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## Chinese Defence Minister arrives in Sri Lanka today

Chinese State Councillor and Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe will arrive in Sri Lanka today on a two day official visit, the Government Information Department confirmed yesterday. He will hold bilateral discussions with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime

Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and senior officials. This will be the second-highest visit by a Chinese official following senior Chinese diplomat, Yang Jiechi's visit in October. The visit is arranged under the air-bubble concept due to COVID-19.



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## Easter Sunday Terror Attacks Opposition's hypocrisy plain to see - Johnston

Chief Government Whip and Highways Minister Johnston Fernando yesterday said that the Opposition's hypocrisy is amply displayed by the fact that they are crying about the rights and plight of the suspects of the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks while forgetting the predicament of victims of those attacks. He was addressing the media after a meeting held at his Ministry in Battaramulla yesterday. "Have you ever seen our Opposition members talk of the plight of the Easter Sunday Terror



Victims?," he asked. Minister Fernando said that whenever an arrest is made over the terror attacks, the Opposition is in the habit of making statements against the Government highlighting the rights of the suspects. Minister Fernando said that the Opposition was in power when the Easter Sunday carnage took place. "The Opposition Leader and his party men are under obligation to seek justice in the name of victims and their family members. The Opposition

## WORLD BANK ASSERTS

# LANKAN ECONOMY ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

### POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR 2021

The World Bank yesterday said that Sri Lanka's economy is on the road to recovery in the aftermath of worst downturn on record last year. "The World Bank stands ready to support the Sri Lankan Government as it strives to protect its people from the

pandemic, while addressing the vulnerabilities in the macro-fiscal environment," said World Bank Country Director for Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka Faris H. Hadad-Zervos on Sunday following a visit to Sri Lanka. Faris H. Hadad-Zervos

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ing his visit reiterated the World Bank's commitment to support Sri Lanka's efforts towards recovery and to build back better from the COVID-19 shock. "Recovery and resilience in the post-COVID era can be accelerated by an export-

oriented growth model that taps the full potential of private investments and that increases competitiveness and growth," he said. The World Bank has responded to the COVID-19 outbreak in Sri Lanka by repurposing a large portion of its



Faris H. Hadad-Zervos current portfolio to assist the Government in reducing the pandemic's effects. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Heads to decide on number of employees in office

NUWAN KODIKARA

The Public Administration Ministry will issue a circular today delegating powers to the Heads of Government institutions to decide on the number of employees who should come to office.

According to Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government Ministry sources, the circular issued instructions on limiting the physical presence of employees in Government bodies in view of the Covid 19 situation in the country.

He said that respective heads of departments will be allowed to bring employees to office two or three days a week and the rest will have to work online from home.

The employees' presence in all Government institutions were limited with the onset of the first and second wave of Covid 19 pandemic and the Government employees resumed normal duties after the pandemic on March 8. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Committee on High Posts approves appointments

Parliament Secretary General Dhammika Dasanayake yesterday stated that Secretaries to Five Government Ministries received the approval of the Committee on High Posts recently in Parliament.

Approval was granted at the Committee on High Posts Chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena on April 23. Anura Dissanayake as the Secretary to the Ministry of Irrigation, Sirinimal Perera as the Secretary to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing and Maj. Gen. Jagath Alwis as the Secretary **▶ TO PAGE 02**



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa inspecting the repaired Elephant Fence in Welanwita village which is 6 kilometres in length. Picture courtesy President's Media Division

## President visits Haldummulla to inspect progress of "Gama Samaga Pilisandara"

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday morning visited the Welanwita Village at Haldummulla in the Badulla District to inspect the progress of the first *Gama Samaga Pilisandara* (Discussion with the Village) programme.

The President launched the '*Gama Samaga Pilisandara*' programme on September 25 last year with the objective of meeting the people of remote villages that have not been given due attention, inquiring into the plight **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Cabraal slams Ranil for making misleading claims

State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal yesterday slammed former PM and UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe for making inaccurate and misleading statements over Sri Lanka's inclusion in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) lists.



List in 2015 and later removed from all lists in 2019". According to State Minister Cabraal, the correct situation is that Sri Lanka was not in any FATF List for Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) non-compliance by end 2014. However, the FATF placed Sri Lanka in its "Grey list" and the European Union (EU) blacklisted **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Former PM Ranil Wickremesinghe has said that "Sri Lanka was blacklisted by the FATF in 2011 and included in the Grey

## 30 high profile inmates transferred to Boossa prison

BUDDHIKA IMBULANA

The Prisons Department has moved 30 prisoners who are involved in organised crime to the Boossa High Security Prison. According to Prison spokesman Chandana Ekanayake, these organized criminals involved in underworld operations and drug smuggling have been moved to 30 cells constructed at the Boossa prison.

The Department earlier moved 46 prisoners involved in high profile criminal cases to the Boossa High Security **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Colombo Port City Bill sets bad precedent - Vajira

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

Former Minister Vajira Abeywardena yesterday said that the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill which bypasses the powers of the Judiciary, Parliament and the Finance Minister will set a bad precedent as it

has made many Acts and Regulations redundant.

Speaking at a meeting to make the people aware of the proposed Bill at the Galle District UNP office on Sunday evening, the former Minister said the UNP does not oppose the

Colombo Port City project if it is implemented to suit the country.

The former Minister distributed leaflets to the participants on the actions taken by the Government with regard to Colombo Port City project. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Court reduces suspension period of suspect's driving license

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Mount Lavinia Magistrate's Court has issued an order reducing the suspension period of a suspect's driving license upon his conviction over an offence of

driving Under the Influence of alcohol, to a two-month period from the standard six months following the defence application highlighting procedural errors as well as facts of the case.

The law relating to drunken driving states that if a suspect exceeds 0.8% (80 mg/dl or more) **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## PUNP condemns Harin's actions

SHAVINI MADHARA

The Patriotic United National Party (PUNP) has strongly condemned the actions of MP Harin Fernando, who had entered a private hospital after being summoned by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to record a statement.

Issuing a media statement, the party has said that the country had a

problem with how MP Harin Fernando, who had behaved like an energetic and healthy person in Parliament the day before he was summoned to the CID, had been admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of a private hospital.

The law of the country should be fair to every citizen, even if he or she has the privilege of being

a Member of Parliament. Accordingly, they request the Criminal Investigation Department to take necessary legal action against MP Harin Fernando.

"In addition to the loss of life caused by the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks, the loss to the national economy of the country is still irreparable. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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# Ama Daham Sisilasa Dhamma Deshana series 209th session held

SHAVINI MADHARA

The 209th session of the Ama Daham Sisilasa Dhamma Deshana series was held at Temple Trees yesterday. The Dhamma Sermon was delivered by the Director, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya Senior Professor Ven. Medawachchiye Dhammajothi Thera.

"As we explore the art of conducting Dhamma sermons in this manner, we know that King Dhutuge-munu had performed the task of conducting a Dhamma Sermon in this manner every Full Moon Day," the Thera added.

The Prime Minister is a well respected leader in the country as is a good Buddhist leader.

He also reminded that the people of the country



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa presents a Pirikara to the Director, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya Senior Professor Ven. Medawachchiye Dhammajothi Thera. Picture courtesy Prime Minister's Media Division

speak fondly of the Prime Minister. Ven. Medawachchiye

Dhammajothi Thera said that Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa is among the

national leaders held in high esteem. Ven. Dhammajothi Thera

said that the country came forward after overcoming the economic challenges after the end of the terrorist war and preached that not only the country but the entire world has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the people should act in a manner that would help the rulers overcome the pandemic situation.

"To get out of a miserable situation, responsibility is something that is assigned by law. Duty is something done from the heart. We have not only the responsibility but also a duty", Ven. Dhammajothi Thera added. The Thera further pointed out that it is difficult to develop a country by fulfilling only a part of the responsibility and that the part of duty should be done by us.

# Robust healthcare system helped control COVID-19 - PM

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday said that the country's robust public healthcare system provided free access to health and helped control the pandemic.

"Sri Lanka has made remarkable progress in controlling the spread of COVID-19, recording a very low death rate and a high recovery rate through case detection, contact tracing, quarantining and patient treatment," he said.

The Prime Minister was addressing the 77th Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) via video technology.

This year's meeting was conducted virtually from April 26-29, 2021, under the theme "Building Back Better from Crises Through Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific." While the COVID-19 pandemic dominated

the discussions this year, other issues such as climate change, debt relief, investments, equitable health access, sustainable development and regional cooperation were also discussed.

"The Government also repatriated nearly 100,000 Sri Lankans and started our vaccination program in February," he said.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa appreciated the efforts taken by the UNESCAP to bring the Member States together for a constructive and interactive regional discussion on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sri Lanka has made remarkable progress in controlling the spread of COVID-19, recording a very low death rate and a high recovery rate through case detection, contact tracing, quarantining and patient treatment.

Even during the pandemic, economic activities

continued in several sectors. The export sector continued to function, and tourism restarted in January. The Central Bank reduced policy rates and implemented several concessional refinancing programs.

"Our Government is deeply committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. For this purpose, an Inter-ministerial Steering Committee on Sustainable Development has been formed under my leadership. Our youth are also an important component of our development agenda," the Prime Minister said.

"That is why the decade 2021 to 2030 has been declared the Decade of Skills Development in our country. We are also keen on strengthening our regional ties and emphasize the need to accelerate the "South-South" cooperation," the Prime Minister added.

# Nuwara Eliya: Inquiry into New Year celebrations held disregarding health guidelines

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Central Province Governor Attorney-at-Law Lalith U. Gamage has instructed the Central Provincial Commissioner to conduct an immediate inquiry into the New Year celebrations held by the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council in the vicinity of Gregory

Lake disregarding the health guidelines.

The festival was held under the patronage of the Mayor of the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council Chandana Lal Karunaratne on Sunday (25).

The Governor has taken the relevant decision based on the complaints received that a

number of activities have been held during the festival without following any hygienic procedures. The Central Province Governor said that the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council had held this New Year celebration in defiance of the instructions given to take maximum measures to control the spread of

COVID-19. He also said that "Wasantha Udanaya" has also been conducted without following any health guidelines.

He also said that he had received information that a 175 ml bottle of liquor had been given to Municipal Council employees with lunch during the festival.

# Govt. trying to deceive public by promoting organic fertilizer - Kiriella

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Chief Opposition Whip, MP Lakshman Kiriella said the Government is trying to deceive the public by promoting organic fertilizer as it is unable to import chemical fertilizer at the moment.

He said that the Government is economically unstable to provide chemical fertilizer and it is hilarious that the same Government which used fertilizer on

the election stage is unable to provide it.

He was speaking at the opening of the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Kadugannawa party office on Sunday (25).

Moreover, he said that the Government has taken steps to reduce the size of a domestic gas cylinder by 3.3 kilograms and reduce its price by Rs.100, adding that although the price should be reduced by Rs.296.00

according to the reduced quantity of gas, the Government has deceived the people and pocketed the money.

He also said that countries that are badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic have controlled the prices of essential commodities. But, a different situation exists in our country where the Government is imposing unnecessary burdens on the people.

# Committee on...

to the Public Security Ministry received the approval of the Committee for their respective posts.

Committee approval was also granted to Bhadrani Jayawardena as the Secretary to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and R.A.K.K.Ranawaka as the Secretary to the Ministry of Lands and Land Development.

approval. "Approval has also been granted to appoint Air Chief Marshal Sumangala Dias as the new Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Italy," said the Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake.

Leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena, Chief Government Whip Johnston Fernando, Ministers Chamal Rajapaksa,

Nimal Siripala de Silva, Udaya Gammanpila, (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle and Members of Parliament John Seneviratne, Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Rishad Bathiudeen, Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka and D.Siddhartha attended the Committee on High Posts Chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.

# Court reduces...

concentration of alcohol in his bloodstream the suspect shall be charged under Section 151 of the Motor Traffic Act.

Senior Counsel Ian Fernando appearing for the suspect, an employee attached to a pharmaceutical distribution company told court that due to the anxiety and the stress which the suspect underwent when he was apprehended by the police he went ahead with the Breathalyzer test even though the standard requirements which should have been followed when performing the Breathalyzer test such as washing the mouth before undergoing the test, ensuring that the seal of Breathalyzer test kit be opened in the presence of the suspect, ensuring that the test is conducted in a non-toxic area, and that the Breathalyzer balloon be blown by the suspect within 15 seconds were not followed.

Defence Counsel contended that as a result of

the aforesaid improperly conducted Breathalyzer test it was termed that the suspect's blood alcohol content surpassed the limit of 0.8 % (80 mg/dl or more) concentration. Senior Counsel Ian Fernando with Counsel Geethma Perera and Ushira Dharmaratne appearing for the suspect informed the court that their client had celebrated his promotion after receiving his promotion announcement letter with his immediate boss and a few other colleagues who demanded a party at a leading hotel in Wellawatte. After the said celebratory party police have apprehended the suspect 50 meters away from the said hotel.

The defence contended that the suspect is not a habitual drunkard and he had consumed a bottle of beer at the request of his immediate boss.

The Senior Defence Counsel further manifested that the license is an essential component for the suspect to indulge in

the distribution of vital and paramount pharmaceutical drugs throughout the country such as Wattala, Katunayake, Kurana, Katana, Naththandiya, Kiribathgoda, Gampaha, Kurunegala etc. The suspect's sales records were also produced in Court.

The suspect pleaded in his affidavit that the standard six months period of suspension of his driving license be drastically reduced to save his job as a Pharmaceutical distributor. The Court after having considered all the facts and the documents tendered by the defence, the Magistrate ordered the suspect to pay a fine of Rs. 25,000. The Court also ordered to reduce the standard six months driving license suspension term to a period of two months upon the application made by the Senior Counsel Ian Fernando who stated that in 2018 in the same court a similar application was made on behalf of one his clients.

# Opposition's hypocrisy...

members should actually cooperate with us to conduct these investigations rather than trying to derail them by raising wild allegations," he said. Minister Fernando said he urged them on numerous occasions to support the investigations.

"Instead they cry foul whenever Police make arrests and take suspects into custody. They seem to be under the opinion that these arrests are similar to the way they incarcerated the then Opposition politicians under their Yahapalanaya Gov-

ernment. This investigation is a serious matter pertaining to National Security," he said.

"We have given a free hand to investigators and the Police to make the necessary arrests and detain suspects as per the needs of the investigation. They would not be released just because the SJB members weep for the rights of those suspects. Over 269 persons were killed and 500 oth-



ers wounded in the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks. Thousands of persons are suffering the consequences of the loss of human life and properties. So, I call on the Opposition again to think seriously before criticizing the Government and to think of the plight of the victims rather than the rights of those who had links with the terror groups before they open their mouths," the Minister said.

# Lankan economy...

Two agreements have also been signed during Paris. H. Hadad-Zervos's visit which included a US \$ 53 million credit agreement for the improvement of dams and irrigation schemes covering 165,000 hectares of agricultural land and improving the management of watersheds and water resources, benefitting 356,000 farming families.

Under a second US\$ 69.33 million loan, a modern transport terminal will be built in Kandy City that will integrate rail, bus, three-wheeler, and pedestrian traffic to make it safer and more efficient.

"Supplying critical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), providing temporary cash assistance to vulnerable groups, strengthening COVID-19 security mechanisms on public transportation, promoting tele-education for students, and providing technologies to enhance public service delivery are some of the initiatives supported by the World Bank. Further support in managing the situation, especially through a speedy and efficient vacci-



nation program, is also on the table."

The current World Bank portfolio in Sri Lanka consists of 19 ongoing projects, with a total commitment value of US\$ 2.33 billion in a variety of sectors including transport, urban, agriculture, water, education and health.

The visit coincided with the launch of the Sri Lanka Development Update: Economic and Poverty Impact of COVID-19, which was released on April 9. The report provides an update on Sri Lanka's economy and outlook, highlighting the devastating impact of the pandemic. Sri Lanka's economy contracted by 3.6 percent in 2020, the worst growth performance on record, as is the case in many countries fighting the pandemic, but is expected to recover

to 3.4 percent in 2021, mainly due to foreign investments as well as normalizing tourism and other economic activities.

During the visit, the World Bank management team met with key government officials, including Ministers Ramesh Pathirana, Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Johnston Fernando, State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Chairman of the Special Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival and Poverty Alleviation Basil Rajapaksa, Secretary to the President Dr. P.B. Jayasundera, Secretary to the Treasury Ajith Attygalle, Secretary at the Ministry of Technology Jayantha De Silva, Principal Advisor to the President Lalith Weeraratna, and the Governor of the Central Bank Prof. W. D. Lakshman.

Meetings were also held with private sector representatives, development partners as well as thought leaders to better understand how the World Bank can add value to Sri Lanka's inclusive growth and sustainable development.

# Operation to nab extremist suspects

BAKTHI DHARMAPRIYA MENDIS

Police yesterday launched a special operation to nab suspects involved in the propagation of extremism in society. These suspects have also been involved in the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks, a senior Police officer said.

He said that STF teams had reached the areas where these suspects are in hiding. These suspects have been charged with propagating Islamic extremism, collecting funds and aiding and abetting the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks.

# 30 high profile...

Prison and the number of such prisoners currently housed at the Boossa Prison is 76.

The Boossa High Security Prison is equipped with the most modern security apparatus including telephone jammers and 24-hour CCTV camera systems. The Police Special Task Force backed by the Prisons Intelligence Unit provides security to the prison.

# Cabraal slams...

the country in 2017, when the Yahapalana Government was in power, for non-compliance. The FATF and the EU finally removed Sri Lanka from the "Grey List" in 2019 and the Black List in May 2020, respectively.

"It is so unfortunate that Ranil Wickremesinghe is still continuing to make inaccurate statements," Cabraal said.



# Colombo Port City Bill...

"The Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill should comply with the country's Constitution", he said.

Abeywardena said that former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe managed to stop the Colombo Port City agreement that gave outright ownership of Port City lands to China.

He said that all lands in the Port City will be owned by the government on the completion of a 99 year lease. Former Prime Minister Wickremesinghe managed to bring amendments to the agreement which are favourable to the country.



# PUNP condemns Harin's...

Accordingly, the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks was not only an act of murder but also a heinous crime committed against the Motherland," the PUNP further stated.

# Heads to decide...

Meanwhile, Army Commander General Shavendra Silva yesterday said that the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre will be isolated for two weeks.

He also said that four Grama Niladhari divisions in the Gampaha and Kalutara districts have been isolated with effect from yesterday night.

Accordingly Polhena, Heeralagedara, Kaluaggala in the Kotadeniyawa Police Division and Asnewawat-

ta East Grama Niladhari divisions in the Minuwangoda Police division have been isolated from yesterday night.

Three GN divisions in the Meegahathenna Police Division namely Miriswatta, Pelawatta North and East have been isolated from yesterday night.

One Grama Niladhari division in the Trincomalee district has also been isolated from yesterday.

# No foreign power can de-stabilize country - Minister Amaraweera

M. IRFAN ZAKARIYA, Hambantota Group Corr.

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said yesterday that there is no need to discuss issues in the Government in public as there is plenty of consensus and opportunities within the Government to discuss and resolve them.

He said that there may be differences of opinion between various parties within the Government which is normal in a vibrant democracy.

"I will never take to the streets to voice my opinion on various issues, when there are many opportunities to resolve any issues through dialogue within the Government," he said.

He emphasized that short-



comings are common to all Governments and they should be addressed through discussions.

He further stated that the hope of the New Year is to move forward by rectifying the shortcomings of the Government and that he will not allow the Western powers who are trying to destabilize the country to create the necessary environment for that.

Minister Amaraweera was

responding to journalists at a function held at Angunakolapelessa recently.

"Our main objective in the New Year is to resolve any shortcomings of the Government through discussion, consensus and taking the country forward. Some Western forces are working to de-stabilize the country. But, we will not create any atmosphere or the necessary background to allow these Western conspirators to succeed in their treacherous moves," he said.

Minister Amaraweera added that the Colombo Port City Project seems to be the topic of discussion these days.

"Some quarters allege that the Government is trying to sell the Port City to

China," he said. The Minister said that the Sri Lanka Freedom Party has also focused its attention on the project and the party does not approve any effort to sell State properties to a foreign country.

"The President and the Prime Minister will never allow the sale of any national asset to a foreign nation," he said.

"We do not care about positions, parties or colours. What matters to us is the country. If something harmful happens to the country we will oppose it.

"I would also like to state that we will not allow anyone to engage in political propaganda to de-stabilize the country," Amaraweera said.



Devotees participating in religious activities at Hunupitiya Gangarama temple in view of Bak Full Moon Day yesterday.

Pictures by Sudath Malaweera

## General Convocation postponed

Considering the current status of COVID-19 pandemic as well as the recent Health Guidelines, the General Convocation of the Uva Wellassa Uni-

versity scheduled for May 3-4, 2021 has been postponed, said Vice Chancellor Professor Jayantha Lal Rathnasekera.

"The new dates will be informed in due course. All the relevant activities including the issue of cloaks have been suspended," Prof. Rathnasekera said.

### Restricted services at DMT Werahera office

The Department of Motor Traffic (DMT) has restricted the services provided by its Werahera Office from today in line with the health guidelines issued by the Health Ministry to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country, a statement issued by the Department of Motor Traffic said yesterday.

Due to the high risk in the country owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the services in relation to driving licences provided by the Werahera Office of the Department of Motor Traffic will have to be limited in accordance with the health guidelines issued by the health sectors," the statement said.

"It is hereby kindly notified that the services will be provided in the following manner for the clients who received an appointment after 12.00 p.m. during 27.04.2021 to 13.05.2021 (including these two days) through Tele. No. 011-

2677877 of the Driving Licences Division of the Werahera Office of the Department of Motor Traffic. Similarly, the clients who received an appointment before 12.00 p.m. on the aforesaid days (including 12.00 p.m.) can obtain the services from 8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the same received day from Werahera office."

### No reduction in PCR, Antigen tests conducted in SP

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

There has been no reduction in the number of PCR and Antigen tests conducted in the Southern Province to identify COVID-19 infected people, Southern Province Health Services Director Dr. Chandima Siritunga stated.

The SP Director of Health Services further stated that the PCR tests are being carried out continuously at selected locations together with investigations carried out on persons who are identified to be associates of corona infected persons.

"The number of PCR tests being carried out has not been reduced. As the number of corona patients decreases, the number of associates decreases. When the number of associates decreases, the number of PCR tests performed may decrease. Rapid Antigen tests as well as PCR tests are performed. The public should also act in a responsible manner at this crucial juncture by cooperating with the authorities when PCR tests are being conducted at randomly selected places," Dr. Siritunga observed.

"So far 143,575 PCR tests have been carried out in the Southern Province of which 66,852 PCR tests have been conducted in the Galle District. Moreover, 45,047 PCR tests have been conducted in the Matara District while 31,676 PCR tests have been conducted in the Hambantota District," the SP Health Services Director pointed out.

### Seventeen Sri Lankans selected for Australia Awards 2021 Intake

The Australian High Commission yesterday announced the completion of the Australia Awards selection for the 2021 intake.

Seventeen Awardees from Sri Lanka have been selected for the 2021 intake to be mobilised in early 2022.

Australia Awards are prestigious international Scholarships and Fellowships funded by the Australian Government. They offer an opportunity for the next generation of global leaders to undertake study, research, and professional development in Australia.

Australia has been offering scholarships in the region for more than 75 years. The 2021 Awardees will undertake Masters Level Degrees at Australia's top universities in a range of priority areas that broadly align with Australia's post COVID development strategy.

The Australian High Commission together with Australia Awards Sri Lanka and Maldives will hold a series of pre-departure briefings for the successful awardees to give them the best start for their study period in Australia.

Australian High Commissioner David Holly will host two farewell events for Sri Lanka and Maldives either at the end of this year or the beginning of 2022 to congratulate the successful Australia Award recipients.

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Governor P.S.M. Charles tells *Daily News*

# 'Northern Province seeking infusion of investments'

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DILSHAN THARAKA

Senior Civil Servant Prince Sarojini Manmatharajah (P.S.M.) Charles is the present Governor of the Northern Province. She was appointed as the Northern Province Governor by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on December 30, 2019. Prior to this appointment, Charles has served as the Secretary to the Health and Indigenous Medicine Ministry and Director General of Sri Lanka Customs. She has also held the position of the District Secretary of Batticaloa and Vavuniya Districts. The *Daily News* recently interviewed her on her plans for the Northern Province.

Excerpts from the interview:

**Q.** What are the main concerns and problems in the Northern Province?

**A.** We have a lot of challenges. The major problem is that the Northern Province lacks basic infrastructure facilities needed to facilitate its residents' livelihoods. We need to renovate roads, especially rural roads, to facilitate transportation. The other major problem is the lack of doctors and nurses in the Northern Province. The other long-standing problem, which is the drinking water supply to the province, has been resolved by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa who has approved several water projects in the North. There are lots of commercial opportunities for investors and we are looking for investors to invest in those projects in the Northern Province.

**Q.** What are the investment opportunities available in the Northern Province?

**A.** Investments are the biggest expectation of the Northern people. We hope to reduce the existing unemployment rate and develop the province through investment projects. Investors can engage in many industries such as tourism, fisheries and agriculture in the area. There is a good opportunity in the tourism industry to attract local and foreign tourists to the Northern Province. There are a large number of islands in this province that can attract tourists. If a systematic investment plan can improve the infrastructure facilities of these islands and grab tourist attention to those islands, great benefits can be reaped. As a large part of the province is exposed to the sea, there are investment opportunities that can bring huge benefits to the fishing industry as well. Since our area has enough paddy, vegetables and fruits, people have many opportunities to engage in agriculture value addition and processing services.



Northern Province Governor P.S.M. Charles

**Q.** Can you outline the development priorities for the Northern Province?

**A.** When we look into the development priorities for the Northern Province, we should pay special attention to the Jaffna International Airport at Palaly (JAF) and the Kankesanthurai (KKS) Harbour. We are expecting to reactivate the defunct Paranthan Chemical Factory, restore the Elephant Pass Saltern that was destroyed by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in the 1980s, and reactivate the defunct KKS cement factory and in parallel to that, we expect to initiate many other new development projects in the Northern Province. We have initiated several projects to develop the reservoirs in our area. That will help expand agricultural areas and intensify cultivation. At present, our farmers are cultivating only in one season and this initiative will enable them to work in two or three seasons. We have enough resources but we need more value addition for our products. These people are producing everything but unfortunately selling those products at very low prices. We need more factories. Investors are welcome to initiate some value addition factories in the region.



Jaffna Railway Station

**Q.** What are the obstacles you face in discharging your duties?

**A.** I do not think there is obstruction. But investors are not coming forward to invest in the projects that take place in the Northern Province. That is a major problem we are facing right now.

**Q.** What are the ongoing development projects in the Northern Province?

**A.** Currently, drinking water projects, road development projects and some irrigation projects are in operation and we have received Rs. 150 million from the Treasury for the ongoing irrigation projects in the Northern Province.

**Q.** What is the level of support you receive from the Central Government?

**A.** President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is extending all necessary assistance to us without delay and directs all Ministries to give priority to the development of the North. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa also gave his blessings, and most of the ministers, especially Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa and many other ministers are supporting us.

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Nallur Kovil Jaffna

**Q.** How is the financial contribution of the Government to these development projects in the North?

**A.** Of course we received some funding from the Treasury for diverse subjects. I met Secretary to the Treasury S.R. Attygalle recently and he agreed to release funds for housing projects and irrigation projects in the Northern Province.

**Q.** What is the level of cooperation you receive from Northern political parties and civil society groups?

**A.** The civil society is supporting us without any hesitation. Pradeshiya Sabhas, political parties, the ruling party and opposition parties also support the good development projects and I don't have any issues with them. Sometimes minor disputes arise between us but there are no big issues.

**Q.** There is a lot of unemployed youth in the region. What do you see as the cause of this problem and solutions for the same?

**A.** The first thing is they don't have enough educational qualifications to be employed. Secondly, most of the unemployed youth seek jobs in the region. They are not willing to move away from the Northern Province and they do not want to travel far. So, matching them with available jobs is a difficult task. Though they want to get jobs, there are not enough opportunities for them in our region. The reason is that there are no investments done in the region.

**Q.** Is there any possibility of convincing the Tamil Diaspora to actually help the Northern people instead of holding rallies and demos abroad?

**A.** That is why we are inviting them.

**Q.** Are you in favour of the devolution of powers to the provinces and in what way?

**A.** No, we are exercising powers according to the existing Constitution and we have to follow the directives of the Government.

**Q.** The Tamil people in the North have increasingly supported National parties such as SLFP and SJB. Do you see a good trend in this?

**A.** Yes, it is a new trend that began in the past years. Some coalitions of political parties caused this trend. Now I think it has changed. People have a lot of confidence in the present Government.



KKS Port

**Q.** Can you comment on the progress you see in the people of this region after the war ended?

**A.** The war is over. We have to talk about the post-war era. We have not done anything much for the last 10 years. I do not know what happened. There has not been much progress in the people for the last five years. I could not see any progress. Resources were not shared with rural areas. Now I have changed the system. Now we are sharing resources with them. As the first step, we changed the education system. We transferred teachers, gave new appointments to the rural areas too and provided all infrastructure facilities to the schools. We shared the resources equally among rural areas - like in the urban and suburban areas.

**Q.** Are some organisations still carrying out covert activities in the Northern Province?

**A.** There are a few hidden activities influenced by various pressure groups. People have been used by various pressure groups. I guess people are also under pressure because of those activities. They need to be taken out of these activities and shown a better way to thrive.

**Q.** If the Northern Province is compared with the other provinces, what is the level of progress you see in the Northern Province?

**A.** When we look at rural areas such as Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi, the living standards of the people in these areas are very low. The Northern people do not have a fixed income. Their cost of living depends on agriculture and fisheries. Some people who visit the North are shocked when they see our people. They point to us that the situation of the people in the North is tragic and we have to help these people. The media are giving the right information to the people about what happened in the North and what is happening in the North. There are a lot of discrepancies between the South and the North. We have to communicate the reality to the South, that is, what is actually happening in the North. The media must play a more active role in this endeavour.



A Northern farmer



Sunset over palmyrah trees in Jaffna



Elephant Pass



Jaffna International Airport

# Basil Rajapaksa: An innovative political mastermind

CHANDANA BANDARA

The number of registered political parties in Sri Lanka is approximately 70. It was alliances led by the United National Party and the Sri Lanka Freedom Party which had acquired ruling power of the country from among these parties. However, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna became a party that changed the history of politics. Anyone can register a political party. Nevertheless, creating a party with proper planning, recruiting members and travelling forward step by step and transforming the party into a massive tree is not an easy thing to do. At the same time, not stopping there and generat-

ing an Executive President from the party and establishing a government with a two-thirds majority is also an arduous task. Today, the person who took on all of those burdens and changed the history of Sri Lankan politics, the silent planner or the big brain, former Minister and National Organizer of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna, Basil Rajapaksa celebrates his birthday. The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna captured ruling power of the country in a short period of three years or exactly 1102 days, according to Basil Rajapaksa's plans. Founder of the party and National Organizer Basil Rohana Rajapaksa provid-

ed for the operation of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna capturing ruling power of the country in a short time, together with the former executive President, present Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. From the defeat of 2015 onwards the people's force which was being built around the former Executive President Mahinda Rajapaksa requested that a new political party be set up and ruling power of the country be captured and to take the country towards a path of speedy development while establishing the country's security. The responsibility of creating a new political party was assigned to his brother Basil

Rohana Rajapaksa by former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. He fulfilled that responsibility. The people's attraction surrounding Mahinda Rajapaksa was methodically organized and the big brain behind the scenes which was responsible for bringing into power the current President was Basil Rajapaksa. There were baseless allegations that it was Basil Rajapaksa who was responsible for the defeat at the 2015 Presidential Election. Basil Rajapaksa who left for America after the Presidential Election returned to the Motherland and said during a certain television programme that if anyone says that Mahinda Rajapaksa was defeat-



ed because of him, he will accept the responsibility of bringing him back to power. The Government of Good Governance who was aware of the fact Basil Rajapaksa was a born expert in turning the election machine, began making base-

less allegations and imprisoned him from time to time. While in Prison, Basil Rajapaksa created the official symbol of the new party the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP). Upon leaving prison, Basil Rajapaksa gathered together members of the United People's Freedom Alliance, local government institutions, Chairmen, members of Provincial Councils and Parliamentarians who loved Mahinda Rajapaksa and took on the grave responsibility of transforming the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna into a massive political campaign. The United National Party launched their Presidential Election campaign saying that

they will hang the Rajapakas from the four corners of Meda-mulana. However, subsequent to the final media briefing held at Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo two days prior to the Presidential Election, Basil Rajapaksa told media personnel that Gotabhaya Rajapaksa would gain victory with a majority of votes between 1.3 and 1.5 million votes at the Presidential Election. That turned out to be true. It was not simply an empty statement made by Basil Rajapaksa about the majority of votes for victory in the Presidential Election. That was an instance where his political maturity was displayed.



Hatton Police yesterday started a COVID-19 awareness programme in Hatton town. Picture shows a Policemen offering a face mask to a person who has come to the town without wearing a mask. Picture by Hatton Central Corr.

## Compost production project making rapid progress

P.P.G. SUGATHADASA Thihagoda group corr.

The Compost Production Project commenced by the Thihagoda Pradeshiya Sabha has presently made a rapid progress, Chairman Nirmal Samarasinhe said. The project which was initiated at Maharawaluwawatte covers the Thihagoda and Yatiyana main towns, sub towns and villages in the division. Garbage, waste and hard waste is collected from these towns and brought to Maharawaluwawatte, recycled and converted into organic manure. "Members attached to Cultivation Development Committees said that the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat area is mainly an agricultural region. Paddy and other agricultural crop cultivations have been the main-stay of the people's econo-

my. Therefore, most villagers prefer the use of organic manure instead of chemical fertiliser," farmers organisation representatives said. "This garbage recycling venture has also not only given a tremendous boost to environmental protection activities, but has also created several direct and indirect employment opportunities for the youth in the area," the Thihagoda Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman said. The Compost Production Project has been jointly funded by the Southern Provincial Council and the Thihagoda Pradeshiya Sabha.

"Environmental preservation and also encouraging cultivators in the utilization of compost manure rather than chemical fertiliser in their cultivations would be main objectives of this project," Samarasinhe added.

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## Cabinet nod for establishment of Jaffna Fisheries Resources Faculty in Mullaitivu

NIMAL WIJESINGHE,

Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

The Cabinet has sanctioned the establishment of the Jaffna University's Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Faculty in the Mullaitivu area.

The proposal to this effect had been submitted by Fisheries and

Aquatic Resources Minister Douglas Devananda in his Cabinet memorandum submitted on April 19 that it was highly appropriate to implement this project in line with the Ruhuna University's Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Faculty for the benefit of the university students. Minister Devananda told the

Daily News that the proposed University Faculty would be set up on a 100 acre land in Mullaitivu at a cost of Rs.3,400 million.

He said that the Jaffna University Management has submitted a detailed plan relevant to the Faculty to be established in the Mullaitivu District. Devananda

emphasized that promoting the local fishery industry would contribute to the country's economic development.

Hence, the establishment of the particular faculty affiliated to Jaffna University will be a turning point in the flourishing fisheries industry in the Northern and Eastern Provinces.

## Five arrested for murder

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Correspondent

Five persons, including a father and two sons, were arrested yesterday (24) in connection with the hacking to death of a father of two at Sirikandurawatta in Rathgama, Rathgama Police said.

"Two suspects were arrested in the Malwana area in Hikkaduwa and the other three in the Rathgama area," Police said.

Police also have found a sword, a machete, a manna knife and an iron rod used by the suspects in the murder. Three of the five suspects involved in the murder are a father and two sons, while the other two are cousins of the two suspected sons.

Preliminary investigations reveal that the murder was the result of a long-running dispute between the two sides. The victim

was identified as Weerasinghe Arachchige Nishantha Pushpakumara (41), a resident of Rathgama, Sirikandurawatta. The suspects were to be produced in court on completion of investigations.

IPs Madusanka, Hettiarachchi, SIs Pushpakumara, Jayasinghe, PS Priyantha and PCs Rangana and Box led by Rathgama OIC Chief Inspector Prabath Withana made the arrests.

## Wanted suspect arrested

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Yakkalamulla Police arrested a wanted suspect who had been absconding for four months in the Nawala area on the Wanduramba-Yakkalamulla main road in Yakkalamulla. At the time of the arrest, the suspect had 03 grams and 50 milligrams of heroin in his possession.

He is a 29-year-old father of one who is wanted on a number of charges including assault, causing injuries to persons and illegal brewing of alcohol.

The suspect was arrested by SI Hemantha, Pss Sujiwa and Piyal and PC Kumara on the instructions of Yakkalamulla OIC Damitha Perera.

## Call to look into poultry farmers' grievances

S. M. WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Executive Director of Eggs Producers' Association S. M. Premaratne called on the Government and the Consumer Affairs Authority (CAA) to explore the possibility to declare fixed prices for animal and poultry feed.

"Since there are no fixed prices declared for raw materials that are used to manufacture animal feed and ready-made animal feed as at present, poultry farmers in the country are greatly exploited by the middlemen illegally.

He added that over 125,000 poultry farmers have now become helpless as they are unable to continue poultry farming in a profitable manner any more.

All the concerned Government authorities and relevant State Ministries should pay prompt attention to the plight of poultry farmers and provide immediate remedies to their grievances.



The 44th death anniversary commemoration of Ilangai Tamil Arasuk Kadchi (ITAK) founder leader S. J. V. Chelvanayagam was commemorated at Batticaloa yesterday (26). His statue at Lake View Park was garlanded and floral tributes paid by Batticaloa Mayor Thiagaraja Saravanapavan, Tamil National Alliance (TNA) Parliamentarians Rasamanikam Sanakkian, Govindan Jana Karunagan and former Parliamentarians G. Srinesan and P.Ariyananthiran. A blood donation campaign was also organised at Rasamaikkam Hall, Kaluwanchikudy to mark the occasion. Picture by Sivam Packiyannathan, Batticaloa Special Correspondent

## 57 new COVID cases reported from SP in one day

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,

Galle Central Special Corr.

