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UK VARIANT CAUSE OF FAST SPREAD

50 PERCENT MORE TRANSMISSIBLE

CASES EXCEED 1,000 PER DAY FOR FIRST TIME

NEARLY 95,000 COVID RECOVERIES

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Medical experts have pointed out that the current variant of the COVID-19 Coronavirus spreading in Sri Lanka is the highly contagious mutant of the Coronavirus found in the United Kingdom.

Speaking to the media, the Director of the Department of Immunology and Molecular Medi-

cine of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura Dr. Chandima Jee-wandara said that the B.1.1.7 variant of the Coronavirus which is spreading in the UK is confirmed to be spreading in the country. This was confirmed from tests conducted on samples obtained from Colombo, Kurunegala, and Boralesgamuwa.

"This strain has a 5 percent mortality rate and 50 per cent high transmissibility compared to the Sri Lankan lineage previously spreading in the country. The UK variant was previously only detected from quarantine centres, among those who returned from overseas," he said.

The number of people found to

be infected by the Coronavirus per day in Sri Lanka crossed the 1,000 mark for the first time on Tuesday. This is however far below the numbers observed in many neighbouring countries.

The National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) stated that as of yesterday (28) morning, a

total of 1,111 more persons were confirmed positive to COVID -19 in the past 24 hours including 15 Sri Lankan expatriates and 1096 of those positive cases are locally-identified ones, 200 from Colombo District, 198 from Gampaha District, 119 from Kurunegala District and 579 others from other districts islandwide. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Mihintale White Washing Ceremony today

The white washing of the Sacred Mihintale Maha Seya and adjacent buildings will begin at 9 a.m. today under the patronage of Mihintale Raja Maha Viharadhipathi Ven. Dr. Walawhengunuwe Dhammarathana Thera on the directive of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

ANCL Chairman W. Dayaratne, PC, and Directors will participate in this ceremony. The Sri Lanka Air Force will provide labour on the instructions of Defence Secretary, General (retired) Kamal Gunaratne.

The project is sponsored by Aralya Group of Companies Chairman Dudley Sirisena.

World Bank to provide US\$ 80 m for vaccination

The World Bank yesterday approved US\$ 80.5 million additional financing to help Sri Lanka access and distribute fairly COVID-19 vaccines and to strengthen the country's vaccination system and pandemic response. This additional finance builds on the US\$ 217.56 million Sri Lanka COVID-19 Emergency Response and Pandemic Preparedness Project, which was approved in April 2020.

This new financing will help purchase vaccines to cover approximately four million people (18 percent of Sri Lanka's population). In addition, it will cover the costs of deploying safe and effective vaccines to 20 percent of Sri Lanka's population to meet the target of vaccinating at least 60 percent of its population. This additional financing will help implement the National Vaccine Deployment Plan of the Ministry of Health (MOH).

"Sri Lanka has demonstrated resilience in the implementation of its test, trace and treat pandemic management strategy, which has relied on its well-established public healthcare system," said Faris H. Hadad-Zervos, World Bank Country Director for Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



President and Chinese Defence Minister hold bilateral discussions

The official meeting between Chinese State Councilor and Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe who is on a two-day official visit to Sri Lanka and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was held at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday.

The Chinese Defence Minister who arrived at the Presidential Secretariat was received by the Secretary to the President Dr. P.B. Jayasundera and Foreign Secretary (retired) Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage.

The Chinese Defence Minister said the bilateral discussions held with the President were extremely fruitful. He also said the relations between the two nations were further strengthened by this visit.

Chinese Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe placed a note on the Book for Special Guests



Talks between Chinese State Councilor and Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe who is on a two-day official visit to Sri Lanka and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa were held at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday. Picture courtesy President's Media Division

to mark the meeting with the President.

Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Qi Zhenhong, Deputy Chief of staff of

Joint Staff Department under the China's Central Military Commission Lieutenant General Shao Yuanming, **▶ TO PAGE 02**

China's support needed for rebuilding investor confidence - PM

Sri Lanka looks forward to China's support in rebuilding investor confidence in Sri Lanka since one of country's main priorities in post-pandemic economic recovery is to attract investments from around the world, said Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa during the bilateral discussion with State Councilor and Chinese National Defense Minister General Wei Fenghe yesterday.

The Prime Minister said that despite the increase in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks, the Government decided not to pursue countrywide lockdowns due to the impact such lockdowns have on the economy and society. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



A/L results out soon

SANDASEN MARASINGHE

Education Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris announced that the results of the 2020 GCE Advanced Level Examination will be released within the next seven days.

He also said that the Education Ministry would take a decision, on May 2, on the opening of the schools on May 3 after reviewing the COVID 19 pandemic situation in the country.

He made these observations during a press conference of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) held at the Waters' Edge in Battaramulla with the participation of MP Sagara Kariyawasam. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Easter Attacks: AG files indictments against six accused

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula de Livera filed indictments against six accused including deceased Zahrán Hashim and Mohammed Hushun who carried out the suicide bombs at the Colombo Shangri-La hotel and Katuwapitiya St. Sebastian's Church, in the Puttalam High Court for collection of explosives and maintaining an explosive manufacturing base in Wanathawilluwa area in 2019. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Tourism features to be preserved in infrastructure development

IRANGIKA RANGE

Natural, cultural, historical and archaeological assets of tourist destinations across the country should be preserved when infrastructure facilities are developed in those areas, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said.

The Minister instructed the relevant officials to pay their utmost attention in this regard when the infrastructure facilities are improved in islandwide tourist destinations when the annual development plan of the Tourism Ministry is implemented this year. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Mumbai HC denies custody of children to Sri Lankan father

Observing that the children have developed their roots in India, the Mumbai High Court on Tuesday refused to hand over the custody of children to their Sri Lankan and Canadian father. The HC has however, allowed the father to visit the children - a daughter and a son - both physically and virtually.

A bench of Justices Sambhaji Shinde and Manish Pitale was seized with a plea filed by Chandima Wijesinghe (48), who is a resident of Sri Lanka.

Chandima holds the citizenship of both Sri Lanka and Canada.

He married Sharada Gholap, an Indian, in March 2010 and the couple subsequently moved to Canada. However, things turned sour between the duo and the Sharada left Chandima's company and flew back to India along with her daughter and son. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Vaccine: Second dose roll-out begins

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The roll-out of the second dose of Astra-Zeneca Covishield vaccine started yesterday.

The Ministry of Health has taken measures to administer the second dose of Astra-Zeneca Covishield vaccine to health staff at two key locations in Colombo from yesterday onwards. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



The roll-out of the second dose of Astra-Zeneca Covishield vaccine to health staff started in Colombo yesterday.

Probe begins into Nuwara Eliya Avurudu fest

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The Mayor of Nuwara Eliya had apparently not heeded the Government's instructions when organising an Avurudu event in the vicinity of Lake Gregory, said Central Province Governor

Attorney-at-Law Lalith U. Gamage yesterday.

He added that it was also suspicious if the same event was organized in such a manner in order to inconvenience the Government and the President. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Virus outbreak can be controlled - State Minister

IRANGIKA RANGE

The current Coronavirus outbreak can be controlled and the health services are in the position to handle all the cases successfully.



Samurdi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, **▶ TO PAGE 02**

White Van presser: Case fixed for July 7

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The case filed against former Health Minister Rajitha Senarathne and former State Pharmaceuticals Corporation (SPC) Chairman Rumi Mohammed in connection with the controversial White Van Press Conference during the 2019 Presidential Election was yesterday fixed for July 7 by Colombo High Court. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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Colombo HC concludes Avant-Garde floating armoury case

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar yesterday concluded the hearing of the case filed against Avant-Garde Chairman Nissanka Yapa Senadhipathi and Seven others over the Avant Garde floating armoury case.

The case was taken up before the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar bench comprising High Court Judges Adithya Patabendi, Manjula Thilakarathne and Mahen Weeramana.

Following the conclusion of the hearing in this case, the three-day oral submissions ended yesterday and the bench had fixed May 21 for the pronouncement of their decision over the case and prosecution and defense were ordered to

produce their written submission on that day. The Attorney General had filed indictments comprising 7,573 charges in connection with the Avant-Garde arms trafficking case against Avant-Garde Chairman Nissanka Yapa Senadhipathi and the other 12 defendants.

Previously, the Attorney General has amended the indictment filed against Avant Garde Chairman Nissanka Yapa Senadhipathi and seven others over the High profile Avant Garde floating armoury case. According to the previous indictment, the Attorney General submitted that the accused have committed punishable offences under Sections 22(1) and 22(3) of the Fire Arms Ordinance and Section 113B, 102, 189 and

190 of the Penal Code for illegally operating merchant vessel ship MV Avant Garde carrying a stock of firearms and explosives including 816 unlicensed automatic firearms and 202,935 rounds of ammunition on the high seas off Galle.

The Attorney General maintained that there is sufficient evidence to prove that the all accused had committed punishable offences under the Firearms Ordinance and Explosives Ordinance on or around October 6, 2015. The Attorney General further maintained that three accused - Saman Dissanayake, P.D.Premachandra and Nissanka Senadhipathi - could be charged for fabricating false evidence under Section 189 and 190 of the Penal Code.

Opposition requests for a mobile hospital with 300 ICU beds

Sri Lanka Parliamentary Opposition in a discussion with diplomats has made a request to provide Sri Lanka with a field mobile hospital with 300 ICU beds.

MP Eran Wickramaratne told the media at the office of the Leader of Opposition that the capacity of the State Health Sector logistical services to handle the COVID-19 surge is in danger of imminent collapse.

He said Sri Lanka has only around 700 ICU beds and many international agencies and friendly countries do have the field hospitals with ICU facilities which can be set up in a matter of hours.

International agencies such as UNICEF and the IOM have these facilities. Therefore, the Opposition in Parliament decided to make this pre-emptive request for a mobile hospital for the sake of the people devoid of political gain.

"We have a huge problem on our hand due to rapid spread of COVID-19 virus. The situation in India is alarming.

The vaccination process would cost the State about Rs 15 billion. But the loss of revenue due to sugar scam was Rs 15.9 billion. It is not rocket science but the whole world wants to be vaccinated," he said.

"We are facing another crisis which is a variant of this virus and nobody knows how it would attack the people. The number of positive cases is escalating daily and the actual rate could be more than the official number. Sri Lanka is on the Red Light Zone on this issue now," Wickramaratne said.

Wickramaratne concluded that on behalf of the citizens of Sri Lanka, they wish to make pre-emptive request to the international agencies and friendly Governments to provide a 300 bed field hospital with ICU facilities to overcome our current temporary healthcare needs for COVID-19 patients.

Writ Petition filed against intended construction of reservoirs in Sinharaja

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Center for Environmental Justice yesterday filed a writ petition in the Court of Appeal seeking an Interim Order suspending any intended construction of reservoirs and roads and clearing of the state forest lands in the Sinharaja Forest Reserve.

The Centre for Environmental Justice (CEJ) and its Executive Director Director Hemantha Withanage filed this petition naming Conservator General of Forests, Central Environmental Authority, Minister

of Environment, Minister of Wild Life and Forest Conservation, Minister of Irrigation and Attorney General as respondents.

The petitioners state that over the past 15 years, the promotion of low-country tea cultivation and the opening of new roads have set in motion dramatic changes in the Sinharaja forest reserve and its buffer zone. Settlers have flooded into the area and population pressure has increased. They said high profit margin of tea has improved living standards, but it has also provided a

tremendous incentive for the clearing of natural rainforest.

The Petitioners further stated that recently it was reported in the media regarding an alleged plan to construct a reservoir covering a landmass of five hectares within the Sinharaja forest. The proposed project would move water from Gin and Nilwala rivers to Giruwappattuwa and will provide water to Tangalle, Beliatta, Weeraketiya, Walasmulla, Dambarella and other areas.

Priority to mitigating pandemic effects - CP Governor

ASELA KURULUWANSA AND S. K. SAMARANAYAKE

Although the Central Provincial Council has allocated funds for various development activities, priority should be given to help the Province overcome the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, said Central Province Governor Lalith U Gamage.

"Steps have been taken to increase the number of PCR tests in the Province and install a new PCR machine at the COVID Therapeutic Hospital in Teldeniya," he said.

Governor Lalith Gamage was speaking at a media briefing held at the Governor's Auditorium yesterday to announce the decisions of

the Central Provincial COVID-19 Steering Committee.

He said that steps have been taken to subject people to random PCR checks on all access roads from other Provinces to the Central Province and urged the public to refrain from entering the Province except as a matter of urgency or duty.

He said that whatever measures the Government took to control the spread of COVID-19 in the Central Province, it would be fruitless if the people behaved irresponsibly.

He said that all Local Government bodies in the Central Province have been instructed to implement public awareness programmes on the dangers of the spread of the

COVID variant and called for the support of all in helping to mitigate the situation.

The Governor said that no matter how many notifications are issued, private buses carry more passengers than the number of seats and that the Transport Authority and the Police have been instructed to strictly enforce the law in this regard.

He said that steps had been taken to stop trading in buses to control the spread of the disease.

Central Province Chief Secretary Gamini Rajaratne, Central Provincial Director of Health Services Dr. Nihal Weerasuriya and Government officials were present on the occasion.

President and Chinese... From page 01

Major General Ci Guowei and Secretary to the President Dr. P.B. Jayasundera participated in the discussion.

A/L results out... From page 01

The GCE Advanced Level Examination 2020 was held from October 12 to November 6 with the participation of 362,824 students amidst the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

Minister G.L.Peiriris said that however with all these difficulties the Government managed to correct the papers and prepare for the release of results next week.

He said further that the Government is concerned very much about the education of the children and their health as well. He added that the Ministry decided to close the schools, preschools, Pirivenas and private tuitions across the country until April 30th. He also added however the situation is reviewed with facts daily along with the Province Education Ministers and the Zonal Education Directors. He added that in consultation with the Health Director General and other relevant authorities, the reopening of the schools will be decided on May 2.

The Minister further appreciated the arrival of the Chinese Defence Minister Gen. Wei Fenghe at a crucial moment and also appreciated China's firm stance in favour of Sri Lanka at the UNHRC in Geneva last March. He added that Gen Wei Fenghe is a significant personality in China as he is not only a Minister but a member of the Chinese Diplomatic Council as well. Minister Peiris added that Gen Fenghe has close connections with the Chinese Political Leadership.

The Minister said further that China is celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Chinese Communist Party in another two months time. He noted that the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna has close connections with the Chinese Communist Party.

Tourism features to be... From page 01

The Minister said the Government has allocated Rs.519 million to implement the various tourist development projects this year. A sum of Rs. 37 million has been allocated to develop tourist destinations across the country this year. In addition, sum of Rs.45 million and Rs.10 million have respectively been allocated for the development of human resources in the tourism industry and for implementing the tourist village programme.



The Government has allocated Rs.62 million to convert islandwide railway stations into tourist attractions while Rs.100 million has been allocated for the development of old Dutch Forts.

Under the programme of improving infrastructure facilities in tourist destinations, the construction of Galge access to the Yala National Park and the observation room at the Mini World's End in Madulsima will be carried out. Infrastructure facilities at the Bopath Waterfall will also be implemented.

White Van presser... From page 01

When the case came up before High Court Judge Damith Thotawatte, the defence was granted permission to access the computer evidence.

The Attorney General had filed indictments consisting of 14 counts against two accused in connection with organising the white van press conference on November 10, 2019, ahead of the Presidential election.

The indictments had been filed against Rajitha Senaratne and Rumi Mohammed under 14 counts including giving false statements in relation to the personal character of SLPP Presidential Candidate Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

Sakalavalli Arachchige Sarath Kumara and Watareka Gamage Athula Sanjeeva Madanayake who were present at the controversial press conference had been named as the witnesses in the case.

Vaccine: Second dose... From page 01

Accordingly, the vaccination program was launched at the Darley Road Community Centre, Colombo 10 and at the New Bazaar Maternity Home, opposite the Sugathadasa Stadium, Colombo 14. Steps have been taken to inform the health officials to come to the vaccination site through an SMS message.

Regional Epidemiologist, Colombo Municipal Council Dr. Dinuka Gurgu said that the second dose of the vaccine will be given to 800 health personnel who received the first dose in the Colombo Municipal Council area at the Darlipara Community Hall, Arnold Ratnayake Mawatha, Colombo 10 and at the New Bazaar Maternity Home. She also said that blood samples would be taken by the University of Jayewardenepura for testing to see how many antibodies had formed after the first vaccination.

The second dose of the vaccine were given to 429 health staff members who received the first dose in the Colombo Municipal Council area at the New Bazaar Maternity Home opposite the Sugathadasa Stadium, said Dr. Sasanka Ranasinghe, Medical Officer of Health, Direction No. 01, Colombo Municipal Council.

UK VARIANT CAUSE OF FAST SPREAD... From page 01

By yesterday morning, a total of 103,486 persons, inclusive of 98,237 of the fish market cluster and Minuwangoda Brandix cluster have been confirmed positive to COVID-19 from all over the country, including the dead (655). A total of 94,856 fully-recovered COVID-19 patients have been so far discharged from hospitals and the rest 7,975 are still under treatment in hospitals and care centres.

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He added he was sure the Chinese Government too would agree that there was a lot that needed to be done for post-pandemic economic recovery.

The Prime Minister said that he was very happy to welcome the Chinese Defence Minister to Sri Lanka. "We appreciate your decision to visit despite the pandemic situation," Premier said. "We have had a number of high-level visits from China since the outbreak of the pandemic. I look forward to our discussion today and the opportunity, through this visit, to

further strengthen our already strong and friendly bilateral relations".

He also extended the warm wishes on the 100th year anniversary of the Chinese Communist Party this year and for all its achievements. It is indeed an important milestone.

"Furthermore, let me also congratulate you on your achievements in poverty alleviation," Premier Rajapaksa said. "China has uplifted nearly 100 million rural residents out of absolute poverty. And you have accomplished this 10 years in advance of the comple-

tion of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in poverty alleviation. This is an impressive achievement."

The Prime Minister said it has now become very clear to the entire world that vaccines will be the only way to overcome this pandemic. "On that front, on behalf of all Sri Lankans, I extend my sincere appreciation for the generous donation of 600,000 doses of Sinopharm vaccines and Personal Protective Equipment by China," Prime Minister Rajapaksa said. "We look



forward to China's continued support in dealing with this crisis".

The Premier also expressed his wish to work closely with Chinese Government to overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic and further enhance the cooperation between the countries.

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Coordinating Officer to the Attorney General State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne said that the Attorney General has also requested the Chief Justice to appoint a Trial-at-Bar to try the case.

The indictments have been filed against Mohammed Mufis alias Abu Dahida, Ameer Hamsa Mohammed Hamas alias Abu Safia, Mohammed Sarif Adam Lebbe alias Gafoor Mama alias Gafoor Nana, Ibrahim Sadiq Abdulla alias Abu Umar, Ibrahim Mohammadu Naufer alias Naufer Moulavi, Mohammed Ramish Mohammed Sajit alias Sajit Moulavi.

The indictments were filed under sections 2(1) G and 3(A) of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) and Terrorist Financing Act comprising 14 charges against the accused, she added.

Virus outbreak can be... From page 01

Self-Employment and Business Development State Minister Shehan Semasinghe said yesterday.

The Government has no intention of opting for harsh lockdowns but it is ready to take stern action to control the pandemic situation in the future.

He added that new treatment centres to treat COVID-19 infected people will be gradually increased in the future.

Addressing a media briefing held in Medawachchiya yesterday, he said the Opposition is only engaged only in criticism when the Government is taking broad, fast action to reduce the spread of COVID. We have to govern the country with an Opposition that nature. But, we urge them not to confine themselves to criticism, but to make suggestions to improve our governance, especially coming up with the proposals to mitigate the pandemic.

The main reason for the recent surge in COVID 19 cases in the country is the movement of the people around the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. People neglected to follow health guidelines during this period. However, we are in a position of imposing tough rules to prevent the spread of pandemic further," the State Minister said.

Probe begins into... From page 01

He said further that while the Government had specified that functions and events be held in accordance with health recommendations, the Mayor of Nuwara Eliya had not taken any notice of it when holding an Avurudu event in the vicinity of Lake Gregory.

He said further since the Municipal Council is under the rule of the United National Party, the suspicion arose and subsequently an investigation under the leadership of the Secretary of the Central Province, Provincial Council has been commenced.

Lalith U. Gamage made this statement at a media briefing held at the Auditorium of the office of the Governor of the Province.

He emphasized further that while health sectors had informed the Mayor to restrict the number of people participating in the Spring Carnival and not to hold any Avurudu events of the Municipal Council, the Mayor of Nuwara Eliya had ignored all advice and held several functions and events.

The Governor who said that there are questions as to how these events of the Municipal Council were funded. He added that it has been reported that certain employees of the Council had been entertained with liquor during the Avurudu function. He added that if there is an outbreak of Covid in Nuwara Eliya due to the fact that the Mayor had acted without any responsibility violating health recommendations, the ultimate responsibility will come on to the Government.

Governor Gamage said that he had informed the Mayor via phone calls on several occasions regarding these issues. He added that if it were revealed that the same actions had worsened the COVID situation in the country, action would be taken against those responsible in the near future.

World Bank to provide... From page 01

"To recover from the pandemic-induced impacts, Sri Lanka needs sustainable financing mechanisms to further strengthen and equip its healthcare system to protect its population through improved vaccination programs and curative and preventive healthcare."

The World Bank responded to the COVID-19 outbreak in Sri Lanka by repurposing a large portion of its current portfolio to assist the Government in reducing the pandemic's effects. Supplying critical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medical commodities and PCR tests, providing temporary cash assistance to vulnerable groups, strengthening isolation and quarantine facilities and laboratory capacity, improving mobility support for the community health officials to improve surveillance and contact tracing measures, risk communication measures and mental health services associated with the impact of COVID-19 are some initiatives supported by the World Bank.

In addition to this financing for Sri Lanka, last month, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved a total of US\$ 688 million for Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Nepal to support their COVID-19 vaccination efforts. In addition to financing, the Bank is providing technical assistance and knowledge-sharing workshops for countries in South Asia on different aspects of designing and deploying fair and equitable vaccine strategies.

The World Bank, one of the largest sources of funding and knowledge for developing countries, is taking broad, fast action to help developing countries respond to the health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19. This includes US\$ 12 billion to help low- and middle-income countries purchase and distribute COVID-19 vaccines, tests, and treatments, and strengthen vaccination systems. The financing builds on the broader World Bank Group COVID-19 response, which is helping more than 100 countries strengthen health systems, support the poorest households, and create supportive conditions to maintain livelihoods and jobs for those hit hardest.

Mumbai HC denies custody... From page 01

Accordingly, Chandima petitioned local courts in Sri Lanka that ordered Sharada to bring back the children from India. However, she did not abide by the said order and filed counter cases in Family Courts in India.

Since Sharada did not return to Sri Lanka, Chandima petitioned the bench led by Justice Shinde seeking custody of his children. He claimed that his estranged wife has illegally brought them to India.

On the other hand, Sharada claimed that being the mother she had full right to keep her children along with her. She stressed that she was taking proper care of her children and since her daughter is a US citizen by birth, she was also being looked after properly. She claimed that she was giving proper education and other facilities to both her children.

Having heard the contentions, the Judges met the two children in the Chambers and found that they both wanted to stay back with their mother. The Judges considered the fact that the children were getting a proper education.

"This is an indicator about the manner in which the wife is taking care of the children at Thane in India. The children having stayed in India for more than three years, appear to have developed roots, considering the fact that they speak the local language apart from being well adjusted in the school in which they are taking education," the Judges noted.

"Although the opinion of such small children in itself may not be a deciding factor, it is relevant that when we interacted with them, both have unequivocally stated that they desired to stay with their mother in India," the Bench noted.

The Judges further noted that the children appeared to be well dressed and they were freely communicating with them. "We find that they appear to be comfortable with their mother in India."

The bench further said that the orders passed by Courts in Sri Lanka against Sharada won't disentitle her from her children's custody.

"It is in the best interest of the children that in the present circumstances they are not torn away from their mother and therefore, the prayer made by the father cannot be granted," the Bench said while dismissing the plea. (Free Press Journal)

Active co-operation needed for effective COVID-19 response - Minister Gunawardena

Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena participated in a joint video conference on COVID-19 response involving his counterparts from China, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan held yesterday, April 27, 2021. The discussions focused on consolidating COVID-19 response co-operation and promoting post-pandemic economic recovery as well as poverty alleviation amidst the recent spike in COVID-19 infections.



Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena participating in a joint video conference on COVID-19 response involving his counterparts from China, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan held yesterday.

the importance of addressing the challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic in a manner that helps countries to take forward national priori-

ties in economic recovery and uplifting rural livelihoods. Furthermore, Minister Gunawardena reiterated that taking appropriate measures

to maintain a steady and equitable flow of critical medical equipment, medicine, and vaccines to nations in need, under the guidance of the UN and

WHO was essential to contain the epidemic and avoid relapses.

The participants expressed the view that effective response should have at its core, a process to address issues on supply of emergency needs during natural and other disasters, the use of technology and other tools and platforms for poverty alleviation in the rural economies.

The counterparts from countries that participated included State Councilor Wang Yi (China), Mirwais Nab (Afghanistan), A. K. Abdul Momen (Bangladesh), Pradeep Kumar Gyawali (Nepal) and Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi (Pakistan).

Sri Lankan Embassy distributes Ramadan aid in Turkey

The Sri Lankan Embassy in Ankara on Monday distributed Ramadan aid packages in the Yaylaba village of the capital.

The packages, including grocery items, dates and fresh Sri Lankan snacks, were handed over to the mukhtar of the village, Mustafa Çetin, with the presence of embassy staff as well as Ambassador Mohamed Rizvi Hassen.

The gesture of the mission staff and honorary consuls of Sri Lanka is to enhance friendship and display solidarity among the



Ambassador to Turkey Mohamed Rizvi Hassen handing over one of the gift packs.

people of Sri Lanka and Turkey during the holy month, according to a statement.

Yaylaba is a picturesque village with a population of nearly

800 people spread over 50 households. People in the village mostly make their living through agriculture and animal husbandry. (Daily Sabah)

Death of Prof. Upali Jayaseka

SAMANTHA KANKANAMGE
Belihiuloya Group Corr.

The death occurred on April 26 of Prof. Upali Jayaseka, the founder Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the Sabaragamuwa University. He was 82.

Prof. Upali Jayaseka joined the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka in 1996 and was the founder Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. He served the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka from 1996-2004. He retired from the Sabaragamuwa University on February 5, 2004 and was recog-



nized as an Emeritus Professor of Livestock Production.

He acquired his tertiary education with Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry in 1965. Subsequently, he obtained a

Master of Science (Veterinary Pathology) University of Saskatchewan, Canada in 1973. After obtaining MSc, he moved to Kansas State University, USA in 1978 where he obtained Doctor of Philosophy in Pathology. He has served as a Staff Pathologist/Study Director at the Parke Davis Research Institute, USA from 1979-1986.

He returned to Sri Lanka in 1986 and joined the Institute of Fundamental Studies as the Deputy Director of Research. He then joined the

National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency in 1990 as the Director General. In 2004, he was the Chairman of the National Agriculture Development Board of Sri Lanka.

Upali Jayaseka was a past student of the Dhamshoka College, Ambalangoda.

He was born on February 5, 1939 in Galle. He is married to Chithrangani Jayaseka and has two children, namely Laleen and Sanjeevi. His is the son of Robert Jayaseka and Sopinona Vitharana.

Navy to construct school buildings to mark 70th anniversary

A.T.M. GUNANDA
Trincomalee Special Corr.

The Sri Lanka Navy will help construct the school building and library building of Pansalgodella Primary School in Kantale in the Trincomalee District to mark its 70th anniversary.

This programme is initiated as a part of a project to develop eight underprivileged schools in the country under the directives of Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne during this year.

The prime objective of the project is to create a more conducive learning environment for the children. Accordingly, this timely project was launched in the Western, Eastern, North Central, Northwestern, South-eastern, Southern and Northern Naval Commands on April 19, 2021.

Financial contributions extended by all officers and sailors from their monthly salaries is being utilized for the project, with the Navy also providing the manpower required for the construction work. After contributing to the success of the humanitarian operation to liberate the nation from LTTE terrorism that battered the country for nearly three decades, the Navy throws its weight behind various development projects of the Government, to help achieve its National Policy Framework 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour', by contributing its skilled manpower and other resources.

Against such a backdrop, the Navy marked the beginning of a school facility development project by embarking on a social responsibility mission to develop facilities of underprivileged schools which lack some of the basic amenities. Accordingly, in line with the 70th Anniversary of the Navy, a financial allocation of Rs. 4.5 million was made available to each Naval Command to develop eight underprivileged schools, selected by seven Naval Commands, islandwide to support the education of children schooling in remote areas, with less facilities.

Under this project, the Western Naval Command has



Navy personnel of the Northwestern Naval Command on an inspection tour of Eluwankulama Sinhala Vidyalaya in the Puttalam District where a new classroom building and a laboratory building are to be constructed.



Children of Hungama Ethbatuwa Junior School studying in temporary classrooms shaded by tin and cadjan roofs.

planned to renovate four new classroom buildings, repair plumbing and toilet facilities and construct a children's playground at Kelinkanda Primary School in Agalawata, Kalutara District.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Naval Command would enable Navy's manpower and other expertise to complete the construction of half-completed classroom building and library building of Pansalgodella Primary School in Kantale in the Trincomalee District.

Similarly, lots of basic requirements and renovation work of Weera Mohan Jayamaha Vidyalaya, Dambulla are to be developed by the North Central Naval Command. Incidentally, delivery of new books to the school library, renovation of classrooms, improvement of toilet facilities, and erection of a safety fence around the school and construction of a basketball court would also come under this development project.

The facilities of Eluwanku-

luma Sinhala Vidyalaya in the Puttalam District, which is under the Northwestern Naval Command will also be developed, adding a new classroom building and a laboratory building at the school premises.

The move will help create a more favourable learning environment for the children who are continuing their education at the school with lack of facilities.

The Southeastern Naval Command will also renovate the dilapidated buildings, small auditorium, laboratory and computer laboratory of Hulannuge Vidyalaya in Ampara.

Meanwhile, the Southern Naval Command is to develop Sooriyawewa Weeriyagama Maha Vidyalaya and Hungama Ethbatuwa Junior School in the Hambantota District. The Navy is to construct two spacious classroom buildings for these schools, as those children are studying in temporary classrooms shaded by tin and cadjan roofs.

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AFLATOXINS IN COCONUT OIL

Aflatoxins are highly heat stable and difficult to eliminate by conventional thermal treatments. Several physical (UV and gamma irradiation, microwaving, pulse light, absorbance), biological (using yeast and bacterial cells and enzymes) and chemical (Ozone, Sodium hydroxide, Sodium bisulphate, Hydrogen peroxide) techniques have been used for effective control and management of aflatoxins in foods.



Edible vegetable oils are an important component of the Sri Lankan diet. They are widely used to frying or temper during cooking or used in food processing industries. Coconut oil is the most widely used vegetable oil in Sri Lanka. According to Central Bank statistics 2019, Sri Lanka produced around 44,648 metric tonnes of coconut oil mainly for domestic consumption.

The annual requirement of coconut oil for domestic and industrial purposes is about 180,000 metric tonnes (CDA statistics) and has to be imported to meet the demand. The coconut oil that is imported to Sri Lanka come as crude or unrefined oil due to lower price and import tariffs.

What are Aflatoxins?

Aflatoxins are toxic secondary metabolites produced by fungi named *Aspergillus flavus*, *A. parasiticus* and *A. nomius* and the most important mycotoxins with regard to the occurrence, toxicity, and impact on human health and trade. These fungi may infect and proliferate on a broad range of agricultural commodities, including copra, peanuts, corn, cottonseeds, sorghum, tree nuts, cocoa beans, spices, and rice resulting in the production of aflatoxins.

Aflatoxins were first discovered in the early 1960s after more than thousands of turkeys in England died of poisoning from mould-contaminated Brazilian groundnut meal.

Fungi or moulds are the main cause for spoilage and deterioration of food and feed crops. The fungi grow readily in tropical and subtropical conditions, with ambient temperature, moisture content and improper post-harvest practices. Fungi can infect crops in many stages; when the crop is in the field, while harvesting, transportation or storage. Cereals, cottonseeds, peanuts and tree nuts are reported to be the most highly infected food products due to improper drying and storage.

The fungal genus *Aspergillus* has more than 200 species but it is

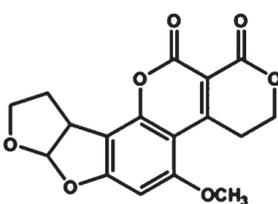
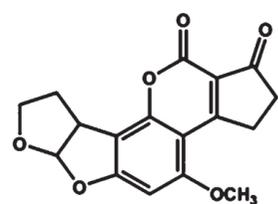
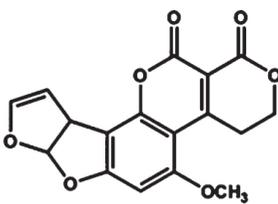
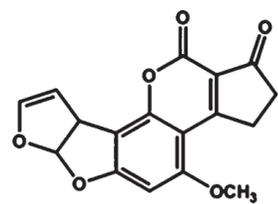


reported only less than 20 of them produce aflatoxins. *Aspergillus flavus* and *A. parasiticus* are two species that produce toxic aflatoxins contaminating a wide range of food and stored grains that affect human health. Aflatoxin is produced at a temperature of 12–40 degree celsius and requires 3–18 percent moisture. Out of about 20 aflatoxins identified, mainly B1 (AFB1), B2 (AFB2), G1 (AFG1), G2 (AFG2) and M1 (AFM1) are of public health importance. *Aspergillus flavus* mainly found in soil, corn, cottonseeds and tree nuts produce only B group aflatoxins whereas *A. parasiticus* in peanuts produces aflatoxin B and G. Aflatoxin M1 is produced in the liver of animals following ingestion of high levels of aflatoxin B1 through animal feed, and it may be excreted in the milk and urine of animals. By consumption of aflatoxin-contaminated milk and milk-based products, aflatoxins M1 could indirectly enter the human body. Aflatoxin B1 is reported to be the most potent and abundant toxin and classified as a class 1 carcinogen for humans.

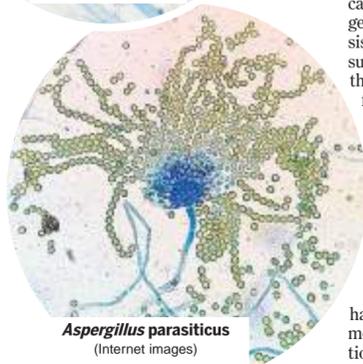
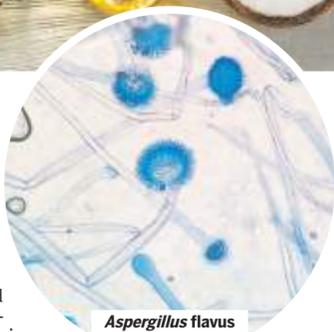
In the process of manufacturing coconut oil, the fresh coconut kernel, which contains a high percentage of water and oil is sun-dried

and then subject to hot air curing to produce copra with a moisture content of less than six percent. During the drying process of coconut to get copra and storage, due to less hygienic practices, *Aspergillus* fungi can grow and produce aflatoxins.

Aflatoxins are difuranocoumarin derivatives with a bifuran group attached to one side of the coumarin nucleus, while a cyclopentanone ring (group B) or δ -lactone ring (group G) is attached to the other side. Aflatoxins are innately fluorescent compounds. They are named due to the colour they emit, AFB1 and AFB2 emit blue fluorescence and AFG1 and AFG2 green fluorescence.



Chemical structures of Aflatoxins B1, B2, G1 and G2



Health effects of Aflatoxins

Humans can be exposed to aflatoxins by consumption of aflatoxin-contaminated foods. It is recorded that inhalation of AFB1 contaminated dust particles may increase the risk of getting lung cancer.

It has been reported that long-term consumption of aflatoxins contaminated foods can cause aflatoxicosis, which is toxic hepatitis leading to jaundice and in severe cases, death. Aflatoxins mainly target the liver and chronic aflatoxicosis causes liver cancer, immune suppression and birth defects by the toxic effect on the embryo or fetus.

Although AFM1 is less carcinogenic, it exhibits high genotoxic activity in both humans and animals.

Prevention and decontamination of Aflatoxins in edible oils

Proper pre-harvest and post-harvest handling are the easiest methods to prevent mould formation in crops, cereals and nuts, which will prevent the formation of aflatoxins.

The toxicity of aflatoxins and their impact on food security, human and animal health led to many studies on decontaminating it from foods. Aflatoxins are highly heat stable and difficult to eliminate by conventional thermal treatments. Several physical (UV and gamma irradiation, microwaving, pulse light, absorbance), biological (using yeast and bacterial cells and enzymes) and chemical (Ozone, Sodium hydroxide, Sodium bisulphate, Hydrogen peroxide) techniques have been used for effective control and management of aflatoxins in foods.

The process of alkali refining of crude vegetable oils with Sodium Hydroxide followed by washing

with water and bleaching reduces the aflatoxins levels.

How are Aflatoxins detected?

Once the food commodity is contaminated with aflatoxin or any other contaminant, accurate assessment need to be carried out to detect the level of contamination. There are many methods such as Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC), High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) and LC-MS-MS used to detect the levels of aflatoxin contamination.

Maximum permissible levels for aflatoxins in food and animal feed has been decided by regulatory bodies of the country.

In 1960, Dr. W.R.N. Nathanael

from the Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila first reported the contamination of copra with fungi *Aspergillus* causing considerable loss and depreciation in the yield of coconut oil. Further studies by Prof. S.N. Arusecaratne, Dr. U. Samarajeewa and their research teams in 1970s and 1980s and recent study by Nuwan B. Karunaratne and the research group had reported the aflatoxin contamination in coconut products and coconut oil.

Sri Lanka should adhere to the limit given by the Sri Lanka Standard Institute and according to SLS 32:2017 for Specification for Coconut oil, the product shall not exceed the level 5.0 µg/kg for aflatoxins AFB1 and 10.0 µg/kg for total aflatoxin.

The Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) with its experience and qualified scientists and high-end instruments are always ready to assist with any national issues. The ITI has been engaged in aflatoxin testing in the different matrix such as spices, cereals, tea, milk, coconut oil etc. using TLC and HPLC for many years. Currently, the tests for aflatoxins are carried out using the LC-MS-MS producing more accurate and consistent results and enabling much lower aflatoxin detection limits. The ITI issues many test reports monthly on aflatoxins in chillies, curry powder, masala powder, cereals, ayurveda preparations, food and oils on the requests from the respective industries.

(College of Chemical Sciences, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon)

Total Aflatoxins (µg/kg)

	EU	USFDA	China	India	Australia	Japan
Food		20		30	5	10
Cereal and Cereal Products	4		5			
Maize and Rice	10		10			
Pulses			5			
Nuts for furthering processing	15		5			
Ready to eat nuts	2					
Dried fruits	4					
Oilseeds and oil seeds for further processing	4		10			
Spices	10					
Milk	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.5



Aspergillus contaminated coconut, corn and peanuts

Defence Secy. and Tri-Service Commanders welcome Chinese Defence Minister

Defence Ministry Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne, together with Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army General Shavendra Silva, Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne and Air Force

Chief of Staff, Air Vice Marshal Prasanna Payoe welcomed the visiting Chinese State Councillor and Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe who arrived in Sri Lanka on a two-day formal visit on Tuesday.

General Fenghe and his accompanying delegation will hold bilateral discussions with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa during his stay in Sri Lanka. The visiting Chinese delegation

in keeping with health guidelines and the 'Air Bubble' Concept is expected to continue bilateral discussions.

A bevy of traditional Sri Lankan dancers welcomed the visiting Chinese Defence Minister and delegation at the VIP lobby at the airport. Chinese Ambassador in Sri Lanka Qi Zhenhong, Chinese Embassy Officials and Senior Military Officers were also present at the airport.

Three arrested for alleged rape

KURUNEGALA CENTRAL SPECIAL CORR:

Kurunegala Divisional Crime Investigation Unit yesterday arrested three suspects who had allegedly (gang) raped a 24-year-old woman at a guesthouse in Kurunegala on April 24.

The suspects are residents of the Mawathagama, Pilassa and Muththetugala areas. According to Police, the woman was returning home to Giriulla from Kurunegala when the suspects had abducted and raped her at the guesthouse. Police said the suspects who are between the ages of 25-30 had taken photos of the incident on camera phones.

The suspects were due to be produced at Kurunegala Magistrate Court yesterday (28).

A special team of police officers led by Divisional Crime Investigation OIC Kapila Adikari carried out further investigations.

Kurunegala PSs to plant 350,000 coconut seedlings

S. M. WIJAYARATNE,

Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

All Pradeshiya Sabhas (PS) in the Kurunegala District are to plant 350,000 coconut seedlings this year on state-owned lands with the help of their employees in the Kurunegala District.

Since there is a shortage of coconuts due to heavy local consumption, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has instructed Pradeshiya Sabha Chairmen in the Kurunegala District to launch this campaign to plant coconut seedlings as early as possible.

"There are 23 Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Kurunegala District and all of them would contribute to this programme as per the Prime Minister's instructions," Kurunegala District Senior Divisional Secretary W. E. Jayathilake said yesterday.

Naula - Ambana Hospital to be converted into COVID-19 Treatment Centre

NAULA CORR.

Naula Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Sanath Dassanayake said that the Naula - Ambana Hospital will be converted into a COVID-19 Treatment Centre since the Dambulla and Laggala Hospitals are nearing full capacity, as a result of the rapid spread of the coronavirus in the Matale District.

Dassanayake was speaking to the media at Naula subsequent to a meeting of the District Corona Control Committee held at Dambulla on Tuesday evening.

The Chairman said that it was decided by the District Corona Control Committee to convert the Ambana Hospital to provide treatment to COVID patients.

The Naula-Ambana Hospital is a newly established hospital in the town of Ambana since the original hospital went under water at Kongahawela as a result of the Morgahakanda Reservoir being built.

The Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman said that this decision was made by the District Corona Control Committee for the purpose of treating COVID-19 infected patients, as the numbers are likely to increase in the future.

Rs.150 m income for Railways Department

S. M. WIJAYARATNE

The Railways Department has succeeded in earning a record income of Rs. 150 million during the past 14 days. Deputy General Manager (Commercial) of the Sri Lanka Railway Department V. S. Polwattage told the media in Kurunegala yesterday that an income of Rs.150 million was earned by the Railway Department for the duration from April 9 to 23 this year.

More rabies cases in NWP

S. M. WIJAYARATNE

Rabies is reported to be on the increase in the Kurunegala and Puttalam Districts of the North Western Province (NWP) these days. About 14 persons who were bitten by stray dogs last year (2020) had died of Rabies.

About 189 persons who were bitten by stray dogs had sought medical treatment from Government hospitals this year.

