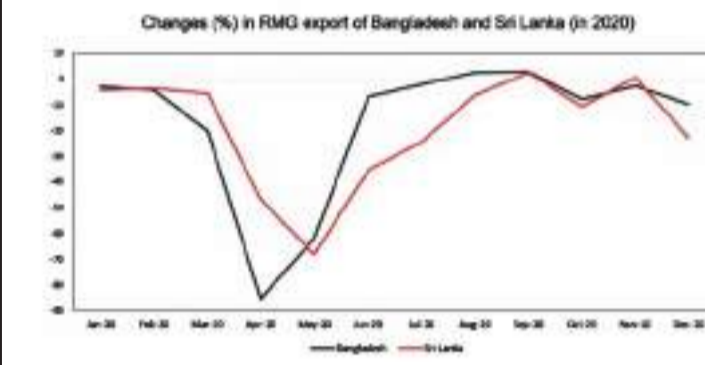
Kithmina Hewage

Hewage said, "We saw several brands reconfiguring their supply chains. They have given greater importance to the country team." Companies were also facing difficulties in selling their product. Hewage said, "Certain suppliers are trying to cater to the domestic market."

Bangladesh was able to provide US\$ 1.2 billion in subsidised credit to the sector. Sri Lanka adopted policies of debt moratorium that were rolled over three times.

For the sector, globally national level policies were not possible because of the lower income nature of the apparel manufacturing sector.

Medium-term recovery challenges will be extended with the COVID-19 pandemic during the second wave



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First Capital Money Market Fund

Fastest to reach Rs 20 bn in Assets Under Management

The First Capital Money Market Fund has been the fastest fund in its category (Open-Ended Money Market Fund) to surpass Rs 20 billion in Assets Under Management. The fund is managed by First Capital Asset Management Limited the wealth management arm and subsidiary of First Capital Holdings PLC (the Group).



Kavin Karunamoorthy

The fund is the best performing Unit Trust in its category, delivering a return of 11.98%, the highest Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) for the past 5 years, as of February 2021. The fund is licensed and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka with Bank of Ceylon acting as the Trustee. "The fund is used as a de facto savings account yielding a higher rate compared to a one year FD ceiling rate of a Licensed Finance Company and over 250 basis points above a typical savings account," said Kavin Karunamoorthy, AGM - Asset Management, First Capital Asset Management Limited. "Leveraging on market opportunities, interest rate fluctuations and our industry expertise in fixed income securities we have been able to compete with the Bank based savings segment with our Money Market Fund, offering clients an alternative investment product that offer better interest rates, flexibility to conveniently withdraw funds, and peace of mind," Karunamoorthy added.

Tracified wins int'l ADB tender to implement food traceability project in Azerbaijan

Blockchain-based startup Tracified has won an international tender by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to implement food traceability in Azerbaijan.

Titled 'Digital Development Facility for Asia and the Pacific - Food Traceability System in Azerbaijan', the project may get extended to neighbouring countries in the future based on the success of this pilot.

"Winning the ADB tender has been the pinnacle of an exciting couple of months for Tracified. As a Lankan player in a space with diverse possibilities and frequent developments globally, we look forward to exploring the boundaries of the Tracified platform through this project and creating a lasting impact on Azerbaijan's agri-food sector," stated

Tracified Co-Founder Dileepa Jayatilake.

The Government of Azerbaijan plans to adopt food safety laws and regulations but as Azerbaijan's agri-food sector is highly fragmented consisting mostly micro, small, and medium food business operators, the introduction of food traceability in the country is a challenge.

To solve this problem, the Asian Development Bank plans to implement a food traceability system targeting products based on food, feed, food producing animals and food adding substances.

The project will be managed by the Azerbaijan Food Safety Agency (AFSA), while Tracified will implement and configure the tracing system connected with public blockchain, cre-



Tracified Co-Founders Uthpalie Thilakarathna and Dileepa Jayatilake

ate a physical tagging solution for efficient batch tracking, conduct trainings with the help of local consultants and advise on scaling the system.

A company incubated within Start-upX Foundry, the startup accelerator of 99x, Tracified is a blockchain-based traceability platform that connects the

entire supply chain. The solution can be applied to scenarios where it's crucial to assure the integrity of the supply chain.

Tracified recently announced that it has received equity investment from venture capital firm, 360ip Japan (360ip), where it took a 20% stake in the company.

Additionally, the startup's cutting-edge Blockchain-based traceability platform was selected by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to spearhead the creation of a digital traceability platform for Sri Lankan cinnamon farmers' crops and value-added products to be used in international trade. The platform has also been recognized at both national and international forums.

SriLankan to fly Nairobi from today



For the first time SriLankan Airlines will commence weekly direct Colombo Nairobi flights from today. This will be a weekly flight operating every Thursday.

The airline will use an A-330-300 flight for this operation. The airline hopes to mainly concentrate on cargo operations as there is a growing demand from both sectors, an official from the airline said.

WindForce shares off to strong start on CSE



The shares of WindForce Limited, will commence trading on the Main Board of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) from today onwards, following its highly-successful Initial Public Offering (IPO). The strong showing of the shares on the opening days of trading highlights the investors' confidence in Sri Lanka's biggest and fastest growing producer of renewable energy.

The WindForce Limited IPO of Rs. 3.2 billion, the largest at the CSE since 2011, attracted 1,654 applications amounting to a value of Rs.25.7 billion. The company offered 202,615,341 shares at an issue price of Rs.16 per share and was oversubscribed by nearly 8 times on the initial day. Wind-

Force has been issued a [SL] AA- (stable) credit rating by ICRA Lanka, which is the highest rating given to a corporate in Sri Lanka at the time of the issuance by ICRA Lanka Limited.

WindForce is able to handle the entire life cycle of a power project. Over the years through its investments in the renewable energy space, the company has transformed to become the largest IPP in the renewable energy sector in Sri Lanka and has expanded operations globally, becoming the first Sri Lankan company to set up solar plants in Pakistan, Uganda and Ukraine. Overall, the company currently operates 27 power plants with an installed capacity of 218MW of which 55.4% of

the capacity (120.8MW) is based in Sri Lanka while the rest is based internationally.

WindForce plans to allocate Rs. 2,310 million as the equity investment for a wind power project in Mannar and a solar power project in Senegal. Remaining funds of Rs.932 million will be utilized for future projects the company intends to undertake in Sri Lanka or in other countries. The total installed capacity of the company will increase from 218MW to 263MW with the completion of the projects in the immediate pipeline which would further strengthen the Company's position as the largest renewable energy Independent Power Producer (IPP) in Sri Lanka and one of the largest in the region.

Emirates to increase services to Colombo to 7 a week from May 3

Emirates has announced it will increase its services to Colombo from six to seven flights a week, with the seventh weekly flight commencing May 3. The additional service will serve rising market demand and enhance connectivity to and from Colombo via Dubai.

Emirates 777-300ER Air to Air



Customers can enjoy safe and convenient connections to more than 90 destinations within Emirates' network, via Dubai. Emirates has deployed the wide-body Boeing 777-300ER aircraft on its flights to Colombo.

Tickets can be booked on emirates.com, Emirates sales offices, or via travel agents. Emirates increased its ser-

vices to Colombo from four to six weekly flights in February this year with the fifth weekly flight commencing 18 February and the sixth weekly flight commencing 27 February.

Emirates launched operations to Sri Lanka in 1986 and recently celebrated 35 years of operations to Colombo - a major milestone for the airline.

ComBank's ATM network sets new records for cash dispensed in festive season

Rs 41.75 bn withdrawn in 15 days with daily average of Rs 2.78 bn- Rs 8.82 bn dispensed on April 9 and 10

The automated teller machine (ATM) network of Commercial Bank of Ceylon dispensed a record Rs 8.818 billion on 9th and 10th April 2021, shattering the previous records for the highest and second highest cash disbursements for a 24-hour period, as Sri Lanka's leading private bank facilitated the

celebration of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. The disbursements of Rs 4.498 billion on 9th April and Rs 4.320 billion on the following day represented a substantial increase over the single-day values recorded in previous years.

In total, Commercial Bank dis-

pensed Rs 41.748 billion via its ATM network between 1st and 15th April 2021 at an average of Rs 2.783 billion per day, reaffirming the indispensable role it plays in the lives of Sri Lankans, as well as the reliability and robustness of the network. On seven of these 15 days the network dispensed more than Rs 2 billion a day, and on five days disbursements exceeded Rs 3 billion a day, the Bank said.

Comprising of 890 ATMs, the network processed 2.434 million

transactions over the 15 days at an average of 168,988 transactions a day, while on 9th April, the number of transactions processed totalled 233,990 at an average of 9,749 transactions per hour or 162 transactions per minute.

The first Sri Lankan Bank to be listed among the Top 1000 Banks of the World and the only Sri Lankan bank to be so listed for 10 years consecutively, Commercial Bank operates a network of 268 branches in Sri Lanka.



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Market Statistics on 21.09.2020

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

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

Coconut Products - Prices on 21.04.2021

Table of coconut products and prices, including categories like FRESH COCONUT, COCONUT SHELL, and COCONUT HUSKS.

EXCHANGE RATES

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australian Dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen, etc.

Promalt range of Nutritional Drink Mix launched

Asian Chemicals and Foods (Pvt) Ltd has launched Promalt range of Nutritional Drink Mix(Nutraceuticals), which is a nutritionally balanced dietary supplement with more than 30 essential nutrients and Whey Protein, Nutraceutical health drinks are classed as food supplements containing specific nutrients such as vitamins, minerals, amino-acids and macro nutrients which are consumed for health benefits.

nutrients , dietary fibre ,Omega 3 & 6 Fatty acid and Whey Protein .The product is also enriched with Branched Chain Amino Acids which helps muscle development and is ideal for enhanced athletic performance.

the nutritional management of pregnant,lactating and nursing mothers. Promalt Motherhood is rich in folic acid which helps in the brain development of the baby and also rich in Iron which helps prevent anaemia.



scientists and technical personnel. Asian Chemicals and Foods (Pvt) Ltd is actively involved in the area of nutrition and specifically for the eradication of malnutrition.

Seminar on Microplastics - The Next Possible Global Disaster

The seminar (Webinar) organized by Institute of Chemistry Ceylon on Microplastics will be held on April 29, 2021.

standing or remedial measures taken on this incoming severe threat. The marine pollution due to microplastics is one of the alarming threats on the future of humans and other organisms that feed on sea-food.

on these substances among scientists, medical professionals, environmentalists and undergraduate and postgraduate students. This transfer of knowledge will initiate further discussion extended to levels of policy makers and relevant government authorities to take suitable preventive measures on microplastic pollution.



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AMONGST TOP TEN TH FOR THE 10 CONSECUTIVE YEAR



Chairman, Pussalla Meat Producers (Pvt) Ltd., Philip Wewita receives the CNCI Achiever Silver Award for the Extra Large Manufacturing sector from Chief Guest Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries. Dilshan Wewita, Managing Director of Pussalla look on.



Pussalla has won the TOP TEN once again in National Extra-Large Category, Manufacturing and service sector at CNCI Achiever Award for tenth consecutive years.

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"A rare combination in Poultry Industry"



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Top 10 Award Winners at CNCI Awards 2020
 Wijaya Products (Pvt) Ltd | Lanka Special Steels Ltd | Pussalla Meat Producers (Pvt) Ltd |
 Royal Ceramics Lanka PLC | Samson Bikes (Pvt) Ltd | S and D Chemicals (Pvt) Ltd |
 Modern Pack Lanka (Pvt) Ltd | Samson Manufactures (Pvt) Ltd |
 Industrial Gases (Pvt) Ltd | Haycarb PLC

HNB clinches three accolades at Best Corporate Citizens Awards

HNB PLC continued its trailblazing legacy at the Best Corporate Citizens Sustainability Awards (BCCSA) 2020 in recognition of its in pioneering sustainability initiatives over the past year.

Hosted by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, the awards are considered to be among the pinnacle of corporate achievement in Sri Lanka. In total, HNB won 3 accolades at this year's awards, including being declared among the Top 10 Best Corporate Citizens in Sri Lanka.

Given the especially volatile and uncertain environment we find ourselves in, the fostering of sustainable and ethical practices has become absolutely essential. Through our progressive policies and commitment to sustainability initiatives, HNB is intent on ensuring financial security and growth for every Sri Lankan. Moving forward we will continue to serve as a partner in sustainable progress for the entire nation," HNB Executive Director / Chief Operating Officer, Dilshan Rodrigo stated.

CCC's ranking of the 10 Best Corporate Citizens in Sri Lanka, is based on an evaluation of corporate that have enhanced the well-being of their communities in conjunction with achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Fostering a



HNB Officer in Charge – Sustainable Business, Shanel Perera, HNB Chief Financial Officer, Rajive Dissanayake, HNB Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer, Dilshan Rodrigo and HNB Deputy General Manager-Retail & SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne with the award

reputation for excellence, HNB has consistently ranked among the 10 Best Corporate Citizens in the past. HNB was also declared a winner in the Economic Contribution-Consistent Commitment and Continuous Improvement category.

Chosen from a select pool of corporate entities which have been recognized at the Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards for at least three years in the past, the award is a testament to the Bank's consistently improving performance each year.

Over the past two decades, HNB has promoted Environmental, Social, and Governance compliant investment opportunities, both in the country and overseas, by heavily funding off-shore renewable power projects. In particular, HNB was recently involved in Sri Lanka's first-ever Waste-to-Energy project, establishing its leadership in the field of renewable energy production.

Additionally, the Bank was awarded a Merit Certificate for the Best Sustainability Project in recognition

of its invaluable contribution through the construction of a Cancer Counselling Centre at Apeksha Hospital in Maharagama. The Centre will provide patients at Apeksha Hospital with emotional support during the course of their treatment.

With 252 customer centres across the country, HNB is one of Sri Lanka's largest, most technologically innovative banks having won local and global recognition for its efforts to drive forward a new paradigm in digital banking.

Airtel sets gold standard in customer service among Lankan telcos

Airtel Lanka has achieved the best performance on Customer Service parameters as per the Quality of Service (QoS) Survey conducted by Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) for the first two quarters of 2020.

This recognition comes during Sri Lanka's initial lockdown period and as we all had to transition to a 'Work from Home' ecosystem. For Airtel, this also meant remote working for their 'Call Centre' associates, a set-up that was not tried before.

"We at Airtel want to ensure that a seamless service culture remains at our core which is lived, pursued and refined by everyone in the company. With benchmark world-class customer service, we aim to enrich the lives of our customers. Sustaining this goal and reaching new heights would not have been possible without a dedicated team who propelled this service standard beyond international benchmarks while adapting to the new normal," stated Airtel CEO and Managing Director, Ashish Chandra.

According to the latest report by the TRCSL between the months of January to June 2020, Airtel Lanka excelled in Customer Service parameters. Similarly the telco is leading in the 'IVR Initial Response Time', 'Initial Human Operator Response Time' after the IVR system refers the call for operator assistance' and 'Bill Correctness Complaints Resolution Time' parameters.

The 'Quality of Service Comparison Report for Mobile Telephony Services' evaluates mobile operators on the quality of their network and customer service relative to the pre-set standards established by the TRCSL. These standards are set in accordance with the standards established by international bodies.

The report is circulated among Sri Lanka's operators for their information and further development of the set parameters. The purpose of this report is to benchmark the QoS parameters commonly monitored by Mobile Operators on a quarterly basis.

Business Leader Awards

Union Assurance awarded Life Insurance Company of the Year

Union Assurance recently celebrated a sweeping victory with six top awards at the Business Leader of the Year event organised by the World Leadership Congress. The awards ceremony was held on April 6, 2021 in Mumbai, India.

Most prominently, Union Assurance was awarded the highly coveted Life Insurance Company of the Year and Most Admired Company of the Year titles, for its customer-centric adoption of a digital operating model to deliver a superior value proposition based on innovation and strong brand attributes.

Meanwhile, Union Assurance's Chief Executive Officer Jude Gomes was bestowed two prestigious awards – CEO of the Year and Visionary Leader of the Year, in recognition of his exceptional leadership drive to invest in people, products and processes driving innovation and transformation in the face of the unprecedented challenges of 2020. Additionally, Senath Jayathilake, the organisation's Chief Distribution Officer, was recognised as the Young Business Leader of the Year (under 40) for his immense contribution in equipping the sales vertical with dynamic skills and developing value-chain systems that made these skills transferrable to sales.

Union Assurance Chief Executive Officer Jude Gomes stated, "I am humbled to witness these achievements for Union Assurance. It is our colleagues who stand steadfast behind the successes we have achieved. Our promise - Your Life, Our Strength is what drives us to deliver protection to over 250,000 Sri Lankans every day. I am truly honoured to be a part of this winning team."

Further, Union Assurance's partnership

with Nations Trust Bank was acknowledged as the Bancassurance Leader of the Year for their prolific partnership, which has paved the way to formidable and sustainable annual growth by empowering the dreams, ambitions, and lifestyles of Sri Lankans.

"These recognitions and appreciations stand for our commitment towards our customers and employees. While these awards are a reflection of our success of the past, looking ahead, we

will focus on diversifying our distribution channels, optimising our bancassurance partnerships, enhancing customer service and supporting our teams to enhance our market presence and drive our digital leadership agenda," Gomes added further.

With performance fueled by digitisation and consistent innovation, Union Assurance has continued to revolutionise the Sri Lankan Life Insurance industry with multiple initiatives, including adopting a digital operating model to introduce a simplified insurance product made available online.

The company has invested a significant amount of resources into increasing employee engagement and retention rates during the difficult past year.

Amidst the challenges of COVID-19, Union Assurance was entered into the Great Place to Work (GPTW) Hall of Fame and recognised as a Great Place to Work for the 8th consecutive year. The organisation also produced the highest number of Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) achievers in Sri Lanka, further strengthening the credibility and quality of its salesforce with the inclusion of highly qualified insurance advisors.



Jude Gomes, Chief Executive Officer - Union Assurance

Samson International wins 6th consecutive Gold Award at NCE Export Awards

Samson International PLC (SIL) recently won their 6th consecutive Gold Award at the 28th annual NCE Export Awards for the rubber and rubber product sector. The organization also secured the Gold Award for Overall Best Performance in Research and Development activities, for their extensive steps towards innovation and product development.

With over 450 employees, Samson International PLC is a subsidiary of the DSI Samson Group (Pvt) Ltd. At present, it manufactures and exports moulded and extruded rubber products such as hot water bottles, jar sealing rings, rubber mats, rubber floorings, beadings and mud flaps mainly to international markets, and also rubber and PVC-related products to the local market. Their products range across diverse industries such as food packaging, health and fitness, automotive, agriculture, marine and irrigation.

A pillar of the national economy, they have now expanded to add new countries to their product range, extending their reach across the globe. Countries such as Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, Germany, India, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States



From left : Sanjewa Weerakkody (Manager Marketing), Priyantha Abeygunawardana (Director/General Manager) and Dilshan Rajapaksa (Joint Managing Director).

are among the 32 countries across 16% of the world that feature the products of Samson International PLC, including global franchises such as Aldi, Ikea, Coles, Woolworths, Harrods supermarkets and Hyundai supermarkets.

The efforts of Samson International PLC to reduce their carbon footprint and minimize pollution focus on diverse avenues including obtaining

the ISO 50001 for Energy Management System, ISO 14001 for Environmental Management and BSCI for Business Social Compliance. Furthermore, they produce a range of fair trade and FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified products.