A total of 57 cases of COVID-19 infections were reported from within the Southern Province on Saturday, sources from the Southern Province COVID Monitoring Committee said.

The number of COVID infected patients reported from the Galle district was 21. Nine COVID cases were reported from

the Matara District and 27 from the Hambantota District, the Committee stated further.

The number of Covid infected patients reported from the Southern Province has now increased to 5,007. Out of the total 4709 patients have been cured.

On Saturday (24), one patient from Baddegama Medical Officer of Health Division in Galle District, four patients from Bope Pod-

dala, seven patients from the Galle Municipal Council area, one patient from Gonapinuwala and one each from the Habaraduwa and Karadeniya M.O.H Divisions were reported.

In the Matara district, one patient from the Akuressa M.O.H Division, one patient from the Kirinda Puhulwella area, two patients each from Malimbada, Mulatiyana and Matara Municip-

pal M.O.H Divisions and one patient from the Weligama M.O.H division were reported on Saturday. The highest number of COVID-19 infected patients in the Southern Province numbering 25 was reported from the Tissamaharama M.O.H Division on Saturday. Two patients have been reported from the Ambalantota Medical Officer of Health Division.

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# 'Encouraging creative writing among schoolchildren, important for moulding character'

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Encouraging schoolchildren to take part in creative writing and reading during their leisure time is important to mould their character, Energy Minister Dullas Alahapperuma

said. He was speaking at a ceremony conducted in collaboration with the Media Centre for National Development (MCND).

Minister Alahapperuma commended the recent 'Ratak

Watina Pothak' (A book that is worth a country) programme to improve children's creative writing and reading skills in a time when schools were barely functioning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The programme was launched under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris. Under it, schoolchildren were encouraged to write 10,000 books on

various topics in Sinhala, English, and Tamil.

Minister Alahapperuma thanked the Ministry of Education for conducting the programme with the collaboration of the National Library Services

Board. He added that the President has proposed to print 100 selected books under the project. President Rajapaksa also handed over certificates to 30 schoolchildren who took part in the event.



Energy Minister Dullas Alahapperuma



Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi called on South Korean Ambassador Santhush Woonjin Jeong at his residence recently to discuss ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Korea and Sri Lanka.

## Saudi to reduce cost of recruiting domestic workers from SL, Nepal, Bangladesh

Saudi Arabia is to reduce the cost of recruiting domestic workers from Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bangladesh, *Al Eqtisadiyah* reported.

It follows similar measures undertaken to lower the cost of recruiting domestic workers from the Philippines, the newspaper said, citing an unnamed official at the Saudi Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development.

The coronavirus pandemic has added to the cost of recruiting workers from overseas because of more expensive flight tickets and the need for PCR tests before travel. Saudi Arabia also imposed a travel ban on various countries, including Pakistan and India, amid the growing number of COVID-19 cases on Sunday.

They also implemented the ban on the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. The

Saudi Civil Aviation Authority also issued a notification imposing a temporary travel ban on European Union (EU) countries and Switzerland. Saudi residents have been given 72 hours to return to the country.

Earlier in February, the Saudi Arabia suspended entry to the kingdom from 20 countries, with the exception of diplomats, Saudi citizens, as well as medical practitioners and their families to help curb the spread of the coronavirus, the state news agency reported.

The temporary ban that came in effect from February 3 included people arriving from the United Arab Emirates, Germany, the United States, Britain, South Africa, France, Egypt, Lebanon, India, and Pakistan. The decision was based on recommendations by Saudi health authorities.

(Arab News, Express Tribune)

## Unguarded trench near Kurunegala School

ARIYAPALA WANSHATHILAKE, Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

An unguarded trench dug up for hume pipes in front of the Kurunegala Royal International School on the Kandy - Kurunegala main road has become a danger to motorists and the public as there is no warning sign or lights in front of it.

Three motorcyclists fell into the trench last week,

and one of them sustained serious injuries. The Colombo - Kandy Expressway Project workers have remained silent about the issue.

Royal International School Chairman Dr. Newton Ariyaratne Peris told the *Daily News* that the trench posed a 'serious danger' to commuters, especially during rush hour.



The Muslim Parliamentarians Forum, under the guidance of Sri Lanka Muslim Congress Leader Rauff Hakeem, organised an ifthar event for envoys of Islamic countries on Sunday.



An ifthar programme, along with a religious sermon for the late Y.M. Haneefa, former President of the Sainthamaruthu-Malihakadu Trustee Board, was held in Akkaraipattu under the patronage of National Congress Leader A.L.M. Athaullah, recently. Akkaraipattu Mayor Ahamed Zacky Athaullah, Public Service Commission Member A.L.M. Saleem, and Sainthamaruthu Jummah Mosque President A. Hibathul Kareem were present. Picture by A.B. Abdul Gafoor, Kalmunai Corr.

## Thihagoda Compost Production Project making 'rapid progress'

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

Thihagoda Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) Chairman Nirmal Samarasinghe recently said that the Compost Production Project commenced by the PS has made 'rapid progress'. He added that garbage collected from Thihagoda and Yatiyana are recycled and converted into organic manure.

Members of Cultivation Development Committees in the area said that the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat is mainly an agricultural region. As such, the cultivation of paddy and other agricultural crops have been the main income source of the residents of the area. Most farmers there prefer organic manure, they added.

This garbage recycling project has boosted environmental protection, Samarasinghe said. He added that it has also created several direct and indirect employment opportunities for unemployed youth in the locality. The Southern Provincial Council and the Thihagoda Pradeshiya Sabha have funded the programme, the PS Chairman said.

## Lorry mows down eight-year-old

A.M.A. FAREED, Trincomalee District Special Corr.

An eight-year-old girl was mowed down by a lorry in Kinniya, yesterday. The accident had taken place near Kakkamunai, at 8:00 a.m., police said.

The child has been identified as Qutubullah Fathima Riha, a resident of Sambukulam. She had been on her way to a tuition class at the time.

The victim's body was initially handed over to the Kin-

niya Base Hospital and then transferred to the Trincomalee General Hospital for further examination.

The lorry driver has been arrested by Kinniya Police. Investigations are continuing.



Batticaloa Police are conducting vehicle inspections to see whether the public is adhering to COVID-19 regulations. Legal action is being taken against those not following the required health guidelines. Picture by Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Special Corr.

## 'Rs.100 million allocated for public servant distress loans'

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Southern Province Governor Dr. Willie Gamage told the media recently that Rs.100 million has been set aside as distress loans for state institution employees.

Furthermore, he added that the distress loans provided to public servants in the Southern Province have been increased to Rs.100,000.

One thousand public servants are to receive distress loans soon, the Governor said.

## Bus driver, conductor return lost handbag to commuter

M. NELSON PIYARATNE, Kataragama Group Corr.

The driver and conductor of a Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) bus recently returned a handbag misplaced by a commuter with gold jewellery, Rs.24,890 in cash, and other documents inside it.

According to the driver and conductor, the bus had been plying from Kataragama to Nalathanniya on April 12 when the latter had spotted the handbag on a seat when they were approaching Nuwara Eliya.

They had then handed over the handbag to the Nuwara Eliya Police. They located the owner of the bag and handed it over to her last Wednesday.

## Two children among eight new Batticaloa COVID-19 patients

SIVAM PACKIYATHAN, Batticaloa Special Corr.

Two children tested positive for COVID-19 in the Batticaloa District last Saturday. One of them is 14 years old, while the other is 16, Batticaloa Regional Director of Health Services Dr. Nagalingam Mayooraan said.

Moreover, four persons attached to the Batticaloa Government Teachers' Training College also tested positive for the virus when 100 of them were subjected to PCR tests recently. Two classrooms at the college were subsequently closed, while 80 persons have been isolated, the Regional Director of Health Services added.

Meanwhile, two constables at the Aethiyamalai Police Station have tested positive for COVID-19 as well. So far, a total of 997 Coronavirus patients have been reported from the Batticaloa District, Dr. Mayooraan said.

## Obituaries

**BARTHOLOMEUS - EVADNE (EVA/EVE, nee FERNANDO)** (Retired Personal Assistant - Coconut Development Authority and prior to that A. Baur & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd.) went to be with the Lord peacefully at home in California, USA. Beloved daughter of late Theodore Fernando & late Letitia Fernando; wife of Fritzroy (Fritz); cherished mother of Jerome (Australia) & Simone (USA); loving mother-in-law of Rukmani (Ruki - Australia) & Udaya (USA); devoted grandmother of Udeshika Ranaraja & Wahdatt (Anthony) Amini, Samantha Ranaraja & Jason Meadows, Holly, Annoushka & Kelly; cherished great-grandmother of Aaliyah, Arianna & Alexander; precious sister of late Merl, late Herbert, late Clive, late Earl, late Hilarian, late Clinton, Loyala and Clement; dearly loved sister-in-law of late Christy, Shayama, late Myrna, Prima, Yvonne, late Manel, late Nimal & Krishanthi, late Christopher, late Melville, Avril (USA), late Lynton, late Anstruther, late Evelyn, Felicia, Ursula (Australia), Winifreda (Australia), Christine (Australia), & Frederica (Australia). Remains will lie at Gates, Kingsley & Gates Praiswater Mortuary Los Angeles, CA from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on 26th April 2021, followed by a private service at 12:00 noon. Interment of ashes to be at a later date at Christ Church Galkissa, Sri Lanka. 031337

**DOROTHY MARYAN GARTH (Nee LaBrooy)**. Beloved wife of late Wilfred John Garth, darling mother of Aubrey (Joe), Michael, Noel, Anne and Trevine (all of Canada), Ivor, Monica, Ralston, and late Conrad and Rev. Fr. Gerard, loving mother-in-law of Drehan (nee Ousmand), Vijitha (nee Fonseka), Aubrey Atton and Tamara (nee Ferdinands) (all of Canada), Shantha Panditharatne, Marietta (nee Pollocks) and late Marcia (nee Pollocks), beloved grandmother of Fiona, Chester, Diana, Natalie, Denham, Nigel, Stephanie, Shayam, Aundrea, Amanda, Kristina, Matthew, Aeron and Dominic, and great-grandmother of Jaden, Danica, Daylen, and Isla, was called to eternal rest in the Lord in Richmond Hill, Canada on April 25th, 2021. Visitation - 27th April 2021 - Chapel Ridge Funeral Home. Pre Registration required due to Covid Restrictions. Please call Noel Garth - 4164196182/4163197081, 7 to 9 pm - Due to Covid - limitations of 10 persons in 30 minute intervals and 15 minute viewing time. Chapel Ridge Funeral Home, 8911 Woodbine Avenue, Markham. Funeral Services - Wednesday 28th April at 10am (limitation of 10 Person). Our Lady Queen of the World Parish, 10411 Bayview Ave Richmond Hill, ON, L4C3P2. Viewing link will be provided shortly. Burial - Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery (10 persons). 8361 Yonge St (Also off Bayview - Langstaff Road), Thornhill, ON. L3T2C7. 031355



The Sri Lankan Community in Southern Tasmania, together with the Hobart Lions Cricket Club, celebrated the Sinhala and Tamil New Year with the participation of the Mayor and Councillors of the area.

## Navy arrests six suspects with 1.263 tonnes of smuggled turmeric

Special operations carried out by the Navy at the Munnakkara lagoon in Negombo, as well as in the seas off Kudiyiruppu and Pesalai in Mannar between April 17 and 20, led to the arrests of six persons smuggling 1.263 metric tonnes of dried turmeric into the country, the Navy stated in a recent communiqué.

During an operation conducted in the seas off Kudiyiruppu on April 19, the North-Central Naval Command apprehended two persons with 543.7kg of dried

turmeric from a suspicious dinghy. Another special operation led by the same Naval Command in the seas off Pesalai on April 20 led to the arrests of two persons with 258.5kg of dried turmeric, the statement said.

Meanwhile, the Western Naval Command arrested two persons with 461.5kg of dried turmeric at the Munnakkara lagoon in Negombo on April 17. Those arrested in the operations have been identified as residents of

Pesalai and Negombo. They are between the ages of 20 and 44, the statement added.

Those arrested from Negombo have been handed over to the Katunayake Customs Office, while the others have been handed over to the Mannar Public Health Inspector's Office for quarantine procedures. Furthermore, the seized stocks of turmeric, as well as the suspects' dinghies, have been handed over to the Jaffna Customs Office for further action.

2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR REMEMBRANCE

**Mrs. Pushpam Sathivan**  
Born: 03-06-1937 - Died: 27-04-2019  
Amma I loved You, your entire life and will miss You the rest of mine  
Sadly miss by Daughters, Sons in law & Grandchildren  
No.12/5, Kalinga Mw., Colombo 05.

## 'Mirijawila Cement Grinding Station can handle 3.6 metric tonnes of cement'

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA, Tissamaharama Special Corr.

The Cement Grinding Station set up at Mirijawila at a cost of US\$100 million is capable of handling 3.6 metric tonnes of cement, the Project Director said.

He added that the annual domestic demand for cement is around 8.5 million metric tonnes, of which around 2.8 million metric tonnes is produced locally. Moreover, the ONYX group of companies is funding the project, he said.



IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 27 (COURT NO. 502) L.T.B.DEHIDENIYA, J. S.THURAIRAJA, PC, J. YASANTHA KODAGODA, PC, J. (FROM 10.00AM - TO 11.30AM) TO BE MENTIONED 1. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 458/19 - H. C. C. A. NO. 1791/18 2. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 219/17 -C.A. 304/08 3. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 82/2021 TO BE RESUMED 1. S. C. APPEAL NO. 15/19 -C.A. 163/13 2. S. C. APPEAL NO. 16/19 -C.A. 164/13 3. S. C. APPEAL NO. 17/19 -C.A. 166/13 FOR SUPPORT 1. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 201/17 -C.A. 304/08 LEAVE TO PROCEED 1. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 341/19 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE 1. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 102/18 -H.C.C. A. NO. 156/11 FOR INQUIRY 1. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 01/2021 2. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 02/2021 FOR ARGUMENT 1. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 158/13 (TOP OF THE LIST) 2. S. C. APPEAL NO. 128/15 -H.C.C. A. NO. 42/10 (FROM 11.30AM - TO 12.45PM) FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED 1. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 225/2020 2. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 308/2020 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE 1. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 15/19 -H. C. C. A. NO. 285/10 2. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 123/2020 -L.T.A. NO. 13/19 3. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 20/21 -H. C. C. A. NO. 28/19 4. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 123/2021 -H. C. C. A. NO. 25/2020 (COURT NO. 502) contd.. FOR ARGUMENT 1. S. C. APPEAL NO. 65/17 -C. A. NO. 53/12 2. S. C. APPEAL NO. 152/19 -H.C.C. A. NO. 82/19 (FROM 01.30PM - TO 03.00PM) FOR ARGUMENT 1. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 419/15 2. S. C. APPEAL NO. 60/2020 -H.C.C. A. NO. 22/17 3. S. C. APPEAL NO. 88/2020 -H.C. NO. 13/18 P.PADMAN SURASENA, J. K.K.WICKRAMASINGHE, J. MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHENA, J (COURT NO. 403) (FROM 10.00AM - TO 11.30AM) TO BE MENTIONED 1. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 70/20 -H. C. C. A. 4/16 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE 1. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 53/2018 -H.C. NO. 214/16 2. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 02/2019 -C.A. NO. 201/12 3. S. C. (H. C.) L. A. NO. 84/19 -C.H.C. NO. 539/18 FOR ARGUMENT 1. S. C. APPEAL 2. NO. 58/13 -H.C.C.A. NO. 155/08 (TOP OF THE LIST) 3. S. C. APPEAL NO. 75/13

-H.C.C.A. NO. 02/05 (TOP OF THE LIST) 4. S. C. APPEAL NO. 222/14 -H.C. NO. 924/12 (FROM 11.30AM - TO 12.45PM) TO BE MENTIONED 1. SC. Application FR 225/20 FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED 1. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 144/2020 2. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 292/2020 with 144/2020 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE 1. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 213/19 -C. A. NO. 421/13 2. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 285/19 -H. C. C. A. 13/18 3. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 208/20 -H.C. NO. 161/11 4. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 84/21 -H. C. C. A. 03/20 5. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 100/21 -H. C. C. A. 29/17 FOR ARGUMENT 1. S. C. CHC NO. 03/15 -H. C. CIVIL NO. 133/08 2. S. C. APPEAL NO. 138/16 -H.C.C.A. NO. 47/09 (FROM 01.30AM - TO 03.00PM) FOR ARGUMENT 1. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 360/16 2. S. C. APPEAL NO. 217/17 -H.C. NO. 226/12 E.A.G.R.AMARASEKARA, J. A.L.S.GOONERATNE, J. ACHALA WENGAPPULLI, J (COURT NO. 404) (FROM 10.00AM - TO 11.30AM) TO BE MENTIONED 1. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 479/12 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE 1. S. C. C. A. L. A. NO. 383/18 -H.C.C.A. NO. 34/09 2. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 415/18 -C.A. NO. 113/18 FOR ARGUMENT 1. S. C. APPEAL NO. 89/20 -H.C.C.A. NO. 144/16 (TOP OF THE LIST) 2. S. C. APPEAL NO. 100/06 -C. A. NO. 930/01 (FROM 11.30AM - TO 12.45AM) FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED 1. S. C. APPEAL (F/R) NO. 374/20 FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE 1. S. C. (HC) C. A. L. A. NO. 76/2020 -H.C.C.A. A. 129/19 (Top of the List) 2. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 286/18 -H. C. C. A. 01/2018 3. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO.117/2020 -C.A. 403/19 4. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 151/21 -H. C. C. A. 21/21 3. S. C. (HC) C. A. L. A. NO. 152/2021 -H.C.C. A. 18/20 FOR ARGUMENT 1. S. C. APPEAL 07/15 H.C. NO. 25/14 (FROM 01.30AM - TO 3.00AM) FOR ARGUMENT 1. S. C. APPEAL NO. 131/2016 -H.C.C.A. NO. 102/2015 2. S. C. APPEAL NO. 143/2016 -H.C.C.A. NO. 294/13 IN THE COURT OF APPEAL LIST OF CASES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 27 ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. (P/CA) MAYADUNNE COREA J. COURT NO. 301 AT 09.30 A.M. FOR JUDGMENT 1. 225/12 Writ of Cert

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ARGUMENT 1. 95/19 HC 2. 191 - 192/19 HC 3. 325/19 HC MENAKA WIJESUNDERA J. NEIL IDDAWALA J. COURT NO. 204 AT 09.30 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED 1. 01/11 HCA 2. 04/12 HCA 3. 01/21 HCA FOR OBJECTIONS 1. 05/21 BA N. BANDULA KARUNARATNE (J) R. GURUSINGHE J. COURT NO. 205 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR JUDGMENT 1. 1196/99 (F) DC N. Bandula Karunaratne (J) 2. 115/15 HC N. Bandula Karunaratne (J) 3. 301/16 HC -R. Gurusinghe J. TO BE MENTIONED 1. 711/97 (F) DC 2. 577/07 Writ of Cert 3. 265/11 Writ of Cert 4. 01/16 PHC 5. 158/13 HC 6. 181/16 HC 7. 200 - 201/16 HC 8. 359/17 HC 9. 383/17 HC 10. 249/18 HC 11. 351/19 HC 12. 411/19 HC TO BE RESUMED COURT NO. 205 AT 10.00 A.M. 1. 269 - 270/14 HC DEVIKA ABEYRATNE J. P. KUMARARATNAM J. COURT NO. 110 AT 10.00 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED 1. 02/08 HC 2. 210/15 HC 3. 294/17 HC 4. 60/18 HC 5. 148/18 HC 6. 176/18 HC 7. 282/18 HC 8. 336/18 HC 9. 404/18 HC 10. 333/19 HC 11. 335/19 HC 12. 32/20 HC 13. 34/20 HC 14. 38/20 HC 15. 94/20 HC WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS 1. 282/18 HC TO BE RESUMED

1. 212/17 HC FOR ARGUMENT 1. 92/18 HC 2. 170/18 HC 3. 330 - 331/18 HC M. T. MOHAMMED LAFFAR J. K. K. A. V. SWARNADHIPATHI J. COURT NO. 206 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR ORDER 1. 484/15 Writ of Cert 2. 506/15 Writ of Cert -M. T. Mohammed Laffar J. TO BE MENTIONED 1. 201/14 Writ of Cert 2. 01/15 WKF A,B FOR ARGUMENT 1. 81/13 Writ of Cert 2. 278/18 3. Writ of Cert DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J) M. SAMPATH K. B. WIJERATNE J. COURT NO. 302 AT 10.00 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED 1. 16/13 TAX with TAX 01/17 2. 09/20 TAX FOR ARGUMENT 1. 14/18 TAX SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. DHAMMIKA GANEPOLA J. COURT NO. 303 AT 10.00 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED 1. 361/19 Writ of Cert FOR SUPPORT 1. 402/19 Writ of Cert 2. 489/19

Writ of Cert NOTICE RETURNABLE 1. 404/19 Writ of Cert 2. 408/19 Writ of Cert 3. 126/21 Writ of Cert TO BE RESUMED 1. 241/19 Writ of Cert 2. 312/19 Writ of Cert FOR ARGUMENT 1. 324/19 Writ of Cert 2. 395/19 Writ of Cert 3. 265/19 Writ of Cert D. N. SAMARAKOON J. PRADEEP KIRTISINGHE J. COURT NO. 108 AT 10.00 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED 1. 577/00 (F) DC 2. 1351/00 (F) DC NOTICE RETURNABLE 1. 04/20 RII PRASANTHA DE SILVA J. S. U. B. KARALLIYADDE J. COURT NO. 109 AT 12.30 P.M. TO BE MENTIONED 1. 01/16 BOR

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## Vaccines the key

Vaccines are the key to ending the COVID-19 pandemic. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, in a special statement released on Sunday, reiterated that vaccinating the majority of the country's population will help eliminate the COVID-19 threat. The release also detailed the Government's plans to procure vaccines from Pfizer, AstraZeneca and the Russian Direct Investment Fund/Gamaleya, maker of the Sputnik V vaccine.

Right now, the vaccination campaign in Sri Lanka has been suspended, pending the supply of vaccines from these parties. One major problem is that India has barred AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine exports for the time being, due to a huge surge in cases there. But the Serum Institute of India (SII), the world's biggest vaccine maker that manufactures the AstraZeneca Covishield vaccine, is itself facing problems due to the lack of certain ingredients needed for the vaccines. These are usually imported from the USA and some other developed countries, which had barred such exports fearing a lack of supplies for domestic vaccine manufacturing.

This prompted the SII CEO to implore in a tweet aimed at US President Joe Biden to revoke such bans and make these ingredients available to other countries that have the capacity to manufacture vaccines. It took a few weeks, but President Biden has now authorized the relevant companies to export these chemicals and ingredients.

This is exactly the spirit of cooperation that should prevail in the drive to eliminate COVID-19 globally. COVID, as we all know, is a pandemic - a disease that affects the whole globe. In fact, it has already infected nearly 150 million people worldwide, 3.1 million of whom had died. There is simply no point in one or two countries eliminating COVID, as long as it persists somewhere else. As the saying goes "no one is safe until everyone is safe". Besides, we give the Coronavirus more chances to mutate when we do not expedite global efforts to tackle it. These mutant variants can be more deadly and transmissible, as seen in India and Brazil.

As World Health Organisation (WHO) Chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus explained in an opinion piece which we published yesterday, the equitable distribution of vaccines worldwide is essential if the world is to see the back of COVID-19 at least by 2024. However, judging by what is happening, there is still no movement towards the equitable distribution of COVID vaccines, some of which were developed using public funds.

Of the more than 890 million vaccine doses that have been administered globally, 81 per cent have been given in high and upper middle income countries. Low income countries have received just 0.3 per cent. This problem was sadly predictable. When the HIV epidemic erupted in the 1980s, lifesaving anti-retrovirals were developed rapidly, and yet more than a decade passed before they became available in sub-Saharan Africa.

The United Nations and the WHO did evolve a mechanism that could theoretically ensure a fair supply of vaccines to the developing world, called COVAX. As of last Thursday, Covax has distributed 43 million doses of vaccine to 119 countries — covering just 0.5 per cent of their combined population of more than four billion. This is just a drop in the ocean compared to what the developed countries had ordered and hoarded.

In fact, such "vaccine nationalism" threatens to derail the efforts being made to tame COVID-19 around the world. Some rich countries have placed orders for enough doses to vaccinate their entire population several times over, promising to share only after they have used everything they need. This means that they will be inoculating their younger populations much before elderly persons are inoculated in developing countries. This is a misguided effort that won't help efforts to end the pandemic.

Developed countries can take several steps if they are keen to control the pandemic. If they want an economic reason, experts have calculated that developed countries would lose as much as US\$ 5 trillion over the next few years even if COVID-19 persists only in the developing world. The first step is to address the funding gap of COVAX, which needs at least another US\$ 19 billion in the short term. The next step is to waive intellectual property rights to the vaccines, a move that has been proposed by India and South Africa. Another method is for companies to share licenses through the COVID-19 Technology Access Tool, a globally coordinated mechanism proposed by Costa Rica and started by the WHO last year. The last two proposals will enable many developing countries to ramp up vaccine production in local facilities.

In the meantime, we must take all preventive measures against COVID, including wearing face masks, washing hands frequently using soap and water or sanitizer, keeping the distance from the next person, minimizing travel, avoiding crowds and seeking medical help if any symptoms develop. Sri Lanka too has experienced a surge in cases as many people had given up these health practices after a relative lull in the disease here. But we must adhere to these health guidelines and the latest operational guidelines issued by the Government at least until a passable level of herd immunity is achieved through mass vaccination.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

With infectious disease, without vaccines, there's no safety in numbers. - Seth Berkley



The IPKF memorial in Colombo

# IPKF: A forgotten chapter?

History is never "done and dusted". Its lessons and meanings need to be continuously distilled and imbibed and martyrs duly honoured and their legacy preserved. The Lankan Government constructed a Memorial in Colombo in 2008, followed by the Indian establishment later in Bhopal in 2014. The memorial at Colombo constructed by Sri Lanka in 2008, aptly cites the legacy of the IPKF: "Valiant were their deeds, Undying be their memories".

SHEFALI KOCHHAR

It is now a fading 33 years plus, when in 1987 the Indian Defence Forces made their foray into the island nation of Sri Lanka. At that point in history, things had taken a turn for the worse with the Liberation Tamil Tigers Elam (LTTE) a terrorist organisation embroiled in a bloody battle with the Sri Lankan Army.

The LTTE was pushed into a corner and its end appeared imminent, till India intervened to rescue the Tamils of Sri Lanka at the behest of Tamil Nadu considering their ethnic affinity. An air-drop of relief supplies under code name OP POONAMALAI on June 4, 1987 was executed by India, to break the blockade put in force by the Sri Lankan Army which had ringed Jaffna. From supposed rescuers of Tamils to the sinister epithet "Indian People Killing Force" the label coined by the local Tamils there was a sea change in perception of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF).

What had gone wrong? India in October 1987 decided to hand over a group of captured 17 LTTE militants to the Sri Lankan Government for criminal proceedings which were viewed with deep anger by the former. Most of these militants committed suicide by taking cyanide. Understandably so, as the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) with its machinations had trained and equipped the LTTE with arms to combat the Sri Lankan Government. The militants viewed it as a betrayal of their cause. Moreover, Velupillai Prabhakaran, the LTTE leader, viewed the India-Sri Lanka Peace Accord (signed by Sri Lankan President J. R. Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi) with disdain and derision in equal measure as he wanted full independence and not autonomy per the terms of the Accord.

The bad blood between the LTTE and India quickly congealed into a messy war, with the former refusing to lay down their arms to facilitate the peaceful process of elections as per the Accord. The fighting capabilities of LTTE to wage a war were discounted by the Indian Politico-military establishment an excusable lapse, considering that the RAW was their handler and the Indian Army their trainers. To add to the woes of IPKF, a dirty war of providing weapons to the riff-raff militant groups by RAW was hatched, depending on ascendancy and dynamics of the con-



The signing of the Indo-Lanka Accord in Colombo.

cerned militant groups (there was a host of them apart from LTTE such as EPRLF, TELO, and ENDLF etc.) Not to be outdone, the Sri Lankan Government too armed the LTTE in a bid to blunt the IPKF, which became acute, more so when President R. Premadasa ascended to power.

### LTTE cadres

Meanwhile, the Sri Lankan Army was confined to barracks as per the terms of the Accord. The IPKF was saddled with archival weapons such as single-shot SLR inducted after the 1962 War with China, and the useless 9mm Carbine or toy gun as it was later derisively called by the African rebels in Somalia a decade later. The LTTE was a deadly foe and gave no quarter preferring to partake cyanide rather than be taken captive. They fought with cunning and fully utilised the underprepared nature of the IPKF for the war waged by hard-core LTTE cadres which comprised amongst others non-uniformed civilians, girls and boys.

The IPKF provided considerable support to the civilian administration in Sri Lanka. The restoration of amenities and power in Jaffna post the pitched October 1987 battles was a major achieve-



Moments before the Rajiv Gandhi assassination.

ment. The election to the Provincial Council (PC) of the North-East was also well conducted in 1988/89. Containing the LTTE in the jungles of Vavuniya, Batticaloa and keeping them away from the towns and urban centres areas was a difficult job but was done with dedication and after incurring several casualties.

The valuable respite was given to Sri Lankan Government to tackle the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), a Sinhalese militant group snapping at their heels. The provision of medical relief to the traumatised civilians was another accomplishment achieved with very thin resources. The stellar contributions of Brig RIS Kahlon, the then Town Commandant (Later Lt General) to restore civil administration as the town Commandant was of particular note.

The disastrous engagement that followed OP PAWAN, as it was christened would leave 1,158 Indian soldiers killed plus 3,000 wounded in its wake. The IPKF finally exited Sri Lanka in March 1990 after V. P. Singh became Indian Prime Minister.

The LTTE was a ruthless enemy. Later they would hunt down and eliminate the most prominent Sinhalese leaders and politicians of the times. This included Gamini Dissanayake, Lalith Athulathmudali, Ranjan Wijeratne, President R. Premadasa and later former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in India. They also eliminated field leaders and supporters of the IPKF from the splinter militant groups such as EPRLF and ENDLF.

The killing of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was a tipping point after which the LTTE sealed its own fate. In 1997, the US banned the LTTE, flag-

ging it to be a terrorist organisation. In 1999, they attacked Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga who escaped with an injured eye. In 2000, the Norwegian-brokered Peace Initiative proved to be a failure. In 2002, the SL Army military fought LTTE to a stalemate in Jaffna.

In 2007, the Sri Lankan Courts declared the merger of the North and East Provinces as constitutionally invalid, a blow to the Indo-Lanka Accord of 1987. A supposed request by the Sri Lanka Army to the Indian Army earlier to intervene in quelling the LTTE was turned down. In 2009 the LTTE was defeated in Mullaitivu and Prabhakaran was killed by the Sri Lanka Army. The war was won at an enormous cost of loss of life. Sri Lanka to this day is still smarting from alleged human rights allegations over unaccounted deaths and disappearances of many civilians.

### Memorial in Colombo

Prominent Indians thought leaders and illustrious decision-makers cut their teeth in Sri Lanka. Among these are - Current Chief of Army Staff General MM Naravane, Journalist Shekhar Gupta, EAM Jaishankar, Hardeep Puri Civil Aviation Minister former COAS General Dalbir Singh Suhag and General V. K. Singh to name a few.

History is never "done and dusted". Its lessons and meanings need to be continuously distilled and imbibed and martyrs duly honoured and their legacy preserved. The Lankan Government constructed a Memorial in Colombo in 2008, only to be reluctantly followed by the Indian establishment later in Bhopal in 2014. The memorial at Colombo constructed by Sri Lanka in 2008, aptly cites the legacy of the IPKF: "Valiant were their deeds, Undying be their memories".

However, there is no official commemoration day earmarked by India for these brave martyrs nor is there any mention of the IPKF memorial on the Indian Army's Official Website. In Army museums too, the IPKF achievements and history has been conveniently erased or overlooked. In 2012 in sharp contrast, the Indian Army finally acknowledged the role of the martyrs in the Indo China War in 1962 after 50 years of a collective memory lapse and felicitated them by wreath-laying at Amar Jawan Jyoti on October 20, 2012. It is noted that the IPKF won One PVC, plus six MVCs in Operation Pawan apart from various other awards. It is hoped that the powers that be do need fulfilment in honouring the IPKF martyrs. As the well-known cliché says "It is never too late".

Now a group of veterans have come together in a bid to restore the legacy of the IPKF. A small get together was organised in Delhi, on March 28, 2021.

It is hoped to wake up the current establishment from its "generation of forgetfulness" as China comes knocking on India's doors to the North and also in Sri Lanka. A book is being released in 2021 by veterans Lt Col BR Nair and Lt Col Atul Kochhar to honour the martyrs and preserve their legacy.

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Left to Right: Col MK Channan, Lt Gen GK Duggal, Col V Dutta, Col Ravi Singh, Lt Col Atul Kochhar, Col Praveen Singh, Lt Col Ravi Nair.



## LANGUAGE MATTERS

# ROLE OF THE BRAIN IN PERCEPTION AND PRODUCTION OF LANGUAGE

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In our last article, we discussed that in the tradition of generative grammar (i.e. Noam Chomsky, his colleagues and followers), it is claimed that there is a specific facility in our brain/mind called LAD responsible for language acquisition and learning. It was also shown that there is a specific time window for us to acquire/learn a first or a second language. At the same time, much research into brain and language has proven that certain areas of our brain are responsible for language functions. In today's article, we are discussing this in detail.

## The brain and language

As a fact we know that we learn and develop a myriad of skills such as walking, cooking, driving, typing, dancing, etc., with the help of the brain. Language is no exception in this case. In the same way as the brain is the seat for our thoughts, the brain is the seat for our language. It has been found out that certain parts in our brain are responsible for language perception and production. The term 'language centre' is used commonly to refer to the areas in the brain that are responsible for language perception and production. Much of the early (i.e., 20th century)

research of the relationship between the brain and language was based on the analysis of the speech of brain damaged patients. However, with the development of technology, non-invasive techniques and electrophysiological recordings of human brains have made significant advancements in identifying regions and their functions in speech processing and production. Three regions in the brain, namely Broca's area, Wernicke's area and Angular Gyrus have been mainly identified as being primarily responsible for language matters. The general areas and processes such as Motor Cortex and Arcuate Fasciculus have also been identified to play very crucial roles in controlling movements of muscles and mediating connections between

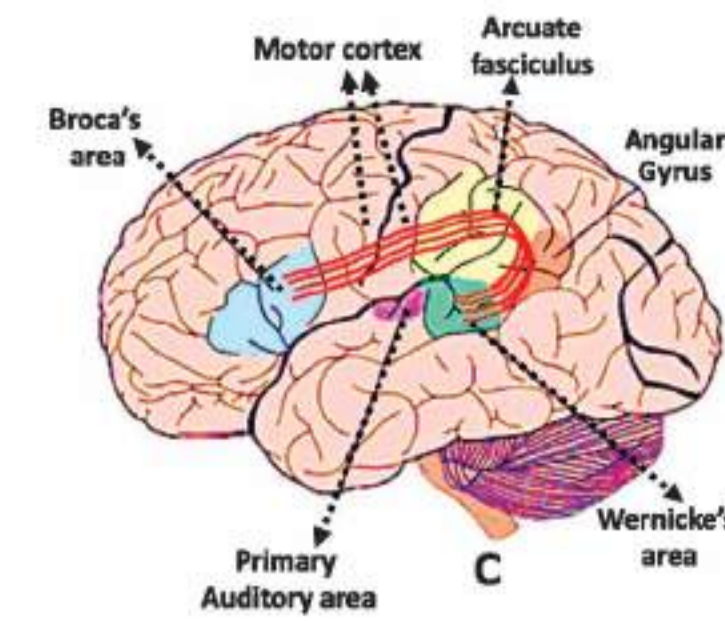


Paul Broca

Broca's area and Wernicke's area. The image displays these areas and briefly explains their functions. Detailed explanations follow it.

## Broca's area

French neurologist and anthropologist Paul Broca in 1861 identified this area in the brain (labeled after his name) as responsible for language processing. Working with patients who had damages in this area located in the inferior frontal gyrus, Paul Broca found out that the patients could not produce speech. He concluded that this region of the brain had an effect on speech processing and production. The specific role or function of this area in the brain is still a task in brain and language research. However, it is commonly accepted



**Broca's area:** involved in Production of speech sound  
**Wernicke's area:** involved in Understanding of speech  
**Motor cortex:** controls the Movements of muscles  
**Arcuate fasciculus:** connects Wernicke's area to Broca's area.

## Parts of the brain that control speech

that Broca's area is responsible for phonological, syntactic and semantic processing. It has been claimed that it does not play a role in the production of single words. Accordingly, it is mainly identified as a processing centre.

## Wernicke's area

German doctor Carl Wernicke in 1874 discovered this area as responsible for language comprehension. His research with patients who had damages in this area

located in the lower part of the temporal lobe, showed that they could not comprehend speech. He concluded that this region of the brain had an effect on speech comprehension. However, more research into language comprehension has shown that other than Wernicke's area, language perception utilizes more and larger areas of the inferior parietal lobe and left temporal.

## Angular Gyrus

It is located in the anterolateral region of the parietal lobe. It transfers visual information into Wernicke's area to facilitate meaning processing out of visual symbols. Thus, it serves in retrieving verbal and visual information to convert written language into spoken language. It is also said to serve in number processing and special cognition.

## Primary auditory cortex

The auditory cortex is located in the temporal lobe. It is responsible for processing auditory information. Thus, it processes all functions of hearing analysing the inputs passed from the ear.