Thirteen schoolchildren are among the victims.

Most Stray dogs now found to be living inside school buildings pose a threat to the lives of the student population.

Kurunegala DMO Dr. S.M.A. Priyadarshana told the media that Rs. 1,000 million is spent annually by the Government to treat patients bitten by stray dogs.

Tree planting ceremony to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,

Tissamaharama Special Corr.

The Consulate General of India in Hambantota celebrated 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by inaugurating tree planting ceremony at Labuduwa, Galle. Consul General Dipin P.R. and Chief Secretary of the Southern Province R. C. de Zoysa planted a sapling at Chief

Secretary's residence premises and distributed more than 100 of saplings to the officials of Chief Secretariat.

Parallel to this, an essay competition under the theme "Mahatma Gandhi and Sri Lanka" was conducted at Radampola Sri Sumangala Central College. The winners of the essay contest were honoured

during the Consul General's visit to the school. The Indian Consul General also visited Denagama Vipulasara Central College, had fruitful discussions with the Principals of both schools and interacted with the students.

He also handed over reading materials and other equipment required for the development of

the students. The support provided by Consulate General of India, for the development of schools in the Southern Province was deeply appreciated by the Principals and teachers.

The Consulate General of India has been interacting with Government bodies, Chambers of Commerce, Universities, schools and

other institutions in Southern Province since the beginning of the Consulate through various activities such as cultural programmes, Yoga programmes, workshops, seminars and student exchange programmes etc. India also offers 794 scholarships to students in Sri Lanka to study in India.

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'Wild animals regularly destroy nearly 60% of Polpithigama crops'

HIRIYALA GROUP CORR.

Polpithigama farmers said that wild animals such as monkeys, wild boars, peacocks, giant squirrels, and porcupines regularly destroy nearly 60% of their crops.

I.G. Piyadasa of Kalawelyaya said that around five to six years ago, he could pluck about 1,300 to 1,500 coconuts from his three-acre coconut cultivation, but now, he gets only about 200 coconuts as they are being destroyed by giant squirrels and monkeys.

He pointed out that the farmer organisations have brought this matter to the notice of the authorities on several occasions, but no action has yet been taken to address the issue. There were suggestions such as the sterilisation of animals such as monkeys and peacocks through surgery, injections, and oral administration of sterilising drugs, as well as capturing and releasing them to the wild, he added.

Ma-Eliya Farmer Organisation Secretary S.K. Piyadasa said that medical authorities wouldn't even sterilise the stray dogs on the streets. Capturing and sterilising wild animals such as monkeys is a 'fancy idea' that is impractical, he added. When the *Daily News* inquired about the matter from Kurunegala District Secretary R.M.R. Rathnayake, he said

that the Director of Agriculture has suggested to set up a large enclosure in a 10 to 15-acre land. "This is an effective solution practised in many foreign countries. At present, we are looking for a suitable land for this purpose," he added.

Perakumpura Divisional Hospital facing 'severe' staff shortage

M.A.R. MANUKLASOORIYA

The Perakumpura Divisional Hospital Development Committee told the *Daily News* recently that hospital staff and patients have been inconvenienced by a 'severe shortage' of nurses, attendants, and minor staff.

There should be five nurses, but not a single nurse is available; there should be five attendants, but only two are available. Although there is a dental clinic, there is no dentist, and the required equipment is not available either, they added.

The committee pointed out that there are no administrative officers, clerks, or watchers, and that only two doctors, two pharmacists, two attendants, and five labourers

run the hospital. There is an acute shortage of medicine, and toilets are in disrepair, they said. Moreover, the meals provided to patients are also not up to standard, the committee said.

When the *Daily News* inquired about these issues from Wayamba Provincial Director of Health Services Dr. Sampath Indika Kumara, he said that there is a shortage of nurses in almost all the hospitals in the country.

"There should be at least 60,000 nurses in hospitals countrywide, but only about 35,000 are available. Most nurses do not like to work at remote hospitals. Once they receive such a transfer, they have it cancelled," he said, adding that he would look into the matter.

COVID-19 in Galle 43 schoolchildren, 3 teachers test positive in two weeks

Forty-three schoolchildren and three teachers from 28 schools in the Galle District have tested positive for COVID-19 during the past two weeks, Galle District

Regional Epidemiologist Venura K. Singakkarachi said. Steps have been taken to quarantine 143 family members and close associates of those

infected. Among them are 41 additional schoolchildren and 102 teachers, he said. The highest number of students infected with the virus have been reported

from Rathgama and stand at 16. Moreover, four schoolchildren and three teachers have tested positive from the Galle town, five students have tested posi-

vely from Udugama, as well as two schoolchildren each have contracted the virus from the Ambalangoda and Baddegama areas, Singakkarachi said. Three

schoolchildren have been reported from Balapitiya, while two schoolchildren each have been reported from Bope-Poddala and Imaduwa, he added.

Batticaloa reports 13 COVID-19 patients in three days

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,
Batticaloa Special Corr.

Thirteen people in Batticaloa were tested positive for COVID-19 during the past three days, District MOH Dr. K. Kirisuthan told the media yesterday. He added that moreover, PCR tests have been conducted on 177 people on Pioneer Road, Arasady, as well.

Dr. Kirisuthan said that without the public's cooperation, the virus would spread faster. He urged people to stay vigilant and follow all the required health guidelines. The Batticaloa COVID-19 Prevention Task Force held a meeting on Tuesday with Additional Government Agent Sudharsini Srikanth, DIG Laksiri Wijeyasena, military per-

sonnel, health officials, District Secretariat officials, and Zonal Education officers.

The Health Ministry has provided special health guidelines to schoolchildren regarding the pandemic as well, and Education officials and police personnel should ensure that the instructions are followed, he added. All schools

have been closed and tuition classes have been banned until April 30, he added. In the Rapid Antigen tests conducted on 42 people within the past 24 hours, two persons in Kattankudy and Kaluwanchikudy and five police officers have tested positive for the coronavirus, the Batticaloa District MOH said.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29

L. T. B. DEHIDENIYA, J. A. H. M. D. NAWAZ, J. A. L. S. GOONERATNE, J. (COURT NO. 502) (FROM 10.00AM - TO 11.30AM) **TO BE MENTIONED**
1. S. C. H.C. L. A. NO. 37/20
- H. C. (Civil) NO. 457/10
2. S. C. H.C. L. A. NO. 38/20
- H. C. (Civil) NO. 457/10
3. S.C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 355/20
4. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 111/19
- C. A. NO. 223/06
5. S. C. APPEAL NO. 116/18
- H.C.C. A. NO. 71/06

6. S. C. APPEAL 65/20 - H.C. NO. 20/18 **FOR SUPPORT**
1. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 109/20 - H. C. C. A. NO. 30/19

FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE
1. S. C. SPL. L.A. 37/18 - C. A. NO. 65/17

FOR ARGUMENT
1. S. C. H.C. APPEAL 22/15 - H.C. NO. 14/12

2. S. C. APPEAL 184/16 - H.C. NO. 64/13 (FROM 11.30AM - TO 12.45PM)

FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED
1. S.C. APPLICATION FR NO. 234/20

FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE
1. S. C. H. C. L. A. NO. 63/18 - H. C. NO. 11/15

2. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 245/19 - H. C. C. A. NO. 02/18

3. S. C. (H. C.) L. A. NO. 60/20 - H.C. NO. 151/20

4. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 74/20 - H. C. C. A. NO. 63/16

5. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 266/20 - C. A. NO. 140/14

6. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 363/20 - H. C. C. A. NO. 22/19

FOR ARGUMENT
1. S.C. APPEAL No. 54/13 - H.C.C.A. 40 - 41/05 (FROM 01.30PM - TO 03.00PM) **FOR ARGUMENT**

1. S.C. APPEAL No. 60/18 - S.C. H.L.T. NO. 38/13 (TOP OF THE LIST)

2. S.C. APPEAL No. 90/17 - H.C.C.A. NO. 175/09 P. PADMAN SURASENA, J.

YASANTHA KODAGODA, P.C.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. 100/20 - H. C. C. A. NO. 193/18

2. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 20/21 **FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**

1. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 190/18 - H. C. C. A. NO. 109/16

FOR ARGUMENT
1. S. C. H.C. APPEAL NO. 74/14 - H. C. NO. 367/08 (FROM 11.30AM

- TO 12.45PM) **FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED**

1. S.C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 320/19 **FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE**

1. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 118/19 - H. C. C. A. NO. 58/14

2. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 392/19 - H. C. C. A. NO. 30/18

3. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 66/20 - H. C. C. A. NO. 188/15

4. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 70/20 - H. C. NO. 96/18

5. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 330/20 - H. C. C. A. NO. 95/16

6. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 116/21 - H. C. C. A. NO. 324/19

FOR ARGUMENT
1. S. C. APPEAL NO. 53/16 - H.C.C. A. NO. 27/08

(FROM 01.30PM - TO 03.00PM) **FOR ARGUMENT**

1. S.C. APPEAL No. 52/18 - H.C.C.A. NO. 860/11

2. S.C. APPEAL No. 176/18 - H.C.C.A. NO. 32/01

3. S.C. APPEAL No. 28/19 - C.A. NO. 121/04

E. A. G. R. AMARASEKARA, J. K. K. WICKRAMASINGHE, J.

ACHALA WENGAPPULI, J. (COURT NO. 404) (FROM 10.00AM - TO 11.30AM) **TO BE MENTIONED**

1. S. C. H.C. APPEAL NO. 55/14 - H. C. NO. 207/07

2. S. C. APPEAL NO. 38/21 - H.C. 01/21

TO BE RESUMED
1. S.C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 319/13

FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE
1. S. C. (H. C.) C. A. L. A. NO. 75/17 - H.C.C.A. NO. 167/09

FOR ARGUMENT
1. S. C. APPEAL NO. 53/12 WITH 54/12 - H. C.C.A. NO. 28/08

(FROM 11.30AM - TO 12.45PM) **FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED**

1. S.C. APPLICATION (F/R) NO. 51/2021

FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE
1. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 09/19 - C. A. NO. 01/17

2. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 292/19 - C. A. NO. 25/15

3. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 218/20 - C. A. NO. 88/14

4. S. C. SPL. L. A. NO. 37/21 - H. C. C. A. NO. 05/18

FOR ARGUMENT
1. S. C. APPLICATION (F/R) 298/13 (FROM 01.30PM

- TO 03.00PM) **FOR ARGUMENT**

1. S.C. APPEAL No. 84/15 - H.C.C.A. NO. 37/06

2. S.C. APPEAL No. 167/19 - H.C.C.A. NO. 145/12

3. S.C. APPEAL No. 84/20 - HCCA 159/18

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ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE P/CA MAYADUNNE COREA **COURT NO. 301 AT 09.30 A.M. FOR JUDGMENT**

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2. 347/18 Writ of Cert ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE P/CA

FOR ORDER
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2. 130/20 Writ of Cert ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE P/CA

ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE P/CA MAYADUNNE COREA **COURT NO. 301 AT 09.45 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED**

1. 430/14 Writ of Cert 2. 373/19 Writ of Cert 3. 02/20 Writ of Cert 4. 206/21 Writ of Cert 5. 212/21 Writ of Cert 6. 238/21 Writ of Cert 7. 06/21 TRF 8. 07/21 TRF

ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE P/CA MAYADUNNE COREA **COURT NO. 301 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR SUPPORT**

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1. 119/20 Writ of Cert **COURT NO. 301 AT 10.00 A.M. CONTD...**

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1. 184/20 Writ of Cert with 185/20 WRT ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE P/CA

MAYADUNNE COREA **COURT NO. 301 AT 01.30 P.M. FOR ARGUMENT**

1. 371/20 Writ of Cert K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO J.

SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON J. **COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR JUDGMENT**

1. 248/19 HC K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO J.

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1. 312/17 HC 2. 09/19 HC 3. 45/19 HC 4. 362 - 363/19 HC 5. 425/19 HC 6. 426/19 HC 7. 429/19 HC

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1. 97/19 HC 2. 104 - 105/19 HC 3. 137/19 HC 4. 407/19 HC

MENAKA WJESUNDERA J. NEIL IDDAWALA J. **COURT NO. 204 AT 09.30 A.M. FOR ORDER**

1. 24/20 BA WITH 26/20 BA, 25/20 BA (NEIL IDDAWALA J.) **TO BE MENTIONED**

1. 177/17 PHC 2. 198/17 PHC 3. 246/17 PHC 4. 109/19 PA 5. 70/20 PA

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1. 153/15 PA 2. 76/19 PA

FOR OBJECTIONS
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N. BANDULA KARUNARATHNA J. R. GURUSINGHE J. **COURT NO. 205 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR JUDGMENT**

1. 710 - 712/99 (F) DC N. BANDULA KARUNARATHNA J.

2. 75 - 76/14 HC N. BANDULA KARUNARATHNA J.

3. 237/13 HC (R. Gurusinghe J.) **ASSIGN COUNSEL**

1. 155/20 HC 2. 161/20 HC 3. 163/20 HC

TO BE MENTIONED
1. 159/14 Writ of Cert 2. 19/21 PA WITH 18/21 PA

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1. 141/18 HC 2. 225/10 HC 3. 11/14 HC 4. 131/16 HC 5. 377/17 HC 6. 271/18 HC

DEVIKA ABEYRATNE J.

P. KUYMARARATNAM J. **COURT NO. 110 AT 10.00 A.M. ASSIGN COUNSEL**

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TO BE MENTIONED
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FOR ARGUMENT
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M. T. MOHAMMED LAFAR J. K. K. A. V. SWARNADHIPATHI J.

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1. 370/12 Writ of Cert 2. 440/14 Writ of Cert 3. 234/18 Writ of Cert 4. 01/21 INJ

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1. 318/96 (F) DC 2. 226/18 Writ of Cert

DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J) M. SAMPATH K. B. WIJERATNE J. **COURT NO. 302 AT 10.00 A.M.**

FOR ORDER
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COURT NO. 303 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR SUPPORT

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INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS

NEGOMBO ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICE KATUNAYAKE (2021)

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from eligible suppliers, for the purchase of undermentioned items for the schools in the Negombo Education Zone, under the Open National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

- P1 - Computers, Photocopiers, Multi-media machines
- P2 - Office Equipment
- * Library cupboards and almirahs (steel)
- * Children's Desks and Chairs, kindergarten tables / chairs, Teachers' tables and chairs.

Further details could be obtained by the interested suppliers, from the Deputy Zonal Director of Education (Administration) of the Negombo Zonal Education Office, in Katunayake (telephone 0112-265639) and a complete set of bidding (procurement) documents, with full details, could be purchased by the interested suppliers on submission of a written request to the Deputy Director of Zonal Education (Admin), from 29.04.2021 to 21.05.2021, on weekdays from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. upon payment of a refundable deposit of Rs. 5,000.00 and a non refundable fee of Rs. 750.00 per set, in cash.

Relevant quotations should be sent by registered post, addressed to the Deputy Director of Zonal Education (Admin), Negombo Zonal Education Office, Katunayake, or hand delivered and deposited in the tender box, relevant to be received on or before 11.00 a.m. on 24.05.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing, at 11.00 a.m. on 24.05.2021. Bidder or one of his representatives could be present on the occasion of opening of bids and bids will be opened in their presence.

All quotations submitted should be valid from the

Alleged dismissal of employee from foreign dairy company: Court calls for analytical report

The Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court yesterday issued an order directing the Government Analyst to provide an analytical report pertaining to a laptop computer belonging to a foreign Dairy Company in Sri Lanka.

The Colombo Fraud Investigation Bureau has commenced an investigation to ascertain whether the dismissal of an employee of a foreign Dairy Company in Sri Lanka had been done illegally using forged documents.

On a previous occasion, the Court has issued an order directing the Dairy Company that the laptop computer alleged to have generated the forged document be handed over to the court custody.

Meanwhile, the Court was informed that the Colombo Fraud Investigation Bureau has prepared a series of 27 questions to be sent to the Government Analyst in respect of the computer laptop.

S. Seneviratne, an employee of a foreign Dairy Company, had lodged a complaint with the Labour Department in Colombo alleging that the company had terminated her service illegally.

Although the Assistant Director of Human Resources of the Dairy Company has given a statement that the letter terminating the employee's service is an authentic document, the Fraud Investigation Bureau sought an order directing the company that the laptop computer be handed over to the Government Analyst in order to verify its authenticity.

Chief Inspector Nuwan Danthanarayan appeared for the Fraud Investigation Bureau. President's Counsel Kolitha Darmawardena with counsel Chandana Perera appeared for the aggrieved party. President's Counsel Sampath Perera with counsel Sudath Perera appeared for the foreign Dairy Company.



A 43-year-old woman was allegedly killed by her brother at her house in Alankudawa, Norochcholai, recently. The victim was said to be autistic. Here, a policeman questioning a neighbour. Picture by Priyanthi Kalupahana, Vanathavilluwa Group Corr.

Galle records four COVID-19 deaths in five days

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE
Galle Central Special Corr.

Four coronavirus deaths were reported from the Galle District in the past five days, the Galle District Health Services Director's Office stated.

The deceased include a resident of Rathgama who died on April 22 after being admitted to the Homagama Hospital, a man from Imaduwa and a woman from Kurunduwatta who died on April 26, as well as a resident of Hirimbura who died on April 27.

Ambalangoda UC Chairman tests positive for COVID-19

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE
Galle Central Special Corr.

Ambalangoda Urban Council Chairman M.W. Aruna Pradip tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday, the Southern Province COVID-19 Monitoring Centre stated.

He had tested positive for the virus following a Rapid Antigen test conducted at the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital.

Meanwhile, Galle District Health Services Director Priyantha Jeevaratne said that the Ambalangoda Medical Officer of Health (MOH) has taken steps to quarantine the victim's family and close associates, as well as to disinfect the Urban Council.

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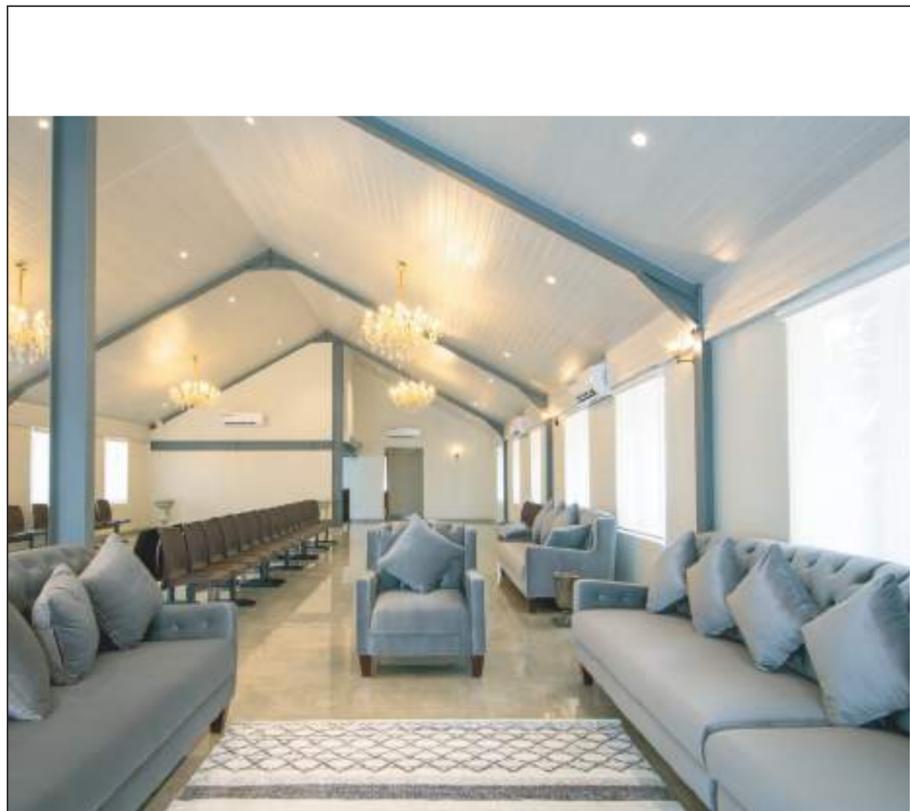
SUPER BALL
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Draw Date: 27.04.2021 Date: Tuesday
Winning English Letter and Numbers
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Date: 27-04-2021 Draw Number: 3141 Colour: Red
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TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES
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Date: 27.04.2021 Draw No.: 1260 Colour: LIGHT BLUE
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 5,868,760/-
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Date: 27.04.2021 Colour: LIGHT BLUE Draw No: 3590
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 4,069,380/-
Winning Numbers: 30 39 63 75
English Letter: O
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Draw No: 718 Colour: PINK
Date: 27.04.2021 Tuesday
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Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,856,600/-
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Rs. 80,665,000/-
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Most Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thera:

The giant behind the revival of Buddhism

AGGAMAHA PANDITHA
VEN. DR. WALPOLA PIYANANDA THERA

Our Most Venerable Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thera was born on January 20, 1827. It was a dark era in the history of Sri Lanka where the country which suffered tremendously under the suffocating rule of Portuguese and Dutch colonists at the time, was forced to officially surrender itself to the British Empire. Thus on March 2, 1815, Sri Lanka lost its 2,538 years of independence by becoming a colony of the British Empire. Governor Robert Brownrigg who signed the Kandyan Convention by promising to preserve the status of Buddhism as the country's main religion went back on his words once he came to power, by making it a priority to spread the word of Christianity throughout the country.

Several decades after that, the Buddhist faith among the people started deteriorating. To salvage the situation, Ven. Welivita Sri Saranankara Sangharaja Thera started a religious revival which brought all the Sangha in the country together. However, the attempt was not successful due to various disagreements among different sects of the Buddhist Sangha. The situation became so bad that in 1852, James De Alwis who translated *Sidath Sangarawa* into English, predicted that by the end of the 19th Century all Sinhala poets would begin their work by asking for the triple blessings of the Lord instead of the blessings of the Triple Gems. As was published in the Journal of the Pali Text Society on October 25, 1861, he had stated,

"There are indeed good grounds for believing that Buddhism will at no very distant period disappear from this island. What I believe is that if Christianity was spread throughout the country little by little without alerting the general populace, the prevalent false beliefs and foolishness in the country would lessen before long."

This statement was in agreement with a French newspaper journalist, Bertholomeusz, who stated that the Sangha in Sri Lanka is too weak to protect the Buddhist era from fading away, and that there is no sign whatsoever of this situation changing in the near future.

It is evident that the British Empire, which had governing power over the whole country at the time, hoped to completely eliminate Buddhism from Sri Lanka and build an empire of Christianity in its stead. In order to firmly establish their power in the country, this was a necessity. Therefore, Christian missionaries were sent to Sri Lanka from Europe in order to establish schools and start spreading Western culture in the country. In a letter sent to the British politician, William Wilberforce, in England, on June 13, 1816, Governor Brownrigg stated that there were enough reasons to believe that Buddhism as a religion would soon disappear from Sri Lanka.

It was in such a dark period of time in Sri Lanka that a precious baby boy was born to Dandegoda Gamage Christina and her husband Don Johannes Abeyweera Gunawardhana Liyanarachchi. The boy was baptised at four years of age and was given the name Nicholas. If he was not given such a Christian name, he wouldn't have been allowed access to any of the schools established at the time. Since the firstborn son, Louis, of Gunawardhana became a disciple of Christianity as a result of his close association with fathers at the Christian Church, the five-year-old Nicholas was handed over to Ven. Sobhitha Thera at the village temple. The little boy who grew up under the guidance of Buddhist monks was allowed access to the Central School at Galle Fort, as he was among those who were baptised by the Christian Church.

The village astrologist who checked the horoscope of Nicholas managed to convince his father that the boy was very unlucky, and that he would die at a very young age due to his bad luck. This prediction completely changed the course of this young boy's life. In 1840, he was ordained as a Buddhist monk at the Temple of Thotagamuwa, Thelwaththa, Galle, under the supervision of Ven. Mabotuwana Rewatha Thera and Ven. Malagoda Siriniwasa Thera.

As a monk, he was given the name Hikkaduwe Sumangala. He was fortunate enough to study under the guidance of many erudite monks such as Ven. Walane Sri Siddhartha Thera, and he studied hard till he mastered several languages including Pali, Sinhala, Sanskrit, and English. In 1848, his higher ordination as a Buddhist monk took place at the Malwathu Buddhist Chapter House in Kandy. As a young novice monk, Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera started tackling the criticisms against Buddhism by Christian missionaries through publishing his comebacks in



Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Nayaka Thera instructing a class at Vidyodaya Pirivena in Maligakanda, Colombo.

printed media. In 1858, to loosen the hold that other religions had over the Southern Province of the country, Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera established a printing press named "*Lankopakara*," and started printing books – and most importantly, the Buddhist newspaper "*Lankaloka*." Further, several Sinhala Buddhist schools were founded under his patronage and they were provided with all the required facilities. In 1871, Ven. Thera moved to the Maligakanda area, and in 1873, he initiated the establishment of the treasure house of knowledge, "Vidyodaya."

Even those who followed the teachings of Mahayana Buddhism, such as Rev. Kojin Gunaratana, Rev. Kojin Kondanna, Sato and Tochibana, from foreign countries like Thailand, Burma, Bangladesh and Japan, also came to Vidyodaya Monastic College to study the teachings of Theravada Buddhism under the tutelage of our Ven. Thera. Ven. Dhammananda Kosambi Thera who travelled to Sri Lanka from India, also studied under the guidance of our Ven. Thera.

Ven. Mohottiwatte Gunananda Thera who participated in the famous Panadura debate in 1873, made sure that Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera also came along to assist him with the debate. The debate became so famous that information about it was also published in a magazine called "The Truth Seeker" in America (Thomas Paine who played a major role in creating the Constitution of the United States was also one of the patrons of this magazine). As a result of the published article about this debate, many important persons such as Colonel Henry Steel Olcott and the Russian philosopher and author, Helena Blavatsky, were encouraged to visit Sri Lanka. On May 17, 1880, they both embraced Buddhism as their religion at Vidyodaya Monastic College in Galle, and started studying the Pali language and Buddhist philosophy under the tutelage of our Ven. Thera.

They understood the importance of education and how it could be used to salvage the pitiful situation that the Buddhist religion in Sri Lanka has fallen into. As a result, Parama Vignartha Corporation was established in Colombo. In 1895, this corporation established Ananda Vidyodaya in Colombo with the Cambridge graduate A.E. Bultjens of American descent as its principal. This was followed by the establishment of several other schools in the country such as Nalanda Vidyalaya in Colombo, Dharmaraja Vidyalaya in Kandy, and Mahinda Vidyalaya in Galle.

In 1885, Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera chaired the committee which designed the Buddhist flag. Many foreigners who were interested in studying Buddhist philosophy came to Sri Lanka just so they could meet our Ven. Thera and study Buddhism under his guiding hand. Thomas William Rhys Davids (1867) who was the Magistrate of Galle at the time studied Pali language from several Buddhist monks including Ven. Yathramulle Dhammarama Thera, Ven. Dodanduwe Piyarathana-thissa Thera, Ven. Weligama Sri Sumangala Thera, and Ven. Waskaduwe Subhuthi Thera. He also made sure to meet often with our Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera to discuss



Venerable Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thera's statue at the Sri Jayawardanapura University

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Buddhist philosophy in depth, and thus he amassed a vast wealth of knowledge regarding Buddhism. This provided our Ven. Thera with an opportunity to associate with, and build friendships with, many important figures of British rule in Sri Lanka and to earn their respect. These relations allowed Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera to get a fine understanding of how he should go about explaining the Buddhist philosophy to foreigners so they

could clearly understand exactly what Buddhism is about.

Paul Dahlke, of German descent, was a famous Buddhist philosopher who came to Sri Lanka specifically to meet Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera so he could study the doctrine of non-self (*Anathmavadaya*) as taught in Buddhism.

The youth, Rev. Anagarika Dharmapala, had written a letter complaining about the British Governor in Sri Lanka to the Foreign Affairs

Secretary in Great Britain, in the name of our Ven. Thera. Though at the time our Ven. Thera was not aware that such a letter had been sent in his name, he was not bothered by the fact once he did get to know about it. Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera was invited to an international religious conference held in Chicago 1893 as the representative of the Theravada teachings of Buddhism. However, at our Ven. Thera's request, and with his blessings, Rev. Anagarika Dharmapala participated in the conference in his stead, and brought about a wave of interest regarding Buddhism in America. This built a great rapport between Ven. Thera and Rev. Anagarika Dharmapala. It was Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera who became the very first chairperson of Mahabodhi Society. Ven. Thera supported and guided Rev. Anagarika Dharmapala all through his efforts to re-establish Buddhism on the Indian sub-continent.

In January of 1891, Ven. Thera made sure to send Ven. Kojin Gunaratana Thera, of Japanese descent, along with Rev. Anagarika Dharmapala, when he made his way to Bodhi Gaya in India. However, Rev. Anagarika Dharmapala had to leave India that very same year in order to ask for the support of the Japanese Government to rescue Bodhi Gaya from the clutches of other religions that sought to destroy the sacred place. Upon his arrival back in India, he was greatly dismayed to discover that Ven. Kojin Gunaratana Thera had passed away.

Ven. Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thera firmly stated that the best way to re-establish Buddhism in India is to educate the Indian scholars in the Pali language. In 1907, upon Ven. Thera's request, Rev. Anagarika Dharmapala, together with the help of Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee, Chancel-

lor of the Kolkata University, established the Pali Language Department within the university. With permission from our Ven. Thera, Ven. Sooriyagoda Sumangala Thera was invited to Kolkata to become the very first Head of the newly-established department.

Great intellectuals such as Dr. Nalinaksha Datta, Sukumar Datta, Dr. B.C. Low, Dr. B.M. Baruwala, Anukul Chandra Baruwala, and Deepak Kumar Baruwala graduated from the Pali Language Department, Kolkata University, and went on to contribute their valuable services in universities all over India as well as in Europe. Even some well-known Sri Lankan scholars, Ven. Walpola Rahula Thera, Ven. Uruwela Dhammaratana Thera, Sagara Palansooriya, Siripala Leelarathna, Wimalananda Thennakoon, D.E. Hettiarachchi and Jinadasa Perera also graduated from the same department in the Kolkata University, India. The scholars thus graduated, Ven. Jagdish kashyap Thera and Ven. Uruwela Dhammaratana Thera together established the Nalanda University, which gifted the world with many more great Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai, Cambodian and Sri Lankan scholars. Among them were Most Ven. Akuratiye Amarawansa Thera, Ven. Raddalle Pangnaloka Thera, Ven. Ganegama Saranankara Thera, Ven. Kananke Wajiragnana Thera and Ven. Hagoda Kemananda Thera. Most of them went on to provide their valuable services at Vidyodaya Monastic College in Sri Lanka. The Pali Language Department, which was first established only in the Kolkata University, was later on established in several other universities, such as Varanasi, Delhi, Pune as well as in Magadha University.

(The writer is the Chief Sangha Nayaka of America, Pamankada Sri Maha Viharaya, Dharma Vijaya Buddhist Vihara of Los Angeles, USA)





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Claim: Port City will not generate any revenue for Sri Lanka

Reality: 99% of leases from the government's marketable land area and all area taxes and levies will be credited to the Government's Consolidated Fund.

Claim: Colombo Port City isn't governed by the laws of the land

Reality: The CPC is governed by Sri Lankan law, subject to exemptions designed to improve the ease of doing business, given the nature of the special economic zone, similar to BOI and economic zones around the world.

Claim: The Municipal Council has been shunned

Reality: Similar to other zones worldwide, common facilities will be provided by an Estate Management company. A special area, like Colombo Port City, requires special expertise, at costs that the government doesn't have to subsidise.

Claim: Port City is a Chinese Colony

Reality: The Commission will market Port City to investors across the world to become a truly global hub. Port City was built by China Harbour Engineering Corporation, a Fortune-500 entity, which will invest USD 1.4 Bn in the project. Much of the workforce during the construction phase has been Sri Lankan.

Claim: Port City doesn't belong to Sri Lanka

Reality: The entire reclaimed land area was annexed to the Colombo District as State Land and vested with the UDA in October 2019. Once the Act is passed, the land will be vested with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission.

Claim: We will need visas to enter Port City

Reality: Sri Lankan residents can freely access Port City to live, work, shop and enjoy themselves, while transacting in Rupees.

Claim: Local authorities have been robbed of oversight

Reality: The Commission has been designed, as a "single-window facilitator," for ease of doing business. On all matters, the Commission will work with relevant local authorities.

Claim: Commission members will run a rogue state

Reality: The President will appoint and can remove members to the Commission; they are answerable to Parliament and are accountable to Sri Lanka's Courts of Law.

Claim: Sri Lanka's Police will have no control over CPC

Reality: The Sri Lanka Police will be in charge within the Port City, and all related cases will be tried within the local judicial system. Associated cases will be given priority at Court, while a Commercial Dispute Resolution Centre is to be established for greater speed and consistency to improve investor confidence.

Claim: Sri Lankans can't use local currency at Port City

Reality: Transactions in Sri Lankan Rupees are allowed within the Port City, but will be subject to a small tax, in order to provide a level playing field to those vendors and businesses operating outside of Port City.

Claim: Port City is not answerable to Parliament

Reality: Parliamentary oversight has been built in to the Act – every regulation made under the Act must be gazetted and approved by Parliament.

Claim: The Commission will be a burden on the government

Reality: The Commission is initially funded with capital from the project company and will be self-funded *via* 1% of lease sums of properties sub-leased by CHEC Port City.

Claim: Sri Lankans can't invest within Port City

Reality: Any Sri Lankan can invest in Port City, as long as such funds have been raised outside of Sri Lanka, in keeping with the objective of Port City to raise foreign direct investment.

Claim: Foreigners will buy up all of CPC

Reality: Land within CPC can only be leased subject to restrictions in the Land Act. Therefore, no transfer on freehold basis is possible. Leases are open to Sri Lankans and foreigners.

Claim: Port City will be a Money Laundering hub

Reality: All salient features of Sri Lanka's Banking Act, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Financial Transactions Reporting Act and Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing, are applicable to Port City.

Claim: CPC will be a tax haven

Reality: As per the Inland Revenue Act, earnings of off-shore companies are already exempt from corporate tax. So, there will be no different tax treatment on export earnings, whether a company operates within or outside the Port City.

Claim: Port City will be isolated from the rest of the country

Reality: Both physically and through all networks, CPC will be very much a part of Sri Lanka and its economy. Any Sri Lankan resident or business can provide goods and services to those within the Port City.

Claim: Port City will only employ foreigners

Reality: Employment opportunities of every category are open to Sri Lankan residents, who will be paid in foreign currency. This is a great opportunity for Sri Lanka to reduce brain drain, as well as to offer more at-home opportunities to blue-collar workers.

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Towards an emancipated estate community

The Plantation community on Tuesday formally thanked Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa for his efforts leading to the estate workers receiving their long denied Rs. 1,000 daily wage. Their gratitude was conveyed by Uva Provincial Council former Minister Sendil Thonadaman at a special media briefing at Temple Trees. The Rs 1,000 daily wage for estate workers was a campaign pledge at the last Presidential Election by both the main candidates.

Later, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa as Finance Minister also announced the bonanza in his 2021 budget. However, with no positive response from the plantation management companies, it was left to Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva to seek the advice of the Wages Board which eventually gave the green light raising hopes of an end to the impasse.

The Government owned State Plantation Corporation under which there are 16 estates has made the first move in this respect, increasing the daily allowance of plantation workers from Rs. 750 to Rs.1,000. Nearly 4,000 estate workers will benefit from the increased daily allowance.

The simmering issue of the Rs.1,000 daily wage increase dates back to 2016 and the Cost of Living since then has increased by leaps and bounds. What is required is to get estate workers out of the poverty trap by enabling them to think differently. Since their enslavement in estates by the British there had virtually been no life outside the estates for these humble folk. Their children took after their parents as tea pluckers and their children after them do it too. It is only by breaking this vicious cycle that there would be emancipation for these workers who bring in much-needed foreign exchange by their sweat and toil. It is only fair that they be delivered from the clutches of poverty and ignorance for the sake of their contribution to the country's economy.

Piecemeal solutions are not going to see an end to their plight and misery. They are backward in all aspects. Estate children have hardly seen the inside of a school. In any event there are no proper schooling facilities in the plantations. Poverty and ignorance of the elders have left the estate children to wither on the vines and pale into oblivion.

Perhaps crafty politicians who have dominated plantation politics for decades have willed it this way, for any sign of emancipation are bound to pose a challenge to their dominance and empires. It is left to the Government to play an active role in attending to both the physical and social needs of the estate community without leaving them at the mercy of their so-called Messiahs.

Opportunities should be provided to the estate youth to seek out new vistas outside their limited scale of existence. Poverty and drudgery of living also has led to rampant alcoholism among the estate population which is another problem that the authorities would need to tackle seriously.

Be that as it may, the request for a Rs. 1,000 wage increase is quite reasonable, given the high living costs and trying conditions under which the estate community members work. Add to this are the extra burdens placed on the estate community, as with the rest, following the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

Not just their daily wage, the estate community deserves emancipation in other areas too. They still live in veritable hovels called line rooms and the lack of nutrition has caused morbidity and stunted growth among estate children.

Attention should be paid by the authorities to the basic needs of the estate community. Their fate should not be left in the hands of plantation sector politicians and union leaders who wish their community to live in perpetual ignorance devoid of education so they would be easy to exploit for their personal and political gain.

It is time that the estate youth are given a sound education so that they may venture far instead of being condemned to a life of near-slavery and exploitation. The Government should be commended for its plans to commence a fully-fledged university in the estate sector. This would definitely encourage the youngsters in the estates to give serious thought to educating themselves.

Besides, as mentioned, this community deserves appreciation for their immense contribution to bringing in foreign exchange. They should not be allowed to fend for themselves at the mercy of politicians. Instead all efforts should be made to improve their standards of living and attention paid to their welfare, and the education of their children which is the only way of redeeming them from their backward mentality.

In fact, even a daily wage of Rs.1,000 is inadequate. This could barely be sufficient for food alone, even in the estates, where the community is used to living a spartan existence. One must also not forget that there will be a large number of sole breadwinners with large families who will have to make do with this allowance. Hence, the acute need for changing course and steering the lives of the plantation community to achieve prosperity on their own steam without depending on handouts.

An all-out effort to contain a contagion



Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi



State Minister Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle



Former Health Minister Dr. Rajitha Senarathne



Prof. Neelika Malavige

Hindsight

LAKDEV LIYANAGAMA

More than a year after the Corona virus pandemic hit Sri Lanka and the country took measures to deal with its first wave extremely effectively becoming a role model for other countries, health experts are warning that a 'third wave' with disastrous consequences could hit the nation in the coming weeks.

While the Government is stepping up safeguards against a resurgence of the pandemic, there are concerns that Sri Lanka could suffer a similar fate to neighbouring India where a 'third wave' has become deadly with more than 350,000 cases and 2,800 deaths being recorded in a single day.

In Sri Lanka too, the state of the pandemic appears to be concerning, though not of catastrophic proportions as it is in India. On Tuesday, the country recorded over 1,000 corona virus infections for the first time since the pandemic began. In total, over 103,000 have been infected with 647 deaths.

It will be recalled that, following the first reported case of the Coronavirus in Sri Lanka in March last year, the Government took no chances against the pandemic. It put into effect countrywide strict lockdown measures that lasted for several months that did cause a significant degree of hardship.

Apart from the inconvenience of being 'quarantined' at a single location for months, the lockdown was also a crippling blow to the economy, particularly for low income earners. However, the Government was able to convince a majority of the public that it was both appropriate and essential. The lockdown had other major consequences as well. The General Elections, originally scheduled for April last year, was postponed first to June and then to August when it was finally conducted. The festivals associated with the Sinhala and Tamil New Year, Vesak and Posen were very low key.

This appeared to be a reasonable price to pay as, apart from a peak in July, the daily number of cases was in the single digits in Sri Lanka until the beginning of October. The country was reaping the benefits of strict health measures at a time when other countries were recording rather grim statistics.

In fact, Sri Lanka was cited as an example of a developing country with a health system with relatively scarce resources optimizing those resources in the most efficient way. Factors cited in favour of Sri Lanka were its free health system, high literacy rate and the Government's commitment.

That trend unfortunately came to an end in October. A second wave of infections emerged. Initially it was thought that employees of a garment factory in Minuwangoda who visited India were responsible. In addition, the Central Fish Market in Peliyagoda was also identified as a notable 'cluster' of infection.

Coronavirus infections

Coronavirus infections hit a peak around early February this year when over 900 cases were recorded in a day. This prompted a series of warnings from the Government and health experts which reduced the infection to some extent but the pandemic never returned to last year's low rate of infection.

The virus has demonstrated that it had no respect for the calibre of person it infects. Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi was infected but made a full recovery. Former Parliamentarian Dr. Neville Fernando and former Speaker W. J. M. Lokubandara were not so lucky, succumbing to the virus.

It is not that the current 'third wave' of the Coronavirus was unpredictable. Health experts had been warning the public of a possible surge in infections as celebrations and the lead up linked to the Sinhala and Tamil New Year invited crowded gatherings, discarding the wisdom of social distancing.

In recent months, the Government has stepped up its drive to vaccinate



PCR tests are the most accurate of all Coronavirus tests.

the population as much as it was practically possible. Although Sri Lanka's health system is well equipped to handle mass scale vaccination programmes, it is hampered in this instance by the lack of availability of vaccines.

Sri Lanka commenced its vaccination drive early, as far back as in late January, after India gifted half a million doses of the Covishield vaccine. Sri Lanka has placed further orders with India for this vaccine but these may be affected by the current crisis in India which is gigantic in comparison.

Sri Lanka is sourcing other vaccines as well. The Russian made Sputnik V vaccine and the Sinopharm vaccine from China have been received. In addition, the State Pharmaceutical Corporation (SPC) has also signed the preliminary agreements required for the importation of the popular mRNA-based Pfizer vaccine.

State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals Professor Channa Jayasumana said the Government has finalized an agreement with pharmaceutical giant Pfizer to supply five million doses of vaccines to Sri Lanka. This is in addition to the 13 million doses of the Sputnik V vaccine ordered from the Russian Direct Investment Fund.

Despite these efforts, medical experts are warning of difficult days ahead. The Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) has noted that the number of Corona virus infections - now averaging about 900 per day - is steadily increasing. It notes that the number of patients requiring hospitalisation is also rising.

New variant

The SLMA attributes this to several factors. Among them are younger persons developing severe forms of the infection and the possibility that a new variant form of the virus is now in circulation which is more infectious and transmissible. Experts have suggested that airborne transmission of infection is possible with this variant, though further research may be needed to verify this.



Frontline health workers and Security Forces members to get priority in COVID vaccination.

"Therefore, it is important for every citizen to understand the potential disastrous consequences of a third wave," SLMA President Dr. Padma Guneratne said, advising the public that it is absolutely essential to wear good quality masks, maintain a metre or more of social distancing whenever possible and wash hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer.