Speaking about the sustainable manufacturing processes carried out by Samson International PLC, Joint Managing Director Dilshan

Rajapaksa stated, "Having recognized the demand for environmentally friendly products, we have taken steps to ensure the development of several products that comply with FSC Certification and Fair Trade practices. Being recognized for our efforts for the 6th consecutive time, is something that we take great pride in and will continue to strive towards a more sustainable future."

Accordingly, their efforts have not been in vain as the organization was recognized as the Overall Best Performer in Research and Development Activities at NCE Awards.

Speaking about the award for Overall Best Performance in Research and Development Activities, Priyantha Abeygunawardana, Director General Manager, said, "We consistently aim at and have made strides in innovation as we look to provide our customers with the best of the best. We have collaborated with state universities such as the University of Colombo and Moratuwa to support innovation through future generations. By providing students with industrial experience we hope to motivate them to benefit our country further and enrich their education."

International Construction Consortium offers 'Sunset cocktails' at Oceanfront Condominiums

International Construction Consortium (Pvt) Ltd (ICC) commenced Sunset cocktails at their newest residential property Oceanfront Condominiums Galle over the weekend, allowing their investors to firsthand experience the finesse and the luxe of the property.

Home owners were invited to Oceanfront Galle over the weekend (April 3-4) for them to inspect the construction progress and to have a look and feel of the apartment complex that would be officially handed over in coming months. Spelling class and elegance from the very first step into the building, homeowners were given the opportunity to witness the plethora of benefits they would reap for investing in OFC Galle in every sense.

On entering the property, visitors are able to have a sense of what life at sea would be with the spiral wooden staircase at the lobby mimicking a sail ship mast leading to the lush open courtyard that provides a panoramic view of the open sea via the grand Dutch arch, all which resonate historic vibes of the rich city of Galle. Capitalizing on Galle's glorious

blue waters, ICC has tastefully conceptualized Oceanfront Condominium to have a view of the clear ocean from all possible angles.

The unique 16th century Dutch inspired architecture transforms the property into a mini-fortress within itself that is embraced by the clear sea.

The event also provided a glimpse of what living at the luxury Oceanfront Condominium would be while letting homeowners to witness the sunset from all of the 101 apartments spread across 15 floors, Sunset Restaurant and the majestic Dutch Arch, which is a standout feature of the property. Some of the other features include a double floored spa and a fully equipped gym.

Oceanfront Galle structure constructions were done on time, even with the restrictions imposed by the authorities on imports and labor management to contain COVID 19 pandemic.

Nevertheless, ICC has taken the necessary initiatives to speed up the process and will be applying for COC in the beginning of June 2021.



NDB partners with Homelands Skyline to launch Cash Recycle Machines at apartment projects

In a bid to expand the Bank's reach, and to ensure customer convenience, National Development Bank PLC recently partnered with Homelands Skyline to install Cash Recycle Machines (CRM) in three Homelands Skyline locations.

Homelands Skyline is committed to offering more than just real estate to their customers; they also offer and promote a brand-new way of life. Going hand in hand with this, the installation of the NDB CRM has enabled Homelands Skyline to digitalize their payment procedure in order to provide the most convenient service possible, with the aim of making a wide variety of facilities and services available to their customers, thus improving their living standards.

One of the most critical aspects of a CRM is the ability to make real-time cash deposits into a customer's current or savings account on a 24x7 x 365 basis.

With this cash recycling machine, the Bank has now launched round-the-clock banking at three of Homelands Skyline's apartment and Residency locations: Luxe Highway Residencies - Kottawa, Canterbury Golf Resort Apartments and Residency - Pili-



Assistant General Manager, Finance A. R Bandara, General Manager - Legal Nimali Gunasekara, Harshani Herath, Chairman and Managing Director, Nalin Heath (from Homelands Group), Assistant Vice President Digital Financial Services Damitha Silva, Senior Banking Associate Digital Financial Services Melisha Osson Deputy Manager, Digital Financial Services Charitha Dias (from NDB) at the event

yandala - Kahathuduwa, and Ariyana Resort Apartments - Athurugiriya. NDB has facilitated a one stop payment solution for the residents of Homelands Skyline, where they would be able to pay recurring payments such as rents to Homelands Skyline easily through the CRM.

Further, the staff and residents of Homelands Skyline as well as other NDB customers are now able to carry out banking transactions such as cash withdrawals, cash deposits, balance inquiries and fund transfers easily and conveniently.

AI & Vision Solutions wins Best Disruptor Award at SLASSCOM Awards

AI & Vision Solutions Pvt Ltd a company that brings forth radical changes to many industries with their AI-enabled high-tech solutions won the 'best disruptor award' category for the Western Province at the SLASSCOM Ingenuity Awards 2021.

Organized by the Sri Lanka Association for Software Services Companies (SLASSCOM), the national chamber for the IT/BPM industry in Sri Lanka, the award ceremony was held at Shangri-la Hotel, Colombo.

The best disruptor award category celebrates the most original and innovative individuals and companies that have radically changed the current industry dynamics.

Competing against many excellent local talents in the field of IT innovations, AI & Vision Solutions was able to win the award for their unique and groundbreaking solutions.

Specialized in Artificial intelligence, Machine learning, Computer vision and IoT,

the company is striving for solving challenges with improved efficiency for reduced costs. Open doors in early 2019, the company has come a long way in a short period of time expanding their product portfolio continuously introducing an array of high-tech products which includes High-Tech Automatic Ticketing System, Vehicle Parking Management System, Highway Ticketing System, Vehicle Access Control and Surveillance, Audience Specific Advertising Solution, People Counting and Analytics solution, Traffic Law Violation Detection, Network & Security Solution and ELV Solution.

The company takes pride in the accolade they received at the event and offer their heartfelt gratitude to the SLASSCOM and the panel of judges, for giving this honor. The company also thanked their loyal customers for the trust they've placed in AI & Vision solution products.



Theekshana Wickramatilake, MD/CEO, AI & Vision Solutions Pvt Ltd receiving the award

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FIGHT not flight!

RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

She wears many hats in the glamour and fashion scene. Miss Universe Sri Lanka 2018, Miss Supranational 2016 - third Runner-up, Miss Grand International 2015 - Top 10 and Miss Popular Vote), Miss Tourism International 2011 and the Toughest Model on Earth 2020. Ornella Mariam Gunsekere is thankful to the many opportunities that have come her way.

For someone who has undergone a spine issue and faced many surgeries at a young age, Ornella notes that God has been gracious to her and people have been kind to her by showering their love on her. "I also know that life can change in an instant. I've held the hand of adversity many times and it always shows me that nothing is permanent - neither success nor failure. If you get something good that will help you grow and resonates with your world view, then embrace it and the gift you give back is the good you do with it," she explained.

She says that Jesus, her family and personal life experiences including those of people she has met have inspired her and molded her in a variety of ways.

"Bethany Hamilton comes to mind also. Since I still live with my condition, I always look outward to anyone with similar experiences - especially those who overcame their circumstances. Hamilton was an avid surfer whose arm got bitten off by a shark while doing what she loved. Yet she refused to allow it to diminish her. She kept her faith in God strong and persevered proving that the only disability in life is a bad attitude," Ornella said.

She had entered the fashion and glamour scene mostly through curiosity and because her mother, Mitchell De Kretser, who was a past beauty queen.

"I am very grateful to have been able to experience the industry both locally and internationally. The valuable lessons I've learned have molded me into a wiser, stronger and much more confident person than when I started out," Ornella says adding that the biggest achievement in her life was being able to have lived the life she has lived thus far mostly because she was told that she could not have it.

"From 13 years, I was told to live a very safe, careful, cautious life with a lot of "don't do this," and "don't do that." It is quite stifling to have to constantly be afraid of your own body and to be anxious, always. It put me into a continued flight or fight response which is not a happy, carefree way to live. Achievements to me are far from physical because the physical world will rust or be destroyed. Achievements like perseverance, strength and a happy heart above all else is far more satisfying," she explained.

She has had so many memorable pageant moments that she says that it is really difficult to label just one as her favourite.

"Each one was precious, meaningful and memorable. I always value the amazing women I've met over the years, their stories and hearing about their platforms and what they do for their communities. It's not what the title can do for them that most of them look at but what they can choose to do with their title, publicity and platform," Ornella said.

Revealing the best fashion advice she has gotten in her life, Ornella says that it is 'less is more. Make it simple but significant'. She had learned it from an episode of the 'Trinny and Sussannah' show.

Queried if there is anything she would have differently if she can change it and Ornella states that if she did, it would cause some ripple effect. She is not sure she would want to mess with that.

"Regardless of anything negative I feel at some moment in time, I hold fast to the belief that everything happens for a reason and in the end it will turn out alright and if not, then it's not the end," she mused.

Her beauty mantra is simple: smiling! It makes her feel happy and confident. In terms of fitness, she has no choice but to maintain a healthy lifestyle to support her spine. She also takes time to work on her mental health by walking around parks or the beach.

Ornella strongly believes that her biggest challenge is yet to come. This is because she recently discovered that she has got a fracture in her spine along with some further complications which requires medical intervention.

"Like I said before, life changes in an instant and currently the stress, anxiety and pain of this lingers. I still hold faith and trust that even this challenge will allow me to, in some way, help someone else along their journey in our human experience," she said.

Asked if there are any dreams she has not yet fulfilled and she is quick to share that she has long dreamt of adopting a child.

"Someday once I am financially stable and able to provide, I will see this dream to fruition," she adds with a note of enthusiasm.

She admits that the pandemic put a lot of things into perspective. She started realising that as humans we have a really poor relationship with animals and nature which will certainly cause much more devastating and harsher conditions than the coronavirus.

"We MUST improve the way

Glit Chat



Being crowned as Miss Universe Sri Lanka 2018



With some of the other Miss Universe 2018 contestants at the Grand Temple, Bangkok, Thailand



Being crowned "Toughest Model on Earth 2020," in Kathmandu, Nepal



Taking part in a tree planting programme with Reforest Sri Lanka



SHORT QUESTIONS

- **Your closest friends describe you as** - Quiet ...until I'm comfortable after which I'm the most annoying human alive!
- **Passions** - I love learning new things and trying to explore anything new. Life is too short to live the same day twice.
- **Indoor person or outdoor person** - Although I'm quite introverted, I love spending time outdoors, especially with nature.
- **Favourite comfort food** - Sri Lankan ... Parippu, pol sambol, failing which, pasta.
- **One beauty tip you swear by** - I'm yet to see a happy, smiling face that wasn't beautiful.
- **Favourite vacation spot** - I love exploring new places. Where ever it may be, if there is a nice beach, it's safe and there's yummy food - that's paradise!
- **Who is your 4 am friend** - Jesus
- **First celebrity crush** - Hmm... I think it was Gareth Gates
- **Someday you would like to be remembered as** - Actions are timeless even when people are forgotten. Ideally, I would want to be remembered as the person who made it illegal to sell or have caged birds in Sri Lanka.

While I am fully aware of the value of pets, it really flusters me when I see 50 birds jammed into one small cage at so called "pet shops." If one struggles to see the ethical side then I will try to convince them with the pandemic's affect on human life so that we drastically change the way we treat animals to mitigate zoonotic diseases. Either we manage it in a humane and responsible manner towards the birds or make it completely illegal.

Birds are meant to FLY and as someone who knows what it's like to live as a caged bird with my physical limitations, I really want to see this become a reality. If anyone knows how we could go about this, reach out to me please and let's work on it.

we handle animals and exploit the earth. It MUST change. It has also made me more aware of the reality of people's lives within the context of a global issue and how ill prepared we are to facing such predictable situations.

I also realised that if our country really wanted to change the people, it has all the means to. In 2020, the entire country learned how to wash their hands. Mass text messages keep informing us every day of the varying effects of the virus on members of our community.

I wish mass texts could also be sent out in regards to child abductions (or Amber Alerts,) domestic abuse, environmental issues and more. The Government MUST use this to better serve their people. Instead of always looking to change this pandemic,

I hope the pandemic changes us," she opined.

Her advice for youth who wish to follow their passions is always hold fast to their core values in whatever industry they step into.

"Every industry will have its pros and cons, therefore you must consider well before jumping into anything. As exciting as things may present, always be aware that people will try to take advantage of and or exploit. Just because something is popular doesn't mean it's right or the right thing for you. Everyone's journey is different therefore steer clear of comparing because it will steal your joy. Focus on your journey, self improvement, have humility, always appreciate, be helpful and leave a place better than how it was when you got there," she concluded with a smile.



Cooking is my hobby



Cooking is a hobby a lot of people like to do. When you cook to earn a living you can't do it leisurely. But as a hobby, you can do it at your own pace.

Most people start to cook with easy-to-make food and then later on, make food that is hard to prepare. When you cook, you need to be calm and patient. This is an extremely important thing to remember in the culinary world. Before you start to cook, you need to find a recipe for what you are going to make. Then you have to find the needed ingredients and utensils. Also, when you cook you have to be very careful because you will be using fire and sharp utensils.

I enjoy cooking because it is fun and interesting. I believe that cooking is a great hobby because it is something you can do with happiness.

Nadia Usaff,
Grade 8,
Mukarramah International School,
Colombo



MY PET

My pet is a parrot. Her name is Malathi. She has a green body and a red beak. She is a very beautiful bird. She is a female parrot.

My pet can talk. She plays with my sister and me. Her favourite food is mango. Our family loves her very much.

Every morning Malathi greets me 'Good Morning.' When I go to school I say good bye to her. When I come back she is very happy. When someone enters our house she shouts to warn us. She likes us to be near her all the time.

She is a good friend too. I don't like to keep her in a cage. We let her out in the morning. She makes many bird friends. We have a small bird's bath. She likes to stay near that bird's bath.

She has a very sharp beak. She likes to fly. Our father made a bird house for Malathi. I love my pet and she loves me.

Ameesha Dias,
Grade 8,
Central College,
Anuradhapura



My favourite ACTOR



The actor that I like the most is Jackie Chan. He was born on April 7, 1954 in Hong Kong. His real name is Chang Kong-Sang. He was the only child in his family. His parents were poor. He studied martial arts and acrobatics in Australia.

He has acted in many films. He is an actor, producer and a director in many films. His famous films are, 'City Hunter', 'Wheels on Meals' and 'Thunder Bolt'.

He has injured himself many times in stunts and fighting. His films are full of action and comedy. He has won many awards for Best Action Movie Star. He has his own stuntman company.

He can jump from the top of a building onto a helicopter. He can run down a high wall. He can roll down from a mountain. He can dive off from one building to another and ride a moving bus by hanging on the outside.

But his personal quote is, "Don't try to be like Jackie. There is only one Jackie. Study computers instead."

So as a child I never try to act like him but I like to enjoy watching his films.

Faris Ahmed,
Grade 8,
Hameed Al
Hussein College,
Colombo

NATURE

Nature is green. It is like evergreen in the heaven. We are living in nature with everything. Trees are a kind of thing in nature, that give us flowers, fruits, leaves and carbon dioxide. We want to thank our god for giving us the gift of nature. Please do not cut

trees in any way. Thank you for learning about this and grow more plants and be happy in your life with our beautiful environment as nature. Do not hurt nature in your life.

Nimesha Jayatilleke,
Grade 7,
St. Lawrence's
Convent,
Colombo



COVID-19

The COVID-19 virus was not there in the past, it came in 2019. Many people have caught this virus. Doctors have been making medicines to kill it.

This virus started in China and it spread to Italy, Spain and even Sri Lanka! Doctors are the people who have named it COVID-19.

Lots of people have been making hand-sanitizers and soaps which kill 9.99% of germs. Even on TV they give details about COVID-19 and how to prevent it. People, especially elders, have died because of COVID-19.

So how can we kill it? Well, wash your hands thoroughly! Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth. Don't touch lifts or buttons on the lifts and don't shake hands.

If you do touch a button, door knob or any other surface, then put hand sanitizer or wash your hands for 20 seconds. Wear a mask if you are going somewhere and have a bath when you come home.

Daneshi Samarasinghe,
Grade 7,
Seethadevi
Girls' College,
Kandy



Celebrating togetherness



Text and pictures by
MU M SANON,
Puttalam TKN Corr

Puttalam District MP Ali Sabri Raheem has been implementing a programme to provide school equipment to school children this year as well.

As a part of this initiative a school equipment distribution ceremony was held at Badulla Oya Sinhala Maha Vidyalaya recently under the patronage of school Principal Sisira Kumara. Puttalam District M P Ali Sabri Raheem was the Chief Guest at the event.

Make healthy choices

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

The officers of the Medical Office of Health (MOH), Addalaichenai, conducted a medical check-up and delivering of nutritious food packs to the students of Al-Mina Vidyalaya at Sambunagar in Addalaichenai coming



under the Akkaraipattu Educational Zone recently.

Addalaichenai Al-Mina Vidyalaya Deputy Principal M I Jawfer presided over the function.

The Addalaichenai Medical Officer of Health (MOH) Dr S Akilan graced the event as Chief Guest and handed over the nutritious food packs while Health Officials of Office of the Medical Office of Health (MOH), Addalaichenai conducted medical check-up for the students.

Public Health Inspectors (PHI) A M Jazeer spearheaded the programme.

At the checkup, the weight, height etc were checked and the students were advised on how to lead a healthy life.

Addalaichenai Al-Mina Vidyalaya Principal M I M Riyas, Zonal Head (Primary Section), Teacher A C M Farzan, teachers, parents and students were present.

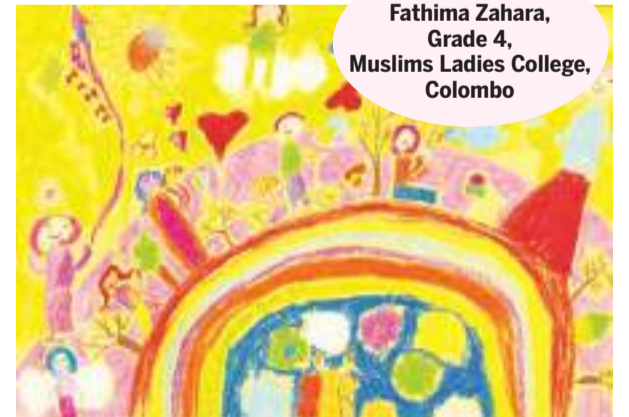


Art Gallery



Jehansa Silva,
Grade 3,
Jennings International
College,
Nainamadama

Happiness



Fathima Zahara,
Grade 4,
Muslims Ladies College,
Colombo

A tiger



Sithum Perera,
Grade 3,
Ispithana College,
Colombo

Myself



Keeping my distance

*I'm keeping my distance from people today,
I'm trying to stay at least six feet away.
I'm not shaking hands not or giving high fives,
To try to make sure that everyone survives.
I'm wearing face masks, gloves and a gown,
I'm staying at home, not out in town.
I'm washing my hands every hour or two,
Because I'm convinced that it's the right thing to do.*

Melissa Vanderpoorten,
Grade 6,
Colombo International School,
Colombo



MET GALA set for big return



The Met Gala is coming back. Actually, twice.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art announced recently that the annual high-wattage celebration of both fashion and celebrity - cancelled last year because of the pandemic - will return in person, first in September, then again in 2022 in its usual slot of the first Monday in May.

The galas, a "more intimate" version September 13 of this year and a larger one on May 2, 2022, will launch a two-part exhibition, a survey of American fashion to be on view for almost a year.

