

Stampede kills 44 pilgrims in Israel

ISRAEL: A massive stampede at a densely packed Jewish pilgrimage site killed at least 44 people in Israel on Friday, blackening the country's largest COVID-era gathering. The night-time disaster struck after pilgrims thronged to Meron at the site of the reputed tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, a second-century Talmudic sage. **TOP PAGE 02**

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NO COUNTRYWIDE LOCKDOWN - ARMY COMMANDER

HEALTH AUTHORITIES PREPARED TO HANDLE SITUATION

CAMELIA NATHANIEL
Chief of Defence Staff, Army Commander and Head, National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCP-CO) General Shavendra Silva said that there was no plan to impose a complete nationwide lockdown at present. However, he said that localised lockdowns would be imposed in various Grama Niladhari Divisions and Police divisions based on the requirements.

Speaking to the *Daily News*, he said that 16 Grama Niladhari Divisions in Kalutara and Polonnaruwa districts have been placed under isolation orders.

Meanwhile, he said that there was no need for the public to panic as the health authorities were prepared to handle the situation at hand.

The Commander said that as of yesterday, the bed capacity had been increased by 1,200 addition-

COVID PATIENT BED CAPACITY INCREASED

al beds, adding that the Army has the capacity at hand for an additional 5,000 plus beds. He said that within the next 48 hours, the bed capacity would be increased further.

By yesterday another 922 new COVID-19 patients were detected, the Government Information Department said.

Accordingly, the total confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country stand at 107,406.



ALL EVENTS INCLUDING WEDDINGS BANNED FOR TWO WEEKS

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

All events, including weddings have been banned for a period of two weeks, beginning on May 3, Army Commander and Head of the National Operation Centre for the Prevention of COVID-19 General Shavendra Silva said yesterday (30).

Meanwhile, the Army Commander, responding to media queries regarding the shortage of hospitals to treat the rising number of COVID cases, said that hotels and hospitals will be converted into treatment centres if the need arises.

He said that if the need arises, the National Operations Centre for the Prevention of COVID-19 will convert around 10-15 hotels across the country into hospitals to cater to the patients' needs.

MAY DAY MESSAGES

GOVT. WILL SAFEGUARD RIGHTS OF WORKING CLASS - PRESIDENT

As promised to the people, our Government has safeguarded national security and sovereignty. Similarly, we have ensured that no harm would befall to our national legacy and heritage. Steps are being taken to implement policies for the growth of local industries and agriculture-based economies. A clear, well-defined economic plan has been formulated and implemented to eradicate poverty, which is the biggest burden faced by a substantial segment of the working class, states President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in his May Day message. **TOP PAGE 02**



GREATEST DAY OF THE WORKING PEOPLE - PM

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa issuing a message to mark May Day appreciated the commitment and efforts of the working people towards achieving socio-economic development even in the face of an unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

The Message: "It is with great pleasure that I extend my best wishes to all working people on this International Workers' Day."

"The International Workers' Day, which was started to win workers' rights, is the greatest day of the working people. The commitment made by working masses for the betterment not only of their country in general but of the world as a whole has always been highly commendable. **TOP PAGE 02**



PROTECT WORKERS' RIGHTS - OPPOSITION LEADER

The working class is suffering extreme circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation while the Government is only pursuing its own political agendas, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa issuing a May Day message said yesterday (30). The message: "This time, the May Day comes at a time when the entire human race is in the midst of a catastrophe caused by the Coronavirus. The world has been suffering this pandemic for two years. It is difficult to find a time in the last century when the world economy has been so severely affected. **TOP PAGE 02**



India's Intelligence Bureau to probe Rishad's Kerala connections

Intelligence Bureau and Kerala Police have started to dig into Kerala connections of All Ceylon Makkal Congress leader and Parliamentarian Rishad Bathiudeen after he was arrested by Sri Lankan Police on April 24 in connection with April 2019 Easter Sunday attacks that killed 279 people and injured hundreds, The New Indian Express reported.

While the specifics of the links which Bathiudeen had in Kerala are yet to be revealed, the agencies will be looking into the inputs on his visit to Kasaragod in 2009 and also his acquaintance with a few religious leaders in Kerala, who had met him in Sri Lanka and also when he toured India especially Chennai when he was Sri Lanka's Minister for Industry and Commerce in 2013.

As per intelligence officials, Rishad's father hailed from Padna in Kasaragod and he was in touch with a few persons in the region. **TOP PAGE 02**



Today, as the world celebrates the International Workers' Day, we cannot even for a moment forget the great sacrifice made by health workers and essential workers to make our lives better even amidst the challenges posed by the pandemic. Together, they have kept the wheels of economy turning as we seek to emerge from the pandemic. **Picture by Hirantha Gunathilake**

AG assures Court Harin will not be arrested until July 14

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Attorney General yesterday gave an undertaking to the Supreme Court that Parliamentarian Harin Fernando will not be arrested until July 14 this year, in connection with the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks.

When the matter came up before the Supreme Court three-judge-Bench comprising S.Thurairaja, Justice Kumuduni

Wickremasinghe and Justice Mahinda Samayawardhena, the Attorney General assured Court that the petitioner Harin Fernando will not be arrested until the matter is taken up for support on July 14.

Harin Fernando had filed a Fundamental Rights petition in the Supreme Court seeking an order preventing Police from arresting and detaining him in connection with the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks. **TOP PAGE 02**

Sumanthiran's car skids on Expressway

RASULA DILHARA, North Special Corr.

The car in which TNA Jaffna District MP M.A. Sumanthiran was travelling was involved in an accident on the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway yesterday morning, causing severe damage to the car.

His family members said the MP was not harmed in the accident. The MP's vehicle had skidded off the road and hit a safety fence on the Expressway during heavy rains.

Serjeant-at-Arms informs CID Director

Take steps to allow MP Bathiudeen to attend Parliament sittings



The Serjeant-at-Arms of Parliament Narendra Fernando has informed the Director of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in writing to take necessary steps for Wannu District MP Rishad Bathiudeen to attend the Parliament sittings if he requests.

MP Rishad Bathiudeen is

being detained and questioned by the CID.

This request has been made on the instructions of Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. As the sittings are scheduled to be held on May 4 and 5 from 10.00 am, the director CID has been informed to bring the MP to Parliament premises by 9.30 am. **TOP PAGE 02**

UNP concerned over man's arrest for allegedly obstructing VVIP motorcade

SHIROMI ABEYASINGHE



The United National Party (UNP) said yesterday that it was deeply concerned by the reports of the arrest of an individual allegedly involved in provoking people to honk car horns when the Police temporarily stopped vehicular movement in one of the Colombo roads in order for a vehicular convoy carrying a VVIP to pass by. **TOP PAGE 02**

Suspect in custody allegedly linked to 2018 experimental bomb blast

RAKSHANA SRIYANTHA and SHAVINI MADHARA

Razik Raza who is currently in remand custody is allegedly linked to the exper-

imental bomb blast in 2018 prior to the suicide attacks, Police have uncovered.

Raza is said to have provided the explosives and

raw materials for the experimental blast to Mohamed Rilwan, the brother of Zaharan Hashim. Raza has been taken into the custody of

the Terrorism Investigation Division (TID) for questioning.

Rilwan was injured during the test in 2018. **TOP PAGE 02**

Parliament to take up Port City Bill debate on May 5

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

The House will take the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill up for debate on next Wednesday (05). The decision has been taken by the Com-

mittee on Parliamentary Business chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena which met yesterday (30) to discuss the agenda for Parliament sittings next week.

Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake said that the debate will commence at 10.00 a.m. and continue until 8.00 in the evening. Dissanayake also stated. **TOP PAGE 02**

Gold Biscuits, jewellery worth over Rs.317 m seized

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Twenty six kilos of Gold Biscuits and Jewellery valued at over Rs.317 million was seized by the Customs Narcotic Control Unit of the Bandaranaik International Airport (BIA) yesterday (30), Sri Lanka Customs sources said.

A passenger and an airport maintenance worker who were involved in the racket were

arrested as well. One of the suspects is a returnee from Doha, Qatar and the other suspect is a janitor who was attached to airport maintenance.

Customs Deputy Director (Legal Affairs) and Media Spokesman Sudattha Silva pointed out that the said suspect who arrived at the airport had delivered the gold biscuits to the janitor. **TOP PAGE 02**



The Gold Biscuits and Jewellery seized by the BIA Customs Narcotic Control Unit.

JVP May Day commemoration to be held online

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

The May Day commemoration of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) will be

held online from 10.00 today (01) morning. The JVP will hold a virtual commemoration as the May Day rally

which was organized had to be cancelled due to the pandemic situation prevailing in the country. **TOP PAGE 02**



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CBSL's 71st Annual Report presented to Prime Minister

The 71st Annual Report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) was presented to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa by the Governor of the Central Bank,



Central Bank Governor Deshamanya Prof. W. D. Lakshman presenting the 71st Annual Report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees yesterday. Picture courtesy Prime Minister's Media Division

Deshamanya Prof. W. D. Lakshman at Temple Trees yesterday (30).

According to the Monetary Law Act, the Annual Report of the Central Bank must be submitted to the Minister of Finance on or before April 30 of each year.

Accordingly, the report of the Central Bank was presented to the Minister of Finance and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

The report highlights the economic progress achieved by Sri Lanka in the face of various challenges in the year 2020 and also includes a forecast of the path of the Sri Lankan economy within the framework of the State Policy for the Future.

Minister Johnston Fernando, Secretary to the Prime Minister Gamini Senarath, Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister Yoshitha Rajapaksa, Deputy Governor of Central Bank Mahinda Siriwardena and Director of Economic Research Chandranath Amarasekera were also present.

KDU to provide Intensive Care services for COVID patients - Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said that the John Kotelawala Defense University Hospital (KDU) has taken steps to provide intensive care services to patients suffering due to the third wave of COVID-19 which is spreading across the country.

Accordingly, three Intensive Care Units at the John Kotelawala Defense University Hospital (KDU) will be set aside for the Intensive Care of COVID patients with 24 ICU beds and 12 High Dependency Beds (HDU beds) will be set up in these units for all including Hi-flow oxygen.

The Minister of Health points out that steps have been taken to provide facilities. Minister Wanniarachchi

paid a special visit to the John Kotelawala Defense University Hospital on Thursday to inquire into the matter. During the special discussion held after the visit, the Minister instructed the Secretary to the Ministry of Health and the Director General of Health Services to expedite the deployment of 30 doctors, 80 nurses and 25 junior staff members required to maintain this Intensive Care Unit.

The Secretary to the Ministry of Health and the Director General of Health Services were instructed to expedite the provision of medical equipment and medicines to strengthen COVID care services and to provide safe accommodation and transport facilities for the medical staff coming to work in these Intensive Care Units.

The Ministry of Health also said that the Ministry of Health has taken steps to expand Intensive Care services and increase the capacity of beds in hospitals and COVID treatment centres islandwide under the special programme to strengthen COVID treatment services.

Maj. Gen. Dr. Sanjewa Munasinghe, Secretary Ministry of Health, Dr. Asela Gunawardena, Director General of Health Services, Dr. Jayan Mendis, Executive Director of John Kotelawala Defense University Hospital, Dr. Brigadier Saman Tilak, Director General of Medical Services and others were present during the visit.