The new variant can remain airborne for nearly an hour and is spreading fast, Professor Neelika Malavige, the Head of the Department of Immunology and Molecular Sciences of the Sri Jayewardenepura University said. "This variant is more transmissible than all other variants found so far in the island," she said. Incidentally, it is only the state-of-the-art laboratories at the Sri Jayewardenepura University that can identify Coronavirus variants in Sri Lanka.

The main doctors' trade union, the Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) also voiced similar concerns. "Health authorities must conduct immediate surveillance to locate infected red zones accurately and must impose travel restrictions and zonal lockdowns without delay," it proposed.

In response, the Government is now enacting tougher measures to curb the spread of the pandemic. State Minister of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID-19 Disease Control Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle said permission will not be granted to hold any public gatherings in the coming month. Both state and private sector functions have been cancelled.

In addition, as the number of infections increased in certain areas, these regions were placed in isolation or lockdown. These include several areas in the Gampaha, Kalutara and Trincomalee districts. The Education Ministry initially said schools in the Western and North Western provinces will be closed.

However, on Tuesday, the Government announced that all schools islandwide would be closed until the end of the week. This will assist in containing the spread of the pandemic

throughout the country and the situation would be reviewed at the end of the week, Education Minister G. L. Peiris said. If the green light is given, schools can reopen on May 3.

In another move aimed at reducing the impact of the pandemic, the Government also announced the reintroduction of the 'Work From Home' (WFH) facility for Government officers. For this purpose, the Ministry of Public Administration has issued a circular limiting staff attendance at all Government offices.

Health guidelines

Assessing the current crisis, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has requested public co-operation to deal with the pandemic. "The public must strictly follow all the rules and regulations recommended by the health authorities, as they did during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic," the President said.

Issuing a statement, President Rajapaksa said that a complete lockdown of the country to deal with the pandemic was not feasible. "Developing countries such as Sri Lanka cannot use lockdown measures or impose curfews that obstruct the economic activities of the country," the President observed.

"The majority of our country's income earners depend on informal livelihoods. Therefore, while the Government is fulfilling its responsibilities, the people must fulfill their respective responsibilities and duties for the betterment of the country as well as themselves," President Rajapaksa explained.

The President noted that only a vaccine can end the COVID-19 pandemic and the government has a systematic and strong programme in place to vaccinate the public. This vaccination programme will include all four approved vaccines for COVID-19 in Sri Lanka: Pfizer, Astra Zeneca/Covishield, Sputnik and Sinopharm.

China was also reaching to out to countries in the region, including Sri Lanka, to discuss measures of pandemic related assistance to affected countries. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi will initiate a dialogue with counterparts in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Afghanistan, reports said.

Former Health Minister Dr. Rajitha Senarathne also appealed for collective action from all stakeholders to prevent the spread of the pandemic to alarming proportions. "There should be a joint effort by all political parties," Senarathne said, observing that other divisive political issues should not be a priority now.

Sri Lanka recorded eight deaths due to COVID-19 on Tuesday and health authorities were hoping that the current spike in the rate of infections could be contained without the health services being overrun. The coming weeks will be critical for the country as it is staring at a 'third wave' that could be deadly.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Honour lies in honest toil.
- Grover Cleveland

Investments and our Public Service



GUEST Column

RAVI PERERA

Our governments preach untiringly the importance of foreign businesses and investments for Sri Lanka. For a Capital deficient and technology poor country it is essential to attract both money and know how. Whether it is direct investments in projects, foreign businesses setting up office here or investments in real estate or the stock market, we want them.

But try as hard as we may; promotions, road shows, various concessions to investors, constant visits to foreign countries by our dignitaries, international agreements, we haven't got the desired results. In comparison to neighbouring countries like Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore the volume of foreign investments we have attracted are minuscule and that too mostly in to low-tech and low return areas; not the kind of industries or ventures that can push a country rapidly towards a qualitative jump in terms of development.

Despite nature having blessed this island generously and as argued often, placed it strategically in terms of international trade routes, we have not caught the attention of international business nor attracted investments sufficient to make a decisive difference. Reality is an everyday experience. What millions of Sri Lankans encounter when dealing with organs of the government is far from doing business with ease or ease of doing business, as these ideas are commonly understood. If the people of this country find it so difficult to do their everyday business, surely we cannot create another reality only for the foreign investors, by just wishing for one. After the garlands, drummers and the dances, the foreign investor must function in this reality. And that is horrendous.

Here are experiences of two Sri Lankans

which illustrate the reality of our public service. Both are known to me well.

Dehiwela /Mt. Lavinia Municipality

The first is a retired bank executive who owned a commercial property in the Dehiwela/ Mt. Lavinia municipal area. He had rented the property to a business for a number of years. After a few years the tenant reneged and stopped paying his rent. With great difficulty, including lengthy legal action and police intervention my friend persuaded the elderly landlord, emotionally and financially exhausted by his desperate effort to regain his property, decided to sell.

Naturally, the prospective buyer required title and other documents. To obtain documents like the Non-Vesting Certificate my friend had to go to the Municipality Office. According to him the Dehiwela/Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council office is a nightmare of indiscipline, indecorous levity and when least expected, a pompous officiousness. The title 'office' is a misnomer here, while the public wait: the staff walks about casually, chat with each other loudly, eat at their desks and have long conversations on their mobile phones. After a lengthy bureaucratic process requiring several visits to the Council office, when my friends' file was eventually located it was in a shocking state, a dilapidated folder with several loose documents tucked carelessly into it.

Then the bad news; apparently his former tenant whose business required a Business License from the Municipality had not obtained one for eight years. The Council will not give any document to the landlord unless he made good the default of his former tenant! Although shaken by this obvious injustice, my friend decided that it will be meaningless to argue the rights and wrongs of the rule with the municipal employees. So he pleaded with the officer for some relief.

The officer had then directed him to another officer, obviously more senior, sitting in a cubicle. This officer after listening to my friend had advised him to pay just two years business license fee and in a softer voice told him to "just look after the officer who directed you here".

My friend is a pragmatic man and under-



Former Prime Minister of Singapore
Lee Kuan Yew

stood the message. He did as told and gave the first officer Rs.10,000. The Non-Vesting Certificate was immediately issued by the Municipality.

Kotte UC

In the second case, a friend of mine who lives overseas decided to develop an inherited property in Rajagiriya by building a commercial cum residential building. He had friends who guided him.

The first day he went to the Kotte Urban Council the officers there were bureaucratic, giving him a time frame of about three months to approve the plans, and that too only if all his documents were in order. They had told him, portentously, that a committee has to approve his plans and that this committee included representatives from the Urban Development Authority and other government officials. My friend could not wait that long.

He had gone to the Council office with a 'contact' and passed money around lavishly. Some officers, particularly females, to whom my friend felt uncomfortable giving direct financial inducements he had passed on boxes of foreign chocolates, dresses and shirts.

He had his approval within a week. I can add to this an example of another aspect of the state of our public service today. This is in relation to the offer of a long term lease of an agricultural land owned by a government institution. The bidder was a foreign company which had got into a partnership with a local party. They wanted the land for a tourism related development. The draft contract provided by the Government institution was in Sinhala; if the bidder wanted to understand it, he had to get it translated.

One of the local partners showed the document to me. I did not need a translation. It was a very poorly drafted document with many repetitions and irrelevancies. Obviously most of the clauses in it were from a cut and paste exercise, with little relevance to the subject matter. On the face of it, the contract was hardly a balanced document; clause after clause was heavily loaded in favour of the landlord with copious descriptions of methods of payment and so on. A person acquainted with international commercial agreements would be taken aback by the



Our public service is manned completely by products of our education system, perhaps even the best it can produce. Clearly, the three R's of old do not suffice today. At a very basic level; to answer the phone politely, reply a letter within a reasonable time, respond meaningfully to an inquiry or request, seems too much to expect from the public servants of today.

crudeness of this one-sided approach. But in the course of discussing the document we discovered that there were many loop holes, irregularities and contradictions which made the contract mostly meaningless. In any event, the local partners were nonchalant about the menacing nature some of the clauses, there is no seriousness here, they assured me.

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Singapore

About one thousand six hundred miles to the East of Colombo is a small island called Singapore. In size, it is only about 720 sq. kms. (Sri Lanka is 65,000). Its population is 5.5 million compared to Sri Lanka's 21 million. These are about the only areas where we have a lead; in terms of GDP, Singapore is about US\$ 295 Billion while we are a modest US\$ 82 Billion. Where per capita income is concerned, Singapore is among the richest countries, commanding a per capita income of US\$ 53,000, while we in Sri Lanka have a per capita income of only US\$ 3,870 (approx).

In the Transparency International 'perception of corruption index' Singapore stands at

an admirable number 7, better than even countries like the Netherlands, Canada and Germany. Sri Lanka is at 95, worse than Rwanda, Senegal, India and China. For some of the reasons for this embarrassing gap between our tiny neighbour and us, we could profit by referring to a recent book-'The Fourth Revolution-The Global Race to Reinvent the State' by John Micklethwait & Adrian Wooldridge.

I quote therefrom -

"Lee has always made it clear that Singapore is open for business: There are few places where it is easier for a big multinational to set up shop, where tariff barriers are lower, where taxes are more manageable. Having seen other countries in the neighbourhood torn apart by ethnic strife, he has no qualms about forcing people live in mixed neighbourhoods in order to prevent ethnic polarization".

"Good government in turn relies on an educated elite of 'good people' running the country. No country works harder at perfecting its civil servants than Singapore, nor follows such an unabashedly elitist model. It spots talented youngsters early, luring them with scholarships, and then spends a fortune training them; those who reach the top are richly rewarded, with pay packages of as much as \$2 million a year, while those who falter are thrown overboard."

"Sitting around a table with a group of Singaporean mandarins is more like meeting junior partners at Goldman Sachs or McKinsey. The person on your left is on secondment at a big oil company; on your right sits a woman who between spells at the Finance and Defence Ministries has picked up degrees from the London School of Economics, Cambridge and Stanford. High-fliers pop in and out of the Civil Service College for more training: The Prime Minister has even written MBA-style case studies for them."

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COVID-19 exposes fault lines on protecting vulnerable workers



Medical workers have been making a tremendous sacrifice during the pandemic.

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The demanding, dangerous and dedicated work of those battling the COVID-19 virus during the past twelve months of the global pandemic has drawn the appreciation and gratitude of millions around the world in many ways. While the exact numbers of workplace deaths will not be known, health care workers from several different occupations who succumbed to the infection at work will be gratefully recognised, remembered, and mourned.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed stark 'fault lines' of growing inequalities in an already fragile global workforce. Over two billion people, consisting of large sectors of the workforce in several countries, are engaged in informal labour globally. The pandemic has exacerbated the vulnerabilities due to the precarious nature of their work, often unsafe work environments and the lack of adequate social protection.

Informal, insecure work such as street hawking, sanitary services or other manual labour is mostly done in public spaces. Working from home and social distancing was not a choice for these workers for whom it was equally a crisis of livelihood as well as health.

Many of the 150 million migrant workers worldwide regularly face

barriers in accessing adequate health care, housing, transport and other basic services. The pandemic worsened the situation for them. Reports from high migrant worker destinations such as the USA, Europe and the Gulf States document how migrant workers became more vulnerable and were disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Workers who were already in precarious working and living conditions were now exposed to additional stressors from the virus. The pandemic has also affected action on other serious respiratory diseases that affect vulnerable workers in several countries.

The attention now given to modes of airborne microbial transmission and the use of respiratory protection (albeit face masks) for exposure prevention can provide some impetus to promote safe practices in workplace prevention. Decent Work for All is the eighth Sustainable Development Goal (Goal 8) that were actioned by the UN to achieve by 2030. The COVID-19 pandemic has set SDGs back by several years. Professor Michael Quinlan of the University of NSW in Sydney in an editorial in a leading international workplace health journal wrote that "the contribution of precarious work and the informal sector to exacerbating the pandemic and rendering societies more vulnerable has largely escaped

detailed scrutiny or policy debate globally".

Structural problems

The pandemic has shown the important link between work, living environments and public health and how various social factors determine the health of societies. Many commentators have alerted that this pandemic is a warning signal and is thus an opportunity to seriously address these underlying structural problems that can contribute to other similar catastrophes.

Amidst the devastation of the pandemic, several smaller nations with lesser income have shown rays of hope and resilience through actions on vulnerable sectors of their societies. Mongolia, Bhutan, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Ghana are some of the few nations that had relative early success in addressing the first wave of the pandemic. Collective action and innovative approaches taken by communities in these nations may provide useful insight into the critical role of well-resourced primary health care and the value in public health integration with working environments.

After more than 100 million cases and 2.5 million deaths globally, the world is eagerly awaiting the success of the COVID vaccines that are being administered at a rapid pace. While

global collaboration among scientists led to its rapid development, the vaccine manufacture, supply and distribution is again exposing inequities with several countries and their vulnerable workers at the back of the queue for the job. The intellectual property 'protectionism' of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has not helped the needs for technology transfer and for expanded vaccine production during this global emergency.

Vaccination programmes

A recent *Call for Global Vaccine Equity* by a group of over 1,000 scientists, public health and legal experts stated that "limited vaccine supplies are being allocated by wealth and geography, not by science, public health or human need". They noted that countries in Latin America with some of the highest COVID death rates get far fewer doses than countries with less need, but more wealth. Data indicates that ten rich countries accessed 75% of the vaccines while over 100 countries have

yet received none. In African countries, hospitals overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients are reported to have no vaccines to protect their health care workers.

With enormous global inequities exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, a truly global COVID vaccination programme can achieve "immunological equity".

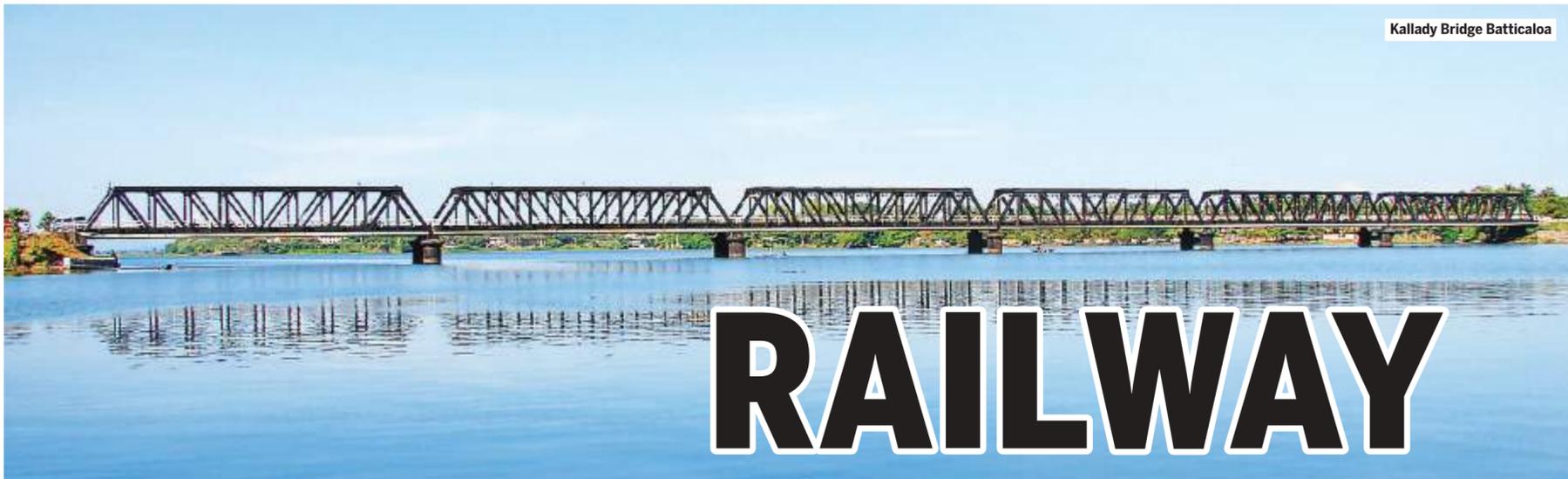
This can provide much-needed hope and relief to people who have already been unequally affected in both health and economic terms.

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Occupational hazards are a fact of life in many vocations.

Kallady Bridge Batticaloa



RAILWAY HISTORY

Journey to Batticaloa



Udaya Devi, the train that links Batticaloa to other railway lines.

DIS-HAN JOSEPH

The Sri Lanka Railways has an inspiring and magnificent history. The amazing journey of almost two centuries continues to dazzle railway enthusiasts, from across the world. There are many foreigners who take time to discover and document these timeless train journeys. The fascinating routes are Colombo – Badulla, Colombo – Jaffna and Colombo – Galle. Perhaps one of the lesser-known routes is the Colombo – Batticaloa line which is bestowed with its own story, laden with determination and human endeavour.

The Eastern Province of Sri Lanka has its unique identity with an abundance of natural scenery. As the railway lines progressed under the British administration, these pioneer engineers extended the tracks, creating the Batticaloa Line. At that time, these regions were not well connected to Colombo, given the long distance. With the opening of the Northern Line pressing towards Jaffna, the Maho Railway Station was opened in 1903, which was a boon to the people of that area. As the demand for rail travel increased the Northern Line was extended to Anuradhapura in 1926, and the Maho Station was upgraded to a Junction Station, which took on a significant position in Ceylon Government Railway (CGR) history. From then on, progress was made to construct a line to Batticaloa by 1928, covering a distance of 212 kilometres with 31 stations. Since the 1950s under the systematic planning of B.D. Rampala, General Manager, Railways, the light rail tracks were enhanced to strong single gauge tracks.

In that era, the Eastern Province was an isolated part of this island, with limited access and communication. Those travelling from Colombo to Batticaloa had only two options - to travel by steamship or journey by bullock cart carrying food and cooking utensils. It took many days to reach the destination by road, passing patches of dense jungles. Prior to this, these regions were really remote. Today readers will be surprised that steamships once operated to Batticaloa.

There is an old Anglican Church source that records how the first Bishop of Ceylon, Rev. James Chapman travelled to Batticaloa on horseback in February 1850. He had to take the route via Badulla. On reaching Batticaloa, the Government Agent (GA) Atherton had to take him a further three miles by canoe to the GA's residence.

By the 1870s, there was a steamship named SS Serendib which charged Rs. 190 for a return ticket by sea from Colombo to Batticaloa. The vessel came only once a week. The East had two seaports - one at the Dutch Bar (where Admiral Spilbergen landed) and the second at Kalkudah Bay. In my previous article on the Udarata Menike train, it mentioned how the planters of Kandy demanded a railway line to transport their coffee stocks to the Colombo Harbour. Likewise, there was a need in Batticaloa to trans-

port top quality rice and coconuts. Blessed with rivers and lagoons this region produced a bountiful harvest.

The famous coconut estates were Easter Seaton, Rockwood and Springfield. In the early days, bullock carts had to haul the rice sacks on the long journey. The hard-working carters faced some risk, travelling along lonely roads. I was stunned to realise that paddy was exported to South India, from these fertile lands. In 1907, a severe cyclone unleashed its fury on the coconut estates of Batticaloa. The planters continued to ask for a railway line. During this time, there was another crisis in communication. Letters were delivered by human couriers, who travelled by foot.

Owing to various situations, the hand-carried post was delayed. For example, a man had to walk an exhausting 38 miles from Moneragala to Batticaloa with the letters, which took almost 24 hours to reach the destination. Sometimes official letters were received late, to the dismay of the Governor and his staff. In 1903, Governor West Ridgeway urged the initiation of trains to Batticaloa. His arguments were supported by Balasingham, a member of the State Council and J.A. Setukavalar, an eminent proctor of the Supreme Court.

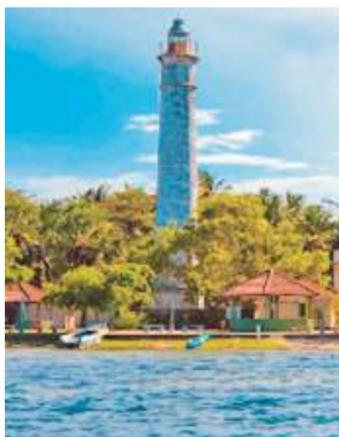
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UDAYA DEVI

In the early days, the train began at Colombo Fort and then proceeded to Maho Junction Station. From here, she journeyed past Yapahuwa, Konwewa, Morogollagama, Siyambalagamuwu, Nagama, Awukana, Kalawewa, Kekirawa, Palugaswewa, Habarana, Gal Oya Junction, Minneriya, Hingurakgoda, Jayanthipura, Parakum Uyana, Polonnaruwa, Gallella, Manampitiya, Welikanda, Punani, Valaichenai, Kalkudah, Eravur and finally reaching



Batticaloa Railway Station



Old Lighthouse in Batticaloa

the terminal point at Batticaloa. Today, Udaya Devi is pulled by an M-4 Canadian diesel electric locomotive. This train journey unfolds a variety of scenes that include lush green patches of jungle, dry and parched terrain, contrasting with lakes and grasslands.

Yapahuwa is a town that was once a regal city. The regal citadel rising majestically from a granite rock was once a formidable defence. The ornamental stairway leading to the citadel is truly awe-inspiring. As the train moves forward one can see solitary elephants meandering, a herd of sambar quickly retreating to the bushes disturbed by the approaching train or a lazy buffalo bathing

in the mud. These visuals begin at Habarana passing through Minneriya. The latter is home to a wildlife sanctuary where elephants gather, attracting tourists. Udaya Devi then passes the ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa. This area was once the most productive land of rice cultivation in Sri Lanka. Before reaching Valaichenai, large electricity towers are visible.

The town of Valaichenai was once the vibrant centre of the Eastern Paper Mills Corporation, which was established in 1955. Senior citizens recollected that in the 1970s, there were almost 3,000 staff engaged in the operations of this Paper Mill.

Being employed at the mill gave the men an elevated level of status in society.

KALLADY RAIL BRIDGE

Passing through this town the train heads to Eravur and then to Batticaloa. The town is a popular tourist destination with people coming to enjoy the serene Pasikuda beach.

Decades ago the townspeople used to claim that they heard the sound of 'singing fish' near the Kallady Bridge. A retired person told me that in 1954, an audio recording was carried out near the Kallady Bridge with the help of a Catholic clergy named Fr. Lang who was attached to St. Michael's College. The sound of the singing fish remains an aquatic mystery to this day.

The Kallady Bridge (old bridge) was erected in 1928 and named, Lady Manning Bridge after the wife of Governor William Manning. Taking the form of a truss bridge it is said to be one of the oldest iron bridges in Ceylon, primarily built to extend the rail line from the south of

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Class 08

Apparatus for grooming hair; hairdressing scissors; hand operated tools for hairdressing and cases for the same; hair clippers for personal use (electric and non-electric); non-electric hair care products; non electric hair curling implements; scissors; non-electric hair styling implements; non-electric hair tongs; non-electric hair waving apparatus; hair removing tweezers; hair removing devices; hair cutting apparatus and instruments; electrical hair care products (hand implements); (hand implements); hand tools and implements; hand tools and implements for hair; hand tools and implements for curling, cutting, crimping, straightening, styling, trimming or waving hair; hairdressing appliances included in Class 8, all for personal use; parts, fittings and accessories all for the aforesaid goods.,

Class 09

Audiovisual teaching apparatus; downloadable computer software programs; downloadable electronic publications; electrical appliances for styling hair; electric hair curling irons; electric hair straightening irons; electric apparatus and instruments for hair; electric apparatus for hair crimping, cutting, straightening, styling and trimming; pre-recorded data media, video tapes, CDs, CD-Roms, DVDs, all carrying information about hair or hairdressing; electrical hair care products; hair styling apparatus; hair curling instruments; hair tongs; hair waving apparatus; electric hair rollers; electrical hair styling, hair curling, hair waving and hair straightening apparatus and instruments (hand implements); electrical hair tongs; electrically heated apparatus for curling, styling, waving and straightening the hair; heated hairbrushes; parts, fittings and accessories for all the aforesaid goods; mouse mats; teaching apparatus.,

Class 11

Apparatus for drying hair; apparatus for heating hair; electric hoods to dry hair and for hair care purposes; hairdryers and cases for the same; parts, fittings and accessories all for the aforesaid goods.,

Class 16

Address books; albums; almanacs; advertising materials; bags of paper; bookends; booklets; bookmarkers; books; brochures; calendars; cardboard; cardboard articles; cards; carrier bags; car stickers; car tax disc holders; cases and containers, all for stationery and writing implements; catalogues; charts; cheque book holders; coasters of paper; compliment slips; decalcomanias; diagrams; diaries; drawing instruments; drawing materials; drawing pads; drawing pens; envelopes; erasers; greeting cards; guides; handbooks; instructional and teaching material; invitations; invoices; labels; leaflets; letters; magazines; manuals; maps; mats for beer glasses; menus; newsletters; newspapers; notebooks; office requisites; packaging; pamphlets; paper; pencils; pencil sharpeners; pens; periodicals; photographs; photograph albums; plans; postcards; posters; press releases; printed matter; printed publications; printed publications relating to hairdressing techniques; printed timetables; programmes; prospectuses; rulers; stationery; stickers; tickets; wall charts; writing instruments; writing materials; writing pads; year planners.,

Class 21

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Class 26

Articles for the hair; badges; barrettes; bows for the hair; braids; false hair; hair bands; hair clips; hair colouring caps; clips; non-electric hair curlers; hair curling papers; hair curling pins; hair fasteners; hair grips; hair slides; hair nets; hair ornaments; hair pins; plaited hair; tresses of hair; hair ribbons; ponytail holders; ribbons; wigs.,

Class 38

Broadcasting; cable television broadcasting; communications by computer terminals; communications by telephone; electronic bulletin board services; electronic mail; radio broadcasting; satellite transmission; television broadcasting.,

Class 41

Education academy services; arranging and conducting of conferences; arrangement and conducting of congresses; arranging and conducting of seminars; arranging and conducting of symposia; arranging and conducting of workshops; education; educational seminars relating to hair treatment products and techniques; practical training; providing non-downloadable online electronic publications; publication of books; publication of electronic books and journals online; publication of texts; online styling tutorials; non-downloadable electronic publications; organization of competitions; providing of training; entertainment; educational seminars relating to hair or hair treatment; teaching; tuition; vocational guidance.,

Class 42

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WINNING LETTER **H** WINNING NUMBERS **8 7 2 0 0 4**

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DRAW NUMBER : 2759
TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 7,109,980.00

WINNING LETTER **Z** WINNING NUMBERS **33 59 64 71** THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 68,255,152.00

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DRAW NUMBER **822**
TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 12,913,800.00

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 130,985,092.40

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Rs. 10,000,000.00

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ENGLISH LETTER **I** SUPER NUMBER **09** WINNING NUMBERS **32 36 42 70**

Dhana Nidhanaya

DRAW NUMBER : 501
TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
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THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
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ENGLISH LETTER **Q** WINNING NUMBERS **14 45 68 75**

SUPIRI VASANA

DRAW NUMBER : 1593
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Thickness of the container box, loading and unloading, transportation after the purchase and all other relevant expenses should be included in the bid.

Contact 047-2288212 for further details.

The full authority of accepting or rejecting the bids, is reserved by Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha.

J. Eranda Janaka
Chairman,
Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha.

On 28.04.2021
Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha.

Department of Local Government
EASTERN PROVINCE

Notice on summon of meeting of under the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act No. 22 of 2012

I, Nagarasa Manivannan, the Commissioner of Local Government of Eastern Province do hereby inform that the meeting, which was declared by me through the Gazette Notification (Extra ordinary) No. 2223/4 dated 15.04.2021 and scheduled to be held on 29.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the meeting hall of Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha, to elect the new Vice Chairman of Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha, Batticaloa District, will not take place due to the currently available situation of Covid 19 in the country. Furthermore, the notice to cancel the meeting has been published in the Gazette Notification (Extra ordinary) No. of the 2225/7 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 27.04.2021.

N. Manivannan,
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India's COVID-19 death count crosses 200,000

Records more than 300,000 new COVID-19 cases for 6th day



A relative of a COVID-19 victim breaks down during a cremation in New Delhi.

INDIA: India's coronavirus death toll passed 200,000 on Wednesday with more than 3,000 fatalities reported in 24 hours for the first time, official data showed.

A total of 201,187 people have now died, 3,293 of them in the past day, according to health ministry data, although many experts suspect that the true toll is higher.

India has now reported 18 million infections, an increase of 360,000 in 24 hours, which is a new world record. This month alone the country has added almost six million new cases.

India has so far administered 150 million vaccine shots and from Saturday the programme will be expanded to include all adults, meaning 600 million more people will be eligible.

Meanwhile, India's new COVID-19 cases stayed above 300,000 for a sixth consecutive day on Tuesday (April 27), while its armed forces pledged

urgent medical aid to help battle the staggering spike in infections.

Over the past 24 hours, India recorded 323,144 new cases, below Monday's worldwide peak of 352,991, with overrun hospitals continuing to turn away patients due to a shortage of beds and oxygen supplies.

"Please note that a huge fall in daily cases ... is largely due to a heavy fall in testing. This should not be taken as an indication of falling cases, rather a matter of missing out on too many positive cases!" Rijo M John, a professor and health economist at the Indian Institute of Management in the southern state of Kerala, said in a post on Twitter.

In a bid to tackle the shortage of beds, Indian authorities are turning to train carriages, which have been converted into isolation wards.

About 4,000 Indian Railways coaches, adapted in March

2020, are being brought back into use to help treat Covid patients with mild to moderate symptoms.

India has thus far been one of the better-performing nations in terms of case fatality rate (CFR) – the proportion of confirmed cases that result in deaths. Of all confirmed cases in the country, 1.1% have resulted in deaths – the second-highest (after Turkey's CFR of 0.8%) among the world's 10 worst-hit nations. On average, nearly twice as many (2.1%) of all confirmed Covid-19 cases have died in the world. Brazil and the US – the only two countries with caseloads comparable to India – have CFRs of 2.7% and 1.8%, respectively.

- HINDUSTAN TIMES



A man mourns at the grave of his mother, a COVID-19 victim, in Srinagar, India.



A relative of a COVID-19 victim is consoled by another during a cremation in Jammu.

Foreign aid arrives in COVID-hit India

INDIA: Crates of ventilators and oxygen concentrators from the UK arrived at an airport in the Indian capital of New Delhi on Tuesday.

It is the first emergency shipment of medical supplies to arrive as part of a global campaign to bolster the country's health care system.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Arindam Bagchi tweeted photos of the 100 ventilators and 95 oxygen concentrators, describing the delivery as "international cooperation at work."

A shipment of medical equipment from Germany is also set to be airlifted to India in the coming days, a German Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said on Tuesday.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said her government would "work with other countries to ensure that we can help India. We are working hard on finding ways to get oxygen production facilities there ... We want to do everything we can to help India."

The European Commission said on Tuesday that another shipment will be delivered by EU Member States to India.

The EU emergency shipment includes oxygen concentrators and ventilators from Ireland, Belgium,



Equipment being unloaded from a German Lufthansa aircraft in New Delhi.

Romania, Luxembourg, Portugal and Sweden. The World Health Organization (WHO) is also providing critical equipment and supplies to India.

Several other nations, including the US, Israel and Pakistan have also pledged to send medical supplies. Hospitals in the country of nearly 1.4 billion people are facing a chronic shortage of oxygen and beds on their intensive care wards.

Many people are being forced to use makeshift facilities for mass burials and cremations as the

country's funeral services have become overwhelmed. India has called on its Armed Forces to help. It is releasing oxygen from armed forces reserves and providing retired medical personnel.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Monday described the situation as "beyond heart-breaking."

A new variant has been discovered in India, but experts say it is too early to know if that is driving the latest surge.

- DEUTSCHEWELLE

Oxygen prices skyrocket in Black Market



Clamour for oxygen: People crowd oxygen refilling stations in Allahabad with empty cylinders to help their COVID-19 affected relatives.

INDIA: India is having to deal with a black market for oxygen amidst a record-breaking COVID-19 surge that has exhausted supplies in many hospitals.

It is a trend that has been seen in many countries around the world during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Six hospitals in India said that they had run out of medical oxygen, one of the most important treatments for those struggling with COVID-19 symptoms.

Demand for oxygen is likely to shoot up in coming days in 12 states in India as the country continues to report hundreds of thousands of new cases each day, the Indian Express reported.

The Times of India reported Thursday that

the average cost of an oxygen cylinder has "skyrocketed", to 20,000 to 25,000 rupees, about \$250-330.

One man in India told Agencies that he paid 45,000 rupees, about \$600, for a cylinder of oxygen. That is about nine times its normal price, AFP reported on Thursday.

One advertisement circulated on social media offering a cylinder for 30,000 rupees, about \$400. Another offered it for 35,000, about \$460, the Times of India reported.

India is not alone in facing this issue. 25 countries around the world are reporting a surge in demand for oxygen, mostly in Africa, the World Health Organization (WHO) said.

More than half a million COVID-19 patients need



A COVID-19 patient is given oxygen at a hospital in Kolkata, India, on Thursday.

oxygen treatment every day, per WHO estimates. That means 1.1 million oxygen cylinders every day.

Most states in India have redirected their oxygen production, which is used for instance in the iron, steel and glass industry, towards meeting the oxygen need, the Indian Express reported.

Oxygen production is mostly done in eastern India, whereas the demand for oxygen is higher in the western part of India and other parts, The Economic Times has reported.

Because of the increased logistics and transport, the cost of refilling a cylinder in India has been hiked

- BUSINESS INSIDER

India's crematoriums at breaking point

INDIA: Crematoriums in the Indian capital Delhi have been forced to build makeshift funeral pyres, as the city runs out of space to cremate its dead.

Staff are working around the clock, while parks and other empty spaces are also being utilised for cremations.

Families have had to wait hours before being allowed to cremate their dead due to the rise in demand.

Deaths have been surging in India as a second wave of infections devastates the country.

The rising number of deaths - 380 were recorded in Delhi alone on Monday - has left crematoriums in urgent need of space.

At the capital city's Sarai Kale Khan crematorium, at least 27 new pyres have been built and dozens more are being added in a nearby park. Officials are also looking for additional space near the city's Yamuna river bed.

A worker at the crematorium, which originally had capacity for only 22 bodies, told The Hindu newspaper that they are operating continuously from early morning until midnight.



Multiple funeral pyres burn in New Delhi.

In Delhi, the authorities have reportedly cut down trees in city parks for use as kindling on funeral pyres. Relatives of the dead have also been asked to help with cremations by piling wood and assisting in other rituals.

The Ghazipur crematorium in East Delhi has added 20 more pyres in a car park. One official told the Indian Express newspaper that there was a waiting time of three to four hours for cremation, with each body taking up to six hours to burn.

The situation is serious at other crematoriums too. Sunil Kumar Aledia, who runs the Centre for Holistic Develop-

ment, an organisation that is providing assistance with oxygen, meals and cremations, told the BBC that some do not have any space to expand.

India has recorded more than a million Covid-19 cases in just a few days. Ambulances, medical oxygen, intensive care unit (ICU) beds and life-saving medicines are all in short supply.

At least two hospitals in Delhi have seen patients die after oxygen supplies ran out. It is becoming difficult for families to take their sick to hospitals even if they manage to find a bed, and many people have died while waiting for one. - BBC

Indian COVID-19 variant found in at least 17 countries - WHO

INDIA: India is facing surging COVID-19 new cases and deaths in the pandemic, and fears are rising that the variant could be contributing to the unfolding catastrophe.

The World Health Organization said Tuesday that a variant of COVID-19 feared to be contributing to a surge in coronavirus cases in India has been found in over a dozen countries.

The UN health agency said the B.1.617 variant of COVID-19 first found in India had as of Tuesday been detected in over 1,200 sequences uploaded to the GISAID open-access database "from at least 17 countries".

"Most sequences were uploaded from India, the United Kingdom, USA and Singapore," the WHO said in its weekly epidemiological update on the pandemic.

The WHO recently listed B.1.617 - which counts several sub-lineages with slightly different mutations and characteristics - as a "variant of interest".

But so far it has stopped short of declaring it a "variant of concern".

That label would indicate that it is more dangerous than the original version of the virus by for instance being more transmissible, deadly or able to dodge vaccine protections.

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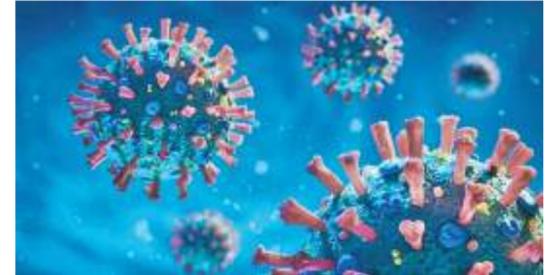
The explosion in infections in India - 350,000 new cases were recorded there on Tuesday alone - has driven a surge in global cases to 147.7 million.

The virus has now killed more than 3.1 million people worldwide.

The WHO acknowledged that its preliminary modelling based on sequences submitted to GISAID indicates "that B.1.617 has a higher growth rate than other circulating variants in India, suggesting potential increased transmissibility".

It stressed that other variants circulating at the same time were also showing increased transmissibility, and that the combination "may be playing a role in the current resurgence in this country."

- HINDUSTAN TIMES



The B.1.617 variant counts several sub-lineages.



Ambulances carrying COVID-19 patients line up outside a Government hospital in Ahmedabad.

Darsha hopes to serve athletics as VP of SLA

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Former Olympian Damayanthi Darsha was elected as one of the eight vice presidents among 14 candidates at the election of the Sri Lanka Athletics (SLA), held at the Duncan White auditorium of the Sports Ministry last Saturday. Darsha was elected into office for the first time receiving 53 votes. After she retired from athletics in 2007 this is a good chance to her to serve uplift sports as an administrator.

Ajith Naragala received the highest number of 76 votes in the contest for vice presidency while long standing administrator G.L.S. Perera was also re-elected as a vice president. Major General Palitha Fernando and Prema Pinnawala were re-elected for top posts, President and Secretary respectively. The three year term from 2021-2024 is going to be big challenge for the athletic officials. Sri Lanka Athletics (SLA) has drawn up a four-year plan (2021-2024) for



SLA president
Maj. Gen. Palitha Fernando



New SLA VP
Damayanthi Darsha



SLA Secretary
Prema Pinnawala

athletes to shine on the international stage with the help of State and private sector sponsorships.

The President Fernando, who first held office in the SLA administration in 1979, became President in 2007, and has held office for four terms - 2007 to 2011, 2013 to 2014 and 2017 to 2021 and once again re-elected this time (2021 to 2024). Meanwhile veteran sports administra-

tor Pinnawala who first held office in the 1960s, became Secretary in 1999 and held the position till 2011.

He was then re-elected for the post from 2013 to 2014, and again from 2017 to 2021. And once again this time 2021 to 2024. The one time Secretary of the National Olympic Committee Pinnawala is the most experienced official of this athletic administration body.

Saman Kumara Gunawardena the recorder of the Sri Lanka athletics once again re-elected for the same post uncontested. He first held office in the Association in 1989, and became Recorder in 1994, and holds the post since then.

Meanwhile Sri Lanka Athletics will be celebrating its centenary on 18 February 2022. The athletics authorities are making preparations to celebrate the

centenary with a grand international event with the participation of super stars hopefully with the Covid-19 health regulations. SLA is hoping to invite Asian Athletic Association president Dahlan Umaan Al Hamad, World Athletic President Seb Coe and World Athletic Vice President Sergei Bubka for the event.

Following are the SLA office-bearers for 2021-2024:
President - Maj. Gen. (rtd) Palitha Fernando

Vice Presidents - Ajith Hara-gala (76 votes), Lal Chandrakumara (62), Jagath Gnanasiri (62), Chandana Ekanayake (57), G.L.S. Perera (56), Prasanth Indika (53), Damayanthi Darsha (53) Upali Amarathunga

General Secretary - Prema Pinnawala

Asst Secretary - Palitha Jayathilleke

Treasurer - Shantha de Silva
Asst Treasurer - H.A. Upali
Athletic Recorder - Saman Kumara Gunawardena.

Bandula Warnapura at the helm of Bloomfield Club

RUZAIK FAROOK



Bandula Warnapura

Bloomfield Cricket and Athletic Club, one of the oldest Cricket Clubs founded in 1892 had their Annual General Meeting for 2020/2021 at Bloomfield Board Room and appointed their new office bearers recently.

Past National Players like Roshan Mahanama, Kumar Dharmasen and Ruchira Palliyaguru was elected as office bearers to strengthen the club.

Office bearers:

President: Bandula Warnapura, **General Secretary:** Sudharma De Silva, **Treasurer:** Ranjan De Silva, **Vice President:** Lalith Kaluperuma, **Vice President:** Niral Kadawatharachi, **Vice President:** Roshan Mahanama, **Bar Secretary:** Chandima Vithana, **Ground Secretary:** Nalliah Devarajan, **Cricket Secretary:** Mahesh Samarawickrama, **Social**

Secretary: Mohan Gunadasa, **Pavilion Secretary:** Sanoj Cyril, **Assistant Secretary:** Chandana Guruge, **Assistant Treasurer:** Sidath Waidasekera.

Committee Members: Jayantha Senevirathne, Kumar Dharamasena, Ruchira Palliyaguru, Dilshan Munaweera, Nihal Liyanage, Upali Senarath, Mano De Silva, Upali Kulathissa, Dr. Roy Mahakumarage, Ranjan Yapa De Alwis.

Samantha does great service to Kandy cricket as a coach

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA
Kandy Sports Spl.Corr.

Samantha Sudharshana Dikkumbura, an old boy of Dharmaraja College, Kandy is an outstanding cricketer in the Eighties and his contemporaries were Prasanna Disanayake, Priyantha Talwatte and Priyantha Weragoda to name a few. He played as an off spinner and a right hand middle order batsman. After leaving school, he formed Malwatte Sports Club and remained as its cricket coach cum player. Since 2000, he led the cricket team of the Malwatte Sports Club for many victories at the Kandy Municipal cricket tournaments. He is the first coach in Kandy to start ladies cricket at Malwatte Cricket nets and the ladies cricket team was known as 'Kandy ladies cricket team'. This team consisted of many outstanding women cricketers in the calibre of Dilani Manodara, Sri-pali Weerakody, Praba Udawatte and Chamari Polgampola and all these cricketers represented Sri Lanka after some time.

Samantha was the coach of women cricket players like Mahesha Perera and Rasadarie Ekanayake and both represented the Air-Force ladies cricket team and Nir-mala Bowatte, Nisansala Dharmawickrema and Sandamali Jayasundera too were coached by Samantha Dikkumbura. In the year 2001 the cricket team of Malwatte SC became runners-up at the Vijaya Kumaranantunge Memorial Cricket tournament and in the year 2002 the ladies cricket team of Malwatte SC



Samantha Sudharshana Dikkumbura

toured India under the captaincy of Chamari Polgampola and played five matches. In the year 2003 Samantha started cricket coaching at Gathami Balika Vidyalaya, Kandy while coaching Malwatte SC and his girls cricket teams won many accolades in Kandy District for their outstanding performances. He is also coaching the men's cricket team of Zelinkas which is doing well at the Division Three cricket tournament conducted by the Kandy District Cricket Association.