"In America: A Lexicon of Fashion," opening September 18, will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the museum's Costume Institute and "explore a modern vocabulary of American fashion," the museum said. Part two, "In America: An Anthology of Fashion," will open in the museum's popular American Wing period rooms on May 5, 2022, and will explore American fashion, with collaborations with film directors, by "presenting narratives that relate to the complex and layered histories of those spaces." Both parts will close on September 5, 2022.

Filmmaker Melina Matsoukas ("Queen & Slim") has been commissioned to create an open-ended film to project in the galleries, with content changing during the course of the exhibition.

There was no immediate word on who the celebrity hosts, or chairs, would be for the galas, tradition-



ally a heady mix of luminaries from fashion, music, film, TV, sports and other arenas. The first gala in September will be smaller and held in accordance with government coronavirus guidelines. The second next May is intended to be larger, in line with previous galas which typically hold about 550 guests.

The gala is a major fundraiser, providing the Costume Institute with its primary source of funding. In 2020, the gala was cancelled but fans were invited to engage in a social media challenge to recreate favourite red-carpet looks.

"Fashion is both a harbinger of cultural shifts and a record of the forces, beliefs, and events that shape our lives," said Max Hollein, director of the Met, in a statement. As always, the exhibits will be the work of star curator Andrew Bolton. "Over the past year, because of the pandemic, the connections to our homes have become more emotional, as have those to our clothes," he said in his own statement. "For American fashion, this has meant an increased emphasis on sentiment over practicality."

In addition to Matsoukas, other confirmed collaborators from the film world include cinematographer Bradford Young, whose projects have included "Selma" and "When They See Us;" production designers Nathan Crowley and Shane Valentino; and Franklin Leonard, film executive and founder of The Black List, a listing of top unproduced screenplays.

- AP

OSCARS 2021

PRESENTERS



The 93rd Academy Awards' presenters have been announced. After much delay due to the pandemic, the awards night takes place later this month as some of last year's winners return as presenters.

Angela Bassett, Halle Berry, Bong Joon Ho, Don Cheadle, Bryan Cranston, Laura Dern, Harrison Ford, Regina King, Marlee Matlin, Rita Moreno, Joaquin Phoenix, Brad Pitt, Reese Witherspoon, Renée Zellweger, and Zendaya will be presenting at the Oscars 2021.

Riz Ahmed bagged the Best Actor nod for Sound Of Metal whereas Minari's Steven Yeun became the first Asian-American to bag the nomination. Two women directors Chloé Zhao (Nomadland) and Emerald Fennell (Promising Young Woman) have been nominated making it the most women directors to be nominated in the category. The 93rd Oscars will be held on April 25, 2021, at Union Station Los Angeles and the Dolby Theatre at Hollywood and Highland Center in Hollywood, and international locations via satellite. - People

Zendaya joins the Tune squad



Actor Zendaya is set to voice the character of Lola Bunny in the upcoming film "Space Jam: A New Legacy". The Emmy winner actor's casting was confirmed via the film's official Twitter account on Saturday.

"Welcome to the Jam, @Zendaya," the tweet read.

Directed by Malcolm D Lee, the much-awaited sequel to the 1996 Michael Jordan-led cult classic "Space Jam" follows NBA superstar LeBron James as he is thrust into a digital space known as "The Servaverse," where he has his son (Ceyair J Wright) taken away by an evil algorithm known as AL-G Rhythm (Don Cheadle).

James teams up with the Looney Tunes, competing in basketball against the algorithm's Goon Squad, with the safe return of his son on the line.

The team Looney Tunes will include Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Lola Bunny, Marvin the Martian, Porky Pig and Roadrunner among others. - AINS

MARMADUKE



"On the other hand, he is good at catching things."

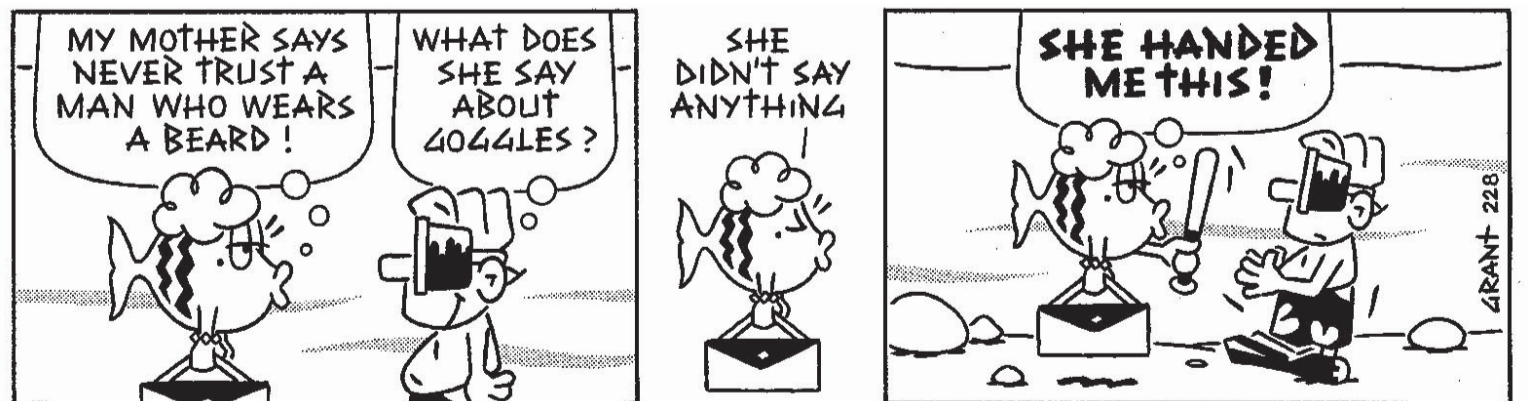
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FISH TALES



UP & RUNNING



Fresh fruit, chocolate and gold treatment are passé. The in thing for facials and scrubs are now red wine! This sweet and sparkling drink is no longer just used to raise a toast to good health, success and long life. Many fashionable women are now using a Merlot to make their skin glow.

DEFINING WINE

Wine is made with grapes, but not typical table grapes you'll find at the grocery. Wine grapes have thick skins, are small, sweet, and contain seeds.

There are many different kinds of wine grapes - over a thousand, - but there some common choices you'll find in the grocery store.

All wines can be organized into five basic groups. Within each group there are hundreds of different grape varieties and winemaking techniques!

- * Red wine
- * White wine
- * Rosé wine
- * Sparkling wine
- * Dessert wine

WINE AND THE BEAUTY INDUSTRY

As an antioxidant, resveratrol is able to fight oxidative stress and mitigate the damage it causes in the body. Though a glass of wine a day isn't going to fend off your body's natural aging process on its own, it could help when combined with a healthy lifestyle and proper skin care.

VITAMINS AND INGREDIENTS

Flavours

For centuries, winemakers have relied on oak barrels to flavour wine with notes of vanilla or subtle spices, but since only some of the wine comes into contact with the wood, some producers will add oak chips, powders or staves to a barrel to help evenly distribute the flavours.

Grape juice concentrate

Found more frequently in supermarket wines, grape juice concentrate is sometimes included to boost the colour of red wine and add a bit of sugar to smooth out the mouthfeel. It's usually derived from Teinturier grapes.

Non-vegan material

Artisan winemakers opposed to adding enzymes may instead use non-vegan material as a fining agent and clarifier. These can include egg whites, bentonite clay and mammal proteins - all of which are filtered out before bottling.

Powdered tannins

Tannins naturally occur in the skins of the grapes and are good for adding complexity to wine. But the crushing, maturation and climate change that takes place during winemaking can make them tricky to handle, so powdered tannins may be added early in the process to help add balance.

Potassium sorbate and potassium metabisulfite

Both of these ingredients are used to guard against bacteria and protect the yeast from spoiling, and are commonly used together during the fermentation process as they help the yeast ferment efficiently while improving the overall flavour.

Sulfur dioxide

This is one of the most common additives in wine, usually known simply as 'sulfités'. It's used to preserve the grapes and prevent oxidation during the winemaking process. It's also one of the few additives that has to be displayed on a wine bottle's label, but only if the sulphur dioxide exceeds 10mg per litre.

Sugar

You might assume that sugar is added to help sweeten a wine, but it's actually used to help boost its alcohol content. The process is called 'chaptalization' and also assists the yeast during the fermentation process.

Water

No, water isn't added by wily producers looking to make their wine go further, it's actually added at the beginning of the winemaking process to help bring down high alcohol levels and add balance to the wine.

Yeast

The key ingredient in winemaking, yeast helps convert sugars into alcohol. Some producers will use cultured yeasts to enhance certain flavour profiles, or use yeast in a second fermentation called malolactic fermentation, where naturally-present bitter malic acids are converted into softer lactic acids.

HEALTH BENEFITS

Lowers bad cholesterol

Red wines are known to lower the bad cholesterol in your system.

Keeps heart healthy

Not only does it regulate the cholesterol levels, but also keeps the heart healthy. Polyphenols, a certain type of antioxidants present in red wines prevent unwanted clotting by keeping the blood vessels flexible. However, it should be remembered that heavy drinking damages the heart.

Helps treat common cold

The antioxidants present in red wines treat common cold, since antioxidants protects cells against the harmful effects of free radicals which has a strong role to play in cold

Keeps you slim

You would be glad to know that resvera-



RAISE A TOAST...

BEAUTY TREATMENTS THAT INCLUDE WINE

Wine and traditional spa treatments are now being combined to offer consumers a fresh approach to skincare and relaxation. Wine not only tastes good - it's also good for your skin.

Wine therapy removes dry skin and increases circulation with a foamy, vitamin-rich scrub of sea salt and wine, followed by a warm wine massage.

Filled with nourishing vitamins grapes, and their seeds and vines, contain some of nature's most powerful antioxidants, helping to account for the hottest trend in the spa industry cleansing their faces with Merlot wraps, exfoliating with crushed.

Cabernet scrubs, and soaking themselves in vats of spring water treated with the extract of red grape vines, all of which help soothe, moisturise and protect the skin

SELECTING WINE AS PART OF A BEAUTY TREATMENT

Red wine contains several naturally occurring polyphenolic compounds that come from grape seeds and skins.

The reason that red wine and skin health go hand in hand is thanks in large part to an antioxidant called resveratrol. Resveratrol protects the skin from free radicals - unstable molecules that can lead to lines, wrinkles, and sunspots - by restoring collagen and elastic fibers in the skin.

SKIN TYPES

The antioxidant properties of wine help in getting the toxins out of the skin. Wine facials are also great for skin tightening. Every wine has a different composition and should be used according to skin type.

For oily skin

If you have acne-prone oily skin, go for a red wine facial, since it has a high concentration of polyphenol resveratrol, a chemical that helps reduce inflammation. Most commonly used red wines for facials are Sula Rasa (Shiraz) and Indus Cabernet Sauvignon.

For dry skin

Sweet white wines with alpha hydroxy acids are good for this skin type due to their water-binding properties.

SIDE EFFECTS

Red wine is likely to cause "flushing, redness, and blotchy skin." Alcohol is a vasodilator, meaning it opens the blood vessels - which leads to a flushed appearance and a puffy complexion.8) What are the beauty benefits of wine?

Resveratrol has also been shown to brighten the complexion, keep skin moisturized, and smooth the skin's texture.

Additionally, red wine has antiseptic and antibacterial properties that help fight acne breakouts.

In case that wasn't reason enough to pour a glass of vino, red wine also improves skin indirectly by helping to reduce stress and promote better sleep, since it contains the sleep-regulating hormone melatonin.

Compiled by Ruwini Jayawardana

RED WINE HOME REMEDIES

Red Wine Cleanser

Mix a tablespoon of lemon juice with four tablespoons of red wine. Use a cotton ball to apply the mixture to your face.

Red Wine Face Scrub

Make an exfoliating paste with red wine, coffee grounds, and coconut oil. Rub the paste into your skin in a circular motion.

Red Wine Facial Massage

Mix red wine, aloe vera gel, and a few drops of your favorite skin-safe essential oil. Massage this mixture onto your skin. Spend some extra time on your temples for maximum relaxation.

Red Wine Face Mask

Mix a cup of green tea, two tablespoons warm honey, one tablespoon plain yogurt, and one tablespoon red wine. Spread the mask over your face and leave it on for 15 minutes.



The Kingsbury's Tenku opens its doors

The Kingsbury Colombo declared open 'Tenku', the Japanese restaurant, recently at the Hotel's rooftop. Chairman and Chief Executive Hayleys PLC, Mohan Pandithage, Managing Director Hayleys Leisure Sector, Rohan Karr and Main Board Director, Hayleys PLC, Gamini Gunaratne were present on the occasion, along with a group of special invitees. Asanga and Mimi Weerasinghe, Dr. Manjula and Thanuja Karunaratne,

Milinda and Evangeline Ekanayake and Amandha Weerasinghe were among the guests who sampled the Teppanyaki Private Dining Menu. Delicacies from the a la carte menu were relished by the others, while Sake from the extensive menu was enjoyed by all.

Offering a specially curated menu by internationally experienced Japanese Master Chef Toshiyuki Okabe, Tenku gives diners the largest selection of sushi and

sashimi, comprising more than 50 varieties; special menu at the private Teppanyaki room; and an a la carte menu with an extensive range of dishes.

With a wide range of authentic dishes and beverages, including the largest collection of Sake in the city, 'Tenku', translating to 'sky' in Japanese, is the ultimate tribute to authentic Japanese fare, on several sensory levels.



Chairman and Chief Executive Hayleys PLC, Mohan Pandithage, Managing Director Hayleys Leisure Sector, Rohan Karr and Shehara Pandithage



Chairman and Chief Executive Hayleys PLC, Mohan Pandithage, Chief Toshiyuki Okabe and Managing Director Hayleys Leisure Sector, Rohan Karr



Welcome to Tenku



Main Board Director Hayleys PLC, Gamini Gunaratne, Chairman and Chief Executive Hayleys PLC, Mohan Pandithage and Managing Director, Hayleys Leisure Sector, Rohan Karr, Chefs Toshiyuki Okabe and Sanjeeva Caldera with Tenku staff



Nigel Austin, Masa Okada, Surein and Maya Madanayake



Five-star service



Asanga and Mimi Weerasinghe, Amandha Weerasinghe and Thanuja Karunaratne



Milinda Ekanayake, Calista Ekanayake and others



Exemplary service



NEWS

Trina Solar launches 670W+ Vertex Modules, TrinaTracker in Sri Lanka

Trina Solar, the global leader in total energy solutions, launched in Sri Lanka yesterday Trina Tracker and its 670W+ Vertex module, an ultra-high-power module.

Trina Solar sees that the 670W Vertex module will be popular for large-scale power plants in Sri Lanka, especially low-cost power plants which are very sensitive to investment costs.

"The launch of 670W+ Vertex module in Sri Lanka is very much in line with the nation's target of being carbon neutral and transitioning completely to renewable energy by 2050,"

says Trina Solar South Asia director Gaurav Mathur. Vertex modules achieve higher power density and efficiency by incorporating larger solar cells, 210mm in diameter, which means there are fewer solar cells needed for each panel. Older generation modules use solar cells that are smaller and require more cells to achieve higher power.

"The use of 210mm diameter solar cells is the new global industry standard," Mathur said.

Vertex also achieves greater power density and efficiency by incorporating

other leading technologies, such as: multi-busbar technology; to maximize light capture; high density encapsulation technology, to minimize the space between each cell; and cells that are split using non-destructive cutting technology. Non-destructive cutting is done at very low temperature, resulting in a smooth cut.

Using fewer modules to meet a projects' requirement of the total power output contributes to lower levelized cost of energy (LCOE). LCOE is calculated by dividing total project cost by total power output.



Trina Tracker Agile tracker

The new Vertex modules also deliver lower balance of system (BOS) cost, because of less cabling required as well as fewer mounting systems, combiner boxes, etc. Having fewer solar cells for each module reduces the voltage.

Today's launch of the

670W+ Vertex module in Sri Lanka coincides with a webinar (April 28) organized by Trina Solar and its local partners to discuss the Vertex technology and trends in Sri Lanka's renewable energy market.

"Development of Sri Lanka's solar industry creates



Gaurav Mathur

highly-skilled jobs and is in line with national development objectives as it creates investment opportunities. Solar energy is the right fit for Sri Lanka because it is proven technology that can be quickly and readily deployed to help the nation achieve its commitments under the Paris Agreement and be carbon neutral by 2050. There is a need to quickly ramp up deployment of solar energy so Sri Lanka can achieve its goals," Mathur added.

Calcey Technologies goes Remote-First

Calcey Technologies, a Sri Lankan boutique software engineering firm with roots in California, has announced its decision to transform itself into a remote-first company.

Thanks to its foresight in trialing a work-from-home policy well before the pandemic necessitated it, Calcey was able to lay the foundations for a successful remote work culture that truly came into its own from the second quarter of 2020 onward.

"Though the entire country was locked down, we were able to support all our clients without any disruptions. Our performance in 2020 was outstanding on all fronts, with client satisfaction, employee satisfaction and our financial performance all reaching our best levels ever. That is why we sought to transform ourselves into a remote-first company, with the full support of our team members, who overwhelmingly voted in favour of the decision", said Mangala Karunaratne, Founder and CEO of Calcey Technologies.

"Before the pandemic even started making headlines, we listened to suggestions by our employees and implemented a once a week work-from-home facility. It proved to be a great idea and I'd like to thank our team members for coming up with it" he added.

Calcey's philosophy of remote-first seeks to strike



Gehan Dias and Mangala Karunaratne

a balance between the benefits of a physical office and the flexibility individual employees' gain by working remotely. Routine processes such as meetings and internal discussions have been moved to platforms such as Google Workspace and Slack so that everyone can remain abreast of new developments. At the same time, the company has retained the option of allowing employees to work out of Calcey's campus in central Colombo, should they wish to do so or if required in the case of significant pre-planned events such as client meetings and the on-boarding of new team members.

As a company whose primary asset is its employees, Calcey envisages that the shift to a remote-first model will pay handsome dividends. "We compete strictly on quality, and it is important that we have access to the most talented individuals in a given discipline at all times. Previously, our accessible talent pool was largely limited to the Western Province, but by going remote-first, we can now recruit from all over Sri Lanka. Not only does it help extend our mission of being a true meritocracy, but also allows us to contribute towards enhancing economic opportunities for all Sri Lankans" said Gehan Dias, General Manager of Calcey Technologies.

CIPM hosts CPD Webinar on Beyond HR to C-Suite

CIPM Sri Lanka – the Nation's leader in human resource management with the guidance of its President - Jayantha Amarasinghe recently hosted a webinar to discuss an important and timely topic for HR professionals titled "Beyond HR for HR Professionals".

The discussions were focused to ascertain whether any barriers or "glass ceiling", a metaphor usually used to discuss the career advancement of women and the barriers that they face, existed which limited the growth of HR professionals beyond the HR profession to positions of CEOs and other leadership positions in organizations. The webinar was organized by Chairman - Member Development Committee Priyantha Ranasinghe and moderated by Janaka Kumarasinghe - Past President of CIPM, COO of 1 Billion Tech (Pvt) Ltd., Non-Executive Director of Vallibel Finance PLC, and founder Director of Kentridge (Pvt) Ltd. The eminent panel comprised 3 HR professionals who have grown beyond HR



From L to R: Janaka Kumarasinghe-Moderator and panelists Lakmal Dharmaratne, Shakthi Ranatunga and Dr. Samitha Perera

to undertake leadership positions in organizations namely Dr. Samitha Perera – Director/CEO, CBL Foods International (Pvt) Ltd., Shakthi Ranatunga – COO, MAS Holdings, and Board Director of MAS Capital, and Lakmal Dharmaratne – COO, D. Samson Industries (Pvt) Ltd.