Speaker thanks Japan for Rs.1,360 m grant for COVID-19 prevention work



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardane extended his gratitude to the Government of Japan for providing Rs.1,360 million grant for the provisioning of necessary medical equipment such as MRI Scanner, CT scanner, Bed Side X-Ray Systems and Central Monitors to strengthen the COVID-19 preventing activities in Sri Lanka.

He also thanked the Government of Japan for providing US dollars 3 million through UNICEF to support the cold chain system in Sri Lanka and strengthen delivery of Immunization services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said this while making the welcome speech at the revival meeting of the Japan-Sri Lankan Parliamentary Friendship Association for the ninth Parliament held recently in Parliament.

The meeting was held under the patronage of Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, the Ambassador of Japan Akira Sugiyama and Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake and was attended by Ministers, State Ministers and Members of Parliament.

The Speaker further said that "the bilateral relations between the two countries in the early days have mainly been in the religious and cultural spheres. These traditional bonds were developed into more valued political and economic ties in the latter half of the last century."

"Sri Lanka was one of the nine Asian countries that participated in the San Francisco Peace Conference in Japan which was held in September 1951. Then Finance Minister, J. R. Jayewardene's speech on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka at the conference urging the participating countries to accept Japan into the comity of nations without any reparation in the spirit of the Buddha's teaching continues to be deeply appreciated by Japan."

"As we all are well aware that, Sri Lanka and Japan established Diplomatic Relations shortly after the signing of the Peace Treaty in April 1952. A Japanese Mission was set up in Colombo in February 1952 and in May 1953 Sri Lanka established a Legation in Tokyo. This month (April, 2021) marks the 69th anniversary of celebration diplomatic relations between the two countries", the Speaker said.

"Since 1993, delegations from both the Parliamentary Friendship Associations paid reciprocal visits. Apart from the visits of the Members of the Parliamentary Friendship Associations there were many high-profile bilateral visits that were undertaken by the Leaders of both the countries and Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister's visit in September 2014 to Sri Lanka is a significant milestone in this context."

"Excellency and dear Members, I strongly believe that we Parliamentarians, representatives of the people have the ability to promote our interests through the interaction of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups. Thus hope this meeting will also contribute to further strengthen the relations between the two countries and the Legislatures."

At this meeting, Minister of Plantation Dr. Ramesh Pathirana, was elected as the new President of the Sri Lanka-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association.

Member of Parliament Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, was elected as the new Secretary and MPs Selvarajah Gajendren, J. C. Alawathuwala, and Premnath C. Dolawatte, were elected as the vice presidents.

In addition, MP Ajith Rajapakse was elected as the Treasurer and MPs Sivagnanam Shrirathan and Major Sudarshana Denipitiya, as the Assistant Secretaries.

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May Day blues

For once in over three decades Colombo would be free from the revelry that passes off for May Day, the so-called day dedicated to the working class, where those who grind out an existence the hard way by their sweat and toil during the rest of the year get an opportunity to let their hair down and give vent to their frustrations and grievances and rant and rave against their exploitation by the capitalist class.

The raging Coronavirus pandemic had thrown a damper on this year's May Day celebrations in the City and the outstations with the Government imposing a ban on public gatherings. The last occasion a May Day was banned was in 1987 when President J. R. Jayewardene clamped down on all Workers' Day rallies in the teeth of JVP inspired violence. This time though May Day cancellation was occasioned not by terrorist guns but the wrath of nature in the form of a deadly pandemic that is exacting heavy death toll round the world.

Still the die-hard old left which had always been in the vanguard of May Day rallies in the past will commemorate Workers Day Online and so will both camps of the Rathu Sahodharayas, while the May Day celebration of the UNP will be confined to Party Headquarters Sirikotha with a 100-member attendance.

Of course, May Day in Sri Lanka would always bring to memory the tragic death of former President Premadasa by a LTTE suicide bomber - the 28th anniversary of which falls today. At the time of the tragedy, the late President was facing an acute political crisis with a section of his Cabinet rebelling against him threatening his Presidency. May Day provided him with a giant platform to neutralize his opponents within his Government and wrest the initiative. It was purely a political show, as all May Days before and after were indeed political shows. The workers' interests and their grievances were furthest from the agenda on that fateful May Day in 1993.

Needless to say, May Day which is essentially dedicated to the workers and is an event to celebrate the dignity of labour has today turned into an abomination with anything but the workers' rights and the grievances articulated on this day. Today's May Days are exercises in demonstrating the political strengths of the Government in power and the Opposition, their successes depending on the sizes of the crowds each group could muster. May Days have become the complete antithesis of its *raison d'être*, that of protecting the workers' rights and asserting their demands.

Instead it has become a day for abuse of State property which rightfully belongs to the workers themselves and a day for bacchanal orgies. Very little is spoken about the workers, their struggles or sacrifices on May Day stages with only gung ho claims of politicians and attacks on their rivals dominating the agenda. True, a few resolutions are glibly read out on May Day stages as token concessions to the working class, only for these to be consigned to the forgotten things of limbo in no time.

Workers themselves are responsible for this state of affairs having allowed politicians to hijack the party that is solely theirs and reduce themselves to the level of palanquin bearers of politicians. Of course this is to be expected with the Trade Unions being highly politicized and the workers interests and rights blurred by party politics. In other words, political loyalty has taken precedence over workers' interests and rights, reducing May Day to a forum for political grandstanding with the workers mere pawns in the hands of politicians to further their interests. It is time that workers started asserting themselves by depoliticizing the labour movement as a whole. In no other country is May Day celebrated by workers with politicians on stage. Nor have the workers' interests being allowed to be bartered for political considerations. Hopefully this-non event May Day would make Trade Unions representing the working class reflect on where they have gone wrong and begin asserting their rights on their own without leaning on political crutches for survival.

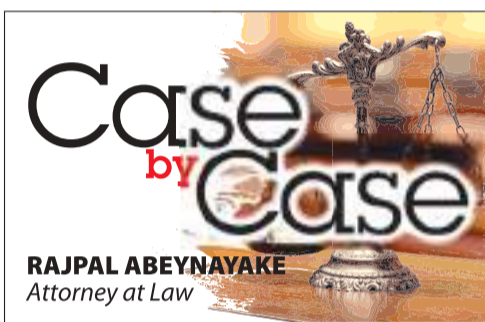
They should strive to make May Day a more meaningful event that would reflect the power of the working class and a powerful forum to articulate the grievances of the toiling masses. The workers too should provide their unstinted contribution towards the country's development and progress through sheer hard work. It is only then that they could assert their rights without guilt or misgivings. Today workers in Government controlled Trade Unions hardly pull their weight, with protection guaranteed as to their job security. Workers perform as little as they could and get away secure in the thought that they have the protection of politicians. It is time that the firm hold of political parties over Trade Unions is broken and workers made free to exercise their power and assert themselves on their own volition. If not May Day would be bereft of its true meaning, making it a platform for dog fights between political parties, with the workers left in the lurch.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It was not by gold or by silver, but by labour, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased. - Adam Smith



THE CASE LAW WHICH STILL KEEPS OUR DIVORCE LAWS ARCHAIC



Tennakoon v. Tennakoon (SLR - 217, Vol 2 of 1984 [1984] LKCA 13; (1984) 2 Sri LR 217 (September 5, 1984) is a somewhat celebrated case in the annals of divorce law in Sri Lanka for several reasons.

A plaintiff in the District Court (DC) had obtained a divorce, but that decree was challenged by the then defendant in the DC, in a petition in the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal observed in Judgement: "The main question that arises for our determination in the instant appeal is whether s. 608 (2) warrants the grant of a decree for divorce upon proof of a 7 year period of separation between the parties to the marriage."

Section 608 (2) of the Civil Procedure Code gave some hope to litigants that there could be something equal to a no fault divorce in Sri Lanka, because it essentially seemed to indicate that a 7 year period of separation was grounds for divorce. Or at least that was a meaning that was derived from this section by certain parties.

If the married parties lived separately for seven years, either spouse is permitted to request the decree for dissolution of marriage from Court. That was the net result from the new section 608, and it was thought, as per the Civil Procedure Code, it is not necessary to prove the grounds relating to matrimonial fault. "It can be argued that through these provisions policymakers attempted to introduce the doctrine of breakdown of marriage rather than seek the guilt or innocence of the parties," argued a legal scholar, E.M.Y.G. Ekanayaka of the University of Colombo.

The case law also came around to recognizing this position.

In Muthurani v. Thureisingham, Thambiah J. held that petitioner's adultery was not a bar for obtaining the divorce.

However, in the case under review, Tennakoon vs. Tennakoon, the Appeal Court observed in judgement:

"Thus it was only the innocent spouse who could in law have obtained a decree for divorce and that too (in so far as is applicable to the instant case) upon one or more of the three grounds specified in s. 19 of the Marriage Registration Ordinance. The question that arises for our determination is whether s. 608 (2) enacted on 15.12.1977 by Law No. 20 of 1977 has altered

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this legal position. The relevant portion of this subsection reads as follows:

- "(2) Either spouse may
- (a) after the expiry of a period of two years from the entering of a decree of separation under subsection (1) or
- (b) notwithstanding that no application has been made under subsection (1) but where there has been a separation *a mensa et thoro* for a period of seven years, apply..... by way of summary procedure for a decree of dissolution of marriage, and the court may, upon being satisfied that the spouses have not resumed cohabitation in any case referred to in paragraph (a), or upon the

proof of the matters stated in an application made under the circumstances referred to in paragraph (b), enter judgement accordingly."

The Appeal Court — in the Judgement written by Athukorale J in the case under review, decided that Section 608 only allowed for a party to have recourse to summary procedure as opposed to regular procedure.

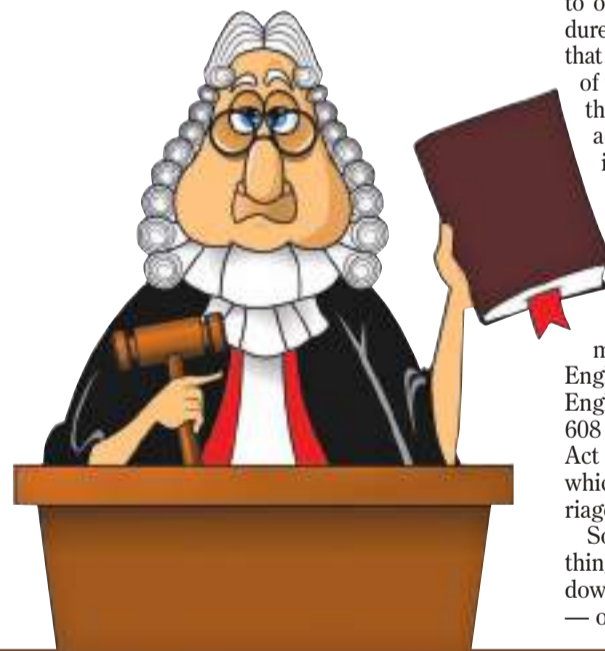
Court held: "This subsection enabled, for the first time, either spouse to apply to the appropriate District Court by way of summary procedure. For a decree of dissolution of the marriage without proceeding by way of plaint in the course of regular procedure. It also prescribed in paragraphs (a) and (b) aforesaid the circumstances under which such an application by way of summary procedure may be made by either spouse. The circumstances specified in paragraph (a) or (b) must be shown to pre exist before a spouse can have recourse to summary procedure for the dissolution of his or her marriage. In the instant case the circumstances set out in the paragraph (b) have been established to exist prior to the respondent's application for a decree for divorce. The crucial and decisive words in so far as the instant case is concerned are therefore the following: "the court mayupon the proof of the matters stated in the application made under the circumstances referred to in paragraph (b), enter judgement accordingly."