As a Level One coach he is quite satisfied and enjoying cricket coaching and he has started coaching cricket for Central ladies under the sponsorship of Sri-pali Weerakody, former Sri Lanka women's Opening Bowler. This women's cricket pool is training at Pallekelle International Stadium with the approval of Sarath Ekanayake, President of CPCA and Janaka Pathirana, Secretary Of CPCA. Samantha's intention is to build-up a champion ladies cricket team in the Hill Country.

St. John's Panadura excels in cricket

Text and picture by Kalutara central special corr. **H.L.SUNIL SHANTHA.**

St. John's College (NS), Panadura recorded three victories in cricket by beating three strong school teams, said the Principal of St. John's National School, Panadura, Mrs. Sandhya Weerasinghe.

St. John's College in their first match, recorded victory over St. Peter's College, Negombo by 98 runs, and again for the second time Johnians won by another big 204-run margin in their under 19 Div II, match against Galahitiyawa Central at the St. John's College playgrounds.

Finally St. John's lads, tamed Kalutara Vidyalaya, a very famous cricket playing school in Kalutara convincingly by a 177-run win.

St. John's cricket team, is trained by their MIC Deepal



Victorious St. John's College, Panadura cricket team with officials

Jayathissa, coached by Nalaka Chathuranga and assisted by Manoj Nirosha. The team was well supported by Deepal Jayathissa and we are really very proud of our team's recent crick-

eting achievement, said the Principal Mrs Sandhya Weerasinghe

Results of all three matches:

• **St. John's College, Panadura** 204/6 (42): Amila Thuruwana 53, Yasiru Sandeepa 35,

Dinushka Madhushan 24, Dineth Prasanga 23, Naveen Athishta 2/16, Dineth Thathsara 2/28

• **St. Peter's College, Negombo** 106/(29.4 overs) - Dineth Thathsara 31, Oshen Dilanka 26,

Sumudu Udara 4/22, Tishan Achintha 3/24, Reshan Malith 2/01

• **At MB Ground, Godigamuwa :**

St. John's, College, Panadura 286/6 (50) : Roshan Malith Fernando 122n.o., Sachin Dhananjaya Kumara 74, Dinushka Madhushan 41, Niluka Dilshan 3/50

Galahitiyawa Central College 82/ (26) : Sumudu Udara 4/22, Dilsha Prasanna 2/22,

• **At St. Joseph's grounds: St. John's, Panadura** 177 (47) - Reshan Malith 47, Bimsara Kalanajith 39, Amila Thuruwana 30, Isuru Udara 3/29 Vishmitha Koshta 2/18, Udana Thejaka 2/22

Kalutara Vidyalaya (National School) 88/ (30)- Gihan Sithum 25, Sadeep Kavishka 22, Sumudu Udara 4/19, Reshan Malith 3/19, Dinushka Madhushan 2/10.

Lakshani Shehara, a budding spiker from Dankotuwa

DILWIN MENDIS
Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

Fifteen-year-old up and coming volleyball player Devamadda Aluthmuhandiramalage Lakshani Shehara has brought honour and fame to her school Wekada Maha Vidyalaya Yogiyana Dankotuwa.

She was born on 26th January 2006 and initially she was admitted to her village school Rathnajothis Primary and she was admitted to this school when Mrs. Jessica was the principal and her first class teacher was Mrs. Kusum.

She participated for the school Inter House Sports Meet and did 75 and 100 meters and in the same year she took part for the under ten Inter House Volleyball Tournament and caught the eye

of school volleyball coach and the Prefect of Games Saman Bandara.

As Shehara showed a keenness in volleyball her parents Kapila Chandrakumara and Nilmini Vishaka encouraged their daughter to fulfill her ambition. She firstly attended for the under eleven volleyball practices and in the following year she was selected to the team and participated in the Divisional, and District tourneys where her school were the runners up of the District DSI Tournament.

They were the runners up in 2018 and in the following year too repeating the same performance at the lower level tournaments and in the District DSI Tournament they came third.



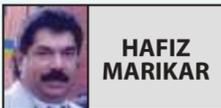
Wekada Maha Vidyalaya, the DSI District 2018 under-11 runners up volleyball team with the coach, Lakshani Shehara standing in the photograph second from right. Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

In the following year they won the lower level tournaments and were qualified for the District DSI finals.

They became the runners up and in the 2019 tournament their school was placed among the Best Eight

Teams. Their principal Samantha has been a live wire for them to achieving these targets.

Dharmaraja - Kingswood to keep tradition alive with big match on May 14-15



HAFIZ MARIKAR

Dharmaraja College and Kingswood College are all out to come out with this year's big match on May 14 and 15 at Pallekelle. This is the most looked forward sporting event of the two schools, last year the game was held up due to Corona. Big matches are annual cricket matches played between schools, where some of them are playing for over a century, and big matches form an important part of modern culture with both school children and adults taking part. This is the second oldest big match in the country, the first match was played in 1893, at the Bogambara grounds. It was not exclusively a schoolboy match as they included a few members of the staff from each school. The first all-schoolboy big match was played in 1899.

Referring to a historic game, that was in 1960 - the big match ended in a tie and Kingswood's Principal, Kenneth M. De Lanerolle, awarded the match to Dharmaraja having gone through the score book for better performance - although the scores

were the same, Rajans had taken more wickets, not in catches and LBW's, runs but in clean bowling wickets. If this happens today the principal will be chased out. The match ended in a tie and he wanted the two score books, and after seeing the good work of Dharmaraja College awarded the win to them. Kingswood last pair batted all evening to draw the game. Everything looked set for a draw, when, in the final ball of the match, they went for a needless run. The ball was returned, the stumps were broken, but no one was sure what happened, as the crowds had already invaded the pitch. Kenneth de Lanerolle was a stern man, with thick eyebrows and a solemn appearance. He was a man of letters, a master of literature, all set to be a leading, well respected educationist, and a much loved Principal of both Kingswood and one time at Wesley College. He promptly consulted the scores, and conceded the victory to the better performance by the Dharmaraja College.

So, this year all set for the most looked forward match of the central hills, this will be the 114th encounter, known as the "Battle of the Maroons". The first all-schoolboy Big Match in 1899 was played with J.C. de Mel captaining Dharmaraja and T.B. Marshall leading Kingswood. In

the 113 matches played so far, Dharmaraja leads with 33 wins against 19 by Kingswood with 56 matches ending in draws. The last win for Dharmaraja was in 2015 under Tharusha Weragoda and Kingswoods last win was in 1958 under Maurice Fernando.

In 1918 Dharmaraja were all out for 9 runs, which todate is the lowest score in an innings in the series. This match was played on 15-16 March. Kingswood 1st innings 125 (V.E. Melder 0, S. Baie 15, H.A. Perera 13, R.W. Bartholomeusz 19, L.B. Herath 16, E. Dias 12, J.B. Murray 11, F.M. Abeyakoon 14, L. de Sylva 10, T.H. Cox 9, H.M. Marikar 4 not out.) Dharmaraja 1st innings 9 (U. Banda 6, C. Fernando 0, C. Abeyasinghe 1, S. Abayakoon 1, C. Wijesinghe 0, C.G. de Silva 0, A.W.G. Perera 1, C. M. de Mel 0, A. Ratnayake 0 not out, M. Perera 0, C. Wimalasena 0) and 2nd innings - (U. Banda 0, C. Fernando 0, C. Abeyasinghe 2, S. Abeyakoon 13, C. Wijesinghe 25, C.G. de Silva 6, A.W.G. Perera 1, De Mel 4, A. Ratnayake 0, M. Perera 1, Wimalasena 8 not out.)

In 1943 the first century in the series, was scored by P. L. Arthur Alwis of Dharmaraja College. It is interesting to note that the Rajan's skipper, T. B. Talwatte, was deprived of this honour as he was injured by

the Kingswood pace bowler, M. T. Jaimon and Talwatte had to leave the field temporarily during which time Arthur completed his century. Later, Talwatte too completed his century. M. T. Jaimon took 5 wickets for 90 runs for Kingswood. The match was won by the Rajans by an innings and 152 runs. P.L. Arthur Alwis also captured a match bag of 9 for 39.

In 1951 Kingswood led by left-hander Shelton R. S. Perera, scored an exciting win over Dharmaraja. Needing to score ten runs in six balls and one run in two balls, which they did with a ball to spare. The winning stroke was hit by the captain himself.

In 1952 Chandra de Silva scored 158 for Dharmaraja in the match played at Randles Hill. Asoka Perera scored 148 for Kingswood. The match ended in a draw. De Silva's 158 was the highest individual score in the series to that date. In 1956 the highlight of the drawn encounter was the bowling feat of M. Nizar of Kingswood who took 6 wickets for 48 runs. In 1957 Kingswood amassed 401 for 9 wickets with Maurice Fernando scoring 101 runs. Dharmaraja replied with 269 runs in the first innings. In 1958 - Kingswood defeated Dharmaraja by 10 wickets; this was the last time Kingswood defeated Dharmaraja.

In this match Kingwood was cap-

tained by C. M. Fernando who was selected 'the Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year'. Dharmaraja was captained by D. D. T. Alwis. The Kingswood opening pair, considered the best amongst the schools, was Maurice Fernando and Herly Jayasuriya. They put on an unbroken stand of 102 runs in the second innings enabling Kingswood to win. Herly scored a brisk 50 while Maurice scored 43.

The venue is called "Randles Hill" because the land and the original buildings were donated to the Methodist Church which was responsible for the administration of Kingswood College in 1925 by an English benefactor named Sir John Randles. It is in memory of this benefactor that this hill is called "Randles Hill".

In 1959 C. Ratnavibushana scored 167 for Kingswood, surpassing the earlier record of 158 as the highest individual score. In 1960 the match ended in a tie but Kingswood's principal, K. M. de Lanerolle, awarded the match to Dharmaraja having gone through the scorebook for better performance. In 1964 the match was postponed due to rain. In the rescheduled game the Rajans were two runs short of victory when stumps were drawn. In 1965 the Jayasundera twins, Ananda and Upananda, played for Dharmaraja. In 1967 Kingswood skipper Tissa

Jayathilake batting well with Mohan Kodituwakku, declared the innings still short of 9 runs of a century, which would have earned him the distinction of scoring consecutive centuries having scored an unbeaten 100 in the 1966 match. Another feature of this match was the bowling of left-arm spinner Sena Abeygunaratne, who took 7 wickets for 32 runs in the Dharmaraja first innings of 143 runs. In 1976 and 1977 P. B. Wickremasuriya of Kingswood and Ajith Narananawe of Dharmaraja entered the record books by scoring centuries in both years thus becoming the only two players to score centuries in consecutive matches. In 1981 captain of Dharmaraja College Janaka Mendis registered an outright win over Kingswood College after 30 long years.

The highest individual score is by Senaka Dissanayake of Dharmaraja who made 200 in 1983 and for Kingswood Clifford Ratnavibushana who scored 167 in 1959. Then in the year 1984 two brothers played in the same team for Dharmaraja College Senaka Dissanayake and Prasanna Dissanayake, and also Lalith Weragoda and Priyantha Weeragoda in the same year. Bimal Dahanayake and Prasanna Dahanayake in 1987, Sanjewa Ratnayake and Diluk Ratnayake in 1988.

WORLD OF SPORTS

(April 29)
LOCAL EVENTS

CRICKET (ICC World Test Championship):

Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh (2nd Test) at Pallekele Stadium (1st day)

(MCA Premier League):

CDB Finance vs Hayleys Group at Kotahena

John Keells Group vs HNB at SSC Grounds

(Under-19 Girls' Tournament semi-finals):

Rathnavali BMV, Gampaha vs Wadduwa Central

Devapathiraja vs Anula MV, Nugegoda

(Both matches at Bloomfield Grounds)

(Under-19 Division Two Tier 'B' final):

Sri Jaywardenepura MV, Kotte vs Royal, Panadura at BRC Grounds

FOREIGN EVENTS

CRICKET (Indian Premier League):

Mumbai Indians vs Rajasthan Royals at New Delhi

Delhi Capitals vs Kolkata Knight Riders at Ahmedabad

Zimbabwe vs Pakistan (1st Test) at Harare (1st day)

FOOTBALL (Europa League semi-finals):

Manchester United vs Roma

Villarreal vs Arsenal

TENNIS (ATP, Outdoor, Clay):

Estoril Open at Estoril Club

CYCLING (UCI World Tour):

Tour de Romandie in Romandy, Switzerland

Sri Lanka and Bangladesh set for a series decider in Pallekele

As Sri Lanka and Bangladesh prepare for the second and final Test commencing today, they will hope for a result-oriented pitch at the Pallekele Stadium in Kandy.

It hasn't been a memorable inaugural season of the World Test Championship for the two sides - both teams have occupied the bottom of the table, with just one win combined.

And if anything, a win to cap off the season could provide a dose of confidence going into the next season.

Only 10 wickets fell across from both teams on the first four days of the first Test and Bangladesh even endured a wicketless fourth day as Dimuth Karunaratne and Dhananjaya de Silva made merry. As such, it's



Dimuth Karunaratne

difficult to take any positives into the second game. For the Lankans, this is their last chance to win a Test series this sea-

son - home or away. They endured a series loss in South Africa, were humbled by England at home and then managed a 0-0

draw in the Caribbean Islands.

Mickey Arthur's team will need to show something in the returns column to justify their improvement.

Bangladesh are sailing in the same boat as well - their season marred by COVID-19 pandemic related postponements and followed by humbling losses to what was essentially a second string West Indies unit.

Meanwhile, left-arm spinner Praveen Jayawickrema is in line to make his Test debut if Sri Lanka opts for an extra spin option following the injury to Lahiru Kumara and Dilshan Madushanka.

Shadman Islam has recovered well enough from his COVID-19 scare but with no match prac-

tice, Saif Hassan will continue to be Tamim Iqbal's partner at the top of the order. Shoriful Islam is also in line for a Test debut, in place of Abu Jayed.

The teams

Sri Lanka (likely XI): Dimuth Karunaratne (Captain), Lahiru Thirimanne, Oshada Fernando, Angelo Mathews, Dhananjaya de Silva, Pathum Nissanka, Niroshan Dickwella, Suranga Lakmal, Wanindu Hasaranga, Vishwa Fernando, Praveen Jayawickrama/Lakshan Sandakan.

Bangladesh (likely XI): Mominul Haque (Captain), Tamim Iqbal, Saif Hassan, Najmul Hossain Shanto, Mushfiqur Rahim, Liton Das, Mehidy Hasan, Tajjul Islam, Ebadat Hossain, Taskin Ahmed and Shoriful Hossain. (Agencies)



Mominul Haque

Royal set up Under-19 final clash with St. Joseph's

Pavan Ratnayake's ton in vain

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Skipper Pavan Ratnayake's magnificent century was in vain as Royal College recorded a six-wicket victory over Mahanama College in their Under-19 Division One Tier 'A' Cricket Tournament semi-final fixture played at the De Zoysa Stadium in Moratuwa yesterday.

Mahanama scored 209 for eight with Ratnayake scoring 114 from 150 balls with three fours and four sixes.

Royal chasing their target lost two early wickets but wicket-keeper batsman Shehan Herath (62) and Sadisha Rajapaksa (85 not out) added 116 for the third wicket to steer them to victory with three overs to spare.

Meanwhile, openers Sadeesh Jayawardena (62) and Sheran Fonseka (93) struck half-centuries as St. Joseph's College recorded an easy 10-wicket victory over Trinity College in the other semi-final match played at the Surrey Grounds in Moggona yesterday.



Sheran Fonseka

Earlier, the Trinicians were bowled out for 160 with Pawan Pathiraja scoring 61 while Mithira Thenura and Dunith Wellalage took three wickets each for St. Joseph's.

Chief scores
At De Zoysa Stadium (Royal won by six wickets)

Mahanama: 209/8 in 50 overs (Pavan Ratnayake 114, Vinuka Rubasinghe 33, Sonal Amarasekara 3/29)

Royal: 210/4 in 47 overs (Shehan Herath 62, Sadisha Rajapaksa 85 n.o., Ahan Wickramasinghe 27)

At Moggona (St. Joseph's won by 10 wickets)



Mahanama Skipper Pavan Ratnayake plays a shot while Royal wicket-keeper Shehan Herath looks on
Pic by Samantha Weerasiri

Trinity: 160 in 49.4 overs (Pawan Pathiraja 61, Akram Muthalib 49, Mithira Thenura 3/26, Senuka de Silva 2/30, Dunith Wellalage 3/32)

St. Joseph's: 161/0 in 35.4 overs (Sadeesh Jayawardena 62 n.o., Sheran Fonseka 93 n.o.)

Rain stalls Antonian victory

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Rain prevented St. Anthony's College from recording an outright victory against St. Sylvester's College in their Under-19 traditional two-day cricket encounter which ended in a draw at Katugastota yesterday.

Chief scores
St. Anthony's: 385 and 164/7 decl (Chamindu Wickramasinghe 35, Asitha Wanninayake 64, Lahiru Abeyasinghe 42, Akila Nimsara 5/71)

St. Sylvester's: 62 (Maleesha Silva 23, Chamindu Wickramasinghe 3/34, Divyesh Ramaiya 5/22) and 113/7 (Charith Samuditha 37, Kavishka Dilshan 37, Charuka Ayeshan 25 n.o., Divyesh Ramaiya 2/4, Gihan Ebert 3/34).

Pallekele pitch rated as 'below average'

Ranjan Madugalle of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees has rated the Pallekele Stadium pitch in Kandy that was used for the first Test between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh as 'below average' and the venue has received one demerit point under the ICC Pitch and Outfield Monitoring Process.

Madugalle said: "The character of the pitch hardly changed over the course of five days. There was no shift in balance between bat and ball as the game progressed."

"The pitch remained batting friendly throughout, resulting in a total of 1,289 runs scored in the match for the loss of 17 wickets at an average of 75.82 runs per wicket, which is very high."

"Therefore, in keeping with the ICC guidelines I rate this pitch as below average." Madugalle's report has been forwarded to Sri Lanka Cricket. (ICC)

Nuwan Zoysa gets six-year ban for match-fixing

Nuwan Zoysa has been handed a six-year ban from all cricket after he was found guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

The former Sri Lanka player and coach Zoysa has been banned from all cricket for six years after an ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal found him guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

The ban for Zoysa is backdated to October 31, 2018, when he was provisionally suspended.

As previously advised, following full hearings and presentations of written and oral argument, the Tribunal found Zoysa guilty of:

Article 2.1.1 - for being party to an agreement or effort to fix or contrive or otherwise influence improperly the result, progress, conduct or other aspect(s) of an International Match.

Article 2.1.4 - Directly or indirectly soliciting, inducing, enticing, instructing, persuading, encouraging or intentionally facilitating any Participant to breach Code Article 2.1.

Article 2.4.4 - Failing to disclose to the ACU full details of any approaches or invitations received to engage in corrupt conduct under the Code.

Zoysa has also been charged by the ICC on behalf of the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) with breaching four counts of the ECB Anti-Corruption Code for Participants for the T10



Nuwan Zoysa

League and these proceedings are ongoing.

Alex Marshall, ICC General Manager - Integrity Unit, said: "Nuwan played 125 matches for Sri Lanka, attending a number of anti-corruption sessions during a decade-long international career."

"In his role as a national coach, he should have acted as a role model. Instead, he became involved with a corrupter and attempted to corrupt others."

"Contriving to fix a game betrays the basis of sporting principles. It will not be tolerated in our sport." (ICC)

Sea Hawks top Super League Points Table

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Sea Hawks FC surged to the top of the points table with two wins at the end of the second week of matches in the inaugural Super League Football Tournament.

Sea Hawks FC remained as the only team to notch up wins in both their outings.

They have scored three goals

and they are the only team not to have conceded any goals to their opponents. Meanwhile, Waseem Razeek is the joint top goal scorer of the tournament along with Mohamed Rahman of Red Star SC.

The third week of this competition will resume on Friday and following is the schedule with all matches to be played at the Sugathadasa Stadium.

April 30: Sea Hawks FC vs New Youngs FC at 7.30 p.m.

May 1: Ratnam SC vs Blue Star SC at 4.30 p.m.

May 1: Blue Eagles SC vs Red Star SC at 7.30 p.m.

May 2: Up-country Lions FC vs Defenders FC at 4.30 p.m.

May 2: Colombo FC vs Renown SC at 7.30 p.m.



SUPER LEAGUE 2021

POINTS TABLE AS AT 25th APRIL 2021

No	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts.
1	SEA HAWKS FC	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6
2	UP COUNTRY LIONS FC	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
3	RED STAR FC	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
4	BLUE STAR SC	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
5	COLOMBO FC	2	1	0	1	4	1	3	3
6	RATNAM SC	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
7	DEFENDERS FC	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
8	BLUE EAGLES SC	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
9	RENOWN SC	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1
10	NEW YOUNGS FC	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7	0

Shoib urges Pakistan fans to help India fight COVID-19

Former Pakistan fast bowler Shoib Akhtar appealed to his countrymen and his government to help neighbours India deal with the ongoing second wave of Coronavirus and the subsequent oxygen shortage.

Looking at the current situation, Akhtar put out a video on his YouTube channel in which he requested all his fans in Pakistan to help raise money for its neighbours and 'deliver oxygen tanks to them'.

"It is impossible for any government to tackle the ongoing crisis. I appeal to my government and fans, to help India. India does need a lot of oxygen tanks. I request everyone to donate and raise funds for India and deliver oxygen tanks to them," Akhtar said.

"India is really struggling with COVID-19. Global support needed. Health care system is crashing. It's a Pandemic, we are all in it together. Must become each other's support," Akhtar said. (Agencies)



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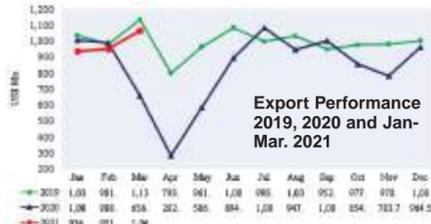
Exports pass US\$ 1 bn mark after six months in March

Sri Lanka surpassed US\$ 1 billion exports in March 2021 after a lapse of six months. As per the Customs statistics, earnings from merchandise exports recorded double digit growth of 62.47% in March 2021 on y-o-y comparison—the March figure being US\$ 1,066.1 million.

Earnings from merchandise exports increased by 11.51% in first quarter 2021 to US\$ 2,954.53 million compared to first quarter 2020. This growth could be attributed to the gradual lifting of Covid 19 restrictions imposed within the country

and globally. Export Development Board (EDB) Chairman Suresh De Mel (Pictured) said; "Sri Lanka's exports show a remarkable rise despite the current pandemic situation across the World."

Earnings from the export of major product sectors such as apparel, tea, rubber based products, coconut based, spices and electrical & electronic components were increased both in the month of March 2021 and during the first quarter of



2021. Export earnings from spices and essential oils in March 2021, increased significantly compared to March 2020—growth is mainly due to increased exports of cinnamon (1425.9%), pepper (140.58%) and cloves

(226%). Both export earnings and volume of tea increased y.o.y. in March 2021 by 99.33% and 86.69% respectively. Tea exports of US\$ 124.61million is 12% of total merchandise exports.

Earnings from all the major categories of coconut based products increased by 109.57% in March 2021 compared with March 2020 due to the improved performance in export of coconut oil, liquid coconut milk, cocopeat & activated carbon.

Similarly, earnings from

the export of all the major categories of coconut based products increased by 42.18% during the first quarter of 2021.

Export earnings from rubber and rubber finished products increased by 80.45 % y-o-y to US\$ 35.06 million in March 2021 due to the better performance of exports of industrial and surgical gloves of rubber (160.09%) and pneumatic and retreaded rubber tyres and tubes (58.99%).

Meanwhile earnings from export of Electrical and Elec-



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tronic Components (EEC) increased by 83.09% to US\$ 37.9 million in March 2021.

The single largest export destination of the United States of America recorded US\$ 715.4 million worth of exports in first quarter 2021—a marginal increase of 0.94 % in comparison to US\$ 708.76 million recorded in first quarter 2020.

The services exports esti-

mated by EDB which includes ICT/BPM, construction, financial services and transport & logistics show exports of US \$ 1,194.3 million for the first quarter of 2021 compared to US\$ 993 million recorded in the corresponding period of 2020.

Estimated service exports increased by 20.27% in the first quarter 2021 compared to the first quarter of 2020.

People's Bank's digital banking records high volumes



People's Bank showcased its digital banking prowess yet again by completing a mammoth 5,822,504 transactions and dispensing Rs. 65.3 billion from April 1 to April 15 2021. This includes transactions completed via bank's Internet banking, mobile apps ATMs, CDMs and Kiosks.

People's Bank has been at the forefront of providing digital financial services to the rural areas of the country and has gained unparalleled success in turning Sri Lanka into a digital society. The bank pioneered Self Banking Units (SBUs), which was a concept that consisted of ATMs, CDMs and Kiosks which allowed customers to bank at their convenience, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The Self Banking Unit concept has been a colossal success for People's Bank.

Additionally, the bank's People's Wave App and People's Wyn Apps have also changed Sri Lanka's digital banking landscape. The People's Wave App has over 1 million downloads and consists of over 50 different financial transactions and a host of modern banking features to help make banking easier for customers.

The People's Wyn App was designed specifically for the corporate world, enabling business to authorize, approve, and conduct corporate transactions such as transfers, payments, remittances and much more easily and securely.

Developing Asia to grow 7.3% in 2021 COVID-19 - ADB

Sri Lankan GDP growth to be 4.6% in 2021

Economic growth in developing Asia is set to rebound to 7.3% this year, supported by a healthy global recovery and early progress on coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccines, according to a new report from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The projected resurgence follows a 0.2% contraction last year, according to ADB's flagship economic publication, Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2021. The region's growth is forecast to moderate to 5.3% in 2022. Excluding the newly industrialized economies of Hong Kong, China; the Republic of Korea; Singapore; and Taipei, China, developing Asia's economic activity is expected to grow 7.7% this year and 5.6% in 2022.

"Growth is gaining momentum across developing Asia, but renewed COVID-19 outbreaks pose a threat to recovery," said ADB Chief Economist Yasuyuki Sawada. (Pictured) "Economies in the

region are on diverging paths. Their trajectories are shaped by the extent of domestic outbreaks, the pace of their vaccine rollouts, and how much they are benefiting from the global recovery."

Rising exports are boosting some economies in developing Asia amid strengthening global economic activity, including a rebound in manufacturing. Progress on the production and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines has contributed to this momentum, but the pandemic remains the biggest risk for the region as potential delays in vaccine rollouts or significant new outbreaks could undermine growth.

Other risks include increasing geopolitical tensions, production bottlenecks, financial turmoil from tightening financial conditions, and long-term scarring—for instance, learning losses due to school closures.

Most economies in developing Asia will see healthy growth this year and in 2022. Central Asian

GDP growth rates and inflation, % per year

Country	GDP growth				Inflation			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
South Asia	4.2	-6.0	9.5	6.6	5.0	6.5	5.5	5.1
Albania	3.9	-5.0	3.0	4.0	2.3	5.6	5.0	4.0
Bangladesh	8.2	-5.2	4.8	7.2	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.8
Brazil	4.3	-0.9	-3.4	3.7	2.8	3.0	6.4	5.3
India	4.0	-8.0	11.0	7.0	4.8	6.2	5.2	4.8
Maldives	7.0	-22.0	13.1	14.0	0.2	-1.4	3.0	2.5
Nepal	6.7	-1.9	3.1	5.1	4.6	6.2	5.0	6.0
Pakistan	1.9	-0.4	3.0	4.0	6.8	10.7	8.7	7.5
Sri Lanka	2.3	-1.6	4.1	3.6	4.3	4.6	4.5	5.0

economies are forecast to grow 3.4% on average this year and 4.0% next year. The trade-dependent economies of Southeast Asia will also recover, with the sub region forecast to grow 4.4% this year and 5.1% in 2022 after contracting 4.0% in 2020.

East Asia's GDP is expected to grow 7.4% in 2021 and 5.1% in 2022. Pacific economies, still affected by global travel restrictions and a collapse in tourism, will post modest growth this year at 1.4%, before expanding by 3.8% next year.

India's economy, meanwhile, is expected to grow 11.0% in fiscal year (FY) 2021, which ends on 31 March 2022, amid a strong vaccine drive. However, the recent surge in COVID-19 cases may put this recovery at risk. India's GDP is expected to expand 7.0% in FY2022. This year, South Asia's GDP growth is expected to rebound to 9.5%, following a 6.0% contraction in 2020, before moderating to 6.6% next year. According to their predictions (Graph) Sri Lankan GDP growth will be 4.6% in 2021. **TO PAGE 13**

APHNH urges Govt. to prioritize private healthcare workers in second vaccine drive

Only 50% of private healthcare workers received first dose of vaccine

Amid a spike in COVID-19 cases, the Association of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes (APHNH) commended the Government's decision to commence the roll-out of the second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, and called for the prioritization of private healthcare workers in the second vaccine drive.

According to State Minister of Pharmaceutical Production Channa Jayasumana, priority groups - pri-



marily healthcare workers, the military, and the police - would be given precedence in the vaccine drive set to commence in the first week of May. Handling over 50% of out-patient care in the country,

the Association reiterated the importance of private healthcare workers receiving the second dose alongside public sector medical staff. "As an Association, we're grateful to Government officials and authorities that ensured that private healthcare workers were included in the country's first vaccination drive in February. Nevertheless, only 50% of private medical staff has been vaccinated so far. We hope that as the second doses

are rolled out, our frontline medical staff in the private sector will be considered a priority," opined APHNH President, Dr. Lakith Peiris. The Association noted that the Government is in possession of 350,000 vaccine doses of the 500,000 doses initially provided by the Serum Institute, and was hopeful that a quantity could be reserved for the members of private medical staff that had received the first inoculation. **TO PAGE 13**

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Litro assures adequate supply of 12.5 kg cylinders

Litro Gas Lanka Limited said that the company will ensure that the 12.5 kg cylinders of gas will be made available to the public without any shortage.

The company has decided to ensure that the 12.5 Kg cylinders be made available to the public without shortage. "We assure our customers that our Regular 12.5 Kg cylinder is available in the market without any shortage at the same price," the statement said. "As Sri Lanka's national LPG provider with a heritage of over 150 years, Litro Gas Lanka has been known for its unique LPG expertise, delivering a specialised level of service that meets varied customer needs for energy," the statement said "With a market share of 75%, Litro Gas Lanka has always upheld the highest level of trust placed in the Company by the consumers, while giving priority to maintaining the optimum safety protocols accepted by the LPG industry globally.



HELP KEEP COLOMBO CITY CLEAN

SEGREGATE YOUR WASTE AS GIVEN BELOW

Degradable Waste

If you are not in a position to compost your degradable waste, please handover to CMC

- Kitchen waste vegetable & fruit waste, leftover food, coconut extract, used tea leaves / bags, protein wastage, Egg shells
- Dry leaves, flowers, and garden waste
- Empty king coconut cut into pieces

Recyclable Waste

Following materials must be clean

- Glass
- Paper / Cardboard
- Cleaned Polythene / Plastic
- Metal
- Cleaned coconut shells
- Cleaned tin
- Cleaned yoghurt cups and plastic cups
- Recyclable kitchen appliances

Non - Recyclable Waste

- Soiled polythene / papers
- Sanitary wares
- Soiled yogurt cups
- Milk packets
- Used sachets / packets (shampoo, sauce, milo, etc.)
- Fallen hair
- Shavers with blades
- Soiled tins
- Ceramic pots
- Rubber
- Clay pots
- Drugs

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Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
Main Board							
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	11,844	28.10	29.00	30.00	28.10	29.10	1.00
ABANS	2,100	144.25	141.00	150.00	141.00	147.50	3.25
ACCESS ENG SL	280,873	22.10	22.10	23.20	22.10	23.10	1.00
ACL	347,677	36.20	35.80	38.20	35.70	37.80	1.60
ACL PLASTICS	2,181	240.50	243.00	250.00	242.00	250.00	9.50
ACME	19,980	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.80	0.00
AGALAWATTE	3,002	23.80	23.80	25.80	23.80	25.20	1.40
AHOT PROPERTIES	1,101	35.00	34.30	36.00	34.30	35.10	0.10
AITKEN SPENCE	76,064	51.40	53.00	53.00	52.00	52.40	1.00
ALLIANCE	21,425	46.00	49.50	51.00	49.50	50.00	4.00
AMANA BANK	386,969	3.10	3.10	3.20	3.00	3.10	0.00
AMAYA LEISURE	6,002	17.20	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	-0.20
ASIA ASSET	4,969	6.00	6.20	6.20	6.00	6.00	0.00
ASIRI	284,628	26.20	26.50	28.00	26.30	27.00	0.80
ASIRI SURG	954	12.90	13.90	13.90	13.40	13.50	0.60
BAIRAHA FARMS	10,511	125.00	128.00	128.00	125.50	127.75	2.75
BALANGODA	26,790	10.10	10.30	12.50	10.00	11.10	1.00
BUKIT DARAH	1,749	293.25	300.00	300.00	295.50	299.75	6.50
C M HOLDINGS	22,329	77.90	80.00	80.00	77.40	80.00	2.10
C T HOLDINGS	155	173.00	172.25	175.00	170.00	170.00	-3.00
CARGILLS	14,649	230.00	230.25	235.00	230.00	230.00	0.00
CARGO BOAT	702	60.00	63.80	63.80	60.00	60.00	0.00
CARSONS	205	270.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	5.00
CDB	5,287	113.00	106.50	110.00	106.50	109.50	-3.50
CDB (CDB.X0000)	7,061	75.00	75.00	84.80	75.00	75.00	0.00
CENTRAL FINANCE	12,948	80.80	81.80	84.00	81.80	82.70	1.90
CENTRAL IND.	33,417	105.00	107.75	114.50	104.50	113.50	8.50
CEYLINCO INS.	79	2,087.25	1,900.00	1,984.75	1,890.00	2,087.25	0.00
CEYLINCO INS. (CINS.X0000)	621	1,065.25	1,099.75	1,100.00	1,099.75	1,100.00	34.75
CEYLON GUARDIAN	30	115.00	119.00	119.00	119.00	115.00	0.00
CEYLON INV.	21,932	58.10	59.30	59.30	58.00	58.90	0.80
CEYLON TOBACCO	15,367	973.50	979.00	979.00	955.00	960.25	-13.25
CHEMANEX	2,577	75.20	76.00	78.90	76.00	78.20	3.00
CHEVRON	108,942	91.10	91.10	92.00	91.10	91.90	0.80
CIC	393,090	51.80	51.00	54.00	51.00	52.40	0.60
CIC (CIC.X0000)	560,950	42.30	42.20	44.00	41.50	43.40	1.10
CITRUS LEISURE	1,255	8.70	8.50	8.70	8.50	8.60	-0.10
COLD STORES	1,082	577.75	585.00	585.00	578.25	583.75	6.00
COLOMBO CITY	32	853.75	853.00	853.00	853.00	853.75	0.00
COLOMBO LAND	2,320	20.50	22.80	22.90	22.70	22.80	2.30
COMMERCIAL BANK	92,658	79.30	79.50	81.00	79.50	80.90	1.60
COMMERCIAL BANK (COMB.X0000)	39,412	72.00	71.50	74.00	71.50	73.00	1.00
CONVENIENCE FOOD	9	1,250.50	1,268.75	1,269.00	1,268.75	1,250.50	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	107,826	11.00	10.80	11.50	10.70	11.40	0.40
DFCC BANK PLC	19,680	56.70	56.30	57.90	56.30	57.40	0.70
DIALOG	775,360	12.70	12.70	12.80	12.60	12.70	0.00
DIMO	39	555.25	520.00	555.00	520.00	555.25	0.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	3,121,964	52.40	52.40	56.70	52.40	56.10	3.70
DOCKYARD	871	73.10	73.00	74.00	73.00	73.00	-0.10
DOLPHIN HOTELS	10,751	22.00	23.90	24.00	22.40	24.00	2.00
DURDANS	1,453	95.50	101.00	102.00	101.00	102.00	6.50
E B CREAMS	3,592	27.00	27.10	28.30	27.10	28.00	1.00
EAST WEST	48,418	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.00	10.30	0.30
EASTERN MERCHANT	28,594	5.20	5.20	5.60	5.00	5.50	0.30
EXPOLANKA	3,129,015	44.00	43.10	48.10	43.10	47.60	3.60
FORT LAND	3,000	12.40	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.60	0.20
GESTETNER	1	90.10	95.80	95.80	90.10	90.10	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS XD	51,674	125.50	125.00	129.00	125.00	128.25	2.75
HAYCARB	840,450	100.00	99.70	107.00	99.00	105.50	5.50
HAYLEYS	1,464,933	72.50	72.20	78.20	72.20	77.40	4.90
HAYLEYS FABRIC	3,494,692	17.00	16.80	17.70	16.80	17.40	0.40
HAYLEYS FIBRE	22,863	45.10	45.80	48.00	45.80	47.60	2.50
HDFC	20,143	33.70	33.00	37.90	33.00	36.90	3.20
HEMAS HOLDINGS	195,324	80.00	80.00	82.30	80.00	80.90	0.90
HNB	28,209	127.50	127.00	128.00	126.25	127.00	-0.50
HNB ASSURANCE	5,871	56.00	56.20	57.80	56.00	57.00	1.00
HNB (HNB.X0000)	156,431	92.00	91.50	94.60	91.50	93.80	1.80
HORANA	200	21.00	20.90	20.90	20.80	20.80	-0.20
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	815	61.50	60.00	60.00	58.00	58.30	-3.20
HOTELS CORP.	7,570	10.80	10.50	10.50	10.40	10.40	-0.40
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	2,745,731	0.40	0.40	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.00
JKH	199,527	143.50	143.50	144.00	143.00	143.50	0.00
KANDY HOTELS	772	5.00	5.10	5.10	4.90	4.90	-0.10
KEGALLE XD	11,783	96.80	98.80	103.25	98.00	99.80	3.20
KELANI CABLES	1,293	115.25	115.00	123.00	114.00	114.50	-0.75
KELANI TYRES	60,930	81.30	81.00	86.00	81.00	84.00	2.70
KELANI VALLEY	12,066	36.60	37.70	37.80	36.60	37.40	0.80
KINGSBURY	23,612	5.80	5.60	6.10	5.60	6.00	0.20
KOTAGALA	11,769	5.50	5.50	5.60	5.50	5.60	0.10
L O L C HOLDINGS	436,721	300.50	298.00	328.00	298.00	325.00	24.50
LANKA ALUMINIUM	359,180	17.80	17.60	19.50	17.60	19.10	1.30
LANKA ASHOK	1	832.00	820.00	820.00	820.00	832.00	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	8,083	40.00	41.80	42.00	40.00	40.10	0.10
LANKA IOC	85,918	18.60	18.60	18.90	18.30	18.80	0.20
LANKA TILES	908,736	43.40	42.00	46.50	42.00	46.00	2.60
LANKA VENTURES	500	46.10	46.60	46.60	46.10	46.20	0.10
LANKA WALLTILE	1,037,905	44.10	43.00	47.50	43.00	46.60	2.50
LAUGFS GAS	18,395	19.30	19.40	20.00	19.40	19.90	0.60
LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	3	13.70	14.50	14.50	13.60	13.70	0.00
LAXAPANA XD	4,822	13.90	13.90	14.30	13.90	14.10	0.20
LB FINANCE	205,839	51.20	51.00	55.90	51.00	54.60	3.40
LION BREWERY	497	590.00	590.00	598.00	590.00	590.25	0.25
LMF	131,324	158.75	159.00	168.50	159.00	167.75	9.00
LVL ENERGY	7,768	9.60	9.80	9.80	9.50	9.50	-0.10
MALWATTE	2,400	11.90	10.70	11.90	10.70	11.90	0.00
MALWATTE (MAL.X0000)	13	8.00	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.00	0.00
MELSTACORP	487,165	42.60	42.40	45.00	42.40	44.70	2.10
MERC. SHIPPING	200	65.50	65.70	65.70	65.70	65.70	0.20
MERCHANT BANK	14,387	6.80	6.80	7.10	6.80	6.90	0.10
MULLERS	123,716	1.10	1.20	1.20	1.10	1.10	0.00
NAMUNUKULA XD	68	158.75	163.75	163.75	163.50	158.75	0.00
NAT. DEV. BANK XR	26,921	75.10	75.40	76.90	75.40	75.90	0.80
NAT. DEV. BANK (NDB-R-0000)XR	17,130,476	1.30	1.30	2.10	1.20	1.60	0.30
NATIONS TRUST	2,029	53.70	53.70	55.00	53.50	53.80	0.10
NAVALOKA	39,847	4.90	4.90	5.00	4.80	4.90	0.00
NESTLE	55,430	999.50	1,000.00	1,009.75	998.75	1,000.00	0.50
OVERSEAS REALTY	179,150	15.10	15.00	15.50	15.00	15.30	0.20
PAN ASIA	220,428	14.80	15.00	15.80	14.90	15.50	0.70
PANASIAN POWER	158,776	3.50	3.50	3.70	3.50	3.60	0.10
PEOPLE'S INS	178,855	29.10	29.50	31.60	29.50	30.50	1.40
PEOPLES LEASING	167,125	11.70	11.70	11.90	11.70	11.80	0.10
PIRAMAL GLASS	3,538,392	11.50	11.50	11.60	11.50	11.50	0.00
PRINTCARE PLC	350	26.70	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	-0.70
R I L PROPERTY	604,134	6.10	6.00	6.30	5.90	6.20	0.10
RADIANT GEMS	2,566	22.40	21.50	24.00	21.30	22.80	0.40
REGNIS	261	45.20	45.00	47.50	45.00	47.50	2.30
RENUKA AGRI	53,704	3.60	3.60	3.90	3.60	3.80	0.20
RENUKA FOODS	25,163	12.90	13.00	13.00	12.80	12.80	-0.10
RENUKA FOODS (COCO.X0000)	98	11.00	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.00	0.00
RENUKA HOLDINGS	17,919	14.70	14.20	14.50	14.20	14.40	-0.30
RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL.X0000)	34,000	11.20	11.20	11.20	10.80	11.00	-0.20
RESUS ENERGY	770	24.10	24.70	24.90	24.70	24.70	0.60
RICHARD PIERIS XD	338,276	15.60	15.60	16.20	15.50	16.00	0.40
ROYAL CERAMIC	9,778,091	31.20	31.00	35.50	31.00	34.90	3.70
S M B LEASING	46,146	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.00
S M B LEASING (SEMB.X0000)	697,026	0.20	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.10
SAMPATH	808,588	48.30	48.30				

Monarch Imperial holds groundbreaking ceremony

Of Capitol Casa 198 residential unit twin tower project

Monarch Imperial (Pvt) Ltd held the groundbreaking ceremony of its latest 198 residential unit twin tower project, Capitol Casa, at No. 31, Hospital Road, Madiwela, Thalapatthiya on Thursday 20th of April.