## Motor cortex

Located in the cerebral cortex, it is mainly responsible for tasks such as planning, control and movements of body organs. With respect to language, motor cortical areas are

found to play a crucial role in processing language comprehension.

## Arcuate Fasciculus

It refers to the white matter (the areas of the central nervous system). It is a fiber tract that connects the processes between Broca's area and Wernicke's areas.

In today's article we discussed those specific regions in our brain play roles in language comprehension and production. Broca's area is particularly found to be responsible for language production while Wernicke's area is found to be mainly responsible for language comprehension.

Arcuate Fasciculus is found to play a role in connecting processes between Broca's area and Wernicke's areas. However, as we cannot really dig into the brain to identify the functions of different parts of the brain, the exact specific functions of these areas are not fully understood yet. With the advancement of knowledge and technology, it is hoped that we will be able to understand more about the language related roles and functions of these specific areas in our brain.

Related to brain and other body organs such as the oral and nasal apparatus are language/speech impairments/disorders. We are going to discuss this next week.

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# INDIA'S ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY IN SOUTH ASIA

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Even though Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi touts the vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" ("everyone together, everyone's development, everyone's trust"), India has failed to deliver on its promises. Trade totals with South Asian neighbours remain low, many Indian infrastructure projects in the region are still incomplete, and its neighbours are disappointed with discrimination in aid. China, on the other hand, has extensively made inroads into the region. What are the significant issues hampering India's economic diplomacy? Furthermore, why has India not been able to resolve its challenges?

## Protectionism

One major problem is that India has increased its protectionist approach since Modi's election in 2014, which has a significant impact on economic diplomacy. The Asian Development Bank, in a December 2020 report looking at 25 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, ranked India 24th on trade openness – only Pakistan scored lower. Despite having implemented economic reforms with liberalization, privatization and globalization (LPG) policies starting in 1991 and signing the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) agreement for greater economic integration and free trade in 2006, India's overall trade with South Asia has been low accounting for between 1.7 percent and 3.8 percent of its global trade. India exports in bulk; however, imports are minimal, due to trade barriers.

Integrated Check Posts set up at borders have suffered under cumbersome procedures, like additional checks of trucks and delays in paperwork, that consume both time and profits. The idea behind SAFTA was that neighbours would benefit from India's economic opportunities by eliminating trade barriers,

but this has not been the case. Neighbours have mostly complained about the excessive amount of non-tariff barriers that India has, including clearance procedures, import policy barriers, testing and certification requirements, anti-dumping, countervailing measures and export subsidies, each of which poses an obstacle for liberal trade. Bangladeshi goods, for instance, suffer extensive tariff barriers, hindering free trade, despite the signing of the SAFTA.

India is making a deliberate effort to increase its exports to neighbouring countries. However, at the same time, New Delhi continues to protect its markets from imports, from its neighbours and elsewhere.

Discrimination in providing aid to its neighbours is another issue. India has shown extraordinary generosity toward the Maldives (with whom relations have improved), Nepal, Bhutan, and Afghanistan. In its budgets, India provided more aid to these four countries than the rest of the countries of SAARC, leading to insecurity among other neighbours. For instance, in the 2019 budget, Bhutan received 28.1 billion rupees, Nepal got 10.5 billion rupees, the Maldives got 5.8 billion rupees, but Sri Lanka got only 2.5 billion rupees. In the last decade, Bhutan has received 322.8 billion rupees, Afghanistan 48.5 billion rupees, and Sri Lanka only 2.52 billion rupees.

Scholars from Sri Lanka see this as discrimination in aid, feeling India offers more to those strategically more essential. In 2020, amid the pandemic, Sri Lanka requested a moratorium on loan repayments and an additional US\$ 1 billion in loans, reportedly from India. However, India did not respond, giving Sri Lanka no option but to turn to China, which offers faster infrastructural development and collaboration.

Nepal has shown similar concerns. India's budget allocation for aid to Nepal has varied drastically in recent years.

Nepal claims that it sees a rise in Indian assistance whenever its relations with China increase, as New Delhi tries to match the contributions that China made. India's strings-attached aid (highlighting the mercantilist approach of its India-First Policy) has also hindered the healthy growth of economic relations with the people.

## A delivery-deficit nation

India's neighbours have often complained of India making big promises but suffering from a delivery deficit. This is the case with most countries in which India has taken up projects, for instance, road and railway lines, establishing integrated border checkpoints, and hydropower projects. In Nepal, the Police Academy, expected to be complete 32 years ago, is still in limbo. Several more Indian projects are still waiting completion, leading Nepal to turn to China.

The case is similar in Bangladesh, where many railway projects have suffered delays. This issue creates negative perceptions of India being lazy and indifferent to its commitments. Some of the projects also lack sufficient funds, which is another issue.

Thus, South Asian countries have no option but to turn to China to reduce their dependency on India. The Chinese have a proven track record of developing infrastructure abroad on time, and give added incentives by making many projects part of the Belt and Road Initiative. China has been busy completing the East-West highway that traverses Nepal and is also working on a railway line from Tibet to Lhasa. It has many projects underway in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan as well. China has been increasing its investments in South Asia due to India's neglect over the years, with Beijing offering a sustained strategy on development projects and the security concerns that emanate from

India's neighbours. This has become a significant challenge for India.

Internal institutional hurdles, such as policy and bureaucratic delays, are another reason why India has been unable to meet its infrastructure targets. Visa restrictions on the movement of people have also hindered regional connectivity and economic engagement in the region. This is a significant disadvantage for India, despite its best efforts to initiate and fund developmental projects. Institutional hurdles pose the bitter truth: India has still not been able to resolve the challenges mentioned above due to decades of policy stagnation. These problems have dragged down all the efforts that India makes in its own neighbourhood, significantly impacting its image.

India's economic diplomacy has been thoroughly suffering, impacting its image globally and in the region. Reforming its institutional hurdles and laid-back attitude is necessary if India desires to overcome its neighbours' misperceptions and compete with Chinese investments in South Asia. For this, India must eliminate non-tariff barriers and other trade barriers, strings-attached aid, and complete all the existing projects to regain the neighbours' trust. At the same time, India must increase its investments and trade with neighbouring countries to reap the benefits of greater regional and economic integration, making India open rather than being closed to its neighbours' economies. Will India rescript its approach incorporate neighbours' concerns and expectations and improve its economic diplomacy, leading to greater regional integration? The choice lies with New Delhi.

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi



India is helping to develop the Western Container Terminal at the Colombo Port.



India assisted to renovate the Northern Railway Line in Sri Lanka.



# STF Small Teams that made a major difference

DISHAN JOSEPH

When we talk of the evolution of the Small Team concept in the theatre of jungle warfare, we have to recall its founder Major General Charles Wingate. An officer of the British Royal Artillery, he was an exponent of unconventional warfare.

Initially, his superior officers didn't appreciate his suggestions as they were used to conventional attacks on the enemy. However, with time Wingate was able to obtain permission and train his troops in the jungles of India. These men were the pioneers of long range patrols and deep penetration attacks. Wingate named them the Chindits (after a mythical Burmese lion). The Chindits consisted of British soldiers and Indian soldiers, including the formidable Gurkhas. They trained in the mosquito-infested jungles. By 1943 the Chindits infiltrated the jungles of Burma and began raiding Japanese Army positions. The Chindits carried their own supplies and were the first to operate far away from base camp. The courage and tactics of these pioneers would soon be adopted by armies all over the world.

In the Sri Lankan theatre of combat, the need for Small Teams was envisaged during the JVP insurgency of 1988/1989. The initial STF teams were trained for surveillance. Later they were trained to operate in the jungles. In the Eastern Province, during the years of conflict, the LTTE adopted a tactic of sending two or three combatants on foot, to intimidate border villages. Most of the farmers were frightened and a fear psychosis spread among them. The Police Special Task Force was already deployed in some areas of the Eastern Province. The challenge of mitigating this new threat was boldly taken up by ASP Upali Sahabandu (who later became DIG). This unassuming officer along with some others would transform the concept of jungle warfare in Sri Lanka with the introduction of Small Teams.

In order to trace their formative years I



spoke to retired DIG K.H. Perera, who was an Inspector at that time in the late 1980s. He recalled "The concept of Small Team attacks was new. We were fortunate to have a dynamic officer like the late ASP Sahabandu. Together we trained our selected STF men to operate in a five-man team.

These teams were trained in jungle survival. They were able to deploy from a base camp, entering the forest covering 25-30km. They were armed with M-16 assault rifles, grenades and side chargers (explosives). They were able to identify LTTE camps.

They laid in ambush and shot and killed the combatants who went out on these attacks against border villages. The enemy

didn't expect this countermeasure and after a while this kind of attacks reduced."

The pioneer Small Teams had to learn and adapt. One of the operational benefits of these teams was that they were almost invisible. Nothing was thrown after a meal. They never left any trace of their presence. Usually, large team STF operations involved the movement of men and vehicles. Certain civilians used to observe this and inform the LTTE of such movements, and an impending attack. However with the Small Teams, there was secrecy, they moved out unnoticed. This gave them the element of surprise. Besides larger teams required supplies like food. Again this movement gave the enemy some advance information. The STF Small Teams took their own rations. The team included an explosives 'master' and a lead scout who always carried a shotgun. One of their main tasks was to gather intelligence of enemy build-up and locate supply lines. When required, a STF sniper was attached to the team, to take out a target.

Reminiscing further, DIG Jayaweera added "We went to the extent of getting the expert advice of the Veddah community. We mastered the art of tracking and recognizing animal prints. Our men learnt how to find water and food in the jungle. In some cases, we followed bees to their beehives to obtain honey. Snake bites were a threat to our men. We learnt about anti-venom. Some anti-venom bottles had to be kept cool. Obviously, there was no fridge in the forest areas, so we kept these bottles tied on a rope at the bottom of a well. We encountered dangerous lone elephants. These are the sacrifices we made to defend our Motherland."

Many of these pioneer warriors have retired and some died in action. The teams bonded strongly. Each team was given leave on the same days, so that they would bond together with each other's families, enhancing their camaraderie. This paid off as the Small Teams worked well displaying high levels of confidence.

Another pioneer, SSP Faizal Hadgie (Deputy Commandant - Operations) recalled his days as an Inspector, and said: "The Small Teams were operating to dominate the jungle areas. We operated in Kakkadicholai (Batticaloa) and Pottuvil (Ampara). I was the OIC of the Pottuvil area. We operated in teams of six or eight as per requirement. We were able to keep the enemy on the run. We carried military-grade pre-cooked food sachets. Our teams would remain in the jungle for eight to 10 days. Our teams gathered vital information to facilitate large group assaults on the enemy."

SSP Athula Daulugala (Deputy Commandant) is an officer well versed in jungle tracking and trapping. He reminisced, "Tracking is about close observation. When we went on five-day missions into dense jungles we looked for small signs of enemy presence. This is the craft of tracking. We once found a tiny wrapper of a medicine capsule, and located a tree where medical supplies were hidden. Another of my men picked up a few drops of water in the sand, and we followed the enemy, until we ambushed them on the third day. Trapping is done to secure our position at night. We used booby traps and small mines at night. We also used sharp hard bamboo, and planted them as protection along paths where the enemy may advance. Our men carried the 60mm Commando Mortar and the 40mm multi grenade launcher. We ate from the MR8 ration packs. Our bodies were adapted to operate on minimum levels of water. Our patrols lasted six days."

Once in the jungle, teams are alone. Communication was kept at a strict minimum,



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road was cleared inside the forest using bulldozers. The road was used to quickly transport any injured STF men for treatment.

Inspector Karunaratne, Inspector Narangoda and Inspector Liyanage were a few of the officers involved in this mission. The Small Team concept was further refined and took on the new name of Cheetah Team. This change was implemented by ASP R.M. Wimalaratne. The teams still train at the STF Academy, Katukurunda. Its Director Training SSP Rathnayake explained, "We continue to train our teams with present-day requirements. The jungle training phase is carried out in Nurawa Eliya and Ampara - two extreme weather conditions. The men learn tracking and trapping techniques. Quick reaction, stealth and endurance are the core competencies of these teams, just like the cheetah. The men are taught to swim, to survive the jungle by day and night. We take the best out of the best and create very formidable warriors." The present course instructor is Inspector Kaluarachchi, and a batch is under training at Katukurunda.

with radio messages going out every two hours on predetermined channels, in this way the battery strength was also preserved. Another major achievement by SSP Daulugala and his team was the creation of a 6km road through the dense jungle of Kanchikudichiaru (Eastern Province). This 'recovery'



# The Netherlands and Sri Lanka: solving puzzles together sustainably

Today is the birthday of his Majesty King Willem-Alexander of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. He turns 54. The relationship between Sri Lanka and the Netherlands dates back much longer. And it is future proof: we contribute to the shared aim of reaching the Sustainable Development Goals and partner to solve puzzles together sustainably! What puzzles? Read more in the below message of Ambassador H.E. Tanja Gonggrijp.

**And do not miss us tonight (27/4) at 6.30 PM at Rupavahini (Sinhala) / at 7.30 PM at Channel Eye (Tamil on 27/4, English on 28/4).**

## The Netherlands: bicycle capital of the world

Let me start with a sneak preview on our broadcast tonight: Dutch people, including the King, like cycling. Not only for fun, but for commuting to work, to school, to the shop, to friends – for everything they do. It is healthy, fast and cheap. The Netherlands is reputed to be the bicycle capital of the world, with an estimated ratio of 20 million bicycles for its 17 million population. The bicycle travel is enabled by excellent cycling infrastructure: cycle paths, protected intersections, streetlights and ample bicycle parking. This makes cycling often faster than taking the bus or car. The cycling culture helps reduce congestion, air pollution and CO2 emissions as well as improves riders' health.

## Sri Lanka: towards another bicycle capital?

Cycling has been part of most Sri Lankans' lifestyles, but in the last decades the car became the preferred mode of transport, leading to many challenges. In the recent years, Sri Lanka has taken some steps to again venture into cycling mode. In 2019, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, together with the Colombo Municipal Council, organised Car Free Sunday. It was an exciting day, as young and old enjoyed cycling safely on the roads around Independence



King of the Netherlands on bicycle

Square. It is great to see more initiatives being taken, like the #cyclingsundays in Colombo.

Another initiative we support is Ride For Life Sri Lanka. They envision a future Sri Lanka in which people can safely ride their bicycle to any destination at any moment of the day, be it for work, school, groceries or for leisure. Did you already join their Bike To Work initiative? Every last Friday of the month, this group of frontrunners cycles to work. Find more info @ rideforlifetilanka. Today, Sri Lankans increasingly see the benefits of cycling. And creating a cycling culture can be an important piece to solve the current mobility puzzle in Sri Lankan cities and create a more healthy society. We are looking forward to take part in more events and sharing Dutch cycling experience and expertise with Sri Lanka. Stay tuned tonight!

The Netherlands and Sri Lanka: solving puzzles together sustainably

Cycling is a sustainable solution to the mobility puzzle. The Netherlands and Sri Lanka collaborate to solve many more puzzles. In a sustainable way; we always aim to balance people, profit and planet. In our trade relations and business support,



Ambassador Tanja Gonggrijp

we focus on Responsible Business Conduct as we believe this is the future. The Netherlands has expertise, technology and the ambition to contribute to a more sustainable world. We have become the world's second largest food exporter, while reducing water usage by 90% and eradicating the use of pesticides. We also support the ambition of Sri Lanka to reach the Sustainable Development Goals. And we see the potential of Sri Lanka to become a sustainable hub in the region.

We enjoy longstanding cooperation in many sectors, including in water management, agriculture, infrastructure and the cultural sector. We aim to



continue and extend our partnership with Sri Lanka in these areas. As half of the Netherlands is located below sea level, water management is an area of Dutch expertise about which Sri Lankans want to learn from the Netherlands. And the Netherlands is keen to learn from Sri Lanka on the techniques of ancient water management during the different reigns of Sri Lankan kings. Together, we need to mitigate and adapt to climate change in the future. In the agricultural sector, we collaborate to prevent food losses and waste. And to improve the quality, quantity and sustainability of production, for example of dairy.

During these trying times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is challenging but the more important to work towards inclusive economic development. To foster development for all, you need a society in which everybody has equal opportunities to participate and contribute. This is why we

support Sri Lankan women to become elected representatives and take part in local governance. And this is why we cooperate with local organisations to promote equal rights for members of the LGBTIQ+ community. And we do much more! Follow our Embassy's Facebook @ NLambassadeColombo and follow me on Twitter @ tanjagonggrijp. Our Embassy is very interested in hearing your ideas; what puzzles and future proof solutions do you see?

## Discovering more: the iDiscover app

One future proof solution we worked on is the iDiscover app. The Dutch forts in Sri Lanka are renowned in Sri Lanka and the Netherlands. They are part of our shared cultural heritage. Discovering them is fun, but also provides us insights in the stories of the past. There are so many stories and different

perspectives that deserve attention. And we have to learn from them and use these insights today to create a better tomorrow! So together with local partners, we made an app to re-discover the forts and their current surroundings, including the people in and around them. This shows that the forts are a living heritage. You want to go there right now? Download the iDiscover Asia app and travel to Galle or Colombo. And again: stay tuned... We will continue to expand the app together with Sri Lankan partners in 2021.

## Last but not least: join NAAL if you studied in the Netherlands

Finally: did you study in the Netherlands? Then I invite you to join the Netherlands Alumni Association of Lanka (NAAL) to build on your Dutch experience now that you are back in Sri Lanka. NAAL is celebrating its 50 year jubilee this year and will organize a number of activities that are useful for its members. So this is a perfect moment for you to join! NAAL is currently doing a survey to get insights into the wishes and needs of future members. Read more below!

## Netherlands Alumni Association of Lanka (NAAL)

### 50 years of NAAL: building on the past for the future!

Indeed, NAAL is delighted to write a few words on the Occasion of the King's Birthday (National Day) of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the voyage of NAAL. We would take this opportunity to congratulate the Netherlands and the Embassy on its "National Day" on this occasion. This year is extremely important for NAAL as it will be celebrating the Golden Jubilee. NAAL was formed in 1971 by a group of 25 scholars who had their postgraduate education in the Netherlands.

At present, NAAL has more than 700 members out of which many are Life Members. To celebrate the "Golden Jubilee" NAAL organises several activities in addition to this message on the King's Day supplement. On 5 May, NAAL will be conducting an e-conference with views from members' new and old and input from two Alumni Associations from South East Asia. During August 2021, NAAL will conduct a symposium with many stakeholders to share the links between Netherlands and Sri Lanka.

The emphasis this year is on building on the past for the future. NAAL has always been a vibrant network that supports Dutch alumni to use and build on their Dutch experience in Sri Lanka, and we aim to remain such a useful network in the upcoming years.

NAAL's success is the commitment to its objectives that are highlighted in the constitution and the effort of the Executive Committee to achieve the objectives. The main objectives of NAAL are:

- To promote the spirit of



Houses built by NAAL

fellowship and co-operation among all members;

- To provide opportunities to its members to meet and exchange ideas with visiting Dutch scientists, engineers, economists, artists, and experts;
- To strengthen cultural ties between Sri Lanka and the Netherlands;
- To plan, organize and implement projects for the benefit of the needy communities in Sri Lanka.

NAAL membership is a family itself. NAAL conducts at least two events per year for the members and their immediate families, namely the Annual General Meeting and a yearly outing for members and their families. In addition to above two periodic activities, NAAL organizes other events such as awareness visits to project sites, evening gatherings for members, seminars, workshops for members and public, networking activities for Executive Committee members who contribute their valuable time on a purely volunteer basis, visits to other countries representing NAAL for alumni activities and



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assisting in publishing books related to Dutch - Sri Lankan relationships etc.

NAAL members have been named as "Real Ambassadors of the Netherlands in Sri Lanka" by the Royal Netherlands Embassy on several occasions. The members of the NAAL family of Dutch scholars are proud for the recognition of NAAL as one of the best Alumni Associations in the world during an e-conference held by the Netherlands Foundation of International Cooperation (NUFFIC) in December 2020 on "Holland alumni Activities". NAAL proudly boasts as the only association which has completed 50 years of active existence.

NAAL members who have benefitted from the study programs of NUFFIC and fellowships granted by the Dutch government use their enhanced knowledge both in the state and private sector for the socio-economic upliftment of the citizens in Sri Lanka and sustainable development of the country. Several NAAL members served as secretaries of Cabinet Ministries, Heads of Departments and other responsible positions. NAAL is very happy to note that one of its former Executive Committee members has served as the Chief Justice of the Country and the present Governor of the Central Bank was also once an

Executive Committee member of NAAL.

NAAL has been a vibrant network of Dutch scholars who with the assistance of Dutch municipalities, organisations and people of Netherlands has done a yeoman service to the needy persons in Sri Lanka. They were very active soon after the tsunami and have undertaken a massive amount of work with the help of Dutch donors to support affected persons. Some of the major projects undertaken by NAAL are:

- The Galle - Velsen twinning program which has supported many activities in Galle. For example, two housing schemes in the Galle district for those who lost their houses were built: in Ettiligoda, 38 two story housing units were supported by Velsen municipality and in Kahatagahawatte and Habaraduwa, funds were provided by the city of Haarlemmermeer for 25 housing units. A day care centre for the children of working mothers was established. And machinery to prevent dengue and to collect waste was presented.
- The fishing community was



also severely affected as most of their boats were destroyed with the tsunami. NAAL with the support of the institutions and private citizens in Netherlands provided over 70 boats with outboard motors and nets in Galle and Matara Districts.

• NAAL also participated in the conservation of Dutch buildings with historical value. In 1974, the side wall of the former Dutch Orphanage (later old post office) at the Prince Street in Pettah collapsed. NAAL took a leading role in the restoration and was allocated a special room for their office in this space, which later became the Dutch Period Museum.

• The Lady Ridgeway Children Hospital in Colombo was also provided with an ambulance and NAAL settled the medicines needed for poor children monthly.

The support NAAL received from the institutions and citizens in Netherlands has reduced since Sri Lanka is now not eligible to receive aid as its capital income has gone up. However, NAAL is taking all efforts to continue the longstanding relationship between Sri Lanka and the Netherlands in many fields. We are sure that the friendship will grow in the future in the form of trade, business links and cultural activities between The Netherlands and Sri Lanka. And you can be part of that!

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# “Adherence to health guidelines the key”

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, 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). 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.”

In comparison to many countries in the region, Sri Lanka has managed

to control the COVID-19 pandemic to a great extent, health sources said. Sri Lanka has recorded just over 101,000 cases, with 94,000 recoveries.

There are 6,430 active cases, while 631 have succumbed to the disease. Sri Lanka has administered close to one million doses of the vaccine, with the second phase slated to begin in May. It has also ordered 13 million doses of the Sputnik V vaccine and hopes to inoculate all eligible adults by the end of this year.

## SURGE IN INDIA, BRAZIL AS GLOBAL CASES REACH 150 MN

The coronavirus surge that is driven by the devastation in India continues to break daily records and run rampant in much of the world, even as vaccinations steadily ramp up in wealthy countries and more than one billion shots have now been given globally.

On Sunday, the world's seven-day average of new cases hit 774,404, according to a New York Times database. That is a jump of 15 percent from two weeks earlier, and higher than the peak average of 740,390 during the last global surge in January.

Despite the number of shots given around the world — more than one billion, according to a New York Times tracker — far from enough of the world's estimated population of nearly eight billion have been vaccinated to slow the virus's steady spread.

And vaccinations have been highly concentrated in wealthy nations: 82 percent of shots worldwide have been given in high- and upper-middle-income countries, according to data compiled by the Our World in Data project at the University of Oxford. Only 0.2 percent of doses have been administered in low-income countries.

Israel is far ahead of much of the world in vaccinations: More than half of the population is now fully vaccinated. In Britain, where a highly contagious and deadly variant was discovered, nearly two thirds of the population is at least partly vaccinated and the rate of new cases is now among the lowest in Europe.

The United States has also partly vaccinated about 41 percent of its population and has loosened a ban on the export of raw materials for vaccines to help India control the world's worst outbreak.

India is recording more than a third of all new global cases each day, averaging more than 260,000 new daily cases over the past week.



The country's sudden surge, driven by the spread of a newer variant, is casting increasing doubt on the official death toll of nearly 200,000, with more than 2,000 people dying every day.

Experts say the official numbers, however staggering, represent just a part of the virus's spread, with hospitals overwhelmed and lacking critical supplies like oxygen.

India is home to the Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine maker. But only about 8.6 percent of India's population has received at least one shot of a vaccine. Its surge led to the Indian government's decision to withhold exports of doses that many low-

and middle-income countries were relying on. The vaccine rollout in Africa, which was already slower than it is in any other continent, could soon come to a near halt because of the suspension.

Public health experts say the number of global cases is most likely surging because more contagious virus variants are spreading just as people are starting to let their guards down.

In Thailand, where cases were kept at bay for months with strict quarantines and lockdowns, the virus has spread rapidly, in part by unmasked people partying. Daily cases, still low by global standards, have increased from 26 on April 1 to more than 2,000 three weeks

later. And in India, many people stopped taking precautions after officials eased a lockdown that was imposed early last year.

“India let their guard down when the numbers fell and they thought they were over their last peak,” said Barry Bloom, a research professor and former dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He added that the United States should “take a lesson from other countries before we become complacent and decide everything's OK.”

As bad as India's situation is, the numbers have room to grow worse: Its daily caseloads, adjusted for its huge population, rank well below other countries'.

The rate of new cases in the United States is falling but remains alarmingly high — similar to last summer's surge.

The rates of new coronavirus cases also remain high across much of South America. In Brazil, reported cases are starting to drop but remain high after a more contagious variant tore through the country and overwhelmed hospitals.

In Europe, the pace of vaccinations lags that in the United States and Canada, and the number of new coronavirus cases remains particularly high in France, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden. Turkey, at the crossroads between Europe, the Middle East and Asia, is another hot spot.

Dr. Robert Murphy, the executive director of the Institute for Global Health at Northwestern University, said the United States had a responsibility to send unused vaccine doses to other countries as supplies increase.

“We have to start thinking on a global scale and do what we can to help these other countries,” Dr. Murphy said. “Otherwise we're never going to put out the whole fire.”



Mass funerals have begun in Delhi as crematoriums run out of space

## Non-stop cremations cast doubts on India's counting of COVID dead

Gas and firewood furnaces at a crematorium in the western Indian state of Gujarat have been running so long without a break during the COVID-19 pandemic that metal parts have begun to melt.

“We are working around the clock at 100 percent capacity to cremate bodies on time,” Kamlesh Sailor, the president of the trust that runs the crematorium in the diamond-polishing city of Surat, told the Reuters news agency.

And with hospitals full and oxygen and medicines in short supply in an already creaky health sys-

tem, several big cities are reporting far larger numbers of cremations and burials under coronavirus protocols than official COVID-19 death tolls, according to crematorium and cemetery workers, media and a review of government data.

India's daily COVID-19 cases retreated from record levels on Tuesday but stayed above the 200,000 mark for a sixth-straight day, with cases increasing by 259,170 over the last 24 hours. Deaths rose by a record 1,761, health ministry data showed.

Officially, almost 180,000 Indians have died from coronavirus, 15,000 of them this month, although some believe the real number may be higher.

Indian social media and newspaper reports have been flooded with horrifying images of row upon row of burning pyres and crematoriums unable to cope.

In the western state of Gujarat, many crematoriums in Surat, Rajkot, Jamnagar and Ahmedabad are operating around the clock with three to four times more bodies than normal.

Crematorium head Azad, who goes by only one name, said the number of cremations under COVID-19 protocols had risen five-fold in recent weeks.

“We are working day and night,” he said. “The incinerators are running full time but still many people have to wait with the bodies for the last rites.”

(www.aljazeera.com)



## Iran's Covid-19 death toll exceeds 70,000 as country battles fourth wave of pandemic

On Monday, Iran reported the highest single daily Covid-19 death toll since the beginning of the pandemic with 496 new deaths — bringing the country's death total to 70,070.

The Ministry of Health also reported 21,026 new daily coronavirus cases on Monday, bringing the country's total case load to 2,417,230.

At least 5,244 patients

remain hospitalized in ICU, it also reported. Iran is suffering a fourth wave of coronavirus, according to Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.

Around 300 cities and

towns across the country have been categorized as “red zones” and are in semi-lockdown, with non-essential businesses closed.

(CNN)

## Covid deaths in India could peak by mid-May at over 5,000 per day: US study

India's daily tally of coronavirus-induced deaths could peak by mid-May at 5,600, an American study has warned. This would mean that close to three lakh people may lose their lives to Covid-19 in the country between April and August alone.

A study by the University of Washington has warned that daily Covid-19 deaths in India could peak at over 5,000 by mid-May of this year. While expressing confidence in the nationwide vaccine rollout, researchers say universal mask coverage could save at least 70,000

lives. The coronavirus pandemic in India is going to get worse in the coming weeks, warned the study by IHME experts.

For the purpose of this study, experts assessed the current rate of infections and deaths in India. (www.indiatoday.in)

## BRAZIL HITS RECORD COVID-19 DEATH TOLL IN APRIL



Aerial picture showing a burial taking place at an area where new graves have been dug up at the Nossa Senhora Aparecida cemetery in Manaus, in the Amazon forest in Brazil, on April 22, 2020. - The new grave area hosts suspected and confirmed victims of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. AFP

Brazil marked a grim milestone Saturday (Apr 24), as April became the deadliest month yet in the country's COVID-19 epidemic, authorities said.

The South American giant recorded 67,977 deaths so far in April, making it the deadliest month yet before it ends, topping March's 66,573 fatalities, the Health Ministry said.

Just in the past 24 hours, Brazil

recorded 3,076 deaths, with a seven-day average of 2,545 deaths per day.

Meanwhile, 71,137 new infections were also registered on Saturday, with a daily average of more than 60,000 new cases in the last two weeks.

Latin America's most populous country has recorded over 380,000 deaths among its 212 million people.

Only the United States has been worse affected in absolute terms, but

Brazil's death rate per 100,000 inhabitants is the highest in both the Americas and the southern hemisphere.

Despite the data, experts say the curve of infections and deaths is actually stabilising in Brazil.

Brazilian public health institute Fiocruz reported Friday that “in the last two weeks there has been a stabilisation of cases and deaths from COVID-19, which characterises a new

level of transmission.” The death rate should hover around 3,000 per day in the coming weeks, it said.

Brazil has fully vaccinated only 5.8 percent of its population.

The Ministry of Health plans to complete vaccinating priority groups, comprising 77 million people, in September.

The Brazilian government cut by nearly 30 per cent the number of

COVID-19 vaccines expected to be delivered between January and April, according to a new calendar released by the country's health minister.

Last month, former health minister Eduardo Pazuello said Brazil would receive roughly 103 million doses in the first four months of the year. But the latest calendar released by minister Marcelo Queiroga showed only 73 million doses.

The government said the reduction was due to lower-than-expected volume of active ingredients received and also because some vaccines are pending a permit to be used in the country.

Brazil's government had been avoiding releasing new estimates since Queiroga took office a month ago, but this week the country's supreme court determined that it presents a detailed schedule. (www.channelnewsasia.com)

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# GLOBAL PLEDGES OF HELP FOR INDIA

**INDIA:** The United States on Sunday led international pledges of support for India as the country grappled with worsening COVID-19 crisis with record daily death rates and severe medical shortages.

The Indian healthcare system has struggled to cope with a huge surge in cases, leaving patients' families begging for help on social media and the capital New Delhi forced to extend its strict lockdown.

COVID-19 has now killed more than three million people worldwide since emerging in China in December 2019.

India, which has a population of 1.3 billion, has driven increases in global case numbers in recent days, recording 349,691 new infections and 2,767 deaths on Sunday – the highest since the start of the pandemic.

India has administered almost 141 million vaccine shots so far, but experts say the mass inoculation programme needs to be significantly stepped up.

President Joe Biden said the United States was "determined to help India in its time of need," immediately making available supplies of vaccine-production material, therapeutics, tests, ventilators and protective equipment.

Western nations including Britain, France and Germany have also pledged help.

"The United States has identified sources of specific raw material urgently required for Indian manufacture of the Covishield vaccine," a White House statement said, referring to the India-produced version of the Astra-Zeneca shot.

Britain said Sunday it was sending life-saving medical equipment to India, including ventilators and oxygen concentrators, as the south Asian country reels from record numbers of daily COVID-19 infections and



A partially deserted road is seen during the Sunday lockdown imposed as a preventive measure against the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus in Chennai, India. - NDTV

deaths. London will ship more than 600 pieces of equipment to New Delhi to support its fight against the virus, following a request from India and Prime Minister Boris Johnson pledging the UK would do "all it can" to help.

In total, nine airline containerloads of supplies, including 495 oxygen concentrators, 120 non-invasive ventilators and 20 manu-

al ventilators, will be sent to the country, said the ministry.

France plans to offer India "significant" extra oxygen capacity in the coming days to help the country cope with a record surge in COVID-19 infections, the French presidency said on Sunday.

The assistance is to include badly needed oxygen ventilators, a source told AFP without providing further details.

Pakistan offered support and assistance as Prime Minister Imran Khan tweeted prayers for a "speedy recovery".

The European Union is pooling resources to ensure a rapid response. "Alarmed by the epidemiological situation in India. We are ready to support," European Commission Chief Ursula von der Leyen said.

## New Delhi extends lockdown

India's capital New Delhi on Sunday extended its lockdown, as the country's COVID-19 crisis grew with infections and deaths hitting record highs. The healthcare system has struggled to cope with the huge surge, with reports of severe oxygen and medicine shortages and patients' families pleading for help on social media.

The northern megacity – home to 20 million people and the worst hit in India – had imposed a week-long lockdown on Monday.



A man wearing a COVID-19 outfit urges people to follow safety protocols during an awareness drive held in Siliguri, India. - BORNEO POST

"We have decided to extend the lockdown by one week," Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

"The havoc of corona(virus) continues and there is no respite." Delhi on Saturday reported just over 24,000 new cases – with more than one-quarter of those tested returning positive results – and a record-high 357 deaths.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a monthly radio address Sunday that India had been shaken by a "storm" as he called on people to get vaccinated and not "get swayed by any rumour about the vaccines".

## Fiji capital in lockdown after virus 'superspreader' event

The Fijian capital Suva entered a 14-day lockdown Monday as the Pacific island nation battled to contain a Covid-19 spike following a "superspreader" funeral event. Around 100,000 people in the city must stay in containment zones and non-essential businesses are shuttered after the first community coronavirus cases in 12 months were detected.

A soldier contracted the virus at a quarantine facility and is believed to have transmitted it to a maid, who then exposed up to 500 people at a funeral.

Fiji has largely contained the virus through strict isolation measures and border controls, recording fewer than 100 cases and just two deaths in a population of 930,000.

Fiji's economy is heavily dependent on tourism, which has all but evaporated during the pandemic. Monthly visitor numbers were down up to 99 percent from pre-pandemic levels, according to government statistics.

- BBC, CNN, NDTV

## Biden gets 52% approval rating after first 100 days in office

**US:** A majority of Americans approve of President Joe Biden's performance during his first 100 days in office, three new polls found Sunday.

Overall, the polls showed a range of 52-58 percent of US adults who say they approve of the job Biden is doing, compared with 39-42 percent who say they disapprove.

But the positive ratings are divided along party lines: about 90 percent of Democrats say they approve of Biden's performance, while only nine to 13 percent of Republicans do.

Biden's performance is far higher than predecessor Donald Trump achieved in his entire presidency.

Trump spent most of his presidency with ratings in the low 40s, and left office on January 20 with a Gallup poll approval of just 34 percent, a record low.

A poll by CBS gives Biden the highest ranking, with 58 percent approval and 42 percent disapproval.

NBC found that 53 percent of adults approve, while 39 percent disapprove.

And a poll by ABC and The Washington Post showed a 52 per-



Just over half of Americans approve of the job President Joe Biden is doing.

cent overall approval rating and a 42 percent disapproval rating.

Biden's strongest performance across the board was for his handling of the coronavirus pandemic, with 64-69 percent approval.

While Biden's overall performance so far is generally higher than Trump's, it is lower than that of Barack Obama, under whom Biden served as vice president.

Obama had an average of 60 percent approval in his first half year and his predecessor George W. Bush had 53.9 percent.

Trump, by contrast, had an average approval rating of 41.4 percent in his first six months.

According to data from the fivethirtyeight.com site, Trump was the first President in half a century not to enjoy a honeymoon period with substantially better polling in the first six months.

- BBC

## 12 policemen killed in Afghanistan attacks

**AFGHANISTAN:** At least 12 Afghan Policemen were killed on Sunday, including seven who were ambushed by the Taliban south of the capital, officials said, as fighting continued in the violence-wracked country.

The two separate attacks in the provinces of Logar and Kandahar came as the top US military commander in Afghanistan, General Scott Miller, said work had begun to withdraw the remaining American forces as ordered by President Joe Biden this month.

"Seven policemen were killed and three wounded when the Taliban ambushed their vehicles in Mohammad Agha district of Logar province," Dedar Lawang, spokesman for the provincial governor, told AFP.

In a separate attack on Sunday, a suicide bomber ran an explosives-laden car into a

police vehicle in the southern Taliban bastion of Kandahar, killing five policemen.

The interior ministry said earlier on Sunday that the Taliban had carried out six suicide attacks and 62 bombings over the previous 10 days, leaving more than 60 civilians dead and 180 wounded.

A decade ago, the United States had about 100,000 troops in Afghanistan. The troop figure by the end of Trump's Presidency had dropped to 2,500. - FRANCE 24



The scene of the Taliban attack on the Afghan Police in Kabul on Sunday.

## Over 1 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses administered globally

**FRANCE:** The number of COVID-19 jabs administered globally surpassed the one billion mark on Saturday, offering hope even as the number of virus cases worldwide hit a new daily record mainly due to an explosion of infections in India.