Janaka Kumarasinghe stated "Along with the global pandemic, people-related priorities such as remote and flexible working, outcome-based performance management, virtual engagement, value additions, adaptability to technol-

ogy, change management, and health issues have emerged and come to the fore. The time has come for Sri Lankan HR professionals to take more leadership positions such as Chairperson, CEO, COO, and Non-executive Director".

Citing their individual experiences and their ability to reach greater heights beyond the realms of HR, the panelists agreed on the need to convert knowledge and qualifications to leadership competencies, develop the knowledge and understanding of the business and its strategies which enabled

them to add value, the ability to take personal risks in pursuit of achieving goals, understanding the culture of the organization and the subcultures which exist within divisions, willingness to change and learn, and the need to be self-confident on the ability and capability for an HR professional move forward and beyond their comfort zone of HR.

"HR professionals have created this dilemma within themselves that only the other professions can go up the ladder. This is not true as anyone can acquire the right competencies if one focuses oneself and understands which areas need to be developed" said Samitha Perera.

Voicing his thoughts, Shakthi Ranatunga said that each person needs a deep technical base or expertise to launch oneself irrespective of whether they are professionals in HR, finance, marketing, engineering, or IT. He further stated that HR professionals need to strike a balance between the traditional IR/ER role which is

more related to regulation and control, and the more modern HR role of enabling, empowering, talent management, and in the latter case one can get a good appreciation of how an organization is run beyond control in an effort to unlock value.

Lakmal Dharmaratne's perspective was that HR professionals have an advantage at moving beyond HR than other professionals as most of the enabling functions such as mentoring, coaching are a direct function of HR professionals who have built high competencies in these areas which are essential skills in senior leadership positions.

Quoting an international study, he further said "an international study to match competencies of CEO and marketing, HR, finance, IT revealed that the skills of a good HR professional have a better match with the required competencies of a successful CEO. This is indeed very encouraging news for HR professionals who are aspiring to go beyond".

IET Young Professionals Network to host 'Innovative Solutions for Waste Management' contest

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) celebrates its 150th anniversary this year and the IET Young Professionals Sri Lanka Network is hosting series of events in Sri Lanka, mainly focusing on sustainability and promoting creative engineering solutions under the local volunteer engagement fund.

IET Young Professionals Sri Lanka Network is organizing a waste management and solution competition to recognize innovative ideas and to encourage application of engineering & technology.

The competition will be organized under two categories, School students and Undergraduates from local universities and professionals from industry.

Participants will need to do their deep dive into the



current literature and build on top of it.

A judging panel consisting of industry leaders, researchers and experts will be selecting the best project ideas. The final evaluation will be held on the date of the awards ceremony. The winner from the school category will receive Rs 50,000 and the winner from professional category will receive Rs 100,000.

A series of webinars and talks will also be organized by industry professionals and social entrepreneurs to help students both understand and contextualize the challenges we face as a country in waste disposal.

Applicants should follow

the guidelines and fill the template to ensure the validity of their submission. Participants do not need to have working prototypes but need to propose a realistic and implementable product or service solution.

Awareness sessions will be held via online prior to the project commencement. After the awareness sessions, proposals will be called from local university undergraduates and professionals from industry individually or as a group. Then only selected applicants will be able to participate for the preliminary rounds.

Applicants will present their ideas through a PowerPoint presentation for



15mins. The preliminary round will be held through an online platform due to the prevailing COVID 19 pandemic situation in the country. Five best concepts from each category selected to the grand finale.

Prior to the grand finale workshops will be held online with current entrepreneurial leaders in waste management to improve their proposals as mentioned before.

More details about the IET YP and the competition can be taken from their social media IET YP pages and from <https://iet-150-beyond.blogspot.com/blog>

Acme Group upgrades Food Safety Management Systems

ACME Group has recently upgraded its food safety management systems in line with the latest version of International Food Safety Management System (FSMS) certifications of ISO 22000:2018 and FSSC 22000 Version 5, for their flexible packaging manufacturing facilities in Piliyandala and Pannala respectively. The certifications were awarded by SGS International Certification Services, UK through its local office, SGS Lanka Ltd.

ACME manufactures packaging materials in the form of printed/laminated reels, pouches, sheets and lids converted out of Aluminium Foil, BOPP, LLDPE, Nylon, Polyester and Paper for the packaging of a wide range of products such as Confectionery, Milk Powder, Biscuits, Snacks, Beverages, Tea, Noodles, Soya Nug-

gets, Processed Meat Products, Pharmaceuticals, Detergent Powder, Agro Chemicals, Cigarette Foil as well as Garments etc.

The Piliyandala factory of ACME is the country's sole manufacturer of Aluminium Foil based flexible packaging items wherein the company has successfully entered export markets. ACME's list of customers includes and is not limited to market leaders such as Maliban Biscuits and Maliban Milk, Ceylon Biscuits, Ceylon Chocolates, Fonterra, Dilmah, Prima, DSI, CEAT Tyres, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Wijaya Products, Uswatta Confectioneries, Pelwatta, Cherish, Ariya Milk Products, Lanka Milk Foods, Hemas and State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (SPMC).

In addition, ACME Group holds the

prestigious International Quality Management System (QMS) certification of ISO 9001:2015 for both their flexible packaging manufacturing facilities in Piliyandala and Pannala. ACME ensures that their products are in high quality and food safe by aligning their systems in line with said international certification systems.

The management of ACME is proud to declare the upgrade of its Management Systems (QMS/FSMS) especially as the Group has increased its manufacturing capabilities in terms of both quantity and quality, which has resulted in increased customer satisfaction and confidence, notwithstanding the unfavourable business environment of the country and the world at large caused by the recent Covid 19 pandemic.

Virtusa introduces Salesforce Module to local Universities

Virtusa Corporation (NASDAQ GS: VRTU), a global provider of digital strategy, digital engineering, and IT services and solutions that help clients change and disrupt markets through innovation engineering, introduced a mandatory Salesforce Module at the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT) recently, with plans to incorporate the module into curricula across other local universities, addressing growing skill gaps in the new talent landscape.

Salesforce is the world's top customer relationship management (CRM) platform that helps improve business relationships with customers across the entire customer lifecycle, spanning marketing, sales and customer service interactions.

CRM is also the fastest-growing enterprise application software category worldwide, making Salesforce knowledge a critical skill for IT professionals, and a requisite for hiring.

"At Virtusa, we identify skills that are essential for innovation and growth," said Rahul Sahay, Head of HR for India & Sri Lanka at Virtusa. "Working closely with Sri Lanka's higher educational institutions such as SLIIT as a long-standing industry partner has enabled us to synchronize skills development with skills demand, developing a talent pool that aligns with company competencies and evolving business strategies."



The Virtusa Team behind the rollout of the Salesforce Module at SLIIT


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

The Campus Reach initiative – part of Virtusa's Corporate Social Responsibility strategy since 1998 – helps the company forecast and plan entry-level talent acquisition, bridge skill gaps and map future talent needs by shaping a more relevant curriculum, and creating a highly compatible global talent pool.

"Public and Private Universities are an extremely important cog of our talent pipeline, and we take pride and responsibility in building capacity at universi-

ties. This will enable us to create a future ready talent pool not only for Virtusa but also for country's benefit," Sampath Thrimavithana, Head of Talent Development & Campus Reach for Sri Lanka, Virtusa further elaborated.

As Sri Lanka's single largest employer of fresh graduates and interns, Virtusa implemented the program at SLIIT, the country's largest non-state institute of higher education, making the module mandatory for final year BSc students in Information Technology, specializing both in IT and Software Engineering. The course entails six-hours of virtual lectures and four-hours of laboratory practical sessions conducted by Virtusa's Salesforce experts, followed by a three-week assignment. This follows in the heels of Virtusa's Digital Discoverer program (DDP) launched in 2020 to build capacity and enhance career opportunities for university students across Sri Lanka.



DEHIWELA MOUNT LAVINIA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Invitation of Quotations for Hiring of Vehicles Year 2020 /2021

Sealed quotations are invited for hiring of air conditioned and non air conditioned vans, motor cars, three wheelers, lorries and goods transporting tractors for deploying in service of the Dehiwela Mount Lavinia Municipal Council,

Quotations should be submitted only in the forms prepared by this Municipal Council giving details regarding the vehicles offering and the quotations as per the conditions issued by the Municipal Council with the forms. A non refundable form fee of Rs. 500/- along with the government taxes should be paid. In addition to that a refundable deposit should be paid as Rs. 25,000/- for vans and cars, Rs. 10,000/- for tractors, Rs. 10,000/- for three wheelers and Rs. 15,000/- for lorries and the specific tender forms and instruction sheet may be obtained from the Finance Department (Supplies Division) between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week from 23.04.2021 until 17.05.2021.

Duly perfected tenders will be received up to 2.00 p.m. on 17.05.2021 and the quotations will be opened immediately after the closing of tenders.

Duly perfected quotations may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Municipal Commissioner, Dehiwela - Mount Lavinia Municipal Council, Dehiwela" or deposited in the tender box kept in my office to receive before 2.00 p.m. on 17.05.2021.

The caption "Hiring of Vehicles" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the quotations.

The Municipal Council reserves the right to accept or reject one or all quotations.

M.M.C. K.K. Mannapperuma
Municipal Commissioner
Dehiwela - Mount Lavinia Municipal Council



**THE ORGANISATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
OF SRI LANKA (OPA)**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Chairman, Tender Board invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the refurbishment of Washrooms of the OPA as given below

- 1) The bidders should have valid CIDA registration Grade C 7 (Buildings) or above and possess a valid business or company registration.
- 2) The bidders may obtain further information from the address given below and inspect the documents at the same place on any working day between 9.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs.
- 3) A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested parties on the submission of a written application to:

The Chairman, Tender Board,
The Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka,
No. 275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundera Mawatha, Colombo 07.
- 4) Documents could be collected from **27.04.2021 until 10.05.2021 from 9.00 hrs to 16.30 hrs** upon a payment of non-refundable fee of Rs.1,000/= by cash.
- 5) **The bids will be closed at 16.30 hrs on 10.05.2021.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing, in the presence of the bidders' representatives.
- 6) The bids shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the address as indicated above, clearly written "Refurbishment of Washrooms" on the upper left hand corner of the envelope (Technical and Financial proposals as separate documents). The quoted price should be valid for 90 days.
- 7) Bids shall accompany with a Bid Security (Bid Bond) to a value of 1% of the quoted price drawn in favour of the "The Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka" from a reputed Bank valid up to 30th September 2021
- 8) **The Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 16.00 hrs. on 29.04.2021.**

General Secretary
The Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka
No.275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundera Mawatha, Colombo 07.
E-mail: opasrilanka@gmail.com, Website: www.opasrilanka.org
Tele. 011 2580268, 011 5844901



Trincomalee Campus of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Procurement of Examination Table and Chairs (Wooden- Teak) and Lab Equipment for Department of Physical Science at Trincomalee Campus Eastern University, Sri Lanka

The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee Trincomalee Campus of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka on behalf of the Regional Procurement Committee invites sealed bids for the following items from eligible and qualified bidders:

Package 01 - Examination Table and Chairs (Wooden- Teak)

No	Item	Qty	Required Bid Security (Rs.)	Non-refundable tender fee (Rs.)	Bid validity period	Delivery Location
01	Examination Tables (Wooden - Teak)	150 Nos	33,000.00	1,000.00	91 calendar days from the date of opening the bids	Trincomalee Campus, Konesapuri, Nilaveli, Trincomalee
02	Examination Chairs (Wooden - Teak)	300 Nos				

Package 02 - Lab Equipment for Department of Physical Science

No	Item	Required Bid Security (Rs.)	Non-refundable tender fee (Rs.)	Bid validity period	Delivery Location
01	Lab Equipment for Department of Physical Science	150,000.00	3,500.00	91 calendar days from the date of opening the bids	Trincomalee Campus, Konesapuri, Nilaveli, Trincomalee

1. In order to apply for a bid, first you need to download the bidding documents from the web www.tcesn.ac.lk and then you can send duly completed bidding documents by registered post to the below address OR deposit in the official tender box kept at the Office of the Deputy Registrar of the Trincomalee Campus of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Konesapuri, Nilaveli, Trincomalee on or before 17.05.2021 (Package 01) and 18.05.2021 (Package 02) at 2.00 pm along with the non-refundable tender fee.
2. The payment for non-refundable fee 1,000.00(Package 01) and 3,500.00(Package 02) shall be deposited to the Peoples Bank, Main Branch, Trincomalee A/C No 066100172390446. Narration should be Package 01 - "Tender Examination Table and Chairs" and Package 02 - "Tender Lab Equipment for DPS" on the Bank slip.
3. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 10.05.2021 at 02.30 p.m (Package 01) and 11.05.2021 at 02.30 p.m (Package 02) at Board Room, Trincomalee Campus of the EUSL, Konesapuri, Nilaveli, Trincomalee.
4. Receiving of Bids with duplicate will be closed at 2.00 p.m on 17.05.2021(Package 01) and 18.05.2021 (Package 02).
5. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of bids at the Deputy Registrar Office, Trincomalee Campus of the EUSL, Konesapuri, Nilaveli, Trincomalee, in the presence of the bidders or bidders representatives who choose to attend.

The Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Trincomalee Campus of the EUSL,
Konesapuri, Nilaveli, Trincomalee.



PROVINCIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (W.P.)

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development - Western Province)

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply of ABC Metal (Mixed Metal) / Gravel (Soil)

Open Quotations are invited for the supply of ABC Metal (Mixed Metal) and Gravel (Soil) required for the following Offices of the Executive Engineers of the Provincial Road Development Authority (WP).

BID SUMMARY

Bid No.	Description	ABC Mixed Metal M3	Gravel (Soil) M3	Tender Form Fee Rs.	Value of Bid Security	
					In Cash	Bank / Insurance Guarantee Rs.
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/21	For Bemmulla Pitiyegedera Road	6220	-	2,000.00 + VAT	109,500.00	219,000.00
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/22	Supplying, Piling Soil Type I & II for sub base and shoulders with transport (SSCM 601.1 to 604.4)	-	934	2,000.00 + VAT	69,000.00	138,000.00
	Supplying, Piling Soil Type I & II for sub base and shoulders with transport (SSCM 601.1 to 604.4)	-	4885			

02. Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the abovementioned Tender Form Fee (except the Suppliers registered with the Authority) between 9.00 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. from 22.04.2021 until 05.05.2021. Bid security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.
03. To be eligible for the award of the bid, bidder should submit Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid amount exceeds Rs. 5.0 million.
04. Bids will be closed and opened at this office at 2.30 p.m. on 06.05.2021 and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

Chairman
Procurement Committee
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill
Colombo 12.
Telephone No. 011-5676903

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (SEEDS) NUWARA ELIYA

Sealed bids are invited from local bidders for provision of the undermentioned supplies to the Nuwara Eliya Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Seeds) of the Department of Agriculture.

Serial No.	Details of Supplies	Contract No.	Bid Guarantee to be deposited and Bid Validity Period		
			If by Cash	If by Bank Guarantee	Bid Guarantee Validity Period
01	Digital Scales (150 Kg)	NE/DDA/T/2021/59	6400.00	12,800.00	12.08.2021
02	Mist Blower	NE/DDA/T/2021/59	30,000.00	60,000.00	12.08.2021
03	Brush Cutter	NE/DDA/T/2021/59	2,800.00	5,600.00	12.08.2021

Bidders interested in this matter should make use of the Bid forms relevant to each of the supplies mentioned above and submit bids separately. Bid forms could be obtained during working days of the week from 22.04.2021 up to 12.05.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from the Administration Officer of this office by submitting the receipt obtained after paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00 to the Chief Management Services Officer at the Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Seeds), Nuwara Eliya.

All bids prepared according to bid conditions should be sent to the "Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Seeds), Moonplain Road, Nuwara Eliya, by registered post or should be inserted in the Bid Box kept at the above office.

All bidders should deposit the Bid Guarantee as shown in Column D. If submitting a Bank Guarantee, this should have been obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Accepting of bids will close at 10.00 a.m. on 13.05.2021 and they will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their representatives with writes approval could participate on this occasion.

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Seeds)
Moonplain Road,
Nuwara Eliya.
052-2222611
22.04.2021



COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed Bids for the procurement of following Service from eligible qualified Bidders.

Reference No.	Description
1. CPD/01/951/2021	Procurement of Electrical items on the basis of purchases to be made as and when required during a specified period of one year.

Bidding documents (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by two methods.

- Download from the CMC Website (www.colombo.mc.gov.lk)
 - Non-refundable Bidding Document Fee of Rs. 5400/= can be paid by following method:
 - Any People's Bank Branch to credit
People's Bank, Town Hall Branch, Acc No : 167-1-001-6-3169425.
 - Payment Counters of following Municipal premises of Colombo City Limit from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.
 - > District Office 04,
No. 147, High Level Road, Kirulapone,
Colombo 06.
 - > Drainage & Water Supply Division,
Maligakanda, Colombo 10.
 - It is mandatory to attach the receipt / slip with the Bidding Document.

- Collect from Town Hall Premises
 - Bidding Documents could be obtained from the Office of **Chief Accountant (Procurement), Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 12th May 2021, upon payment of a non-refundable Bidding Document Fee of Rs. 5400/= for each** to the Shroff Counters of Town Hall Premises.

Bidding Documents will not be available on the Website / issued after 3.00 p.m. on 13th May 2021.

Duly filled sealed Bidding Documents in duplicate should be deposited in the Tender Box (Bid Box) kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 13th May, 2021.**

Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 13th May 2021 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Authorized representatives of the Bidders are allowed to be present at the opening.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Chief Accountant (Procurement) on Tel. 0112686389, 0112673173 and 0112686369.

**ROSHANIE DISSANAYAKE - ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.**

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNEED JEWELLERY

Dompe - Pugoda Multi Purpose Co-Operative Society Ltd., being the Pawning agents of Sri Lanka Co-operative Rural Bank Federation Limited will sell by Public Auction, the articles pawned at Dompe, Pugoda, Meethirigala, Kapugoda, Pahala Mapitigama, Samanabedda, Kimbulvila Watta, Udakanampella, Palpeta and Dekatana Namaluwa Rural Banks up to 31.12.2019 buy yet remain unredeemed as at 07.05.2021 commencing at 9.00 a.m. on 08.05.2021 at the MPCS Head Office Premises, Dompe.

**General Manager,
Dompe - Pugoda M.P.C.S. Ltd.,
Dompe.
TP 011-2409536
05.04.2021**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Diyupra E-Solutions (Pvt) Ltd.
PV 00237040
No. 200, Telawala Rd.,
Mt. Lavinia.

Dimeth Food Exports (Pvt) Ltd.
PV 00236920
No. 200, Telawala Rd.,
Mt. Lavinia.

Company Secretary

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Your ad
For
Better
Offers**

SEW GUNASEKARA PAWN BROKERS (PVT) LTD

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNEED GOLD ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31st August 2019 at the following branches of SEW Gunasekara Pawn Brokers (Pvt) Ltd. which were not redeemed or renewed on or before 31st January 2021 will be sold in public auction at the below mentioned location on the respective dates mentioned. Auction will commence from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Branches where articles pawned	Place & Date of Auction
Hatton, Hewaheta, Kandapola, Kotagala, Maskeliya, Padiyapelella, Pussellawa, Ragala, Rikillagaskada, Thalawakele.	No. 11, Dikoya Road, Hatton. 10.05.2021.