The chief guest at this ceremony was State Minister of Urban Development and Housing Dr. Nalaka Godaheva and other distinguished guests such as Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, Secretary, Sirinimal Perera, Urban Development Authority (UDA), Chairman, Architect Harshan De Silva and UDA, Director General, Prasad Ranaweera were also present. A large number of customers, partners and government officials graced the occasion.

Speaking to Daily News after the ceremony, Monarch Imperial (Pvt) Ltd., Chairman, Eng. Maj. Ranjith Gunatilleke said that Capitol Casa is the first construction project to be launched after three years of silence.

"It is very difficult to get any work done in Sri Lanka because of bureaucratic lethargy and delay in decision making. If the situation in Sri Lanka is going to be continued this way, investors will stay away from the country. I think that the Port City do not really require a separate legal structure, If the Board of Investments and other regulatory bodies perform their work efficiently making the way for ease of doing business in the country. Maybe the developer, with their experiences of Sri Lankan bureaucracy, would have thought that a separate act will help them to expedite matters," he said.

The Capitol Casa project, scheduled to be ready for occupation by end-2022, is expected to become the pioneer, exemplifying the standards of a luxury lifestyle, enhance the region's up-market appeal and add value to its exclusivity tag. The complex is located in an elite neighborhood in the administrative capital of Sri Lanka, in close proximity to major towns and highways, hospitals and international schools and adjacent to Monarch Imperial, the luxury dining and convention center housing seven specialty

restaurants including a western pub and the country's largest pillar-less ballroom.

The project, built on two acres, will feature 198 residential units divided between two towers and 200 parking spaces and introduces the Two Key System, enabling owners to earn additional rental income, to the country. With options ranging from 557 sq.ft. and elevating up to 1216 sq.ft., one will have a range of eclectic choices. Among other unique features of these twin towers are a gymnasium, swimming pool, grocery shop, childcare, multifunctional room, library and study room along with kids' play area.

Monarch International (Pvt) Ltd and Sanken Construction, a member of the renowned Sanken Group, have collaborated to create these iconic towers. Design and build contractor Sanken Construction has delivered many high-rises in the City.

Jayasri Jayakody



PRESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT AWARDS 2021

Introduction

The expectation of the government is to attain a "Sustainable Era" that will fulfill the people's needs in a secured environment in line with sustainable environmental policy as envisaged in the "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour", under the leadership of His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and with the blessings of Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.

The "Presidential Environment Awards-2021" can be introduced as a unique program among the other programs that empowers the general public towards building a sustainable environmental activism. This program is organized and implemented this year too by the Central Environmental Authority under the guidance of the Ministry of Environment.

Objectives

- To confer state honors on industries, businesses, institutions and individuals in appreciation of their outstanding service for environmental conservation.
- To build an environmental-friendly industrial, business and service culture.
- To inspire society for environmental friendly activities
- To Encourage public participation towards sustainable development

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22 Awarding Fields....



The Awarding Ceremony in November, Under the patronage of H. E the President

Fields for which applications can be forwarded for the awards ceremony

A. Industries, businesses and project category (1-15)

- Solid Waste Recovery/ Recycling / Disposal or Processing Plants
- Chemical Industries
- Vehicle Servicing Centers
- Food & Beverages Industries
- Hotels
- Textile and Textile Processing Industries
- Pharmaceutical Products and Personal Care Products Industries
- Hospitals
- Rubber Based Products Industries
- Animal Farms
- Apparel Industries
- Tea Factories
- Packaging Industries with printing
- Waste Management Projects of Local Authorities
- Renewable Energy Generating Projects - Small scale mini hydropower projects, Solar power projects and wind power generating projects

B. Institutions, social and mass media category (1-7)

- Schools - 1AB, 1C, Type 2, Type 3
- Environment Friendly Government Institutions
- Environmental Friendly Private Institutions
- Individuals who are committed to Environmental conservation
- The best NGO that are committed to environmental conservation.
- Eco Friendly Innovations (School/ Universities & Tertiary Educational Institutions/ Open section)
- **Media Field**
- **Exploratory environmental reporting**
Print Media (Sinhala/Tamil/English)
- **Exploratory environmental program production**
Radio Media (Sinhala/Tamil/English)
- **Exploratory environmental program production**
Television Media (Sinhala/Tamil/English)

Further information

- The Presidential Environment Awards Ceremony will be held in November, 2021 at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) under the patronage of His Excellency the President
- The application is acceptable in any of three languages (Sinhala, English or Tamil)
- Applications can be downloaded from the website of the Central Environmental Authority www.cea.lk or obtained by contacting the Authority over the following telephone numbers 011-2872278, 011-2873447, 0112-873448, 0117-877277 and Hotline - 1981
- "The Presidential Environment Awards Winners" in 2017/2018/2019 and "National Green Award - Gold Awards Winners" in 2017 should not apply this time. Silver, Bronze and Merit winners in the mention years are eligible to apply.
- Duly completed applications with copies of the relevant documents and other supporting documents should either be sent under registered cover or hand delivered to "Chairman, Selection Committee, Presidential Environment Awards-2021, Central Environmental Authority, Parisara Piyasa, 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla" on or before **21st June 2021**.
- On the left side of the cover in which application is enclosed, indicate the "relevant field" clearly.
- Winners will be awarded Presidential Environment Award, Environment Award (Silver) and Environment Award (Bronze) medals.
- Applications will be assessed formally by a competent panel of experts in the subject and the decision taken by the panel to select the winner will be the final decision.



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Viber aims to deliver seamless and unique shopping experience for Sri Lanka users



David Tse

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in Sri Lanka and resulting restrictions over the past 12+ months, how people interact and communicate with each other has seen massive changes.

Rakuten Viber, one of the world's leading apps for free and easy communication celebrating accelerated growth in Sri Lanka, understands users' concerns of personal safety leading to less face-to-face interactions, with many choosing to shop online.

Prioritizing user needs, Viber has partnered with relevant organizations, to provide not only reliable information about COVID-19 from trusted sources but also ensuring user convenience and helping brands interact with customers.

To offer Sri Lankan users enhanced services, Viber invests in localizing the app and implementing new technology. uStore.lk is among Viber partnerships that aim to deliver a seamless and unique shopping experience.

David Tse, Senior Director, APAC, Rakuten Viber explains how he leads the challenging and competitive landscape of messaging in Asia-Pacific, providing

customers services that really matter, and features that ensure ease of use, is secure and convenient. He also elaborated on recent local market partnerships and consumer activations.

Q: What is Sri Lanka's e-commerce potential and do you see robust growth via Viber?

We recognize Sri Lanka as a vital market in Asia for us. Since we launched in 2010, the country continues to showcase record usage increase. We see a steady growth not just in terms of new users but also heightened use of Viber's different features such as group calls, communities, and chatbots.

As internet usage and online platforms gain popularity, an increase in confidence in available products and online payment gateways have supported perception change towards e-commerce. This is true not just in Sri Lanka but also in its neighboring countries.

According to a research study done by Kantar Sri Lanka in 2020 post lockdown in Sri Lanka, reveals that the e-consumer basket has increased from \$11 to \$38[1]. This has been driven by

e-payments, e-Banking, online medical consultation and e-spots.

Q: What is a Viber Chatbot? And the technology behind it?

A: Viber Chatbot is an automated chat system, which leads communication between an organization and their customers, without the need for employee intervention in answering messages. Depending on an organization's needs, the Viber Chatbot could provide information, communicate messages on campaigns, create brand awareness, and even integrate an online store.

While bot technology is still developing, it helps to stimulate 'conversational commerce' with customers being able to complete purchases, offer recommendations and provide customer support.

Chatbots work through two systems; based on a set of rules responding to simple user queries and advanced AI handling a wide range of conversations and requests from users.

Q: Can users make online transactions via Viber? Have Chatbot payments been launched in Sri Lanka?

A: Online transaction via Viber is now available through our recent partnership with Unilever via the U Store chatbot. Ustore is our perfect example of providing an easy and convenient way to shop online and for Viber to move towards as a meta app by providing services beyond messaging that matters to our users. Currently the payment scheme is cash on delivery, however, we can expect further development as we ensure to continuously improve the customer experience.

Q: Is Viber's partnership with Unilever the first of its kind? Are there other businesses on Viber that offer bot services?

A: Our partnership with Unilever in Sri Lanka has been one of the most anticipated strategic partnerships in the region.

We see this partnership as an opportunity to empower the Sri Lankan users to connect with both the online and offline environment and deliver a seamless and unique shopping experience that suits their needs in a measurable way.

Viber users can now enjoy access to a

wide array of Unilever products from the comfort of their homes.

The user-friendly chatbot, invites customers to explore the store and select from any of Unilever Sri Lanka's products, such as skincare, food and refreshments, beauty, baby care, laundry, household and oral care, etc. The bot also offers attractive discounts and other types of promotions continuously.

Apart from the convenience it offers our users, our users have already experienced impressive customer service and speed of delivery where an order can be delivered just within the day.

Q: Can you explain how Viber is offering a seamless shopping experience for Unilever products?

A: As mentioned earlier we have partnered with Unilever Sri Lanka, among the largest fast-moving consumer goods companies in the country, to launch an uStore.lk bot over instant messaging platform Viber. The new user-friendly uStore.lk chatbot within the Viber platform offers our users very specific conveniences. For example,

when users are shopping within Viber's messaging environment, the intuitive Ustore interface, the clear categorization of Unilever products, and also products that they frequently purchase and need on a daily and weekly basis are visible. These features are especially useful with the FMCG buying behavior.

Q: Is Viber focusing on the B2B market? Name a few?

A: Yes, Viber is working on more strategic partnerships such as but not limited to fintech and media projects that will provide convenience and improve the quality of life for our Sri Lankan users. We will be able to announce more details on the partnerships in the future.

Q: Are there any new Viber capabilities and features to be launched in Sri Lanka this year?

A: Viber is focusing on creating and developing features and strategic partnerships in line with our vision to making Viber a meta app. Rest assured that this year, Viber is focusing on what the consumers truly need to improve their quality of life.

Locally made Breakfast Cereals from Nutrimate

JAYASRI JAYAKODY

Kurakkan (Finger Millet) and Corn, grown in abundance in Sri Lanka, are two cereals of high nutritional value and containing optimum amounts of fiber and other dietary requirements but, except for some food items that require long hours of preparation. In our search for manufacturers of food items using Kurakkan and Corn, we came across a remarkable person who had conducted extensive research and development of foodstuffs containing both. Daily News spoke with Dharmasiri Alahakoon, Chairman and Managing Director of Cerestar (Pvt) Limited, - the manufacturers of Nutrimate products, to find out more about his innovative range of breakfast cereals and cereal products containing Kurakkan, Rice and other pulses.

Q: What made you interested in food technology?

A. Although I have an engineering background, I was interested in food technology from my early days. I think that interest sprang up through assisting my mother in preparing various food items and beverages at home. In the early days, we commercially manufactured some beverages using locally available fruits. But, the market reception of those beverages was not much encouraging. The attitude of the public was that, "Can you compete with well-established big companies such as?" But, we persevered in our efforts. Industrial Technology Institute (ITI), formerly Ceylon Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research (CISIR) and some well wishers also gave us a lot of assistance towards this effort.

Q: How did you get involved in the manufacture of breakfast cereals?

A. Ten years ago, I ventured out on my own and acquired a company manufacturing breakfast cereals using Corn, Soya etc, because I was very keen on preparing foodstuffs from locally available grains and pulses. I am grateful to the gentleman who started this company because, 10 years ago, he thought as I did and laid the foundation for this industry. I invested on this knowing the potential. That was the new beginning of Cerestar (Pvt) Limited.

In my researches, I found out that Kurakkan (Finger Millet) and Corn (Bada Iringu), grown in abundance in Sri Lanka are very high in nutritional value while containing sufficient dietary fiber. These do not contain gluten. So far, Kurakkan was used to prepare foods such as "Halapa," "Thalapa," "Pittu" and "Kurakkan" porridge. The preparation of all these food items involves long and time-consuming processes, which has become a hassle for today's busy housewives. I was looking for an easier alternative and settled on breakfast cereals as a quicker way of delivering the goodness of Kurakkan, Corn & Soya, especially to growing children.

Q: Developing the process of manufacturing corn flakes must have involved in burning a lot of midnight oil, speaking figuratively?

A. Yes. Initially, I concentrated on one product. The company I purchased had several products but I concentrated mainly on breakfast cereals. Earlier, my platform was locally grown fruits. In changing over to locally grown grains and pulses, I had to perform lots of R&D. Then I introduced three breakfast cereal products, mainly concentrating on chil-

dren. And I also introduced a breakfast cereal in a handy cup with a spoon in it, which is very helpful for busy mothers to feed the kids just before sending them to school as it only required just to add milk. This way, the child is assured of having a nutritious breakfast which enables them to have it even on their way to the school.

Q: Didn't the COVID 19 Pandemic interfere with your plans?

A. Not totally. But it gave an opening for our new product - Corn Flakes. During the COVID 19 Pandemic when the whole country was undergoing lockdown, the government curtailed some imports. With the import restrictions, we had to work with what is available in the country. Now, if we are to survive, we have to stand on our own, without being dependant on imports. One may say that was the good side of the COVID 19 Pandemic. I saw new opportunities for locally manufactured breakfast cereals.

Q: What made you concentrate on manufacturing Corn Flakes?

Corn flakes are a very popular breakfast cereal, and we grow corn in Sri Lanka. Other countries also use corn to manufacture corn flakes and other breakfast cereals. We were lacking the proper technology to manufacture corn flakes. I did some research and read through technical publications and started manufacturing corn flakes in Sri Lanka. I also had to invest very heavily. The technology was improved by us. While developing the process, we had to destroy of several batches of corn flakes that did not meet our expected standards. Then we had to slightly vary the mixture and start anew. Overcoming all obstacles, we developed a product, I am happy to state that the people who did the sampling mentioned those are even better than imported ones. That was the silver lining in the dark cloud.

Q: What made you manufacture a breakfast cereal containing Kurakkan?

A. According to health sources, over 15% of Sri Lanka population are suffering from diabetes. Diabetes sufferers in the country include even very young persons. Unlike the other food items, Kurakkan (Finger Millet), is a very healthy food choice for people suffering from diabetes. Kurakkan flakes are ideal for young as well as geriatric people, as it is a product that can be used exactly like corn flakes. I am very happy to have set the benchmark for Kurakkan flakes, which is a product that is not available,



Dharmasiri Alahakoon

as far as I know in any other country. People have developed various other food items using Kurakkan, but, I can confidently state that we are the first company to develop Kurakkan Flakes.

As I stated earlier most Lankans are used to consuming Kurakkan based products in the form of "Halapa," "Thalapa," "Porridge" or "Pittu."

All these food items require a great deal of labour and time. And in fact, today's housewives mostly have no idea of preparing such food items. For a housewife, in the morning rush of sending children to school and preparing food for her husband, preparation of such food items from Kurakkan is impractical. Because of this, the consumption of Kurakkan has decreased in Sri Lanka. Compared to bread, which is a fast-digesting food item, Kurakkan is slow-digesting. Bread we have in our country is made out of refined wheat flour which has much lesser nutritional value and it of course digests fast. At the same time, bread causes increase of blood sugar levels fast but Kurakkan does not cause any rapid increase of sugar levels. And this the opinion of nutritionists. Even doctors recommend to avoid consuming bread and bakery products as much as possible for people with diabetes. Kurakkan has a lot of vitamins, minerals and dietary fiber and is also a high energy food. And, it digests slowly because it is rich in fiber content and is absorbed slowly, without giving a person spikes in his or her blood sugar levels. In my experience, when I have Kurakkan Flakes as my breakfast, I can work for longer hours without feeling hungry.

Though, the product is called Kurakkan Flakes, it also contains Red Rice, Corn, Soya & Oats which provide proteins, vitamins, minerals & energy. Oats are in fact an imported product but we decided to combine same in this product due its heart-friendly properties recognized by doctors and nutritionists. I am very proud of developing this healthy & nutritious product mainly using local produce.

Q: Most of your products are marked as "Not containing GMO, Wheat Flour, Gluten and Preservatives" What is the issue with them?

A. It is best to avoid these items. Gluten, apparently weakens the human immune system. In manufacturing corn flakes, we add a small amount of malt to counter the slightly bitter taste of corn. Gluten is present in very small percentages in malt. Other than that, none of our products contain gluten. Our range also has a breakfast cereal called "Froty Rings" and a small amount of permitted colouring is used to give the impression

of fruit. With this in mind, we try to avoid additives as much as possible.

I am much involved in breakfast products as I consider breakfast is the most important meal of the day. As we are always in a hurry we tend to neglect that meal, putting our health in jeopardy.

Q: Have you got anything important to say to Sri Lankan people?

A. Even though we got our independence 73 years ago, I regret to say that the mentality of our people is still a bit of slave mentality and the attitudes of our people have not got over colonial attitudes. Regrettably, we may have to face the same difficulty that we faced, when introducing our fruit drinks. Sri Lankans still think that all imported items are superior to locally manufactured items. I am sure that I will face the same problem with my breakfast cereals as well. People talk of patriotism and all that but, when it comes to their own choice & consumption, they always turn to imported brands for reasons known only to them. That is where the tragedy is. It makes me sad that our people do not value our own things. In Sri Lanka, except for the Veddahs' community, I do not see anybody promoting their own things with pride. Only that community is proud of their own produce. They value their own culture above all.

Culture is very important. We must not forget our culture. But, traditions should be subjected to change. We should not go by the same traditions. If you take Kurakkan as an example, we have been making "Halapa," "Thalapa," Kurakkan porridge or "Pittu" from it. But, that tradition is not suitable for the present day. We must change. We must have something new. As in most present day households, both the wife and the husband are working and their life style is quite self-centered. So that they cannot have more than one child. In the olden days, women did not work and they had time to bear and bring even six, seven, eight or even 10 children. But, nowadays, even one child is too much as both husband and wife are working and they do not have enough time to bring up more healthy children. I am trying to do something for them by producing foods that are conveniently prepared. That is where I have placed my footprint for the betterment of the future generations.

No preservatives, MSG, genetically modified ingredients or any other harmful things are used in the manufacturing of Nutrimate products. And Nutrimate products do not contain any synthetically produced vitamins and minerals but, retain only natural vitamins and minerals present in them.

Our products are freely available in prominent supermarket chains. We are an ISO 22000:2018 compliant company.

Lastly, I still remember a slogan from 1960's - "Siya Rata De - Siri Sapa De" (What is produced in your own country brings you prosperity and good health). I would like to remind all Sri Lankans of that slogan and inform them that it is also valid today.

Q: Finally, is there anything important you want to mention?

A. Yes. I would like to thank my wife and my daughter Rohanthi for the immense support and the encouragement I got and my staff, who urged me to continue in the face of repeated difficulties and supported our efforts right through out.

Dananjaya Wijesekara

- proving sceptics wrong

Dananjaya Wijesekara is one confident young man who takes challenges head on. When he founded his incense stick business in 2018, he was earning a six-figure monthly salary as an area sales manager of Hemas Pharmaceuticals. However, Dananjaya - a man of high ambitions and lofty goals - was not at peace with the security and stability his lucrative job guaranteed.

Against the advice of his loved ones, he quit his job and became a full-time businessman two years ago. Today, he has become a successful entrepreneur, producing and selling incense sticks not only in Sri Lanka but even exporting them.

"Both my parents wanted to see me working in an office. They did not like me selling incense sticks. Initially, even my wife was not happy about it", he recalled the scepticism he encountered from his family when his business was started. An old boy of Panadura Royal College and an associate of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (UK), Dananjaya has 10 years of extensive experience in sales and marketing, having worked in various private companies. Today, his business - Kahawunu Ceylon Pvt Ltd, Panadura - makes and sells hand-made incense sticks (branded as "Dahamli Incense Sticks" - named after his little daughter) and provides 75 indirect jobs by distributing them in Ratmalana, Dehiwala, Ingriya, Kalutara, and Panadura with intentions to expand the business further. Furthermore, he now earns what he earned in six months through his job within a month.

By his own admission, he has an inherent knack towards sales and marketing. When he speaks, words flow like a river, capturing the minds and hearts of listeners. He seems to be blessed with captivating oratory while brimming with great optimism. Nevertheless, the preliminary stage of his business was no bed of roses. "During the early days, when I was trying to sell incense sticks to shops near Kalutara Bodhiya, they refused my products.

Then, I gave my incense sticks to them free-of-charge. I was so disappointed and felt that my business would fail. Thankfully, the prelate monk of the village temple consoled me", Dananjaya reflected on the early hardships he had to experience. He also mentioned that the prelate monk of the village temple and his neighbours bought his incense sticks when he had no customers at the beginning. In stark contrast, now he said that people come searching for Dahamli Incense Sticks. Dananjaya had been meticulous to reinvest the profits back to his business in the first two years. Only after he had resigned from his job, he began to tap into profits for his personal use. That is a good les-



son for any budding entrepreneur to put into practice.

Dananjaya's bigbreak came when he got enlisted with the 2000 Exporter Development Programme - a flagship initiative of the EDB's Regional Development division - in 2017, which aims to convert non-exporting enterprises into exporters. After a series of interviews, he was selected by the EDB to participate at the 16th China International Small and Medium Enterprises Fair (CISMEF) in Guangzhou, China. When everything under the sun is imported from China and sold locally, Dananjaya had the audacity to think of exporting his products to China. "Everyone was ridiculing me for trying to sell incense sticks to China. But I left to China with a strong determination to find a buyer somehow. While I was there for 7 days, I slept only 4 hours a day, as I was travelling around to find a buyer. Only on the 7th day I was able to secure a buyer and that too after a lot of convincing and persuasion.

Finally, I came into an understanding with the buyer. I am now continuously doing business with China", he reminisced with satisfaction. Dananjaya had not had any confidence about the country's public sector before he came into contact with the EDB. But he is now grateful to the EDB for having provided him the opportunity to take his business to the next level. He also pointed out his ability to establish a solid network of human relationships with a number of people served him well, as mere spending on promotions cannot create such a strong bond between a business and customers.

Does he have any message to convey to the youth of this country? "Do not get restricted to the earnings of your job. Always attempt to start something of your own. In China, there is a small business/shop in every home. They always think in new ways and seek out business opportunities. But our youngsters wine and dine during weekends or waste time in unproductive things", were his concluding remarks. (Release from Export Development Board)



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MINISTRY OF TRADE

**SRI LANKA'S PARTICIPATION AT
SUPPLY SIDE WEST LAS VEGAS, USA
AND
B2B MEETINGS FROM 25th TO
28th OCTOBER, 2021**

EDB will be organizing Sri Lanka's participation at Supply Side West, Las Vegas, USA from 25th to 28th October, 2021 to promote value added Sri Lankan food ingredients, flavours and nutraceutical products followed by B2B meeting with leading buyers for food ingredient and food seasoning industry.

'Supply Side West' is an annual trade show held in west side of USA that brings together ingredient buyers and suppliers from the dietary supplement, beverage, functional foods, personal care and sports nutrition industries from all over the world. The fair provides a platform for the buyers and sellers of food ingredients to meet once a year. 80% of participants at Supply Side West 2019 were USA companies representing dietary supplement (43%), food processing (18%), pharmaceutical/nutraceutical (20%) and F&B (19%) industries.

USA is one of the largest markets for organic spices & seasoning and the demand is expected to rise further under the new normal situation. The resistance towards chemical contaminated and genetically modified products has contributed towards this trend. Supply Side West is identified as a suitable event to display Sri Lankan food ingredients, flavor and nutraceutical products to expand market share in the USA market.

EXHIBITORS

Applications are invited from exporters and potential exporters of the following product sectors to exhibit at the above fair.

- Value Added Spice & Spice mixtures, Seasonings, Gift packs, food ingredients, instant spice preparations, etc.
- Coconut kernel based products (desiccated coconut, coconut milk powder, cream, Virgin Coconut oil etc.)
- Range of essential oils extracted from Spices
- Health products, herbal products, organic food, flavor and nutraceuticals
- Novel edible food items/ Innovative agriculture Products

EDB ASSISTANCE

The cost of space & construction together with the cost of exhibits, airfare, hotel accommodation and internal travel will have to be borne by the participants. EDB may consider providing financial assistance towards part cost of space/construction for selected companies subject to availability of funds.

APPLICATION & SELECTION

Applications should be made in the prescribed form available at the Export Agriculture Division (6th floor), EDB or could be downloaded from the website: www.srilankabusiness.com under section "Announcements". Duly completed application forms should be sent by e-mail (inoka@edb.gov.lk) or registered post to reach the **Director/ Export Agriculture, EDB on or before 10th May, 2021.**

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MINISTRY OF TRADE

**SRI LANKA'S PARTICIPATION AT
HEALTH INGREDIENT (Hi) - JAPAN EXHIBITION,
TOKYO, JAPAN
FROM 16th TO 18th NOVEMBER 2021**

EDB will be organizing Sri Lanka's participation at Health Ingredient (Hi) - Japan exhibition scheduled to be held from 16th - 18th November 2021 at Tokyo Big Sight Exhibition Center.

Hi Japan is a global business platform that offers the opportunity to drive forward product development initiatives. Hi Japan has become the must-attend event for industry professionals focusing on Japan's thriving health food market and functional ingredients industry. Hi Japan 2019 featured around 600 exhibitors from 27 countries and has attracted nearly 40,000 visitors not only from nearby Asian countries such as China, Taiwan and South Korea but also from Oceanian, North America and Europe.

Japan is the birth place of functional ingredient industry, with its long tradition of enhancing food products to promote good health and also it is the world's largest functional food and supplements market, with more than 60% of the population using some form of supplements. This promising market continues to grow rapidly and key players from around the world are coming to Hi Japan to witness the ongoing evolution of the functional ingredient industry. The functional food, supplement and nutraceutical market in Japan is expected to grow dramatically in the coming years.

EXHIBITORS

Applications are invited from processors/exporters of following products manufactured adhering to international food standards and having capacity to cater to the international market.

- Functional Ingredients - Plant extracts, Essential oils, Spices & Concentrates,
- Natural Ingredients - Coconut kernel based products, Grains, Herbs, Tea Ingredients, Seaweed, dehydrated F&V, natural salt and plant proteins

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Web site: <http://www.srilankabusiness.com>**VACANCY****Manager – National Cricket Team****Responsibilities**

To attend to the following administrative responsibilities in order to comply with the SLC requirements.

- Explain and educate players of code of conduct / ethics and related matters.
- Overall responsibility of maintaining discipline of the entire squad
- Accurately complete and submit tour reports as per the guidelines.
- Accurately complete and submit payment schedules / player appearance charts of the players after two days completion of the tour to Finance.
- Maintaining of records pertaining to the distribution of equipment, clothing and provide same on time to the players prior to a tour.
- Follow up on visa / ticketing formalities with travel agent / relevant authorities
- Conduct Management meetings & to convene the Selection committee meetings on tour which would be Headed by the Team Manager
- Seek prior advice from the security consultant and on tour to take corrective actions to ensure the safety of the tour party. If there are persistent short falls report to Security Consultant or CEO to take necessary action

Skills

- A strong interest in sports and an awareness of the issues affecting sports
- A high degree of self-motivation and drive for change and improvement
- The ability to build and maintain effective relationships and communicate well with the squad members
- Effective planning, organizing and time management skills.
- The ability to work well in a team, in a dynamic and result orientated environment
- Strong team building capabilities and problem-solving skills

Qualifications and Experience

- Qualification in sports management or related discipline.
- 05 years working experience in a Managerial position OR in Sports Management
- Cricket playing experience in domestic / international level and/ or experience in sports administration will be an added advantage

An attractive and negotiable remuneration package with other fringe benefits will be offered based on qualifications, experience and competence

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**VACANCY****National Spin Bowling Coach****Purpose :**

The National Spin Bowling Coach will be responsible for assisting in the identification, development and preparation of spin bowling skills under the direction of the National Coaching Pathway throughout the Sri Lanka Cricket High Performance Structure.

The position will assist National Coaches and National Players in the identification of key spin bowling objectives that feed into Individual Player Development Plans (IPDP's) and will be responsible for monitoring progress against these objectives.

Principal Responsibilities :**Coaching**

- To prepare and deliver national spin bowling programmes catering all national High-Performance Programs.
- To provide support as an assistant coach on the various National programmes under the direction of Sri Lanka Cricket as required.
- To undertake one on one coaching of players in the Sri Lanka Cricket Player Pathway.
- Travel with Sri Lanka Cricket National teams on designated home and away tours as required.
- To observe Sri Lanka Cricket players in competitions where possible.
- To develop spin bowling objectives for inclusion in IPDP's.
- To monitor spin bowling objectives within IPDP's.
- To work with the Sri Lanka Cricket High Performance staff and assist in the selection of the spin bowlers for the various programmes.

Knowledge & Experience:

- To hold a current National / International Level 3 Coaching Qualification
- Has a personal track record of playing performance or management experience at International Cricket.
- An experienced technical coach, with experience and expertise working with National /Elite cricketers.
- Prepared to spend time coaching at all levels of Sri Lanka Cricket Player Pathway.
- Exceptional planning, coordination and organisational skills.
- Self-motivated with the ability to work independently or as part of a coaching team.
- High level interpersonal, written, and verbal communication and influencing skills.
- Strong general IT skills.
- Strong disciplinary skills.

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Winners of e-Swabhimani 2020, Digital Social Impact Awards announced

The 10th e-Swabhimani Digital Social Impact awards, organized by the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) was held recently at Hilton, Colombo, where 62 winners of 10 distinctive categories were awarded.

e-Swabhimani is the national digital social impact awards that raises the best of local talents, empowering them to reach global level and is committed to promote innovative and creative digital products with impact

whilst providing the due recognition.

MyBus-SL by National Transport Commission, CEB Assist Solutions by Ceylon Electricity Board, mmPro - Mining and Mineral Production Monitoring Solution by Aasa IT Solutions emerged victorious in the Government and Citizen Engagement category whilst E-Grama Niladhari by Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology Division, Ministry of Defense in collaboration with Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Pro-

vincial Councils & Local Government and Information Communication Technology Agency won the Merit award. Jurors' Distinction awards were presented to MISTOKYO by Embassy of Sri Lanka in Tokyo, Japan and COVID-19 Tracing Application by Arimac Lanka.

Among the nominees in the Smart Settlement and Urbanization category, CORSnet by Suleco (Pvt) Ltd won the Certificate of Appreciation and SI SocketX by Stephen Innovations (Pvt) Ltd won the Jurors' Distinction award.

Winners of the Youth category were Niftron by Niftron (Pvt) Ltd, E-Waste Lanka by Dilukshan Udayakumar, VirtualPT by Thaminu Heiyanthuduwa, Nikini Amarapala, Sathesh Ravindu, Vinura Gunathilaka, Sawanatha by Sawanatha (SLIIT Group) N.M.D.N Wijerathne, KWT Shyamalee & S.M. Senanayake and Speakopedia by Savani Kavishka De Silva. In addition to the above categories, awards were presented to the winners of Health and well-being, Learning and Education, Environment and Green Energy, Culture and Tourism, Business and Commerce, Inclusion and Digital Empowerment and Digital Entertainment categories.

Providing due support for fostering digital innovation and creating a digitally inclusive world, e-Swabhimani 2020 was sponsored by Huawei Technologies (Pvt) Ltd.



Some of the winners at the event

AnyTime unlimited internet from SLT-MOBITEL

SLT-MOBITEL, the National Telecommunications and Mobile Services Provider, is revolutionizing the market with an array of new Unlimited AnyTime internet packages for fixed line and mobile customers, including Pre-Paid and Post-Paid.

SLT-MOBITEL understands that customers have transformed the way they work, the lifestyle they lead and their demand for data is only set to increase. The Unlimited AnyTime internet packages are devised to cater to the diverse customer profiles ranging from, Digital Nomads, Business Professionals, Entrepreneurs and the retail sector.

All Pre-Paid and Post-Paid Mobile Broadband users can now enjoy an array of exciting plans priced according to their wants and needs. Both mobile and home broadband users

and aspirants too have the option of accessing unlimited internet packages based on bandwidth and period of validity, allowing them the freedom of affordable, unlimited data.

Customers currently using SLT 4G LTE, ADSL Home Broadband and Fiber packages are in for a treat with multiple packages priced according to preferred bandwidth being made available for them to transfer to, while new customers can make use of the promotions and offers on devices and data on offer during the promotional period.

Be it for gaming on the go, data for streaming, uploading, downloading, vlogging, blogging, or virtual reality SLT-MOBITEL's Unlimited AnyTime Data packages, customers will be able to use their devices without worrying about ever running out of

data, and not having to count the minutes to go online. These packages are designed to offer customers the highest quality experience, value and flexibility, propelling the country into the digital age. For more information on the best package for you, please visit www.slt.lk or www.mobitel.lk.

Sri Lanka Telecom PLC is the national Information and Communications Technology (ICT) solutions provider and the leading broadband and backbone infrastructure services provider in Sri Lanka for over 163 years. SLT enables opportunities that empower Sri Lankans and elevates the country's standing in the global arena.

SLT's transformation into a digital service provider has seen the Company move beyond telecommu-

nications services to provide a variety of services and solutions that cater to a digital lifestyle. Mobitel, the mobile arm of SLT launched the First Commercial 4.5G/4G+ Mobile Network in South Asia in 2018 and was the first network in South Asia to successfully showcase the deployment of 5G over a Mobile Network by connecting a commercial Mobile smartphone to its 5G network exceeding speeds of 1.55Gbps.

Mobitel has made great strides in recent years to expand its influence in NB-IoT, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Critical Communication technologies and solutions and has been adjudged as the Fastest LTE network in Sri Lanka for two consecutive years by Ookla, the global leader in internet speed and testing applications.

Softlogic IT partners with SLTC to facilitate laptop purchases for undergraduates



Chief Executive Officer and Director of Softlogic IT Roshan Rassool, Founder President and CEO of SLTC Ranjith Rubasinghe signs the MoU

Softlogic Information Technologies has joined forces with Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC), in a pioneering initiative to make laptop purchasing dreams of undergraduates a reality.

This ground breaking partnership enables over 1000 students of the 2021 intake of SLTC to purchase a brand new laptop at a special discounted price to continue their higher education.

Commenting on the tie up, Chief Executive Officer and Director Softlogic IT, Roshan Rassool said, "We are indeed proud to partner with SLTC to support fresh undergraduates who are stepping into higher education prospects. With this pioneering initiative, we expect to bridge the existing gaps in higher education by integrating new technology which we perceive is the need of the hour. As a socially responsible company, it is with great pleasure that we embark in this initiative to help students succeed in their higher education and achieve great milestones in life."

Digitalization has made way for the emergence of a highly sought after hybrid learning model which is embraced by top universities around the world. Today, the focus is on this highly convenient learning model that enables students to participate in both physical lectures as well as virtual lectures, deviating from the traditional learning experience. In this background, Softlogic IT-SLTC partnership will open up a world of opportunities for undergraduates to pursue their higher education aptly supported by technology.

"We are indeed happy to be partnering with Softlogic IT to empower our latest batch of undergraduates with access to laptops at discounted prices in making sure that each and every student has access to a new laptop. We are highly grateful for the support extended by Softlogic IT for the betterment of these students who hold the key for the future of the country. A laptop is indispensable for a student pursuing higher education especially today, where distance learning has come to stay for the long haul," said Eng. Ranjith G. Rubasinghe, Founder President and CEO of SLTC.

Hailed as a renowned higher education provider, SLTC, a leading non-state university in Sri Lanka specialises in Technology, Engineering, Business, Computing & IT, Music, Professional studies and postgraduate studies. SLTC being the first corporate powered, research based, residential university in Sri Lanka, is equipped with state of the art facilities including laboratories, study spaces that provide a favourable environment for higher education. With the focus of building a generation of innovation and excellence, SLTC deploys cutting edge teaching methodologies to provide high quality education which is on par with industry standards.

A subsidiary of Softlogic Holdings, Softlogic Information Technologies is a pioneer in IT and technology solutions and is the leading importer of ICT products to Sri Lanka. In the last 28 years, the company has been duly recognized for its outstanding performances at several awards events.

SLIIT Business School organizes 'Soft Skills + 2021'

The SLIIT Business School (SBS) organized a 'Soft Skills+ 2021' which concluded on a successful note recently helping students engage, cooperate and thrive in building their talents towards personal development and career progression.

SLIIT Soft Skills+ event is an annual flagship CSR Project of the SLIIT Business School organized with the primary objective of developing secondary school students' soft skills in positive thinking, creativity, analytical thinking, leadership skills, problem-solving skills, communication skills, and teamwork.

Over the years, the programme has garnered much popularity among schools and participants. Due to its tremendous success achieved in previous programmes, Soft Skills+ 2021 followed an upgraded structure. For the first time in the Soft Skills+ programme history, the event was held via online platforms, including a Soft Skills-based online quiz and an online workshop for students and teachers.

During the Grand Finale, Prof. Samantha Theliggoda, Dean of SLIIT Business School welcomed the participants and distinguished guests. Prof. Lalith Gamage, Vice Chancellor, SLIIT also addressed the gathering. Munazza Rafeek, Senior Brand Manager, Unilever PLC, a former SBS Alumni was the Chief Guest and delivered a thought provoking speech. Dr. Nisha Jayasooriya, Senior Lecturer, SLIIT Business School concluded the event delivering the vote of thanks.

Commenting on the conclusion of 2021 programme Prof. Samantha Theliggoda, Dean, SLIIT Business School said, "We are extremely pleased to have concluded Soft Skills+ 2021 on a successful note, especially since it was conducted via online platforms. The competitions encourage teams to come together to solve a problem or articulate an idea, challenge participants to combine disparate strengths and outlooks. Moreover, this programme recreates the world of work and presents students with opportunities to nurture vital soft skills."



Prof. Lalith Gamage



Munazza Rafeek

The event comprised three rounds and during the Grand Finale the winners were presented their awards. In first place was Badulla Central College, Badulla, followed by St. Bridget's Convent Colombo 07 in second place and Musaeus College, Colombo 07 was placed third.

Winners of the Most Popular Category were first place Maliyadeva Balika Vidyalaya, Kurunegala, second place Yasodara Devi Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Gampaha and third place Maliyadeva Boys' College, Kurunegala.

The winners were selected based on a quiz competition and a creative video activity. Certificates were awarded to the winners.

Other attractive prizes including laptop, tabs, portable hard drives and pen drives, which are extremely helpful for students these days in their online and remote learning, were also presented.

Several valuable workshops and sessions inculcating vital skills were conducted for the participants prior to the Grand Finale. These were conducted by experienced and knowledgeable resource persons.

LB Finance inks deal with DRP to fast track digital financial services

LB Finance, a leading non-banking financier, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department for Registration of Persons (DRP) in order to avail the services of DRP's online platform for verification of customer National Identification Card (NIC) numbers.

This is another progressive step the Company Bank has taken to expedite and strengthen the customer onboarding process to keep pace with Sri Lanka's fast evolving digital landscape.

The new arrangement will enable the Company to validate the NIC particulars furnished by the customers both in physical or digital form against the digital records maintained by the DRP and authenticate their accuracy, thus reducing the risk of identity frauds.

This initiative is facilitated by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as an interim solution for Financial Institutions to carry out non-face-to-face customer onboarding without com-



Exchanging the MoU at the DRP with Senior Officials of DRP and LB Finance in attendance

promising the KYC (Know Your Customer) requirements.

"DRP now functions within the Ministry of Technology, under the purview of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, has embarked upon the significant national initiative of issuing Unique Digital Identity to Sri Lankan citizens. The department hopes to start re-enrolling citizens to the new digital ID system by mid of next year, stated Viyani Gunathilaka, Commissioner General of DRP. Allowing identified key Financial Sector Institutions to access DRP's online platform

for NIC verification would act as an interim solution until the Digital ID is available to all citizens.

"The development is set to revamp the conventional customer onboarding process involving multiple forms of verification, and allow LB Finance to realize considerable efficiencies at the point of onboarding customers for its innovative Digital Financial Services "stated Bimal Perera, Deputy General Manager - Strategy & Digital Finance, LB Finance.

Company operates LB CIM (Cash-In-Mobile) an innovative digital wallet

cum bank account, its primary customer facing digital platform to extend vast array financial and other value added services to its diverse customer base.

LB CIM smart phone application is available for Android & iOS based devices. It comes in the form of two separate mobile Apps: 'CIM Customer App' & 'CIM Business App', to cater to the specific needs of customers and retail merchants. Company believes CIM's ultra-simple design gives it an advantage to become a truly inclusive digital payment solution to Sri Lankan masses.

Sri Lanka's Tech Startup programme opens for 2021 applications

Sri Lanka's apex Government body in driving the tech-startup ecosystem, the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) is now calling applications for its national startup initiative 'Spiralation' for the ninth year running.

The Spiralation series has so far supported more than 90 successful startups across multiple industry verticals - including health, finance, agriculture, education and logistics - and has generated more than 500 job opportunities.

The latest round, called as Spiralation 2021 Tech Startup Support Programme sets the stage for tech startups to be groomed by offering comprehensive technical and business training hosted by industry experts.

Founded in 2010, Spiralation,



Spiralation Cohort 2020

which acts as an incubator and accelerator program, aims to promote, encourage, and support tech startups and innovation within Sri Lanka with a 1.5 million grant for each startup in a cohort.

As a startup joins the Spiralation program, the grant will be split and presented according to its achieve-

ment of already set targets, based on predefined milestones. Startups will get continuous support from the resource pool throughout the incubation and acceleration period and beyond.

Spiralation also facilitates tech startups to access both local and international markets, provides

opportunities to attend international conferences, helps startups grow faster and scale their businesses.

Many tech startups that were supported by Spiralation are now successfully operating in fields such as quality education, agriculture, health and wellbeing, banking and financial services, fashion and apparel, and infrastructure.

To be eligible, applicable startups need to be listed in StartupSL Platform. New startups (registered or looking to register) can apply and also registered companies that are less than 3 years (calculated as of application date) in existence are also eligible. All applications should be submitted through the registration form in spiralation.com and applications submitted in any other method will not be accepted.

Huawei launches Service Carnival in Sri Lanka

Huawei, the global smartphone brand has launched the Huawei Service Carnival in Sri Lanka with a host of benefits that provide a better service experience.

Having started in April and running all the way till May 22, Huawei Service Carnival has in store a series of useful services such as repair discount coupons, 50GB free cloud storage for new Huawei Cloud users, free system upgrades and cleaning services and many more special deals - all offered

free of charge or at highly affordable prices.

Huawei device holders can participate in the Service Carnival by updating the Huawei Support app to the latest version. Once you open the updated app, you can click the banner displayed (Huawei Service Carnival), enter the page and tap the events to redeem the benefits.