Basically the judgement in this case under review, considering the words in the legislation "enter judgement accordingly", reversed the position in the earlier case in which Justice Thambiah had held that irrespective of the fact that the plaintiff had committed adultery — i.e. the fault was his — he could still obtain a divorce after establishing 7 years separation.

In this case under review, the Appeal Court held that the 7 year separation only allowed the party to obtain summary as opposed to regular procedure. However, to obtain a divorce, it was held that the party has also to establish in addition one of the three grounds for divorce in Section 19 of the Marriage Registration Ordinance, which is adultery, malicious desertion or incurable impotence.

Court held: "It is my view that the primary intent of s. 608 (2) of the Code is to make provision for a quicker and cheaper procedure for obtaining relief in matrimonial case and not to alter the substantive law upon which marriages can be dissolved. I do not think that English decisions or the Divorce Reform Act of England are of any assistance in construing s. 608 (2) of our to note that the Divorce Reform Act of 1969 is a substantive piece of legislation which made provision for the dissolution of marriages which had broken down irretrievably."

So it is that in this country, there is no such thing as a dissolution of marriage that has broken down irretrievably i.e. irreconcilable differences — or no fault divorce.



Enjoy Lanka's beauty, explore business opportunities - Dr. Kohona

Sri Lanka's Ambassador to China Dr. Palitha Kohona who attended the opening ceremony of the 2021 China (Zhengzhou) International Mayor's Forum on Tourism held on April 21, 22 invited Chinese people to enjoy the natural beauty of Sri Lanka and to explore its potential business opportunities.



Sri Lanka's Ambassador to China Dr. Palitha Kohona speaking at the opening ceremony of the 2021 China (Zhengzhou) International Mayor's Forum on Tourism.

Dr. Kohona while congratulating the Henan Provincial Committee members also said that Sri Lanka and Henan Province must develop closer relations and that will encourage further exchanges in various sectors such as tourism, culture, religion, education, trade and investment.

The forum was organised by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Henan Provincial People's Government under the theme of "Market Prosperity, Scientific and Technological Innovation to Enhance the Competitiveness of Urban Tourism".

In his opening address, member of the Standing Committee of the Henan Provincial Party Committee

and the Secretary of the Zhengzhou Municipal Party Committee Xu Liyi, explained the construction project of cultural tourism zone, "Three cities, Three hundred kilometres, Three thousand years" as part of promoting

the cultural tourism. This project also highlighted and promoted China's civilization and the culture of the Yellow River.

Xu stated that through this project, they expect to increase the tourist interactions in the Henan Province and also to expand the cultural cooperation with other countries of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Acting Governor of Henan Province Wang Kai, stated that in the first quarter of this year, the Henan Province had received nearly 20 million tourists, and the tourism industry will be the major source of income of Henan Province as per the "Fourteenth Five Year Plan" of China.

Executive Director of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation Zhu Shanzhong, President of the World Tourism Union Duan Qiang, Chief Executive Officer of the Asia Pacific Tourism Association Mario Hardy and other representatives of International Tourism Organisations, as well as Mayors of cities in Italy and Greece also spoke via online.

Amaraweera debunks Opposition allegations on MP Harin Fernando

The Opposition's allegation that there is an attempt to arrest UNP MP Harin Fernando is baseless, Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said on Thursday responding to questions from journalists at a news briefing in Colombo.



"The Government will not intervene to arrest any person. That is what happens if the Attorney General makes a request to the Court. Otherwise, the Government, the Prime Minister or the President will never intervene in the arrest of any person," the minister said.

"MP Harin Fernando made a speech in Parliament regarding the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks. The Easter Sunday Terror Attacks is the deadliest terrorist attack in this country in the aftermath of the war. Many Catholic lives were lost in an instant. Those people are in great

pain in this regard. It is the responsibility of the Government to arrest those responsible and enforce the law," Minister Amaraweera added. The Minister said in his opinion, the matter should not be taken lightly

by anyone. "If Harin Fernando knows anything that others do not know about it, it is his duty to reveal it to the Security Forces. But he is now hospitalized. Meanwhile, the Opposition accused the Government of trying to arrest him".

"As far as I know, the Government has never discussed the arrest of Harin Fernando. However, the Leader of the Opposition gives voice cuts to the media in various places saying that there are attempts to suppress the Opposition and arrest MP Harin Fernando.

"The Opposition Leader said that he was ready to go to jail with Harin. I mean if they haven't done anything wrong they have nothing to fear. But, I want to make it clear that the Government has never discussed the arrest of Harin Fernando," the Minister said.

Sri Lanka - Oman bilateral co-operation in Food Sector mooted

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Sultanate of Oman Ameer Ajwad met with Chief Executive Officer Saleh M. Al Shanfari of Oman Food Investment Holding Co. (S.A.O.C) and had a productive discussion on the promotion of bilateral trade in Food Sector between Sri Lanka and the Sultanate of Oman.

They also explored new areas for mutual co-operation in the Food Sector and agreed to connect B2B links between Oman Food Investment Holding Co. (OFIC) and food sector companies in Sri Lanka.

The OFIC is a state-owned-enterprise (SOE) owned by Oman Investment Authority, mandated to promote Oman's food security, through partnerships with government agencies, private operators and investors. OFIC aims to boost Oman's food security and economic well-being by investing in domestic and international food projects in partnership with food companies, investors and other stakeholders. The OFIC is a group of companies consisting of more than 10 prominent food sector companies in Oman.

Ambassador Ameer Ajwad was accompanied by First Secretary of Sri Lanka Embassy in Oman Dilini Abeysekera.



Sri Lanka's Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman Ameer Ajwad meeting with Chief Executive Officer Saleh M. Al Shanfari of Oman Food Investment Holding Co.(S.A.O.C).

All measures to control the COVID-19 third wave - Lanza

The required measures will be taken to control the COVID-19 third wave, said State Minister for Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure Nimal Lanza.

He said on the advice of health experts and relevant specialists, steps are being taken to provide relevant facilities through District Development Committees and Regional Development Committees to control the spread of COVID-19.

Lanza was speaking during a discussion on the measures taken to control the spread of COVID-19 in the Wattala Electoralate held at the Wattala Divisional Secretariat yesterday (30).

State Minister Lanza said, "the controlling of



the COVID-19 third wave is more challenging than the first and second waves and we must do our utmost to support the health and other frontline sectors to control the spread of the pandemic. The health and security sectors deserve the

nation's salutation for their commendable services".

"People should be encouraged to get the vaccinations while adhering to the health guidelines to control this pandemic," he added.

He said 25,355 people have been vaccinated in the Wattala electorate so far.

It was decided at the meeting to provide the transport and staffing requirements of the Medical Officer of Health office for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines in the Wattala Electoralate through the Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha and the Divisional Secretariat. It was also decided to provide essen-

tial services granted by the Government to people under self-quarantine.

Lanza further said that the Government will decide whether or not to lockdown the country on the advice of health experts and will take measures to activate the Village Committees to support the control of COVID-19.

Former Provincial Councillor Randir Rodrigo, Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Thyagaratne Alwis, Deputy Chairman Jagath Jayatunga, Wattala Divisional Secretary T.P.G. Rajika, Medical Officer of Health Sadamali Cooray and Government officials were present on the occasion.

Japan, UNICEF provide cold chain equipment to boost immunization services

The Ministry of Health has received the first batch of cold chain equipment procured by UNICEF with funding from the Government of Japan to strengthen Sri Lanka's delivery of immunization services, including against COVID-19.



Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi receiving the vaccine carriers from Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka SUGIYAMA Akira and UNICEF Sri Lanka Representative a.i Emma Brigham. Dr.(Mrs.) T.L.C. Somatunga, Additional Secretary (Public Health Services), Ministry of Health were also present on the occasion.

Five hundred vaccine carriers were handed over by Ms. Emma Brigham, UNICEF Sri Lanka Representative, a.i and SUGIYAMA Akira, Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka at the UNICEF office. The items were received by Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi.

The next consignments will include 100 ice lined refrigerators, 145 fridge temperature monitors and over 1,000 vaccine carriers.

"These equipment are not only critical for the current rollout of vaccinations, including the second dose for the COVID-19 vaccines which just started, but also the long-term support to the entire immunization programme. We are thankful to the Government of Japan for providing grants for these important items, that is much needed for the provision of vaccination and to strengthen our cold chain management. Let me recall our long-term relationship between Sri Lanka and Japan and we know that you never hesitate to support our country," Minister Wanniarachchi said.

"Also, with the same spirit, I want to mention that UNICEF has been supporting throughout Sri Lanka with procurement related to cold chain equip-

ment and immunization on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, my sincere gratitude to UNICEF", she added.

Speaking at the event, Ambassador SUGIYAMA said, "As a long-time friend of Sri Lanka, Japan extends "Last One Mile Support" to Sri Lanka to ensure equitable access to vaccines for all people in need across the country by supporting the cold chain system.

While Japan extends such emergency assistance through UNICEF to developing countries across the world, the 500 vaccine carriers handed over to Sri Lanka today is the very first batch of vaccine equipment under our global "Last One Mile Support" programme. We would like to thank UNICEF Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Health for their efficient procurement efforts. The Government of Japan believes that the 500 vaccine carriers will accelerate the vaccination programme in Sri Lanka by safe and prompt distribution of vaccines under proper temper-

ature control. The Government of Japan has so far provided USD 14.4 million assistance for Sri Lanka's COVID-19 response as well as contributed USD 200 million to the COVAX Facility. Japan will continue to stand in solidarity with the Government and people of Sri Lanka in the joint combat against COVID-19."

Sri Lanka is currently rolling out vaccinations against the pandemic for prioritized groups, including the elderly population above 60 years of age in high-risk areas impacted by COVID-19, in line with the National Vaccine Deployment Plan of the Ministry of Health (MOH).

"There couldn't have been any better time to handover this cold chain equipment than during this World Immunization Week being marked under the themes, Vaccines bring us closer together and Vaccines work. This partnership of the Government of Japan, UNICEF and the Ministry of Health precisely demonstrates the power of coming together to boost immunization services, which are now more important than ever, given the COVID-19 pandemic", said Ms. Brigham. "UNICEF is grateful for the long-standing support from the people and Government of Japan and the strong collaboration with the Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka".

Through the COVAX Facility, in March, UNICEF brought in the first batch of 264,000 doses of the Oxford AstraZeneca 'Covishield' vaccines which are currently being rolled out. The cold chain equipment received today will boost the overall immunization system, including to receive, store and roll-out the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

Take legal action against COVID law violators

M. WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Legal action must be taken against those violating COVID-19 health guidelines. Due to the irresponsible and selfish actions of certain sections of the public, Sri Lanka is now facing a surge in COVID-19 patients, said Chairman of the Sri Lanka PHIS' Union Upul Rohana.

Rohana was speaking to the media in Kurunegala yesterday.

"Due to the current pandemic situation prevailing in Sri Lanka, the Director General of Health Services has requested Buddhists countrywide to celebrate the Vesak festival-2021 by participating in religious observances with their family members in their homes and to desist from public gatherings. All citizens are kindly advised by the Government to only observe religious activities. That type of behaviour would guarantee all Sri Lankans the desired safety and security health-wise," he said.