At least 1,002,938,540 vaccine doses have been administered in 207 countries and territories.

Nevertheless, the number of new infections topped 893,000 worldwide on Friday, a new daily record.

The pandemic has now killed more than three million people worldwide since the outbreak emerged in China in December 2019.

Hard-hit Brazil has seen its deadliest month yet of the virus with nearly 68,000 reported fatalities in April, even though there is still a week to go.

The Indian Government to organise special trains to get oxygen supplies to worst-hit cities.



A technician supervises during filling and packaging of COVID-19 vaccines.

The Indian air force is also being used to transport oxygen tankers and other supplies around the country and to bring oxygen equipment from Singapore.

With the pandemic still showing no sign of slowing, govern-

ments around the world are placing their hopes in vaccines.

And worldwide, the number of vaccine doses administered has doubled in less than a month.

Nevertheless, while the majority of poor countries have also

started to vaccinate – mainly thanks to the Covax programme – inoculation is still largely a privilege of high-income countries, home to 16 percent of the world's population, administering 47 percent of vaccine doses.

By contrast, low-income countries account for just 0.2 percent of shots so far.

The European Union as a whole said it would have enough vaccines to immunise 70 percent of its adult population by the end of July.

A 91-year-old British grandmother, Margaret Keenan, who on December 8 became the first person in the Western world to get an approved coronavirus vaccine, urged people to get inoculated.

"It really is the best thing I've ever done," she said. "I'm telling everyone to go and get it... I hope everyone comes forward," she said.

- THE HINSUTAN TIMES

## Frances McDormand joins elite triple-Oscar actors club

### 'Nomadland' Director Zhao makes history at Oscars

**US:** "Nomadland" star Frances McDormand joined Hollywood's most elite tier Sunday with her third acting Oscar – for a characteristically unglamorous portrayal of a grieving widow living in an old van.

McDormand becomes only the seventh actor with triple Academy Awards, and the fourth woman after Meryl Streep, Ingrid Bergman and Katharine Hepburn, who stands alone at the pinnacle with four Oscars.

She also shared the best picture Oscar for the film, as she was one of its producers.

"I have no words. My voice is in my sword. We know the sword is our work. And I like work. Thank you for knowing that. And thanks for this,"



Producers Frances McDormand and Chloe Zhao, hold the Oscar for Best Picture for "Nomadland" as they pose in the press room at the Oscars at Union Station in Los Angeles on Sunday. McDormand also won for the Best Actress in a Leading Role for "Nomadland" and Chloe Zhao won Directing for "Nomadland".

McDormand told the limited audience at the Oscars venue at Union Station in Los Angeles. The role of

Fern is the latest in a series of jaded, tough and long-suffering women portrayed by the 63-year-old

McDormand, who has forged a distinctive career over decades of mainly indie movies.

Meanwhile, Chloe Zhao on Sunday became only the second woman to win the Oscar for Best Director for her road movie "Nomadland" at a unique pandemic-era edition of Hollywood's biggest night.

Zhao's drama about transient Americans roaming the West in vans is tipped to be one of the top winners overall on a night when Tinseltown A-listers are reuniting for the first time in more than a year.

McDormand's first Oscar, for best actress, came back in 1997 for her depiction of Marge Gunderson, a pregnant police officer in " Fargo," which was directed by her husband, Joel Coen, and his

brother Ethan. And her most recent Academy Award came just three years ago for her role as a mother seeking to avenge the rape and murder of her daughter in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" – the last time McDormand appeared on the big screen. Anthony Hopkins on Sunday won the Oscar for best actor for his acclaimed role as a dementia patient in the film "The Father".

Hopkins, who at 83 is the oldest actor to win a competitive Oscar, bested the late Chadwick Boseman, whose poignant role in "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" had won him praise and a Golden Globe just months after he died of cancer at age 43.

- FRANCE 24

## Sunken Indonesian submarine found split into three

**INDONESIA:** An Indonesian navy submarine that sank off the coast of Bali on Wednesday has been found split into three pieces on the sea bed, officials say.

All the vessel's 53 crew have been confirmed dead. Navy officials said they had received signals from the sub's location more than 800m (2,600ft) deep early on Sunday.

An underwater rescue vehicle loaned by Singapore was sent down to get visual confirmation of the wreck-age.

The KRI Nanggala disappeared after requesting permission to dive during a torpedo drill. The reason for its sinking is not yet clear.

Navy Chief of Staff Yudo Margono said more items from the submarine had been recovered including an anchor and crew safety suits. "The KRI Nanggala is



Escape suits are among items recovered from the sunken vessel.

divided into three parts, the hull of the ship, the stern of the ship, and the main parts are all separated, with the main part found cracked," he told reporters on Sunday.

Indonesian President Joko

Widodo described the crew as Indonesia's "best patriots", adding: "All Indonesians convey their deep sadness over this incident, especially to the families of the submarine crew."

- BBC NEWS

# Hirantha and Diniru in fine display at Ruhuna Battle of the Blues

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

The first Big Match for the current Inter-Schools Under-19 cricket season ended in a tame draw at the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium in Hambantota.

St. Servatius' College and St. Thomas' College shared the honours in the 121st Battle of the Blues, Ruhuna after three days of absorbing cricket between the two leading schools from Matara.

Both teams displayed their batting prowess as the match produced a total of 735 runs including two centuries on the bowlers having a tough time on the field.

Even then, there were a number of positives which both teams would certainly like to take into the next level before they could draw the curtain down for this truncated yet very interesting inter-schools cricket season. That St. Servatius' recovered from a hopeless 53 for five to reach a healthy first innings total of 253 is one of the most remarkable turnarounds in this encounter.

That was mainly due to the splendid batting of number eight Kushan Wijerama who put some of his more established batsmen to shame with a

fighting knock of 70 runs. St. Thomas' also had a shock start to their innings but they managed to pull things back thanks to the outstanding batting of Hirantha Lakshan.

The right-hand middle order batsman brought up his maiden hundred for the current season in a spectacular manner with the help of one six and 12 boundaries.

The Thomians went on to build up a first innings lead of 59 runs and they were in a position of adding pressure on their opponents in the second innings.

But their hopes of forcing a result were dashed by the batting of Diniru Abeywickramasinghe who grabbed the opportunity to compile a Big Match century in the second innings.

The wicket-keeper batsman of St. Servatius' stole the limelight during the final session as he frustrated the Thomian bowlers to score an unbeaten 103 from 168 deliveries inclusive of 10 boundaries.

## St. Peter's vs St. Anthony's

St. Peter's College snatched a thrilling two-run victory over St. Anthony's



Hirantha Lakshan



Diniru Abeywickramasinghe

College in a limited over encounter worked off at Bambalapitiya.

The match was turned into a 50-over contest after heavy rain completely washed out the first day of this traditional two-day encounter.

Nevertheless, the match had all the excitement as the Antonians agonisingly fell short by just two runs from overtaking their opponents' total of 216 runs.

The Peterites believed that they had the game wrapped up once they posted that total largely due to two fighting half-centuries from Wanuja

runs in the semi-finals worked off at Maggona.

The match of course turned out to be a low-scoring affair but yet Sri Jayewardeneperu MV's modest total of 165 runs was good enough for them to win the game by a convincing margin.

In fact, the P. De S. Kularatne MV innings lasted for just 33.1 overs with Denuwan Jayawardana (3/7) and Janith Akash (2/22) making run-making difficult for the batsmen.

Earlier, Sri Jayewardeneperu MV also struggled for runs after they were put into bat but managed to reach 165 largely due to a fighting half-century from Joseph Seneviratne.

## Royal, Panadura vs St. Thomas', Matale

The Under-19 Division Two Tier 'B' second semi-final also turned out to be a low-scoring contest with Royal, Panadura coasting to a four-wicket win over St. Thomas', Matale at the De Soysa Stadium in Moratuwa.

The Thomians laboured the entire 50 overs to compile a modest 141 for nine as Hasantha Warunajith played havoc with their batting to return

excellent figures of five for 20. Royal, Panadura in reply took their own time and eventually reached their target in the 42nd over with Jayod Silva playing the anchor role.

## St. John's vs Siri Piyarathana MMV

St. John's, Panadura produced a fine bowling performance to beat Siri Piyarathana MMV, Padukka by 56 runs in the Under-19 Division Two Tier 'A' quarter-finals played at the Galle Stadium.

After they were dismissed for 156 runs, St. John's fought back magnificently through their bowlers and bowled out their opponents for exactly 100 runs in 39.4 overs.

Tishan Achintha (4/15) and Sumudu Udara (3/10) were the match winners for St. John's as they picked up wickets at regular intervals through some accurate bowling.

Earlier, St. John's managed to post a respectable 156 runs, largely due to some valuable contributions from Amila Thuruwana (31), Chathushka Shamod (26) and Yasiru Sandeepa (23).

## Malith Kulatunge a prolific run getter

(UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA  
Kandy Sports Special Correspondent)



Malith Lakshan Kulatunge

Malith Lakshan Kulatunge, a Grade Eleven student of St. Sylvester's College, Kandy is a left hand front line batsman and a prolific run-getter who scored 123 against St. Joseph Vas College, Wennappuwa and 72 against St. Thomas' College, Mount-Lavinia at Under 17 level.

Malith was a student of Vijaya College, Matale and got admitted to St. Sylvester's College, Kandy from Under 15 onwards. He learnt the basics of the game from his earlier school Vijaya College under the coaching of Ravi Punchedi, Senior Cricket Coach. At that time as an Under 13 Cricketer he scored 88 runs against Kegala Vidyalaya and against Ranabima Royal College, Gannoruwa he bagged 6 wickets for 30 runs as a right arm medium Pace bowler.

In the year 2019 he joined St. Sylvester's

College and played under Osanda Heenkenda and he was coached by Roshan Jayatissa, Old Sylvestrian who is a centurion at School level and also a Level Two Cricket coach. Malith showed a vast improvement especially in batting no sooner he entered St. Sylvester's College at Under 15 age group. He scored 52 not out against Trinity College, Kandy and in the year 2020 he could not do much in cricket due to covid epidemic, but in 2021

cricket season he came out with sterling performance in batting to score a Century against St. Servatius College, Matara at the Under 17 Cricket Tournament conducted by the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association. He is thankful to his Cricket Coaches, Prefect of Games, Master-in-charge for their guidance for him to improve the game of Cricket and his ambition is to do his studies well and continue cricket to become a National Level Cricketer.

## Nuwan Hettiarachchi was a superb place kicker

ALTHAF NAWAZ

It is unique to find a family imbibed with a sportsman starting from the father. The children of the family followed in the footsteps and reached great heights in sports with some of them ending up wearing the National jersey. Akila Nuwan Hettiarachchi was one of the them whose whole family mingled in sports with the guidance of their father to become a profound sportsman.

Akila Nuwan Hettiarachchi was called 'Hetti' in rugby circles and was born in 1988 in Kandy. His father Sunil Hettiarachchi is a businessman and is a former soccer player. Vineetha is his mother and is a house wife. He has five other siblings with Kanchana the elder sister, Sanka and Pathum elder brothers while Kusal and Deneth younger brothers. All the boys represented Dharmaraja College, Kandy and were involved in sports. His two elder brothers Sanka and Pathum donned the college rugby jersey where Sanaka ended up playing competitive rugby representing Kandy. Nuwan was enrolled with Dharmaraja College as a primary student in 1995 and continued his higher studies until 2007.

With the family's influence, he had a liking to engage in sports and was motivated by his elder brother Sanka to select Rugby in addition to other sports. He finally locked horns handling the rugby ball when he was eleven years old joining the school under-13 team, which was coached by Mohamed Faisal, who eventually taught the basics of the oval shaped ball. On par with rugby, he continued dribbling the football for school commencing from the same age group, where he ended up playing for Sri Lanka under-20 team. He had an added advantage by playing soccer, which inculcated the additional skill of place kicking. With this capability, he chose to play as a utility player either as a wing three quarter or the full back position in the XV-a-side format. In sevens, he occupied the positions of prop forward, fly half or as a winger



depending on the situation. He continued his illustrious rugby career from the junior level and represented the college under-15 team coached by Chaminda Ambadoru, under-17 by Ananada Kashturiarachchi and the under-19 by Nilfer Ibrahim respectively.

When he was 17 years, he played for the first XV team in 2005. They became under-18 All Island champions in the 10-a-side Milo Tournament. In 2005, they became the champions of Inter School Division-1 tournament followed by the 'Plate Championship' at the Milo sevens tournament. In 2007, they became the unbeaten league Champions of segment 2. He was then selected to play for the Sri Lanka under-20 team coached by Sanath Martis and Viper Guneratne.

After his school career, he decided to continue his club rugby and made his debut in 2008 with Havelock Sports Club in both XV's and sevens Rugby at the Caltex Rugby League Tournament. Next year he crossed over to join the Navy and continued playing for them until 2010, once again in both formats of the game. He was fortunate enough to be in the team which beat Kandy team at Welisara in 2009, where he booted the two penalties on offer. That Navy team also beat CR and FC for the first time at Welisara in 2009, where he was instrumental in contributing immensely towards their success. After his tenure



there, he returned to his home town to join the Kandy team in the 2011/12 season under the leadership of Saliya Kumara. He rejoined the Navy team in 2013 and surged ahead to compete for them until the 2015 season winning several championships on offer in both formats of the game. The 2013 team was captained by Rohitha Rajapaksa while the 2014/15 team was led by Namal Rajapaksa. He also has some unblemished memories there which included defeating Kandy at Nittawela after ten years where he scored 14 points for them and the other converting a 63-metre penalty establishing a new record against the Up Country Lions team in 2013/14 season, where he remained as the highest points scorer of the tournament. He played along with a few foreign players in that team which included the likes of Setefano Cakau (Fiji) Joeli Lutumaligi (Fiji) Eremasi Radrodru (Fiji).

No sooner he started his club rugby career in 2009, he was selected to represent the National side and donned the Sri Lanka jersey until 2015. He competed in both forms of the game and in 2009, made his debut at the Asian five nations tournament in Shanghai, China under Asehan Karthelis captaincy followed by the same tournament in 2010 in Singapore under Pradeep Liyanage's captaincy when they became champions. Shaun Wijesinghe led them in 2011 in the same tournament played in Kazakhstan. It is noteworthy that he played a key role by

scoring mostly during his tenure as a player with the National side.

In 2009, he joined John Keells Group and played rugby at the Mercantile Sevens Tournament. Next year in 2010, he moved to Access Group and played for them at the Mercantile Sevens Tournament. From 2011 to 2013, he represented the Nation Lanka Finance PLC Group at the Mercantile Sevens Tournament, where in 2012 he was adjudged player of the tournament after becoming the champions. He played in the Carlton International Super sevens tournament commencing from 2013 and concluded his Mercantile rugby career by competing for MAS Group at the Mercantile sevens in 2014/15 season.

In 2015, he moved to Australia in order to support his wife who decided to follow her higher educational course in Melbourne. There in 2015, 2016 and 2017 played for Atkinson sevens team at the Goldfields Rugby Sevens Tournament, Bendigo and Ballarat organized by the Victorian Rugby Union. Over 30 Australian and International teams participated in that competition. He started his coaching career in Melbourne, Australia in 2018 after completing his Level-1 accreditation in coaching. There he shared his knowledge with several clubs starting from junior rugby from 2018 and completed Level-2 accreditation in coaching in 2021.

He would like to extend his sincere gratitude to all his coaches commencing from school days and Sanath Martis, Viper Guneratne, Nishantha Chanaka (Alex), Ronny Ibrahim, Johan Taylor, Neil Footy, Leonard De Silva and Mithilal Jayatilake.

His wife is Kareen Siegersz who has stood as a pillar of strength in his life and has two children Kiyarah and Brianna.

## Akarsha Hiruni Sanjana an excellent sportswoman

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Athlete, Cricketer, Netball Elle Player and Karate Black Belt Holder sixteen year old Galath Arachchige Akarsha Hiruni Sanjana brought honour and fame to her school Wekada Maha Vidyalaya, Dankotuwa.

She was born on 25th January 2005 and she was admitted to Dickwella Primary School Yogyiana in 2011 and her first class teacher was Mrs. Kamala and when she was in Grade Two she participated in the Inter House Sports meet and won the 100 and 50 metre races and in the joint event her team was placed second and in the following year she came first in 100 metres and second in 50 metres and she did not take part in 2014 but in 2015 she came third in 100 metres.

When she was in the under 15 age group her house won the Elle Tournament and proceeded up to Divisional Level but they were unsuccessful. As an under 18 player she played for the house team and in the Divisional Tournament they came second and participating in the Inter House Meet she was second in 100 and 400 metres and her netball coach was Saman Bandara. As an under 16 player she was selected to the

Inter House Cricket Competition and for the school team and went up to Divisional Level.

In 2016 when she was in Grade Six her parents G. A. Wijesena and Dharma Liyanage insisted her to take up to Karate and she came under Asela Sumith Lasantha and in 2017 Puttalam District Meet as an under 12 competitor she won Golds for Kumite and Kata and in the North Western Province Meet she came second in Kumite. When her school Karate Contingent took part at the All Island Schools Karate Meet and in Kumite she won a Gold and her team came up to Best sixteen in kata and in 2018 she came second in Kata and won a Gold in the Puttalam District meet

In the Provincial meet she won a Silver and in Kumite she won a Bronze and in All Island Schools meet her school came up to Best Sixteen Teams in 2019 At the Puttalam District Meet she won a Gold and Silver in Kata and in the Provincial meet she won Bronzes for Kumite and Kata. In 2018 she was felicitated by her Alma Mater for winning Gold Medals in 2017 and 2018 Karate Meet and in 2020 at the Shotokan International Karate Championship held at Albert Peiris Stadium she won a Gold for Kumite and a Silver for Kata.



Akarsha Hiruni Sanjana posed for a photograph after receiving her Black Belt. Akarsha standing third from left in the picture along with her coach Asela Sumith standing second from right and the Prefect of Games Saman Bandara standing second from left. (Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

## Joseph Vaz SC, Navy SC win Volleyball titles

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Joseph Vaz SC, Wennappuwa and Navy SC emerged Men's and Women's champions at the inaugural Under-25 Galaxy Trophy Volleyball Championship played at the National Youth Services Centre Indoor Stadium in Maharagama.

Joseph Vaz SC led by Avindu Pabasara defeated Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) 3-2 in the Men's final while Navy SC led by Kaveesha Lakshani defeated Hirdaramani SC 3-1 in the Women's final.



Joseph Vaz SC Team with the Galaxy Trophy



Navy SC Team with the Galaxy Trophy

## I am looking forward to representing the Peterite first XI team, says Thiloka

Former under 13 Captain and Junior Coloursman of St. Peter's College who was able to take them to a final under his captaincy and brought honour to the school Thiloka de Silva, is determined to represent the Peterite 1st XI team following a successful stint with the college 2nd XI team in the inter school cricket tournament.

Thiloka first played cricket for St. Peter's Under-13 team. Recalling his young days he said: "After representing and captaining the Under-13 Team and Under 15 team I went on to play for the College Under-17 and 2nd XI Teams."

"Thereafter, I went on to play for the School 2nd XI Team in 2020. And my 1st 2nd XI match was against Ananda College. I got 35 runs in my first 2nd XI game and scored over 350 runs from seven innings with one fifty and one century, with a remarkable average of 50.50. I scored 90 against Prince Of Wales College and 122 against Devananda College and also represented the Joe-Pete Mini battle in 2020.

His parents influenced him to play cricket and backed him all the way by getting the required cricketing gear. "My father Heshan De Silva (4th



year coloursman) captained St. Peter's college in 1985 under the head coaching of H.I.K. Fernando and Brian Seneviratne.

Even my eldest brother Banuka De Silva opened the batting for the Peterites in 2017-2020 under head coach Malinda Warnapura.

Even now they are supporting me with anything, whenever I require any help to continue playing cricket," said Thiloka.

Thiloka scored over 250 runs for the 2nd XI team in the ongoing 2021 season so far with an average of 31.01 in the Inter-School cricket tournament.

His highest score was an unbeaten knock of 76 against Ananda College. He also scored 58 runs in the first innings and followed it up with another 42 in the second innings against St. Thomas College Mount Lavinia, which was an excellent achievement.

"I am really looking forward to representing the St. Peter's 1st XI team in both formats by the grace of God; especially in the upcoming inter school two day match against St. Benedict College Kotahena. The day I achieve that feat, honestly I will be a very happy cricketer and I will honour all glory to Almighty Jesus! concluded Thiloka.

WORLD OF SPORTS

(April 27)  
LOCAL EVENTS

CRICKET

(MCA Premier League):  
Hayleys Group vs HNB  
at P. Sara Oval  
CDB Finance vs John Keells  
Group at SSC Grounds

FOOTBALL:

Super League Tournament  
at Sugathadasa Stadium

FOREIGN EVENTS

CRICKET

(Indian Premier League):  
Delhi Capitals vs  
Royal Challengers Bangalore  
at Ahmedabad

(Australian One-Day Cup):

Tasmania vs South Australia  
at Hobart

Victoria vs Queensland  
at Melbourne

Western Australia vs New South  
Wales at Perth

FOOTBALL

(Champions League  
semi-finals):

Real Madrid vs Chelsea

TENNIS

(ATP, Outdoor, Clay):  
Estoril Open at Estoril Club

CYCLING

(UCI World Tour):  
Tour de Romandie in Romandy,  
Switzerland

Kothmale  
Speed Hill Climb  
postponed

HAFIZ MARIKAR

The Kothmale Speed Hill Climb which was scheduled to be worked off on May 1 and 2 has been postponed due to the escalating Coronavirus cases in the area.

Over 150 riders and drivers were ready to give their best at this event conducted by the Senkadagala Motor Sports Club in association with the Sri Lanka Motor Cycle Club.

According to the Secretary of Senkadagala Motor Sports Club Poorana Dahanayake, the meet has been put off due to the prevailing situation of the country and the new dates will be announced later.

Pyramid Wilmer and Abans Group in to MCA 'G' division 25 over League final

Pyramid Wilmer and Abans Group advanced to the final of the 10th Stafford Motor Co. sponsored, 'Honda' Trophy - MCA 'G' division 25 over League Tournament 2021.

In the first semi final at MCA on Saturday, Pyramid Wilmer ended Hayleys Group 'B' unbeaten run with an unexpected 02 wickets win.

In the second semi final also @ MCA on Sunday, Abans Group romped to a comfortable 46 runs win over Zillion Systems.

Hayleys 'B' who remained as the only unbeaten team, easily the tournament favorites, may be through sheer complacency, crumbled to 79 runs in 23.2 overs as the Pyramid Wilmer opening bowlers, Supun Sandeepa (05/16/03) and Udesh Nishan (4.2/10/03) ripped through Hayleys strong top order batting line up.

Hayleys fought back tooth and nail and had Pyramid Wilmer by the ropes, they losing 06 wickets for 55 runs in 15.4 overs; but No. five batsman, Lasith Fernando (19 runs in 43 balls) and No. 08 batsman Udesh Nishan (12 runs in 22 balls with 01 six ) held on grimly with a valuable 22 runs stand for the 07 th wicket to see them through with 02 wickets in hand in 22.1 overs (80 for 8).

In Sunday's semi final, Abans Group put up a challenging total of 161 runs in 25 overs, Dinesh Rangana top scoring with 48 runs in 34 balls, inclusive of four sixes and 01 four.

Zillion Systems was never in the hunt, as their batsmen were shackled by Abans spinners, Dinesh Rangana, thus completing a grand double and Isuru Jayaratne, who bagged three wickets a piece.

The Final between Pyramid Wilmer and Abans Group will take place on second May at the MCA Grounds, commencing 10:00 am.

Chief Scores

Hayleys Group 'B' - 79 (23.2) ( Shanon Lee 20, S. Nanayakkara 15, S. Sandeepa 3/16, U. Nishan 3/10, U. Atapattu 2/10, U. Madushan 2/18)

Pyramid Wilmer - 80/8 (22.1) (S. Lakmal 19, L. Fernando 19, K. Kabilraj 2/11, N. Fernando 2/13)

Abans Group - 161/6 (25) (W.B. Dhanushka 16, L. de Silva 19, D. Rangana 48, D. Hettiarachchi 16, I. Hashan 22 not out, I. Weeraratunga 2/45)

Zillion Systems - 115 (24.4) (J. Fernando 25, N. Wijesuriya 25, D. Rangana 3/21, D. Sanjeeva 2/13, I. Jayaranga 3/20)

Sandakan, Karunaratne to start training in Pallekele from tomorrow



Chamika Karunaratne

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Fast bowler Chamika Karunaratne and left-arm spinner Lakshan Sandakan who joined the Sri Lanka Test Squad for the second Test as replacements will have their first training session on Wednesday at the Pallekele Stadium in Kandy.

The two players were grafted into the Test Squad following the injury to their key fast bowler Lahiru Kumara who broke down with a hamstring injury while fielding on the third day of the first Test against Bangladesh on Friday.

"Chamika (Karunaratne) and Lakshan (Sandakan) are currently in room quarantine in Kandy and they

would join the rest of the squad in a couple of day's time," an official close to the Sri Lanka team told the Daily News yesterday.

"They were put in quarantine from last Friday soon after the National Selectors added them to the squad and both players are set to begin training after an antigen test," the source added further.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka Skipper Dimuth Karunaratne welcomed the addition of these two players to the 18-member squad after the opening Test against Bangladesh ended in a high-scoring draw at the Pallekele Stadium on Sunday.

"It is obvious that we

wanted Chamika (Karunaratne) to replace the injured Lahiru Kumara but in the meantime we thought of strengthening the spin department as well," he explained.

"The fast bowlers are not getting enough support under these hot and humid conditions so having an extra spinner in the squad is always a good option to have," the Sri Lankan Captain elaborated.

Chamika Karunaratne of course has played just a solitary Test against Australia in 2019 but he has continued to impress in domestic cricket and was among the wickets during the recent SLC Major Club Limited Over Tournament.



Lakshan Sandakan

Sri Lanka's bowling attack was fully exposed by the Bangladesh top order during the first Test as the visitors rattled up 541 for seven - their second high-

est total against the islanders.

Sandakan's presence in the squad could be mainly due to the lack of variation in Sri Lanka's bowling attack in the first Test.

Leg-spinner Wanidu Hasaranga went wicketless for 111 runs from his 36 overs while off-spinner Dhananjaya de Silva conceded 130 runs for his solitary wicket in 30 overs.

Sandakan played his last Test against England in 2018 but his record at the Pallekele Stadium may have prompted the National Selectors to be included for the second Test.

The second Test will commence on April 29 at the same venue.

Bens-Wesley Big Match ends in a draw

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The inaugural Big Match between Wesley College and St. Benedict's College played for the Cartman Cup, ended in a draw at Kotahena yesterday.

Wesley scored 228 for nine in their first innings while in the second innings they scored 90 for five wickets declared leaving a target of 179 to their opponents.

St. Benedict's were bowled out for 139 in the first innings and were 47 for one in the second innings when the match ended.

Chief scores  
Wesley: 228/9 decl (Sahil Dias 50, Kushan Chamalka



Malinda Perera (St. Benedict's)



Semila Liyanage (Wesley)

45, Thenuka Perera 42, Sidath Dharmasiriwardena 21, Anudith Wickramasinghe 25, Malinda Perera 6/66) and 90/5 (Semila Liyanage 54, Akindu Karunaratne 4/20)

Sri Sumangala, St. John's cruise to U-19 final

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Leg-spinner Vidusha Peiris captured five for 17 as Sri Sumangala MV, Panadura recorded a three-wicket victory over Holy Cross College, Kalutara in their Under-19 Division Two Tier 'A' Cricket Tournament semi-final match played at Thurstan Grounds yesterday.

Meanwhile, Paceman Bimsara Ranawaka had fine figures of four for 22 as St. John's College, Panadura defeated Lyceum, Wattala by four wickets in their Division Two Tier 'A'



Vidusha Peiris - Panadura Sumangala

Tournament semi-final played at the De Zoysa Stadium in Moratuwa yesterday.

Chief scores  
● At Thurstan Grounds

(Sri Sumangala, Panadura won by three wickets)

Holy Cross: 122 in 50 overs (Patheesha Shamal 56, Vidusha Peiris 5/17)

Sri Sumangala MV: 126/7 in 39.4 overs (Charuka Peiris 44).

● At De Zoysa Stadium (St. John's, Panadura won by four wickets)

Lyceum, Wattala: 100 in 45 overs (Pasindu Perera 56, Bimsara Ranawaka 4/22, Sumudu Udara 3/15)

St. John's: 103/6 in 21.4 overs (Dinushka Madushan 30).

New volleyball chief Kanchana Jayaratne to develop the game in a big way

SHERIFDEEN AMATH

The newly elected President of the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation (SLVF) Kanchana Jayaratne, said that several important decisions will be taken in the future with the aim of promoting the national sport of volleyball in the country and bringing it up to international level under his leadership in the next four years (2021-2024).

"Also, a survey will be conducted at the Divisional Secretariat level on the distribution of volleyball in the country and information will be obtained on the volleyball clubs, sportsmen, sports information and number of playing fields in the country. The census will be conducted at school level in collaboration with the School's Volleyball Association, the Ministry of Education, the Provincial Ministry of Education and Sports and through statutory volleyball associations (Armed Forces, Police). After obtaining the data, the Volleyball Federation Technical Committee and the Development Committee will formulate and implement a special programme for the development of volleyball in Sri Lanka," Kanchana Jayaratne said at a media briefing held on April 23 at Monarch Hotel, Thalawathugoda.

The "Talent Hunt" programme will be launched to unearth talented young spikers from all over the island. Also the district volleyball training pools have



The President of Sri Lanka Volleyball Association Kanchana Jayaratne expressing his views at a media briefing. Picture by Ranjith Asanka

been established in collaboration with the Ministry of Sports to conduct junior and youth tournaments regularly and are hoping to conduct Asian Championship once in every two years.

Two beach volleyball and indoor volleyball tournaments will be held annually with the participation of foreign players and steps will also be taken to update the knowledge of coaches and umpires, including beach volleyball.

All coaches and umpires will be registered under SLVF while steps have been taken to issue identity cards. Felicitation cere-

monies will be organized to pay tribute to national volleyball players, coaches and umpires to encourage them.

An "Information Centre" will be established containing information on volleyball players representing senior, junior and youth teams, including coaches, referees, administrators and special events related to Sri Lankan volleyball since the inception of the Volleyball Federation in 1951. Meanwhile, the "Volleyball Museum" will be established at the Volleyball House, Dadalla in Galle, the President of SLVF further said.

The programme will be prepared with the Ministry of Education and the Schools Volleyball Association to introduce an annual volleyball big match between two major schools such as a cricket big match. The Beach Volleyball League in collaboration with Dialog will be started from this year and steps will be taken to be held it annually.

The SLVF also hopes to unearth talented volleyball players from the Estate Sector and encourage them to join the existing clubs in the provinces so that they would one day represent the country in volleyball bringing much joy to their parents and friends.

In conclusion he said that he hopes to request the Government to declare a "Volleyball Day" annually which would be a boon to the sport.

Royal-Thomian Big Match put off

The Joint Match Organising Committee of the 142nd Battle of the Blues yesterday, decided to postpone the Inter-School Big Match between traditional rivals Royal College and S. Thomas' College, which was scheduled for May 6, 7 and 8 at the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium in Hambantota.

The Joint Match Organising Committee had planned to conduct the match behind closed doors keeping in line with the COVID-19 restrictions and the health and safety guidelines of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) with regard to regulated playing conditions.

However, with the escalating COVID-19 cases in the country, the Joint Match Organising Committee had no hesitation in postponing the Big Match following a meeting held last night.

Summer Season Open Badminton finals today

Buwaneka, Ranthushka, Dilmi and Ranithma in to singles final

The finals of the Summer Season All Island Open Badminton Championship organized by the Central Province Badminton Association together with Nuwara Eliya District Badminton Association under the patronage of Sri Lanka Badminton Association, will be held today (27) at the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council Indoor Stadium.

Dilmi Dias and Ranithma Liyanage qualified for women's singles final while the men's singles final will be played between Buwaneka Goonetilleke and Ranthushka Karunatilake. Senuka de Silva of Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda will meet Akila Edirisinghe of Thakshila College, Horana qualified in under 19 finals.

Buwaneka Goonetilleke beat Rasindu Hendaheva (21-13,21-



Buwaneka Goonetilleke



Ranthushka Karunatilake

14) while Ranthushka Karunatilake beat Viren Nethasinghe (24-22,21-16) to enter the finals. Dilmi Dias defeated Madushka Dilrukshi (21-16,21-18) while Ranithma Liyanage defeated Panchali Adhikari (21-10, 21-18) In the women's semi finals played yesterday. The tournament will be held in accord-

ance with the covid -19 rules and regulations imposed by the Ministry of Health.

The finals will be telecast live on www.srilankabadminton.lk, facebook page of Sri Lanka Badminton and Sri Lanka Badminton youtube channel as well as Peo tv channel - 20 from 2.00 pm today.

Hayleys Group going great guns at Premier League cricket

Hayleys Group registered their third successive win, beating John Keells by two wickets, in the 28th Singer-MCA Premier League 2021, continued on Sunday, 25th April.

HNB after two defeats, secured their first win by beating CDB by 10 runs, thus gaining sweet revenge over

their first round loss to CDB. Lahiru Madusanka from CDB grabbed the tournament bowling spot light with incredible figures of 9.2/2/31/05 against HNB; Madusanka takes over from his team mate, Tharindu Ratnayake, who finished with 10/50/05 against Hayleys.

Ironically Lahiru Madusanka's and Tharindu Ratnayake's bowling efforts were in vain as CDB ended in the losing side on both occasions.

● At NCC - HNB Beat CDB by 10 runs.

HNB - 200 (48.2) ( Sandun Weerakkody 52, Ayana Siriwardana 32,

Naveen Fernando 22, Lakshitha Rasanjana 21, Madawa Warnapura 21, Lahiru Madusanka 5/31, Tharindu Rathnayaka 2/39)

CDB -190 (44.4) ( Lahiru Udara 63, Damitha Silva 30, Lakshitha Rasanjana 4/47, Chamindu Wijesinghe 2/31, Naveen Gunawardena 2/37 )

● At P.Sara Oval - Hayleys beat John Keells by 02 wickets

John Keells - 195 (48.5) (Manelker De Silva 37, Nipun Dananjaya 30, Dananjaya Lakshan 30, Sachintha Pieris 23\*, Kavin Bandara 21, Nuwanindu Fernando 3/32, Kalana Perera 3/27, Lahiru Samarakoon 2/30 )

Hayleys - 200/8 (39.2) ( Nuwanindu Fernando 69, Ron Chandraguptha 46, Lahiru Samarakoon 29, Vishad Randika 28, Sachintha Pieris 3/40, Chamikara Edirisinghe 2/29 )

The tournament will be continued on 27th and 30th April and 04th May.



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## Private sector credit increases, State credit dips

Private sector credit has increased by Rs. 79 billion in February 2020 and the State credit growth has declined to Rs. 57 billion compared to over Rs.100 billion maintained for five consecutive months, said First Capital in their monthly economic review.

Meanwhile the Monetary Board of CBSL, at its meeting held on April 7 2021, decided to maintain the SDFR and SLFR at their current levels of 4.50% and 5.50% respectively.

The Board remains committed to maintaining the low interest rate structure, thereby ensuring continued support for a sustained economic recovery and well anchored inflation expectations in a low inflation environment. The Board states that due to the impact of monetary policy easing measures, most market interest rates declined to their historical lows. That said, some upward pressure on yields on government securities was observed recently, in contrast to monetary policy expectations. Thus, the CBSL reiterates the necessity to maintain the low interest rate structure.

## Colombo Port City's first project

# Work of region's most modern int'l Yacht Marina complete

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Heralding a new era in the South Asian leisure industry, the region's most modern and largest international Yacht Marina of the Colombo Port City has been completed. The first project to be completed under the Port City Colombo landscape it will attract over USD 500 million in the next three years.

The Yacht Marina when fully operational will be on a 44 acre land and it will have the facility to anchor 200 yachts making it one of the largest such venues in the region. The area will have a mini yacht repairing facility, duty free terminal, customs



and facilities for several other maritime related businesses. "The Colombo Port City will soon call for international tenders for the projects and local companies too will get the opportunity to invest," said Head of Public Relations at Port City Colombo Kassapa Senarath. Master Divers have already expressed their desire to invest in this to offer maritime related services.

He said that this area will be open for the public as well and already local operators are using this facility for cruises.

A Yacht marina was discussed for over two decades by successive governments for Trincomalee and Galle and several foreign investors signed up agreements. However nothing took off and it's the Port City which started the project in less than six years.

Port City Colombo is made up of five different precincts which comprises Financial District, Central Park Living, International Island and the Marina comes in the fifth segment, The

Marina will add more value for the Island Living concept. Port City Colombo is a brand new city development built as an extension of the existing Colombo CBD with an initial investment of US\$1.4 billion and with a projected US\$15 billion overall investment when completed.

When completed, Port City Colombo is estimated to have some 5.7 million square meters of build up space, boasting some of the best in design in terms of Grade A offices, medical facilities, educational facilities, integrated resort, marina, retail destinations, hotels and various lifestyle developments.

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## Sharp focus in plastic collection and recycling

Plastic if properly disposed is not a huge environmental hazard nor a "killer" as it is known for and the importance of the collection and recycling plastic has come into sharp focus and soon there will be a day where collectors will be buying plastic from people at their doorstep, said Unilever Sri Lanka Customer Development Director Aruna Mawilmada.

"Plastic is a valuable material. It is crucial for the safe and efficient distribution of our products, and it has a lower carbon footprint than many alternative materials. So, it has its place. But that place is definitely not littering our streets, rivers and oceans. It is, however, inside the circular economy - where it is reused, recycled or composted." He was speaking at the event where Unilever Sri Lanka in partnership with Cargills launched the "Thank You for Recycling" campaign at Cargills Food City - Pelawatta on Friday.