- All participants should produce their National Identity Cards.
- The Company reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone the Auction without any further notice.

**No. 678/B, Peradeniya Road,
Kandy.
Telephone No. : 0812222280
Fax No. : 0812267267**



Bankers to the Nation

BANK OF CEYLON NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE BANK OF CEYLON ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 397) AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 34 OF 1968, LAW NO. 10 OF 1974 AND ACT NO. 54 OF 2000.

The sale of mortgaged property situated at No. 606 B, Sri Sumanatissa Mawatha, Nawagamuwa, Ranala for the liabilities of Sintesi Limited of No. 606 B, Sri Sumanatissa Mawatha, Nawagamuwa, Ranala.

It is hereby notified that pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ceylon adopted under Section 19 of the Bank of Ceylon Ordinance published in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2,222 of 01st April 2021 and in the "Daily News", "Dinamina" & "Thinakaran" of 17th March 2021, Mr. M.H.T Karunaratne of T & H Auction at No. 50/3, Vihara Mawatha, Kolonnawa will sell the property by Public Auction on 01st June 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the spot. The property and premises described in the schedule hereunder for the recovery of the balance principal and interest due up to the date of sale and cost and monies recoverable under Section 26 of the said Bank of Ceylon Ordinance.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO IN THE MORTGAGE BOND NO: 1648

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked **Lot A** in Plan No 384 dated 24th August 1978 made by T D W P Perera Licensed Surveyor from and out of Lands called "**Koshena and Koshenawatta**" situated in the village of Nawagamuwa within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kaduwela in the Palle Pattu of Hewagam Korale Colombo District Western Province and which said Lot A is bounded on the **NORTH** by Pradeshiya Sabha Road from Oruwala to Nawagamuwa. Lots A¹ and A² of the same Plan, part of the same land in TP 234249 of G Elosingho & others part of the same land in TP 234249 of R Anthonis Fernando, and land of Cornelis Fernando on the **EAST** by Lot A² of the same Plan land in TP 183224 of Yakdeniyage Yasohamy Paddy Field in TP 153662 of Miriyagolla and Paddy Field of Cornelis Fernando and others, on the **SOUTH** by Paddy Field of Cornelis Fernando and others and Paddy Field claimed by the Trustees of Kotte Temple and on the **WEST** by A¹ of the same Plan and Paddy Field claimed by the Trustees of Kotte Temple and containing in extent **Nine Acres Two- Roods and Six Perches (A9. R2.P6.0)** together with the building and everything standing thereon according to the said Plan No.384 and **Registered under Volume/Folio G 1669/41 at the Land Registry of Homagama.**

Which said allotment of land according to a recent figure of survey Plan bearing No. 2587 dated 13th July 2006 made by S M Jalaludeen Licensed Surveyor is described as follows:

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked **Lot 1** depicted in the said Plan No. 2587 from and out of the Lands called **Koshena and Koshenawatta** situated in the Village of Nawagamuwa as aforesaid and which said Lot 1 is bounded on the **NORTH** by Road Lot A² in Plan No.384 and Lands claimed by G Elo Singho and others, Y Yasohamy, R Guneris and others and R Somapala on the **EAST** by A² in Plan No. 384 and Lands claimed by G Elo Singho and others Y Yasohamy R Guneris and others and R Somapala, Ela, Paddy Fields claimed by Miriyagolla, Cornelis Fernando and others on the **SOUTH** by Ela, Paddy Fields claimed by Miriyagolla, Cornelis Fernando and others and the Trustees of Kotte Temple and Lot A¹ in Plan No. 384 and on the **WEST** by Ela, Paddy Field claimed by the Trustees of Kotte Temple and Lot A¹ in Plan No. 384 and **containing in extent NINE ACRES ONE ROOD AND SEVENTEEN PERCHES (A9.R1.P17.0)** together with the building and everything standing thereon according to the said Plan No. 2587.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

All those the plant and machinery affixed to the land and premises fully described in the First Schedule above comprising:-

List of Immovable Machinery

Assets Description	Serial Number Cost	Capitalised
1. CNC MACHINES		
CNC Vertical Machine Center	Model - V 1000	58,000.00
CNC Vertical Machine Center	Model - V 1000	58,000.00
CNC Vertical Machine Center (Freight charges)	Model - V 1000	2,153.72
PALChgs. (CNC Vertical Machine Center)	Model - V 1000	2,999.01
CNC Vertical Machine Center Model V 1000 With MX5 Controller Cooling System	Model - V 1000	59,000.00
CNC Vertical Machine Center Model - V 1000 With MX5 Controller Cooling System	Model - V 1000	59,000.00
2. LAMINATING MACHINE		
	TGHU	
Fabric Laminating Machine	4701602	560,774.54
Rollers for Laminating Machine	-	32,829.94
Rollers for Laminating Machine	-	32,829.94

And everything else of every sort and description whatsoever now affixed to the land and premises fully described in the First Schedule above.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ceylon.

**Relationship Manager
Recovery - Corporate**

**Bank of Ceylon
Recovery Corporate
"BOC Square"
No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,
Colombo 01**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE Invitation for Bids

Ministry of Agriculture

(Regulation of Fertilizer Production and Supply, Use of Chemical Fertilizers and Pesticides)

CEYLON FERTILIZER CO.LTD.

**Bidding for the Supply of Gardening Service for Ceylon Fertilizer Company Limited -Year 2021/22
Bid No: 2021/22/CFC/HPT/GS/01**

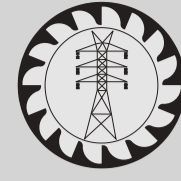
- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd., (CFCL) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Supply of Gardening Service for Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd, Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha, Hunupitiya, Wattala **Commencing from 01.06.2021 to 31.05.2022.**
- Bidding documents in English language consisting of the Form of Bid, Schedule of Requirement, General Terms and Conditions and the Form of Contract could be obtained from the Acting Manager (Procurement & Imports) of the Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd., on payment in cash of a non-refundable Bidding fee of **Rupees Two Thousand (Rs. 2,000/=)**. Bidding documents will be issued on any working day, between **9.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m from 22.04.2021 to 11.05.2021.**
- The envelope containing the sealed Bid should be marked 2021/22/CFC/HPT/GS/01 and addressed to the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC), Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd., Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha, Hunupitiya, Wattala, and deposited in the Bidding Box kept for this purpose, in the Procurement Division, at the following address or sent by Registered Post in a manner to be received before the closing date and time specified below.
- Bids will be closed at **2.30 p.m on 12.05.2021** and will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rupees Fourty Thousand Only.(Rs.40,000.00)**. For that purpose Bid Security or Cash receipt which is obtained by paying that amount to Cashier, Ceylon Fertilizer Company Limited, should be submitted along with the bid.
- For further information /details please contact the Acting Manager (Procurement & Imports),Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd., Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha, Hunupitiya, Wattala. (Telephone No: 011-2947765/ Mobile: 077-2069981, Fax: 011-2930423).
- All the bidders are requested to quote for the bid by inspecting the working area that can be inspected at the address mentioned below under the supervision of Manager(Distribution) of the Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd(077 3435408) on any working days from **22.04.2021 to 11.05.2021 between 9.00 a.m to 3.30 p.m (working hours)**
- The pre -bid meeting will be held at **2.30 p.m on 05th May, 2021** at the Procurement Division of Ceylon Fertilizer Company Limited, Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha, Hunupitiya, Wattala. All the bidders are requested to participate at the pre-bid meetings.



**Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd,
Procurement Division
Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha,
Hunupitiya, Wattala.
Date: 22nd April 2021**



INVITATION FOR BIDS



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Division and Branch Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents & Contact TP. Nos.	Price of Bid Document (LKR)	Type of Bid ICB/NCB
MATERIALS					
Generation (Laxapana Complex)	LC/LAX/ QTN/ 2019/ 139 Supply and delivery of thirty numbers of outdoor, dead tank 132 kV Current Transformers for Laxapana Power Station	09/06/2021 10:00 hrs.	Office of the DGM (Corporate Affairs-Generation), Generation Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600, Sri Lanka. Telephone: +94 11 214 7232 Fax: +94 11 232 7027	4,000.00	ICB
Generation (Laxapana Complex)	LC/CME/PROC/TOOLS/2020/08 Supply, Delivery of Document Scanners for Laxapana Complex;	06/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex), Office of the Deputy General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, Laxapana Tele : +94 51 2232375, Fax : + 94 51 2232211 E mail : dgmlc@ceb.lk	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (Lakvijaya Power Plant)	LV/T/2021/0078 Purchase of Handheld Hydrogen Humidity and Temperature Analyzer for Lakvijaya Power Plant	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkaliya, Norochcholai 61342. TP : 032 226 8972, 071-5777171 Fax: 032 226 8975	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (Mahaweli Complex)	MC/UKTPS/2020/028 Supply and Delivery of Equipment for the Establishment of Communication Links Between Remote Sites and Upper Kotmale Power Station.	12/05/2021 14.30 hrs.	Chief Engineer, Upper Kotmale Power Station, Niyamgamdora, Kotmale. Telephone: 0512233211 Fax : 0512233168	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (Thermal Complex)	KPS/CE/50MW/LP/03M-2021/3200 Supply and Delivery of Engine Coolant for 04 Sites of 50X1MW Diesel Generators of Kelanitissa Power Station	12/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex) Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation, Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600, Sri Lanka. Tel: 011 2423897	5000.00	NCB
**DD 1 (P&D)	DD1/P&D/ICB/2020/030/D Supply & Delivery of Accessories for Overhead Line Conductors	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Planning & Development Branch (DD1), Fourth Floor, CEB Head Quarters, No.50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02. T.P.No. 011-2430473 / 0702309090 E-mail: clk3pd.dd1@ceb.lk	3,500.00	ICB
** Please send the requests via e-mail to clk3pd.dd1@ceb.lk with contact details to obtain information regarding the purchasing of the Bid Document in this pandemic situation due to Covid – 19.					
DD 1 (NWP-2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/G/21/0035 Supply & Delivery of office furniture	13/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (NWP-2), Ceylon Electricity Board, No.25,Rajaphilla Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037- 2065498 Fax : 037-2065497	1,000.00	NCB
DD 1 (NWP-2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/M/21/0036 Supply & Delivery of 11m 850 kg Pre - Stressed Concrete Poles 100 Nos.	13/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 1 (NWP-2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/M/21/0037 Supply & Delivery of 13m 500 kg Pre - Stressed Concrete Poles 100 Nos.	13/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 2 (P & D)	* This refers to the following tender schedule to be closed on 12-05-2021. DD2/P&D/ICB/2020/074/D Supply & Delivery of Load Break Switches • Switches - Load Break SF6 -12 kV, With Remote Operation 400 A • Switches - Load Break, Air Insulated 36kV, Manually Operated 400 A • Switches - Load Break SF6 -36 kV Manually Operated 400 A	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	DGM (P&D-DD2), Ground Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha. +94- 11- 2348470, +94- 11- 2433117	12,500.00	ICB
DD 2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/2021/79 Supply & Delivery of Piercing Connector Insulated (ABC- 4 x Services) 1000 Nos. Piercing Connector Insulated (ABC- 2 x Services) 1000 Nos.	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	1000.00	NCB
DD 4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2020/038/D Supply and Delivery of 33kV/11kV, 10MVA Outdoor 3 Phase Power Transformer with On Load Tap Changer & Remote Tap Changer Control Panel – 01 No.	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4, C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-4204015	15,000.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2021/005/D Supply and Delivery of 01. Circuit Breaker Moulded Case 630A (without Enclosure) – 65 Nos. 02. Circuit Breaker Moulded Case 1250A (without Enclosure) – 28 Nos. 03. Circuit Breaker Moulded Case 1600A (without Enclosure) – 34 Nos.	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	4,500.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2021/006/D Supply and Delivery of Cable Alu. PVC Insulated H.S. Duplex (7/1.35) 10sqmm. – 900,000 m. (One core Insulated, other core bare)	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of the DGM(P&D)-DD4,C.E.B., 4 th Floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-4204015	15,000.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2021/008/D Supply and Delivery of Galvanized Tension Cross Arms with Earth Wire Attachment 11kV (Coastal Application) - 400 Set. Galvanized Tension Cross Arms with Earth Wire Attachment 33kV (Coastal Application) - 2,650 Set	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	12,500.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2021/010/D Supply and Delivery of 1.1 Stainless steel straps, for Bundled Cable - 12,000 m. 1.2 Buckles, Straps Stainless Steel for ABC 230/400V-32,000 Nos. 1.3 Lugs for ABC 230/400V 54.6 sqmm.-15,500 Nos. 1.4 Lugs for ABC 230/400V 70 sqmm-44,000 Nos. 1.5 Terminal Cap for ABC 230/400V 70 sqmm – 23,000 Nos. 1.6 Ties – Nylon for ABC 230/400V-265,000 Nos. 1.7 Connector Insulated Phase Cond. for ABC 230/400V 70 sqmm – 19,000 Nos.	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	12,500.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2021/011/D Supply and Delivery of 01. Suspension Assembly for ABC230/400V (for 54.6 sqmm Messenger) - 80,000 Nos. 02. Suspension Large Angle Assembly for Low Voltage ABC (for 70 sqmm Messenger) - 750 Nos. 03. Dead End Assembly for ABC 230/400V (for 54.6 sqmm Messenger) - 45,000 Nos. 04. Dead End Assembly for Low Voltage ABC (for 70 sqmm Messenger) - 850 Nos.	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	12,500.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2021/013/D Supply and Delivery of Stay Assembly Complete LT Galvanized 1.8m x 16mm – 15,000 Set	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	12,000.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	DD4/P&D/ICB/2021/016/D Supply and Delivery of Pin Cross Arms with E.W. Attachment 33kV – Ungalvanized - 2,600 Set	02/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	5,000.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	Extension Notice DD4/P&D/ICB/2020/046/D Supply and Delivery of Switches - Load Break SF6, 36kV, with Remote Operation, 400A (Pole Mounted) – 60 Nos. with Communication Modules & Spares	28/04/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	12,500.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	Extension Notice DD4/P&D/ICB/2020/047/D Supply and Delivery of Switches - Load Break SF6, 36kV, with Remote Operation, 400A (Gantry Mounted) - 48 Nos. with Communication Modules & Spares	28/04/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	12,500.00	ICB
DD 4 (P&D)	Extension Notice DD4/P&D/ICB/2020/051/D Bid for Supply & Delivery of Fuse Switch Disconnector Insulated 4 Pole 125A-160A-5000 Nos.	05/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	14,500.00	ICB
DD 4 (SP)	SP/DGM/C5/51/21(M) Supply and delivery of 1000 Nos. of Steel Box for Housing Direct Connected 3 Phase Meters.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	DGM (SP-1)'s Office, CEB, 167, Matara Road, Galle. T.P. 091-2232095	4,000.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP)	SP/DGM/C5/49/21(N) Supply and Delivery of 1500kg of Conductors All Aluminum (Fly) 7/3.40mm	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/01 Supply & Delivery of 1,000 Nos. of 6m/50kg Reinforced Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Office of Deputy General Manager (Southern Province2), Chief Engineer (C&CS) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No.61/1A, Sea Avenue, Tangalle Tel. No. 047-2200888 Fax: 047-2241806	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/02 Supply & Delivery of 1,000 Nos. of 6m/50kg Reinforced Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/03 Supply & Delivery of 1,000 Nos. of 8.3m/100kg Reinforced Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/04 Supply & Delivery of 1,000 Nos. of 8.3m/100kg Reinforced Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/05 Supply & Delivery of 500 Nos. of 9m/115kg Reinforced Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/06 Supply & Delivery of 300 Nos. of 11m/350kg Pre-Stressed Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/07 Supply & Delivery of 300 Nos. of 11m/350kg Pre-Stressed Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/08 Supply & Delivery of 300 Nos. of 11m/500kg Pre-Stressed Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/09 Supply & Delivery of 100 Nos. of 13m/500kg Pre-Stressed Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/10 Supply & Delivery of 100 Nos. of 13m/850kg Pre-Stressed Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/11 Supply & Delivery of 1000 Nos. of 6m/50kg Pre-Stressed Spun Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
DD 4 (SP2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2021/12 Supply & Delivery of 400 Nos. of 8.3m/100kg Pre-Stressed Spun Concrete Poles	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2500.00	NCB
Projects (TCP)	CEB/TCP/DGM/CFBGS/2021/01 Supply and Delivery of Lot 1 – Two (02) 36 kV Circuit Breakers and Spares Lot 2 – Two (02) 36 kV Disconnecting Switches without Earthing Switches, Two (02) 36 kV Disconnecting Switches with Earthing Switches and Spares Lot 3 – Six (06) 36 kV Current Transformers & Six (06) 36 kV Voltage Transformers Lot 4 – Six (06) 36 kV Surge Arresters with Surge Counters For Construction of 02 Nos. of 36 kV Feeder Bays at Balangoda Grid Substation	03/06/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of the DGM (Transmission Construction Projects), No. 55/1-1, Thalapathitiya Road, Embuldeniya, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka. TP: +94 (11) 2836051/2 Fax: +94 (11) 2836053	5,000.00	ICB
CONSTRUCTION					
Generation (Laxapana Complex)	DGM /LC/Civil/Ten/2021-02 Jungle Cleaning Around Castlereagh Dam (ICTAD Registration C-9 or above or Registered Government Contractors)	06/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board. Laxapana. T.P. 051-2232084,051-2232085	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (Laxapana Complex)	DGM/LC/Civil/Ten/ 2021-03 Jungle Cleaning Around Maussakele Dam (ICTAD Registration C-9 or above or Registered Government Contractors)	06/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB

Generation (Lakvijaya Power Plant)	LV/T/2020/0236 Repairing & Painting work of Auxiliary boiler roof area.(bottom side)	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkaliya, Norochcholai 61342 TP : 032 226 8972, 071-5777171 Fax: 032 226 8975	2,000.00	NCB
Generation (Lakvijaya Power Plant)	LV/T/2020/0485 Construction of a Foot Path for the Passenger Jetty at Lakvijaya Power Plant, Norochcholai.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
Transmission (C&RR)	TR/C&RR/NCB/2020/02 Shifting the Office of DGM-C&RR to the 7th Floor of CEB Head Office Building. Eligibility: CIDA (Formerly ICTAD) Grading – SP4 and above in a) Aluminum and Finishes b) Furniture Fittings and equipment. c) Floor wall and Ceiling Finishes.	20/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Office of Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), 4 th Floor, No. 90, Sir Chittampalam A.Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02. 011 244 7567 / 011 244 7568	3,500.00	NCB
DD 1 (NWP-2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/W/21/0033 Partition Works at 1 st and 2 nd floors of Deputy General Manager's Office Complex	13/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (NWP-2), Ceylon Electricity Board, No.25, Rajapihilla Road, Kurunegala. TP.No: 037- 2065498 Fax : 037- 2065497	1,000.00	NCB
DD 1 (NWP-2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/W/21/0024 Partition Works at fifth floor of Deputy General Manager's Office Complex.	13/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 2 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE(LCM)/DPC/2020/57 Construction of Tower 50 (TDM+3) pile foundation at Sapugaskanda Grid Substation to Kopyawatta Gantry double circuit 33kV LYNX tower line.	12/05/2021 1400 hrs.	Deputy General Manager, (P&HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy, 081-2222286 081-2204298	3500.00	NCB