Rohana said the holding of 'Dance-las' should be banned during the Vesak season this year too, as it did last year. He called for the imposition of travel restrictions for people visiting historic religious places of worship during the forthcoming Vesak for the greater good of the country and the people, until the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic is controlled," Rohana said.

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 Draw No.: 1264 Colour: Yellow
 Date: 29.04.2021
Today's Jackpot
Rs. 132,371,315/-
 Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.
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 Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778

Date: 29-04-2021
 Draw Number: 3143
 Colour: Brown
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Rs. 2,949,320/-
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 Date: 29.04.2021 Total Value of Prizes
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Date: 29-04-2021
 Draw Number: 429 Colour: Blue
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Winning Numbers
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English Letter
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Total Value of Prizes
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Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 12,613,304/-
 The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.
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Labour Minister tells *Daily News*

'Govt. fully backing labour force amidst challenges'

DILSHAN THARAKA

This year May Day theme is "Janadhikami Wedabimak, Surakshitha Deshayak". We are facing a big challenge - economy-wise, health-wise and work-wise. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought challenges to us like never before. Certain countries are struggling to ensure that their people do not die due to the virus. So, in the midst of these challenges, we still have to build up our economy. We have to work according to the COVID-19 health regulations and build up the economy. We have to face these challenges successfully. The *Daily News* interviewed Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva on these themes for May Day.



Excerpts from the interview:

Q: Can the Sri Lankan labour force expect some relief on this May Day?

A: Yes. We have already given them some relief. For example, we promised and have already given the daily wage of Rs.1,000 to tea and rubber estate workers. We have increased the minimum salary of a labourer from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 12,500. At the same time, the Wages Board is considering the present salary structure with regard to the other areas and we are trying to increase the salary scale. We are trying to ensure a steady collection of EPF. In the private sector, the domestic inquiry should be concluded within six months. They cannot drag it. We are bringing legalization. Before the Labour Tribunal, trade union leaders and non-lawyers can appear on behalf of the applicant. Under the Workmen Compensation Ordinance, we have already increased the compensation from Rs. 550,000 to Rs. 2,000,000, in the event of an accident or death etc. A lot of workers' welfare legislation has been enacted this year. I think that is a gift to the working class this May Day.

Q: Can you explain the measures taken by the Government to help workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

A: As far as the Labour Department is concerned, we have been frequently in touch with trade unions, the Employers' Federation and relevant parties at National level and discussing this issue very briefly every month, sometimes once in two weeks. Following the discussions, we entered into a tripartite agreement that an employer cannot terminate workers without the sanction of the Ministry of Labour under the Termination of Employment Act. Even though some companies and factories are facing severe difficulties in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the employers agreed not to terminate their workers and to pay half of the monthly salary until the situation returns to normal. The trade unions also agreed to these terms. In cases where the trade unions and the employer do not agree, they should come to the Termination Unit of our Labour Department and establish a sufficient reason for dismissal. They have powers to invoke the jurisdiction. That protection was given. We have secured 200 applications but all were not allowed, even in the instances where the commissioner allowed the

application. In terms of the Act, they have to pay compensation to the worker.

Q: Is there any provision under the Act to regulate compensation?

A: Yes, of course. Under the Termination of Employment Act, there is a formula to calculate the amount to be paid to the employee. The maximum compensation earlier was Rs. 1.25 million and it was increased by regulation to Rs. 2.5 million.

Q: When we consider Lankan migrant workers, are some workers facing problems due to COVID-19?

A: There were about 60,000 applications from Sri Lankan migrant workers who want to come back. They sought our assistance. I think my Ministry, the Bureau and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been able to repatriate about 53,000 Sri Lankans to date. There was an allegation that only the people who can afford to pay for hotels, and quarantine facilities in the country, were given priority. But now we have made a successful venture whereby the Employment Bureau is paying for the hotels where the Sri Lankan migrants are undergoing quarantine and they are also paying for air tickets of Sri Lankan migrants who can't afford to purchase the air tickets. They have made arrangements through various organizations to get them the tickets. The Bureau has also selected 648 hotel rooms in various parts of the country with the assistance of the COVID-19 Task Force. And any migrant worker who comes back to Sri Lanka is sent to these hotels and the expense will be borne by the Bureau.

Q: There is a lot of criticism regarding the repatriation of Sri Lankan migrant workers. Some of these workers have been stranded in foreign countries without work for a long time. What do you say?

A: The problem is there is a bottleneck. In terms of the COVID-19 health regulations, people who are coming to Sri Lanka from abroad have to be quarantined. There must be sufficient quarantine centres and aeroplanes to bring them back to Sri Lanka. In an airplane, usually, about 280 passengers can travel during one journey. But now due to COVID-19 health regulations, only one quarter of passengers can travel in an aeroplane.

Q: How many Lankan workers died in foreign countries due to COVID-19?

A: According to information provided by embassies in 16 countries, by March 30, 2021, 4,432 persons had been tested positive for the COVID-19 virus while 4,071 persons have recovered. The reports also witnessed 122 deaths from the virus.

Q: Earlier you said the Government would establish a Disaster Relief Fund to assist workers affected by disasters like the current pandemic. What is its progress?

A: The matter is under discussion with stakeholders. In the meantime, we are trying to introduce a compulsory insurance scheme. At the moment, people who are migrating through the Bureau have been provided with an insurance cover worth Rs. 600,000, which is not enough. We want to make it mandatory for the employer abroad to provide an insurance cover worth at least US\$ 15,000 - that is about Rs. three million. We are in the process of arranging a Cabinet paper to get the approval.

Q: Are you satisfied with the work of labour welfare staff at Sri Lankan embassies overseas?

A: No, because we have certain problems. What we have noticed is most of the people who have been sent from here by the Bureau don't even know the relevant language of the particular country. Therefore, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa directed us to send new trained staff who have knowledge of the language of every country. Now the Cabinet has given approval to establish it. Those vacancies are still available and persons who have knowledge and fluency in relevant languages can apply for those vacancies.

Q: The Government made a proposal in the Budget to increase the retirement age to 60. Is this practical for the private sector?

A: Yes, of course. We had several rounds of discussions with relevant parties. Now we have almost finalized and will carry the Cabinet paper soon.

Q: What action has your Ministry taken against EPF defaulters?

A: We have filed more than 16,000 cases in the Magistrate's Courts. But there is a delay in court proceedings. Now I have prepared a new legislation to hand over all these cases to the Labour Tribunal. Otherwise, as the Magistrate's Courts hear these cases together with various other cases, these cases are likely to be postponed. Once it comes before the Labour Tribunal, I'm confident, within one year, we will be able to solve all these cases.

Q: Can you explain the other steps taken by your Ministry to help the country's labour force?

A: Now we have an arbitration procedure. When the Labour Department is unable to settle disputes then the matter is referred to arbitration. At the same time, we have asked the Public Service Commission to recruit more labour officers so that we can inspect factories and workplaces, and then ensure that the grievances of the working class are sorted out without delay. And at the same time, the digitalization of EPF and ETF procedures has already been started. It will facilitate workers to get their funds without delay.

Q: In 2018, you were appointed as the Chairman of the World Health Organization (WHO). What do you think of the current situation in the country based on your prior experience in the health sector?

A: I can assure you, Sri Lanka's situation is better than the other countries. The Government is doing its best but the people's responsibility is also very much essential. Without the cooperation of the people, the Government alone cannot face this pandemic.

Q: Can you comment on the unemployment issue in Sri Lanka and the measures taken by the Government to resolve this?

A: The main reason for our unemployment issue is we don't have a trained workforce. People are reluctant to join the private sector. Everyone is trying to seek jobs in the State sector due to the pension scheme. This thinking must be changed. People should be given the confidence that even if they work in the private sector, their future is secure. Therefore, we should have an attractive pension scheme for the private sector enabling more and more job seekers to join the private sector. Also, we have a lot of people who have not undergone training. We do not have enough plumbers, masons and electricians etc. Even for foreign employment, what is needed is a trained workforce. So training is essential; the Government is giving high priority to training and even in foreign countries, there are a lot of opportunities for the trained labourers.



Addendum

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Northern Provincial Council

Provincial Department of Agriculture, Northern Province

Procurement of Goods

The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of Provincial Department of Agriculture, Northern Province announced following IFB Clause Change.

1. IFB Clause 5 "Application for Bid Documents" : Date shall be extended till 11th of May 2021.
2. IFB Clause 8 "deadline for the submission of bids" Shall be extended till 12th of May 2021 at 10.00hrs.
3. Section V Addendum of following items Specifications are Changed.

S. No.	Bid Number	Item
01	NP/25/03/10/H.duty/PSDG/2021/02	Supply of Heavy Duty Intercultivator
02	NP/25/03/10/ Hole.ex/ PSDG/2021/03	Supply of Hole excavator
03	NP/25/03/10/Airgun/PSDG/2021/04	Supply of Air Gun
04	NP/25/03/10/Mul.chop/PSDG/2021/05	Supply of Multi Chopper
05	NP/25/03/10/Bund Maker/PSDG/2021/06	Supply of Bund Maker
06	NP/25/03/10/Multi Seeder/PSDG/2021/07	Supply of Multi Seeder

All the bidders are requested to consider the Addendum of the part of the bidding document.

The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Provincial Department of Agriculture,
Northern Province,
No.68, Crossette Lane, Chundikuli, Jaffna.

State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services, Carriages and Automotive Industries National Transport Medical Institute

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

National Transport Medical Institute will receive sealed bids supply of Medical Testing Kits for year 2021. Details of Medical Testing Kits below mentioned.

Item	Detail	Quantity Required	Required Period	Non-Refundable Bid Fee	Refundable Tender Deposit
Rapid Drug Test Kit Urine	Supply of Medical Testing Kits according to tender details	225,000	One year from the date of Bid Bond	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 990,000/-

Bidding documents available to prospective Bidders from 03rd May 2021 to 17 May 2021 on working days between 09 30 hours and 15 00 hours from Accountant, Account Division, National Transport Medical Institute, No. 170, High Level Road, Nugegoda.

These could be purchased on cash payment of Rs. 3000/- Non-refundable Bid fee. A refundable deposit should be submitted with the tender documents. Offers received without enclosing refundable deposit are liable to be rejected.

Qualified bidder should be accompanied by a Bid Bond as specified in the Bidding documents.

Sealed bids may be sent by post under Registered Cover or may be personally dropped in the Box available for this purpose at Account division, 2nd Floor, National Transport Medical Institute, No. 170, High Level Road, Nugegoda. Please mention "Supply of Medical Laboratory Items (Item No)" on the upper left hand corner of the envelop.

Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 18th May 2021 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorized Representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Bids.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee
National Transport Medical Institute,
170, High Level Road, Nugegoda.
Tel : 0112 814862

A Tribute to all Workers



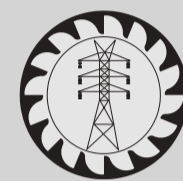
Pictures by Wimal Karunathilake, Saman Sri Wedage, Rukmal Gamage and Hirantha Gunathilleke



Today, May 1, workers around the world celebrate International Workers Day, also known as May Day. It is the day on which the world expresses its gratitude to all those who sweat and toil round the clock – from farmers to postal workers to health workers – to make others' lives comfortable. They work in the hot sun and pouring rain to earn a living and make the world a better place. Thinking of them once a year is not

enough, but at least it gives us an opportunity to appreciate their immense hard work and sacrifice for 365 days a year. This year, a very special word of appreciation must go to all health workers, who have dealt with a pandemic risking their very lives. The past year has not been an easy one for health-care workers, with some patients dying in their arms and others barely clinging on to life. Undaunted, they

work 24/7 to save every life and prevent others from getting sick. Some have not seen their own loved ones for months, having tended to total strangers as if they were their own brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers. The sheer compassion and dedication of a health worker is not easy to comprehend. This May Day, they should be in our hearts. In this montage, our photographers captured people at work throughout the country.



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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

CENTRAL PROVINCE - 2 - MAY 2021

GINIGATHHENA AREA	
Hatton CSC	
2021-05-04	10:00-17:00
Bulk : Argile Metal Crusher, Keangnam Crusher Plant - Hatton, Keangnam Office, Kotagala R.D.M Factory, Kudagama Metal Crusher, World Wide Cristlers Farm	
Bulk & Distribution : May Field	
Distribution : Argil New Scheme, Colombo Comm Company, Kudagama New Town, Lockhill Rosita Farm, Mahawligama Ruwanpuragama	
Norton CSC	
2021-05-04	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Polpitiya New Grid Substation	
Bulk & Distribution : Broadland Tea Factory	
Distribution : Athulada, Belilena, Kalugala RE, Kalukohutenna, Meegasthenna	
KEGALLE AREA	
Moronthota CSC	
2021-05-04	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Halmessa Saw Mill, Water Board - Moronthota, Water Board Halmessa	
Distribution : Keselwatta, Moranthota Market, Moronthota New Sub (Halmessa Road)	
2021-05-06	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Hungampola Rubber Factory	
Distribution : Hungampola Temple	
2021-05-08	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Hungampola Rubber Factory	
Distribution : Hungampola Temple	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Mabopitiya, Nikapitiya	
2021-05-13	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Hungampola Rubber Factory, Plywood - Meedeniya, Water Board - Moronthota	
Distribution : Hapuvita, Hungampola Temple, Keselwatta, Meedeniya, Moranthota Market	
Rambukkana CSC	
2021-05-05	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Pinnawala Zoo - 01, Pinnawala Zoo - 02, Pinnawala Zoo - 03	
Bulk & Distribution : Water Board Hiriwadunna	
Distribution : Dunukewela, Graseline Janapadaya, Mahalandawatta, Pinnawala Town, Pitiyegama, Wagolla	
2021-05-07	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Elephant Health Center, Pinnalanda Group Hotel, Ravi Export (Pvt.) Ltd.	
Distribution : Elephant Ophanage, Eraminigolla, Halpitiya, Kiriwandeniya, Naranbadda, Walikanda	
2021-05-08	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Cargills Food City, P.T.K. Garment, Pradeshiya Saba - Rambukkana	
Bulk & Distribution : Dalugala Oil Mill	
Distribution : AGA Office, Champika Madawala, CTB Depot, Dialog Tower - Madawala, Hasthipura, Hospital Road, Hureemaluwa, Mottapuliya, Pinnawala School, Pradeshiya Saba New, Prajashalawa, Rambukkana Town, Regent	
2021-05-10	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Sudath Lime	
Bulk & Distribution : Weligamuwa Power Loom	
Distribution : Gabbala Medagama, Gabbala, Kotawella, Weligamuwa	
2021-05-12	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Compost Factory	
Distribution : Alugolla, Deliwala, Hangawela Weligamuwa, Hewadiwela, Hewadiwela School, Mahagama Hewadiwela, Siyabalangamuwa	
Thulhiriya CSC	
2021-05-05	08:00-17:00
Distribution : Ambakumbura, Mobitel Tower - Waddeniya, Waddeniya, Wimalagama	
2021-05-07	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kandegama	

2021-05-10	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Boyagane Apparel, Dialog Tower - Egalla	
Distribution : Akwatta, Maspotha, Paspalakanda, Pinnagoda Kanda, Ragalakanda, Ranwala, Wijaya Metal - Egalla	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kandegama	
2021-05-11	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Water Pump Werapitiya	
Distribution : , Batuwattaketa, Beligala, Demataunuwa Beligala, Hathagoda Paragahaliyadda-01, Kumbalgama, Makuddala, Mobitel Tower - Weragoda, Palapoluwa, Pallewela - Galkaduwa, Wadukada Metiyagama	
2021-05-12	08:00-17:00
Distribution : , Burunnawa, Burunnawa - Udadelgamuwa, Gasnawa Udakotasa, Gasnawa Yourmawatta, Ihala Morawaka, Imbulowita, Mobitel Tower - Tholangamuwa, Peelakumbura, Tholangamuwa, Udukumbura, Udukumbura Junction, Watakoluwawa	
MAWANELLA AREA	
Dippitiya CSC	
2021-05-05	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Daswaththa	
2021-05-06	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Dippitiya RE.	
2021-05-10	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Ambadeniya Rubber Factory, Debatthgama, Elangapitiya, Gavilipitiya - Telecom Exchange, Hathgampola, Moragammana, Wilpola Road	
2021-05-13	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Pannala	
Hemmathagama CSC	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ambalawa	
2021-05-06	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Unique Garment	
Distribution : Thalgasipitiya Habalakkawa, Waduwwala	
2021-05-08	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ambalawa	
2021-05-11	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ambalawa	
2021-05-13	08:30-17:00
Bulk : RDA Project - Mixed Pump	
Mawanella CSC	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Danagama ILV	
2021-05-03	08:30-18:00
Distribution : Nankurugala	
2021-05-03	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Athauda Metal Crusher Mawanella, Ilukgoda Metal Crusher, River View Garden Heendeniya - Mawanella	
Distribution : Bulugollawatta Land - Heendeniya, Danagama Colony, Ilukgoda - i, Ilukgoda - ii (New), Kondeniya, Renaketugama Mellakele	
2021-05-07	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Ruwandeniya	
2021-05-08	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Danagama ILV	
2021-05-09	08:30-17:00
Bulk : AL Mubaris (Pvt) Ltd., Aroma Rubber Factory, Block Rubber Factory, Food City Mawanella, Food City Mawanella New, Mawanella Hospital, Safeway Garment, Sapumal Industry (Not Energized), Water Supply Kottawaththa, Wijitha Group	
Bulk & Distribution : Kappagoda Water Supply, Rubber Factory Mawanella	
Distribution : Additional Sub at Mawanella, Additional Substation - Mawanella - 2, Additional Substation - Mawanella - 3, Beligammana - i, Beligammana - ii, Hasan Mawatha, Kottawaththa Powerloom, Marawa, Mawanella Town, Nadeniya, Nankurugala, Nayawela New, New Nankurugama, Thakiya Rd. Mawanella, Thakiya Rd. Mawanella New	

2021-05-11	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Kondeniya	
2021-05-11	08:30-18:00
Distribution : Nankurugala	
2021-05-12	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Kodithuwakku Metal Crusher, Re - Speed Metal Crusher, Water Board Pahala Kadugannawa, Winsland Reality Farm	
Distribution : Hinguloya Tea Factory, Makadawara Uduwewa New, New Sub at Hingula	
NAWALAPITIYA AREA	
Gampola CSC	
2021-05-02	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Nuwara Eliya Road (Gampola)	
2021-05-02	09:00-12:00
Bulk : Deenside Factory - Gampola	
Distribution : Bowala, Bowela Temple, Gampola Mount Temple - Water Project (Unambuwa Water Scheme), Keerapone, Mount Temple, Unambuwa	
2021-05-07	09:00-13:00
Bulk : Elpitiya Pathana (Welamboda W.S.S.), Elpitiya Water Board, Silver Land Factory, Udaya Industries	
Distribution : Elpitiya Udowita, Galgediyawa, Kirinda, Kotagaloluwa R.E., Kotakedeniya R.E., Lucky Seven Rice Mill, Mount Brees Weligalle, Thalawatura, Thalwathura - ii, Uda Aludeniya, Udowita, Weligalla, Weligalle - ii	
Nawalapitiya CSC	
2021-05-05	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Inguruoya - ii	
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Katukitula	
2021-05-08	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Inguruoya - ii	
NUWARA ELIYA AREA	
Walapane CSC	
2021-05-04	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Apple Reach Factory	
Bulk & Distribution : Bremley Estate, Elma Factory, High Forest Factory, Mahakudagala Factory, Maturata Kurunduoya (Mathurata Factory)	
Distribution : Chairly Valley Division, Galaboda - Dulgolla - i, Galaboda RE, Glendevon Estate, Gonakele, High Forest Bunglow, Loriston, Mahakudagala, Rilamulla Estate	
2021-05-11	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Pump House - Ragala	
Bulk & Distribution : Brookside Estate (To E.C.S.C. Rikillagaskada), Delmar Estate, Liddesdale Estate, Ragala Factory - i, St. Leonards Estate	
Distribution : Dickson Corner, Halgranoya, Mantreethanna, Ragala Town - i, Ragala Town - ii, Ragala Town - iii, Samagipura, Stafford Factory	
PERADENIYA AREA	
Eriyagama CSC	
2021-05-06	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Mlesna Tea Center	
Distribution : Diyapalagoda, Girakanga, Kehelwela, Kiribathkumbura, Kiribathkumbura II, Kiribathkumbura New (Kiribathkumbura Jc.), Moladanda, Nanuoya, Ranawana Village, Sooriyagoda.	
Yatinuwara CSC	
2021-05-04	09:20-17:20
Distribution : Embakka, Gaguldeniya (Hiddaula), Hepana, Polwatthathenna, Urulewatta	
2021-05-06	09:30-17:30
Bulk : Maligatenna Booster Pump Station	
Bulk & Distribution : Dambagoda (Water Supply)	
Distribution : Mamudawela, Walgowagoda	

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South Asia needs a united voice at UN Climate, Biodiversity meetings

SHYAM SARAN

It is no coincidence that the COVID-19 pandemic occurred amid rising global temperatures, shrinking forest habitats, and dwindling biodiversity.

As wild animals lose their habitats due to human activities, many are forced into closer contact with farms and people. The closer proximity provides opportunities for diseases to jump between species and infect domesticated animals and humans. The loss of forest habitats leaves other animals and plants struggling

to avoid imminent extinction. Feed-back loops involving Climate Change, forests, and the loss of biodiversity need a coordinated response.

In 2021, two multilateral conferences are likely to set the direction and scale of the international response to these interrelated challenges. The UN's Convention on Biological Diversity convenes in October in Kunming, China. In November, the UN's 26th Climate Change Conference of the Parties or COP 26, meets in Glasgow, Scotland, UK.

Both are being held a year late because of COVID-19.

The pandemic has created a greater awareness in South Asia and around the world of human dependence on healthy ecosystems for food, water, shelter, fuel, and other needs.

There may be political tensions among South Asian countries. There may be competing economic and commercial interests. However, the cross-border consequences of climate change and ecological degradation demand collaborative action. National or even sub-regional solutions are

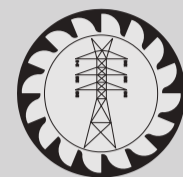
not enough. The world needs to hear a united voice from South Asia so the region receives its due attention and support at the multilateral level.