Unilever globally has commenced many initiatives and set goals/targets towards plastic recycling and in Sri Lanka these targets would be met well before the deadline. "The global target is to reduce the amount of virgin plastic in our packaging by 50% and also help collect



Senior management of Cargills and Unilever at the 'Thank You for Recycling' campaign at Cargills Food City - Pelawatta on Friday. Picture by Saliya Rupasinghe

and process more plastic packaging than we sell by 2025. In Sri Lanka these targets would be met before the end of 2023 and the reason for this is the aggressive campaign we have launched. "The partnership with Cargills outlets would be the biggest boost the program received. We will also try to get more corporate involved in this in the future." Managing Director of Cargills Foods, Asoka Pieris said that a focus effort with regard to plastic recycling was top in their agenda for many years. As a socially responsible

corporate citizen, Cargills holds a strong commitment to serving the nation and preserving the planet for future generations. Cargills initiated the launch of "Paving with Plastic" as a means to address Sri Lanka's plastic waste menace. The benefits of plastic are irrefutable - this versatile material is ubiquitous in our everyday lives, due to it being cheap and convenient to produce as well as being highly durable and user friendly. However, once used and disposed of, plastic lingers in the environment for too long and does

not decompose and this is what we want to avoid. "As a first step to tackling this waste plastic problem, Cargills made a landmark decision to pave the Cargills Food City Car parks using Plastic Modified Asphalt Concrete, partnering with AGC Innovate and Walgama Food City outlet car park, used 200,000 waste plastic bags for this. "In addition we have reduced the use of plastic items in our stores and have also introduced reused bags and done several other such initiatives. (SS)

## Peliyagoda Fish Market activities back to normal

Daily turnover reaches 90%

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The Central Fish Market Employees Federation (CFMEF) said the significant improvement of the country's health situation and also the arrival of more foreign tourists to Sri Lanka during this New Year season between January to April helped the Peliyagoda Central Fish Market to uplift its daily turnover to a record 90%.

In an interview with Daily News Business CFMEF, Chairman Jayasiri Wickramarachi (pictured) said when comparing to the 10 to 20% sale of fish recorded during the last 18 months due to the pandemic situation, the reason for the increased sale of fish at present is due to the healthy environment prevailing across the country.

He also thanked large and small scale fish distributors and traders in

the main fish market at Peliyagoda and also at outstation fish stalls for making an outstanding effort to develop the country's fisheries industry once again without getting discouraged. He said unlike in the past almost all tourist hotels in Colombo and outstations are now purchasing large quantities of fish from the Peliyagoda market which has resulted in improving fish sales.

Jayasiri further said the country's entire fisheries sector during the last curfew period faced immense hardships since the fish consumption had shown a negative impact and this situation badly hampered not only the fisheries sector but some large scale buyers. "However due to the sharp improvement in the country's health sector now we firmly believe that the fisheries sector will gradually show

fruitful results even after this New Year," he said. Jayasiri said the high fish prices currently prevailing in the country is due to few loads of fish that are coming to the Central Fish Market from various parts. "As we know some private sector fish traders are in the habit of purchasing large stocks from fish producing areas before dispatching them to Peliyagoda Central Fish Market and sell them at exorbitant prices in their fish outlets," he said.

He also thanked authorities for taking steps to minimize fish imports from foreign countries as it will greatly help all sectors involved in the industry.



## Softlogic Finance successfully completes Rs. 1 bn securitisation



Tharusha Ekanayake - Chief Operating Officer,



Dayan Ranasinghe - Head of Delivery Channels

Softlogic Finance PLC successfully raised Rs. 1 billion through the issuance of a Lease Receivables Securitization, marking one of the major securitizations in the industry to date in Sri Lanka, the company announced recently.

In a concentrated effort to move towards a prominent position in the market, the funds raised will be employed to aggressively rollout the new business strategy of the company that has been in operation since May last year. Priyantha Wijesekera, Chief Executive Officer of Softlogic Finance commented on the initiative, "The success achieved through the securitization reaffirms investors' confidence towards the growth trajectory mapped out by the company last year, along with an extensive restructuring across the organization. The company marked a remarkable growth of its asset quality which is reflected in zero non-performing loan (NPL) levels being achieved in the leasing portfolio acquired during the year," he said. First Capital, a leading investment institution in the country, acted as the structuring

and placement agent to the issue with Hatton National Bank acting as the Trustee. The funds have been raised through a consortium of investors who were optimistic about the company's ambitious journey in the non-banking financial institutions (NBFI) category.

Dilshan Wirasekera, Director/CEO First Capital Holdings PLC, the lead manager for the issue said, "The rise in private sector demand for credit, supported by all-time low interest rates, created an opportune moment to broad base the liability base of Softlogic Finance. As the lead manager for the issue, we find the success of this Lease Receivables Securitization as a positive indication of market conditions."

Softlogic Finance PLC is mainly held by Softlogic Capital PLC which is the financial services holding company of the Softlogic Group that has established an impressive presence in the market with a portfolio comprising of Softlogic Life Insurance PLC, Softlogic Finance PLC, Softlogic Stockbrokers (Pvt) Ltd, and Softlogic Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd.

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## Economically active population reaches 8.5 mn in 4Q 2020

The estimated economically active population is about 8.5 million in the fourth quarter 2020. Of which 66.3% are males and 33.7% are females. The economically inactive population is about 8.4 million. Out of the economically inactive population 27.3% are males and 72.7% are females. According to Department of Census and Statistics - Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey fourth Quarter -2020, The survey report also says that the male participation in the labour force is always higher than that of females.

The highest participation rate for male is reported from age group 35-39 years (96.8%), while that for females is reported from 25-29 age groups (46.6%). During the fourth quarter of 2020, the total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 8 million. Of which, about 44.8% engaged in the Service sector, 29% in the agriculture sector and 26.2% in the Industry sector. In the fourth quarter of 2020, there

is an increase in employed persons in the agriculture sector compared to the fourth quarter of 2019 by 115,138. Majority of the workforce are private sector employees followed by own account workers. Highest employment share is in the service sector and this is true for both male and female, while the lowest shares are for the

industry sector. Among employed females 32.2% is in the agriculture sector while this share is 27.5% for males.

The number of unemployed persons is estimated as 441,997 during the fourth quarter 2020. The unemployment rate for the fourth quarter 2020 is 5.2%. Overall unemployment rate reported

for females is 7.5% and it is 4.1% for male. Youth unemployment rate (age 15 - 24 years) corresponding to the fourth quarter 2020 is 25.7 percent and that is the highest reported unemployment rate among all age groups. Further the unemployment rates for males and females are 22.2 and 33.3% respectively for age group 15-24.

The survey results further reveals that the unemployment among females is higher than that of males, in all age groups. The highest unemployment rate is reported from the G.C.E(A/L) and above group which is 9.3%. Corresponding percentages are 6.3% and 12.8% for males and females respectively. Female unemployment rates are higher than those of males in all levels of education. Survey results further shows that the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males, which was observed consistently over the results of previous survey rounds as well.

Table 1. Economically active population by gender and sector - Fourth Quarter 2020

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,473,230	100.0	5,610,610	66.3	2,862,620	33.7
Urban	1,351,549	100.0	913,293	67.6	438,256	32.4
Rural	6,702,585	100.0	4,466,054	66.6	2,236,531	33.4
Extrane	419,095	100.0	241,293	57.6	177,802	42.4

Table 2. Economically inactive population by gender and sector - Fourth Quarter 2020

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,439,620	100.0	2,305,905	27.3	6,133,715	72.7
Urban	1,608,632	100.0	473,179	29.4	1,135,453	70.6
Rural	6,552,786	100.0	1,731,666	26.4	4,821,119	73.6
Extrane	278,202	100.0	101,059	36.3	177,143	63.7

# CEO of CSE says...

Rajeeva Bandaranaike Chief Executive Officer Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) has sent the following with regard to the article titled "Stockbrokers to be called up on limiting corporate debt trading" published on April 23 of the 'Daily News Business.'

"I wish to bring to your notice that the writer has completely misquoted comments made by me in response to questions raised by the journalist (outside the media Q&A segment) on the sidelines of a recent event held at the CSE.

The limited trading activity in the corporate debt market has not been attributed to stockbroker firms. This statement is not an accurate reflection of the comment made by me in this regard, where I only stated that improving trading in the corporate debt market will be discussed at a future meeting between the CSE and CSE Members and Trading Members as part of other capital market matters discussed during

such an engagement. No allegations with regards to stockbroker firms limiting corporate debt trading were mentioned by me to the journalist. With regards to the comment: 'The Central Bank is not letting us list government securities', I wish to bring to your notice that I did not make the said comment.

As both the investor community and capital market fraternity are aware, the trading of government securities is not presently serviced in the Sri Lankan stock market. The CSE is actively in the process of exploring the technical and practical possibilities of facilitating the trading of government securities through the Automated Trading System (ATS). The Central Bank (CBSL) has in fact been supportive of this process.

On the topic of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) which reads, 'Bandaranaike noted that the failure to list any Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) instruments was due to the fail-

ure of the government to gazette the promised tax structure for the products. There are many companies that are waiting to list,' too is not an accurate reflection of the comment made by me.

While the comments made by me on this topic included an acknowledgement that the tax proposals made as part of the 2021 Budget with regards to REITs are yet to be included in a Gazette notification published by the Government of Sri Lanka, this acknowledgement was not linked to a failure in listing REITs.

While the tax exemptions introduced as part of the 2021 Budget proposals add to the attractiveness of REITs in an issuer's perspective, the business case for issuing a REIT in Sri Lanka for eligible entities goes well beyond merely tax concessions.

I write this response as the article has the potential to mislead the readership on the stance of the CSE and the other organizations."

## Sri Lanka Tea Board participates at 'Coffee Tea' in Moscow

The 8th edition of "Coffee, Tea, and Cacao Russian Expo-2021" started on March 11, 2021 at Music Media Dome in Moscow and lasted for three days till March 13, 2021. This year Coffee, Tea, Cacao Russian Expo-2021 brought together 170 companies which were exclusively for Coffee, Tea and Cacao.

The Ceylon Tea stand was officially opened by Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Russian Federation Prof. M.D. Lamawansa, along with Minister Counsellor Mohamed Anas, Third Secretary (Tea Promotion) Tishan de Silva, and Sri Lankan

cup. It offers exhibition, business practice, educational programs, professional coffee and tea competitions for barista, roasters and tea masters. Coffee Tea Cacao Russian Expo can be considered as the largest professional event in Russia and other CIS countries. At one time, in one place Coffee Tea Cacao Russian Expo will bring together professionals from Russia and other CIS countries and abroad.

Addition to the expo annual national qualifying championship - Tea Master Cup (TMC) Russia, one of the most attractive Tea related activities in the country was held within the framework of this Expo. The objectives of the event were to generate high tea culture, development of tea professionals, and

improve the demand for teas in Russia. This year, Sri Lanka Tea Board received the status of General Sponsor of the Tea Master Cup Russia. The Tea Promotion Unit of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Russia arranged to fulfill the total requirement of Ceylon Tea for Tea Master Cup competition by offering more than 15 samples from different Ceylon Tea growing regions under categories of Tea Preparation & Tea Tasting. The Ambassador was invited for the awarding ceremony by the Organizer and addressed at the event on Ceylon Tea.

Visitors were offered a warm Cup of Ceylon Tea by Russian tea demonstrator who was dressed with a Sri Lankan traditional Ovari.

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# Petform shines with Gold, Silver at Entrepreneur of the Year Awards

Petform Private Limited, a forerunner in plastics and paper based packaging sector, bagged two coveted awards at the 'Entrepreneur of the Year' awards ceremony organized by the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industries Sri Lanka (FCCI SL).

Silver Award for extra large category, national level and Gold Award for extra large category western provincial level were the two awards respectively. The flagship event of FCCI SL, which has helped many of Sri Lankan entrepreneurs reach global standards in terms of productivity and value creation, was recently held at the BMICH with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa gracing the occasion as Chief Guest.

"The secret behind this achievement is none other than our hard work and dedication to maintain high standards in all our products as the top priority," said Perinpan Mathytharan, MD, Petform (Pvt) Ltd.

With its four factories strategically located around Delgoda and Malwana,



Perinpan Mathytharan, MD, Petform (Pvt) Ltd receives the award

and a work force exceeding 200, Petform has seen a tremendous success over the years. The company exports products to United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia and Maldives. Petform's product portfolio ranges from packaging materials, plastic bottles and lids to

paper based cups and plates. The company has been accredited with ISO 9001:2015 and SLS 1336 certification. Meanwhile, food security regulatory standards have been upgraded to obtain ISO 22000. Having started as a small factory at Malwana in 2004, Pet-

form has come a long way to become the giant in providing total packaging solutions in Sri Lanka. Providing a packaging solution that gives a better look to the packed items while keeping its freshness intact, is a distinct feature of Petform's solutions. Another spe-

cialty is the fact that each and every packaging solution is made of recycling materials in line with the concept of green products.

Moving another step forward, the

company has introduced packaging solutions with HDPE materials for specific requirements in pharmaceutical, fuel, agrochemicals and pesticide manufacturing industries.

# Creating a culture of creativity: The importance of Intellectual Property Rights

By DILANI HIRIMUTHUGODAGE

On the 26th of April each year, Intellectual Property (IP) Day is celebrated to draw public attention to the importance of IP rights in fostering creativity and innovation. It is said that oil was the primary fuel of the 20th century economy while creativity is the fuel of the 21st century.



Creative Industries Encompass a broad range of activities such as arts, craft, music, design and media which have their origin in individual creativity, skill and talent, and have a potential for wealth and job creation through the generation and exploitation of intellectual property. Creative industries are vital to many economies, accounting for 7% of the world's GDP and growing at an annual rate of 8.7% according to the latest available data. The World Intellectual Property Rights Organization (WIPO) marks IP day under specific themes, and this year, it focuses on creativity in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in bringing novel ideas to the market. Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) including copyrights, trademarks, Geographical Indications (GI), patents, and sui generis systems are important in protecting and fostering creativity. This blog highlights the importance of IPR

*"We didn't take it seriously. We know there are certain rules but people don't respect them. If you work for a big brand company under contract then they can keep our ideas/products in their companies. And also, they request us to sign non-disclosure agreements with these companies."*

- FGD participant

*"In gaming, we have to take IP rights for gaming characters. For this, it will take nearly two-three months to obtain and it is very time-consuming."*

- FGD participant

*"As designers and creators, we don't know our IPRs."*

- FGD participant

Sri Lanka's creative industries and offers strategies to build stronger, more competitive and resilient businesses. Creative Industries in Sri Lanka Sri Lanka's creative sector can be broadly divided in three categories: arts and culture, design, and media.

A study by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) commissioned by the British Council, Sri Lanka identified 16 subsectors as creative industries: According to the available data, Sri Lanka's creative industry has shown growth of 95% between 2010 to 2014, rising from USD 433.6 million to USD 845.4 million. An approximate estimate of the GDP share of creative goods and services exports in 2014 was nearly 1.1%. The IPS survey, which sought to capture the current size and scale of the creative industry sector in Sri Lanka, found that

only 4.6% of respondents were export-oriented and the balance produced for local consumption. Thus, the 1.1% GDP share is an underestimate, as it only accounts for the exports of creative goods and services.

The IPS survey also found that the number of employees in the sector make up approximately 3% of the country's total labourforce.

Approximately 36% of creative workers are female and 67% of workers in the sector are between the ages of 24 and 55 years, while 71% of workers are in the private sector and the rest is in government and semi-government sectors.

Self-employment is high in this sector, with 40% of the workforce identifying themselves as 'self-employed'. As is the case globally, in Sri Lanka too, the sector

consisted mostly of SMEs and sole traders with only a few large businesses.

Most importantly, the creative industries depend on the talents of individuals and the generation of intellectual property. Thus, several IPRs are relevant to the sector. For example, copyrights for literature, music, visual arts, digital creative work, trademarks for advertising and branding, GI for location-specific creativities, and patents for gaming and digital designs.

Therefore, IPRs play a major role in driving this sector. Further, IP enforcement is important to protect the creator and/or investors to provide them with incentives to invest and further develop the sector. Creative Sector and IPRs in Sri Lanka The awareness of IPRs among the survey respondents in the above-mentioned IPS study was poor. Only 8.8% had obtained any form of IP protection, out of which 48% had copyrights, 10% had patents, 26% had trademarks and 16% had others. Copyrights and trademarks were taken up in each sector whereas patents were only adopted in a few sub sectors such as visual/performing arts, crafts, advertising, etc. (Figure 1).

However, most of the survey and Focus Group Discussion (FGD) participants were not aware of IPRs relating to their businesses and the following quotes high-

light this: Way Forward IPRs are relevant to the creative industry as it relies on the use of intellectual production to create its goods and services. Following are a few suggestions to enhance the effective utilization of IPRs for the development of the creative sector:

Firstly, it is important to enhance knowledge on access to IPRs in the creative industry sector through awareness programmes at the grassroots levels especially in the craft, music, dance and design sectors. Industry professional associations should take the lead in this regard. Secondly, many traditional creative industry sectors such as craft, performing arts, and visual arts are location-specific such as Ambalagoda masks, Dumbura mats, and Weweldeniya cane products. Thus, products can use GI to indicate that the goods have a special quality, character or reputation because they originate from a specific place. This will help to protect their rights, increase product value and better visibility. As such, the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) must speed up the process of identifying and obtaining GIs for selected sectors while also expanding links with WIPO to protect traditional creative industries. Thirdly, at the national level, it is important to adopt a sui generis (a unique system) legal framework for protecting traditional knowledge and cultural expressions, which are ultimately the foundation from which Sri Lanka creates its unique designs. Fourth, laws need to be updated as the existing legal framework does not cater to developments in modern technology.

NIPO should also improve its efficiency and capacity to cater to modern creativities especially for IT and design sectors. Finally, Sri Lanka must modernise its IP system, incentivise grassroots innovation and promote homegrown creativity to fuel a culture of creativity. This blog is based on an IPS study, commissioned by the British Council, Sri Lanka on Creative and Cultural Industries in Sri Lanka (2020).

## S-Lon obtains C-19 Safety Management Systems Certification

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

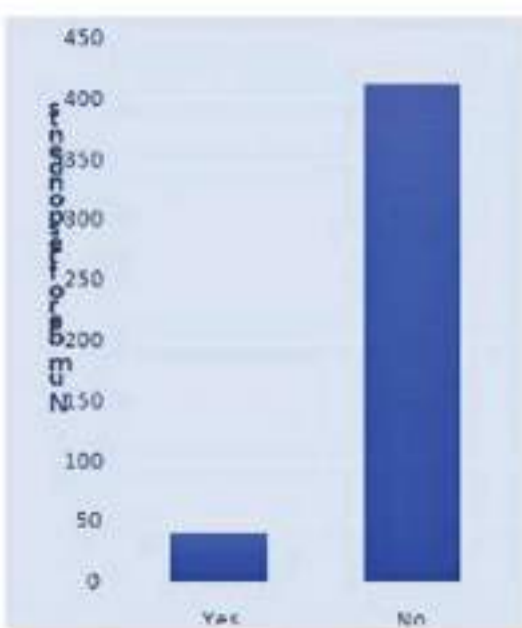
The certificate was officially handed over to Group Director S.C. Weerasekera at the ceremony held at the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) by its Chairman Dr Nushad Perera. The senior officers of SLSI and S-Lon Lanka also were present at this event.

SLSI Chairman commended S-Lon for formalizing their commitment to controlling the spread of Covid-19 within its employees and the community by ensuring all health and safety guidelines and protocols.

Speaking on behalf of S-Lon Lanka, Group Director S.C. Weerasekera said that the certification process was highly convenient because S-Lon was already adhering to all safety stipulations by virtue of being an organization that is deeply committed to ensuring the protection of all stakeholders including customers."

The purpose of SLS1672: 2020 is to produce safe work practices to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 infection to workers, visitors, customers and other stakeholders. Contents of the certification include Scope, References, Definitions, Covid-19 Safety Management Systems, Leadership, Covid-19 Risk Identification Assessment and Control, Covid-19 Safety Control Plan and Objectives, Support, Operation, Performance Evaluation and Improvement.

Obtaining IPRs



IPRs in the creative industries

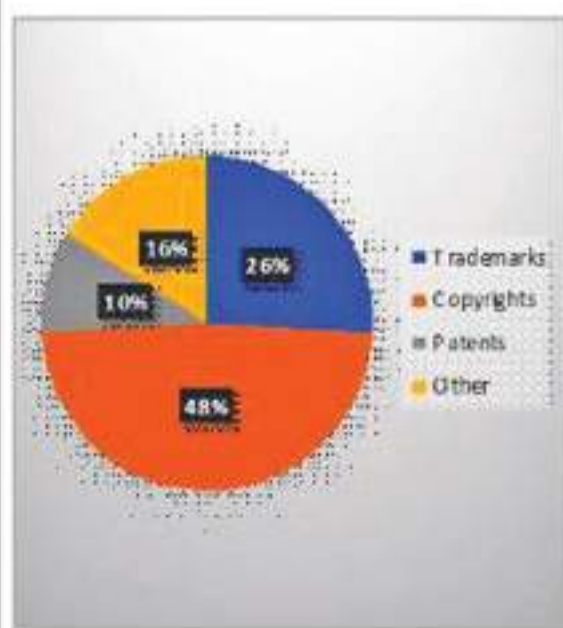


Figure 1: Awareness of IPRs Source: Field survey data calculations (2020)

Arts & Culture	Design	Media
Photography	Software	Publishing
Visual Arts	Advertising & Branding	TV & Radio
Performing Arts	Architecture	Digital Media
Literature	Interior Design	Film & Video
Arts, Heritage & Crafts	Graphic Design	
	Industrial Design	
	Fashion Design	

Supporting Effective Dispute Resolution

# EU-funded project aimed at improving mediation services to be launched



Supporting Effective Dispute Resolution (SEDR) a four-year access to justice project implemented by the British Council, in partnership with The Asia Foundation (TAF), and funded by the European Union (EU) was launched. The EUR 7 million project is part of the EU's overarching STRIDE (Strengthening Transformation, Reconciliation and Inclusive Democratic Engagement) Programme in Sri Lanka.

The project will enhance the availability of mediation as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism. Such an approach should strengthen dialogue between the people and the authorities, thereby contributing to the resolution of critical underlying causes of conflict and the prevention of escalation of local disputes. Ambassador of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Denis Chaibi,

said: "I am very pleased to launch the Supporting Effective Dispute Resolution (SEDR) project. Mediation is an important component of local governance. It can be an efficient and more cost-effective way of resolving community disputes. It has the potential to make people more appreciative of the value of compromise, and ultimately it can enhance trust and confidence in justice." The EU ambassador added that "SEDR is part of a larger EU-funded STRIDE pro-

gramme focused on democratic governance as well as dialogue between communities and local government in Sri Lanka." The British Council Sri Lanka's Country Director, Maarya Rehman said "The British Council is very excited to be leading the delivery of the SEDR project, as it aligns well not only with SDG 16 but also our corporate commitment to contribute to more open and inclusive societies, whilst ensuring youth engagement, gender inclusivity and

increased access of marginalised groups to the mediation process." Specifically, SEDR will improve dispute resolution for both individual and community-level grievances in the Northern, Eastern, and Uva provinces. It will support local Community Mediation Boards as well as carryout nationwide public awareness campaigns on mediation. SEDR will promote social cohesion and a more inclusive engagement of communities in local dispute resolution. Part of SEDR's inclu-

**Ambassador of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Denis Chaibi and British Council Sri Lanka's Country Director, Maarya Rehman Luxembourg**

sive approach will be to ensure youth engagement, promote gender inclusivity and increase access of marginalised groups to mediation processes. SEDR will work in partnership with the Ministry of Justice, the Mediation Boards Commission (MBC) and Civil Society partners. Specifically, the project's activi-

ties will directly collaborate with Mediation Training Officers (MTOs), Development Officers-Mediation (DOs), Community Mediators, and Specialised Land Mediators. More details about SEDR can be found at www.SEDRSriLanka.org and @SEDRSriLanka on Facebook and Twitter.

## Luxembourg, richest country in the world

The richest country in the world according to the International Monetary Fund latest source is Luxembourg with a GDP per capita of over \$109,000. In Luxembourg one of the top industries is banking and financial services. Interestingly, a number of countries with smaller population sizes have a high GDP per capita.

For example, Iceland makes the top 10 at \$57,189, but the island's population is only around 342,000 people. Similarly, Luxembourg's population is just under 633,000—but it's the richest country in the world on a per capita basis. Although number one on the global stage in terms of total GDP, the U.S. places fifth with a GDP per capita of \$63,051. Looking at history, most high-income countries

went through a similar linear journey. Beginning with agriculture-based economies, they went through a period of rapid industrialization, and finally became service-based economies. The world's wealthiest economies will likely remain on top for the foreseeable future, though some may experience plateauing growth. In Japan, for example, the domestic market is



beginning to shrink due to an aging population. Regardless, the wealth of these countries today is astounding, with the richest country in the world having a GDP per capita of 415x more than the poorest country in the world. (www.visualcapitalist.com)

## M Power Capital mobilizes Rs.30 bn in 30 months

M Power Capital (MPC) has revolutionized the wealth management sector during the last 30 months mobilizing a whopping Rs.30 bn worth assets. The Colombo based corporate finance advisory and equity group, established by a group of experienced executives with operational expertise in various fields, has performed tremendously well despite volatile market situations caused by Covid 19 pandemic. Particularly, asset backed securitizations in MPC's corporate debt management service saw a remarkable growth with a number of top corporates investing funds; a clear indication of the trust they have placed in MPC. MPC offers services mainly in corporate financing, investment advisory and private equity management. Through its corporate finance arm MPC assists companies to increase shareholder wealth by offering long/short term financing solutions in debt and equity, serving institutional customers and high net worth individuals as a specialized corporate debt structuring intermediary.

MPC's corporate debt service offering includes asset backed securitization, listed/unlisted debenture issues and placement of corporate debt securities. The company's corporate finance advisory services include initial capital offerings and private equity placements, share/business valuation, brand intangible asset valuation etc. The investment advisory arm offers fixed income security services such as treasury bills/bonds, fixed deposits, commercial papers, trust certificates etc. Also the services cover equity and real estate. In addition, MPC aims to invest in SME sector with value addition in the areas of strategic planning, governance, management development and financial development. Strategically located at Horton Place, M Power Capital is powered by a team of professionals lead by Anil Cooray (Chairman), Jehan Ismail (Director/CEO), Commercial and Investment Banking, Capital Markets, Property Development, Hospitality, Engineering, Construction and Telecommunication are some areas of the expertise included in the team.

## Foreigners become net buyers as market dips - Acuity Stockbrokers

The Bourse ended the week on a negative note this week with ASPI decreasing by 367.92 points (or 4.84%) to close at 7,232.65 points, while the S&P SL20 Index also decreased by 192.33 points (or 6.26%) to close at 2,879.17 points.

Turnover & Market Capitalization Browns Investments was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 2.13Bn or 14.59% of the total turnover value. Dipped Products followed suit, accounting for 7.99% of turnover (value of LKR 1.17Bn) while Hayleys contributed LKR 1.02Bn to account for 7.00% of the week's turnover. Total turnover value amounted to LKR 14.61Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 11.79Bn), while the daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 2.92Bn (25.65% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 3.93Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, decreased by 4.21% W-o-W (or LKR 140.03Bn) to LKR 3,188.91 Bn cf. LKR 3,328.94 Bn last week.

Liquidity (Value & Volume) The Capital Goods Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 23.62% (or LKR 3.45Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by Hayleys which accounted for 29.64% of the sector's total turnover. Materials Industry Group meanwhile accounted for 20.60% of the total turnover value while Food Beverage and Tobacco Group contributed 18.58% to the weekly turnover. The Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share

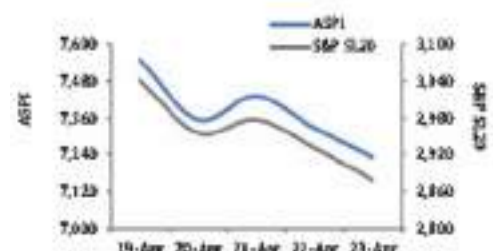
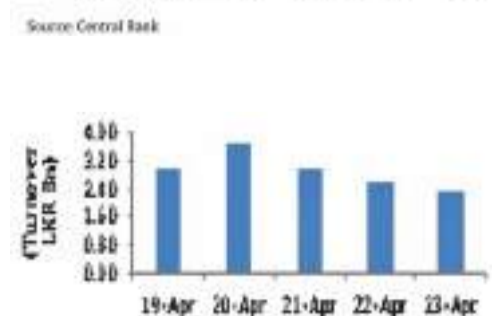
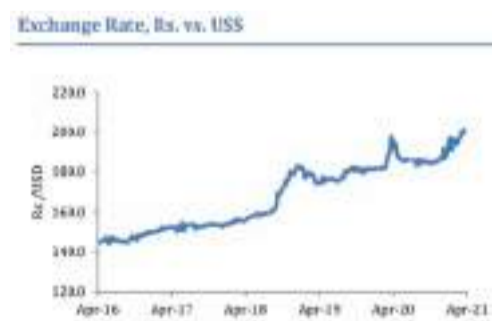
volume, accounting for 50.14% (or 348.91Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 2.71Bn. The Materials Industry Group followed suit, adding 15.68% to total volume (109.07Mn shares) while Utilities contributed 9.06% (63.03Mn shares) to the weekly share volume.

**Key Economic Indicators** For March; Prime Lending Rate: 5.67%, Ave. Wtd. Deposit Rates: 5.2%, Ave. Wtd. Fixed Dep. Rates: 6.29%, CCPI Inflation Y-o-Y %: 4.1%.

**Net Foreign Position** Foreign investors were net buyers this week with a total net inflow amounting to LKR 0.02Bn relative to last week's total net outflow of LKR 0.88Bn (102.0% W-o-W). Total foreign purchases increased by 319.8% W-o-W to LKR 0.98Bn from last week's value of LKR 0.23Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 0.96Bn relative to LKR 1.11Bn recorded last week (-13.60% W-o-W).



From left to right Muiyad Cader, Director, COO, Jehaan Ismail - Director/CEO, Anil Cooray - Chairman, Kumar Mirchandani-Director



**DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

**ISSUE OF RS. 80,000 MILLION TREASURY BONDS**

Rs. 30,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 06.30% 2023 'A', Rs. 25,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 06.75% 2026 'A' and Rs. 25,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 09.00% 2032 'A' are to be issued through an auction on April 29, 2021.

The details of these Treasury Bonds are as follows:

Series	06.30% 2023 'A'	06.75% 2026 'A'	09.00% 2032 'A'
ISIN*	LKB00323K150	LKB00526A159	LKB02032J017
Amount offered	Rs. 30,000 million	Rs. 25,000 million	Rs. 25,000 million
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**	6.50	7.25	8.45
Coupon rate	06.30% per annum	06.75% per annum	09.00% per annum
Date of issue	15 November 2020	15 January 2021	01 October 2012
Date of maturity	15 November 2023	15 January 2026	01 October 2032
Dates of coupon payment	15 May & 15 November	15 January & 15 July	01 April & 01 October
Accrued Interest amount	Rs. 2.9412 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 2.0138 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 0.7869 per Rs. 100.00
Date of Auction	Thursday, 29 April 2021		
Closing date and time of bid submission	Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 11.00 a.m.		
Date of settlement	03 May 2021		
Minimum amount of bid	Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.		

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Treasury Bonds on the basis of clean prices (exclusive of accrued interest from the date of last coupon payment to the date of settlement). Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL). With respect to each Series/ISIN, CBSL may accept any amount not exceeding the amount offered depending on the market conditions.

**The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bonds from the following Primary Dealers and any other Licensed Commercial Banks**

Acuity Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries Ltd	2639883	Wealth Trust Securities Ltd	2675096

\* International Securities Identification Number  
\*\*The rates specified may be subject to adjustment in the event of policy decisions and publicized accordingly in the CBSL web advertisement.

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**DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

**ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS**

**Rs. 45,000 million Treasury Bills are to be issued through an auction on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

The Details of Treasury Bill issues are as follows :

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09121G307	LKA18221J290	LKA36422D295***	
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn.)	9,000	18,000	18,000	45,000
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**			5.18	

Date of Auction : 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Date of Settlement : 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Date of Issue : 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Closing date and time of bid submission : **Wednesday** 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021, at 11.00 a.m.  
Minimum amount of a bid : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/=) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/=) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities.  
Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).  
The CBSL may accept a higher or lower amount than the offered amounts for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

**The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed Commercial Banks**

Acuity Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
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\* International Securities Identification Number  
\*\* The yield rates of 91 day and 182 day maturities will be decided below the level of 364 day maturity at the auction.  
\*\*\* New holiday treatment for Treasury Bill maturities applies, i.e. effective from 2022, in the event the maturity falls on a bank holiday, payments will be made on the immediate following business day.

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# ComBank, Sri Lanka's first carbon-neutral bank

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has become the first Sri Lankan bank to achieve carbon neutrality for the entirety of its operations, encompassing all 268 branches and its head office – a monumental milestone in the Bank's commitment to the environment.

Becoming a net-zero carbon company was one of Commercial Bank's Green Goals, to be achieved by the close of its centenary year in 2020. The Bank's carbon neutral status has been affirmed by Climate Smart Initiatives (Pvt) Ltd., which executed the quantification of the Bank's carbon footprint in accordance with the ISO 14064-1:2018 standard. A total of 13 emission sources covering both direct and indirect emission sources of the Bank were considered for this analysis.



Additionally, the Sri Lanka Climate Fund operating under the Ministry of Environment performed an independent third-party verification

in accordance with the ISO 14064-3:2018 guidelines and awarded the prestigious ISO 14064 certificate to the Bank.

Commenting on this achievement, Commercial Bank Managing Director S. Renganathan said: "This is what success looks like to us; working towards the enhancement of shareholder returns without compromising the Bank's responsibility to society and the environment. We are delighted to have achieved 'carbon-neutral' status - no small feat for the largest private bank in the country. The Bank believes that sustainable success is a balancing act - between continuity and change, stability and disruption, being conservative and bold. Our sustainable banking practices have been designed with this in mind."

The Bank began the process of measuring its carbon footprint in 2017 as its first step to reducing its environmentally harmful emissions. Mitigation actions such as the installation of solar PV systems, efficient AC systems, LED lighting and such were introduced even before the carbon footprint measuring process began. Currently, 49 branches of the Bank are powered partially or entirely by solar energy.

Subsequent to the environment-friendly adjustments, the Bank managed to reduce emissions attributed to the consumption of grid-connected electricity from 8,172 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) in 2017 to 7,649 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2019. This 5.88% decrease in grid-connected electricity consumption led to the reduction of total Green House Gas (GHG) emissions of the Bank from 13,055 tCO<sub>2</sub>e to 12,121 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, which is more than a 7% decline over the two years.

# HNB General Insurance holds Annual Town Hall Meeting



The top performers with the Management of HNBGI

HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI), the fully owned subsidiary of HNB Assurance PLC (HNBA) held its annual Town Hall Meeting recently to felicitate top performers of the Company.

This event was held in adherence to Covid-19 safety guidelines set out by health authorities.

HNBA and HNBGI Chief Executive Officer Prasantha Fernando, said, "We've all come together during these challenging times to celebrate and laud the dedication and commitment of our folk for going that extra mile, especially during such challenging times, uplifting the Company to strengthen the pillars of growth and stability. The General Insurance market has faced several market challenges following the outbreak of the pandemic but however, with their go-getter spirit and enthusiasm I'm sure our Sales Channels will conquer the market".

HNBGI Chief Operating Officer Sithumina Jayasundara expressed his gratitude and thanked the Sales Channels, "The Sales Channels are the backbone of our business and the Top Management is thankful to the members of this team for the superlative performance delivered during the first quarter of 2021. Whilst the General Insurance market is still recovering from the challenges and

adverse effects posted by the outbreak of a global pandemic, the Management remains confident of the delivery of an exceptional service by our Sales Channels to cater to all General Insurance needs of our customers".

HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI) was incorporated in January, 2015 and specializes in Motor and Non-Motor Insurance Solutions, and is presently one of the fastest growing General Insurance Companies in Sri Lanka, with a network of 56 branches. HNBA, the Parent Company specializing in Life Insurance solutions is ranked within the Top 100 Brands and Top 100 Companies in Sri Lanka.

## VEHICLES FOR SALE

VEHICLE No	VEHICLE CATEGORY	MAKE & MODEL	YOM
SOKUNDA YARD : No 225/A, J.D.SOLAMAN MW, DULANMAHARA, Piliyandala			
NW CAY 5410	CAR	TATA NANO TWIST	2017
WP CAU-9717	CAR	HONDA FIT	2016
WP CAU-2277	CAR	HONDA VEZEL	2016
WP CAH 6736	CAR	SUZUKI WAGON R	2015
WP KO 8763	CAR	MICRO TREND	2011
WP KW-1428	CAR	HONDA DAA-ZE2 INSIGHT	2011
WP GH 5691	CAR	TOYOTA ECHO	1999
NC PA-4431	VAN	NISSAN CARAVAN	1999
SP LN-5953	LORRY	MAHINDRA LOAD KING	2017
WP LE-4051	LORRY	JAC HFC 504BK	2007
WP DAH 1821	MINI LORRY	MAHINDRA MAXXIMO PLUS	2018
WP DAG-7542	MINI LORRY	TATA SUPER ACE	2018
WP DAE-3643	MINI LORRY	TATA ACE HT 2	2016
SG PY-0744	MINI LORRY	DFSK EQ1020DR	2013
WP DAE 8492	SINGLE CAB	TATA XENON LIGHT TRUCK	2016
NW ABM 2784	THREE WHEEL	BAJAJ RE 4S	2016
SP ABI-6903	THREE WHEEL	BAJAJ RE	2015
NC NE-0421	BUS	mitsubishi ROSA-MOTOR COACH	2012
TISSAMAHARAMA YARD : No 163, KACHCHARIYA GAMA, TISSAMAHARAMA			
SP RF-7340	TRACTOR	MAHINDRA GX3600	2018
MATARA YARD : No 268 DHARMAPALA MW, MATARA			
WP CAC-6042	CAR	SUZUKI ALTO LXI 800	2014
CHILAW YARD : KANJUKULIYA, CHILAW			
CP LF-2581	LORRY	mitsubishi KK-FES1 CBD CANTER	2002

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## SLT-MOBITEL introduces All Year Round 'Laptop Fiesta'

SLT-MOBITEL, the National Telecommunications and Mobile Services Provider, is on a mission to empower Sri Lankans by rewarding their loyal customers with laptops, with their 'Laptop Fiesta' campaign.