SERVICES

Generation (Samanala Complex)	SC/DGM/BID/KGPS/2021/02 Hiring a van for Kukule Ganga Power Station (KGPS)	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Office of the Chief Engineer (Kukule Ganga Power Station), Ceylon Electricity Board, Kaluwathenna, Kelinkanda, Agalawatta. T.P.: 0342243743 Email.: cekgpssc.gen@ceb.lk	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (Victoria Power Station)	MC/VIC /2021/035 Cleaning & maintenance of the area surrounded by the chain link fence & boundary fence, Switch yard, surge chamber premises, security post premises, Extra tunnel entrance road, Tunnel office & garden maintenance at Victoria Power Station.	13/05/2021 14.30 hrs.	Victoria Power Station, C.E.B Adikarigama Tel: 081-2200465 /081-2202305	1,000.00	NCB
DD 1 (Colombo City)	DGM(CC)/CE(COLEAST)/PPC/2021/01 Lease or Rent of an office Building for Chief Engineer (Colombo East) Office.	12/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	No Tender Document will be issued. Owners shall forward the bid together with all necessary particulars in their own format. 011-2575930	-	NCB
DD 1 (Colombo City)	DGM(CC)/CE(COLSOUTH)/PPC/2021/01 Lease or Rent a Building to Consumer Service Centre II for Chief Engineer (Colombo South) Office	12/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	-	NCB
DD 1 (NWP1)	DGM/NWP1/CEECM/T/2021/76 Sales of Unserviceable All Aluminum Conductors (Fly) 7/3.40mm 61,151.5 kg in Provincial Stores (NWP) -1 at Thabbomulla Kuliyapitiya.	12/05/2021 1400 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) Branch, CEB, Narammala Road, Kuliyapitiya. 037 - 2281892	1,000.00	NCB
DD 1 (P&HM)	CE(P&HM)DD1/T/PM/2021/01 Supply & Delivery of Mild Steel Channel Iron Galvanized 100 x 50 x 6 mm – 5000 Metres.	13/05/2021 1400 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (Projects & Heavy Maintenance) DD1, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 288, Kandy Road, Kurunegala. 037-2229151	500.00	NCB
DD 1 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE (Com)/VHT/2021/68 Hiring of a Double Cab 4 Wheel Drive for ECSC Mullaitivu On Wet Lease Basis	06/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (NP) Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	NCB
DD 1 (NWP-2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/M/21/0031 Provision of Maintenance and Cleaning Services to DGM (NWP-2) Office Complex in Kurunegala	13/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (NWP -2), Ceylon Electricity Board, No.25, Rajapihilla Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037- 2065498 Fax : 037- 2065497	1,000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/045 Hiring of a Van for CE(Distribution Maintenance) Unit-CP 02 for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, Quarry Road, Eriyagama, Peradeniya. T.P 081-4949160	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/044 Hiring of a Van for Area Maintenance Sub Unit in Nuwaraeliya Area for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/046 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for GPS Programme in Nawalapitiya Area for a Period of 01 Year.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/053 Hiring of a Single Cab for CE(Distribution Maintenance) Unit-CP 02 for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/051 Hiring of a Motor Car for CE(Planning & Development) Unit-CP for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/056 Hiring of a Light Lorry for ECSC at Mawanelia in Mawanelia Area for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/057 Hiring of a Motor Car for Area Electrical Engineer(Kegalle) Area for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/058 Hiring of a Van for Area Office Peradeniya for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/059 Hiring of a Motor Car for Chief Engineer (Construction - CP2) for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/060 Hiring of a Motor Car for Chief Engineer (EM - CP2) for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/091 Rent / lease building for use as Official Quarters of Electrical Superintendent (Nugawela) in Galagedara Area for a Period of 02 years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Self-prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P 081-4950330 081-2234324	-	NCB
DD 2 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/093 Hiring of a Crew Cab for ECSC at North in Kandy City Area for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/082 Hiring of a Crew Cab for ECSC at Dumbara in Kundsale Area for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/101 Hiring of a Motor Car for Area Electrical Engineer (Katugastota) for a Period of 02 Years.	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE (LCM)/DPC/2020/48 Soil Investigation for the Proposed Gala Junction to Mabola PSS DC Lynx Tower line	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (P&HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy, 081-2222286, 081-2204298	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/DGM-V05/2021/93 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Commercial)'s Office	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V56/2021/110 Hiring of a Van for Consumer Service Centre - Gampaha	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/V-67/2021/141 Hiring of a Van for Consumer Service Centre – Nittambuwa	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V109/2021/167 Hiring of a Motor Car for Chief Electrical Engineer - Gampaha	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V110/2021/169 Hiring of a Van for Area Maintenance Unit - Chief Electrical Engineer - Gampaha	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V128/2021/170 Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office - Gampaha	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V155/2021/171 Hiring of a Van for Consumer Service Centre – Ganemulla	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda Tel.011-2911071/72	1000.00	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	WPN/CE/GAM/2021/01 Quotation for Cleaning Service and Maintenance of CSC Gampaha, Yakkala, Ganemulla and AMU for 01 Year.	05/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	CE(Gam) Office No 57, Queen Mary's Rd, Gampaha. 033-2227944 033-2222170	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-124/DI-10/2K21/16 Hiring of Lorry for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) Unit, Ella CSC (For 2 years)	12/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-100/MON-15/2K21/17 Hiring of Van for Electrical Engineer (Monaragala) Unit, Dambagalla CSC (For 2 years)	12/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-45/DGM-09/2K21/18 Hiring of Van for Electrical Engineer (Monaragala) Unit, Electrical Superintendent (Commercial II) (For 2 years)	12/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	කොටුමුල්ල (කොටුමුල්ල) විදුලි විද්‍යා/විදුලි/2021/04 Lease out a house for Transformer Maintenance Sub Unit II of the Chief Engineer – Distribution Maintenance (Uva) (2 years)	12/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (SAB)	SAB/RAT-V78/HV/2021/38 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for Area Electrical Engineer's Unit - Rathnapura	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Office of the DGM,CE (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Town, Rathnapura T.P No. 045-2225891-5 ,Fax – 045-2226084	1,000.00	NCB
DD 3 (SAB)	SAB/RUW-V82/HV/2021/39 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Area Electrical Engineer's (Ruwanwella) Unit	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 3 (SAB)	SAB/P&D-V83/HV/2021/40 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Chief Engineer (Planning & Development) Unit -Sabaragamuwa	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 3 (SAB)	SAB/EM-V90/HV/2021/41 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Chief Engineer Energy Management Unit (Sabaragamuwa) - Embilipitiya Gang	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 4 (PHM)	DD4/PHM/NCB/2021/003/D Hiring of 03 Nos. of Dual Purpose Vans for one year on wet lease basis for SCM unit of PHM-DD4, Piliyandala	12/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of the DGM(PHM)-DD4,C.E.B.,Sri Devananda Mawatha, Piliyandala 011-2608024 011-2608025	500.00	NCB
Projects (GPDEEIP Tr2)	PM/GPDEEIPTR2(P1&P2)/2021/Rent Lease of a suitable building or a floor/floors of extent not less than 3750 sq.ft for an office in or around Colombo city for two years period.	06/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	To obtain further information, bidders may contact: Project Manager GPDEEIPTR2 (P1&P2) , Ceylon Electricity Board, 318, Averiawatta Road, Wattala. Tel: 011-2931543	-	NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International /National Competitive Bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidders or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary they should get registered in terms of the Public Contracts Act No.3 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agents on submission of a written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 6 of the above table for each set of Bid Documents, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working day till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions / Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of a written request. Bidding Documents may be inspected by the prospective bidders or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE, free of charge.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in Column 9. Late Bids shall be rejected.

All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date, from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the bidding Documents.

* ICB – International Competitive Bidding, NCB – National Competitive Bidding.

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The Information copy of the Bid document may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website www.ceb.lk

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964

My No.: 3/2/3/10271-692
Land Ministry Ref. No.: 4-3/7/2019/HW/99
My No.: 3/2/3/10266-694
Land Ministry Ref. No.: 4-3/7/2019/HW/97

The Government intends to acquire the Land / Lands described in the Schedule below, for further particulars, please see the Extraordinary Gazette 2220/4 dated 22.03.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province - Western
District - Gampaha
Divisional Secretary's Division - Attanagalla

P.P. No. / Cadastral Map No.	No. of Lots	Extent (Hectare)	Village	Grama Niladhari Division
510644/4/7	12	0.4368	Magalegoda	No. 331A, Magalegoda South
GAM 4224	34	1.3577	Bemmulla	No. 324, Bemmulla
GAM 4225	27	0.5664	Pitiyegedara	No. 325, Pitiyegedara

S.P. Gunawardhana
Divisional Secretary
Attanagalla.

Attanagalla Divisional Secretary's Office,
15.03.2021

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PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.01.2020 and remain unredeemed as at the date of auction at the undermentioned branches and service centers of the People's Bank, will be sold by Public Auction on 22.05.2021 (Saturday) & 23.05.2021 (Sunday) at 8.30 a.m. at People's Bank, Jaffna Stanley Road Branch, Jaffna.

Name of Branch	Service Centre	Final Date to Redeem	Date & Place of Auction
J/Stanley Road	Manipay	21.05.2021	Jaffna Stanley Road Branch on 22.05.2021 (Saturday) & 23.05.2021 (Sunday)
	Kokuvil		
Thellipalai	Mallakam		
	Kankesanthurai		
J/Main Street	Urumpirai		
Kayts	-		
Nelliady	-		
Atchuvely	Puttur		
Chankanai	Pandatherippu		
Chunnakam	Kopay		
	Alaveddy		
Chavakachcheri	Kaithady		
Valvettithurai	Udupiddy		
J/University	Thirunelvely		
	Kalviyankadu		
J/Kannathiddy	Inuvil		
Point Pedro	Puloly		
Kodikamam	-		

The Bank reserves the right to cancel or postpone or change the place of auction without further notice to the public.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB - 2021/06)

DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION, NORTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

- The Director, Department of Irrigation, Northern Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for civil works as described in the table below:
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Estimated Value of work to be performed under this procurement (excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs.50 MN, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No.04/2016(iii).
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the CIDA registration and qualification requirements listed below. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Deputy Director of Irrigation of respective ranges and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.

Vavuniya & Mannar Districts	Kilinochchi & Jaffna Districts	Mullaitivu District
Deputy Director's Office, Vavuniya Range, Provincial Irrigation Department, Station Road, Vavuniya. T.P: 024 2222347 / 024 2222352	Deputy Director's Office, Kilinochchi Range, Provincial Irrigation Department, Wilson Road, Kilinochchi. T.P: 021 2285867	Deputy Director's Office, Mullaitivu Range, Provincial Irrigation Department, A9 Road, Mankulam. T.P: 024 3244122

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language should be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director of Irrigation, Department of Irrigation, Northern Province, New Colony Lane, A9 Road, Mankulam from 23.04.2021 to 13.05.2021 from 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs, upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs.2,000.00 for Lot Nos :- 1,3,4,5,6 & 9 and other lots' fee shall be Rs3,500.00. The method of payment shall be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Chairman of the respective Procurement Committee as indicated in the table below at Department of Irrigation, Northern Province, New Colony Lane, A9 Road, Mankulam at or before 14:00 hrs on 17.05.2021. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid as indicated in the form of bid. (Section - 4).
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a Bid Security included in Section-9. The amount and validity of the bid security shall be as per details given in Section - 5.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at Department of Irrigation, Northern Province, New Colony Lane, A9 Road, Mankulam commencing at 10.00 hrs on 07.05.2021.

The Table referred to above is:

Lot No.	Title of Contract & Contract Identification Number	PC	Proposed contract Price (Rs.Mn)	Bid Security Amount (Rs)	Construction Period (Days)	Required CIDA Grade
Mullaitivu District						
1	Improvements to the Head works at Udayarkaddu Tank Rec/MUL/MIK/2021/03	Div.PC	0.930	18,000.00	90	C8 or C9 Irrigation & Drainage canals
2	Rehabilitation to Ampalaperumalkulam Head works PSDG/MUL/VVK/2021/01	DPC	32.20	644,000.00	180	C5 or C4 Irrigation & Drainage canals
Vavuniya District						
3	Improvements to Aliyamaruthamadu REC/VAV/VAV/2021/01	Div.PC	1.380	25,000.00	90	C9 or C8 Irrigation & Drainage Canals
4	Rehabilitation of Kalmadu Tank head works & Downstream developments PSDG/VAV/VAV/2021/02	Div.PC	4.60	80,000.00	90	C7 or C8 Irrigation & Drainage canals
Mannar District						
5	Improvements to FC19 Agriculture road & RB Main Canal Desilting in Periyapandivirichchan Tank & Improvements to Canal System in Thachanamaruthamadu Tank REC/VAV/MAN/2021/Pack 1	Div.PC	1.810	35,000.00	90	C9 or C8 Irrigation & Drainage Canals
6	Improvements to downstream work at LB Main canal (Reservation Block) in Periyamadu Tank & Improvements to Road in Adambankulam Tank REC/VAV/MAN/2021/Pack 2	Div.PC	1.680	33,000.00	90	C9 or C8 Irrigation & Drainage Canals
7	Construction of Diversion Anicut for Koorai tank across Parangiaru at Kalwari in Mannar Division, Vavuniya Range GSP/VAV/MAN/2021/02	DPC	56.02	800,000.00	120	C4 Irrigation & Drainage canals
8	Construction of Diversion Canal for Koorai from Kalwari anicut in Mannar Division, Vavuniya Range GSP/VAV/MAN/2021/03	DPC	36.57	650,000.00	120	C5 or C4 Irrigation & Drainage canals
Kilinochchi District						
9	Rehabilitation to Kandawalai Irrigation canals under Kalmadu Irrigation Scheme PSDG/KOC/KIE/2021/04	Div.PC	9.20	180,000.00	140	C7 or C6 Irrigation & Drainage canals

C: Procurement Committee,
Div.PC: Divisional Procurement Committee
Director of Irrigation,
Irrigation Department,
Northern Province.
T.P: 021 2285472, 021 2285652

RPC: Regional Procurement Committee
DPC: Department Procurement Committee
Date : 22.04.2021

QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF 3 Ply BLANKETS IMP/ADV/2021/09

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "3 Ply Compressible Blankets" as specified below.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
40 Nos.	3 Ply Compressible Blankets with Alu Bars in Both Sides 889 mm (AC) x 636 mm (AR) Thickness 1.71 mm

Foreign Offers

Offers indicating Cost, Insurance & Freight Charges (All Inclusive) separately with specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Quotations for Compressible 3 Ply Blankets" on the top left hand corner.

Local Offers

Ex - stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with specifications should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Offers should be sent to the **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 05 May 2021 at 2.30 p.m.** which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc. should be clearly indicated on the offers. Acceptance of new sources/product is subjected to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 5% with a validity period of 90 days.

However, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Head of Procurement, THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF CEYLON LTD., No. 35, Lake House, D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.



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PEOPLE'S BANK TENDER NOTICE

Repairing and painting the office equipment , wooden furniture and trunk boxes and also cleaning the office chairs used by People's Bank

Tender No. P/016/ 2021

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed experienced service providers for obtaining following services to People's Bank Head Office, Regional Head Offices and Branches for the period of 01.06.2021 to 31.05.2023.

Description of the Service	
1	Repairing and painting used wooden Furniture
2	Repairing and painting used steel items
3	Repairing and painting trunk boxes which were used by bank
4	Repairing and painting the used office chairs and changing the cushion covers
5	Cleaning and rinsing the used office chairs

- Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 by depositing Rs. 1,500/- for each tender document to the Account No. 204100120011913 Maintained at Head Quarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank Branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip and company letter between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m from 22.04.2021 to 03.05.2021 as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
- Each perfected tender document should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for the value of Rs. 10,000/-, valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender. Bank pay orders/Bank drafts with minimum period of 180 calendar days are also acceptable in lieu of Bid bonds. Cheque drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
- Sealed tenders addressed to Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02, may be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department on or before 2.00 p.m. on 04.05.2021. Tenders will be closed on 04.05.2021 at 2.00 p.m. and opened immediately after closing at 2.00 p.m. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. on due date will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders received without assigning any reasons thereof and it is not bound to accept only the lowest quoted Tender based on the price.
- Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, on telephone Nos given below.

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



PROCUREMENT NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, will receive bids from Foreign Principals / Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of following:

CTP Violet Long-Run Plate

Item No.	Machine Type	Size (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Quantity (Nos.)
1. CTP Violet SORD, KORD & SM 74 Plate	SM 74	605x745	0.24-0.30	6000
	KORD	650x550	0.24-0.30	1000
	SORD	715x915	0.24-0.30	2000
2. Developer : 400 I Replinisher: 200 I				
Long Run: More than 60000 Print				

Bid Reference No. : **SI. 2021/41**
Bid Fee : **Rs. 4,000.00**

Closing of above Bids: 2 p.m. on 13.05.2021 and open the Bids immediately after closing the same. Bidding documents will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, 118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08 on written application together with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 4,000.00 per each bid at or before 2 p.m. day prior to the closing date of Bids given above.

Further particulars could be obtained from my office during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Gangani Liyanage
Chairman, Procurement Committee

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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB) - INVITATION FOR BIDS

KELANITISSA GAS TURBINE PROJECT

BID No. CEB/KGTP/PROC/01/Re

Bid Submission Deadline: July 20, 2021 at 11.00 hrs

1. The Chairman of Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (SCAPC) of the Ministry of Power invites sealed bids from eligible bidders on behalf of the Generation Licensee of Ceylon Electricity Board for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 3x35MW Gas Turbines at the Kelanitissa Power Station.

2. Interested parties may obtain further information from and purchase the Bidding Documents at:

Office of the Deputy General Manager (Generation Projects)
Ceylon Electricity Board
Generation Headquarters
New Kelani Bridge Road
Kolonnawa 10600
Sri Lanka.

Bidding Documents can be downloaded for inspection purposes from the CEB website at the link <https://www.ceb.lk/tender-notice/en>

3. Prospective bidders may purchase the Bidding Documents from the office of the Deputy General Manager (Generation Projects) at the address indicated above between 09.00 hrs. and 15.00 hrs. on working days until one day before the Bid Submission Deadline by paying a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 300,000.00** by cash or by bank draft drawn in favor of the General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board.

4. All bids must be submitted with Bidding Documents purchased from the above address and must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **LKR 180,000,000 (Sri Lankan Rupees One Hundred and Eighty Million)** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency in the format given in the Bidding Document. Bids must be delivered to the Office of the Additional General Manager (Generation), Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Headquarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600, Sri Lanka at or before 11.00 hrs. on July 20, 2021 under sealed cover as described in the Bidding Document. Late submissions will be rejected.

5. Bids will be opened at the Auditorium of the Generation Headquarters Building, Ceylon Electricity Board, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600, Sri Lanka immediately after Bid Closing in the presence of authorized representatives of the bidders, who may wish to attend.

THE CHAIRMAN
STANDING CABINET APPOINTED PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE (SCAPC)
MINISTRY OF POWER
ON BEHALF OF CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD



Office of the Regional Director of Health Services - Mullaitivu

INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - 2021

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of the Regional Department of Health Services, Mullaitivu for the following goods from eligible and qualified distributors / suppliers of medical equipment.