The success of South Asia in dealing with climate change will be a major contribution to the global response to climate change.

As one of the most bio-diverse regions of the world, South Asia is a repository of nature's wealth. It has 19 of the world's 235 eco-regions, a science-based ranking of outstanding terrestrial, freshwater and marine habitats. South Asia also has three of

the world's biodiversity "hotspots" – biologically rich land areas significantly threatened by human activity. They are the majestic Himalaya mountains, the tropical Indo-Burma area, and the Western Ghats mountain range and Sri Lanka. Forests make up 17 percent of South Asia's land area, constituting an extensive and valuable carbon sink for the globe as a whole. These assets are a shared pool of wealth for the region but they sprawl across political boundaries. There is a compelling need to devise collaborative mecha-

nisms to manage these assets. The 16th summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in 2010 adopted ecological sustainability as its theme in a declaration entitled, "Towards a Green and Happy South Asia." Later that year, SAARC countries were able to formulate and present a common SAARC position at COP-16 in Cancun. It is time to revive that brief spirit of common endeavour for the two historic conferences this year. We owe this to our people and to our common future. (World Bank Blogs)



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In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

CENTRAL PROVINCE 1 - MAY 2021

DAMBULLA AREA	
Dambulla CSC	
2021-05-05	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Hotel Complex Kandalama, New Hotel Project (Kashyapagama), Rangiri Rice Mill, Alchemi Heavy Metal, Apsara Hotel, Mas Tropical Food Processing, Wasantha Rice Mill, Celtel Tower Distribution : Kolongaha Ela-1 (Kandalama Rd.), Mahasengama, Kandalama Road 1st Mile Post, Hotel Sigiriya, Vilhatha (29 Kotasa), Dambulla Development Plan, Erauala, Pihilla Mookalana , Erauala 1 Kandalama Rd. 2nd Mile Post, Kandalama Tank, Yakkurugala, Kasyapagama, Thalkote Scheme, Diyakapilla	
2021-05-08	09:00-17:00
Bulk : K.T.R.-H.M.N.G. Mohamad(Rice Moragollawa), KTC Rice Producers, Lanka Polisaks(2), Nishim (Jayawardana) Rice Mill, Perera Hotel (New Hotel), Ayesha Rice Mill, Cultural Heritage and Spa, Tata & Midland Rice Mill, Dambuluoya Rice Mill, Thilanka Hotel, J.C.Village No.78 1, Victoria Rice Mill, Lanka Plastic (Polisak-1), Dilrukshi Farm Distribution : Adahana Maluwa, Binthabara Scheme - Dambulla, Rathmalgahaela - 1, Thiththawelgolla, Thiththawelgolla - II, Yapagama, Dambulla - Yapagama, Madamulla Scheme, Puwakaththawala-1, Rathmalgahaela - 2 (Kudagammanaya), Yapagama Siyabalawewa scheme, Puwakaththawala-2, Kirigolla Weehenpitiya, Pahalawewa Yapagama	
2021-05-12	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Sigiriya Dialog Tower at Kayangwala, Fontine Blue Sigiriya (Pvt) Ltd, Vil Uyana (Royal Heritage), Air Force Camp, Sigiriya Rest House New, Ehelagala Lake Resort, Fresco Water Villa, Sigiriya Village Hotel, Apsara Hotel, Telicom Sigiriya, Flower Garden, New Hotel Project (Kashyapagama), Sigiriya Rest House, Elephant Coredaw Hotel Distribution : Hotel Sigiriya, Kimbissa, Mahasengama, Milaththawa Kalapuraya Sigiriya, Diyakapilla, Galkotuwa, Rangirigama, Egodawewa dambulla, Sigiriya (New Town), Sigiriya Thennakoon Maw. Elagala Rd., Wewa Addara - Kayanwala, Kegallayaya - 2 Milaththawa, Sigiriya New Musium Scheme, Kasyapagama, Kayamwala Dhuwangala, Thalkote Scheme	
Pallepola CSC	
2021-05-03	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Aluthwewa Etisalat & Dialog Tower Distribution : China State Construction (Puwakpitiya), Bambaragaswewa - i, Nilagama, Nilagama Hakirilla, Aluthwewa Egodayaya	
2021-05-04	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Galewela Fair, Galewela Town (Near Peoples Bnak), Galewela Town (Pathkolagolla Road), Puwakpitiya RE, Galewela Town New, Food city - Galewela, Ranwediya, , Bambawa, Divisional Secretariate, Dambagolla, Galewela Pathkolagolla - i, Galewela Town (Near Private Bus Stand), Kalahaakele CBO	
GALAGEDARA AREA	
Nugawela CSC	
2021-05-04	09:00-17:00
Bulk : C.T.B. Nugawela Distribution : Batuambe, Edarutenna - 2	
2021-05-08	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Delma Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Delma Match Co., Tokyo Super Batching Plant Bulk & Distribution : Bolagala (B S) Distribution : Wighumpola, Aladeniya, Pallekotuwa, Palkumbura Water Supply Scheme, Palkumbura, Beragama	
Poojapitiya CSC	
2021-05-04	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Mirissala Amabatenna, Mirissala Saw Mill	
2021-05-08	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Mirissala Amabatenna, Mirissala Saw Mill	
2021-05-13	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Mirissala Saw Mill, Mirissala Amabatenna	
KANDY CITY AREA	
North CSC	
2021-05-06	08:30-16:30
Distribution : Nawayalattenna (Near Samudradevi School)	

KATUGASTOTA AREA	
Wattegama CSC	
2021-05-06	08:30-16:30
Bulk : Mahaweli College of Education, Pallegunnepana Co-op, Watter Board High Lift Polgolla, Ceylincos Sassex Collage - Polgolla, Mahaweli Dam Polgolla, NICD Polgolla, Polgolla Dam - 2 (Virus Lab Polgolla) , Watter Board Low Lift Polgolla Distribution : Doragamuwa Junction, Dialog Base Station Pahala Gunnepana, Lewella Sirimalwatta , Udugunnepana, Pallegunnepana, Welipala Temple	
2021-05-11	08:30-16:30
Bulk : CTB Wattegama, Asian Rice Mill (Victoria , Bangalagedara, Bulding Of NICD , D.C.S.L., D.C.S.L. PLC, Pallethalawinna Garment (Penguin) Distribution : Meegammana Power Loom, Thunkandura, Udathalawinna Dialog Base ST., Udathalawinna New, Galadeniya, Galambalama, Madawala Mosque, Walaramba, Meegammana North, Wattegedara, Royal Kingdom, 1st Mile Post Puwakgahadeniya, Dunkolawatta, Odiilowa, Sarwodaya, Viyanamulla, Wasanakanda, Doragamuwa, Polgolla Town	
KUNDASALA AREA	
Dumbara CSC	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Ambagalanda Gammedda	
2021-05-04	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Kumbukkandura Church RD. Distribution : Dananandana Saw Mill	
2021-05-04	08:30-17:00
Distribution: NEAR DUMBARA ECSC, Kundsale Pradeshiya Sabawa, Sun Match Rajawella (Aluthwatta), Jethawanarama Temple (Near CEB Quaters), Milk Board (Milco Rajawella), Nito Designer, ACM Dolomite, S.B.M.N.Sooriyabandara, Sampath Bank -,D.N.S. Enterprises	
2021-05-08	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Aluthwatta - ii, A.R.M. Builders, Dolomite Factory Distribution : Samarasingha Dolomite, Aluthwatta - i, Nihal Dolomite	
2021-05-09	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Director Jetika Kalaniketana, Telecom Kundsale, Industrial Manegment Dev.& Training Insstitute Distribution : Sasa Housing Scheme, Janasavigama - ii, Army Camp Laksenpaya, Janasavigama - i, Pallekele Soya Project - ii, Ransiyagama, Pallekele Army camp, Inter National Buddhist Center, Pallekele Village, Prime Land Residencies, Secretarial Complex, Smart Shirt Germent, Pallekale Soya project i	
Hasalaka CSC	
2021-05-03	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Mahaweli Pump House Randenigala, Hariopaththuwa Rice Mill, New Ududumbara Rice Mill, Kapuwatta, SD & CC Distribution : 2nd Mile Post, 9th Mile Post Ambagaha Pellessa, Asamodaganayaya, Kapuwatta 25th Ela, Kolonyaya, Morayaya , Paragahamukalana, Weragama, Bulathwelkandura, Minpe 12 Ela, Weragantota , 34 Galewaththa RE, 6th Mile Post (Ambagahapelllessa), Kotika polalanda, Randenigala Dam Site (Not Energized), C.E.B Camp Rantambe, Bamiya, Mahaweli Buliding Site Randenigala, Pallewatta II (47 Ela), Udayagala, Pallewatta - i, Ambagahapelllessa, N.C.C. Camp Rantambe, 7th Mile post (Ambagahapelllessa), Batuwatta, Hadaganawa at Near Bo-Tree, Hadaganawa R.E, 5th Mile Post, Galeyaya , Rambukkella 29th Ela Scheme, Thennakotuwa	
2021-05-03	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Pallewatta - I, Kotika polalanda, Pallewatta II (47 Ela), Bulathwelkandura, Paragahamukalana, Weragama, Weragantota, Hariopaththuwa Rice Mill, SD & CC, Batuwatta	
2021-05-07	09:00-17:00
Bulk : 2Ela Distribution : Mahaeswedduma, Technical College (Hasalaka), Thorapitiya Welgahawadiya, Ranamure, Thorapitiya Eluka, Rathnella Dambawelgolla, Hasalaka Alhena Scheme, Keenapelessa, Naranganuwa	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Bomaluwa Ranawiru Mawatha, Gurulupotha, Gurulupotha Rice Mill	