Both SLT and Mobitel customers are eligible to enter the giveaway throughout the year by making a through bill payments and reloads and stand a chance to be the lucky winner of 15 laptops every week.

SLT-MOBITEL recognises the importance of providing their loyal customers with the opportunity to win a laptop as the country's digitalization drive gains momentum. This will enable access to limitless information across various online resources; and provide the opportunity to broaden their horizons.

Prabhath Dahanayake, Chief Marketing Officer of Sri Lanka Telecom said, "The pandemic has resulted in many of our customers staying at home and purchasing online. As their needs increasingly turn digital, the 'Laptop Fiesta' promotion genuinely addresses their needs, strengthening our relationship further. SLT-MOBITEL understands that digital technology is reshaping the world around us, and we want to ensure that this future is inclusive, so that our customers benefit and are able to turn a crisis into an opportunity while staying fully connected in today's intelligent world."



#151# to find out their total number of entries which will be counted towards the draw that picks 15 laptop winners every week.

Shashika Senarath, Chief Marketing Officer of Mobitel, commented on the 'Laptop Fiesta' giveaway. "With learning and working from home in the post-pandemic world being the new normal, the requirement for ICT infrastructure in the household has become an essential need. We wanted to continue our commitment to uplift the nation through this promotion, with prizes that will empower Sri Lankans to evolve, explore and thrive."

The 'Laptop Fiesta' rewards program was launched to celebrate the loyalty of SLT-MOBITEL customers. Each time an SLT-MOBITEL customer recharges or reloads Rs. 50, their chances of entering the draw are multiplied from the number of years they have been connected with the brand. Furthermore, Customers can then dial

The eligibility criteria for the 'Laptop Fiesta' promotion was set at very simple levels to ensure that anyone from anywhere in the country can benefit from these exciting prizes. The 'Laptop Fiesta' campaign will impact over 540 households enabling adults and children to integrate better to the new normal.

## Leema Creations wins Industrial Excellence Award at CNCI

Leema Creations, an innovative and a leading interior solution provider in Sri Lanka wins the extra-large category manufacturing sector merit award for Extra Large Category at the recently held The Ceylon National Chamber of Industries (CNCI) award ceremony.

The event that recognizes the best of the best in the Sri Lankan industrial sector was graced by several relevant Cabinet Ministers and State Ministers indicating the importance of the recognition. The award was bestowed on the evaluation criteria such as turnover, value addition, productivity, quality of products, health and safety, and other relevant important parameters.

For Leema Creations, the honours keep coming not only because of the recognition by the authorities but also for the excellence provided to the customers by way of product quality and service delivery. Since the inception, the brand image created by Leema has been the winning criteria until now, mainly due to the undeniable trust earned from thousands of customers.

The difference Leema Creations makes in the customer's confidence comes with the availability of the most modern manufacturing plant with state-of-the-art computerized machinery.

The founder and the Chairman of Leema Creations, Channa Wijesekera said that they have enjoyed an extremely successful run lately concerning customer satisfaction. He said "It is a real honour to receive this type of recognition no matter how many times we have won awards previously."

Leema Creations' processes are based on ISO 9001:2008 standards. The management believes in providing relevant knowledge to staff by constant internal and external training. In addition, the staff is exposed to foreign training from time to time not only in technical aspects but also in the administrative sector, in keeping with ISO standards.

## PEOPLE'S BANK AUCTION SALE OF PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.03.2020 subject to renewal within 12 months at undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centres and not redeemed at the date given against will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on days and the places stated below.

Branch	Service Centre	Articles Unredeemed upto	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Borella	Suduwella	21.05.2021	22.05.2021	Golden Jubilee
Golden Jubilee				
Narahenpita				
Suduwella				
Liberty Plaza				
Lucky Plaza				
Head Quarters				
Maradana	Havelock Town	22.05.2021	23.05.2021	Thimbrigasyaya
Bambalapitiya				
Majestic city				
Kirulapone				
Wellawatta				
Kol. Co-op House				
Thimbrigasyaya				
Hyde Park Corner				
Town Hall				
Union Place				

Participants are requested to bring their NIC. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

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## INIVOS Consulting, IFS ink deal with Global Sea Foods

INIVOS Consulting, a fully-fledged Sri Lankan Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions provider announced its latest business venture with Global Sea Foods (GSF), a leading sea food provider in Sri Lanka, to integrate IFS applications to streamline their supply chain and finance processes.

INIVOS, a catalyst in driving digital transformation for business, will be implementing IFS applications to streamline GSF's supply chain and finance processes whilst focusing on accelerating exports, warehouse operations and storage management.

Global Sea Foods (Pvt) Ltd, is a leading processor and exporter of seafood products with a strong presence across the globe. GSF has set itself apart as a company that focuses on delivering sea food with freshness, quality and safety to the consumer. Global Sea Foods is located in Badalgama, Sri Lanka.

Commenting on the new venture, Asanga Marasinghe, Managing Director at INIVOS Consulting said, "We are indeed happy to begin our journey in 2021 with a renowned company like Global Sea Foods. GSF team had strong confidence and faith in INIVOS and IFS as they entrusted INIVOS to integrate IFS applications to streamline their supply chain and finance processes. With GSF's pedigree as a global

supplier, we know IFS applications can play a big role in optimizing supply chain, boosting operational efficiencies and financial systems. We see it as the start of a fruitful partnership between the three organisations as we are confident that, the latest IFS solutions backed by a well experienced team at INIVOS, can deliver a quick turnaround for GSF"

Sanjaya Samararatne, CFO Global Sea Foods said, "A diversified business such as ours requires powerful and user-friendly tools to ensure there is only one version of the truth and that we are using reliable, real-time data for decision-making. IFS has been used by our sister company Global Rubber Industries since 2018 where the system proved it's agility and robustness meeting our ever changing business needs and shifts in go-to-market strategies." Shiraz Lye, Managing Director and Vice President Sales IFS South Asia added, "We are delighted that a leading exporter such as Global Sea Foods has chosen IFS Applications to fuel it's key business operations."

The project implementation will be carried out by an experienced team of consultants at INIVOS Consulting in a fully transparent manner making way for the fruition of the expected outcomes.



**Shiraz Lye** Managing Director and VP Sales IFS South Asia, **Subhashana Suwandarathne** Director INIVOS Consulting, **Ayomi Gunawardena** Director INIVOS Consulting, **Asanga Marasinghe** Director INIVOS Consulting, **Sanjaya Samararatne** CFO Global Sea Foods, **Tharaka De Alwis** DGM IT and Innovation, **Pamith Kodikara** Programme Lead Digital Transformation



**Leema Creations General Manager HR and Admin, Amali Rajapaksha** and **Factory Manager, W.P. Samantha** accepts the award

## Mastercard strengthens Digital First programme in Asia Pacific

Mastercard is strengthening its global Digital First programme across Asia Pacific with a range of innovative partners to deliver even more seamless and secure digital payment options than consumers expect as they shop and bank online more than ever before.

Mastercard's Digital First program maximizes the safety, security and convenience of e-commerce, online banking and contactless transactions by providing the guidelines for payment processors, fintechs, issuing banks and other partners to create end-to-end digital payment options at scale.

Backed by the speed and security of Mastercard's global network - including the Mastercard Processing platform to enable instant issuance - the Digital First program offers consumers the ease of applying online, rapid access to begin making purchases, flexibility and peace-of-mind while shopping. It gives consumers the choice of making payments with digital cards or directly from bank accounts by using smartphones, smartwatches or any other digital device.

With this greater demand for digital experiences, Mastercard is enabling its customers to innovate faster by providing a network of partners that support each step of the consumer digital journey - from acquisition and usage to management.

"Mastercard has been leading the drive into inclusive digital commerce for many years by delivering frictionless and secure payment experiences for the billions of people shopping and managing their finances at their fingertips around the clock and around the world," said Sandeep Malhotra, Executive Vice President, Products and Innovation, Asia Pacific, Mastercard.

# TOWN & COUNTRY

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# A BIT OF CRITICAL THINKING...



## Leeds International School, Galle

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

It is through remembrance that we understand who we are, rediscover ourselves and realize the truth. Perfect Prefects features Head Girl, Leeds International School, Galle, Rovinya Senavirathna, who speaks about listening to the voices of the past and learning from them.

From the very beginning she pointed out that we must respect our elders. And respecting our elders means listening to them. They are the connection we have with the past. The past is an intricate sequence of events – a rich tapestry. But then suddenly we start to remember, the past floods into the present and we become aware of a truth, that we did not realize then but one that we realize now. Life starts to make perfect sense. We start to reflect on the life we've lived.

"Something that worries me is forgetting. People have forgotten what it feels like to help others, to be an active part of the community, and most importantly how to be content with who they are. Today, life is dictated by unrealistic standards and selfishness. I find social service as a way to break free of this unhealthy mindset. I love being an active member of the community and doing my part to help uplift people's lives. I believe that kindness is an investment that always pays back dividends, not necessarily from the outside, but for one's inner peace. Bringing a smile to a face that can't afford it on its own is a dream of mine. Sometimes even a simple smile and a good morning can brighten up someone's day. This is what keeps me passionate about doing what I do in life," explained Senavirathna.

Albert Einstein once said – 'Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.'

"I just want to say be unique. Don't try to copy someone else because you will lose your valued identity. Never compare yourself to another and rate yourself as a failure because everyone is the hero of their own life. Everyone has their strengths. Try and find it within you," pointed out Senavirathna.

The theory of Karma is a major belief in Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, and Jainism. Senavirathna pointed that as Buddhist she believes in Karma. Her belief in the power of love and compassion is one reason why she is always ready to help others who are in need of assistance. She understands that



Karma is the reason why she has always come first in class since grade one. To her, success has been a journey with several milestones along the way and becoming Head Prefect is one of those milestones. "What goes around comes around" or "as you sow, so shall you reap". Once more readers will recollect her words – 'I believe that kindness is an investment that always pays back dividends'.

Today, we live in the age of Cyber Technology. Senavirathna points out that as the means of connection get faster and stronger every day, people grow disconnected from each other more and more every day. The key words she uses here are 'isolation' and 'disconnected'. In this age of Cyber Technology, we see more and more of this disconnectedness taking place. It is then that people are unable to empathize with each other. Of



Head Girl Rovinya Senavirathna

course when you think of it, this has been happening for a very long time in different forms.

People speak of the greatness of Rome. But the Romans weren't very empathetic were they? Nowadays, the Colosseum in Rome and other great Roman amphitheaters are admired as architectural masterpieces. We need to remember that these were arenas where Romans regularly organized fights to the death between hundreds of gladiators, the mass execution of unarmed criminals, and the indiscriminate slaughter of domestic and wild animals. The Colosseum was dedicated in AD 80 with 100 days of games. One day 3,000 men fought. On another 9,000 animals were killed. It seated 50,000 people. During the persecutions of Christians, the victims were sometimes led around the arena in a procession dressed up as priests and priestesses of pagan cults, before being stripped naked and thrown to the wild beasts.

"People have grown isolated from the very ethics, morals, and culture that defines us. I have witnessed people who look away when a person is in need, children who do not respect their parents, friendships ruined out of jealousy. Growing up in a family where traditions are greatly valued, cultural and ethical values were instilled into me since a young age. I would like to remind people of the importance of traditions, ethics, and integrity. When alone you can't change the world, but you can start being the change you want to see in the world. It may be helping a friend, feeding a stray cat, or even using one less polyethylene bag every day. It is the motive and action that matters. It's the little differ-

ences or changes that we make collectively that start a revolution. Therefore, I want to lead an exemplary life so that the community can follow me."

The logo of Leeds Galle is striking. The sheaves of paddy on the logo represent prosperity and victory. The lamp represents illumination and the blue, red, and yellow colors on the flame resemble knowledge, intelligence, wisdom, and success respectively. The school motto is what is on the banner. She adds that the school logo means a lot to the students.

Her message to the youth in their formative years is to preserve their integrity. She points out that you will meet a variety of different people in life. Some might have a positive influence and some might try and create conflict. This is inevitable. But the most important thing is to remember to do the right thing. It is your integrity that dictates your actions which in turn defines who you are. It is also imperative that you develop your critical thinking skills. Life is unpredictable and you will have to make some tough decisions. Therefore, you



At the Prefects Investiture ceremony

must learn how to assess your options and take a practical approach.

"My ambition is to study law and serve the people. As for my other aims in life, I want to give back to my parents even though I understand that I can never repay them for all they have done for me. I've already achieved some of my aims. My dream is to travel the world, take risks and enjoy life because life is too short not to take risks," stated Senavirathna.

She has no shortage of role models. Her late grandmother N.B.D Senavirathna was the former Principal of Sanghamitta Girls' College Galle, and she touched the lives of countless students. Another inspiration is the Chairman of Leeds Network of Schools Deshamanya Dr. Sarath Jayatissa who started out as a teacher. Both have contributed to the betterment of society and have inspired Senavirathna to believe in herself and develop her leadership skills.

"As Head Prefect I can't afford to make mistakes. Once you are the Head Prefect, each student looks up to you. While this is one of the biggest challenges I face as a student, it is also my greatest motivation. Rather than feeling burdened by these responsibilities, I keep things in perspective. When given a responsibility I consider it as an opportunity to do something special or enjoyable. It is because of this satisfaction and pride that I am able to fulfill my duties continuously. Whether it is duties, academics, sports, or other extracurricular activities, I always love what I do and excel. Time is very precious to me. I am a member of the school choir, band, dancing troop, and I was

the leader of the school percussion band when I was six. I am also an active participant in swimming, chess, athletics, and netball. Fortunately, being busy most of the time has made me proficient in time management. Last but not least, I would like to extend my gratitude to my teachers and parents, who played a major role in guiding and supporting me," said Senavirathna.



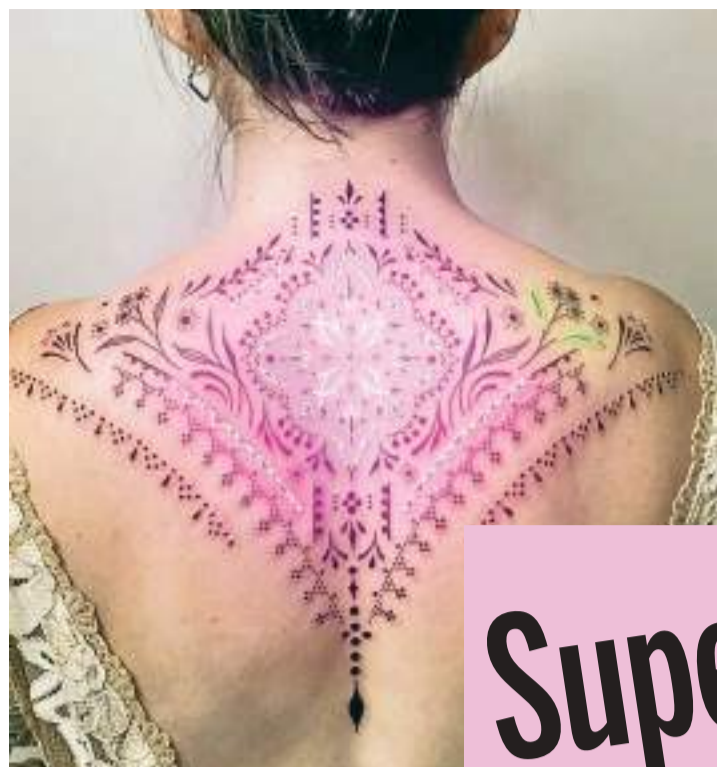
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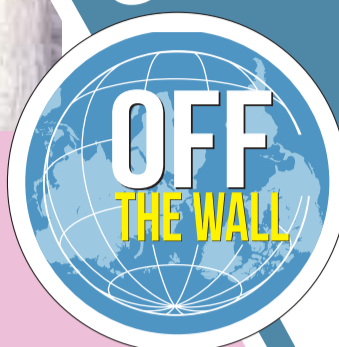
Taking part in the annual concert



Making a speech at the annual English Day celebrations



# Music from SPIDER WEBS



## Supernatural animated tattoos

You might already be familiar with black light tattoos created using ultraviolet ink, but Russian artist Maxim Sipakov takes glowing body art to a whole new level. The talented 18-year-old animator digitally alters videos from tattoo artists around the world. He adds neon lights to their designs that appear to move around the skin like magic. Each modified bit of body art looks like the tattoo of a superhero!

Sipakov first began adding neon lights to soccer footage back in February 2020. Since then, he's found his forte in tattoo art. His colorful additions allow you to appreciate the original inked designs in a whole new light-literally.

From geometric mandalas to character-inspired designs, Sipakov can pretty much turn any tattoo into something that looks supernatural. Vibrant sparks of light flash, dart, and dance around the lines of the tattoo, illuminating certain areas and bringing them to life. Each neon light overlay perfectly compliments the original design, and Sipakov always makes sure to credit the original tattoo artist on Instagram.

As of writing, the skilled animator now has over 119,000 followers on Instagram, and it's clear to see why. Scrolling through his portfolio is totally mesmerizing!

My Modern Met

A team of scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the US have translated the structure of a spider web into music, which could have applications ranging from better 3D printers to cross-species communication and otherworldly musical compositions.

"The spider lives in an environment of vibrating strings. They don't see very well, so they sense their world through vibrations, which have different frequencies," said Markus Buehler, from MIT.

Such vibrations occur, for example, when the spider stretches a silk strand during construction,

or when the wind or a trapped fly moves the web.

In the study, the team scanned a natural spider web with a laser to capture 2D cross-sections and then used computer algorithms to reconstruct the web's 3D network. They assigned different frequencies of sound to strands of the web, creating "notes" that they combined in patterns based on the web's 3D structure to generate melodies.

The researchers then created a harp-like instrument and played the spider web music in several live performances around the world and also made a virtual reality setup that allowed people to visually and audibly "enter" the web.

"The virtual reality environment is really intriguing. By hearing it and seeing it at the same time, you can really start to understand the environment the spider lives in," Buehler said.

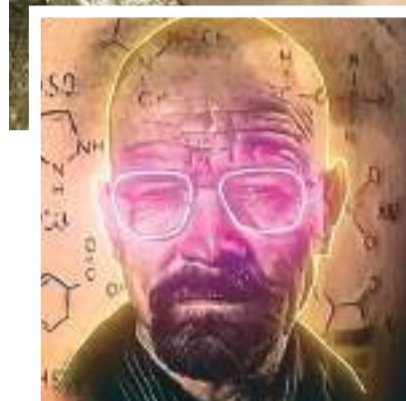
The step-by-step knowledge of how a spider builds a web could help in devising "spider-mimicking" 3D printers that build complex microelectronics.

The team explored how the sound of a web changes as it's exposed to different mechanical forces, such as stretching. Further, in a bid to communicate with spiders in their own language they recorded web vibrations produced when spiders performed different activities, such as building a web, communicating with other spiders or sending courtship signals.

Although the frequencies sounded similar to the human ear, a machine learning algorithm correctly classified the sounds into the different activities. "Now we're trying to generate synthetic signals to basically speak the language of the spider," Buehler said.

The findings will be presented at the forthcoming spring meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

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### MARMADUKE



"Marmaduke really likes you because you dropped your snow cone the last time you came over."



Bad idea in 3...2...1...

### MUTT AND JEFF



### ARCHIE



### FISH TALES



### UP & RUNNING



# It's TOON TIME!

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

He wishes to be known as his Pen Name - Adam Sebastian Core. This is because he feels his time has not yet come. At the age of 14 he is an enigma. He is brilliant but secretive. Daily News speaks to Adam Sebastian Core on his passion which is Art.

Initially at the age of nine, he started to observe the drawings of artists such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Pablo Picasso and others. This became, in his words, an addiction. He then thought how wonderful it would be to draw like them for real.

"I tried my best to draw exactly the way they drew, but I ended up wasting bundles of paper as they ended up as trash. Then I realized that I can't draw such portraits, so I decided to draw cartoons like Garfield and Flintstone. Simply put, cartoons which are aired on TV. All those cartoon characters are drawn similarly to one another and it uses only a single line to finish the whole cartoon. That's the key reason I mostly admire those," said Core who is a grade 10 student at Wesley College, Colombo.

It took him around a year to decide on the correct path and it became very time consuming. Since his drawing went overboard he finally took a break to concentrate on his studies.

"I finally decided to stop drawing cartoons for one year to concentrate on my studies. However, later in the midst of 2018, I started drawing cartoons once more and once again my avenues were blocked at end of the year. It is really difficult to admit that I never ever got a chance to draw a cartoon character with a perfect finish because I



never knew how to finish a drawing. So, I learned from the ones I knew and started drawing new cartoons of my own. I'm really proud to say that I figured out a cartoon character which is really different and I call it Peter Wesley," stated Core

Core explained that art can serve as an inspiration to awaken one's imagination and discover the talents and skills hidden in yourself. When looking at certain works of Art he feels mysteriously connected to it. He calls this interaction, a 'journey' that is taking place in his mind.

"I never wanted to be an artist, I do it as a hobby. I would really like to be able to draw one piece of cartoon to a newspaper though. Talking about my future, I would like to be a businessman. Just like art I have more hobbies. I like to write story books, but doing it as a profession is still a dream. At this point I have kept my options open. But I will say one thing, when I set a goal I always succeed in it," pointed out the gifted Wesleyite.

He says his talent is mostly hard work, however he thinks it also might be genetic. His mother says that his great grandfather displayed such talent. But Core maintains that it is pure hard work. He points out that he had a lot of drawbacks in the days leading up to his mastery of the skill.

Vincent Van Gogh and Pablo Picasso are amongst his favorite artists. These two men had varying similarities and dissimilarities. Van Gogh sold only one painting in his lifetime. He was



Some of Adam's drawings

never famous as a painter during his lifetime and constantly struggled with poverty. By the time he passed away, Picasso was widely regarded as one of the greatest artists of all time, at the time of his death Pablo Picasso's net worth was equal to \$530 million to \$1.3 billion today. Both were known to have suffered from bouts of depression.

Core's advice to anyone who wants to pursue painting is to trust themselves. Because according to him, if you trust yourself you will definitely be successful.

"Usually, I'm involved in drawing engagements during weekends. Normally I spend about two to three hours and most importantly I survive the day somehow balancing my studies and art. I prefer to draw using a black pen and rarely do I use paint. This is because it takes more time than doing it with the pen. At

first, I started drawing cartoons with the help of oil paints and then I wondered what was easier? Was it using paint? Or should I use the pen? Then I recalled the time I used to draw a single cartoon figure. Finally, I decided to use my black pen to draw such cartoons," explained Core.

Amongst his many interests is reading comic books and doing stunts. However, he has abandoned the latter as he broke his forearm doing a stunt.

"I never did art as a subject in school. My class teacher never knew about my talent for art because I never participated in art programs at school. My family obviously knew about my talent since I was a kid and they have been very supportive," said Core.

Pictures by Ranjith Asanka



With his family

## NEXT GEN: Sri Lanka's first virtual educational exhibition



'Next Gen' was a virtual event organized by Chocolate Magazine targeting the youth making this yet another pioneering venture by Chocolate as this is Sri Lanka's first ever virtual educational exhibition.

The exhibition was held on the March 27 and 28 on an online platform. The online experience provided all the benefits and opportunities for a school leaver were it a physical exhibition, allowing students to visit multiple virtual stalls managed by a select group of universities.

The pandemic has had a considerable impact on education causing it to have been through a great many changes in the recent past. With physical classes replaced by classes online and the postponement of exams, the focus at present is to make progress in covering the syllabus and helping students navigate this new normal. Therefore attention isn't being paid to school leavers who are currently in the process of making important decisions regarding their higher studies and careers.

As a voice for the youth, Chocolate understands the crucial role education plays in shaping the lives and future of the next generation. Presently there are many students who are awaiting results and need guidance and advice on what path they are to take. Taking this into consideration and the fact that no initiative has been taken as of yet to organize an educational exhibition Chocolate decided to organize and host Next Gen, a platform on which students, parents and educationists could meet to discuss, plan and discover opportunities.

The event featured UCL - UCLAN (University of Central Lancashire), CIMA Sri Lanka, Eduko Pathways, IHS (International Institute of Health Sciences), Deakin University, SLIIT Global (Sri Lanka Institute of

Information Technology), Bristol University and MSI-MSU, Malaysia. Interested parties were able to visit the virtual stalls of the respective universities and interact one-on-one with university representatives, share their concerns and questions, view university prospects and discover scholarship opportunities. This was possible through the online site created with the aim of being convenient and providing the best online experience possible to participants from the comfort of their own home.

"In terms of education, new ways of reaching target markets are fast evolving, hence Chocolate was up to the challenge to embark on a journey in uncharted waters together with a group of very special institutions and Chocolate Next Gen was born. Online platforms are still fairly new to Sri Lanka, and only unwavering and consistent efforts will enable us to build this platform, which would be useful, efficient and effective for institutions in the years ahead. We believe we have taken a step in the right direction for the education industry, and we also look forward to future exhibitions, where we will be able to operate a hybrid model in which the physical exhibition will run parallel to the virtual exhibition, thus creating a dual channel for institutions to reach prospects. We do believe that Chocolate Next Gen was a new and enlightening experience and we look forward to improving it as time goes by," said Managing Director of Chocolate Magazine, Michelle Gunesekera.

The exhibition was well received with positive feedback from the participants and universities. Chocolate is pleased to have provided this opportunity for the youth and to have provided this opportunity for the youth and to positively impact education in response to the needs arising out of Covid '19.

## A WELCOME EFFORT



Text and pictures by RUZAIK FAROOK

The Grade One Orientation Ceremony of Muslim Ladies College, Colombo, was held recently under the patronage of Principal Nasriya Munas.

Consultant Physician in Community Medicine, Ministry of Health Dr. Azhar Ghouse was the Guest Speaker at the event. Deputy Principals, Assistant Principals, the academic staff, the members of School Development Committee and Members of the Past Pupils' Association including children of the Grade One and Two along with their parents were present.

The event was held under the guidance of the health authorities.



## Topping the charts

Text and pictures by M S M MUNTADIR, Panadura Central Group Corr

The Students Awareness ceremony for best performance in the GCE O/L, A/L and Grade Five Scholarship examination was held recently at Alfahriya Central College, Thotawatta,

Panadura. The event was sponsored by the Thotawatta Development Society.

The ceremony was held under the patronage of the Principal M I M Rizan. Pradeshiya Saba Member M A M Munsir, teachers, students, members of the SDS, TDA and well wishers grace the occasion.



SURESHNI PILAPITIA

The local Rock music scene in Sri Lanka seems to be going towards a new dimension, with a lot of young blood and local talent coming up, and performing such quality music, that they have the talent even to perform at an international level.

Nevertheless including international music festivals across the world – such as the Wacken, Summerfest or even the Glastonbury! If we had a local Woodstock festival here it would have been a treat to watch all these bands in action. When it comes to the local Rock music scene, we do see a large number of bands in local concerts who have that passion, energy and fire inside them to do a great show. They are the local talent which keeps this amazing music culture going strong, which started off with the likes of Bill Haley, Elvis Presley and Jimmy Hendrix to the modern day Rockers who inspire and attract millions of fans with their amazing music.

On today's T'nC, we are having a chat with one of the upcoming and most sought after bands in the local rock music scene- Trishira. Along with its extraordinary but unique name, Trishira has a unique story behind its inception, which you will hear from its members themselves.

The band started in 2016 with a passion for Heavy Metal / fusion music, and Trishira started off as the brainchild of Supun and Shavi, along with Ezra on guitars, they started jamming. They collaborated with a few other talented musicians as well, and finally, the first official lineup was formed together with Sanka on guitars and Oshi on Vocals. After another few jamming sessions and local gigs, the band decided to enter a local band competition. Soon after, since Oshi had to migrate for higher studies, they had to look for another vocalist as replacement. As a result, Nipuna, who was a mutual friend of Shavi and Ezra, joined the band after an audition in 2019.

So far the current lineup consists of Nipuna (Jonty) –vocals, Ezra (Guitars), Sanka (guitars), Supun (Bass), and Shavi (Drums). Though they have quite a short inception, they are already making sound waves in the local rock scene with their unique performance and tech-



nique. Some of their performances include a Charity Open Mic Night organized by the MUN, Onstage, Acoustic Saturday, The Circus, Rockdown I and Rockdown III. Focused on finishing their first studio album, their main goal is to take their music to the masses and do their motherland proud by performing on the international stage. Therefore, let's begin our chat with Nipuna Fernando (Jonty) who is also the frontman of the band, and Ezra Naotunna to tell us about their beginnings, experiences and their latest progress. Excerpts:



# EFFORTLESS ORIGINALITY!

**Q:** Tell us about what's happening with Trishira, music-wise these days.

We are currently working on our first studio album which is a work in progress, whilst playing for local gigs which we love the most.

**Q:** What was the initiative behind starting the band Trishira?

There is a funny story behind the name TRISHIRA. But before Trishira came into play, we called ourselves by many names. But none of us were comfortable with those.

Our bassist Supun and our drummer Shavin have a keen interest in the non-recorded

Sri Lankan history related to King Ravana. Trishira is one of King Ravana's sons who had mastered three areas to the fullest. Since our music a mix of three key elements from progressive to groove with an eastern twist, we decided to settle to this name and as a matter of fact, our drummer insisted that we use this name or else he would "quit the band". So Shavin is responsible for baptizing the band



en and local bands such as Stigmata and Triloka.

**Q:** What were the challenges which you had to face, coming to the music field as a new band?

Even though Trishira is relatively a new band, most of our members were involved in the local metal scene, playing for bands such as Crywolf and Seveth. However, it was not a bed of roses when we started off swinging back and forth from our day jobs and practices and balancing the scales between personal life and the band.

But with support from our families, we were able to bypass the obstacles. We would like to mention our fans the 'Trishira family' who keeps our fire ignited. We are grateful the gig promoters such as Suriya Brothers and Mosh scream rock for creating amazing platforms for us and other new bands to perform. And we would especially

as Trishira and which supported the initiative behind the band which was to promote Sri Lankan originality in the Metal scene.

**Q:** Is it only a progressive metal band or do you guys perform other genres as well?

We don't like to stick into specific genres, since inception, we covered tunes from heavy metal to groove metal and later on brought in progressive components especially in our originals. And we have used elements from a platter of music genres including gospel, jazz, Latin American and even exotic eastern folk music. We don't want to progress just as a cover band and our main focus is on making our own material, yet if we are to label our music under a genre we can say that we play "Sri Lankan Metal".

**Q:** What are the bands and who are the artistes which inspire you to perform?

Five of us have come from different musical backgrounds which enable us to create our originals with different colours making the band sound more versatile. If we talk about influ-



like to thank the veterans of the local metal scene for their support and guidance.

**Q:** What was your first performance on stage, and how was the experience?

Our first appearance was in 2017. It was an acoustic open mic night organized by the MUN. We played a few of our favorites.

After adapting the name Trishira, we took part in onstage (a local band competition). And after the lineup change of our band, we played our first official gig, the Acoustic Saturday organized by Suriya Brothers. At first, we were a bit nervous but when started playing we didn't want to step out.

The first metal gig we played is at a gig called the circus in 2019.

**Q:** When you perform, what are you mostly focused on?

We just love performing! it doesn't matter if there are 1000s of metal heads or even 5 people at a gig, we just want the crowd to enjoy and to be moved by what we play! but most importantly, we just want to have a good time playing what we love and if the crowd loves it, that's a bonus.

**Q:** Any plans for the future?

We have a set of short-term goals, finishing our first studio album being the first and a few other related tasks. However, our main goal and dream is to take our music to the masses both local and international. And try to hoist the Sri Lankan flag in the international arena through our music.



## First Double LP release



In celebration of 50 years in music, veteran singer Sunil Edirisinghe is releasing a limited-edition double album as a long play (LP) vinyl record. This is the first Sri Lankan double Vinyl album released in this millennium.

Debuted in 1973, Sunil established himself as one of the most renowned and accomplished musicians in Sri Lanka. Trained in the classical form of music, his creations span across many a musical style and genre. His songs carry depth and true meaning across a wide range of subjects; patriotism, religion (or spirituality), humanity, romance and folklore. His calming yet striking voice continues to touch many a heart and soul.

He has received significant recognition for his work; Presidential Award (1983), Sarasavi Awards (1986, 1988, 2001), Swarna Sankha Awards (1987, 1990), State Tele Award (2004), State Music Awards (1999, 2011), Signis Award (2008), Raigam Tele Awards (2009, 2011).

The double album features a collection of Sunil's evergreen hits; "Nidukanane", "Dewani Budun", "Aluth Wassak", "Asuweda Kawurun", "Ahasai Oba Mata", "Kan-

dulu Denna Mata Handanna", "Ahasa Polowa" amongst a host of others. Lyrics were penned by some of the most respected artists; Kumaradasa Saputhanthri, Prof. Sunil Ariyaratne, Dharmasri Gamage, Sunil R. Gamage, Bandula Nanayakkarasam and music is by renowned composers; Dr. Rohana Weerasinghe, Dr. Victor Rathnayake and H.M. Jayawardena.

Pressed in the UK, the double album is released on the Sooriya label. Sooriya is synonymous with innovation, quality and originality and launched the musical careers of many an artist. The label is respected as a brand that made equal contribution to various forms of music and cultures of Sri Lanka commencing from the 1960s.

The double album will be launched on 30th April 2021 at The Sooriya Village, at No 49, Skelton Road, Colombo 5. The launch event will be live steamed for the public. The Sooriya Village provides amenities such as a top gear recording studio, a fully equipped rehearsal suit and a tech-based lecture room, performance spaces and plenty of area to hang out with like-minded, creative individuals.

## Global Music Centre opens in Moratuwa



MALATHI PERERA

The evergreen musical city of our Motherland - Moratuwa is launching a new venture for music, linking notations from Eastern and Western melodies under one roof. This concept is the brainchild of Melantha and Chathuranga. The duo also provides instruments to purchase on an easy payment system to students.

Recently, Melantha Perera, the famous musician with a vibrant voice and the melodious keyboard wizard inventor of MelaNota joined hands with another musician, Chathuranga to open doors at No 351, Rawatawatte, Galle Road, Moratuwa to pave way for music lovers of all ages to walk in to learn to play any kind of instrument.

The main objective of this centre is to encourage students to learn and sit for exams and become a part of the unique orchestra which Melantha is pushing from all ends to make a dream come true. This venture could take our melodies to the world in orchestral flavour. This project will be the first of its kind formed in the world. The Eastern and Western Orchestra com-

prises of 40 members with melodies made up of a mixture of many instruments, capturing the Eastern and Western flavours. There are 40 subjects and many professionals to train the students viz Rukshan, Mariazelle, Lelum, Uthpala, Sandra, Rishni, Chandral, Clement, Dinush, Kamal, Luckydeva, Milam, Nuwan, Prashan, Rajin, Umesh, Primal, Ranil, Roshane, Sulalith, Sarath, Rev Lakpriya.

Among the participants was Moratuwa Mayor Samanlal Fernando and former State Minister of Finance Eran Wickremaratne. Wickremaratne said during their regime he made all arrangements with the Parliament and passed a bill to put up an auditorium – similar to an opera house in Moratuwa, which was accepted and approved by Samanlal Fernando. He noted that he would take steps to carry out the mission in May.

The meeting adjourned by cutting a cake to celebrate Chathuranga's wife Madumali's birthday. Melantha concluded his speech by requesting music lovers in Moratuwa and all over the world to keep tapping their toes as more groundbreaking ventures are to come.





## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### DISTRICT SECRETARIAT POLONNARUWA

Bids are invited from contractors registered at Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) and at the District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa for the projects mentioned in the schedule below implemented by the Polonnaruwa District Secretary.

- Bid documents will be issued by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Polonnaruwa District Secretary between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. during working days of the week and they could be obtained from 28.04.2021 up to 18.05.2021.
- Applicants possessing valid registration in the relevant grade are qualified to obtain bid forms. Bid forms could be obtained by paying the refundable procurement deposit and the non refundable procurement fee in cash to the Shroff of the Polonnaruwa District Secretariat and submit the receipts obtained or submit a bank guarantee obtained from a reputed bank as bid security to obtain bid forms.
- Duly completed bids should be sent to the District Secretary, District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa by registered post to be received before 2.30 p.m on 18.05.2021 or should be deposited in the bid box kept in the Chief Accountant's Office of the District Secretariat. Bids duly prepared as original copy and duplicate copy should be inserted in separate envelopes and thereafter these two envelopes should be enclosed in a single envelope and sealed. The name of the relevant work should be marked on the top left hand corner of all envelopes.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at 2.30 p.m. on 18.05.2021.
- Bidders or an authorized representative could be present at the bid opening.
- Incomplete and bids received late will be rejected.
- Details regarding constructions could be obtained from the District Engineer of the Polonnaruwa, District Secretariat (027-2222269).
- The Procurement Committee retains the right of the final decision regarding bids.
- Details of projects completed prior to the last 5 years should be submitted with the relevant bid.
- A copy of the VAT Registration certificate for the present year should be attached.
- The Procurement Board retains the right to accept or reject the entire bid or a part of same.
- A 5% preference will be granted on behalf of the North Central Province.