Reference No	Description	Qty	Bid Security	Reference No	Description	Qty	Bid Security		
PSSP/MEP/ 2021/ 05	Oxygen Cylinder	07	10,000.00	PSDG/ MEP/ 2021/02	Auto Clave	02	20,500.00		
	Bathroom Scale	12			ECG Machine	02			
	Emergency Trolley Board	07			BP Apparatus -Digital	11			
	Height Measuring	04			Auroscope	01			
	Snellen Chart	03			Ophthalmoscope	01			
	Sterilizer	03			Digital Thermo	10			
	Thermometer Digital	20			Sucker Machine	03			
	Spring Balance	10			Spot Lamp	02			
	Thermometer	10			Stethoscope	02			
PSSP/MEP/ 2021/ 06	Cardiac Bed	04	30,000.00	PSDG/ MEP/ 2021/ 03	Stretcher	04	15,000.00		
	Delivery Bed	01			Wheel chair	04			
	Ice line Fridge	05			Dressing Trolley	02			
	Dental Chair and Equipment	01			Medicine Trolley	02			
PSDG/MEP/ 2021/ 01	Nebulizer	02	10,000.00	PSDG/ MEP/ 2021/ 04	Emergency Trolley	02	25,000.00		
		Neonatal Pulse			01	Oxygen Regulator		02	
		Hand Held Doppler			01	I.V.Stand		05	
	Multipara Monitor Normal	01			PSDG/ MEP/ 2021/ 05	Mortuary Cooler		01	110,000.00
		Infusion Pump				03		Incinerator	

- Bidder should be either an individual or institution holding a Business Name Registration Certificate for the sale / distribution of Medical Equipment.
- Bids should be accompanied by a bid security to the amount specified in the table above. Bids without the bid security will be rejected.
- Interested bidders should perfect the "Application for Bid Documents" form obtainable from this office and should pay a non refundable fee of Rs. 2000.00 in cash and may obtain bid documents between 9.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs on working days from 21.04.2021 until 10.05.2021.
- Bids may either be sent by registered post or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Finance Branch of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Mullaitivu to receive before 10.30 hrs on 11.05.2021. These bids will be opened at 10.30 hrs on 11.05.2021 in the presence of authorized bidders or their representatives.
- Eligible interested bidders may obtain further information from the Office of the Regional Department of Health Services, Mullaitivu during office hours. (Tel. 021 229 0111, Fax. 021 229 0104).
- Chairman of the Procurement Committee reserves the right to reject the bids received or accept part thereof or to cancel the bid process at any instance free of any liability to the bidders.

Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee
Office of the Regional Director of Health Services
Mullaitivu

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Tender Notice

SALE OF UNUSABLE VEHICLES

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited up to 1000 Hrs on 30.04.2021, by the Chairman, Defence Ministry Tender Board, at No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha, Colombo 03, for the sale of the undermentioned vehicles.

S/ No.	Model	Registered No.	Present Condition	Refundable Deposit (Rs)
1.	Isuzu Pick-up Cab	(53-9858)	Usage Unsuitable	10,000.00
2.	Mitsubishi L200 Cab	(253-6924)		10,000.00
3.	Mitsubishi L200 Cab	(56-4546)		10,000.00
4.	Mahindra Double Cab	(PB-7276)		10,000.00
5.	Nissan Petrol Jeep	(61-5800)	Registration Cancelled (Scrap)	10,000.00
6.	Mahindra Scorpio Double Cab	(PB-3685)		10,000.00
7.	Mahindra Bolero Motor Lorry	(LD-9173)		10,000.00

Details and conditions for tenderers are stated below:-

- Relevant Tender Forms can be obtained from 22.04.2021 up to 29.04.2021, on working days, between 09.00 Hrs and 14.00 Hrs, from the Accountant (Revenue and Asset Management) of the Ministry of Defence at No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha, Colombo 03, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 per each vehicle separately.
- The above stated vehicles can be inspected from 22.04.2021 up to 29.04.2021, between 09.00 Hrs and 1400 Hrs, at the Defence Ministry Premises at No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha, Colombo 03.
- A refundable deposit of Rs. 10,000.00 separately for each vehicle, should also be paid by cash to the Accounts Section of the Ministry of Defence and the receipt thus received should be attached with the Tender.
- Tenders will be accepted up to 10.00 Hrs on 30.04.2021 and thereafter will be opened at 10.00 Hrs, same day, at the Ministry of Defence at No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha, Colombo 03. Tenders received late will be rejected.
- Immediately, after granting of tender, qualified tenderers should pay an amount of 25 % of the tender value to this Ministry. The refundable deposit amount will not be refunded if the tenderer fails to pay this 25 % advance amount or fails to remove the vehicle within the specified time frame or fails to be present by himself or by a nominated representative at the tender opening.
- Further details relevant to this can be obtained from the Accountant - Revenue and Asset Management. Tel. No.: 011-2430860-9 (Ext. - 310, 403).

Chairman,
Ministry Tender Committee,
Ministry of Defence,
No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha,
Colombo 03.

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

It is hereby notified that the articles pawned with the branches of Dagonna, Dunagaha, Divulapitiya, Walpita, Aluthepola, Katuwellegama, Maradaghamula, Waradala, Hunumulla, Madiththagama, Induragara, Kadawala, Assennawattha, Udugodagedara and Pinnakelewatha Rural Banks of the Divulapitiya MPCs Ltd., representing the Sri Lanka Co-operative Rural Bank Federation Ltd., from 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2020 and unredeemed as at 22.05.2021 will be sold by Public Auction at the premises of the Head Office of the Divulapitiya MPCs Ltd., on 22nd and 23rd May 2021, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

General Manager,
Divulapitiya Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd,
Divulapitiya.
22.04.2021

Employment Opportunities



UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, SRI LANKA

VACANCIES

The University of Kelaniya will entertain applications up to **06.05.2021** for the following posts for the Academic Year 2019/2020.

- Temporary Lecturer
- Temporary Demonstrator / Tutor

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department of Mass Communication / Philosophy / Library & Information Science / Sociology / Geography / Archaeology / Economics / Social Statistics / Political Science / International Studies / Sport Science & Physical Education / Faculty Office

FACULTY OF COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY

Department of Software Engineering / Computer Systems Engineering / Applied Computing.

How to Apply:

Prescribed applications are called only through Online. Please visit the University Website: <http://www.kln.ac.lk/> vacancies to access the online application, guideline for filling application and information on qualifications, salary and benefits.

Registrar,
University of Kelaniya.
22.04.2021

National Medicines Regulatory Authority

VACANCIES

Applications are invited from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for the following post at the National Medicines Regulatory Authority. The advertisement which was published on 09.03.2021 has not been cancelled. The received CVs are acceptable. Candidates who have applied earlier, need not reapply. This post shall be for a period of three years according to Section 15 and sub sections of National Medicines Regulatory Act No. 5 of 2015 and should contribute to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees Trust Fund (ETF).

Post of Director General (Chief Executive Officer) (No of Vacancies - 01)

Qualifications:

External Applicants

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree from a recognized University in Medicine, Pharmacology, Pharmacy or any other related discipline with at least five (05) years management experience at Senior Executive Level.

Internal Applicants

Should have obtained a postgraduate degree from a recognized University in Medicine, Pharmacology, Pharmacy or any other related discipline.

And

At least five (05) years satisfactory service experience in Senior managerial level related to the subject.

Age: Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years. The age limit does not apply to the internal applicants.

Salary Scale: Salary scale as per the Management Circular No. 02/2016 for category HM 2-1 2016 (Rs. 91,645 — 12 X 2,700 — 124,045/-) and the salary entitled as at 01.01.2020 is Rs. 91,645/- and approved allowances.

Method of Recruitment: Through a structured interview conducted by a Board of interviewers appointed by the competent Authority and the consultation with the Minister.

Others:

Every Applicant,

- Should be a Citizen of Sri Lanka
- Should be Physically and Mentally fit to discharge the duties entrusted to the post and to serve in part of the island
- Should have an excellent moral character

Applicants serving in government or semi government institutions should forward their applications through the Heads of their institutions.

Duly filled applications and the copies of certificates that prove educational and professional qualifications should be sent to the Chairman, National Medicines Regulatory Authority, No.120, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 10 by registered post to reach on or before 05.05.2021 with the post applied for written on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Chairman
National Medicines Regulatory Authority

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Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Auction for Issuance of

Sri Lanka Development Bonds

(Treasury Bonds denominated in US Dollar)

Public Debt Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Submission of bids : Open from 11.00 hrs on 22 April 2021 to 10.00 hrs on 28 April 2021

Date of Settlement : 03 May 2021

- **Currency** ➤ US Dollar
- **Size & Tenor** ➤ Up to US Dollars 750 Million of 9 months, 1 year 3 months, 2 years, 3 years and 3 years 9 months
- **Interest Rate** ➤ • Fixed rate arrangement : Fixed rate determined through competitive bidding for all maturities
• Floating rate arrangement : Not offered
- **Interest Payments** ➤ Semi - annual
- **Minimum Investment** ➤ US Dollars 10, 000 & in multiples of US Dollars 10, 000
- **Transferability** ➤ By Endorsement, Delivery & Registration
- **Eligible Investors *** ➤ Foreign citizens & entities, Non resident Sri Lankans, Sri Lankan dual citizens, Holders of personal foreign currency accounts and business foreign currency accounts, Licensed specialized banks and licensed finance companies who have been permitted to accept deposits in foreign currency, Authorized Dealers in foreign exchange, Primary Dealers in government securities, Specified companies that have entered into agreements with the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka and Specified insurance companies licensed under the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act.
- **Tax** ➤ Subject to the applicable tax laws in Sri Lanka
- **Issuing Office** ➤ Public Debt Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka
- **Designated Agents to purchase bonds** ➤ Selected Licensed Commercial Banks & Primary Dealers as given below
- **Paying Agent** ➤ Bank of Ceylon
- **Governing Law** ➤ Laws of Sri Lanka

* Conditions apply. Please refer the related Document of Offer.

* **Bids have to be submitted to 'fopdd@cbsl.lk' in pdf format protected with passwords. Such passwords are required to be submitted separately to 'fopdd@cbsl.lk' within the first 30 minutes of the auction cut-off time (That is 10.00 am - 10.30 am on 28.04.2021).**

The CBSL may accept any amount not exceeding the total amount offered at auction depending on the market conditions. The details of the offer are available in the Document of Offer dated 21 April 2021.

DESIGNATED AGENTS

Acuity Securities Ltd, 4th Floor, Acuity House, 53, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 3, Tel: 2206297 Fax: 2206290 **Bank of Ceylon**, 7th Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 1, Tel: 2448830, Fax: 2448207, **Capital Alliance Ltd.**, Level 5, "Millennium House", 46/58, Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 2, Tel: 2317777/2317730-1, Fax: 2317788, **Cargills Bank Ltd.**, 696, Galle Road, Colombo 03, Tel: 7640000, Fax: 7640507, **Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC**, 21, Sir Razik Fareed Mawatha, Colombo 1, Tel: 2330406, Fax: 2384650, **Deutsche Bank AG Colombo Branch**, 86, Galle Road, Colombo 3, Tel: 2447061, Fax: 2449589, **DFCC Bank PLC**, 73/5, Galle Road, Colombo 3, Tel: 2442442, Fax: 2440376, **First Capital Treasuries PLC**, 2, Deal Place, Colombo 03, Tel: 2639898, Fax: 2639899, **Habib Bank Ltd.**, 70 A, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 3, Tel: 2370390 Fax: 2370389 **Hatton National Bank PLC**, HNB Tower, Level 21, 479, T B Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, Tel: 2664664, Fax: 2662832, **Indian Bank**, 57, Sir Baron Jayatilaka Mawatha, Colombo 1, Tel: 2447163, Fax: 2447562, **Indian Overseas Bank**, 139, Main Street, Colombo 11, Tel: 5324422, Fax: 2447900, **MCB Bank Ltd.**, 8, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 1, Tel: 2448765, Fax: 2448764, **National Development Bank PLC**, 40, Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 2, Tel: 2448448, Fax: 2440262, **Nations Trust Bank PLC**, 242, Union Place, Colombo 2, Tel: 4711411, Fax: 2370854, **NSB Fund Management Company Ltd.**, 400, Galle Road, Colombo 3, Tel: 2425910, Fax: 2574387, **Pan Asia Banking Corporation PLC**, 450, Galle Road, Colombo 3, Tel: 4667702, Fax: 2565558, **People's Bank**, 13th Floor, 75, Peoples' Bank Head Office, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 2, Tel: 2206783, Fax: 2458842, **Public Bank Berhad**, Colombo Branch, 340, R A de Mel Mawatha, Colombo 3, Tel: 2576289, Fax: 2573958, **Sampath Bank PLC**, 110, Sir James Peiris Mawatha, Colombo 2, Tel: 2305841-2, Fax: 2314940, **Seylan Bank PLC**, Level 3, Seylan Towers, 90, Galle Road, Colombo 3, Tel: 2456337, Fax: 4716111, **Standard Chartered Bank**, 37, York Street, Colombo 1, Tel: 2480000, Fax: 2422618, **State Bank of India**, 16, Sir Baron Jayatilaka Mawatha, Colombo 1, Tel: 2326133, Fax: 4446868, **Union Bank of Colombo PLC**, No. 64, Galle Road, Colombo 3, Tel: 2374100, Fax: 2370593, **Wealth Trust Securities Ltd.**, 102/1, Dr. N M Perera Mawatha, Colombo 8, Tel: 2675091-4, Fax: 2689605.

National Transmission and Distribution Network Development & Efficiency Improvement (NTDND & EI) Project

Vacancies - Drivers On Contract Basis for 12 months

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka having following qualifications and experience specified for the respective Driver posts on fixed terms contract basis for the Project Division in CEB.

Qualifications, Experience and Other requirements:

Drivers - Three (03) Vacancies

- Passes in six subjects at the GCE (O/L) examination in one and same sitting.
- Applicants should have a minimum height of 5'3"
- Sri Lankan citizen who possesses a valid Sri Lankan driving licence issued by the Commissioner of Motor Traffic to drive at least class D,C and C1 Vehicles.
- Minimum of 5 years experience as a driver with Government/Private sector will be an added advantage.
- Applicants should be physically fit for duty during day and night.
- If the applicant is shortlisted, recent test reports (obtained from the Government hospitals) for vision and hearing shall be forwarded during the interview/driving test.
- Police clearance report from the resident area and Grama Niladhari certificate along with other certificates.

- Age Limit** : Should be between 21 and 35 years of age at the closing date
- Remuneration** : Subject to the provisions of Management Services Circular No. 01/2019 dated March 15, 2019 issued by Ministry of Finance.
- Mode of Selection** : Through an Interview/driving test, among short-listed applicants.
- Base Station** : Project Office at Torrington - Dehiwala & Battaramulla sites
Drivers may be located at site, based on the project requirement.
- Closing Date** : 07th May 2021

Terms and Conditions of Service:

- The Appointment will be on contract basis for a period of twelve (12) months.
- CEB reserves the right to extend or terminate the service as mentioned in the appointment letter.
- This appointment will not be considered as any future entry qualification for permanent cadre of Ceylon Electricity Board.

Other Benefits:

- The selected candidates will be entitled to Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) with Employees' Contribution of 10% and Project Contribution of 15% and
- Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) with contribution of 3% by the project.

Application giving full name, private and official addresses, contact numbers with such details of two non-related referees, with a complete CV should be sent by Registered Post with the words, "Vacancies of Drivers - NTDND & EI Project" on the upper left-hand corner to reach the undermentioned address on or before above closing date.

Those applicants who are already in the Public Services/ Public Institutions should forward their applications through their Heads of Departments and it should herein be clearly indicated whether the applicant will be released in case of selection for the post.

For more Information:

- **Project Director (NTDND & EI Project) Tel No: 011-2589814, Fax : 011-2081690**
Office of the Project Director - NTDND & EIP
Ceylon Electricity Board
No. 18, Coniston Place,
Colombo 07.

Dr. M Z M Aazim
Superintendent/Registrar of Public Debt
Public Debt Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

30, Janadhipathi Mawatha,
Colombo 1.

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**CENTRAL PROVINCIAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH -
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
MATALE**

**PROVINCE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT - PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
STRENGTHENING PROJECT - 2021**

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, M.C. Road, Matale invites bids from qualified and eligible contractors according to Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(ii) dated 08.05.2019 under National Competitive Bidding procedure for the following constructions and renovations up to 10.00 a.m. on 13.05.2021. Also bids with quotations will be opened immediately after the closing of receiving bids. Bidders or their authorised representatives could participate at the time.
- Relevant bid forms could be obtained from 22.04.2021 to 12.05.2021 during working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. upon payment of the respective bid form fees to the Shroff of the office of the Regional Director of Health Services.
- In submitting bid bonds, they should be forwarded in accordance to the scheduled form in favour of the Regional Director of Health Services, Matale, obtained from Construction Guarantee Fund (CGF), a Commercial Bank approved by the Central Bank or an Insurance Institute. Otherwise, the due amount should be paid in cash to the Shroff of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services and a certified photocopy of the receipt obtained for the payment should be submitted along with bids.
- Duly perfected bid forms could be deposited in the tender box provided at the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, M.C. Road, Matale or sent by registered post to reach the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Office of the Regional Director of Health Services before 10.00 a.m. on 13.05.2021. Bids received late will be rejected.
- The Procurement Committee reserves the right to select or reject any tender received.
- Further details could be obtained from the Medical Officer (Planning) of this office (Telephone: 066-2226504).
- Perfected original and duplicate inserted in two separate covers and both should be enclosed in a sealed single envelope of which the name and Serial No. of the relevant work on the top left-hand corner and submitted.
- Certified copies of the technical, finance and other qualifications as required in the bid documents should be submitted along with the bids.
- Successful bidder should produce the certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Section 6 of the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 to be qualified for the award of contract where the bid value exceeds Rs. 05 million.
- This 'invitation for bids' will be conducted under National Competitive Bidding procedure. Since the estimated value without taxes is less than Rupees 50 Million the CIDA Grade preference and preference for regional bidders will be effected in accordance with Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(iii) dated 18.02.2021.
- The pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 03.05.2021 at the Auditorium of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Matale. Bidders or their authorized representatives could participate at this meeting.