2021-05-11	09:00-17:00
Bulk : Abenayaka Metal Crusher, Damith Metal Crusher - Guruwelayaya Distribution : Dewagiriya, Kumbukandana Wasama, Guruwelayaya Scheme, Maraka, Raddunuwewa Scheme, Bogahawewa (Malgammana), Dewagiriya Egodagama, Dunuwala Pitiya Gangeyaya, Medakanda, Bogaswewa No.02 Scheme, Maraka Gangeyaya, Palupitiya, Water Intake - Dunuwalapitiya	
Karaliyadda CSC	
2021-05-06	08:30-17:00
Distribution: Siri Digana, Watapana, Putuhapuwa, Udispattuwa Town - ii, Ranmulla, Iskolamudana, Poddalgoda, Heel Oya Watagala Kotasa, Eaden Grove, Kandekumbura Retiyagama	
2021-05-10	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Teldeniya Hospital Distribution : Rambukwella, Euro fashion (Enjoy Fashion), Christal Pack - ii, New Town Karaliyadda, Pahurugolla (Rambukwella), Teldeniya (Power Loom) Christal Pack - i	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00
Bulk : Teldeniya Hospital Distribution : New Town Karaliyadda, Pahurugolla (Rambukwella), Teldeniya (Power Loom) Christal Pack - i, Christal Pack - ii, Euro fashion (Enjoy Fashion), Rambukwella	
2021-05-11	08:30-17:00
Distribution: Udawela, Pahurugolla bungalow, Pahurugolla Village, Wegala - I, Wegala Kapuhena - ii.	
Ududumbara CSC	
2021-05-04	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Mahawela, Mediwaka Gangoda Distribution : Madugalle New, Udapitawala, Airtel Tower Galapitagama - Madugalla, Dewahandiya, Madugalle, Matiwalatenna, Kalalgamuwa, Kaluntenna, Palle Pitawala, Hapukanda, Kalawala, Galapitagama Miniwangamuwa, Ududumbara - Kalawella	
2021-05-10	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Ududumbara, Thammitiyawa, Poppitiya - I, Oyathenna Poppitiya, Poppitiya - ii, Padupola	
2021-05-11	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Medamahanuwaru Hospital, Dodam Golla, Wewathenna Rajawella to Wewathenna, Medamahanuwaru, Thennalanda	
2021-05-12	08:30-17:00
Distribution : Wewathenna Rajawella to Wewathenna, Dodam Golla	
MATALE AREA	
Matale CSC	
2021-05-04	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Toyo Plastic, Telecom Ukuwela Distribution : Thawalankoya, Nagolla, Ukuwela Town - 1, Marukonawatte Airtel Tower, , Ukuwela Town - 2 (Near Railway Crossing)	
2021-05-06	09:00-17:00
Bulk : INTAKE PUMP HOUSE II, Water Intake, Water Purification, , INTAKE PUMP HOUSE I	
2021-05-09	09:00-17:00
Bulk : INTAKE PUMP HOUSE I, INTAKE PUMP HOUSE II, Water Intake, Water Purification	
2021-05-11	08:00-17:00
Bulk : Telecom Ukuwela, Toyo Plastic Distribution : Marukonawatte Airtel Tower, Thawalankoya, Ukuwela Town - 1, Nagolla, Ukuwela Town - 2 (Near Railway Crossing)	
Weragama CSC	
2021-05-07	09:00-17:00
Distribution : Polwaththakanda - i, Kauda Gammanaya, Weniwalgolla, Polwaththakanda - ii, DIALOG TOWER ELAGALA	

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Development work must continue under strict health regulations: Dr. Godahewa

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Development activities must continue under strict health regulations, as COVID-19 is still prevalent in the country. Otherwise, people would suffer the consequences of delayed development, Urban Development State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa said yesterday.

He was speaking at the commencement of a 700-unit housing project launched for low-income families in Madampitiya, Colombo. It is being carried out under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' project, under the guidance of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and State Minister Dr. Nalaka Goda-



Commencing the 700-unit housing project. Picture courtesy: Urban Development State Ministry.

hewa. The project's construction work began without the participation of the public as per the provided health regulations. The Urban Development Authority is implementing the project

with financial assistance of Rs.394 million provided by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. MP Yadamini Gunawardena, Urban Development Ministry Secretary Sirinimal Perera, Urban Development Authority Chairman Harshan de Silva, and Urban Development Authority Director-General Prasad Ranaweera were present at the event.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Godahewa said, "The present government has launched several housing projects to help low-income families. With

the appointment of the new President, the construction of about 7,000 houses has commenced. Today, we have started such a housing project in Madampitiya." "At present, there is a pandemic in the country. However, we believe that development activities must continue under the required health regulations. Otherwise, the public will suffer the consequences. Therefore, we are dedicated to carry out development activities while ensuring the safety of the people. We hope to finish this housing project in about a year. If the severity of the pandemic increases, however, it would take over a year and a half," he added.

Showers likely to enhance in coming days

Showers in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Central, Southern, and Uva provinces are likely to enhance during the next few days, the Meteorology Department stated in a communiqué, yesterday.

Showers or thundershowers could occur in most parts of the island during the evening or night. Showers or thundershowers may occur in the Western and Southern provinces during the morning as well, they added.

Heavy rainfall of about 100mm could be expected in some areas of the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Central, and Uva provinces, as well as in the Galle and Mathara districts. Meanwhile, the sea area extending from Puttalam to Pottuvil via Colombo, Galle, and Hambantota could be rough at times, the department said.

Sea areas off the coasts extending from Puttalam to Hambantota via Colombo and Galle may experience surges due to the effects of swell waves of 2 to 2.5m in height. Temporary gusty winds and rough seas could be expected during thundershowers, the department added.

Winds would move towards the Southwest in the sea areas extending from Kankesanthurai to Pottuvil via Mannar, Colombo, Galle, and Hambantota, and towards the Northeast in other sea areas. Overall wind speeds may range from 20 to 30kmp/h, the Meteorology Department stated.

However, they could rise to 40 to 45kmp/h in the sea areas extending from Galle to Pottuvil via Hambantota, and in the sea area extending from Puttalam to Kankesanthurai via Mannar, they added.

Moreover, showers or thundershowers may occur in several sea areas extending from Mannar to Pottuvil via Colombo, Galle, and Hambantota, the department said.

THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT NO. 44 OF 1980 Revision of Electoral Registers - 2020

ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 21 - RATNAPURA

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Ratnapura District Elections Office.

Suranga Ambagahathenna,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 21 - Ratnapura

District Elections Office,
Ratnapura.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 20 - MONERAGALA

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Indika Gayan Pathirana,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 20 - Moneragala

District Elections Office,
Moneragala.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 22 - KEGALLE

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S.W. Welgama,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 22 - Kegalle

District Elections Office,
Kegalle.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 19 - BADULLA

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Indika Haturusingha,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 19 - Badulla

District Elections Office,
Badulla.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 18 - POLONNARUWA

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Piumi Atigala,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 18 - Polonnaruwa

District Elections Office,
Polonnaruwa.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 17 - ANURADHAPURA

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M.B.M. Sufyan,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 17 - Anuradhapura

District Elections Office,
Anuradhapura.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 16 - PUTTALAM

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N. Regan,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 16 - Puttalam

District Elections Office,
Puttalam.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 14 - TRINCOMALEE

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S. Sudhakaran,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 14 - Trincomalee

District Elections Office,
Trincomalee.
30th April 2021

THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT NO. 44 OF 1980 Revision of Electoral Registers - 2020

ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 10 - JAFFNA

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Jaffna and Kilinochchi District Elections Office.

R.C. Amalraaj,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 10 - Jaffna

District Elections Office,
Jaffna.
30th April 2021

THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT NO. 44 OF 1980 Revision of Electoral Registers - 2020

ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 5 - MATALE

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Kumarini Prathapasingha,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 5 - Matale

District Elections Office,
Matale.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 15 - KURUNEGALA

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Gamalathge Dilip Nishantha,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 15 - Kurunegala

District Elections Office,
Kurunegala.
30th April 2021

THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT NO. 44 OF 1980 Revision of Electoral Registers - 2020

ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 9 - HAMBANTOTA

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Hambantota District Elections Office.

Ravindra Subashana Wedage,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 9 - Hambantota

District Elections Office,
Hambantota.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 4 - MAHANUWARA

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Kandy District Elections Office.

M.M.S.K. Bandara Mapa,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 4 - Mahanuwara

District Elections Office,
Kandy.
30th April 2021

THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT NO. 44 OF 1980 Revision of Electoral Registers - 2020

ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 13 - DIGAMADULLA

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Ampara District Elections Office.

D.T.I. Wickramarathne,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 13 - Digamadulla

District Elections Office,
Ampara.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 7 - GALLE

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Galle District Elections Office.

K.U. Chandralal,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 7 - Galle

District Elections Office,
Galle.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 3 - KALUTARA

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Kalutara District Elections Office.

Kalindra Jayaweera Fernando,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 3 - Kalutara

District Elections Office,
Kalutara.
30th April 2021

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 12 - BATTICALOA

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Batticaloa District Elections Office.

R. Saseelan,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 12 - Batticaloa

District Elections Office,
Batticaloa.
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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 8 - MATARA

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Matara District Elections Office.

T.W. Poshitha Kaumadi,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 8 - Matara

District Elections Office,
Matara.
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ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 2 - GAMPAHA

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K.J.S. Madawa,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 2 - Gampaha

District Elections Office,
Gampaha.
30th April 2021

THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT NO. 44 OF 1980 Revision of Electoral Registers - 2020

ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 11 - VANNI

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Mannar, Vavuniya and Mullativu District Elections Office.

J. Jeniton,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 11 - Vanni

District Elections Office,
Vavuniya.
30th April 2021

THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT NO. 44 OF 1980 Revision of Electoral Registers - 2020

ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 6 - NUWARA-ELIYA

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Nuwara-Eliya District Elections Office.

P.S. Pathirana,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 6 - Nuwara-Eliya

District Elections Office,
Nuwara-Eliya.
30th April 2021

THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS ACT NO. 44 OF 1980 Revision of Electoral Registers - 2020

ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO : 1 - COLOMBO

Notice is hereby given under Section 20 (1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, that the Registers of Electors for the above Electoral District have been certified and are open for inspection during office hours at the Colombo District Elections Office.

P.A.S. Senarathne,
Assistant Registering Officer,
Electoral District No. 1 - Colombo.

District Elections Office,
Colombo.
30th April 2021

INDIA ACCOUNTS FOR 38% OF GLOBAL COVID-19 CASES



A relative of a person who died of COVID-19 breaks down.

As the number of COVID-19 cases worldwide has been on the increase for the ninth consecutive week, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Wednesday that India alone accounted for 38 percent of all infections - or 2,172,063 new cases - recorded in the seven-day period that ended on April 25.

The surge in India is understood to be fueled by the new COVID-19 variant dubbed as the "double mutant" and scientifically identified as B1617. It was "detected at increasing prevalence" among the new cases in the country, according to the WHO.

The B1617 variant is believed to contain mutations from two separate virus variants. The WHO said that B1617 "has a higher growth rate than other

circulating variants in India, suggesting potential increased transmissibility."

Seventeen countries are now suspected of harboring the new variant, the WHO said in its weekly update. They include Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States.

India also reported a 93 percent week-on-week increase in the number of coronavirus-related deaths last week.

The number of COVID-19-related deaths has also increased for the sixth consecutive week in southeast Asia and the eastern Mediterranean region, but elsewhere the fatality figures have slightly decreased.

"To put it in perspective, there were almost as many cases globally last week as in the first five months of the pandemic," said WHO

Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Monday. He described the situation in India as "beyond heartbreaking."

Meanwhile, On Tuesday India recorded 3,23,144 fresh cases and 2,771 related deaths as the second wave of the novel coronavirus continued to wreak havoc. India's cumulative case count stands at 1,76,36,307 while its death toll has climbed up to 1,97,894.

Experts, however, believe that this number is far from the reality as testing is very limited in the rural areas.

Positivity rate has also been surging. A good indicator of the proportion of infections being captured by the official data is the share of tests that come back positive. The World Health Organisation con-



Attendants carry an oxygen cylinder for a patient inside a hospital in Srinagar.

siders an epidemic to be under control if that proportion is below 5%. In America, it currently stands at about 7%; in Britain it is 0.2%, while in India, as a whole, it is 25%.

Vaccination in the country has also not picked up pace with only 10% of the 140 crore-odd population having been inoculated.

Meanwhile, For the third consecutive day, India recorded 3,443 deaths on Thursday. The country

accounted for nearly one in every four deaths in the world due to the virus as on April 28.

The country also surpassed 386,795 new cases on Thursday. India has so far reported a total of 1,87,55,126 cases and 2,08,255 deaths.

Maharashtra also recorded 771 casualties, followed by Delhi (395) and Uttar Pradesh (298).

The figures do not include cases and deaths

from Ladakh. The data are sourced from covid19india.org, an independent aggregator of daily figures.

As many as 2,89,998 new recoveries were recorded on April 29, taking the total to 1,53,72,243.