#### Schedule

#	Name of Construction	Estimated Amount (without VAT) (Rs.)	CIDA Registration required	Bid form fees (non refundable) Rs.	Bid Deposit (Refundable) (Rs.)
01	Construction of a two storied quarters of the Elahera Divisional Secretariat - Stage II	4,392,093.07	C8 and C7 (Building)	3,500.00	45,000.00
02	Construction of the Polonnaruwa Ancient Museum	4,759,455.01	C8 and C7 (Buildings)	3,500.00	45,000.00

**W.A. Dharmasiri**  
Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
District Secretary / Government Agent,  
District Secretariat,  
Polonnaruwa.

## DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF TOURISM DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

### NOTICE OF BID INVITATION

- Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Major Procurement Board, Department of National Botanical Gardens from eligible and qualified bidders for the purchase of 04 Computers and 04 UPS for bar coding and digital photographing of plant samples in the National Green Houses of the Department National Botanical Gardens.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain bid forms from the Accounts Division of the Head Office of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2000.00 (for each set) between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 27.04.2021 until 17.05.2021 It is mandatory to submit a Letter of Request to obtain bid forms.
- A Bid Security to the value of Rs. 20,000/- should be submitted from a government recognized commercial bank or else the bid security may be deposited in cash at the Head Office of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya. Bids without the bid security drawn in favour of Director General, Department of National Botanical Gardens and valid for 90 days from the opening date of bids will be rejected.
- Duly perfected bids in duplicate should duly sealed (mentioning "Original" and "Duplicate") and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Departmental Major Procurement Committee, Department of National Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 14, Peradeniya" or deposited in the Major Procurement Box kept at the Finance Division for that purpose to receive before 10.30 a.m. on 18.05.2021 and the late bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids and the bidder or his representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. The caption "Purchase of Computers and UPS for the National Green House" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Departmental Procurement Board reserves the right to take decisions regarding bids and the Director General of the Department of National Botanical Gardens reserves the right to take a decision regarding any matter that is neither mentioned in this notice nor in bid documents regarding this procurement process. (Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling the Deputy Director of the National Green House on Tel. No. 081-2388053)

**Chairman**  
Departmental Major Procurement Committee  
Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya  
22.04.2021

## DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF TOURISM DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

### NOTICE OF BID INVITATION

#### Purchase of Shading Nets, U.V. treated Polythene, Plastic Baskets and Polythene Packets for the Suvahas Flower Societies – 2021

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Major Procurement Board, Department of National Botanical Gardens from eligible and qualified bidders for the abovementioned supplies.

- Separate bid forms have been prepared for each item and the bidders may submit bids for one, two or all items. Each bid should be inserted in separate covers and submitted.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure. Selected bidders, on intimation of accepting their bids, should deliver full quantity of all items within the specified delivery period to the Floriculture Division of the Department of National Botanical Gardens. No advance payments will be made.
- Interested bidders may obtain the bid conditions, specifications and bid applications from the Head Office of the Department of National Botanical Gardens during office hours between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 27.04.2021 until 17.05.2021. A non refundable bid fee of Rs. 2,000.00 will be charged for each item. Accordingly, a total of Rs. 8,000.00 will be charged for all items. A bid security of Rs. 10,000/- should be submitted for each item and a total for all four items is Rs. 40,000/-. Bid security should be in the form of a bank guarantee issued by a reputed commercial bank valid for 90 days from the date of opening of bids or else the amount could be deposited in cash at the head Office of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya. Bids without the bid security will be rejected.
- Duly perfected bids may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Departmental Major Procurement Board, Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya" or else may be deposited in the Major Procurement Box kept at the room of the Chief Accountant of this department to receive before 10.30 a.m. on 18.05.2021. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids in the presence of the bidders or their representatives. Late bids will be rejected.
- Name of the bid for which bid is submitted should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. (Example: Bidders who submit bids for the Shading Nets should mention "Purchase of Shading Nets for the Floriculture Division" and the bidders who submit bids for polythene should mention "Purchase of Polythene for the Floriculture Division")
- Selected bidder should be prepared to submit a Performance Bond of not less than 5% of the total value of the goods within seven (07) days. It should be a bid security obtained from a reputed commercial bank.
- Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling either the Deputy Director (Floriculture) on Tel. No. 081-2388307 or from the Chief Accountant of the Department of National Botanical Gardens on Tel. No. 081-2388293.

**Chairman**  
Departmental Major Procurement Committee  
Department of National Botanical Gardens  
Peradeniya  
22.04.2021

## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
Northern Provincial Council

### THUNUKKAI PRADESHIYA SABHA - MULLAITIVU

#### Procurement of Double Drum Vibrating Roller (4 ton)

- The Chairman **Divisional Procurement Committee (Div PC)** on behalf of Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha - Mullaitivu now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders as shown in table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Secretary, Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha - Mullaitivu. TP:-021 2284532, 021 228 4926, Fax: 021 228 3478 Email: [psthunukkai@gmail.com](mailto:psthunukkai@gmail.com) during Office hours from 09.00 hrs to 15.30 hrs.
- Qualification requirements include: possessing the minimum 5 years experience in selling and having island wide maintenance in the particular brand and field. A margin of preference for eligible locally produced goods offered shall not apply. Additional details are provided in the bidding document.
- A complete set of Bidding Document in English language could be purchased by interested bidders from the address given below from **27th April 2021 until 17th May 2021 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** on the submission of a written application and upon a payment of non-refundable fee of Rs 3,500/= **per a Bid**. The payment method will be by **cash or Cheque** drawn in favour of **Secretary, Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha - Mullaitivu**.
- Bids must be delivered to the address given below on or **before 18th May 2021 at 10.00 hrs**. Bid number must be written on the top of the envelope. Late bids will be rejected. Immediately after closing of bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address given below. **All bids must be accompanied by a bid security and the validity periods of bid security are given in table below.**
- A pre bid meeting will be held at **Chairman, Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha - Main Street, Thunukkai, Mullaitivu on 11th May 2021 at 10.00hrs**, interested bidders may participate in this meeting at their own expenses.
- The address referred to above is **Chairman, Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha - Main Street, Thunukkai, Mullaitivu**.

Ser. No.	Bid No.	Name of Item	Period of Contract	Bid Validity Period	Bid Security	
					Amount	Required Period
1	NP/14/45(2)/Veh/2021 - Roller	Double Drum Vibrating Roller (4 ton)	4 months	77 days	140,000.00	31.08.2021

**Chairman,**  
Thunukkai Pradeshiya Sabha  
Mullaitivu.  
22.04.2021



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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES  
**KAHATAGAHA GRAPHITE LANKA  
LIMITED**



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Quotations are invited for the provision of security services for year 2021 to the **Kahatagaha Graphite Mines Complex situated in Madhuragoda, Dodamgaslanda** of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited that functions under the Ministry of Industries.

Quotations may either be sent by registered post addressed to "**Chairman, Procurement Committee, Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited, No. 561/3, Elvitigala Mawatha, Narahenpita, Colombo 05**" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this place to receive at or before 2.00 p.m. on 12th May 2021. Complete bid document of this tender is published in the official website <http://www.kgraphite.lk> and the interested parties may log into this website and download the bid document free of charge.

Only the specific bid forms certified and issued by the seller should be used for the submission of bids. Bid documents and bidding forms may be obtained between 09.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m. on working days from 28.04.2021 up to 10.00 a.m. on 11.05.2021 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5000/-.

If you wish to inspect the mine premises before the submission of the quotation, please call the Mining Engineer / Manager of the Kahatagaha Mines Complex on Tel. No. 037-2252015 / 071 4992915.

The caption "**Invitation of Quotations for the Provision of Security Services - 2021**" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the quotation.

Quotations received after 02.00 p.m. on 12.05.2021 will be rejected.

Decision of the Procurement Board of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited regarding the quotations received will be final.

Bids will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 12.05.2021 at the **Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited, No. 561/3, Elvitigala Mawatha, Narahenpita, Colombo 05**. (Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids).

**Chairman**

**Procurement Committee**

**Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited**

**No. 561/3, Elvitigala Mawatha,**

**Narahenpita, Colombo 05.**

**Telephone Nos. 0112 -368737 / 0372252015**

**Fax: 0112-368737**



**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

**Ministry of Finance  
Sri Lanka Customs**

**Procurement of Catering Service for the Headquarters of the Sri Lanka Customs for the Year 2021/2022**

1. The Chairman of the Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Customs invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified bidders for the Catering Service for the Headquarters (Ground Floor and Ninth Floor) of the Sri Lanka Customs for the year 2021/2022.

Contract No.	Name of the Procurement	Amount of Bid Security (LKR)	Bid Closing	
			Date	Time
Log/S/07/ catering/2021	Procurement of Catering Service for the Headquarters (Ground Floor and Ninth Floor) of the Sri Lanka Customs for the year 2021/2022	50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand)	10.05.2021	3.00 p.m.

2. Intended service period is three hundred and sixty-five (365) days.
3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Director of Customs (Logistics), and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below on working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 27.04.2021 to 10.05.2021.
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 given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 2,500.00** on working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on or before 10.05.2021. The method of payment will be by cash only.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address given below on or before 10.05.2021 at 3.00 p.m. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given below at 3.00 p.m. on 10.05.2021. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 50,000.00.
7. A pre Bid Meeting is scheduled to be held on 04.05.2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the address given below.
8. The address referred to above is "Director of Customs (Logistics), Logistics Directorate, 06th Floor, Sri Lanka Customs, No. 40, Main Street, Colombo 11".
9. A monthly rental of Rs. 15,000.00 will be charged by Sri Lanka Customs for operating the Canteens at Customs Headquarters.

**Chairman**

**Department Procurement Committee**

**Sri Lanka Customs**

**No. 40, Main Street,**

**Colombo 11.**

**Tel : 011-2221680 / Fax: 011-2436096**



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

**MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

1. The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the project in **Badulla district** as described below :-

Contract No	Contract Name	Engineer's estimate (w/o contingencies) (Rs)	Contract Duration (Calendar days)	Bid Security (Rs)
RDA/DC/UVA/IR-GOSL/2021/01	Construction of Pedestrian Underpass near Bandarawela Junction CH: 144.8 for Beragala-Haliela Road (AA 016)	118.94 Mn	301	1.60 Mn

2. The work consists of construction of pedestrian underpass consists of 16.7m long single cell box of 3.5m x 3.0 m, road works and other structures.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

4. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall be currently registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in **C4 or above Grades in Bridge Specialty**.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following office during office hours and refer the bidding documents via [www.rda.gov.lk](http://www.rda.gov.lk) from **28/04/2021**

a. Director (Construction),  
Road Development Authority,  
3rd Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.

T.P : 011-2864388 Fax: 011-2861821

b. Provincial Director (Uva),  
Road Development Authority,  
No. 40, Dharmapala Mawatha,  
Bandarawela

T.P : 057-2222170 Fax: 057-2222170

6. The Pre-Bid meeting will be held at **10:00 hrs on 04/05/2021** at the office of the **Provincial Director (Uva), Road Development Authority, No. 40, Dharmapala Mawatha, Bandarawela** and a site visit will be arranged immediately thereafter if necessary.

7. A complete set of Bidding Document in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (Construction), RDA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla or Provincial Director (Uva), Road Development Authority, No.40, Dharmapala Mawatha, Bandarawela from **28/04/2021** until **18/05/2021** during **09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable tender fee.

Non-refundable tender fee of **Rs. 21,600.00** (with VAT) can be paid by depositing cash to the following account.

**Account Name : Director General-RDA**  
**Account Number : 0000001943**  
**Bank Name : Bank of Ceylon-Corporate Branch**

Bidder should submit the original/valid cash deposit slip for amount Rs. 21,600.00 (with VAT) in order to purchase the bidding document.

As per the Public Contract Act no. 3 of 1987, the agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.

8. Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid- Security for an amount given in the above table. Bid- Security shall be valid up to **14/09/2021**

9. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, C/o Director General, Road Development Authority, First Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla **on or before 14:00 hrs on 19/05/2021**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

10. Bids shall be valid up to **17/08/2021**

**The Chairman  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee  
Road Development Authority,  
First Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.**



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

**MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

1. The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the project described below.
2. As per the Public Contract Act No.03 of 1987, the bidders and successful winner of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies

No.	Contract Name / Contract No	Engineer's Estimate (Excl'd. Contingencies) Rs.Mn	Eligibility	Bid Security Rs.	Contract period (Calendar Day)
01.	Construction of Retaining wall & Gabion wall at 151/3 - 151/4 (LHS) Colombo- Rathnapura - Wellawaya- Batticaloa Road <b>RDA/MM/SAB/GOSL/2021/19</b>	91.34	C4 and C3	1,575,000.00	365

3. Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding Procedure**.

4. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be currently registered with the highway/Bridges specialty at Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) as given in the above table.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from and bidding document shall be inspected during office hours free of charge at the following office

1. the Maintenance Management Division, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Maganeguma Mahamedura,  
Road Development Authority, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla

(Telephone: 011-2882196, Fax: 011-2882195)

2. Provincial Director's Office (Sabaragamuwa), Ratnapua.

Tel: 045-2222608, 045-2223606, Fax-045-2222471

6. A complete set of Bidding Document in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders from the office of the Director (Maintenance Management), Road Development Authority, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla from **27/04/2021** until **17/05/2021** during **09:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs**. Upon payment of bidding document fee of **Rs. 20,000.00 by depositing to the Bank of Ceylon - Corporate Branch Account Number 0000001943 in favor of Director General, Road Development Authority for the each Contract**. The original payment slip should be produced when purchasing the Bid document.

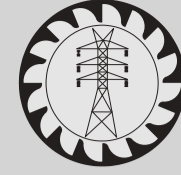
7. Pre bid meeting will be held on **11th May 2021 at 10:00 hrs** at the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Director's Office, Ratnapua.,

8. Bidders are required to submit Bid with duplicate to **Director (Maintenance Management), Road Development Authority, 06<sup>th</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla** on or before **14:00 hrs. on 18/05/2021**. The bid shall be opened soon after closing in the presence of representative of bidders who choose to participate. Late bids will be rejected.

9. Please indicate "**Contract Name & Contract No.**" On top left corner of the envelope.

10. Bid shall be valid up to 91 calendar days from the date closing of the Bid. Each bid shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security as per given in the bidding Document** for an amount indicated in the above table. Bid security shall be valid up to **14/09/2021**. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid security will be rejected.

**The Chairman  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee  
Road Development Authority**



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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

## SOUTHERN PROVINCE - 2 - MAY 2021

HAMBANTOTA AREA	
<b>Ambalantota CSC</b>	
2021-05-05	07:30-17:00
Bulk : NLDB Pump, Ridiyagama Farm Distribution : Ahambadawila, Karambagalmulla, Liyangastota, Liyangastota Dam, Safari park, Thuduwamulla	
2021-05-07	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Ruhunupura water Distribution : Habarattawala, Kandikona, Madunagala	
2021-05-16	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Ambalanthota AGA Office, Ambalantota Water - Enia Plant, Ambalantota Water - Old Plant, Cargills, China GEO, Co-op mill, Hotel Kalutota, Laugts Salt, Mayura Rice Mills, Senaka Hotel Bulk & Distribution : Ambalantota - CTB Distribution : Akkara 50 - Tzunami Village, Ambalantota - Sampath Bank, Ambalantota-Market, Arawanamulla, Basnawa, Beligalagoda, Beragama Lake, Borulukanda, Dahampura, Dehigahalanda, Ekkassa, Gajabapura, Godawaya, Godawaya Temple, Joolpallama, Kudabolana, Laim Junction, Mallika Mill, Malpethawa, Medilla, Puhulyaya, Rangiri Temple, Sandapahanagama, Thawaluwila, Theraputta, UdaBeragama, UdaBeragama 4 th canal, Waduruppa - Hospital, Walawa, Waralanda	
2021-05-17	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kadawara North, Kadawara South, Koggalla, Madayamalalanda	
2021-05-19	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Pallerota Deewara Distribution : Baminiyanwala, Forut Village, Hangamwagura, Hediwainna, Mamadala, Nugewela, Pallerota W/S, Samadigama New, Samadigama, Thunbokuwata, Walewatta Junsagama	
2021-05-22	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Karagasara, Modarapiliwela	
2021-05-29	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Walawawatta Distribution : Bolana Water, Male Colony - Chirch, Male Colony - Nondikade, Panchipalliya	
<b>Hambantota CSC</b>	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Air port Batching Plant Distribution : Bandagiriya - Diyawaragama, Bandagiriya - Water, Gonaviddagala, Thammannawa	
2021-05-21	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Mahanama Metal Crusher, SMS Holding Gonoruwa Distribution : Gonnoruwa - 6 Pole, Gonnoruwa School, Katanwewa, Keligama, Keliyapura, Maha Hadilla, Pathiyalage Gama (Ruhunu Farms), STF Camp Panwewa	
2021-05-23	08:30-17:00
Bulk : New General Hospital Bulk & Distribution : Bathampara Water Distribution : Arabokka Highway, New Hospital Qrts	
2021-05-30	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Siribopura Flyover 01, Solid Waste Bulk & Distribution : Adella Distribution : Care Niwasa, Hangama Niwasa, Julgamuwa, Koholankala, Mayurapura, Methsewana, Pallemalala, Ruwanapura, Sabaragamu Niwasa, Sajith Foundation, Singapore Niwasa, Sobithagama 10 Hemlat, Sthuthi Village - Culture Centre, Sthuthi Village - Entrance, Swarnabaranagama, Swarnamalipura, Thurusewana, Tsunami Primary School, Tzuchi, Tzuchi - ABC, Tzuchi - H, Tzuchi - J, Tzuchi School, Tzuchi Flyover Village, Udamalala (Arama Para), Veheragala Aranya, Wanajeevi	
<b>Kataragama CSC</b>	
2021-05-12	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Matthala, Padawgama, Sithuminagama	
2021-05-18	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Rivinka Hotel, Tamarind Tree Hotel Distribution : D03 Ellagala, Gewal 35, Kiriwehera New	
2021-05-20	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Ruhunupuththa Garment, Water Board 22 Junction	
2021-05-22	08:30-17:00
Bulk : C.T.B Depot, Central Bank, Menik Sisila Circiut Bungalow, NSB Circuit Bungalow, Sithulpawwa Water Board, Waste Water Treatment Plant NWS Bulk & Distribution : Kumbuksewana Distribution : Army Circuit Bungalow, Bodhirajapura, Bodirajapura, C.E.B Circuit Bungalow, Delmon Hotel, Kataragama Army Camp, Kataragama Hospital, Police Circuit Bungalow, Sithulpawwa, Wallimathagama	
2021-05-23	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Modhi Village, Ranminithenna New, Ranminithenna Old, Thambarawa	
<b>Sooriyawewa CSC</b>	
2021-05-08	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Mahagama E L S Distribution : Haburugala 700, Hathporuwa, Mahagama Metal Crusher, Mahagama Pola, Samadipura, Sri Wijayagama	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Hatporuwa D-1(channel), Kurugawetiya, Weniwel Ara Temple, WeniwelAra Water Pump, Weniwel Ara-2	
2021-05-11	08:30-12:30
Bulk : Kothalawala Campus Distribution : Edisankanda	
2021-05-11	13:00-17:00
Bulk : ELS Distribution : Ranmuduweewa	
2021-05-12	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Dewuramwehera, Maha Aluthgam Ara, Palugalwewa	

2021-05-21	08:30-17:00
Bulk : China Harbour Asphalt Plant, China Harbour Engineering Co. Ltd, China Harbour Expressway Bulk I, China Harbour Expressway Bulk II, Mattala Toll Gate, RDA Asphalt Plant (Bulk), RDA Cruher Plant Distribution : Bogaha Indiwewa, Dewuramwehera, Elalla, Kapukinissayaya, Kuda Indiwewa, Kurudana, Maha Aluthgam Ara, Mattala Exit, Mattala Highway Lighting, Mihindugama, Palugalwewa, Ranmuduweewa, Weherapalassa	
2021-05-23	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Mattala Air Port Interchange Lighting, Mattala Air Port Quarters Side, Mattala Air Port, Mattala Air Port Interchange Line A, Terminal Building Site Distribution : Dimuthugama, Mausirigama, Pahala Mattala, Siyathlankagama, Uda Mattala	
2021-05-31	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Samajasewapura	
<b>Thissamaharamaya CSC</b>	
2021-05-13	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kirinda, Kirinda Harbour, Nidangalawella, Sidujayapura, Sidujayapura Junction	
2021-05-18	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Anjaligala, Elalagala Left, Ellagala, Ellagala Water board, Julmulla, Kurulugama, Muthiyammagama	
2021-05-24	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Attikkawa (Halmillewa), Diyasyaya, Double Bokkuwa, Ikkapallama, Nedigamwila Navoda Water Board, Unawa, Walgampaththuwa, Welipothewela, Welipothewela new	
<b>MATARA AREA</b>	
<b>Dickwella CSC</b>	
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Wewurukkanna Railway Bulk & Distribution : Walasgala Ice Distribution : Bodarakanda, Bodarakanda new, Bodarakanda water supply, Dandeniya, Demotopitiya, Doremurer, Galagama, Galagama new, Galhengoda, Hadapangodella, Kaluhenkolanaya, Karandagaha Colony, Mabaranard, Muruthagaspitiya, Pitadeniya Kasun Grinding Mill, Pussala, Radampala, Radampala water supply, Siripura, Walakanda, Wehella	
2021-05-08	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Nilwella, Nilwella Garment, Nuwa Ice	
2021-05-31	09:00-11:00
Distribution : Kapugama	
<b>Hakmana CSC</b>	
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Alakunuhena	
2021-05-10	09:00-11:00
Distribution : Wepathaira Old	
2021-05-10	11:30-13:30
Distribution : Wepathaira New	
2021-05-10	14:30-17:00
Distribution : Muruthamore	
2021-05-12	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Waljambughahena	
2021-05-13	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Highway Aranya Rd Distribution : Thambagalalla Kekulangaha	
2021-05-21	09:00-11:00
Distribution : Denagama	
2021-05-21	11:30-13:30
Distribution : Boraluhena	
2021-05-21	14:30-17:00
Distribution : Kandegoda	
2021-05-22	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Hakmana Telecom, Peoples' Bank Hakmana Bulk & Distribution : Kongala Garment, Water Supply-Hakmana Distribution : Beruwala New, Beruwala Old, Ellewela, Gangodagama, Hakmana, Harshanathagama, Kongala new, Naradda, Narawelpita, Pathma Rice Mills, Udupeellegoda, Udupeellegoda New, Viriththamulla, Walawwatta	
<b>Hittetiya CSC</b>	
2021-05-17	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Godagama (Plant Nursery side), GodagamaKethsirir Side, Hittetiya Pump House	
<b>Kamburupitiya CSC</b>	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Mapalana School, Janashakthigama, Kahagala, Massmulla, Ullala Mahahena	
2021-05-04	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Ransgoda Tea Factory Distribution : Beddakuttiya temple, Beraliathura, Kotahore, Uggas Hena	
2021-05-05	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Bandara Waththa, Pahala Vitiyala, Vitiyala Kawodayagama, Werakavila	
2021-05-11	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Makandura Tea Factory, Samagi Produce Makandura Distribution : Makadura Beragama, Ranagala, Ranagalakanda	
2021-05-18	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Badipita Dialog Tower, Mahahena, Meepawita	
<b>Matara CSC</b>	
2021-05-08	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Puranawella Distribution : Devinuwaradewalaya, Devinuwara Old, Devinuwara Town (New), Four Star Garment(Devinuwara), Galgane, Light House	
2021-05-09	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Hospital, Hospital New, Medi House Bulk & Distribution : Hatton National Bank, Uyanwatta Pumping Station Distribution : Hospital Junction, Raigam, Uyanwatta Praja Shalawa	

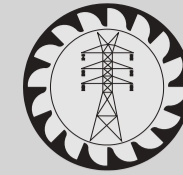
2021-05-19	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Pengiriwatta, University Hostel, Wellamadama	
2021-05-31	11:30-13:30
Distribution : Piladuwa	
2021-05-31	14:30-17:00
Distribution : Southern Group	
<b>Mulatiyana CSC</b>	
2021-05-07	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Kudapana Tea Distribution : Gombaddala, Killadeniya, Kudapana	
2021-05-20	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Alakoladeniya, Ketapalakanda	
2021-05-22	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Gammeddagama	
2021-05-24	09:00-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Ehelakanda Tea Distribution : Mawarala	
<b>TANGALLE AREA</b>	
<b>Angunukolapelessa CSC</b>	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Kongo Centi Bulk & Distribution : Kahaduwa co-op Distribution : Assetline, Bukinham Place, Devid Peris, Kahaduwa Water Pump, Oruwella, Pokunugoda, Porondugama Sub, Wellodaya	
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Heenara	
2021-05-17	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kadiragoda, Wigamuwa New	
2021-05-19	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Liyangasthota Water supply - 02, Thaligala Jalapompaya Distribution : Barawakumbuka Town, Ethwatuwa new, Hadunkatuwa, Liyanagasthota water, Mahawela, Ramba Wiharaya, Ranmuthuduwa, Samanalagama sub, Sirimapura, Watiya new sub	
2021-05-24	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Abesekaragama New sub, Binkama sub, Medaara, Medaara New	
<b>Beliatta CSC</b>	
2021-05-05	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Maneesha, NEN Metal Crush Distribution : Mulgirigala	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Beligalla, IhalaBeligala, Kudabedigama, Nugewela	
2021-05-20	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Halpandeniya, Palankada	
2021-05-31	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Hathbodiya Water supply Bulk & Distribution : Hathbodiya Distribution : Aranwela, Aranwela Land Sale, Hathbodiya Hospital, Micro Agro, Siyambalagoda	
<b>Middeniya CSC</b>	
2021-05-11	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Diyapotha	
2021-05-21	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kadamadiththa, Manungama	
<b>Tangalle CSC</b>	
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Thirawala	
2021-05-07	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Aluthgoda Water Pump, Vitharana deniya Water Pump Bulk & Distribution : Nalagama Distribution : DematawalaWaththa, Dubullakada, Nalagama Polathawana, Vitharanadeniya, Walgam Eliya.	
2021-05-09	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Cargills Food City, Fishery Harbour 1, Hospital Tangalle, Keells Super Tangalle Distribution : Children Park, Fishery Harbour 2, Navy Tangalle, Peoples Bank, Sagara University, Sampath Bank, Tangalle Bus Stand, Tangalle Police, Tangalle Town, Tele com Tangalle, Wasula Ice	
2021-05-13	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Athgalmulla, Walakumbura, Yakwewa	
<b>Walasmulla CSC</b>	
2021-05-04	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ambagahahena, Bintenna, Bintenna Junction, Karamatiya, Kongastenna, Konkarahena, Obadagahadeniya Dialog Tower, Obadagahadeniya Junction, Pigaella, Walgammulla, Wathukanda.	
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Gurugodella	
2021-05-08	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kanumuldeniya, Nathuwala, Rajapuragoda, Yatigala	
2021-05-12	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Gurugodella, Pananwela, Sirikandurawatta	
2021-05-20	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kondagala	
2021-05-22	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Red Heart Garment Bulk & Distribution : SLBC Weeraketiya Distribution : Aggrahera, Gurugodella, Peelawala, Sirikandurawatta, Wakamulla Water Supply	
2021-05-23	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Mee Ella, Pananwela, Pananwela - water project, Rajapuragoda, Yatigala	

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## SOUTHERN PROVINCE 1 - MAY 2021

AKURESSA AREA	
Akuressa CSC	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Youth Bridge Bulk & Distribution : Lenama Hills Distribution : Diganahena, Lenama
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Eramudugoda, Neraluwa, Weliketiya
2021-05-08	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Ruhunuputha T/F Distribution : Bopitiya, Dehigaha Hena, Kohugoda, Kohugoda Dikhen, Labuwel Hena
2021-05-12	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Dediyaagala T/F, Katanwila T/F, Kodagoda Metal Crusher Distribution : Bangama, Dediyaagala, Dolamawatha, Kodagoda Tea Factory, Kohugoda Udaha Kanda, Weligama
2021-05-21	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Co-Op Lanka Tea Factory Distribution : Henegama
2021-05-22	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Nilmanik Gama, Nilwalagama, Puwakbada Owita, Welihena
2021-05-31	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : C.T.B, Kirimetideniya Distribution : Elgiriya, Maragoda, Melawwa New, Melewwa, Paraduwa, Pitiwilahena
Deniyaya CSC	
2021-05-05	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Dombagoda, Mederipitiya, Olagandeniya
2021-05-11	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Lions Tea Factory Distribution : Ketawala, Ketawala New, Puhulhena Kanda (Ilukthena, Thala Waththa
2021-05-16	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Dialog Getabarua, Telecom Kotapola Distribution : Getabarua
2021-05-18	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Court Complex - Kotapola Distribution : Ciyenta
2021-05-24	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Mugunamulla Mini Hydro, Sun Rise Bulk & Distribution : C.T.C., Pangiri Waththa, Rathna Villa Distribution : Diddeniya, Diviagaha Hena, Kirilpana, Kiruwana Ganga, Mugunamulla
Morawaka CSC	
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Ihalaingama, Siyambalagoda East
2021-05-11	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Derangala 11 selagiri wiharaya, Derangala 1V 1 Kanda, Derangala 48 Project
2021-05-16	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Ellagawahena Bulk & Distribution : Dankoluwa, Pitabeddara Distribution : Dehigaspe, Dehigaspe Andawila, Dehigaspe Dialog, Elamaldeniya, Hattoutwa Paragastanna, Kotagala, Malpudana Ella, Siyambalagoda West(Kannadimulla), Thunbodiya Dehigaspe
2021-05-17	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Paragala Distribution : Uwaragala
2021-05-18	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Ketawalawatta, Nilwala Tea, Southern Hill Distribution : Alapaladeniya (New), Alapaladeniya (Old), Banagala, Dangala, E-Dandukitha (Majuwana), Kodikaroda, Mapanapa, Okanduhen, Yatibanagala
2021-05-20	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Mahawila
Pasgoda CSC	
2021-05-20	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Batethena, Wanasinkanda
Weligama CSC	
2021-05-03	09:00-17:00 Bulk : Nipolac Henwala Distribution : Bandaramulla, Henwala, Henwala Tsunami, Kotavila, Mirissa hills
2021-05-04	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Midigama Tea Estate, Thurki Village, Turkey Village, Turkey Village
2021-05-07	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Aussies Swiss Beach Resort, Jaga bay hotel, Waligama Leisure Resort Bulk & Distribution : Fertilizer Complex, Ice Plant (Pelena), Mandara Resort Pelena, Pelana roundabout, Samaru beach hotel, Sanru Hotel Beach Rd Distribution : Galbokka, Pelena Samaravira Sub, Waligam Pradesiya Sabhawa, Weligama Bay Resort, Weligama Beach Resort, Weligama Hotel Properties
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Denipitiya, Meeruppa Sub, Polwathumodara 1(Eluwawala), Polwathumodara 2
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Kapuwatta Saw mills, Kawdan Ella, Kokmaduwa New, Koledanda Sub, Pallala, Water Pump house Welipitiya New, Water Pump House Welipitiya old, Welipitiya

2021-05-13	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Ayurvedic Hotel Kapparathota, Cape Hotel new, Cape Hotel Weligama Bulk & Distribution : Bay Beach, Resort Hotel Kubalgama Distribution : Batawala Pathegama Sub, Batawala Puwakwatta, Bypass Sub, Denuwala, Gurubavila Tsunami, Hiyalegoda new, Kubalgama Sub, Kursharajagala Sub, Mahaviyidya Power house, Pategama Saw mill, Pitiduwa Sub, Urban council
2021-05-19	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Tokiyo Cement Company Distribution : 4 Kanuwa Post Udukawa, Charli Mount, Charli Mount T Sunami, Sulthangoda, Sundarawinayagara Watta, Thekkawatta, Uruwitiya, Warakapitiya
2021-05-21	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Mudugamuwa Top House Hotel Distribution : Jamburagoda, Hiyalgoda Sub, Mudugamuwa, Mudugamuwa Malwathugoda, Mudugamuwa New, Wellakka
AMBALANGODA AREA	
Elpitiya CSC	
2021-05-02	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Athukorala T/F, Kellapatha T/F Bulk & Distribution : Miyami Garment, Oluwila galpoththawala Distribution : Amaragama, Amugoda, Dikhen, Ganima Punchi Indakanda, Hattaka, Himbutugoda, Karawwa, Kellapatha, Kellapatha Deniyawatta, Metiviliya Kandededara, Metiviliya Subagama, Naranovita, Pitigala North, Pitigala Thotupala Road, Pitigala Town, Thalagaspe, Udovita, Uhanovita, Vihanachchigoda
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Kurudugaha Highway Entrance Distribution : Ella Meda para, Highway Kurudugaha, Igalkanda, Kurudugahahathekma Town
2021-05-09	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Tokyo cement Distribution : Hipanawatta, Hipankanda
2021-05-20	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Thilini M/C Distribution : Atakohota, Atorawa, Siripura
2021-05-24	15:00-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Katandola T/F
2021-05-30	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Dialog Tower, Lifestyle fac, Navodaya Metal Crusher, Pathirijagama Tele Bulk & Distribution : Ella watta T/F, Eramulla T/F, Miriswatta T/F Distribution : Abhayapura, Divithura (Wewa Rauma), Divithura Estate, Ella Ihalgoda, Ellahandiya, Ethkadura, Idinnakanda, Kokarakanda, Mayyokkahena, Paluwatta, Paluwatta (Thana Baddegma)
2021-05-31	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Bentotawatta R/F Distribution : Amuna, Awiththawa, Golumulla, Maitregama, Mukalanhena, Opatha
Induruwa CSC	
2021-05-02	08:30-17:00 Bulk : China Harbour, Don Bosco, One world foundation, Triton 1, Triton 2 Distribution : Bogahapitiya, Galwehera, Galwehera Pump, Katuwila, Kedella, Nelligoda, Pathirajagama, Waulugala kele
2021-05-04	08:30-17:00 Bulk : People's Bank Distribution : Awasahandiya, Kirimatiyawa, Obadawatta, Uragasmanhandiya, Welipotha
2021-05-05	08:30-13:00 Bulk : Emerald Bay Hotel, Galabada New, Induruwa Beach, Keels Laundry, Royal Beach, Samanvilla, Sewerage plant tourist Board, T & T Villa, Temple tree, The Villa, Vishvering plan Bulk & Distribution : AIDA Yalgama, Warahena Walauwa Distribution : Athuruwella, Habakkala, Induruwa, Maha Induruwa, Robelgoda, Udumulla, Yalgama
2021-05-05	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Habitat Kosgoda, Kosgoda Beach Hotel, Sea Food Distribution : Duwemodara, Egodaduwa, Kosgoda Telecom
2021-05-07	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Kotuwabendahena
2021-05-22	09:00-11:00 Distribution : Piyagama
2021-05-22	11:00-13:00 Bulk : Egodamulla packging new
2021-05-22	14:00-16:00 Bulk : Egodamulla Ltd
2021-05-24	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Capital Lanka Distribution : Boraluketiya, Galthuduwa, Green Garden, Haburugala, Haburugala School, Horawala, Kanahentota, Katuwatta, Maha Kurunda, Mahawila, Miriswatta, Parappuwa, Pilekumbura, Silver Garden, Thotakanatta, Thuduwa, Thuduwa
Seenigoda CSC	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Ilukpitiya, Koriyawila, Nindana
2021-05-08	09:00-11:00 Distribution : New York Village
2021-05-08	11:00-13:00 Distribution : Thalagasgoda C.T.B(Godahena)
2021-05-08	14:00-16:00 Distribution : Karawwala

2021-05-09	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Akkara 100- New Distribution : Akkara 100, Helgahawella, Kaluwalgoda, Katukanatha, Kekiriya, Kotawela, Madakumbura, Magala North, Magala South, Muththettuwa, Senadigama, Unagaswela
2021-05-11	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Madu Ganga Paradise Distribution : Maduwa
2021-05-17	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Jayabima I, Jayabima II, Kerimatiya New, Kirimatiya
2021-05-18	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Doral, Doral New, Gorakagas Bokkuwa, Royal Youghurt
2021-05-19	08:30-17:00 Distribution : Korakeena, Lenagala palatha
2021-05-24	08:30-17:00 Bulk : Asiri Industry, Ceramic Limited Meetiyaagoda, LB Spice, Metipathala Bulk & Distribution : Meetiyaagoda weving mill Distribution : Galagoda, Galagoda New, Galduwa, Kuleegoda, Leuduwa, Magawela, Meetiyaagoda Sub, Tsunami 1, Tsunami 2, Tsunami 3
2021-05-29	08:30-17:00 Bulk : , Army Camp Distribution : Pahala Manana, Randenigama, Randenigama Metal Crusher, Seenigoda
BADDEGAMA AREA	
Baddegama CSC	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Bubula, Co-op T/F-Nilhena, Hill Garden T/F, Indurupathvila, May Fair Garden -Ella Kanda, Veihena T/F
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Kuttiyawatta
2021-05-08	09:00-11:00 Bulk & Distribution : Ganagama South
2021-05-08	11:30-13:30 Bulk & Distribution : Arambe Junc
2021-05-08	14:00-16:00 Bulk & Distribution : Olympus Tea Factory
2021-05-20	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : HillWay T/F, Mutthawela, WawulugalaKanda
Gonapinuwala CSC	
2021-05-04	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Delkada, Haagoda
2021-05-18	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Gurusinhagoda, Maddevila, Nambaraatta Distribution : Miriswatta
2021-05-22	08:30-13:00 Bulk & Distribution : Angurumalebedda Land Sale, Belgate Park, Compost Project, Imbulagoda, Katupolwatta New colany, Mawadawila, Monarowiyawatta 1, Monarowiyawatta 2, Monarowiyawatta 3, Panvila, Solid Waste Management Monrovia waththa
2021-05-22	13:00-16:30 Bulk & Distribution : Imbulagoda
Thalagawala CSC	
2021-05-05	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Anthropwatta, Bandaranayakapura, Bandihena, Daulhena, Galwana, Gonadeniya, Kurupanawa new, Kurupanawa T/F, Mahaliyadda T/F, Moragalmulla, Udugama water supply Distribution : Galwana Airtel
2021-05-07	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Gonalagoda, Ranavirugama Distribution : Ethumale
2021-05-08	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Keppitiyaagoda, Keppitiyaagoda new, Nagoda Telecom, Nagoda walawwa jun, Sirisanda Metal Crusher
2021-05-21	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Banangala, Calistar Poddawala, Kimbulawala, Marakanda, Rechana Banangala T/F Distribution : Poddawala New
Wanduramba CSC	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Citrus Tea Factory, Citrus Telecom, Kasideniya Distribution : Kasideniya Metal Crusher
2021-05-17	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Homadola Tea Factory, Thunmodara(Homadola Village) Distribution : Homadola Housing Scheme
2021-05-19	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Kakirihendola Sub, Penigalayaya Sub, Warakapalahena Sub, Wattahena G.L Sub
2021-05-31	08:30-17:00 Bulk & Distribution : Bedimada, Iddamaldeniya T/F, Janahitha Tea Factory, Mabotuwana Temple, Maheshaland Sub, Nawala Sub, Rathna T/F
2021-05-31	11:30-13:30 Bulk & Distribution : Seethaladola Sub
2021-05-31	14:00-16:00 Bulk & Distribution : Lehuwala