Serial No.	Constructions and Repairs	Required Registration and Grade (CIDA Grade)	Engineeirng BOQ Amount (Less VAT) (Rs.)	Non-refundable Amount (Rs.)	Bid Bond Value		Period of Validity of Bid Bond
					In Cash (Rs.)	Non-Cash	
PSDG - 2021 PLAN							
01	Construction of bathrooms for Medical Officers and Nursing Officers at Ward No. 03 of District General Hospital, Matale	C-9 or C-8	1,716,297.40	3,000.00	17,200.00	34,400.00	08.09.2021
02	Installation of main electricity system and wiring at Base Hospital, Dambulla	EM4 (EI-LV) - EM3 (EI-LV)	5,254,766.19	3,500.00	52,550.00	105,100.00	08.09.2021
PSSP - 2021 PLAN							
03	Construction of Toilet System at the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Matale	C8 or C7	2,284,238.00	3,000.00	23,000.00	46,000.00	08.09.2021
04	Repairing of roof, water supply (with tube well) toilets, toilet electricity system of Ward No. 2D at Muwadeniya Divisional Hospital	C7 or C6	6,263,905.56	3,500.00	63,000.00	126,000.00	08.09.2021
05	Renovation of OPD building and essential repairs at Leliambe Divisional Hospital	C8 or C7	3,198,901.31	3,000.00	32,000.00	64,000.00	08.09.2021
06	Repairing of toilets and building and essential repairs at Divisional Hospital, Madipola	C8 or C7	2,320,620.90	3,000.00	23,500.00	46,500.00	09.09.2021
07	Reconstruction of Outdoor patients section & patients restroom at Dullewa Primary Medical Care Unit	C9 or C8	849,631.08	1,000.00	8,500.00	17,000.00	08.09.2021

Chairman,
Procurement Committee
Office of the Regional Director of Health Services,
Matale.
22.04.2021



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS, SRI LANKA
Procurement for Supply, Delivery, Installation,
Configuration and Maintenance of
Networking equipment for 13 Prison Institutions - 2021**

Contract Identification No. Supplies/07/Networking/2021

- This refers to the procurement notice published in the Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran newspapers dated 01st April, 2021 regarding procurements for the supply, installation configuration and maintenance of Networking equipment for 13 Prison Institutions - 2021.
- The last date and time for issuing bid documents have been extended upto 3.00 p.m. on 10.05.2021 and the last date and time for accepting bids will be 10.30 a.m. on 11.05.2021 in place of previous procurement notice.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids (10.30 a.m. on 11.05.2021) at the Department of Prisons Auditorium at No. 150, Baseline Road, Colombo 09.
- You are hereby informed to contact the undermentioned telephone numbers for further clarifications and assistance, if necessary, regarding this matter.

Commissioner of Prisons (Supplies & Services)
Prison Headquarters,
011-7930616, 011-4677178
Fax - 011-2678531
Email - supplyprisons@gmail.com

Commissioner General of Prisons,
Chairman,
Prison Departmental Procurement Board,
Prison Headquarters,
No. 150, Baseline Road,
Colombo 09.
22.04.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Registrar General's Department

**Purchasing of Computers, Laptops, Photocopy
Machines, Computer Printers and Scanners**

The department is calling quotations to purchase following equipment for departmental use.

	Description	Required Units	Bid Security
01	All in one Computers	50	75,000.00
02	Core i5 Computers	165	206,250.00
03	Core i7 Computers	25	45,000.00
04	Laptop Computers	50	85,000.00
05	Photocopy Machines	18	54,000.00
06	Monochrome Laser Printers	60	36,000.00
07	Scanners	15	50,000.00

- Bids for equipment should be submitted according to the costs and tender documents prepared by the department. Bids can be submitted for one type of equipment or several types of equipment or entire lot of equipment. Bidding documents can be obtained from the Accountant (Supplies) until 10.00 a.m. on 17.05.2021 by paying a non-refundable tender fee of Rs. 15,000.00 to the Shroff of the department and producing receipt to the Accountant (Supplies) for said payment. Further information can be obtained from the Accountant (Supplies) and the contact number is 011-3070870. Bidding documents can be observed at this office, if necessary.
- Pre-Bid meeting with the bidders will be held on 06th May 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the Head Office of the Registrar General's Department.
- Duly completed sealed tender documents with bid security along with two copies should be put into the tender box available in this office or can be sent by registered post to reach the Registrar General, Registrar General's Department, No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla before 2.00 p.m. on 17th May 2021.
- Tenders will be opened by 2.00 p.m. on 17.05.2021 and late bids will be rejected.

Registrar General
Chairman -Tender Board

Registrar General's Department
No. 234/A3,
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Southern Provincial Ministry of Education PURCHASE OF SPORTS GOODS

Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Board of the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education from eligible and qualified bidders for the purchase of the undermentioned sports goods.

S/ No.	Procurement No.	Item	Non refundable Fee (-Rs.-)	Value of Bid Security (-Rs.-)	Supplying Period
1	S/21/01	Volleyballs - 624 Netballs - 624 Footballs - 624 Table Tennis Tables - 01 Table Tennis Rackets - 01 Karate Thathami - 01 Stop watch - 01	1,000/=	27,500/=	within 06 weeks

Completed bids will be received from 9.00 a.m. on 23.04.2021 up to 2.00 p.m. on 17.05.2021 on working hours. Quotations could either be sent by registered post or delivered personally, to be received before the above stated closing date and time. If delivered personally, it should be marked on the relevant document and placed in the tender box kept in the official room of the Chief Accountant. Bids received will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 17.05.2021 and bidder or one of his representatives can be present at the opening.

Relevant bid documents can be obtained up to 11.00 a.m. on 17.05.2021, on submission to the Chief Accountant, of the receipt received from the Shroff Officer of the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education of the non refundable document fee, stated above.

All bids should be accompanied with a bid security. It could either be submitted by the receipt, received from the Shroff Officer of this office on payment of the value stated above by cash or by a bid security obtained from any commercial bank registered at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, in accordance with the form stated in the bid documents and valid up to 17.08.2021. All bids submitted should be valid up to 17.08.2021.

When submitting quotations, a single bid application can be used for several or all the 7 items. However, evaluating will be done in single itemwise.

The cover containing the quotations should be marked "Quotation for Sports Goods" at the left side top corner. Further details could either be obtained on telephone Nos. 0912242776 / 0912030700 or by calling over at the Accounts Section of the office.

Ranjith Yapa
Chairman (Procurement Committee),
Southern Provincial Ministry of Education, Lands,,
Dakshinapaya, Labuduwa, Galle.
22.04.2021



TENDER NOTICE

State Ministry of Company Estate Reforms Tea Estate Related Crops,
Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Promotion.



ELKADUWA PLANTATIONS LTD.,

Tender for the felling and removal of timber trees

Tender No. EPL/PL/TB/T-03/2021-Timber

Sealed tenders are invited for the felling and removal of trees of under mentioned plantations managed under Elkaduwa Plantations Ltd.,

Plantation	Type of Trees	No. of Trees	Other matters	Lot No.	Refundable Deposit (Rs.)
Millawana	Rubber	408	Trees proposed to uproot and remove for rubber replanting.	01	100,000/=
Millawana	Mixed trees including Mahogani, Midella, Hurumara	112	Trees proposed to uproot and remove for rubber replanting.	02	50,000/=
Millawana	Mixed trees including Mahogani, Teak, Coconut.	13	Fallen trees	03	10,000/=
Bandarapola	Elbisia	16	Trees belonging to forest management plan.	04	25,000/=
Bandarapola	Elbisia, Toona, Eucaliptus	03 Branches 02	Fallen Trees	05	2000/=
Ratwatte	Mixed trees including Jak, Mahogani, Elbisia	38	Hazardous trees	06	25,000/=
Hunugala	Elbesia, Gravilia	04	Fallen trees	07	10,000/=
Nalanda	Jak	10	Hazardous trees	08	25,000/=
Nalanda	Coconut	16	Broken	09	55,000/=
Selagama	Malmara	01	Fallen trees	10	2,000/=
Elkaduwa	Mixed trees including Elbesia, Sapu.	50	Hazardous and fallen trees	11	25,000/=

Tender forms and conditions could be obtained from 22.04.2021 up to 12.30 p.m. on 01.05.2021 from relevant estate offices or from the sub office of Elkaduwa Plantations Limited located at No. 320, Janawathu Piyasa, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 and from 22.04.2021 up to 12.30 p.m. on 03.05.2021 from the Head Office of Elkaduwa Plantations Limited at Ratwatte, Ukuwela, upon payment of a non refundable sum of Rs. 2,000/=.

Duly perfected sealed tenders will be received up to 1.00 p.m. on 03.05.2021 by the Chairman, Tender Board of the Head Office, Elkaduwa Plantations Ltd., Ratwatte, Ukuwela and will be opened at 1.00 p.m. on 03.05.2021 in the presence of tenderers. The decision of the Tender Board will be final.

Telephone Nos.

- 066-2242522 - Head Office
- 066-3669882 - Hapugaspiya Plantation
- 066-3682461 - Millawana Plantation
- 066-3682755 - Nalanda Plantation
- 011-2698059 - Sub Office
- 066-3682455 - Bandarapola Plantation
- 066-3133355 - Elkaduwa Plantation
- 066-3682458 - Hunugala Plantation
- 066-3682734 - Ratwatte Plantation
- 066-3669897 - Selagama Plantation

Chairman,
Procurement Board,
Elkaduwa Plantations Ltd.,
Head Office, Ratwatte, Ukuwela.

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SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. 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/03/PT/6152(MP)	Main Hoist Wire Rope for Kato KA-900 (CR 28) Mobile Crane	18,000.00	1,000.00	20.05.2021 10.00 hrs.
CES/FP/02/PT/6048(MP)	79 Nos. Main Hoist Wire Rope for Mitsui RTG Crane at JCT 3 & 4	105,000.00	3,500.00	20.05.2021 10.00 hrs.
CES/FP/02/PT/6038(MP)	12 Nos. of Main Hoist Wire Rope 25 mm x 490 m	108,000.00	3,500.00	20.05.2021 10.00 hrs.
CES/FP/02/PT/6184(EL)	Alternator Spares for JCT RTG Cranes	40,000.00	1,000.00	25.05.2021 10.00 hrs.
CES/FP/02/PT/6187(EL)	Spare Parts for the Stinis Spreaders	30,000.00	1,000.00	25.05.2021 10.00 hrs.
CES/FP/02/PT/6197(MP)	Injector Assembly for Cummins 855 Engines Fitted with Transfer Cranes at JCT	69,500.00	1,000.00	01.06.2021 10.00 hrs.
CES/FP/02/PT/6144(EL)	3 Phase Spreader Pump Motor for RAM Spreaders	20,000.00	1,000.00	01.06.2021 10.00 hrs.
CMS/LP/19/PT/04/007	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 02 Nos. of Automatic Fuel Pumping System. (Consists of Flow Meters, Fuel Pumps, Valves, ATM Machine Computers with Fuel Management System Software)	70,000.00	1,000.00	13.05.2021 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/21/PT/15/004	MS Plates	15,800.00	1,000.00	13.05.2021 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/21/PT/17/051	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Main Engine Control and Monitoring System of Launch Pilot 15	15,000.00	1,000.00	13.05.2021 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/21/PT/15/052	GI Pipe Heavy Duty 40mm, 5.8m / Length - 500 Len.	26,000.00	1,000.00	17.05.2021 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/19/PT/17/059	Cloth Drill - 2500 mtrs.	25,000.00	1,000.00	17.05.2021 13.30 hrs.
CMS/LP/21/PT/15/051	2400mm x 1200mm MS Plates (25mm - 20 Nos. & 8mm - 60 Nos.)	26,600.00	1,000.00	18.05.2021 13.30 hrs.

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 03 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.

3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (03) years.

4. 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.

5. 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 04 from 23rd April 2021 during 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.

6. 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 above mentioned 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
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CP LE-9133 Daihatsu Hijet Truck for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC., Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 029120

SP LC-3340 Nissan Motor Lorry for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC., Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 029097

43-3941 Isuzu Elf Truck for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC., Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 029124

48-4864 Isuzu Motor Lorry (14.5 ft.) for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC., Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 029101

Employment

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Positions Vacant
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Looking for a Cashier, Accountant & Driver for a Restaurant in Colombo area. Minimum experience 3 years. Pls. contact 0773667998, 0777645172. Accommodation available. 029199

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THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7
My Reference No. - He/5/4/2/50
Land Ministry Ref. No. : 4-3/8/2015/PC/306
Notice is hereby given for the General public that the title and compensation inquiries under section 9 of the Land Acquisition Act pertaining to the under mentioned land which has been vested in state under the said Act will be held by me at Hali Ela Divisional Secretariat Office on the undermentioned date. Those who hold interest over the said land are required to appear at the said inquiries. Please see Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2217/4 dated 01.03.2021 for further details.
Subscription
Divisional Secretary's
Division : Hali Ela.
Final Village Plan : F.V.P. 96/26/27
Lots : 05 (Lot No. 394, 395, 396, 397, 398).
Total Land Extent : 0.046 Hectare
Situation Village : East - Wathugedaramaga.
Grama Niladhari
Division : 74, Dikwella.
Date of inquiry : 30.04.2021
Time : 10 a.m.
Subhash Nanayakkara, Divisional Secretary, Hali Ela Division.
Hali Ela Divisional Secretary's Office.
10.04.2021

VEHICLES FOR SALE

Vehicle No.	Make	Model	Year
CAR			
KA -5XXX	MARUTI	800	2005
CAO -9XXX	SUZUKI	WAGON R MH44S	2014
CAW -4XXX	SUZUKI	WAGON R MH55S	2017
VAN			
JX -2XXX	HYUNDAI	GRACE H100	2000
NC -1XXX	TOYOTA	HIACE	2011
LORRY			
PT -3XXX	MAHINDRA	MAXXIMO	2012
DAB -2XXX	TATA	ACE EX 2	2015
DAE -2XXX	MAHINDRA	MAXXIMO PLUS	2016
THREE WHEELER			
QI -9XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2006
QL -8XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR4S	2007
QL -8XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR4S	2007
YQ -3XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2011
YK -3XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2011
AAC -9XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2012
YZ -8XXX	TVS	KING	2012
AAV -8XXX	BAJAJ	RE	2014
ABA -0XXX	BAJAJ	RE	2015
AAX -0XXX	BAJAJ	RE	2015
BIKE			
BIJ -5XXX	HERO	MAESTRO	2019
BIK -6XXX	HERO	MAESRTO EDGE	2019
MACHINERY			
ZA -7XXX	KATO	KR25H-III-L	2007

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

Dates for inspection of vehicles
22nd, 23rd, 27th & 28th April 2021 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the above address (Acceptance of tenders will be closed at 5.00 pm 28th April 2021)

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

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

Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC
Head Office
236, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Tel No. 2343720 - 7 EXT: 210
Contact:
Janaka - 071 1624559 / Moditha - 071 9530350

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NORTHERN PROVINCE
Notice for meeting under the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act No. 22 of 2012
I, Mariyathas Patrick Diranjan, Commissioner of Local Government, Northern Province by virtue of powers vested in me under Sub Section No. 66 (G) of Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act, No.22 of 2012, hereby notify to convene the meeting for the election to fill the vacancy of Chairman of Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha in Northern Province on 05.05.2021 at 10.30 am at Council hall of the Vavuniya South Tamil Pradeshiya Sabha.
Mariyathas Patrick Diranjan, Commissioner of Local Government, Northern Province.
Department of Local Government, Northern Province, Elders Home Complex, A9 Road, Kaithady, Jaffna.
21st April 2021

Calling applications for recruitment to the posts of Fire Service in Local Government Institutions of Central Provincial Public Service
Gazette Notification on Calling Applications for Recruitment to the Posts of Fire Service in Local Government Institutions of Central Provincial Public Service is published in Part IV (b) of Government Gazette dated 09.04.2021 (The Gazette Notification can be downloaded from the Website: www.documents.gov.lk)
Applicants interested in applying for the same are requested to submit their applications in accordance with the format mentioned in the Gazette Notification before 10.05.2021.
Local Government Commissioner, Department of Local Government, Central Province
20.04.2021

Government Notice National Consumer Price Index Computed by the Department of Census and Statistics (Base: 2013 = 100)
It is hereby notified for general information that the National Consumer Price Index computed by the Department of Census and Statistics for the month of March 2021 was 142.1 (One Hundred and Forty Two Point One).
P.M.P. Anura Kumara, Actg. Director General of Census and Statistics
Department of Census and Statistics
P.O. Box 121, Battaramulla.
21st April 2021

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Regional Directorate of Health Services, Mannar
Procurement of Civil Works

- The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee (RPC) on behalf of the Regional Directorate of Health Services now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works described in the table below:
 - Building Works**
 - Furniture**
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To qualify for award of the Contract, bidders shall meet the minimum qualifying criteria as given in Section 2 - Bidding Data.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and as per the Public Finance Circular No-04/2016(j) dated 30th September 2016. This IFB is limited for the Bidders who have acquired valid CIDA registration as mentioned below in the table and possess valid business or company registration within Northern Province for Civil works.
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding document Additional details are provided in the schedule/Bidding Data & Contract Data (Section 5) for Civil works
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Regional Directorate of Health Services, Mannar. (023 222 3114) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- Bid documents will be issued from 22.04.2021 till 13.05.2021 from 9.00 AM to 2.00 PM on working days, upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs.1500/= for Furniture Rs.2000/= for Civil works for each document on submission of an approved copy of Business registration request made on their letterhead and "Application to get Bid Documents" available in this Department. The mode of payment will be by cash.
- Bids should be handed over to the below address or deposited in the tender box available at Accountant's Room on or before the closing time of bids 14.30 hrs. of 13th May 2021. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of the bids in the presence of the bidders or their representatives.
- Procurement Committee reserves the right to make final decision accepting or rejecting bids.

Civil Work Fund - PSDG							
Bid Nos.	Description of works	Estimated Cost/ Million	Contract Period	Required Grade	Non refundable Fees	Bid Security Amount	Bid Security Validity up to
RDHS/Mn/PSDG/ Works/ 2021/36	Construction of 40'0" x 25'0" at Repository Building at RDHS, Mannar	3.70	90 days	C8 and C7	2000.00	37,000.00	11/8/2021
Fund - PSDG							
Bid Nos.	Description of works	Qty	Non refundable Fee	Bid Bond	Required Delivery Period	Bid Security Validity up to	
RDHS/Mn/PSDG/ Furniture/ 2021/37	Office Table	11	1,500.00	14,000.00	02-04 Weeks	11.08.2021	
	Writing Table (Steel)	22					
	Revolving Chair	25					
	Executive Table	1					
	Executive Revolving Chair (High back chair)	1					
	Almyrah (Steel & Glass)	4					
	Cloth Racks	27					

10. Pre bid meeting will be held on 29th April 2021 at 14.30 hrs. in Conference Hall, **Regional Director of Health Services, Thalvupadu Road, Mannar.** Interested bidders may attend the pre bid meeting at their own expense.
Dr. D.Venoden
Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Regional Director of Health Services,
Mannar.

TEACHING HOSPITAL - KURUNEGALA
Procurement Notice

Open quotations are hereby invited for the purchase of following Laboratory equipment, by the Procurement Committee of the Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala.

Equipment	Quantity	File No.
Fully Automated Microtome	01	THK/FS02/90/2019
Tissue Embedding System	01	THK/FS02/92/2019
Class II Biological Safety Cabinet	02	THK/FS02/110/2020
High Speed Refrigerated Micro Centrifuge	01	THK/FS02/112/2020

- Only the institutions, who have obtained the NMRA Registration Certificate of the National Medicine Regulatory Authority, should submit bids for the above mentioned equipment.
- Separate applications should be submitted in respect of each equipment mentioned above and bidding documents could be obtained from the Accounts Division, on production of the receipt for the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,500.00 per application form paid to the Shroff's Division of the Hospital. Documents will be issued up to 3.00 p.m. on 18.05.2021.
- A Bid Guarantee Certificate (Bid Security), to the value of 2% of the relevant equipment deposited in any Government Bank, or in a recognized private bank, valid for 06 months on submission of quotations.
- All the bids should either be sent by registered post addressed to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Chief Accountant's Office of this Hospital, to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 19.05.2021. The name of the relevant equipment should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing quotations.
- Quotations will be opened at **10.00 a.m. on 19.05.2021** at the Director's Office, in the presence of the Bidder or his authorized agent who chooses to attend. Specifications and other details could be had from Ms. Deepika, during office hours over Telephone No. 037-2222261, Ext. 261. (This notice has been published in the Hospital's Website: www.kurunegalahospital.health.gov.lk)

Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala.



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