Commenting on the ongoing Huawei Service Carnival, Peter Liu, Country

Head of Huawei Devices Sri Lanka said, "It is with great pleasure that we announce the Huawei Service Carnival for the year 2021 where our long standing customers get entitled to amazing benefits. Offering exciting benefits such as repair discounts, free system upgrades, cleaning services, cloud storage, the Service Carnival intends to fulfill most of the necessities of Huawei users, whilst ensuring that they can avail these services free of charge or

some services such as repairs at extremely lower prices. Huawei Service Carnival is an effort to pay gratitude to our long standing customers who have embraced our products and services and believed in our capabilities to offer user-friendly and upgraded digital solutions."

Apart from the benefits from new smartphones, Huawei offers a free repair discount coupon for selected devices which are out of warranty peri-

od and can be claimed at any of the Huawei Service centers located island wide. In addition, the users with older Huawei devices may visit Huawei Service centers during the Service Carnival and get their devices repaired at lower prices.

More benefits await as Huawei mobile cloud users who register for the cloud service for the first time can enjoy free 50GB cloud storage for 3 months.

System upgrades are essential to keep the smart devices running smoothly and random device cleaning is recommended. During the Huawei Service Carni-



val, customers who visit Huawei Service centers can obtain free system upgrades and get their devices cleaned free of charge. This offer is applicable for any of the Huawei smartphones or Tablets.

MOTOR

KIA unveils future of electric mobility with exhilarating EV6

Adrenalin pumping performance is coupled with guilt-free driving, ultra-fast charging and sleek good looks in an all-new electric vehicle internationally unveiled recently by Korean car-maker Kia.

Imagine accelerating from 0-100 kmph in just 5.2 seconds in the standard version and in an eye-watering 3.5 seconds in the GT version; a top speed of 260 kmph, zero emissions, 510 kms on a single charge in the long-range version, and a high-speed charge from 10 to 80 percent in just 18 minutes. Enter the Kia EV6 which goes on-sale in select global markets from the second half of 2021.

Described as "the embodiment of the new Kia" by Ho Sung Song, Kia's President and CEO, the EV6 represents the beginning of Kia's long-term commitment to sustainable mobility, accelerating the transition not only to clean transportation, but also products, materials and manufacturing. It is born to inspire every journey through bold design, progressive engineering, innovative technologies, and exciting electric performance.

The EV6 is the first dedicated battery electric vehicle (BEV) produced by Kia using the all-new Electric-Global Modular Platform (E-GMP), and forms the first part of Kia's transition to the new era of electrification under the new brand slogan 'Movement that inspires'. It also begins Kia's mid-to-long term strategy for BEVs, plug-in hybrid (PHEV) and hybrid electric (HEV) vehicles to make up 40 percent of Kia's total sales by 2030, with an annual sales target of 1.6 million units for these eco-friendly models.

"This is stimulating news for Kia fans in Sri Lanka, even though it is going to be a while before the EV6 arrives in this country, given the dynamics of the local automobile market," said Andrew Perera, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Kia Motors (Lanka). "What it does is to demonstrate what Kia is doing to take pole position in the new EV era, and gives motoring enthusiasts a glimpse of what is waiting for them, when import restrictions are lifted."

The EV6 was designed under Kia's new design philosophy 'Opposites United', which takes inspiration from the contrasts found in nature and humanity. At the center of the design philosophy is a new visual identity evoking positive forces and natural energy, with contrasting combinations of sharp stylistic elements and sculptural shapes. This is Kia's first electric vehicle to be available with two-wheel (2WD) or all-wheel drive (AWD) options – the latter offering enhanced dynamic capability in even the most challenging conditions.

The 2WD 77.4 kWh EV6 can travel over 510 kilometers (316 miles) on a single charge on the WLTP combined cycle. With a maximum 605 Nm torque available on the AWD version, the EV6 can accelerate from 0-to-100 km/h in just 5.2 seconds.

The GT version of EV6 demonstrates Kia's technological leadership through a combination of outstanding high-speed charging and acceleration performance like a super sports car. With Kia's dedicated EV platform, there is no need for compromise between inspiring spaciousness and performance.



McLarens Lubricants introduces Mobil Super 3000 for hybrid vehicles

McLarens Lubricants Limited recently launched the Mobil Super 3000 All-in-One Protection series in Sri Lanka, a synthetic motor oil product joining the existing Mobil Super 1000 and 2000 range in the market.

This launch proves to be a major shift in hybrid automotive care with the product providing a revolutionary All-In-One protection for all kinds of hybrid vehicles.

Mobil is a global leader in automotive lubricants, with over a century of experience with every kind of machinery imaginable, which led to the development of highly successful products like the ever-popular Mobil 1 motor oil. Mobil Super 3000 All-In-One Protection is formulated with Heat Activated Anti-Wear Molecule, which protect vehicles from high temperature wear while keeping the engine clean.

With this launch, for the first time in Sri Lanka, there is not a motor oil product that meets API SP and ILSAC GF-6A standards. Mobil Super 3000 All-In-One Protection exceeds the latest motor oil standards in order to deliver a superior fuel economy, better engine wear protection and cleanliness while reducing low speed pre-ignition damages in modern turbocharged engines.

The Mobil Super 3000 range is being launched with two viscosity grades. The first of which is a 0W-20 grade, which is most suitable for hybrid engines, whereas the 5W-30 grade on offer is suitable for both petrol and hybrid engines.

"Modern Engines prioritize performance. Performance that results in higher heat and higher stress levels, which are detrimental to its health" said Chaminda Gunaratne, Joint Managing Director McLarens Lubricants Limited, Automotive Division "Mobil Super 3000 All-In-One is the perfect solution with its heat-activated anti-wear molecules that protect your vehicle from high-temperature wear while keeping the engine clean."

ExxonMobil is the world's largest publicly traded international oil and gas company with operations across the world. The Mobil brand has been a world leader in lubrication technology for over a century, keeping home and industry running faultlessly. McLarens Lubricants is the sole agent for Mobil Lubricants in Sri Lanka and the Maldives.



HNB partners DIMO offers special leasing facilities for agricultural machinery

HNB partnered with leading automotive experts DIMO, one of Sri Lanka's leading conglomerates, to offer an exclusive range of leasing packages for tractors from Mahindra and Swaraj, as well as harvesters from CLASS and Lovol brands.

"Enhancing agricultural productivity in Sri Lanka is a key national priority. We are therefore delighted to renew our long-standing relationship with DIMO to offer our loyal customers in the agricultural sector with the access to the best equipment at the most competitive prices on the market," HNB Chief Credit Officer, Nirosh Perera said.

The partnership will provide customers with flexible repayment options, low interest rates and exclusive benefits until February 2022.

"DIMO prides itself on being the perfect partner, and in that regard we have a strong alignment with HNB. Our status as the sole distributors of world renowned agri-machinery brands enables agri-entrepreneurs to gain access to state-of-the-art equipment and an unmatched aftersales service. This will provide valuable support to ongoing efforts to rejuvenate Sri Lankan agricul-



DIMO Retail, Assistant Manager- Business Support, Ruwan Wickramasinghe, DIMO Head of Agri Machinery, Amila De Silva, DIMO Retail, General Manager Business Support, Asela Ratnayake, DIMO Retail, Chief Operating Officer, Viranga Wickramaratne, DIMO Chief Marketing Officer, Asanga Ranasinghe, DIMO Group CEO, Gahanath Pandithage, HNB Chief Credit Officer, Nirosh Perera, HNB Head of Micro Finance, Vinodh Fernando, HNB Head of Leasing, Niluka Amarasinghe, HNB Assistant Manager Leasing, Roshan De Silva and HNB Business Development Executive Leasing, Mahesh Ratnayake.

ture," DIMO Group CEO, Gahanath Pandithage said.

Notably, DIMO customers that come to HNB Leasing will be entitled to a Prestige Prime credit card which provides access to exclusive discounts on automobile products,

servicing, spare parts, tyres and batteries across HNB's merchant partner network. The bank will waive off the first year annual fee for the card.

DIMO will also offer customers purchasing Mahindra and Swaraj tractors a two year

warranty in addition to a free farmers' kit, oil filters for two years and three services. Additionally, DIMO will also offer prospective owners of CLAAS and Lovol harvesters with three free services and warranties of one year and six months respectively.

ComBank 'Leasing Vaaré' returns to offer special rates on vehicle leases

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has announced the much-awaited return of its 'Leasing Vaaré' promotion during which buyers of vehicles can enjoy lower interest rates and affordable lease rentals on new automobiles as well as on trade-ins.

Coupled with special offers of selected reputed vehicle dealers, Commercial Bank's Leasing Vaaré will run until 30th June 2021. In addition to the reduced interest rates, customers can benefit from tailor-made leasing options to suit individual income patterns, including the Bank's Super Leasing and Hybrid Leasing facilities during this three month promotion, the Bank said.

The Bank's Super Leasing facility enables customers to purchase high-end vehicles at lower rentals, while offering easy repayment facilities and lower early settlement fees. The Hybrid Leasing facility also provides customers a means to purchase high-end vehicles at lower rentals, and does so by

enabling the customer to pay half the standard rental during the first year, the standard rental for the rest of the lease period, and the balance amount as the last rental. This facility also offers an easy repayment scheme and enables customers to extend the lease tenure by an additional two years to repay the balance amount.

This is Commercial Bank's fifth Leasing Vaaré promotion. The promotion has been conducted periodically to provide aspiring vehicle owners and those looking to upgrade their rides with affordable lease rentals complemented by lower interest rates, whilst enhancing the position of the Bank in the leasing market.

As the pioneer in providing best leasing solutions to its leasing customers, Commercial Bank has partnered with many reputed vendors during the Leasing Vaaré promotion. These include a partnership with Associated Motorways (Private) Limited (AMW) to offer attractive leasing packages



to trade-in existing vehicles, special rental rates on purchases of New Holland tractors and other agricultural vehicles; and joint promotions with Ideal Motors and Unimo Enterprises for concessions on the lease rentals of locally assembled vehicles, especially SUVs.

The first Sri Lankan bank to be listed among the Top 1000 Banks of the World and the only Sri Lankan bank to be so listed for

10 years consecutively, Commercial Bank operates a network of 268 branches and 890 ATMs in Sri Lanka.

Commercial Bank's overseas operations encompass Bangladesh, where the Bank operates 19 outlets; Myanmar, where it has a Microfinance company in Nay Pyi Taw; and the Maldives, where the Bank has a fully-pledged Tier I Bank with a majority stake.

Seylan Bank partners Indra Traders to offer leasing solutions

Seylan Bank recently announced its partnership with local automotive provider, Indra Traders, to offer exclusive leasing solutions and benefits for all registered and unregistered vehicles.

The partnership will allow eligible customers to purchase a vehicle with special interest rates, free vehicle registration, and discounted insurance premiums. Seylan Bank is streamlining its leasing services to offer convenient and hassle-free leasing solutions, enabling customers to own a vehicle within a day.

Seylan Bank is committed to facilitating convenient leasing facilities and is ready to provide customized leasing structures to suit the consumer's spending capacity with minimum documentation.

These options are uniquely structured to help SMEs and consumers looking for opportunities to own their dream vehicle.



Seylan Bank and Indra Traders exchange the partnership

Toyota's 'bZ' buzz is for full electric subbrand

Toyota's new bZ subbrand shows the automaker has been busy with electric vehicles after all, complete with its own design language, platform and power train.

The automaker announced plans last week in Shanghai ahead of the auto show for a line of bZ-badged EVs, starting with the bZ4X Concept. The compact crossover kicks off Toyota's scramble to catch the pack of rivals sprinting out of the blocks in the global EV race. When the futuristically styled electric utility vehicle goes on sale by mid-2022, it will be competing against the Volkswagen ID4, Kia EV6, Ford Mach-E and Tesla Model Y.

Although Toyota Motor Corp. is late to the game, it has been working on an EV portfolio for years. The Japanese automaker even previewed the lineup in 2019, outlining the technology behind the electric drive trains and teasing a new unified design language for the entire vehicle family.

The looks of the bZ4X cleave very close to a crossover mock-up that was unveiled alongside a slew of other EV models at that time, including a large SUV, small crossover, minivan, sedan and compact car. Toyota says six more bZ entries — likely realizations of those other concepts — will come to market as part of its bid to deliver a global portfolio of 15 dedicated electric vehicles.



Among those future offerings will be a pickup, in both hybrid and full-electric versions.

The bZ4X will be produced in Japan and China and sold worldwide. U.S. plans were not detailed.

The vehicle was jointly developed with Subaru, which is 20 percent owned by Toyota. The crossover is the first vehicle built on Toyota's new e-TNGA dedicated electric vehicle platform and leverages Subaru's all-wheel-drive technology.

Toyota's future EVs are being developed at a new unit called the ZEV Factory, short for zero-emission vehicle. The EV architecture divides the car into modules, for the front, cent-

er, rear, battery and motor. The idea is to mix and match these building blocks into different body types.

The approach supports rear-, front- and all-wheel-drive layouts, as well as battery packs ranging from 50 kilowatt-hours to 100 kWh. The batteries will be mated to two types of motors, small or medium. Motor output is expected to range from 80 to 150 kilowatts.

The bZ name comes from "Beyond Zero," Toyota's catchphrase for its 2050 ambition to achieve carbon neutrality and have a net-positive impact on the global ecosystem and society.

(Automotive News)

Bajaj Genuine Parts launches 'Parts Dala Dinanna' raffle draw

An exclusive raffle draw titled 'Parts Dala Dinanna Bajaj Genuine Parts Cash Back' for Bajaj Genuine Spare Parts customers was launched by David Pieris Motor Company (Private) Limited, recently. The raffle draw is active from March 22 to May 31.

Customers who purchase Bajaj Genuine Parts for the value of Rs. 2,500 or more from DPMC Spare Parts Outlets and its dealers are eligible for this draw. To enter the draw, customers are required to WhatsApp a picture of the bill along with their name, address and ID number. Fifteen winners will be drawn weekly and will have their bills reimbursed.

All customers who qualify for the weekly draw will be eligible for the grand draw too, which will be held in June.

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**NATIONAL HOSPITAL OF SRI LANKA
- COLOMBO 10**

Purchase of Office Equipment

Quotations are invited for purchase of Office Equipment mentioned below to the Bio-Chemistry Lab of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka.

	Item	Qty
1	Laboratory Benches with water proof tops, with lockable wheels	20
2	Work tables with water proof tops, with lockable wheels	12
3	Cupboards with lockable wheels, insertable under benches	20
4	Reception tables with water proof tops, with lockable wheels	4
5	Corner curved reception table	1
6	Reception table	1

Eligible manufacturers, registered institutions and individuals could submit applications for this purpose. Bid applications with relevant conditions could be obtained up to 3.00 p.m. on 20.05.2021 from the Supplies Division of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka after paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00 to the Shroff of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka.

Quotations will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 21.05.2021 at the Chief Accountants Office of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka.

**Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
National Hospital of Sri Lanka,
Colombo 10.**

**Auction Sale of Unredeemed
Pawned Articles**

Gold articles pawned with Citizens Development Business Finance PLC at the under mentioned branches / service centers and not redeemed, will be sold at No.123, Orabipasha Mw. Colombo 10 at 9.30 a.m each day under mentioned.

Pawned upto	Not Redeemed prior to	Auction Date
2020/01/10	2020/10/31	2021/05/17

Branches / Service Centers - Auhgama, Anbelangoda, Ansera, Anuradhapura, Avissawella, Badulla, Bandaravala, Battaramulla, Batticaloa, Boralesgamuwa, Chilaw, Dambulla, Dehiwala, Eheliyagoda, Elakanda, Embilipitiya, Gale, Gampaha, Ginulla, Head Office, Horana, Je-ela, Jaffna, Kaduwela, Kuduwela, Kalkara, Kandana, Kandy, Katugastota, Kaggalle, Kelaniya, Koochikade, Kotahena, Kottawa, Kuliapitiya, Kurunegala, Kuruvita, Mahara, Maharagama, Mahiyanganaya, Malabe, Marawila, Matale, Matara, Matugama, Mawathagama, Miruwangoda, Moratuwa, Narammala, Negombo, Nikaweratiya, Nitambawa, Nugegoda, Nuwara Eliya, Panadura, Pelmadulla, Piliyandara, Ragama, Rajagiriya, Ratmalana, Ratnapura, Thalawagoda, Tissamaharama, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Waskapola, Wariyapola, Wattala, Welisawata, Wernappuwa

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**STATE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL
SECURITY AND DISASTER
MANAGEMENT
NATIONAL BUILDING RESEARCH
ORGANISATION (NBRO)
PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

Supply of Security Services - 2021/2022

(01) The Chairman, Procurement Committee of National Building Research Organisation invites eligible Service Providers to bid for the supply of Security Services for the Year 2021/2022.

Bid Number	Description	Bid Security
NBRO/AD/2021/160 (III)	Supply of Security Services	Rs. 15,000/=

(02) Bid document can be downloaded from the NBRO Website (www.nbro.gov.lk) up to 25th May 2021.

(03) The bid closing time will be 14.00 hrs on 25th May 2021. Bids will be opened right after the closing of bids and the bidder or his/her authorized representative/s allowed to be present at the bid opening.

(04) Further information could be obtained from the Actg. Director / Administration over Tel : 011-2588946 Ext 613 during working days between 9.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
National Building Research Organization,
99/1, Jawatta Road,
Colombo 05.**

North Western Provincial Council



Department of Ayurveda

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, **Department of Ayurveda**, North Western Province invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for construction works as given in the table.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). "Since the Total Cost Estimate of this Procurement is below Rs. 50 Mn, regional preference and CIDA Grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(ii)".
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements of CIDA Registration.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include : Technical, Financial, Legal and other requirements included in the Bidding Document.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Ayurveda Commissioner, Department of Ayurveda, Colombo Road, Kurunegala Telephone and Fax - 0372228408 / 0372228407 and email : ayurvedanwp@gmail.com and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below.
Accounts Branch, Department of Ayurveda, Colombo Road, Kurunegala.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Ayurveda Commissioner, Department of Ayurveda, Colombo Road, Kurunegala from 29th April 2021 until 20th May 2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable fee as indicated in the table below. The method of payment will be in cash.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on 10th May 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the Department of Ayurveda, Colombo Road, Kurunegala.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address : **"The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Department of Ayurveda, Colombo Road, Kurunegala"** on or before **21st May 2021 at 2.00 p.m.** Late Bids will be rejected. Tender Box will be kept at the Accounts Branch of the Department of Ayurveda, Colombo Road, Kurunegala. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 7th August 2021 (77 Days from Bid Closing Date).
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security", for the value indicated in the Table. Bid Security will be valid up to 06th September 2021.

Serial No.	Bid Code	Title of Contract	Engineering Division	Required CIDA Grade (Buildings)	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Non Refundable (Rs.)
1	21/AYU/PWNCB/PSDG-01/Nika	Renovation of Ayurvedic Central Dispensary, Nikaweratiya.	Wariyapola	C9 and C8	20,000.00	2,000.00
2	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-02/Kuru/285-43	Demolish the Quarters Building at (285/43) Ayurveda Hospital, Kurunegala	Kurunegala	C9 and C8	10,000.00	2,000.00
3	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-03/Kuru/w02	Renovation of Ward No. 02 in Kurunegala Ayurveda Hospital	Kurunegala	C9 and C8	20,000.00	2,000.00
4	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-04/Kuru/w10	Renovation of Ward No. 10 and OPD Toilet in Ayurveda Hospital Kurunegala	Kurunegala	C8 and C7	30,000.00	2,000.00
5	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-05/Kuru/mtrn	Air-Conditioning Matron Office and Lab in Kurunegala Ayurvedic Hospital	Kurunegala	C9 and C8	20,000.00	2,000.00
6	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-06/Kuru/drg	Improvement of Manufacturing Unit in Kurunegala Ayurvedic Hospital (2nd Stage)	Kurunegala	C9 and C8	30,000.00	2,000.00
7	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-07/Meeg	Renovation of Meegalewa Ayurvedic Central Dispensary	Maho	C9 and C8	25,000.00	2,000.00
8	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-08/Amba	Renovation of Ambanpola Ayurvedic Hospital	Maho	C8 and C7	30,000.00	2,000.00
9	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-09/Doda	Renovation of Dodamgaslanda Ayurvedic Hospital	Rideegama	C9 and C8	30,000.00	2,000.00
10	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-10/Nara	Renovation of Narammala Ayurvedic Hospital	Kurunegala	C8 and C7	40,000.00	2,000.00
11	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-11/Putt	Demolish the Old Building in Puttalam Ayurvedic Hospital	Puttalam	C8 and C7	10,000.00	2,000.00
12	21/AYU/WNCB/PSDG-12/Kuru/Admin	Construction of Admin Unit for Ayurveda Commissioner Office and Kurunegala Ayurvedic Hospital (4th Stage)	Kurunegala	C6 and C5	250,000.00	5,000.00

INVITATION FOR BIDS

**PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SOUTHERN PROVINCE**

Procurement of IT related equipment and furniture to empower Provincial and Zonal Information Technology Centres.

01. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Provincial Director of Southern Provincial Department of Education invites sealed bids from qualified and eligible bidders for the supply, delivery and installation of IT related equipment and furniture for the empowerment of Information Technology Centres as described below.

Group No.	Item No.	Description	Quantity	Bid Security amount valid up to 20.08.2021 (SLR.)
A	1	Desktop Computers	52	78,000/=
	2	UPS	55	3,000/=
	3	Photocopy Machines	01	3,000/=
	4	Laptop Computers	01	2,000/=
	5	Smart Board with all accessories	02	9,000/=
	6	Multimedia Projectors	02	2,000/=
	7	Fax machines	01	1,000/=
	8	T.V.	01	2,000/=
B	9	Furniture	9.1 Computer Chairs - 142 9.2 Cushion /office staff chairs - 24 9.3 L shape executive tables - 2 9.4 Office staff tables 09 9.5 Filing cupboards - 04 9.6 Waiting lobby chairs - 20 9.7 Executive chairs - 10 9.8 Teachers Tables - 03 9.9 Auditorium chairs - 50 9.10 Cupboards with small drawers 4	30,000/=

02. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.

03. Interested eligible bidders could obtain further information from the Chief Accountant of Southern Provincial Department of Education and inspect the bidding documents at the following address from 29.04.2021 to 18.05.2021 during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

04. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the following address and upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2500/= up to 18.05.2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Payments should be made in cash only.

05. Bids should be delivered to the following address before 2.30 p.m. on 19.05.2021. Bids received late will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 19.05.2021 at the following address in the presence of the Bidders or their duly authorized representatives. All bids should be accompanied with a bid security relevant to the group number.

06. All bids should be valid for a period of 60 days from the last date of receiving bids and a bid security obtained for the amount given in the above table in favour of the Provincial Director of Southern Provincial Department of Education from a reputed commercial bank and valid up to 20.08.2021 or else cash payment should be made to the Shroff of Southern Provincial Department of Education and a photocopy of the receipt obtained for same should be attached to the Bid.

07. Further details could be obtained from Chief Accountant / Accountant of Southern Provincial Department of Education.

**Southern Provincial Director of Education,
Southern Provincial Department of Education,
Upper Dickson Road, Galle.
29.04.2021.**

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Glit Chat

ENERGIZE, EMPOWER and ELEVATE THEM

RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

Beautiful, elegant, intelligent, compassionate and gracious are the terms which have been chosen to introduce her to the world. Indeed Miss Sri Lanka Australia 2020 Subani Jayasinghe lives up to these words. The 27-year-old beauty with a Sri Lankan lineage who hails from Melbourne, Australia, emerged as the winner at the renowned beauty pageant which was held on an online platform due to the pandemic.

"That was the most challenging part of the whole event. This has never happened before in the history of pageants, so contestants and the organizers of Miss Sri Lanka Australia and Miss South Asia Australia- Dilkie Perera, Savindhi Jain and Vishni Perera- Jainudeen adapted very well and hosted an outstanding 'virtual pageant'," she said adding that though it was done virtually, it was an amazing and memorable experience for all those who took part.

"Since it was held online, I did not get to meet a single contestant in person until recently when we had a get together just for the Melbourne contestants. We were all coming together from different parts of Australia, such as Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia and I was competing from Melbourne, Victoria. But we all grew remarkably close having never met before and I found that to be amazing. All the girls I met through this contest had outstanding personalities and I am so glad to have met all of them. Hopefully, we will get to meet in person soon at the red-carpet event due at end of this year," Subani enthused.

Life has been quite different for Subani since winning the pageant. Opportunities for modeling flooded in with the exposure she got through the pageant.

"It is quite hectic juggling between work and making time for photo shoots and other modeling projects, but I am enjoying it very much," she said.

She says that the decision to take part in Miss Sri Lanka Australia was quite a spontaneous one. She has always entertained the idea of taking part in a beauty pageant since she was a little girl.

"I remember dressing up like a beauty queen in my mom's long dresses and doing the catwalk around my room waving my hand in the air. However, my dreams took a back seat as time went by with studies taking the

highest place in my list of priorities. I ended up moving to Australia for my higher education. Last year during the COVID-19 lockdown I came across the news that Miss Sri Lanka Australia is taking applications and since I had completed my studies and had some time to invest on something else, I decided to finally give my dreams a go," she recalled on how she decided to apply for the beauty pageant.

She notes that the hard work and dedication that goes behind what you see as a glamorous event on the outside took her by surprise. She had never imagined that putting together an event of this nature demanded such commitment.

"I signed up to the competition hoping to win, of course. But once I met the other girls, I knew it is going to be a tough competition. So, you can imagine my surprise when they announced that I have won the competition. But I guess at the end of the day, we are all winners as there was so much to take home from this pageant, in terms of knowledge and experience. We were trained by top models who have walked international runways, public speaking coaches and other incredible women in the industry who had much to share from their experience," she pointed out.

Recalling some of the highlights of the competition Subani noted that the jury had questioned her on why her culture is important to her. Her answer had been that moving away from Sri Lanka to Australia not only made her miss home but also the beautiful island rich with an amazing heritage and a culture.

She said, "In Sri Lanka you'll find the most hospitable people, I assure you, you'll never leave a home without a steaming cup of tea and a new friendship. What I'm wearing today is called the 'Osariya' it's six yards of pure elegance wrapped in a beauty pattern."

Although I am wearing just the one today, we Lankan ladies wear seven on these exquisite long necklaces - especially on our wedding day with beautiful patterns of swans and florals which symbolises purity, beauty and the auspicious. This beautiful outfit does not just represent how beautiful our Sri Lankan ladies dress, but also the pride and meaning it carries speaks for itself. What inspired me to take part in this pageant is the opportunity it gives me to be a part of the south Asian communities here in Australia, and to have and to use the platform I create through this to promote self-love - something most young people need to embrace before we all become victims of overwhelming

social media benchmarks. I hope this opportunity is the beginning of many more..."

Raised in a single parent household, Subani is the only child of Shamalee Jayakody who currently resides in the US. Subani spent most of her childhood with her grandparents in Rathnapura. A product of Lyceum International School, Rathnapura, she later moved to Colombo for her Advanced Levels.

"My mom and my grandparents are my rock. They are the reason I am who I am today. All credits go to them and right now I miss them very much because I have not had a chance to visit them since the beginning of the pandemic," she said with a note of emotion adding that she is counting days till she can visit Sri Lanka again.

"I have not been in Sri Lanka since 2017. I was planning to travel last year but everything had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. I love everything about Sri Lanka. It is indeed a paradise when you think about it. I am a huge beach lover so that is where I will spend most of my time next time I am there. I am also looking forward to experiencing the Lankan wildlife by traveling to wildlife sanctuaries such as Yala, Kumana and Udawalawa," she added.

Queried about her beauty mantra and Subani says that she does not have a 10-step skin care routine or a 'beauty routine'.

"But I do have a daily routine. I make sure to get at least eight hours of sleep daily in spite of how early I have to wake up. Planning your day ahead is the key. I try to eat healthy as much as possible. Stay out of sugars and processed food. But there is the occasional Maccas run I am not going to lie. When it comes to skin care, less is more, and I feel it is what you consume internally more than what you apply on the outside that derives results, so eat healthy," she opined.

She says that she appreciates criticism as long as it is constructive criticism.

"We are not always perfect, at least I am not, and can learn a thing or two from someone who wants to see us progress. But destructive criticism is a whole different story, my way is to ignore, because such negative behaviors do not deserve my time or attention," she said.

She intends to use her title to empower South Asian women and communities in Australia through platforms such as by being member of Committee for Sri Lanka, an Organisation representing South Asian communities and empowering young leaders.

"COVID-19 restrictions have hindered my ability to actively take on such work however with easing restrictions I'll be more actively working with the South Asian Communities in the future. Further, I intend to use my voice to advocate self-love and kindness, qualities that are slowly diluting in the modern day and age," Subani expressed.

Australia is still under moderate COVID-19 restrictions yet amid those guidelines Subani is working on some projects relating to entertainment industry in Australia these days. Those will be published in the near future.

"With regards to Committee for Sri Lanka, we organized and exciting cultural event which was held on April 25 with the Sinhala and Tamil New Year in mind. The intention was to bring together diverse cultures Australia is well known for. The idea was to raise awareness of different cultures and to appreciate and celebrate that difference together," she said.



Short questions

- Your friends normally describe you as:** a warm, friendly, and understanding person.
- Favourite place to go on vacation:** Sri Lanka, or anywhere with a turquoise beach and a warm breeze.
- Three things that are in your handbag:** Apart from all the essentials of course, are my headphones, a lip balm and a snack or chocolate.
- Favorite comfort food:** It has to be Sri Lankan milk rice but I love a good cheesy pizza too.
- Best beauty tip you would give to another girl:** Get your eight hours of sleep and practice kindness.
- Passions:** I enjoy cooking and baking. I think that is my passion and hobby too. I also love designing clothes and am in the process of learning more on that as well.
- Style mantra:** 'Simple is elegant', and 'dress for yourself'
- First celebrity crush:** Bollywood actor Shahid Kapoor. I am still a huge fan.
- I would like to be remembered some day as:** As someone who is helping and being there for people, as a woman who stood up for the right and against the wrong and proved kindness can move mountains.



At the Melbourne contestants get-together



With some of the other Melbourne contestants

Her goal is to continue to actively participate in empowering and creating change in the South Asian communities in Australia with the help of people like Savindhi Perera, Vishni Perera- Jainudeen and Dilkie Perera who are the organizers of the pageants and are heavily involved in community activities and leadership.

"If you know you have something in you that you want to take to the world, be it an amazing talent or positive change you want to spread, if you want to grow out of your comfort zone, want a platform to be heard, be empowered this is a good place to begin that journey," are her words of wisdom to other youth living abroad who wish to showcase their skills in competitions of this nature.



At the Cultural event which was held to mark the Sinhala and Tamil New Year



Art Gallery



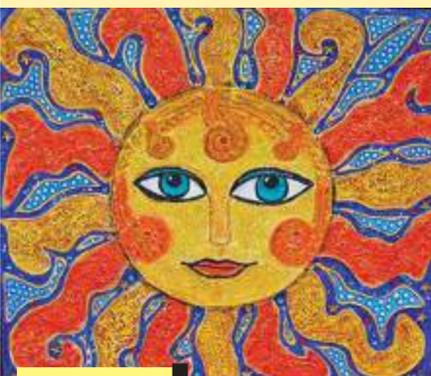
A bowl of fruits

Dinushka Weerasinghe, Grade 6, Oxford International College, Badulla



At the seaside

Kinara de Mel, Grade 5, Rippon College, Galle



The sun

Lihini Basnayake, Grade 8, Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy

FLOWERS



Flowers are a part of nature. They make our environment beautiful, fragrant and colourful. Flowers are a gift of nature for man and animals and they give us fruits and help in pollination. Without flowers our environment will be dull and boring. Flowers are important to us on every occasion such as weddings, funerals and birthdays. Some flowers are used as medicine, food and even as insect repellants.

Flowers are the livelihood and business of some people. Therefore, flowers bring income and create employment opportunities as well. Bees, butterflies and other insects need flowers for their survival. Flowers are an important part of our lives.

K. Yureni Pabasara Perea, Grade 8H, Sri Rahula Balika Vidyalaya, Malabe

A GOOD FRIEND



Friends are a most important relationship in one's life. Friends are trustworthy people with whom we can share all our secrets. A true friend is one who we can trust and will be honest with others. A friend should be loyal to the people who care about him/her. A friend should be a good lis-

tener. Whenever you need help or support, a good friend should be always there. He or she should never betray you in any way or talk about you behind your back. A friend can help you celebrate in good times and provide support during bad times.

Raima Rizan, Grade 6, Gateway College, Ratmalana

Battle against CORONAVIRUS

Due to the prevailing situation of the Covid-19 pandemic, all the authorities are going to great measures to minimize the damage done by this nasty virus to peoples' daily lives. Schools are open amid this appalling condition. There are many adverse effects as well as beneficial things that can arise due to that tough decision. Some silly people are not much concerned about the truth about the pandemic. They do not pay much attention to what the health authorities have advised but roam about and flock together. If we want to protect our lives from this deadly

attack, we must accept the importance of following health guidelines. Due to our careless attitudes a third wave of this virus which is more deadly than the first and second one, has raised its ugly head. If you are unable to think about your own safety, please

think of us and our future. We too would like to outdoors and play freely. We need to go to school and learn. We would like to spend time with our friends. All this is possible only if we eradicate coronavirus from our motherland. So please help us to lead the beautiful childhood you did. Follow hygiene methods, stay at home as much as possible, maintain social distancing and be with your family members. It is just a matter of time and if we follow these safety rules accurately for a some time, we can enjoy life to the fullest again.

Hansini Fernando, Grade 7, Musaeus College, Colombo



My FAVOURITE GAME



My favourite game is football as it is a world famous game. Football is popular as an outdoor game. It is also known as soccer.

This game is normally played by two teams of 11 players. The rule of this game is you cannot use your hands to play. Players of each team should try to get a goal against the other team. This game is most popular in Europe. One day I want to be a footballer.

Sandul Yasaratne, Grade 8, St. Thomas' International College, Seeduwa

Annual Prize Giving ceremony

OLUMUDEEN KIYAS, Kinniya Central Corr

The annual prize-giving ceremony of Tambalagamuwa Division Pre Schools, Trincomalee, was held at the Eachcha Nagar Cultural Hall, Tambalagamuwa. The students displayed their talents with colourful items at the event.

The Chief Guest was MP M S Thowfeek. Former Provincial Council Members R M Anwar and M A Lahir were Special Guests. Kinniya Predheshiya Sabha Chairman M Sanoos, former Chairman of Kinniya Urban Council, Dr Hilmi Maharoof, parents and well wishers were also present.



STAY CLEAN, STAY HEALTHY

Text and pictures by M U M SANON, Puttalam TKN Corr

Muslim Women Development Trust in Puttalam has given Rs 511,175 worth hygiene kits to 15 Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim schools, five MOHs and 30 clinical centers in Puttalam District using the fund of USAID (MSI) during the pandemic. Each package included masks, gloves, Dettol, sanitizers, wash basin, hand wash liquid and soap. These were given to Puttalam, Nathandiya, Mundal, Kalpitty and Wanaththivillu MOHs. Eight clinic centers under the division of Puttalam MOH, four centers in Wanaththivillu, seven centers in Mundal, three centers in Nathandiya, eight centers in Kalpitty also got these packages.



Online schooling

My microphone isn't working, And my ears are always aching, Because the teacher keeps on shouting. They tell me my mic's always muting, Always I have to tell them, it's not even working. And when I tell them to join the meeting, They say, "I hate online schooling". Oh! This is so annoying, I would love to see this phone burning,

But of course, not my gaming, It was better than anything. But very soon, school will be opening, I know that my friends will be waiting, For me to come and be studying, And of course, together we will be playing.

Joshua

Segarajasinghe, 13 years,

St. Peter's College, Colombo 4



OSCARS 2021

ICONIC RED CARPET LOOKS

Most awards ceremonies have gone without a red carpet in the last year, for the quite understandable reason that there would be no guests to walk down it.

But then came Sunday's Oscars - the pinnacle of awards season; the biggest night in the entertainment calendar - where nominees were encouraged to turn up in person if they could, rather than dial in virtually.

The resulting red carpet gave us elegance, flamboyance, and an explosion of colour. Here are some of the biggest and best looks from the 93rd Academy Awards.

BBC

CELESTE - THE HEART STEALER

Celeste, the British singer, was nominated in the best original song category for 'Hear My Voice', from 'The Trial of the Chicago 7'. Celeste walked the red carpet holding an anatomical red heart purse, supplied by Gucci (rather than a real human). However, she lost out on the award to H.E.R.'s 'Fight For You', from 'Judas and the Black Messiah'.



REGINA KING

Regina King is no stranger to the Oscars, having won best supporting actress two years ago for her performance in 'If Beale Street Could Talk'.

This year, she returned to the Academy Awards not as an actress, but as the director of 'One Night In Miami', which had three nominations.

The film may have gone home empty-handed, but in the absence of a host, King was chosen to open the ceremony. She welcomed viewers and went on to present the first two categories for best original and adapted screenplay.

On the red carpet, King wore a custom, pale-blue Louis Vuitton gown with bedazzled pleating and bold 1980s-style shoulders.



EMERALD FENNELL

British director Emerald Fennell famously shot 'Promising Young Woman' while she was seven months pregnant. The movie, which scored five Oscar nominations, was filmed over just 23 days back in 2019. Two years on, Fennell found herself walking the red carpet at Sunday's Academy Awards - this time pregnant with her second child. Fennell looked beautiful in a voluminous floral Gucci gown, which was pink in places, but mostly green (perhaps a reference to her own first name).



MARGOT ROBBIE

Robbie was in Chanel and a new haircut at this year's awards. She was a producer on 'Promising Young Woman'.

HALLE BERRY

It was a Dolce & Gabbana purple gown for Berry this year, with a new bob haircut.



'NOMADLAND' strikes gold!

'Nomadland,' a recession-era tale about a community of van dwellers in the American West, won the Oscar for best picture on Sunday.

The film stars Frances McDormand as a widow in a depressed Nevada mining town who turns her van into a mobile home and sets out on the road, taking seasonal jobs and making friends along the way. McDormand won her third Oscar for 'Nomadland,' cementing her reputation as one of the best actresses of her generation.

McDormand's win makes her a member of an elite club that includes Meryl Streep, Daniel Day Lewis and Jack Nicholson as the winners of three acting Oscars. The late Katharine Hepburn won a record four.

Some of the main awards as follows:

Best Actor: Anthony Hopkins, The Father

Best Actress: Frances McDormand, Nomadland

Best Director: Chloé Zhao, Nomadland

Best Supporting Actress: Yuh-Jung Yoon, Minari

Best Supporting Actor: Daniel Kaluuya, Judas and the Black Messiah

Best International Feature: Another Round

Best Animated Feature: Soul

Best Documentary Feature: My Octopus Teacher

Best Original Song: "Fight for You," Judas and the Black Messiah

Best Original Screenplay: Promising Young Woman

Best Adapted Screenplay: The Father

Best Cinematography: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

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"We're not doing best out of 17. You lost fair and square."

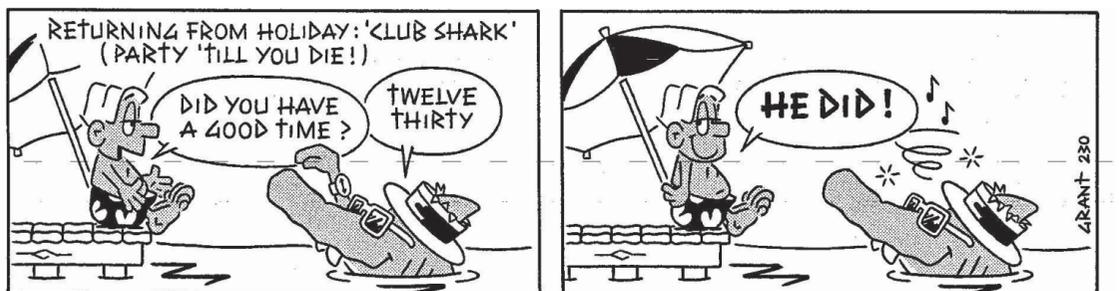
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Found Momma's last nerve! It's right here!

Meet the new magical skincare ingredient!



The process of skin ageing and how to slow it down has been the focus of dermatological research for decades. Be it retinol, vitamin c, peptides, vitamin B3 or alpha hydroxyl acids, skincare products and treatments have over the years embraced a series of prominent ingredients considered crucial to slowing down the aging process. Hyaluronic acid is the latest skincare elixir to have caught the imagination of the skincare industry as well as consumers at large. From night creams to anti-ageing serums, hyaluronic acid is everywhere today.

Defining hyaluronic acid

Hyaluronic acid is a substance that is naturally present in the human body. It is found in the highest concentrations in fluids in the eyes and joints. The hyaluronic acid that is used as medicine is extracted from rooster combs or made by bacteria in the laboratory.

Importance to maintain beauty

The HA within our bodies holds a thousand times its weight in water to not only retain all that moisture in our skin and joints, but also prevent all that moisture from evaporating into the air.

Just like collagen and elastin, the amount of naturally-occurring hyaluronic acid in our bodies decreases as we get older. There are, however, ways to help stimulate production of HA in our bodies. Diet affects the skin significantly. Eating fruits and veggies with lots of antioxidants protect the skin from inflammation in turn helps the skin retain it."

Beauty benefits

When used in skin care products like creams and serums, hyaluronic acid brings moisture to the surface of your skin. "Because of its ability to draw and hold water, it can be used as a humectant in your skin care regimen. It continually keeps skin moisturized throughout the day.

Hyaluronic acid injectables

Injectables use a gel form of hyaluronic acid to add volume to the dermal

layer of the skin. With a few pricks of a needle, the gel plumps sunken areas, smooths fine lines, and decreases shadows - then slowly dissolves over the course of one year. It can be used on all skin types.

Skin concerns

Dermatologists use filler to even out bumps in the nose and improve the shape, or even to improve foot pain in patients who have lost the cushioning in their heels. It can be injected into the feet to improve the padding on the bone and decrease pain.

Identifying a quality hyaluronic acid serum

The best hyaluronic acid for skin will incorporate a mix of the three primary kinds.

Lower-weight molecules dive deep down, addressing fine lines, wrinkles, and skin elasticity. These molecules help create healthy, happy skin in the long-term.

Medium-weight molecules help you retain moisture slightly below the skin's barrier, and also have a semi-long term effect.

Higher-weight molecules won't penetrate the skin deeply, meaning they stay on the skin's surface. They make skin look super-hydrated and plumped, and help the outer skin layer hold on to the moisture it already has in the short-term, offering a more cosmetic effect.

A mix of all three of these molecular forms can deliver what we really want from a hyaluronic acid serum: a super-hydrating powerhouse that can make us look great in the moment, and can make our skin healthier and younger-looking in the future, too.

Time span

You can even use it twice a day as long as you're applying it to clean, damp skin, then locking it in with a moisturizer and face oil.