GALLE AREA	
<b>Bataduwa CSC</b>	
2021-05-07	08:30-17:00
Bulk : N.W.S. & D.B. Mount Pleasant, Ruhunu University 01, Ruhunu University Hostel	
Bulk & Distribution : Vocational Training Center	
Distribution : Arachchikanda, Molligoda, Mount Pleasant Waththa, Sarasavi Asapuwa	
2021-05-11	08:30-17:00
Bulk : J.M.C Metal crusher	
Bulk & Distribution : Hiyare Water Reservoir, Menikkanda Tea factory	
Distribution : Bathalawatta, Beddegedara, Dialog Cabin, Garavila, Hiyare, Kadurugashena, Kekillahena, Ketandola	
2021-05-13	08:30-17:00
Bulk: Ruhunu University 02	
Bulk & Distribution: Garand Garment	
Distribution: Ananda Mawatha, BeraliyadolaWatta, Hapugala, Universal City, Watareka	
2021-05-17	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution: Caption Garden Tea Factory	
<b>Galle CSC</b>	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00
Distribution: Wanchawala	
2021-05-04	08:30-17:00
Distribution: Elabada, Welipitimodara	

2021-05-20	08:30-17:00
Bulk: Panviladuwa, PVC Factory	
<b>Habaraduwa CSC</b>	
2021-05-04	08:30-17:00
Distribution: Indurannwila I, Indurannwila II (Redikade), Nakanda I (Olaganduwu), Nakanda New II (Methsiri), Panugalugoda	
2021-05-07	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Cabul Rasa, Crouser Moulding, K K Beach, Koggala Air Force 2, Somawathie Childrens Home	
Bulk & Distribution : Paragon, Polkanda	
Distribution : Duwa, Gudumulla, H, Hadiwatta, Hadiwatta -1, Kahawennagama, Katukurunda, Koggala Air Force, Kokawatta, Magalthota, Nilasevana 2, Nilasevana1, Palutugaha, Pitiduwa, Thalpe	
2021-05-12	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Mussennawatta	
Distribution : Kanatheriyana, Mayakaduwa, Pituwala Hena	
2021-05-13	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Deegoda, Ganegoda	
2021-05-21	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Thasma International	
Bulk & Distribution : Children Village - Ibbawala, Kanthisiri Waththa	
Distribution : Andugoda, Dikkubura Sub, Pelawatta, Vithanage Metal Crusher (Village)	

2021-05-24	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Asiri	
Bulk & Distribution : Addaraduwa Watta	
Distribution : Galkaduwa, Imadu kanda, Imaduwa New, Imaduwa Telecom, Kombala, Walapala	
<b>Thawalama CSC</b>	
2021-05-05	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kolonthotuwa, Lankagama	
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ebalegedara, Pinkanda Hena	
2021-05-09	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Yattapatha 10th Lane, Yattapatha 12 mile Post	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ayudagala, Dun Hena, Ibbavila, Ranmeer	
2021-05-15	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Danawala, Manuka Metal Crusher Danawala	
Distribution : Dialog Neluwa	
2021-05-18	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Abewickrama, Gangasiri, Singhevally	
Distribution : Opatha, Suwandawellipotha, Weerapana, Weerapana East	
2021-05-19	08:30-17:00
Bulk & Distribution : Dellawa, Liyonta	
Distribution : Dellawa, Dewalegama, Dialog Kalubovitiyana, Galabada Kanda, Ihala Panangala, Jambugasvila, Kadibingala, Kalubovitiyana, Kukul Kanda, Mahakanda, Mahakanda, Millawa, Miyanawathura, Moragaha Kanda, Prabashana MW, Udubanagala, Yattapatha 4 Lane, Yattapatha 7 mile post	

**DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, (Southern Province 1)**  
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## GALLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

### INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS FOR UNIFORM CLOTHING MATERIALS AND SHOES

Quotations are invited for the Supply of Uniforms Clothing Materials and Shoes

Serial No.	Category of Clothing Material	Quantity
01	Khaki Colour Trouser Material (Metres)	1893.5
02	Army Green Colour Trouser Material (Metres)	88
03	White Trouser Material (Metres)	129
04	Black Trouser Material (Metres)	375
05	White Shirting Material (Metres)	493.5
06	Cream Colour Shirting Material (Metres)	66
07	Khaki Colour Socks (Pairs)	51
08	Army Green Colour Socks (Pairs)	44
09	Black Colour Socks (Pairs)	128
10	Black Colour Shoes (Adults) Pairs	223

Quotations should be submitted to the address of the Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Galle to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 20.05.2021. Quotations will not be accepted after 10.00 a.m. on 20.05.2021. Quotations will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day.

Samples should be submitted in respect of all the items and caption to the effect "Quotations for Uniform Materials / Shoes" should be indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelope enclosing quotations.

Clothing materials should be submitted as pieces, as per the orders are made for and quotations should be forwarded inclusive of the said fees.

Goods relevant to the selected orders should be delivered with the full stock a whole within 21 days of receipt of the orders to Galle Municipal Council. Municipal Council reserves the right to purchase goods for which quotations are called in full a whole or as part thereof.

**Ranil Wickramasekara,**  
**Municipal Commissioner,**  
**Galle Municipal Council**

On 23.04.2021  
 At Galle Municipal Council

## PEOPLE'S BANK

### AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNEE ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.01.2020 at the undermentioned branches and Service Centers of the Ratnapura Region of People's Bank and unredeemed up to dates indicated below will be sold by public auction, commencing from 9.30 a.m. each day at places as stated.

Name of Branch	Name of Service Center	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction Bank Premises of
Balangoda	Pambahinna	17.05.2021	18.05.2021	
	Weligepola			
Pelmadulla	Opanayake			
Kalthota	Welioya			
Rakwana	-			
Kahawatta	-			
Embilipitiya	Padalangala	18.05.2021	19.05.2021	First Floor, Ratnapura Town Branch, Kudugalwatta
	Sewanagala			
	Kolonna			
Udawalawa	-			
Pallebedda	-			
Godakawela	-			
Ratnapura Town	Wewelwatta			
Eheliyagoda	Eheliyagoda	19.05.2021	20.05.2021	
Ratnapura	New Town			
Kuruwita	-			
Kiriella	Ayagama			
Nivithigala	Karawita	20.05.2021	21.05.2021	
Kalawana	-			

The bank reserves the right to cancel, postpone, amalgamate or re-auction these auctions without further notice.

**Regional Manager,**  
**People's Bank,**  
**Regional Head Office,**  
**New Town,**  
**Ratnapura.**



## INVITATION FOR BID - 2021/01

### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, NORTHERN PROVINCE

- The Chairmen, Department & Divisional Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Department of Buildings, Northern Province invites sealed bids from eligible qualified bidders for the Construction work described in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure (NCB).
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder should not have blacklisted and shall have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the field of building construction for grade mentioned in the table below.
- Qualification requirements indicated in section 4 of the bidding document, Additional details are provided in Bidding Data and Contract Data/Schedule (Section 5).
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from respective address given below in 6 and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 9.00 A.M to 4.00 P.M.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to
  - Provincial Director's Office, Department of Buildings, Northern Province, Beach Road, Jaffna (T.No: 021-222 8091/021-221 2900, Fax: 021-221 2700) for Bid No. NP/B/JA/21(2021)
  - Executive Engineer's Office, Department of Buildings, Northern Province, Pallimunai Road, Mannar (T.No: 023-222 2128, Fax: 023-222 2128) for Bid No. NP/B/MN/08(2021)
  - Executive Engineer's Office, Department of Buildings, Northern Province, Kandy Road, Vavuniya (T.No:024-222 2335, Fax: 024-222 2335) for Bid No. NP/B/VA/09(2021)
 From 9.00 A.M to 3.00 P.M during the period mentioned in the table upon payment of non-refundable fees as mentioned in the table. The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids (Original, Duplicate) shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the
  - Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Provincial Director's Office, Department of Buildings, Northern Province, Beach Road, Jaffna for Bid No. NP/B/JA/21 (2021)
  - Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee, Executive Engineer's Office, Department of Buildings, Northern Province, Pallimunai Road, Mannar for Bid No. NP/B/MN/08(2021)
  - Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee, Executive Engineer's Office, Department of Buildings, Northern Province, Kandy Road, Vavuniya for Bid No.NP/B/VA/09(2021)
 at or before 10.30 A.M on the date mentioned in the table below. Bid number must be written on the left-hand upper corner of envelope. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre-Bid Conference will be held at respective address as mentioned above in 6, commencing at 10.30 A.M on the date mentioned in the table below.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the table below.

CATEGORY 1	Document Issuing/Purchasing Period				From 27.04.2021 until 17.05.2021		
	Pre-Bid Conference				at 10.30 A.M on 07.05.2021		
Closing and Opening of Bids				at 10.30 A.M on 18.05.2021			
Bid No	Description of Work	Estimated Cost / (Rs in Millions)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Non Refundable Fees (Rs.)	Required Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Valid Period
NP/B/JA/21(2021)	Construction of Three Storied Office Building for Department of Buildings, Northern Province, Jaffna (Stage - III)	57.41	245 Days	C4 or C3 (Buildings)	15,000.00	575,000.00	Till 13.09.2021
CATEGORY 2	Document Issuing/Purchasing Period				From 27.04.2021 until 10.05.2021		
	Pre-Bid Conference				at 10.30 A.M on 03.05.2021		
Closing and Opening of Bids				at 10.30 A.M on 11.05.2021			
Bid No	Description of Work	Estimated Cost / (Rs in Millions)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Non Refundable Fees (Rs.)	Required Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Valid Period
NP/B/MN/08(2021)	Repairing Works for Executive Engineer's Quarters, Department of Buildings, Mannar	02.78	91 Days	C8 or C7 (Buildings)	3,500.00	28,000.00	Till 09.08.2021
NP/B/VA/09(2021)	Repairing Works for Building Quarters, Vavuniya.	03.00	91 Days	C8 or C7 (Buildings)	3,500.00	30,000.00	Till 09.08.2021

**Only for Category 2:**

"Since the Estimated Value of Work to be performed under this procurement (excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs. 50 Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (iii)" and Public Finance Circulars No 03/2020 and 03/2020(i) dated 09.10.2020 and 11.01.2021 respectively will also be adopted.

**Chairmen**  
**Department & Divisional Procurement Committees**  
**Department of Buildings,**  
**Northern Province**



## SRI LANKA TRANSPORT BOARD (SLTB)

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE ONLINE SEAT RESERVATION SYSTEM / GPS BASED FLEET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

SLTB/TS/GEN/28/2021

- Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) is in the process of implementing a single window solution for online reservations, booking modifications, cancellations & refunds, tracking of vehicles along with a comprehensive management information (including details of passengers, passenger traffic, data analysis, turnover breakdown, quality service, customer feedback along with fleet management. (This project has been identified as one of the key objectives of improving passenger services and SLTB is planning to set up with the entire fleet of long distance buses operated by various depots throughout the country.
- SLTB intends to obtain the services from an eligible, qualified and experienced solution provider based in Sri Lanka, to provide the implementation and related setup services who already owns such a system with advocate implementation experience with proven track records.
- Bids shall be valid up to 19/08/2021
- SLTB now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed and experienced firms who are willing to undertake this assignment. EOI must include requested information as specified in the "EOI Guideline document" along with documentary evidence in support of core business and years in business, business and administrative strength, qualifications in the field of assignment, experience in carrying out assignments of a similar nature and complexity, Financial matters, technical and managerial organization of the firm, technical capabilities and appropriate skills of key staff of the organization and other relevant information.
- The "EOI Guideline document" is now available at SLTB for further information. Suitable solution provider will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Government Procurement Guidelines: Selection & Employment of consultants, following quality and cost based selection method (QCBS). All interested parties are informed that all documentations shall be in English Language may be purchased from the Secretary SLTB Procurement Committee. No. 200, Kirula Road, Colombo 05 by paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 from 27/04/2021 up to 17/05/2021 during the office hours. Further the proposals with minimum cash burden to SLTB will only be considered for the final evaluation.
- Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the one percent of (01%) Bid value till 18/09/2021. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- Expressions of Interest including all requested information must be delivered not later than 10.30 hrs. on 18/05/2021 either hand delivered or by registered post to the address; Secretary Procurement, Sri Lanka Transport Board, No 200, Kirula Road, Colombo 05. The envelopes should be marked "EOI for implementation of an online reservation system / GPS based fleet management system".

**Chairman - Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Transport Board,  
No. 200, Kirula Road,  
Colombo - 05.**

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Open tenders are invited from contractors proficient in the field for fixing a solar power system for the buildings mentioned below belonging to the Negombo Municipal Council.

### Schedule

#### List of Buildings and electrical capacity.

No.	Name of Building	Approval granted for electrical capacity
01	New Bus Stand Building Negombo	100 KVA
02	Municipal Council Building and Vehicle Yard	250 KVA
03	Public Library Building	7 KVA
04	New Municipal Council Building	-
05	Municipal Garage	7 KVA
06	Aliyapola Building	7 KVA
07	Shopping Complex - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	7 KVA

\* Quotations are invited for fixing a solar power system for the buildings shown in the schedule above.

\* Your quotations along with the details requested below should be prepared in two copies and inserted in the tender box kept in the Municipal Commissioner's Office to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 13.05.2021 or could be sent by registered post addressed to the "Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Negombo".

- Name of the Building : .....
- Inverter capacity : .....
- Country of manufacture of inverter : .....
- Guarantee period of the inverter : .....
- Dimension of the panel (length, width) : .....
- Country of manufacture of panel : .....
- Service conditions : .....
- Duration of time for installation after signing the agreement : .....
- Other details : .....

- \* Tenders will be opened immediately after closing of accepting tenders.
- \* The words "Quotation for fixing a solar power system in the Municipal Council Building" should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing quotations.
- \* Details relevant to the proficiency for fixing solar power system in the institution and acceptable details of financial capability of the institution should be submitted in addition to the quotation.
- \* The Negombo Municipal Council has the right to accept or reject any quotation.
- \* The tenderer or only one representative with written approval could participate on this occasion.
- \* Further details could be obtained during office hours on contacting the Municipal Engineer on Tel Nos. 031-2222275, 031-2220053.

**N.B.R.V. Fernando,  
Municipal Commissioner,  
Municipal Council,  
Negombo.  
At the Negombo Municipal Council Office.  
21.04.2021**



## PROCUREMENT NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, Sri Lanka, invites applications from Suppliers in Sri Lanka for the supply of following item.

### 1. Corner Cutting Machine - 01 Unit

Closing Date of Bid : 18.05.2021 - 2.00 p.m.

Bid Reference No : SCP05/C.C.M./NCB14/2021-04

Document Fee (Non Refundable) : Rs. 2,000.00

Application relevant to this notice 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 along with a non-refundable fee of each application. Applications will be issued by the Supplies Division itself before 2.00 p.m. on the day prior to the closing date given above.

Pre bid meeting will be held on 04.05.2021 - 10.30 a.m. at the Department Auditorium.

Further particulars could be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

**Gangani Liyanage**  
Chairman, Procurement Committee

Department of Government Printing  
118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha,  
Colombo 08.

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## LAND ACQUISITION ACT (Chapter 460)

### Provision under Section 39 a (1)

The lands referred to in Order No. 275 of 2011 and 06.12.2011 are wholly owned by the government under the (a) proviso of Section 38 of Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) published in No. 1735/20 and 06th of December 2011 dated Extraordinary Gazette of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and possession of the aforesaid lands for the Government and for that purpose and gained the ownership under section 40 (a) of the said Act. However, I, Samarakoon Mudiyansele Chandrasena, the Minister of Lands with the powers vested to me by section 39A (1) of that Act (included in Act No. 8 of 1979), divest only those lands mentioned in Schedule 1 hereto.

**S. M. Chandrasena**  
Minister of Lands

My Ref. No. 4-3/15/2011/VE/102  
Divisional Secretary's No. PAS/LND/ACQUVI/07/F1/249AC/43  
On 11th day of December 2020

Ministry of Lands,  
Mihikatha Madura,  
No 1200/6,  
Rajamalwatta Road  
Battaramulla.

### Schedule

Boundaries for the allotment of land names and containing following extents depicted in the advance tracing No. MR/PSG/2019/217(MR/PSG/2017/577) and dated 24.06.2019 made by Surveyor General and situated in the village of Urubokka in Minor Division of Morawak Korale in Divisional Secretary's Division of Pasgoda, Matara District, Southern Province.

- Lot Character "BM" Edandawalahena alias Horagasmandiya - Extent 0.0070 hectares North by: Lot Character BH and BG, East by: Lot character BL; South by Lot character BL; West by: Lot character BR, BP and BN.
- Lot Character "BN" - Edandawalahena alias Horagasmandiya - Extent 0.0074 hectares North by : Lot Character BK; East by: Lot character BM; South by: Lot character BP and 1413; West by: Lot No. 1413 and 1409.

## As amended by the Land Acquisition(Amended) Act No. 28 of 1964 THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) Notice under Section 7

Ref. No. 4/3/8/උ.ම.ව.ව.ව.

Ministry of Lands: Ref. No: 4-3/3/2017/NRD/611

The Following lands which are required for a public purpose have been acquired by the Government. Inquiry dates will be notified separately to original claimants regarding the relevant land blocks under section 9 of the Act.

For more information, refer the Notice published in Part III of the Extraordinary Gazette No.2218/61 Dated 10.03.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, schedule as follows.

### SCHEDULE

Province	: Central Province
District	: Matale
Divisional Secretaries'	
Division	: Galewela
Grama Niladari Division	: E 433 C, Silwathgama
Name of Village	: Silwathgama
Name of Land	: Budugeyaya, Budugeyaya or Buduge Hena, Mederiyaya, Dikyaya Moragahawela and other lands.
Plan Nos.	: C.M.No.310088 Block No. 01 Sheet No 02, C.M.No.310088, Block No. 03 Sheet No 02 and C.M.No.310088 Block No. 04 Sheet No 02
Lot Nos.	: C.M.No. 310088, Block No. 01 Sheet No. 02 (20 Lots) From 165 to 211 C.M.No. 310088, Block No. 03 Sheet No. 02 (12 Lots) From 199 to 225 C.M.No.310088, Block No. 04 Sheet No 02 (29 Lots) From 203 to 263
Extent	: 2.7655 Hectares

**M.K.P. Ariyaratna**  
Divisional Secretary and Land Acquisition Officer,  
Galewela Divisional Secretary's Division

At the Divisional Secretariat, Galewela.  
09.04.2021

# Employment Opportunities



## VACANCY

### ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (ADMINISTRATION)

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Post of Assistant General Manager (Administration) HM 1-1

#### Job Description

- Support DGM (Administration) to perform the administration functions smoothly.
- Coordination DGM (Administration) with the managers of administration sub-divisions.
- Propose new administration policies & procedures.
- Communicate necessary instructions to the administration managers.
- Performing other duties which are assigned by the DGM (Administration)

#### External Candidates

A Bachelor's Degree in Management, Public Administration, Business Administration, Human Resource, Commerce, Accountancy, Finance, Supply Chain or Economics which is recognized by the U.G.C.

WITH  
A Postgraduate Degree qualification in the relevant field or Associate Membership of a recognized professional Chartered Institute, which is relevant to the subject area of the post  
AND

Minimum 13 years experience at "Managerial Level" in a Corporation, Statutory Board, Institution or a reputed private institution.

#### General Conditions

- Age : should be not less than 25 years and not more than 55 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.
- Other : Every Applicant.
  - Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
  - Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well and to serve in any part of the Island.
  - Should be of excellent moral character.
- Salary Scale :  
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Rs.7,800/- Cost of Living Allowance.

#### Application Procedure

Applicants giving full bio-data together with copies of all certificates for academic, professional qualifications & experience with names, addresses & telephone numbers of two non-related referees should be sent to following address on or before 10th of May, 2021 under the registered post indicating the post applied on the top left hand corner of the envelop. Applicants from Departments/Statutory Board/Public Corporations/ Fully Government Corporations should send their applications through the respective Heads of the Organizations. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Incomplete applications will be rejected without intimation.

TEL : 011 242341/2440880  
FAX : 011 2447970  
E-MAIL : [lankagen@sltnet.lk](mailto:lankagen@sltnet.lk)  
WEB : [www.stc.lk](http://www.stc.lk)

Chairman  
Sri Lanka State Trading  
(General) Corporation Ltd,  
No. 100, Nawam Mawatha,  
Colombo 02.

## SRI LANKA BROADCASTING CORPORATION TENDER NOTICE

### International Competitive Bidding

TENDER NO - SP/TN/IMP/01/2021

### Supply of RF Coaxial Cable, RF Connectors and Accessories

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by the Chairman, Tender board, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation from Manufacturers, Distributors and accredited agents for supply of RF Antenna Feeder Coaxial Cable, RF Connectors and accessories. Non Refundable tender document fee Rs. 2,500.00 per document.

Sealed tenders will be accepted until 10.30 AM on 24-05-2021 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the office of the Chairman, Tender board of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, Colombo - 07.

Tender document with full technical specification will be issued by the Manager, Supplies & Imports from 29-04-2021 to 21-05-2021 on submission of Foreign Manufacturer's or Distributor's authorization letter. Sealed tender with 1% bid-bond should be sent by registered post or be deposited in the tender box at or before 10.30 AM on 24-05-2021.

**Chairman,  
Tender Board,  
Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation,  
Colombo 07.**

## As amended by the Land Acquisition(Amended) Act No. 28 of 1964 THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) Notice under Section 7

Ref. No. 4/3/8/උ.ම.ව.ව.ව.

Ministry of Lands: Ref. No: 4-3/3/2017/NRD/604

The Following lands which are required for a public purpose have been acquired by the Government. Inquiry dates will be notified separately to original claimants regarding the relevant land blocks under section 9 of the Act.

For more information, refer the Notice published in Part III of the Extraordinary Gazette No.2221/3 Dated 29.03.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, schedule as follows.

### SCHEDULE

Province	: Central Province
District	: Matale
Divisional Secretaries'	
Division	: Galewela
Grama Niladari Division	: E 439 B, Ibbankatuwa
Name of Village	: Thalakiriyaagama
Name of Land	: Puhulwelgolle yaya, Kadumulle yaya, Pahalagama Meda Kumbura, Millagalage yaya, Edaruhen, Kirungawala yaya, Minipussapu yaya, Kivulhena, Karakolagale yaya and other lands.
Plan Nos.	: Final Village Plan No. 401, Block No. 24, Sheet No. 22
Lot Nos.	: 651, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 659, 661, 664, 665, 667, 671, 672, 673, 675, 676, 677, 678, 680, 681, 683, 685, 686, 687, 688, 690, 692, 694, 695, 696, 697, 699, 704
Extent	: 6.4721 Hectares

**M.K.P. Ariyaratna**  
Divisional Secretary and Land Acquisition Officer,  
Galewela Divisional Secretary's Division

At the Divisional Secretariat, Galewela.  
17.04.2021

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## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL MONERAGALA

01. Sealed Tenders are accepted by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of the District General Hospital, Moneragala up to 2.00 p.m. on 18.05.2021 from Suppliers for the Supply of Hospital Equipment mentioned below.

No.	Item	Quantity	Non refundable Tender Form Fee (Rs.)
01	Bed side Locker	50	1000.00
02	Saline Stand	15	1000.00
03	Admission Bed	01	1000.00
04	Emergency Drug Trolley	06	1000.00
05	Wheel Chair	15	1000.00
06	Emergency Patient Trolley	01	1000.00
07	Patient Trolley	03	1000.00
08	Ward Round Trolley	06	1000.00

A fully qualified, eligible agent or a nominated representative on behalf of the tenderer should forward the documents mentioned below and a complete set of bid documents thus obtained should be duly completed, sealed and submitted.

- A written request addressed to the Medical Superintendent of the District General Hospital, Moneragala.
  - The receipt issued after paying the non refundable tender application form fee to the Medical Superintendent of the District General Hospital, Moneragala.
- Bids should be submitted only on bid forms obtained from this hospital. Any bids submitted in contrary to this procedure will be rejected.
  - Tender forms could be inspected at the Accounts Division of this hospital, free of charge.
  - Tender forms could be obtained up to 13.05.2021 on normal working days of the week during office hours between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
  - Tenders should be sent to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, District General Hospital, Moneragala by registered post or should be deposited in the tender box kept in this Hospital. Tenders will be opened immediately after closing of accepting tenders at 2.00 p.m. on 18.05.2021 at the meeting hall at the District General Hospital. An authorized representative on behalf of the Tenderer could participate on this occasion.
  - The Procurement Committee Chairman has been entrusted with the right to accept any tender or to reject all tenders or to accept a part of same.

**Chairman,  
Regional Procurement Committee,  
District General Hospital,  
Moneragala.**

**Inquiries:- Accountant - 055-2276261 / 0552276912**

## TERMINATION OF DISTRIBUTORSHIP M/S KANDY MESH (PVT) LTD

This is to inform the general public that Macson Mesh Industries (Pvt) Ltd has terminated the distributorship of M/S Kandy Mesh (Pvt) Ltd of No. 483/1, Madawala Road, Nawayalathenne, Katugastota, with effect from 15.01.2021.

We do not hold responsibility of any mesh items distributed by the above named on our behalf.



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**Tel : 011-7437140**



## RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Chairman Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following proposed project. Bidding documents shall be collected on the submission of a written application to the Assistant Registrar (Capital Works) from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs. from 27.04.2021 to 11.05.2021 on payment of a below mentioned non-refundable fee. Sealed bids will be closed at 1400 hrs. on 12.05.2021.

Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Assistant Registrar - (Capital Works) of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka at Mihintale.

No.	Name of the Project	Minimum Qualification	Non refundable Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)
01	Supply Installation and Commissioning of an Air Conditioning System for New Faculty Building and Old Faculty Building, Faculty of Management Studies in Rajarata University of Sri Lanka at Mihinthale	EM 04 or EM 03 Specialty - 03 yrs. experience of supply installation and commissioning of Air Condition Systems	1,000.00	62,000.00

The bid should be valid up to 28.07.2021 (77 days from the date of closing of bid)

The bid security should be valid up to 25.08.2021 and obtained from a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka, or cash (28 days from the date of bid validity).

Sealed bids may be dispatched either by registered post to the Registrar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale or inserted in the tender box kept at the Office of the Registrar to receive before the closing time. Please indicate the name of the project on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Bids will be opened at 14.15 hrs on 12.05.2021 at the Office of the Registrar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale and bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids. For further details or clarifications, bidders may contact Assistant Registrar (Capital Works) through 025-2266311 or Works Engineer through 025-2266787 of this University.

**Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee,  
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka,  
Mihintale.**

27.04.2021

## DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF TOURISM DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

### NOTICE OF BID INVITATION

- Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Major Procurement Board, Department of National Botanical Gardens from eligible and qualified bidders for the developing (Designing) the website of the Department of National Botanical Gardens.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain bid forms from the Accounts Division of the Head Office of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2000.00 (for each set) between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 27.04.2021 until 17.05.2021. It is mandatory to submit a Letter of Request to obtain bid forms.
- A Bid Security to the value of Rs. 20,000/- should be submitted from a government recognized commercial bank or else the bid security may be deposited in cash at the Head Office of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya. Bids without the bid security drawn in favour of Director General, Department of National Botanical Gardens and valid for 90 days from the opening date of bids will be rejected.
- Duly perfected bids in duplicate should duly sealed (mentioning "Original" and "Duplicate") and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Departmental Major Procurement Committee, Department of National Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 14, Peradeniya" or deposited in the Major Procurement Box kept at the Finance Division for that purpose to receive before 10.30 a.m. on 18.05.2021 and the late bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids and the bidder or his representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. The caption "Developing/Designing the Website of the Department of National Botanical Gardens" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Departmental Procurement Board reserves the right to take decisions regarding bids and the Director General of the Department of National Botanical Gardens reserves the right to take a decision regarding any matter that is neither mentioned in this notice nor in bid documents regarding this procurement process. (Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling the Officer in Charge of the Website on Tel. No. 081-2388654).

**Chairman  
Departmental Major Procurement Committee  
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## INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### Import, Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of 400 kVA Diesel Generator

IIM/FS/06/400Kva Generator/2021

- The Chairperson of the Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Rajagiriya now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Import, Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of prime powered 400 KVA AMF Silent Type Brand New Sound Proof Factory Fitted Canopy Diesel Generator for Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Rajagiriya.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Bidder should have at least ten(10) years' experience in the relevant field in Sri Lanka.
- A complete set of Bidding Document in English language can be obtained up to 19.05.2021 by making a payment of non-refundable tender fee of Rs.3,000.00 to the shroff counter of the Institute.
- Pre-bid meeting** will be held on 11.05.2021 at 10.00 a.m. at Board Room of Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Rajagiriya. Interested bidders may attend the pre-bid meeting at their own cost.
- Bids shall be valid up to 20.08.2021.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs.200,000.00 and a photocopy of receipt of non-refundable tender fee paid to the Shroff of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine.
- Bid Security shall be unconditional bank guarantee from a reputed commercial bank in Sri Lanka and issued to the Director, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Rajagiriya. Bid Security shall be valid up to 17.09.2021.
- Deadline for submission of bids shall be at 2.00 p.m. on 20.05.2021.
- Duly completed sealed bids in duplicate shall be sent under registered post to receive on or before above closing time to the Chairperson, Department Procurement Committee, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Rajagiriya or deposited in the Tender Box placed at the Finance Division, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Rajagiriya before above closing time. Late bids shall be rejected. Name and the Contract No. should be indicated on the left-hand top corner of the envelope.
- All bids shall be opened immediately after closing of bids at the above address. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of Bids.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Deputy Bursar / Senior Assistant Bursar - Supplies / Finance Division Tel: 2689153, 2888253, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Rajagiriya and inspect the bidding document free of charge at the above address during office hours from 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. only on working days.

**The Chairperson,  
Department Procurement Committee,  
Institute of Indigenous Medicine,  
University of Colombo,  
Rajagiriya.**

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Name & Address of the Branches & Pawning & Service Centres	Articles Unredeemed upto	Date of Auction	Place
Wilgamuwa Branch Laggala-Pallegama Service Centre	14.05.2021	15.05.2021	Wilgamuwa Branch Premises
Matale Branch Trincomalee St. Service Centre Gongawala Road Service Centre Lanka Porcelain Unit Ukuwela Branch Warakamura Service Centre Rattota Branch Kaikawela Service Centre	14.05.2021	15.05.2021 16.05.2021 22.05.2021	Matale Branch Premises
Dambulla Branch: Inamaluwa Service Centre Madatugama Service Centre Naula Branch: Madawala-Ulpotha Service Centre	14.05.2021	16.05.2021 22.05.2021	Dambulla Branch Premises
Galewela Branch Dewahuwa Service Centre Pallepola Branch Yatawatta Service Centre	21.05.2021	22.05.2021 23.05.2021	Galewela Branch Premises

The Bank reserves the right to change the place, cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

Regional Manager  
People's Bank  
Regional Head Office,  
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Tel. Nos.: 066-2234212, 066-2222032



# MINISTRY OF PLANTATIONS

## Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sealed bids are invited from purchasers for the sale of 1625 kilos of class one dried Cloves and 720 kilos of Cloves.

Your bids should either be sent by registered post or hand delivered and deposited in the tender box kept at the Regional Office of State Plantations Corporation before 1.30 p.m. on 13.05.2021. Bids will be opened at 2.00 p.m. the same days.

The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of State Plantations Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid or a part thereof and it will be final.

Chairman,  
Regional Procurement Committee,  
Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation,  
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### ANAMADUWA PRADESHIYA SABHA

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R.H.M. Priyantha Bandara Rajakaruna  
Chairman,  
Anamaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha.

### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964

Ref. No. CH/LND.1/AC/5/61  
13/95/HW/404

The Amended Section 07 notice has been published in the Government Gazette No. 2221/30 dated 30.03.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka regarding the investigation under section 09 which is to be held in respect of the lands described below for a public purpose.

#### SCHEDULE

Province	: North Western
District	: Puttalam
Divisional Secretary's Division	: Chilaw
Village	: Chilaw, Ward No. 2 - Aluthwatta, Ward No. 2 - Ichchampiya (within Urban Council Limits of Chilaw) Inigodawila, Kakkapaliya, Somairippuwa, Pambala.
Plan No. & Lot No.	: P.P. Pu 3777 - Lot Nos. 46,47, 49, 58 P.P. Pu 3766 - Lot No. 28 P.P. Pu 3700 - Lot No. 15
Land Name	: Paliya Lyne Idama, Weeramarathadigala, Ambagahawatta, Dangahawatta.

B.W.M.S. Bandara  
Divisional Secretary/  
Land Acquiring Officer, Chilaw

Divisional Secretariat,  
Chilaw.  
19.04.2021

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## PEOPLE'S BANK - Colombo Outer Regional Head Office

### PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.12.2019 at the undermentioned Branches/Service Centers and not redeemed / renewed up to the dates mentioned in front of each branch, will be sold by Public Auctions starting at 9.00 on the dates and places as indicated below.

No.	Branch / Service Centre	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
01	Homagama Homagama Town S.C. / Padukka S.C. Meegoda S.C. / Godagama S.C. Army R: HQ Panagoda S.C.	28.05.2021	29.05.2021 30.05.2021	Homagama Branch Premises
02	Battaramulla Thalawathugoda S.C./Malabe S.C. Hokandara S.C. Foreign Employment Bureau	28.05.2021	29.05.2021 30.05.2021	Battaramulla Branch Premises
03	Dehiwala Attidiya S.C. Nedimala S.C.	28.05.2021	29.05.2021 30.05.2021	Dehiwala Branch Premises
04	Mt. Lavinia	28.05.2021	29.05.2021 30.05.2021	Dehiwala Branch Premises
05	Rathmalana Rathmalana Economic Centre S.C.			
06	Kolonnawa Wellampitiya S/C	04.06.2021	05.06.2021 06.06.2021	Kotikawatta Branch Premises
07	Kotikawatta Gothatuwa S.C. Mulleriyawa New Town S.C.			
08	Moratuwa Rawathawatta S.C. Katukurunda S.C.	04.06.2021	05.06.2021 06.06.2021	Moratuwa Branch Premises
09	Moratamalla Puwakaramba S.C.			
10	Katubedda Soyzapura S.C.	04.06.2021	05.06.2021 06.06.2021	Gangodawila Branch Premises
11	Nugegoda City Kohuwala S.C.			
12	Gangodawila Delkanda S.C. Jayawardanapura S.C.	11.06.2021	12.06.2021 13.06.2021	Avisawella Branch Premises
13	Maharagama Pannipitiya S.C. Pamunuwa S.C.			
14	Avisawella Kosgama S.C. Thalduwa S.C.	11.06.2021	12.06.2021 13.06.2021	Kesbewa Branch Premises
15	Kesbewa Kahatuaduwa S.C.			
16	Piliyandala Piliyandala Town S.C.	11.06.2021	12.06.2021 13.06.2021	Nugegoda Branch Premises
17	Nugegoda Embuldeniya S.C./Nawala S.C. Chapel Lane S.C./Welikda S.C.			
18	Pitakotte Ethulkotte S.C. Thalapathpitiya S.C.	18.06.2021	19.06.2021 20.06.2021	Hanwella Branch Premises
19	Hanwella Hanwella Town S.C. Kahahena S.C.			
20	Kaduwela Nawagamuwuwa S.C. Bandarawatte S.C.	18.06.2021	19.06.2021 20.06.2021	Dehiwala Galle Road Branch Premises
21	Dehiwala Galle Road Kalubowila S.C.			
22	Boralesgamuwa	18.06.2021	19.06.2021 20.06.2021	Kottawa Branch Premises
23	Kottawa Aturugiriya S.C. Mattegoda S.C.			

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B/28/2021

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) hereby invites the attention of prospective bidders who have already collected the bidding documents with reference to the advertisement appeared in this paper under the above heading. The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation announce the following amendment to the previous advertisement.

The deadline for submission of bid which was determined to close at 1400 hrs. on 28.04.2021 has now been extended to 1400 hrs. on 12.05.2021.

Accordingly last date of issuing of the Bidding Document will be at 1500 hrs. on 11.05.2021 and the bid security has to be valid for 93 days from the date of closing of bids (i.e. 02.08.2021).

All the other conditions appeared in the previous Newspaper advertisement remain unchanged.

CPC apologizes for any inconvenience that might have caused.

Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),  
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