Beauty treatments

Hyaluronic acid can help increase skin moisture and reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles, topical treatments can soothe redness and dermatitis while injections can make skin appear firmer.

Compiled by Ruwini Jayawardana



HYALURONIC ACID SOURCES

Of course, there are a lot of serums and creams that are enriched with hyaluronic acid, but being skincare junkies, we always go one step further. We found out that there are certain foods that are not just high in hyaluronic acid, but also help increase its production in your body so that your skin remains soft, supple and glowing. So when you go shopping next time, be sure to include these in your cart!

- * Root vegetables
- * Bone broth
- * Soy based foods
- * Citrus fruits
- * Leafy greens



Sugar consumption, bad for your skin!



Sugar is not good for your skin. And it's not just sugar, but also high-glycemic foods which quickly convert to sugar. This, in turn, raises insulin levels and puts unnatural demands on your body to deal with the food you just ate. Simple carbohydrates, like refined sugar, white bread, and soda, cause insulin levels to spike, which leads to a burst of inflammation throughout the body.

SIX TIPS OF ADVICE FOR OPTIMAL SKIN HEALTH

- ⇒ **Get plenty of sleep!**
When you don't get enough shut-eye, your body releases the stress hormone, cortisol, which mobilizes sugar stores and causes your insulin to spike.
- ⇒ **Speaking of stress, try to keep yours at a minimum.**
Stress can spike insulin levels just like eating sugar can. The effects of stress are particularly correlated with acne breakouts.
- ⇒ **Eat frequent, balanced meals.**
Don't think lowering your sugar intake means lowering your food intake per se. If your goal is to keep your blood sugar levels consistent, make sure to fuel up with low-glycemic, high protein food every three hours to avoid insulin spikes.
- ⇒ **Be mindful about how you prepare your food.**
When cooking starches, like potatoes and foods with wheat, keep in mind that the heat involved in cooking causes a process known as gelatinization, which can lead to upping the glycemic index of a food item. The takeaway? Avoid starches fried in high heat or that are commercially processed.
- ⇒ **Order counts.**
Eat your proteins first when sitting down for a meal, since they don't stimulate insulin spikes and therefore keep your body from triggering the inflammatory effects caused when you ingest insulin-spiking foods.
- ⇒ **Good Fats are your friend.**
Healthy fats, like Omega-3s, keep your skin looking soft, supple and radiant. -totaldermatology.com

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)**

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development - Western Province)

Purchase of Cement for the Divulapitiya Prefabricated Concrete Yard

Open Quotations are invited for the supply of Cement for the Divulapitiya Prefabricated Concrete Yard of this authority.

Bid Summary

Bid No.	Description	Quantity	Non Refundable Tender Form Fee (without VAT) Rs.	Value of Bid Security	
				In Cash	Bank / Insurance Guarantee
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/29	Cement Bags (50 Kg)	9000	2000.00	52,000.00	104,000.00

02. Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the abovementioned Tender Form Fee (Except the Suppliers registered with the Authority) between 8.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. from 30.04.2021 until 14.05.2021. Bid security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.
03. To be eligible for the award of the bid, bidder should submit Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid amount exceeds Rs. 5.0 million.
04. Bids will be closed and opened 10.30 a.m. on 17.05.2021 at this office. The supplier or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

**Chairman
Procurement Committee
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill
Colombo 12
Telephone No. 011-5676903**

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)**

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development - Western Province)

Supply of Readymix Concrete (G-30) Slump 74 ± 5mm to Negombo / Udugampola Executive Engineer's Divisions and Homagama Divisional Secretary's Division

Open Quotations are invited by this Authority from interested suppliers for the supply of Readymix Concrete required for roads in the following Executive Engineers Divisions /Divisional Secretary's Division.

Bid Summary

Bid No. PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/15	Description	Quantity M3	Tender Form fee (without VAT) Rs.	Value of the Bid Security	
				In Cash	By Bank / Insurance Guarantee
Executive Engineer's Division Negombo	Supply of Readymix Concrete (G-30) (List of roads shown with the bid documents)	2640 M3	Rs.3000.00	262,000.00	524,000.00
Executive Engineer's Division Udugampola	Supply of Readymix Concrete (G-30) (List of roads shown with the bid documents)	115 M3			
Divisional Secretary's Division, Homagama	Supply of Readymix Concrete (G-30)	210 M3			

02. Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the above mentioned Tender Form Fee (except the Suppliers registered with the Authority) between 8.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. from 29.04.2021 until 11.05.2021. Bid security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.
03. To be eligible for the award of the bid, bidder should submit Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid amount exceeds Rs. 5.0 million.
04. Bids will be closed at 10.30 a.m. on 12.05.2021 and opened at the same time and date at this office and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

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**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)**

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development - Western Province)

Supply of CSS 1 / CRS 1 Emulsion for the Executive Engineer's Offices

Open Quotations are invited for the supply of CSS 1 / CRS 1 Emulsion required for the following Offices of the Executive Engineers of the Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.) from suppliers. It is anticipated to purchase this quantity as per the requirements of coming 06 months.

Bid Summary

Bid No.	Executive Engineer's Office	Quantity to be Supplied (Litres)		Non Refundable Tender Form Fee (Except registered Suppliers) Rs.	Value of Bid Security Rs.	
		CSS1	CRS1		In Cash	Bank Guarantee
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/26	E.E. Office Negombo	17,000	19,000	2,300.00	52,000.00	104,000.00
	E.E. Office, Udugampola	81,400	5,000			
	E.E. Office, Kirindiwela	5,000	5,000			
	E.E. Office, Nittambuwa	5,000	5,000			
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/27	E.E. Office, Colombo	10,000	20,000	2,300.00	25,500.00	51,000.00
	E.E. Office, Avissawela	5,000	8,000			
	E.E. Office, Moratuwa	10,000	20,000			
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/28	E.E. Office, Kalutara	30,000	15,000	2,300.00	33,000.00	66,000.00
	E.E. Office, Horana	5,000	5,000			
	E.E. Office, Agalawatta	10,000	25,000			

02. Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the abovementioned Tender Form Fee between 8.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. from 29.04.2021 until 07.05.2021. Bid security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.
03. To be eligible for the award of the bid, bidder should submit Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid amount exceeds Rs. 5.0 million.
04. Bids will be closed and opened at 10.30 a.m. on 10.05.2021 at this office.
05. The supplier or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

**Chairman
Procurement Committee
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill
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GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS****ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY****INVITATION FOR BIDS**

1. The Chairman, Road Development Authority Provincial Procurement Committee on behalf of the Road Development Authority, invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the project described below.

Contract No.	Name of the Project	Engineer's Estimate (with Contingencies & without VAT) (Rs.) (Million)	Bid Security (Rs.)	CIDA Registration Grade	Contract Period (Months)
RDA/GOSL/PD/NWP/Gabion/2021-21	Construction of Gabion Wall for Bridge No. 13/1 on Anamaduwa - Uswewa - Galgamuwa Road	18.6	278,700.00	C6 & C5	04

2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
3. 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.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Provincial Director's Office, RDA, Puttalam Road, Kurunegala. Phone No. **037-2056534**.
5. Pre Bid Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Provincial Director's Office, NWP, Road Development Authority, Kurunegala at **10.00 hrs on 05.05.2021** and site visit will be arranged on the same day.
6. **As per the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987, the Bidders shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.**
7. A complete set of Bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application and CIDA Book, **Registration Form from the Department of the Registrar of Companies** to the Provincial Director (NWP), Road Development Authority, Puttalam Road, Kurunegala from **28.04.2021** until **12.05.2021** from **9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable Tender Fee of **Rs. 2,500/=** for each document **(including VAT)**.
8. Bids mentioning the name on top left-hand corner with separate envelopes shall be delivered in duplicate by registered post or hand delivered to the "The Chairman, Provincial Procurement Committee (NWP), Road Development Authority, Kurunegala" on or before **14.00 hrs on 13.05.2021**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing.
9. Bids shall be valid up to **13.08.2021**.
10. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security. Bid Security shall be valid up to **13.09.2021**.

**The Chairman,
Provincial Procurement Committee (NWP),
Provincial Director's Office,
Road Development Authority,
Kurunegala.**



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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING

PURCHASE OF 01 NO. OF THREE KNIFE TRIMMER FOR PERFECT BINDING MACHINE

Bid Reference No.: SI 2021/27

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, invites bids from Foreign Principals/Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Staff Training of 01 No. of Three Knife Trimmer for Perfect Binding Machine (BQ No. - 470).

Item No.	Description	Qty
01	Purchase of 01 No. of Three Knife Trimmer for Perfect Binding Machine (BQ No. 470)	01 (one)

Delivery location: Department of Government Printing,

No. 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08.

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Government Printer (Procurement), Department of Government Printing, No. 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08 and inspect the bidding documents at the aforesaid address during the working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
- The pre-bid meeting will be held on 13.05.2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the conference hall of Department of Government Printing, No. 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08.
- Closing of above Bids: 2.00 p.m. on 20.05.2021 and open the Bids immediately after closing the same. The bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the opening of the bid.
- Bidding documents will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, 118, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08 on written application together with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 11,000/- on or before 2.00 p.m. day prior to the closing date of Bids given above.

Gangani Liyanage
Chairman, Procurement Committee

Department of Government Printing
118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha
Colombo 08.

Telephone/Fax: 011-2694898

Websites: www.documents.gov.lk
www.npa.gov.lk

23.04.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR PROVIDING CLEANING SERVICES AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

- Sealed Bids are invited up to 2.00 p.m. on 19.05.2021 by the Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (Major) on behalf of the Finance Ministry Secretary only from Bidders fulfilling the requirements mentioned below for providing Cleaning Services at the Old Building of the Ministry of Finance consisting of 05 floors including the ground floor and the canteen at the New Building of the Ministry of Finance consisting of 06 floors including the lower ground floor and the upper ground floor located at Lotus Road, Colombo 01 for years 2021/2022 for a period of one year (from 13.06.2021 until 12.06.2022).

The basic requirements mentioned below should be fulfilled by you for this purpose.

- Should have been registered under the Business Names Ordinance
- Should possess a minimum of 03 years experience of having provided Cleaning Services to the State / Corporations (Should employ a minimum of 30 Employees at least for one Institution)
- Should possess a labour force of a minimum of 100 Workers and should provide documents in proof of having contributed to the Employees Provident Fund and the Employees Trust Fund for the last 12 months.

(N.B : Certified photocopies of documents / certificates should be attached and submitted along with the application)

- The Bid Bond and other documents should be submitted as per the instructions given in the Bid Invitation documents.
- Bid documents could be obtained during working days of the week from 29.04.2021 up to 18.05.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from the Accounts Division located at the Upper Ground Floor of the Ministry of Finance New Building at the above address by submitting a letter of request addressed to the Secretary and the receipt obtained after paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2500.00 to the Shroff of the Ministry of Finance. You may also inspect the bid documents if necessary, free of charge during the above days.
- Bidders should submit a Bid Security / Bank Guarantee to the value of Rs. 300,000.00 obtained from a commercial bank registered at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or a receipt obtained after payment of a similar value to the Shroff's Counter in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Finance as a refundable Bid Deposit. The Bid Security should be valid for One Hundred and Twenty (120) days (up to 15.09.2021) from the opening date of the Bids.
- Duly completed Bids should be inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Accounts Division in the Upper Ground Floor at the Finance Ministry New Building to be received before the specified time or could be sent by Registered Post addressed to the Chief Accountant, Ministry of Finance, Lotus Road, Colombo 01 to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 19.05.2021. The words "Quotation for Providing Cleaning Services to the Ministry of Finance" should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the quotation.
- A Pre Bid Meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 13.05.2021 in the Accounts Division of the Ministry of Finance.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting Bids at 2.00 p.m. on 19.05.2021 at the Treasury New Building in the Accounts Division of the Upper Ground Floor. Bidders or only their authorized representatives could be present on this occasion.
- Further details regarding Bid Invitation documents, if necessary, could be obtained from the Accountant (Supplies). 011-2484538 / 011-2484600 (Extension 1430 / 4109).

Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (Major)
Ministry of Finance
Colombo 01

OBTAINING BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE YEAR 2022

PUTTALAM PRADESHIYA SABHA

Citizens and the social organizations of the area of authority are hereby informed to submit their proposals to be included in the Development Plan relevant to the area for the preparation of the Budget of the Puttalam Pradeshiya Sabha for the year 2022, before 30th June 2021 addressed to the Chairman, Puttalam Pradeshiya Sabha, Madurankuliya.

R.M. Anjana Sandaruwan
Chairman,
Puttalam Pradeshiya Sabha

My Number : B/ACQ/RDM/2018/21
Reference Number of the Ministry of Lands : 4/3/9/2015/IR/102

The Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition Act (Amendment) No. 28 of 1964 - Notice under Section 7 - Corrigenda

Acquiring of lands for Morana Reservoir Project

The date of ownership inquiries which was published as 22.02.2021 in the newspaper dated 10.03.2021 should be amended as 28.05.2021. Please refer the Gazette dated 07.04.2021 bearing No. 22236 for further details.

D.M.L.H. Dissanayake
Divisional Secretary
Rideemaliyadda.

At Rideemaliyadda Divisional Secretariat,

On 22nd of April 2021



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.)

(Provincial Ministry of Provincial Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure, Industries and Rural Development - Western Province)

Supply of ABC Metal (Mixed Metal)

Open Quotations are invited for the supply of ABC Metal (Mixed Metal) and Gravel (Soil) required for the following Offices of the Executive Engineers of the Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.).

Bid Summary

Bid No.	Description	ABC Mixed Metal M3	Gravel (Soil) M3	Tender Form Fee Rs.	Value of Bid Security		Opening Date of Bids
					In Cash	Bank / Insurance Guarantee Rs.	
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/23	Colombo District Colombo E.E's Office Moratuwa E.E's Office Avisawella E.E's Office	2000 4000 2000	-	2,000.00 + VAT	119,250.00	238,500.00	10/05/2021 2.30 p.m.
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/24	Kalutara District Kalutara E.E's Office Agalawatta E.E's Office Horana E.E's Office	2000 2000 3000	-	2,000.00 + VAT	104,500.00	209,000.00	
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/25	Gampaha District Nittambuwa E.E's Office Negombo E.E's Office Udugampola E.E's Office Kirindiwela E.E's Office	3000 4000 3000 3000	-	2,000.00 + VAT	193,750.00	387,500.00	
PRDA/WP/PRO/2021/16R	Kamburawala Kalugala Pelawatta Road (Agalawatta E.E's Office) and Dalugama - Wewelduwa Road (Kirindiwela E.E's Office)	5100	300	2,000.00 + VAT	79,500.00	159,000.00	11/05/2021 2.30 p.m.

- Sets of bid documents for this may be obtained from the Procurement Division of this Authority upon payment of the above mentioned Tender Form Fee (Suppliers registered with the Authority need not pay this amount). Bid security may either be paid in cash or submitted by a bank guarantee as per the conditions mentioned in the bid documents to the value mentioned above.
- To be eligible for the award of the bid, bidder should submit Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies under Paragraph 8 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 with the bid when the bid amount exceeds Rs. 5.0 million.
- Bids will be opened at this office as mentioned above and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS - 2021/08

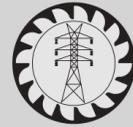
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN PROVINCE

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Department of Education, Northern Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction work described in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure (NCB).
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the field of building construction for grade mentioned in the table below.
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding Document. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Data and Contract Data (Section 5).
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from address given below in 6, and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 9.00 A.M to 4.00 P.M.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur. (T.P: 021 224 2806/021 222 2219, Fax: 021 224 1383/021 222 2219) 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, Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur at or before 10.30 A.M on the date mentioned in the table. Bid number must be written on the left-hand upper corner of envelope. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, Chemmany Road, Nallur commencing at 10.30 A.M on the date mentioned in the table.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as per the information given in the Table.

Document Issuing/Purchasing Period		From 29.04.2021 until 12.05.2021						
Pre-Bid Conference		at 10.30 A.M on 07.05.2021						
Closing and Opening of Bids		at 10.30 A.M on 13.05.2021						
Bid No	Description of Work	Fund	Estimated Cost / (Rs in Million)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Non Refundable Fees (Rs.)	Required Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Valid Period
SW14/2021/61	Pavement, near by parapet wall, necessary furniture for three storied building at J/Holy Family Convent	Line Ministry	11.69	90 Days	C6 or C5 (Buildings)	5,000.00	117,000.00	Till 25.08.2021
NP/PDE/PSDG/2021/17	Construction of Teachers' Quarters at J/Analaitivu Sathasiva Maha Vidyalayam	PSDG (Special Needs)	6.02	90 Days	C7 or C6 (Buildings)	3,000.00	61,000.00	Till 25.08.2021
NP/PDE/PSDG/2021/18	Construction of Activity Room with Library at Mn/Santhipuram G.T.M School	PSDG (Special Needs)	5.10	90 Days	C7 or C6 (Buildings)	3,000.00	51,000.00	Till 25.08.2021
NP/B/MN/09(2021)	Construction of Classroom with Activity Room (50x25x2) at Mn/Thoddaveli GTMS	PSDG (Special Needs)	13.50	154 Days	C6 or C5 (Buildings)	5,000.00	135,000.00	Till 25.08.2021

"Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Estimated Value of Work to be performed under this procurement (excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs. 50 Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (iii)" and Public Finance Circulars No 03/2020 and 03/2020(i) dated 09.10.2020 and 11.01.2021 respectively will also be adopted.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Provincial Department of Education,
Northern Province.



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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.

WESTERN PROVINCE SOUTH 2 - MAY 2021

AVISSAWELLA AREA		2021-05-29 08.00 - 17.00		Millaniya CSC	
Avisawella CSC		Bulk : Akfa Sole Industries - Jaltara, Centry Mechanical System, Mal Lanka, Lanka Tile , Jaltara Housing - Sewerage, Nuwro Meat Products, Lanka Tile New Distribution : Deegalla Estate, H.P.T.- Jaltara, Jaltara Housing Scheme 3, Jaltara Housing Scheme 1, Jaltara Housing Scheme 2, Jalthara, Nemico - Jalthara - Co-op		2021-05-03 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Pelpolai, Mudagamuwa, Near Pelpola Temple, Pelpolai (Theppuwa)	
2021-05-03 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Bollathawa, Meegahawatta, Lavendra Park		Padukka CSC		2021-05-04 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Sri Lanka Distilleries Ltd, Ran Mart Bulk & Distribution : Melagama(Mestiya) Distribution : Habaralaghalanda, Kandauda-Melegama, Mestiya Temple, Maharekma Cemetery	
2021-05-04 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Kosgama GRID		2021-05-04 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Metal Mix Meepe, Sukhi Dairy Food, LANKA WALL TILE, M.R.C Garment, Prema Metal Crusher, Surtex Industries, Aesthetic Institute, B.D.N. Rubber Factory, CERAMIC CORPORATION, L.H Piyasena Com. Bulk & Distribution : Padukka Estate, Ceylon Rubber Product Distribution : Thunnana - Temple, Mawathagama, Mawathagama New, Meepe V.C., Miriyagalla, Angamuwa Prime Land, Thunnana R.E, Weragala Estate		2021-05-05 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Nanduwa, Nuge Junction, Near Dammananda Vidyalaya	
2021-05-05 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Seethawaka GRID		2021-05-05 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : New Edinbrough, U.K Corrugator, Edingborough Bulk & Distribution : Suren Cook Distribution : Madulawa, Muthulanda, Dimuthulanda, Halbarawa The Finance, Nilthera, Kurugala, Kurugala Kanda (Mobitel), Ideal Park, Madulawa New, Yowngama, Jayamuthugama		2021-05-06 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Gonaduwa Hospital, Kawatayagoda, Moronthuduwa, Gonaduwa, Ovinka	
2021-05-06 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Seethawaka GRID		2021-05-08 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Chaturanga Rubber Mills Distribution : Wewelketiya New, Menerigama		2021-05-08 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Wishwa flywood, Daya Construction, Raigam (Natural Choice), Gunawardana Distribution : Manana, Millaniyawatta ii, Millaniyawatta i, Boralessa (Ranvidupura), Eco Estate, Manana Imbula, Real Land, The Village, Halketiya	
2021-05-09 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : CBL FOOD, G.P GARMENTS, JAY JAY MILLS, Mass Active, Sewerage System, Favourite, B.O.I, Concord Apparels, G.C.Lanka, RUSIRUMAL, Street Lamp No.1, Kailash Metachem		2021-05-09 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : 3K Traders, Nippon Lanka, Printing Cor. Stationery, Seuvasdi Industries, Evershine Saw Mill-Pinnalanda, Global Packaging, Navodya Rubber, Softlogic, Unicorn Tyre -Panaluwa, Motherson Electrical, Motherson ii, Sanjean Enterprises, Dolphin Marine, ORANGE, A.E.F. Distilleries, Srikanthi Manufacturers, Printing Corporation - Stationery Bulk & Distribution : Meegoda New High level Road Distribution : Samanala Mw, Lakey Garden-Panaluwa, Linton Farm, Sugathan Edirisinghe Mw., Army Quarters, Meegoda New (Artigala-new), Panaluwa Industrial Zone-Stage ii, Sepalika Uyana, Galagedara-School Lane, High Level Road, Watereka, Panaluwa Industrial Zone-Stage i, F&G.Real Estate-Panaluwa		2021-05-11 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Dream Cosmetic Pvt Ltd, Macksone Tile, Nikini, Econopack, H.T.Perera, Independent Packaging-Paragasthota, Art Decoration Bulk & Distribution : Fabnac Distribution : Alothyiawa, Delkada, Galthude, Galthude-Maragashandiya, Bamunumulla ii, Pilekade, Atalugama-Kurudelgahawatta, Bamunumulla, Ambagahawatta, Kemmanthudawa, Atalugama-Galgemandiya, Kolamediriya	
2021-05-10 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Royal fern wood Distribution : Agrico, Randivigama, Kahawa Junction, Kanampella Watta, Werellamandiya, Alubodala		2021-05-10 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Metalix Distribution : Somarathne Mawatha, 20th Mile Post		2021-05-19 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Uswatta-Glukurasa, Guruge Rubber Mills, Micro Mineral (Pvt) Ltd, Telecom-Millaniya Bulk & Distribution : Lagana Distribution : Deldorawatta, Mawathagama, Ranminika, Kannanthudawa, Raddegoda, Kelesgamuwa-Welikala, Mawathagama Tsunami Sub, Milleniya, Halhota, Panape Road -Millaniya, Lenawara, Yalagala Temple	
2021-05-12 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk & Distribution : Eswatta - Preema Distribution : Eswatta Kosgahayata Kade, Aswatta North, Eswatta		2021-05-13 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Mountain Gate , W.A Perera, Thudawa Brothers, Meegoda Farm, China Harbour, CIC Holdings-Lenagala, Padmasiri Metal Crusher, CIC Holding ii, Asphalt Plant Distribution : Arli Land New 01, Daham Mawatha, Neutrimental food, Green Horizon 11, Lenagala, Nawalamulla, Meegodadeniya, Hettiyawatta -Meegoda		2021-05-22 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Aruna Shantha , Fantasia , Island Wide, Lalanka, Packaging Materials Distribution : Menerihenthuduwa S/s, Paragasthota Lawalugas Junction, Menerihenthuduwa ii, Paragasthota Near Cemetery (Arakagoda)	
2021-05-16 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : J.J..Milk, Queenbi Lanka, Street Lamp No.2, Jay - Jay Mills (Children Protection), Lanka Minerals, BISCHOFF GAMMA LANKA, Lanka Minerals, Oxley Trades, Hidramani, Twistar Garments, Union Apparel, Water Treatment, Brandix, Hidramani Cutting, ORIT APPARELS		2021-05-19 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Midya Packaging, Millers Brewery, Harris Brush, L.H piyasena, Nippon Building, Hettiarachchi, Upali Jayasooriya Distribution : Muthuhena, Galabendienna, Ayurveda Hospital, Meegoda V.C., Meegoda Vidyalaya		HOMAGAMA AREA	
2021-05-17 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Purpleson, Charging Station Bulk & Distribution : Glencourse (Micro Waves) Distribution : Celltel, Sarvodaya, Penrith - Upper, Logan, Manikkawatta Housing Scheme		2021-05-24 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Sankalpa Saw Mill Distribution : Arukwatta, Arukwatta New, Pittuhena, Padukka Town New (Udumulla), Telecom - Padukka, Padukka Town		Homagama CSC	
2021-05-20 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Seethawaka GRID		2021-05-31 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk & Distribution : Millewa Estate Distribution : Udumulla New		2021-05-04 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : UOM NDT Distribution : Crown Crescent, Commercial Credit - Magamma, Diyagama, Piskalwatta, Halwathkade Rd, Pasal Mw. - Teekotuwa, Punchimukalana, Kurunduwatta	
2021-05-21 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Kosgama GRID		BANDARAGAMA AREA		2021-05-06 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Deeped Product, Haykem, Hiripitiya, Neoprex Distribution : Deepangoda, Jambolagaswatta, Jayagath Mawatha - Brahmanagama, Dolekade Junction, Dolekade New, Hiripitiya, Brahmanagama	
2021-05-22 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Penrith Water Pump, Avisawella Telecom Bulk & Distribution : Penrith Distribution : Ukwatta, Honiton, Housing Scheme 500 - Kiriwandala		Bandaragama CSC		2021-05-07 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Mona Plastic, Raigam Soya, Reb Mech Bulk & Distribution : Senevi Rubber Mills Distribution : Gangani Land, Kiriwathuduwa, Suwapubudugama, Yakahaluwa, Bancon Watta, Thoramulla, SKY PARK 2, Kendaketiya, Koswata, Munamalewatta, Kithulawila Road	
2021-05-23 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : COLOMBO ICE COMPANY, Green Kepers, Lalan Rubber Band, Summite, Avi. Tea Factory, Y.K.K, Lanmic, Latex Green, MIDAS, Polymer Export, TEXTURED JERSEY, ORIT APPARELS G3, PRIME POLYMER, Street Lamp No.02, Woodland		2021-05-05 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Prashanthi Hall, Wickrama Rubber Mills-Kumbuka Bulk & Distribution : Wijaya Lanka Sportswear Garment Fa., Jeff Co Distribution : Kumbuka ii, Wanameekanda (Kumbukawatta), Somaliyawatta		2021-05-08 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : UOSJ IT Faculty, NSBM Mahenawatta, Nano Park - Army Camp, Morrisons, Nano Pvt Ltd (Laugfs), National Measurement laboratory, Technology Incubation, UOSJ Hostel, Orel Corporation, SLT Campus Bulk & Distribution : Mahinda Rajapaksha College Distribution : Pitipana Temple, Dolahena, Dolahena New, Kajugahadeniya, Pasal Handiya, Kahatagahalandawatta, Mahenawatta - Godahena Rd, Kandanawatta	
2021-05-28 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Salawa Army Camp II , Water Intake- Kahatapitiya, Water Treat. Plant - Kosgama, Army Camp - Kosgama, ATHULA PARANAYAPA, ETHUL PARANAYAPA, Salawa Army Camp Bulk & Distribution : Salawa, Telecom - Kosgama Distribution : Salawa Shopping Complex - Army Camp, Meewitha Uyana, Akarawita, Anandagama, BORALUGODALANDA, Benawala		2021-05-08 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Bandaragama (In Front of Court), S & S Bakers, wewita, Massila ii, Sport Complex-Bandaragama, Weedagama, Atalugama Rd., Weedagama		2021-05-10 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Janatha Finance Distribution : Welipillewa 11, Yasawardanaramaya, Thuruliya Uyana, Sumanasekara Pura	
Hanwella CSC		2021-05-09 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Panadura GRID		2021-05-13 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Spade Ceramic, BATUKOTUWA GRID, Laser Products Distribution : Lenagala	
2021-05-02 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : M.S.P. Perera, A.V.S. Imports - Artigala, Nipon Lanka, Ransara Metal Crusher, American Premium, S.D.V.S.Jayasundara Distribution : Artigala New (Old Road)		2021-05-14 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Panadura GRID		2021-05-15 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Krushi Mawatha, Mawathagama Temple, Mawathagama New	
2021-05-03 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Panghagala		2021-05-18 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Mahinda Mawatha, Mahagedarawatta, Mahinda Mw.Belikele, Danketiawatta		2021-05-18 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Hiripitiya, Deeped Product, Neoprex, Haykem Distribution : Dolekade Junction, Dolekade New, Hiripitiya, Deepangoda, Jayagath Mawatha - Brahmanagama, Jambolagaswatta, Brahmanagama	
2021-05-04 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Kudaluwila		2021-05-19 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Prashanthi Hall, Wickrama Rubber Mills-Kumbuka Bulk & Distribution : Wijaya Lanka Sportswear Garment Fa., Jeff Co Distribution : Somaliyawatta, Wanameekanda(kumbukawatta), Kumbuka ii		2021-05-19 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Buddhist & Pali University, Godagama Reach Hotel, Amalya Hotel, Buddhist University, Universal Ceramic, Army Camp - Water Pump Distribution : Gabadawatta 11, Gabadawatta, Pitipana Maithreedasa Mawatha, Rodrigowatta, Gabadawatta Estate (Gurulugomi Mw)	
2021-05-10 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Halpe Estate, Ultra Textile Printing, KRAEUR MIX Bulk & Distribution : Hewagama Estate Distribution : Walpita - Co-op		2021-05-23 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Panadura GRID		2021-05-20 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Geekiyana, Henry & Co. (Robin Metal), Cargills - Manathunga Mw Bulk & Distribution : Thermo Plastic Distribution : Gemunu Mawatha - Pankotuwa, Millenium, Wekanda Road (Wimana), Unapandura Junction, Mobitel - Wekanda Road, Walawwa Junction, Manathunga Mawatha	
2021-05-11 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Kodikara Metal Crusher , CBL Foods, Ventures Enterprices, SMS, ELEPHANT HOUSE, Elephant House - Ice cream , Pizzakraft Lanka Pvt Ltd , Ceylon Cold Stores (Lumbini Estate), Sing Lanka, Deutsh Lanka - Tech Stream, Elephant House Distribution : Dedigamuwa, Near Elephant House, Torinton City, Yashodara Mawatha, Batewela - Near Ele. House		2021-05-24 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Dunsin Holdings (Pvt) Ltd, Pinnagoda Vithana, Rajko Uyanwatta (JL), Flexy Care , Gandaree Garment, Darshana, Mogami Lanka, CARGILLS NEW, Niromi Fashion, Telecom-Bandaragama, Cargills, ICC (Pvt) Ltd, Indo Lanka, Keells - Bandaragama, Southern Highway-Ramp Left, Southern Highway-Ramp Right Bulk & Distribution : Bandaragama Hospital Distribution : RAIGAMA NEW, Super Market Bandaragama, Delgas Watta, Kelekade Junction, Kottegoda, Uyanwatta, Bandaragama Town, H.N.B.-Bandaragama, Massila i, Uyanwatta Land, Rambukkana ii, Rambukkana Sub., Bandaragama Hospital Sub, Lake city, N.S.B Bandaragama		2021-05-25 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Jayantha Rupasingha, Diyagama New Playground Distribution : Sauvsiri Uyana, Niyandagala	
2021-05-15 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Artigala Plastic, Sithumina - Jayasundara, Lanka Decals, Sachico International, Max Beverages (Pvt) Ltd Distribution : Batawela, City of West - Jaltara, Lovepitiya, Artigala - Vilauda, Hibutumulla (Panaluwa), New Leaf, Odiliya Housing Scheme, Prime Homes		2021-05-29 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Panadura GRID		Pannipitiya CSC	
2021-05-23 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Access Engineering, Gamini Furniture, Jinadasa Garment, Quality Pack Lanka - Nawagamuwa, Star Packaging, YGA Perera, Ospray 3, OSPREY CLOTHING, Supper Appreals - Ranala, Gamini Fashion, Lokupitiya Metal Crusher, CERAMCO MINERALS Distribution : Jalthara Junction, Thalapitiya - Undugoda, Siyabalagaha Junction - Ranala, Undugoda Land Sale, Kurunduwatta, Sarasavi Nawagamuwa, Nawagamuwa Super City		2021-05-30 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Panadura GRID		2021-05-06 08.00 - 17.00 Distribution : Hiripitiya	
2021-05-25 08.00 - 17.00 Bulk : Agri leasure Distribution : Elamalawala, KIRIWANA, Welikanna - Lahirugama					

2021-05-08	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Prime Sky Line	
2021-05-10	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Thushara Mw.	
2021-05-15	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Summer Fields, Pelenwatta - Digana Water Pump	
Bulk & Distribution : Siddamulla Saw Mill	
Distribution : Digana Temple, Yodha Mawatha New, Sachithra Samaranyake, Digana New, Siddamulla, Indigahaketiya, Thanayam Godella, Bhoomy Property, Sikuradapola Junction, , Yodha Mawatha	
2021-05-18	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Hiripitiya	
2021-05-20	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Mega Heaters, T.A.S.T.Kularathna, Mendis Co., FAIRWAY AQUARIAN-WALGAMA, Pansalwatta (Chandranayake Metal), Pushpa Premajeewa, Rukmale Telecom, Welding Workshop, Dialog Telecom - Old Rd. Kottawa, DM Poly pack, Gopal Bench Mark, J. K. Marketing - Kottawa, Keells Super - Horana RD, Keells Super, Prema Property, Cargills Food City, H. D. Amarasiri - Thaldiyawala, Hashini Rubber, K. D. Ebert & Sons, Morawaka & Sons, Balasooriya Metal Crusher, PI JAYASUNDARA	
Bulk & Distribution : Kengnam Company, Maga Engineering, Politech Co.	
Distribution : 2 nd Lane, Ananda College, Horahena, Angaharuwada Pola, Kottawa Town New, Prime Land - Pinhena, Queen By Studio, Rukmale Housing Sch. (Wijayapura), Boralugoda New, Kottawa Old Road (Mobitel), Malapalla, Nadudeniya, Pasal Mw. - Rukmale, Malapalla - Nala Linda, Rukmale Housing Scheme New, Horahena New, Kottawa Town, Walgama, Ataamunakanda, Medagodalanda, Rukmale R.E., Railway Station, Kottawa Airtel, Kurunda	
2021-05-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Niro Lanka, Ceyem Commodities, Mattegoda Army Camp, Raksha Garment, Arpico Super Stores - Makumbura, Glomark Softlogic, Kottawa Interchange, Lanka Ceramic, Dileepa Wickramasinghe, Lux Housing Project, Wickrama Hardware, Kottawa KFC, Richard Peiris Co., Richard Peris Co., Arpitag, Multi model centre Makumbura, J. S. P. Steel (pvt) Ltd, Lanka Spice Co., Richard Peris Co. (Plastishells)	
Bulk & Distribution : Kottawa Pump House	
Distribution : Jayamuthugama, Kulathunga Mw., Ranasiri Metal Co., Sisir Sevana Garden, Jayapura, Prime express, Siyambalagoda New, The Village, Bangalawatta, Prime Land - Mattegoda, Near Lanka Spice, Radakantha Niwasa, Bangalawatta 11, Siyambalagoda, Dikhenawatta, Makumbura, Near Lanka Spice Co., Nidahas Mawatha, Pubudu Mawatha	

HORANA AREA

Bulathsinhala CSC

2021-05-04	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Rupavahini Tower	
2021-05-07	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Pallagewatta	
2021-05-19	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Meegahakumbura	

Horana CSC

2021-05-02	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : 3 singhe, Multi Cam (Thaxila Sewana), Nature Secret (P.G.Martin), G.B. Nandana - Kindelpitiya, Europa Quality Foods, P & P Food Product, Everflow Bulk & Distribution : LYL ELECTRICALS	
Distribution : Ranaviru Gammanaya -Kindelpitiya, Thakshila Sevana	
2021-05-04	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Fal Fashion, Kananvila Fruit	
Bulk & Distribution : Meezan Weaving Mills	
Distribution : Weligampitiya II, Weligampitiya	
2021-05-05	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Prasanna Jayawardhana	
Distribution : Rainbow view, Meegoda - Halbarawa, Prime Rainbow	
2021-05-06	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Tulip Apparels, Sri Lanka Telecom - Govinna, ACE Health Care, UKUWELA KANDA NEW, Vasana Bakers	
Bulk & Distribution : Wijaya Rubber Mills (Latex), S & S Rubber - Bellapitiya	
Distribution : Kota Road - Govinna, Govinna 10 Acers near School, Ihala Naragala, Imalakanda, Opella Road, Pichchamal Garden, Kadana I - Mangalasiripura, Ratiyala School, Kadana II - Ilimba Road, Kadana III (Pahala Naaragala), Govinna Rathugewatta, Kota Road II (Kokhena), Water Board New, Ratiyala R.E.S., Ratiyalawatta, Water Pump - Kadana	
2021-05-12	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Bathalawatta, Kumbukewatta II, Perangiyawala, Kapuhena, Kumbukwatta - Wattekade, Polwatta, Horagas Handiya, Ekosandella, Pannilakanda	
2021-05-15	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Base Hospital - Horana, Horana Cargills, Ama Fashion , D. I. Garment, Sampath Exports, Texima, People's Bank, The Finance, Pisco Lanka, Senato (Pvt) Ltd, B.A. Lalith Wijayasiri - Horana Town, MOH Office, New Ply (Pvt) Ltd, Seven Super, Supper Wood Export, Miriswatta Water Bottle (Sogo Lanka), Horana - Telephone Exchange, Nature Beauty, Horana Bo Tree	
Bulk & Distribution : CIB, Ellakanda, Super Market	
Distribution : Ariyawilasa, Ilimba II (Eden Park), Dikheha II, Kalunadeegama - Ilimba II, SUGATHA RASAYANA, Dikheha III, Horana Pola, Bus Stand, Bus Stand UDA , Horana Town Sub., Sathosa Building, Ilimba Junction, Polhena, Sahana Idam, Horana Hospital Road, Dikheha I, Grezeland, Kirigala, Munagama CTB, Perera Studio - Horana	
2021-05-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Helyes A D C Textile Ltd, Helyes MGT - Printing Section, Heyleys MGT, C.W.MACKI NARTHUPANA, Helyes III, Helyes M G T Knitting Ltd, Helyes, A D C Textile Ltd	
Bulk & Distribution : New Chatile Rubber Fac., Army Camp - Dombagoda	
Distribution : Uduwara - Delgoda, Udugammana Road, Anguruwathota Pansala Handiya, New Chatile Tea Fac., Dombagoda Ranaviru Gammanaya , Dombagoda Ranaviru Gammanaya, Madurawala, Hengoda	
2021-05-18	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Nature Secret, D.P.J. Barcode & Lable	
Distribution : Gorakagoda, Kuda Uduwa, Malosela, Gorokgoda II, Mabiliyakanda - Akkara 72	
2021-05-21	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : DM POLYPACK, Kananvila Fruit, Maugama Garment (South Asia), Horana Rubber Mills, Bondvilla	
Bulk & Distribution : Meezan Weaving Mills	
Distribution : Batuwita - Narangahahena, Dekaduwa, Meemana, Kabellagoda II, Kahatapitiya II - Pannilakanda, Mawgama II, Olaboduwa, Udagira - Dikbedda, Peragas Handiya - Meepagala, Kaballagoda Kananvila, OLABODUWA TEMPLE	
2021-05-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Nobleswear, Almartoy, Fal Fashion	
Bulk & Distribution : Dibbeddahena	
Distribution : Bandarawatta, Pokunuwita, Millagas Junction, Pokunuwita Cargills, Weligampitiya, Weligampitiya II	
2021-05-24	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk & Distribution : Pinnakolawatta (Thalagala Rubber)	
Distribution : Cooray Watta, Olabodukanda, Thiliniapura	

Ingiriya CSC

2021-05-02	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Horana GRID	

2021-05-04	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk & Distribution : CSR Packaging	
Distribution : Battagala, Giranchi kanda, Horaketiya, Dambara New, Sirinimal Watta, Handupelpola, Meewanapalana	
2021-05-05	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Horana GRID	
Distribution : Gurugoda New	
2021-05-06	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Body Line (Pvt) Ltd, Body Line (Pvt) Ltd II	
Distribution : Eduragalawatta	
2021-05-07	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Horana GRID	
2021-05-09	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Horana GRID	
2021-05-11	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk & Distribution : Deep Tube Wells - Horana E.P.Z	
Distribution : Tea Sakthi New	
2021-05-12	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Fernando Gibson & KAE (Pvt) Ltd, Basnayake Enterprises, Horana GRID	
Bulk & Distribution : Randiwa Saw Mill - Sirilak Industries	
Distribution : Rathmalgoda - Kajuwetiya, Manel Garden, Maputugala, Panagala Estate	
2021-05-15	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sunquick Lanka	
Bulk & Distribution : Sussex College, Sun Quick	
2021-05-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Horana GRID, Kosgahagodella Water Pump	
Distribution : Maguruwela	
2021-05-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Horana GRID	
2021-05-18	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Horana GRID	
Distribution : New City Land Sale, Urugala - Old	
2021-05-23	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Body Line (Pvt) Ltd II, Mascon Mesh New, Rigit Tyre II , Sri Lanka Telecom - Gurugoda, Nalaka Paper Mill, Body Line (pvt) Ltd, Kindal Kagaku Lanka, Sarupohora, Asia Bike Industrials Ltd, Euronor, Hiruni Holdings, Mascon Mesh, Nilona Property, Comtech (pvt) Ltd, Gurugoda Rubber, Premier Rubber Pr., TPS Intrenational (Pvt) Ltd	
Distribution : Gurugoda New, Arunagama, Athgalkanda, Blue Mountain, Gurugoda Old, Kospotugala village, Pahan Piyasa, Sangamiththa Mw, Perth Paradise - 2nd Stage I, Wijayaraja Mawatha, Perth New, Perth Paradise - 2nd Stage II, Perth Paradise, Poruwadanda, Gangani Land - Boralugoda	

SRI JAYAWARDHANAPURA AREA

Malabe CSC

2021-05-03	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : CARGILLS NEW MALABE, Athurugiriya GRID, Kaduwela Divisional Secretary	
Bulk & Distribution : Prime Residencies (Udawatta rd), GEO Engineering	
Distribution : Udawaththa Road - Santhi Pura, Udawaththa	
2021-05-04	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : H.P. Jayantha, R.J.S. Gomas, SLIIT - II, New Kia Motors - Malabe	
Distribution : Apartment Hibutana, Parakrama Mawatha - Thaladena School, A.S.A. Scheme - Isurupura, Bogahawatta Thaladena , Araliya Uyana Thaladena, Halbarawa Post Box, Thaladena Temple, Bathalawaththa - Suwarnananda, Bathalawaththa New, Halbarawa Keells Housing, Thaladena New	
2021-05-05	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Lassana Flora	
Bulk & Distribution : International Engineering System	
Distribution : Habarakada Waththa - Samupakara Mawatha, Rathukanwila Road, Habarakada Kanaththa, Habarakada Meda Mawatha , Old Athurugiriya Junction, Seelalankara Mawatha, Mullegama New	
2021-05-08	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : H.H. Co Industries, Intrend Pvt Ltd, No.05, Jayawardhana , Jayagath Mawatha, PRINT XCEL(PVT) LTD, Rathna Printers, CARGILLS ATHURUGIRIYA-II, Jay Jay Marketing - Pore, Sampath Timber-Athurugiriya, S.B. Mahalekam (Collection), Tharunda International, Food City - Athurugiriya, K.R. Pathberiya, Nigata Lanka - Hokandara, Pore - Highway, E Com (Pvt) Ltd, Oruwala Water Board, Sathosa	
Bulk & Distribution : Yasara Industries, Telephone Exchange	
Distribution : Athurugiriya Town, ATHURUGIRIYA-II, Moratuhena, Commercial Bank - Athurugiriya, Horahena R.E., Moratuhena Jaya Mw, Nandasiri - Athurugiriya, Pathberiya, Bakmeegaha Road (B.I.H.), Millennium - 08, New Moratuhena Temple, Bakmeegaha Road, Ceycomm - Pore, Gnanawimala Mawatha, Rathnarama Road, Pore Temple, Bakmeegaha Road 02, Boralugoda Kanaththa, C Jayasinghe (Samanala Mawatha), Sri Nandasara Mawatha, Jayanthi Road Junction, Lotus Garden, Mega City - Athurugiriya, Thalagaswatta, Koskandawila, Mailangama	
2021-05-09	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sierra Industries, Alucop Cable , N D Plastic	
Distribution : Galwarusawa Junction, Prime Pinnacle, New Dis. Sub near N D Plastic, Ranasinghe Waththa (Shelton Palihena), Koratota Ayurvedaya	
2021-05-10	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : HORIZON COLLEGE-II, Horizon College, Cinec Maritime Campus, Athurugiriya GRID, South Asia Institute of Tech. Management	
Distribution : Opal Residence, Ceylinco Selna - Lake Road Malabe	
2021-05-12	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Ariyana Resort Block A & B, Ariyana Resort Block -D, E & F , Ariyana Resort Block - C, Ariyana Resort Block -G & H , Home Land Office, N.I.P.M, Cargills - Millenium City	
Bulk & Distribution : Cargills - Santhalokagama, Pahalagama watta	
Distribution : Lake Terrace , Warakanaththa Prime Land, Millennium - 01, Millennium - 10, Paradise City, Stalmage, Olympas, Magnet Wire , Millennium - 09, Millennium - 03, Abayapura, Dialog - Shanthalokagama, Field View, Rathuwila watta	
2021-05-13	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sato Chemifa, W S Perera (Arangala), Ultra Textile Arangala	
Distribution : Oruwala Junction, Arangala Housing (Sherwood), Kammalwaththa - Waduramulla Juntion, W.A. Perera, Millennium - 06, Millennium - 05 (Abayathissa Mawatha)	
2021-05-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Athurugiriya GRID	
2021-05-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Athurugiriya GRID	
2021-05-23	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Athurugiriya GRID	
2021-05-28	08.00 - 17.00
Distribution : Millennium - 05 (Abayathissa Mawatha), Kammalwaththa - Waduramulla Juntion, Oruwala Junction, Millennium - 06	

Thalagama CSC

2021-05-02	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Ariyadasa & Sons, Assetline, Battaramulla Arpico (New), RAVI KARUNANAYAKE, Muthukumarana (Videsha sev. B'mulla), Sanjeeva Samaranyake, Sensal, Medicine, Speakers House, Cargills -Battharamulla , Land Commissioner, Farms Pride - Crisbo Chicken, Kaduwela Pradesiya Sabhawa, Abans Restaurant, Soft Wave Printers, Commercial Bank, S P Jayasinghe, Sakura Dental, SETHSIRIPAYA, SETHSIRIPAYA STAGE -II, Agriculture Ministry, N.S.B.	
Bulk & Distribution : Timber Corpor.Rajamalwatta	
Distribution : Edirisinghe Housing Scheme , Polduwa (New Sigiri), Battaramulla Town New , Battaramulla New (Near Subuthipura), Battaramulla Junction , Battaramulla T C , Daham Hardware (Battharamulla), Nation Trust - B'mulla - Pannipitya Rd, Subuthipura, Pump House -Sethsiripaya, Gemunu Mw - Subuthipura, Suntel - Battaramulla Town , Subuthipura 1st Lane	
2021-05-03	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Water pump (Batapotha), Print Wave	
Distribution : Udayapura I, Udayapura II	
2021-05-04	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : I .T . N, Wikramasinghepura Pump House	
Distribution : Jayawadanagama (Near 14th lane), Century Garden , Banian Villa Housing Scheme, Elders Home, Wikramasinghepura I, Jayawadanagama (In Cubecale)	
2021-05-05	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sri Jayawardanapura GRID	
2021-05-08	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Global Media, Manikku , Army Head Quarters, Keells Super Akuregoda , Army Voluntary, Isurupaya Stage II, P.H.A.K Fernando	
Bulk & Distribution : Filling Station Defence Head Quarters	
Distribution : Akuregoda, Wewa Road, Rasika Gunawaradane, Mandakini Housing Scheme, Sunly Near Setrac, Sama Padanama, Pothuarawa New	
2021-05-09	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sri Jayawardanapura GRID	
2021-05-15	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Ratna Printers, Public Service Commission , B M W, David Peiris, Hyundai, A & E Neralu Uyana , Farm Chemi , Wildlife Dept.	
Bulk & Distribution : CEB J'pura, Neralu Uyana	
Distribution : Dammodaya Mawatha, Jayanthipura, R V Fashion, Battaramulla Co-op City , Kandawatta II, Jayanthipura New (Alkattf), Dammodaya Mawatha, Rajapaksha Bakery	
2021-05-16	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Karts -Koswatta (KIU), Udesiri Perera (Near Malabe Boundary), ROYAL PARK, GLOBE System Solving , Milco I, Milco II, J.F.I, Laugf - Koswatta	
Distribution : Koswatta T.C., Devala Road, Lake Drive, Perera Mw (Bertram Sub)	
2021-05-18	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : S.L.Army - Akuregoda Road, Water Board Sewarage, Defence Head Quarters, Akuregoda Camp - Samp	
Distribution : Diyawanna Garden, Jayawadanagama III Near E.E.s	
2021-05-19	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sri Jayawardanapura GRID	
2021-05-21	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Fair Way, RN Construction, Coirtex Ltd, Foreign Employment Bureau, Jay Kay Marketing, Uniwalkers	
Distribution : Dutugamunu Mawatha 02, Suncity Property, Darshana Mw Thaladena, Dil Films, Laktharu Mawatha, Metal Crusher, Dutugamunu Mawatha 01, Muththettugoda (08th Mile Post)	
2021-05-22	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Alliance Agencies LTD, BSM, China Harbour - Udumulla Road, Road Passenger Transport Authority, O.C.H. Project -Udumulla Road, Panda Lanka, E.P.I.C Technology (Koswaththa)	
Bulk & Distribution : C.T.B. - Thalagama	
Distribution : Prime Lands , Battaramulla Bus Stand , Ganahena, Udumulla II R.E., Bogahahena, People's Bank Building, Udumulla I R.E.	
2021-05-23	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Tea Small, Government Analyst, KFC, Army Camp Nagahamulla , Cargills Food City -Pelawatta (New KFC), Defence Head Quarters -in front of SJP GSS, JVP Office, Ministry of Foreign Employment , Aquaculture Dev . Authority, Bela International, Cargills Food City - Pelawatta, Isurupaya, Subani Higgoda, Isurupaya Pump House, S.L. Army - Rathnayaka Mw	
Distribution : New Prince - Pelawatta, Isuru Mawatha-Pelawatta, Rathnayaka Mawatha, Bankhill Garden	
2021-05-25	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Arpico Kumaragewatta , Hiru TV, SPA-SL KUMARAGE WATTA, Hidrive, Upali Liyanage	
Distribution : Saman Uyana II, Nagahamulla , Saman Uyana , School lalage (Pelawatta Church), Expographic Book Shop, Nagahamulla II, Senkadagala Finance	
2021-05-29	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Kings Super (Magna), Western Provincial Council, Mahaweli Development, Western Province, Zonal Education Center , Plantation, PRIME LIBIA	
Distribution : Robot Gunawardana Mawatha	
2021-05-30	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Sri Jayawardanapura GRID	

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2021-05-02	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Anura P.V.C - Gamini Timber, Kalyani, Sigiri Garment, Mulleriyawa Hospital - Laboratory, Sanbear Readymix Ambatale, Maga, Capital, Paramount Solutions, T.A.Abeykoon , Tauros Enterprises Ambathale	
Bulk & Distribution : Mulleriyawa Hospital , Sunil Diamond - Anura Tile	
Distribution : Maligagodella, Pubudugama, Himbutu Uyana	
2021-05-06	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Star Garment, Amalgamated Buliding - Iron Factory, B.G.S.Niroshana, Cyntacy Factory , Accessory Network , J F I Printers, Metroof, Nimal Enterprises, Nimal Enterprises	
Bulk & Distribution : Hainnan Lanka (Cycle Factory)	
Distribution : Beauty Furniture, Sumanajothi Mawatha, Vihara Mawatha (Kanaththa), Sumanathissa Vidyalaya, Gangani Land, Sumanathissa Mawatha (N J N Enter), Sumanathissa, Celltel Sub, Vihara Mawatha - 02nd Lane, Nawagamuwa Devalaya, Nawagamuwa Junction, Wadurammulla	
2021-05-11	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : S & K CONSTRUCTION, R.N. Construction (Cement Product) , D D P (Carboard Factory), H.P.S.Fernando , Niroshan Metal Crusher, L P Gunarathna, PUSHPA KUMARA METAL CRUSHER-WELIHINDA, SANJEEWA METAL CRUSHER-WELIHINDA, G.L.C Jayalal, N.A.R.Chinthaka	
Bulk & Distribution : Kannatta Rd	
Distribution : Diyakaditte Road, Yakala (Homahena), Hiripitiya Metal Crusher , Laktile, Piyadasa, Dhahampasal Mw, Welihinda Bodhiya, Waruna	
2021-05-12	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Cargills Rubber Mills Junction	
Distribution : Ariyasinhalawatta, Ariyasinhalawatta II, Vijithapura Gehan Textile	
2021-05-17	08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Tea Hereby, Empire Tea	
Bulk & Distribution : Millennium Teas	
Distribution : Bandaranayaka Walawwa, Sumana Mawatha	

2021-05-18 08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Amalgamated Building - Iron Factory, J F I Printers, B.G.S.Niroshana, Cyntacy Factory, Star Garment, Accessory Network, Metroof, Nimal Enterprises, Nimal Enterprises
Bulk & Distribution : Hainnan Lanka (Cycle Factory)
Distribution : Nawagamuwa Junction, Sumanathissa, Sumanathissa Mawatha (N J N Enter), Beauty Furniture, Sumanathissa Vidyalaya, Sumanajothi Mawatha, Nawagamuwa Devalaya, Wadurammulla, Celltel Sub

2021-05-24 08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Suasa Super Market, Precision Engineering, Kothmale Holding, G.A.Somapala (Jayson Industries), Liyanage Hardware, Wittachchi Stainless Steel
Bulk & Distribution : Gamini Engineering
Distribution : Mulleriyawa Old (Makuludel), Angoda Junction, Dumidu Salt, Cargills - Galwana, Parakum Mawatha (Tyrekade Junction), Business Development Bank, Makunu Del II

2021-05-31 08.00 - 17.00
Bulk : Accessory Network, JFI Printers, Metroof, Star Garment, B.G.S.Niroshana, Nimal Enterprises, Amalgamated Building - Iron Factory, Cyntacy Factory, Nimal Enterprises
Bulk & Distribution : Hainnan Lanka (Cycle Factory)
Distribution : Wadurammulla, Nawagamuwa Devalaya, Beauty Furniture, Nawagamuwa Junction, Sumanathissa, Celltel Sub, Sumanajothi Mawatha, Sumanathissa Vidyalaya, Sumanathissa Mawatha (N J N Enter)

Deputy General Manager (WPS II), Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 644, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha, Ethul Kotte.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

COLOMBO SOUTH TEACHING HOSPITAL,
KALUBOWILA, DEHIWILA.

MAINTAINING A CANTEEN SERVICE 2021/2022

Applications are invited by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Colombo South Teaching Hospital from eligible Bidders in this trade for Maintaining the Canteen for a period of one year for Year 2021/2022.

- Bid documents could be obtained during normal working days from 29.04.2021 up to 12.05.2021 between 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from the Finance Division of this hospital by interested Bidders after paying a non-refundable bid document fee of Rs. 2,000/= to the Director, Colombo South Teaching Hospital and the receipt thus obtained should be submitted along with the National Identity Card to obtain Bid Forms.
- The words "**Provision of Canteen Services - Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila, Dehiwela for the Year 2021/2022**" should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the Bid Application and sent by Registered Post addressed to Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila, Dehiwela to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 13.05.2021 or could be inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Accountant's Office of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital.
- Bids should be prepared in two copies and marked as original and duplicate and enclosed in separate envelopes and thereafter, they should be inserted in a single envelope and submitted.
- Bids will be opened at this place immediately after closing of accepting Bids and the Bidder or an authorized representative could be present on this occasion.
- Bid documents could be inspected free of charge in the Accountant's Office of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital.
- Bid Forms will not be issued to persons who have defaulted Government Contracts Conditions and been blacklisted.
- The Regional Procurement Committee retains the right to accept the entire or a part of relevant bid or reject same.
- Further details could be obtained by calling the Accountant of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital. (Telephone No. 0112763038).

Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee
Colombo South Teaching Hospital
Kalubowila, Dehiwela.

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PROVINCIAL IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT,
EASTERN PROVINCE

PROVINCIAL SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT
(PSDG) AND RECURRENT FUNDS - 2021

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IRRIGATION,
BATTICALOA



- The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee on behalf of Office of the Deputy Director of Irrigation, Batticaloa invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works described in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure. Since the estimated value of work to be performed under this procurement (excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs. 50Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (iii).
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the Grade and Field mentioned in the table below with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- If the bid value is 30% or higher percentage less than the engineer's estimate, the bid will be rejected as per Public Finance Circular No. 03/2020(i) of 11.01.2021
- The qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the bidding document. Additional details are provided in the Schedule (Section 5) of the bidding documents.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Deputy Director of Irrigation, Batticaloa (TP No. 065-2224318, Fax No. 065-2224368) and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from **09.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs**.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to Deputy Director of Irrigation, Eastern Province, Batticaloa from **29.04.2021 until 12.05.2021 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs**, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs 3,000.00. The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Office of the Deputy Director of Irrigation, Yard Road, Batticaloa at or before **10.00 hrs on 13.05.2021**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bid validity periods are given in the table below.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Bid Security included in Section 9. The amount and validity of bid security shall be as per the information given in the table below.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at Office of the Deputy Director of Irrigation, Yard Road, Batticaloa on **07.05.2021 at 10.00 hrs**. Interested bidders may participate in this meeting on their own expenses.

Description of Works/ Contract No.	Estimated Value of work (Excluding VAT & other Taxes)	Contract Period calendar days	Required CIDA Grade & Field	Bid Validity Period up to	Required Bid Security	
					Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period
Construction of Salt water exclusion bund Chainage from 0+000-1+500 including construction of Drainage Outlets structures at Palugamam Periyakulam in Porativupattu DS Division. BT/DD/PSDG/P/2021/01	4.61 Mn	90 days	C8 and C7 Irrigation	15.07.2021	47,000.00	12.08.2021
Construction of New gate operating system and Strengthening the upstream side sill of Manalpitty Anicut, Construction of new cunition at downstream side of Sinnachchenai Anicut and Concrete lining channel chainage from 0+120m - 0+220 at RB of Sinnachchenai Anicut at Pulugunawi scheme in Manmunai South West DS Division. BT/DD/PSDG/P/2021/02	7.40 Mn	90 days	C7 and C6 Irrigation	29.07.2021	75,000.00	26.08.2021
Construction of Retaining wall at LB & RB sides Down stream side of Pathirakkal Anicut (Chainage from 0+000m - 0+030m) and Construction of Retaining wall at LB&RB sides downstream of Periyakalappoddamaduru Kilal Anicut (Chainage from 0+005m - 0+045m) under Adaichchakal Scheme in Manmunai West DS Division BT/DD/PSDG/P/2021/03	7.32 Mn	90 days	C7 and C6 Irrigation	29.07.2021	74,000.00	26.08.2021
Construction of concrete lining (Chainage from 0+000m to 0+200m) at LB main channel of Pannichayady Anicut and Construction of concrete lining (Chainage from 0+000m to 0+200m) at RB main channel of Valavady Anicut at Pulugunawe scheme in Manmunai South West DS Division. BT/DD/PSDG/P/2021/04	6.32 Mn	90 days	C7 and C6 Irrigation	29.07.2021	64,000.00	26.08.2021
Construction of vented Causeway at Chainage from 0+448m of Thanthamalai main road in Mavadimmarikandam at Pulugunawi scheme in Manmunai South West DS Division. BT/DD/PSDG/P/2021/06	4.55 Mn	90 days	C8 and C7 Highway	15.07.2021	46,000.00	12.08.2021
Construction of Retaining Wall along flood bund of Valaikalai Anicut (Chainage from 0+075m - 0+135m) and Construction of Box Culvert at Chainage 0+060m and Improvement of link channel Road (Chainage from 0+000m - 0+200m) from Valaikalai Anicut to Thanthamalai Main Road at Pulugunawi Scheme in Manmunai South West DS Division. BT/DD/PSDG/P/2021/07	4.59 Mn	90 days	C8 and C7 Irrigation/ Highway	15.07.2021	46,000.00	12.08.2021
Construction of small Bridge across spill way of Anaisuttakattu Tank in Koralaipattu North DS Division. BT/DD/PSDG/C/2021/04	5.50 Mn	90 days	C7 and C6 Highway/ Bridge	29.07.2021	55,000.00	26.08.2021
Construction of Store at Director's office Thiraimadu in Manmunai North DS Division. BT/DD/REC/PD/2021/01	1.65 Mn	90 days	C9 and C8 Building	01.07.2021	17,000.00	29.07.2021
Improvements of Asphalt surfacing Internal Road at Provincial Director's office, Thiraimadu in Manmunai North DS Division. BT/DD/REC/PD/2021/02	3.13 Mn	90 days	C8 and C7 Highway	15.07.2021	32,000.00	12.08.2021
Improvements of boundary wall at Provincial Director's office, Thiraimadu in Manmunai North DS Division. BT/DD/REC/PD/2021/03	2.68 Mn	90 days	C8 and C7 Building	15.07.2021	27,000.00	12.08.2021

Table

Eng. V. Rajagopalingam
Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee,
Office of the Deputy Director of Irrigation, Batticaloa.

29.04.2021



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/06/PT/6191 (MP)	Spares for Caterpillar C15 Engines Fitted with ZPMC Transfer Cranes at JCT	89,500.00	1,000.00	03.06.2021 10.00 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/09/052	25 Nos. MS Plates 2400x1200x25 MM	19,000.00	1,000.00	20.05.2021 13.30 hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable for Tenders total cost exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned Tenders are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any Bidder who wishes to act as an Agent, Sub-Agent, a Representative or a Nominee for and on behalf of any foreign Manufacturer or a Supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his Bid Documents.
- Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 4 from 30th April, 2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All Bids must be accompanied by the amount of abovementioned Bid Security.

Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.

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Division and Branch Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing Date & Time	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents & Contact TP. Nos.	Price of Bid Document (LKR)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
Materials					
Generation (Laxapana Complex)	LC/WPS/PROC/2021/10 Supply and Delivery of an insulation resistance tester for Wimalasurendra Power Station.	20/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex), Office of the Deputy General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, Laxapana. Tele : +94 51 2232375, Fax : + 94 51 2232211 E mail : dgmlc@ceb.lk	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (Lakvijaya Power Plant)	LV/S/2021/005 Selling of Mixture of Used Oil (Waste) – (Lakvijaya Power Plant – 2021)	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkaliya, Norochcholai 61342. TP : 032 226 8972 071-5777171 Fax: 032 226 8975	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (Thermal Complex)	SPS/EE(M)/LP/2021/01/1943 Supply 2 Nos of Portable 132kV Earthing Kit for MAN Plant of Sapugaskanda Power Station.	19/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600. Telephone: +94 112423 897 Fax : +94 112433 525	1,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NWP-2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/M/21/0040 Supply & Delivery of Multiple Aerial Connection Box 100 Nos.	20/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	The Office of the Deputy General Manager (NWP -2), Ceylon Electricity Board, No.25, Rajapihilla Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037- 2065498 Fax : 037- 2065497	1,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NWP-2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/G/21/0034 Supply & Delivery of Printers and Copiers	20/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (PHM)	PHM DD2/ DGM/ CE(LCM)/DPC/2021/10 Preliminary, Profile Survey For Proposed 33kV Double Circuit Tower Line From Ampara-Inginiyagala Tower Line To Hingurana Gantry (6.5 Km)	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (P&HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. 081-2222286 / 081-2204298	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2021/41 Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of Poles - R.C. 6m 50kg 700 Nos.	20/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	1,500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2021/42 Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of Poles - R.C. 8.3m 100kg 1,000 Nos.	20/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2021/43 Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of Poles - R.C. 8.3m 500kg 400 Nos.	20/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2021/44 Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of Poles Concrete Pre-Stressed 11m 350kg 100 Nos.	20/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2021/45 Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of Poles Concrete Pre-Stressed 13m 850kg 100 Nos.	20/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2021/46 Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of Poles Concrete Pre-Stressed 13m 1,200kg 25 Nos.	20/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,500.00	NCB
DD 04 (Southern)	SP/DGM/C5/58/21(N) Supply and Delivery 875 Nos. of Rods Earth Steel Copper Clade 1.2m x 17mm	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	DGM (SP-1)'s Office, CEB, 167, Matara Road, Galle. T.P.091-2232095	2,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (Southern)	SP/DGM/C5/59/21(N) Supply and Delivery 750 Nos. of Weld Metal Tube for Exothermic Earth Connection.	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (Southern)	SP/DGM/C5/60/21(N) Supply and Delivery 250 Nos. of Cross Arm Strut for MV Cantilever Arrangement of 33kV.	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (Southern)	SP/DGM/C5/61/21(N) Supply and Delivery of 25 Nos. of Out Door type Metallic Cubicles 1000mm x 800mm x 400mm Cubical (to use outdoor type cubical for bulk supply meter)	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (Southern)	SP/DGM/C5/62/21(N) Supply and Delivery of 2500 kg of Wire Binding Aluminum (No.9) 3.6mm	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (Southern)	SP/DGM/C5/63/21(N) Supply and Delivery of 6000 kg of Wire Binding Aluminum (No.11) 3mm	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	3,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (Southern)	SP/DGM/C5/64/21(N) Supply and Delivery of 15000 Nos. of Connector Insulated For Cable Alu. Insulated HS Duplex 10 SQMM	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (Southern)	SP/DGM/C5/65/21(N) Supply and Delivery of 500 Nos. of 8.3m/100kg Reinforced Concrete Poles	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	3,000.00	NCB
Construction					
Generation (Lakvijaya Power Plant)	LV/T/2021/050 Concrete Repairing work for Columns of Pipe Track in Main Power Plant area	02/06/2021 14.00 hrs.	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkaliya, Norochcholai 61342. TP : 032 226 8972 071-5777171 Fax: 032 226 8975	10,000.00	NCB
Generation (Lakvijaya Power Plant)	LV/T/2021/0081 Renovation of the CMEC Accommodation building adjacent to CMEC office building at Lakvijaya Power Plant.	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/2K21/034 Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance for five years (PABX) for Uva Province, Badulla Area Office Complex.	19/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/S05/2K21/0037 Renovation of Store Room and Construction of Proposed retaining wall at Monaragala CSC	19/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
AM (W. & A. S.)	CW&B/DGM/W&AS/03/2021 Renovation of Electrical Workshop at Kolonnawa. The work consists of demolishing, excavation, earth work, concrete, masonry, rubble & brick work, steel work, roof work, painting, plumbing & waste line, partitioning work.	20/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), Ceylon Electricity Board, 4th Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02. 0112-447567 / 0112-447568	2,000.00	NCB
Services					
Generation (Lakvijaya Power Plant)	LV/T/2021/0084 Hiring of Mechanical Supporting Service Under the Civil Section for One Year	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkaliya, Norochcholai 61342. TP : 032 226 8972 / 071-5777171 Fax: 032 226 8975	3,500.00	NCB
Generation (Lakvijaya Power Plant)	LV/T/U2A/2020/0137 Obtaining Service of 2 Nos of Superintendents and 20 Nos of Technicians for I&C work scope in Unit 2 Level A Overhaul	30/06/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
Transmission (Communications)	TR/CMN/JANITORIAL/2021 Contract of Janitorial Services to Communications Control Centre Building and the Premises for the Year 2021	21/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (Communications), Ceylon Electricity Board, Communications Control Centre, New Kelani Bridge Road, Wellampitiya. (between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working days till 02 days prior to the Bid closing date) Tel/ Fax: 011-2424582 / 011-2441935	500.00	NCB
DD 01 (Colombo City)	DGM(CC)/CE(M)/CON.RATES/2021/01 Calling rates for cladding works in Substations of Colombo City under Chief Engineer (Maintenance) Unit	19/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 18.05.2021. 011-2575930.	1,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NWP-2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/LB/21/0038 Lease out a Land for Provincial Stores	20/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	The Office of the Deputy General Manager (NWP -2), Ceylon Electricity Board, No.25, Rajapihilla Road, Kurunegala. T. No: 037- 2065498 Fax : 037- 2065497	2,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/094 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for ECSC at Pallepola in Matale Area for a Period of 01 Year.	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324	500.00	NCB
DD 02 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/095 Hiring of a Van for Commercial Sub Unit in Katagastota Area for a Period of 02 Years.	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/096 Hiring of a Motor Car for Area Electrical Engineer - Matale for a Period of 02 Years.	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/097 Hiring of a Van for Area Maintenance Sub Unit in Matale Area for a Period of 02 Years.	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/098 Hiring of a Motor Car for CE(Commercial) Unit - CP1 for a Period of 02 Years	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (Central-1)	CP1/CE(COM)/PPC/2021/099 Hiring of a Van for CE(Construction) Unit - CP1 for a Period of 02 Years.	19/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/D-V86/2021/22 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Area Maintenance Unit - Electrical Engineer (Divulpitiya)	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel.011-2911071/72	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/J-V129/2021/62 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office - Ja-ela	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/V-V63/2021/86 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Area Maintenance Unit – Chief Electrical Engineer (Veyangoda)	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/V-V64/2021/88 Hiring of a Van for Area Maintenance Unit – Chief Electrical Engineer (Veyangoda)	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/J -V130/2021/91 Hiring of a Van for Area Maintenance Unit - Chief Engineer (Ja-Ela)	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/KE-V 32/2021/92 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Consumer Service Centre - Dompe	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB

Division and Branch Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing Date & Time	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents & Contact TP. Nos.	Price of Bid Document (LKR)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/P&D -V55/2021/148 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer – Planning & Development's Office	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/P&D -V78/2021/149 Hiring of a Van for Distribution Control Centre - Chief Engineer (Planning & Development) Unit	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/K-V99/2021/151 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Consumer Service Centre - Delgoda	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/Con -V84/2021/156 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Construction)'s Office	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/KR-V93/2021/159 Hiring of a Van for Consumer Service Centre – Kirindiwela	12/05/2021 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 03 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-63/CONS-13/2K21/21 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Construction -Uva) Unit, Electrical Superintendent 09 (For 2 years)	19/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 055-2222474	500.00	NCB
DD 03 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-107/BD-20/2K21/22 Hiring of a Van for Electrical Engineer (Mahiyanganaya) Unit, Ridimaliyadda CSC (For 2 years)	19/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 03 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-126/DI-12/2K21/23 Hiring of Three Wheeler for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) Unit, Commercial Disconnection Team 2 (For 2 years)	19/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 03 (Uva)	කිලි(රුව) පුලු(රානි) / කිලි නිවා/ඩි/2කෙ21/07 Lease out a house for Electrical Superintendent (Wellaway) (2 years)	19/05/2021 15.00 hrs.	Office of the Electrical Engineer (Monaragala), Ceylon Electricity Board, Wellaway Road, Monaragala. Tel : 0552277350	500.00	NCB
Projects (GPD & EEHP-TRII)	PD(GPD&EEHP-TRII)/ASS/21/01 Leasing of Office Building in or around Colombo City with area of 4000 sq. ft. or higher with parking space for minimum 10 numbers of vehicles, for a period of 2 years (24 months). Bid addressed to the Chairman, Project Divisional Procurement Committee, may be sent under registered post to Office of the Project Director (GPD&EEHP-TRII)	28/05/2021 10.00 hrs.	Bidders could collect Bid Document from the Office of the Project Director (GPD&EEHP-TRII) between 0900 hours and 1500 hours on any working day till 25th May, 2021. Bids should be submitted only in the given format in the above document. Tel. : 011-2889650 Fax : 011-2889763	Free of charge	NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International /National Competitive Bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidders or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary they should get registered in terms of the Public Contracts Act No.3 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agents on submission of a written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 6 of the above table for each set of Bid Documents, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working day till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions / Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of a written request. Bidding Documents may be inspected by the prospective bidders or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE free of charge.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in Column 9. Late Bids shall be rejected.

All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date, from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the Bidding Documents.

* ICB – International Competitive Bidding, NCB – National Competitive Bidding.

General Manager

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The Information copy of the Bid document may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website www.ceb.lk

NOTICE



The Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public are hereby informed that **Thilan Daswatte of Daswatte Walauwa, Mawanella (Holder of NIC No. 773361711V)** who served as the General Manager of Stamford Star Hotel at No. 140, Badulla Road, Nuwaraeliya has been dismissed with effect from this day and hereinafter will not hold any position or responsibility in the hotel and will have in authority to sign any documents either orally or in writing or to transact in cash or by cheque.

Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) Notice under Section 7

My No: DSA/PALU/LND/LOTEL/54

Land Ministry Ref. No: 4-3/9/2018/MV/149
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public, that the Entitlement and compensation enquiries relevant to the undermentioned lots of land, determined to be acquired by the government under Section 9 of the land acquisition Act is scheduled to be held on 05th and 06th May 2021 at 10.00 a.m. by me at the office of the Palugaswewa Divisional Secretariat. Persons who have any connection with the said lots of land should appear for the enquiry. For further details, please refer to the government gazette extraordinary No. 2221/51 dated Thursday 01st April 2021.

SCHEDULE

Province : North Central
District : Anuradhapura
Divisional S.D. : Palugaswewa
Grama N.D. : No. 598, Madawala
Village : Siyambaladamana, Mahadivulwewa, Madawala

Description of Lots : F.V.P. 1593, Supplement No. 03 sheet No. 03 - Lot Nos. from 183 up to 226 (31 lots), C.M. 110715, Block No. 03, sheet No. 02 - Lot Nos. from No. 29 up to 41 (08 lots), F.V.P. 1592, Supplement No. 02, sheet No. 02, Lot 16 (Lots 01), F.V.P. 1616, Supplement No. 15, Sheet No. 15 - Lots from 431 up to 459 (20 Lots).

Divisional Secretary
Palugaswewa Divisional Secretariat Division

Office of the Palugaswewa Divisional Secretariat.
Date: 27.04.2021



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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Department of Government Printing

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING & MAINTENANCE OF ENVELOPE MAKING MACHINE

Bid Reference No. SI 2021/19

Quotations are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Board, Department of Government Printing from foreign manufacturers / Suppliers or authorized Sri Lankan agents for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Maintenance of ENVELOPE MAKING machine mentioned below.

Item No.	Description	Quantity
01.	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Maintenance of Envelope Making Machine (Fully Automated / Semi Automated)	01

National Competitive Bidding method
Place of Supply - Department of Government Printing.
No. 118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08.

- Suitable applicants interested in this matter could participate at a pre bid meeting to be held at 10.00 a.m. on 06.05.2021 at the Auditorium of the Department of Government Printing, No. 118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08, to obtain further information. Our needs will be presented in brief on this occasion and your suggestions could also be presented.
- Bid documents containing specifications and conditions prepared according to 2 above will be issued during working days of the week from 29.04.2021 up to 20.05.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 pm. at the Foreign Supplies Division at the above address. A non-refundable fee of Rs. 4000.00 and a written request should be submitted for every bid.
- A second pre bid meeting will be held in the Auditorium at the above address on 17.05.2021 at 10.00 a.m. Further discussions on the specifications of the machine and on bid documents will be done. Matters identified on this occasion will be issued to you as attachments along with the procurement documents.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at 2.00 p.m. on 21.05.2021. The bidder or his authorized representative could be present on this occasion.
- Further details regarding this matter could be obtained from the Assistant Printer, through Supplies Telephone No. 011-2694898.

Gangani Liyanage
Procurement Committee Chairperson

Department of Government Printing
No. 118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08.
Telephone : 011-2694898
Website : www.documents.gov.lk
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23.04.2021

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QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF HIGH BRIGHT NEWSPRINT PAPER IN REELS

IMP/ADV/2021/07

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "300 MT - 52 - 55 GSM High Bright Newsprint Paper in Reels - 27 1/2" & 43 1/2" Reel Width" as specified below.

Quantity	Description
200 MT	High Bright Newsprint Paper in Reel form Grammage: Ranging from 52 GSM - 55 GSM Reel Width: 27 1/2"
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Foreign Offers

The bidders should quote both **FOB and CIF Colombo prices** (on at sight as well as 90 days usance). **CIF offers should clearly detail Cost, Freight & Insurance charges separately. ANCL reserves the right to place the order on FOB or on CIF term.**

Offers with samples and specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Quotations for 52 - 55 GSM High Bright Newsprint Paper in Reels" on the top left hand corner.

Local Offers

Ex-stock price indicating Transport Charges, VAT and other levies separately with samples should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Documents can be collected on any working day from **27 April 2021 to 10 May 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.** from **Head of Procurement, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., No. 35, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.**

Offers should be sent to the **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 11th May 2021 at 2.30 p.m.** which will be opened immediately.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc. should be clearly indicated on the offers. Acceptance of new sources/product is subjected to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 05% with a validity period of 90 days.

Bidders or accredited representatives will be allowed to be present at the opening. The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Head of Procurement
THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF CEYLON LIMITED
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COLOMBO EAST BASE HOSPITAL

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply, Installation and Maintenance of PABX Telephone System

Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Colombo East Base Hospital, Mulleriyawa, invites bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the above work up to 10.00 a.m. on 19.05.2021.

Bids will be opened immediately after closing at the office room of the Director of the above address and the Bidders or authorized agents may be present on this occasion. Top left hand corner of the envelope enclosing bids should be marked as "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of PABX Systems" and it is a mandatory requirement.

Bidding Documents could be obtained from the Head Office of the Hospital from 9.00 a.m. on 28.04.2021 up to 3.00 p.m. on 18.05.2021 on submission of the documentary evidence for the eligibility of the bidders the written request and the receipt issued by the Accountant of this hospital for the payment of the bid fees, and if required Bidding Documents could be inspected free of charge during the said period.

Duly completed Bids in duplicate should either be sent by registered post to the following address or hand delivered and deposited in the tender box, kept at the Director's Office.

Se/No.	Item	Non-refundable Bid Fee
01	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of PABX System	Rs. 3,500.00

For further details, please contact: Director, Colombo East Base Hospital (Telephone No:- 011-2578226). Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject Bids.

**Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Colombo East Base Hospital,
Mulleriyawa New Town.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE



This is to inform the General Public that **Mr.G.K.G. Uddika Erosh** - Operations Manager bearing NIC NO.197724510039 residing at No.27A 4th Lane, Siddhamulla Piliyandala is no more an employee of the Company since 22nd April 2021. The General Public is cautioned not to enter into any transaction with the above named on behalf of the Company and any person/company dealing with him shall do so at his /her own risk and responsibility. Company shall not take any responsibility for the unauthorized and unlawful activities of the above named with effect from 22nd April 2021.

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CORRECTION NOTICE

Sri Lanka Ports Authority

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

This refers to the above titled advertisement published on page No. 34 of Daily News on 22nd April 2021.

Please note that line number 06 of the advertisement should be corrected as follows;

Tender No. CES/FP/02/PT/6193(MP)

Name of the Tender: Injector Assembly for Cummins 855 Engines fitted with transfer cranes at JCT.

Bid Security Amount (Rs.) 69,500.00

Document fee (Inclusive of VAT) Rs. 1,000.00

Closing date & time 01.06.2021 at 10.00 hrs.

The other contents remain unchanged.

Chief Manager

(Supplies & Material Management)

Supplies Division,

Sri Lanka Ports Authority,

No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.

Tel. 2482231, 2483338

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF THE TELEPHONE BOARD

DE SOYSA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

Quotations are invited up to 10.00 a.m. on 14.05.2021 from reputed Institutions for Maintenance and Servicing of the Telephone Board of the De Soysa Hospital for Women.

12 rounds of servicing should be done within 4 year and spare parts should be replaced whenever necessary.

Quotation Forms could be obtained during working days of the week from 30.04.2021 up to 13.05.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from the Officer-in-charge of AC Subject Division after submitting the receipt obtained by paying a fee of Rs. 3000.00 to the Shroff of the Hospital.

Quotations containing names of your clients for providing services and documents in proof of your eligibilities should be sent by Registered Post to the address below to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 14.05.2021 or should be inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Accountant's Office.

The words "Maintenance and Servicing of the Telephone Board 2021/2022" should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the quotation. Applications will be opened at 10.00 a.m. 15.05.2021. The applicant or an authorized representative could be present on this occasion.

Further details could be obtained by contacting the Office (Telephone No. 0112-662619 - Extension 207). The Regional Procurement Board retains the right to accept or reject applications.

**Chairman,
Regional Procurement Board,
De Soysa Hospital for Women,
Colombo 08.**

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S OFFICE - KANDY

- Bids are invited from interested Bidders who possess following qualifications and who have not been blacklisted, by the Chairman, Procurement Committee and the District Secretary for the constructions mentioned in the undermentioned schedule of be implemented by the District Secretary's Office, Kandy.
- Bid documents for constructions below Rs. 50 Million will only be issued for Regional Contractors. Contracts successfully completed previously will be considered when awarding contracts and all such details should be submitted along with Bids. Further details relevant to the Bids could be obtained from the District Engineer through Telephone No. 081-5626672 of District Secretary's Office, Kandy.
- Bid documents could be obtained from 30.04.2021 to 20.05.2021 on working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on submission of the receipt issued by the Shroff of Kandy District Secretary's Office for the payment of the Bid document fee in cash.
- Duly perfected Bids in duplicate marked as original and duplicate separately and sealed should be enclosed in a single cover and either be sent to reach the District Secretary and Chairman Procurement Committee, District Secretary's Office, Kandy or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office on or before 2.00 p.m. on 21.05.2021. The name of the relevant work should be mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing Bids.
- Bids that do not comply with the due instructions and received late will be rejected.
- All Bids should be accompanied with a non-conditional Bid Security obtained from a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka to the amount and valid for the number of days from the date of opening of Bids given in the table below or the receipt obtained from Shroff of the District Secretariat for the cash payment.

Schedule

Serial No.	Work	Engineer's Estimate Rs. Million	Minimum CIDA Registration Required	Bid Security Amount		No. of Days for Bid Security	Bid Document Fee (Rs.)
				Bank Guarantee	Cash		
01.	Construction of Ganga Ihala Korale Cultural Centre - Stage 3	19	C6	200,000.00	100,000.00	77	5,000.00
02.	Fixing of Aluminium glass windows at the Head Office of Department of Export Agriculture	3.5	C8	35,000.00	17,500.00	63	2,000.00
03.	Construction of Motor Cycle Park at District Secretarial Premises	1.4	C9	14,000.00	7,000.00	49	800.00

07. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of receiving Bids. Bidders or their representatives could participate at the time.

08. The Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept a suitable Bid or to reject incomplete Bids and its decision will be final.

**Chandana Tennekoon
Chairman / Procurement Committee,
District Secretary / Government Agent,
District Secretariat, Kandy.**

Central Provincial Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power and Energy and Housing & Construction

Central Province

1. Invitation for Bids for Purchase of Machinery Equipment

Schedule

Serial No.	Details	Quantity Required	Non Refundable Tender Form Fee (Rs.)	Value of Bid Guarantee (Should be valid for 90 days)	
				In Cash (Rs.)	Bank Guarantee (Rs.)
1	Purchase of Mechanical Saw Engine - Four Stroke / size 24"	09	1000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
2	Purchase of Mechanical Bush Cutter Engine - Four Stroke / Fuel - Petrol / Cutting Blade - Double side Blade with more than 455mm Length/Power 0.60 kw-1kw	30			
3	Purchase of White Line Marking Machine	01	1000.00	7,500.00	15,000.00
4	Purchase of Digital Camera Equipment	15	1000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
5	Computer Machinery	15	1000.00	30,000.00	60,000.00
6	Laptop	06	1000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
7	Photocopy Machines	02	1000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
8	UPs	25	1000.00	3,500.00	6,000.00
9	Printers	08	1000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
10	Fax Machines	04	1000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
11	Supplying and Fixing Security Cameras	10	1000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00

> Bids should be submitted for each item of supply only on specimen forms issued by this office and they will be issued on Government working days from 30.04.2021 up to 19.05.2021 during office hours between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. The receipt obtained after paying the non-refundable Tender Form Fee to the People's Bank A/C No. 158100110000022 in favour of the General Manager, Road Development Authority, should be submitted to the Headquarters Chief Engineer of this Authority to obtain Bid Forms.

> The receipt obtained after depositing the Bid Guarantee in favour of the General Manager, Road Development Authority to the value as shown against the relevant item or the receipt obtained after paying to the People's Bank A/C No. 158100110000022 or a Bid Bond obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Government should be submitted with the Bid Documents.

> Bids should be prepared in two copies as original and duplicate and inserted in separate envelopes and the name of the relevant Bid Item should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelopes and sent to the **Chairman, Procurement Committee, Provincial Road Development Authority, No. 09, Ehelepola Kumarihamy Mawatha, Bogambara, Kandy**, to be received at or before 10.30 a.m. on 20.05.2021 or could be hand-delivered to the Bid Box kept in the Accounts Division of the Head Office. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting Bids and the Bidders or an authorized representative could be present on this occasion. Bids received after the stipulated time will be rejected.

> The Procurement Committee has the right to accept or reject any Bid or a part of same. Further details could be obtained on working days during office hours from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on Tel. No. 081-3159905 and contacting the Headquarters Engineer of the Provincial Road Development Authority or by contacting the Accountant of the Provincial Road Development Authority on Tel. No. 081-3159906.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Provincial Road Development Authority,
No. 09, Ehelepola Kumarihamy Mawatha,
Bogambara, Kandy.**

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