Among the five countries with the highest death toll due to the virus - the U.S., Brazil, Mexico, India and the U.K., fatalities are on a rising trend only in India.

-THE HINDU, HINDUSTAN TIMES

Over 40 countries sending Oxygen, medical support to India - Foreign Secretary



Hospitals are overflowing with patients, often two to a bed.

Medical and oxygen-related support is being worked out from over 40 countries that will send items to deal with the pandemic's second wave, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said on Thursday. The capacity-boosting supplies are expected to arrive in the coming days from Egypt, Uzbekistan, Bangladesh, Guyana, apart from the big powers like Russia, the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

"Over 40 countries have come forward to offer assistance in whichever capacity possible. We have got commitment of assistance from Europe, Gulf region and even further parts of the world, Australia, New Zealand and countries like Guyana which are located geographically further away," Mr. Shringla told the media.

He said around over 550 oxygen generating plants being sourced from governments, community groups, corporates and private individuals are being brought. The consignments are likely to include over 4,000 oxygen concentrators and over 10,000 cylinders. The announcement for the global mobilisation of resources by the Foreign Secretary came hours before the first consignment of oxygen cylinders, regulators, rapid diagnostic kits, N95 masks and pulse oximeters are being brought. The first batch of these medical supplies arrived in Delhi on Tuesday and the rest is expected to arrive on Friday. According to the Defence Ministry, as on Thursday, the IAF carried out 16 sorties from abroad, airlifting 27 oxygen containers with 460 MT of capacity.

"Partner countries like Russia, and those from Southeast Asia, U.K., France, Germany and our own neighbours have been generous and forthcoming on their own. Many of these countries have put this in the context of the assistance that they have received in the past [from India]. If countries are coming forward, it is also because of the global goodwill that was generated in the past. Our international partnerships and cooperation are supplementing our domestic resources to fight the second wave of the COVID-19," said Mr. Shringla. Among neighbours, the role of Pakistan came for appreciation on Thursday from the European Union after Islamabad gave quick permission for over-flight for the aircraft from EU that will deliver humanitarian supplies to India.

"We have tried our best to reach out to the supply sources including original manufacturers like Gilead Sciences. We have also contacted Egypt. Gilead Sciences has committed 4,50,000 doses of remdesivir. We are hopeful of getting 4 lakh doses from Egypt. We know that Bangladesh is manufacturing some and there are stocks in Uzbekistan and the UAE. We are trying to get those stocks so that we can cover these short term gaps," said Mr. Shringla.

Following the April 25 telephone conversation between Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Foreign Minister of the UAE, and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, a special cargo for medical aid including 157 ventilators, 480 BiPAPs and other medical supplies arrived from the UAE on Thursday. Three oxygen generation units will be sent from surplus stocks in Northern Ireland. The units are each capable of producing 500 litres of oxygen per minute, enough for 50 people to use at a time. This follows the U.K.'s recent action to support India with 495 oxygen concentrators and 200 ventilators sent from surplus stocks. The first batch of these medical supplies arrived in Delhi on Tuesday and the rest is expected to arrive on Friday. According to the Defence Ministry, as on Thursday, the IAF carried out 16 sorties from abroad, airlifting 27 oxygen containers with 460 MT of capacity.

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Shringla also pointed out that vaccine cooperation under 'Quad' consisting of Australia, Japan and the U.S. is proceeding "very well". "Massive additional capacities of vaccines are being created," he said adding there will be a "very very significant" increase in domestic production in the coming two-three months. - THE HINDU



A relative of a person who died of COVID-19 reacts at a crematorium.

Indians turn to Twitter in hunt for Oxygen, hospital beds

With India's coronavirus crisis becoming increasingly more desperate and beds, medicine and oxygen supplies scarce, people in cities across the country are relying on Twitter and the kindness of strangers for help during a time of national upheaval.

Some are using the platform to share locations where gas cylinders, which are in limited supply, can be refilled. Others are posting details about patients in urgent need of help. Some posts advertise which hospitals have empty beds and others ask for blood plasma donors. There are tweets that offer advice on how to stay safe and others that beg for ambulances before it is too late.

"URGENT PLEASE! REQUIREMENT: ventilator urgently as hospital has no ventilator Delhi," reads one tweet flooding the platform with SOS calls.

"Okay have a very critical 30 year old patient with SpO2 level < 50, wife is pregnant. Urgently

need an ICU/ventilator bed in Gurugram," reads another. Overburdened health-care facilities and staff members also are appealing for supplies and assistance on social media.

Some on the platform are changing their Twitter usernames to indicate that they are trying to help provide resources, including phrases such as "covid support," to flag to others that they are working independently to contact hospitals and verify information.

Worried friends, partners and relatives of people with COVID-19 also are using Instagram to search for help, using the hashtags #covidemergency2021 and #IndiaNeedsOxygen.

Earlier this week, Twitter's official India account warned users that while much of the information circulating was reliable some of it would not be, stressing the importance of following verified and trusted accounts.

"If you need a list of SOS resources - access to hospital



A COVID-19 patient gets oxygen on the spot provided by a Sikh Organization in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

beds, oxygen, food - please look at the COVID-19 SOS: Resources page. This will update in real-time as people put out their emergency tweets," the company said Monday.

Amid the heartbreaking flood of requests, came some glimmers of hope and success stories of help that arrived just in time.

Others shared accounts of help that didn't arrive fast enough.

Social media influencer Janice Sequeira said Wednesday that thanks to leads on the platform she was able to find an ambulance with a functioning oxygen tank to transport a coronavirus patient.

- NDTV

She fell to knees and begged for Oxygen

Shruti Saha had spent hours searching for somewhere in New Delhi to refill an oxygen canister when she heard that her frantic efforts had been in vain: her mother had died of COVID-19.

A ferocious second wave of coronavirus in New Delhi has overwhelmed hospitals and caused a shortage of oxygen, leaving many helpless as they try to treat their sick relatives at home.

As she waited outside a refilling plant in a shabby industrial estate in the capital, Saha began to panic, falling to her knees and begging for the facility to open, but police and security guards told her to wait.

Some time later, still waiting in the queue, Saha got a call from home telling her that her mother had died. She broke down, collapsing in a heap as people around her tried to console her.

Her empty oxygen cylinder was left where she had



Shruti Saha, who had been waiting since Tuesday night for her turn to get an oxygen cylinder refilled for her mother, reacts after she was informed about her mother's death, outside a refilling workshop in New Delhi.

been standing in line. "We have been out of the house since 2 am. There is no oxygen anywhere in Delhi. Finally we reached here. I kept telling them Mummy is serious..." she said, weeping.

Delhi is reporting one COVID-19 death in under four minutes for the past several days. Because hos-

pitals have no space, families are trying to treat COVID-19 patients at home, strapped to oxygen cylinders.

"For two days we tried for beds in so many hospitals. Take me home now," Saha said, and a young man took her by the arm and led her away.

- HINDUSTAN TIMES

Delhi seeks more cremation space as deaths rise

Police in India's capital Delhi have asked local authorities to identify more sites for cremations, as the city recorded its highest COVID death toll.

A ferocious second wave is ravaging parts of India, overwhelming hospitals, morgues and crematoriums.

The total number of COVID cases passed 18 million on Thursday with 379,257 infections recorded - the biggest one-day increase on record for any country.

India reported 3,645 deaths on Thursday, which was another record.

More than 390 of those deaths were in Delhi, the highest the capital has ever seen in a single day since the pandemic began.

"Deaths in the city are mostly related to Covid and due to shortage of space, people are being forced to cremate their



Gravediggers are concerned they may soon run out of space to bury the people succumbing to COVID-19.

loved ones in crematoriums not designated to take victims of Covid. That's why we suggested more crematoriums should be set up," a senior Delhi police officer said according to the NDTV news channel.

Oxygen, medicine and hospital beds continue to be in short supply, with people making pleas on social media to find some for their loved ones.

India's central government is facing mounting criticism of its handling of the pandemic, and for allowing election rallies and religious festivals to go ahead.

But the health minister defended the government on Thursday, saying the country's fatality rate is the lowest in the world and that oxygen supplies were "adequate".

- HINDUSTAN TIMES



Relatives of a deceased COVID-19 patient grieve in front of a hospital in the Indian city of Ahmedabad.



Exhausted workers who bring bodies for cremation sit on the rear step of an ambulance inside a crematorium in New Delhi.

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MAHAJANA SAMPATHA DRAW NUMBER : 4466 Value of prizes won in this draw **Rs. 10,707,600.00**

The super prize of next draw **Rs. 10,971,580.00**

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THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 10,102,066.20**

Govisetha DRAW NUMBER : 2761 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 5,942,420.00**

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 69,155,584.00**

Mega Power 10 DRAW NUMBER : 824 TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 3,659,000.00**

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NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE **Rs. 10,000,000.00**

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Dhana Nidhanaya DRAW NUMBER : 503 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 3,260,260.00**

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 95,464,598.00**

SEVANA DRAW NUMBER : 333 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 2,123,790.00**

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 14,000,000.00**

29. 04. 2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 801,831

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE
UVA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of Provincial Buildings Department, Uva Provincial Council will receive sealed Bids up to 25.05.2021 from qualified Contractors and Institutes with registration in the relevant field in Construction Industries Development Authority (CIDA) for the undermentioned work/industries on the basis of Competitive Bidding.

Serial No.	Contract No.	Name of Work	Civil Work Value (Rs. Mn.) (Without VAT)	Required CIDA Grade Building Construction Field	Refundable Bid Security Amount (If paid in Cash) (Rs.)	Construction Time Period (No. of Days)	Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Office where Bid Documents are issued
01	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/01	Construction of 60'x25' Two Storeyed Building - B/Dowa Maha Vidyalaya	17.79	C6 and C5	89,000.00	180	5,000.00	Office of the Director of Provincial Buildings
02	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/02	Construction of 90'x25' Two Storeyed Building - (Stage I) Mo/Maduruketiya Kanishita Vidyalaya	15.54	C6 and C5	78,000.00	180	5,000.00	
03	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/03	Construction of 110'x25' Two Storeyed Building (Stage I) B/Welimada Wijaya Vidyalaya Primary Section	14.02	C6 and C5	70,500.00	180	5,000.00	
04	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/04	Construction of 110'x25' Two Storeyed Building - for Primary Section of B/Welimada Muslim Maha Vidyalaya (Stage I)	14.02	C6 and C5	70,500.00	180	5,000.00	
05	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/05	Construction of 70'x25' Four Storeyed Building - (Stage 2) B/Seewali Maha Vidyalaya	12.41	C6 and C5	62,500.00	180	5,000.00	
06	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/06	Construction of 100'x25' Building (with Library and Laboratory) B/Paharagamma Muslim Vidyalaya	11.61	C6 and C5	60,000.00	180	5,000.00	
07	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/07	Construction of 90'x25' Two Storeyed Building - Lat State M/o Muthukandiya 3rd Step Kanishita Vidyalaya	8.34	C7 and C6	42,000.00	180	3,000.00	Office of the Regional Engineer (Buildings) Monaragala
08	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/01	Reconstruction of Welanwita Clinic Centre (Roof and Ceiling)	2.10	C8 and C7	10,500.00	120	3,000.00	Office of the Regional Engineer (Buildings) Bandarawela
09	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/08	Construction of a 100'x20' Building B/Dambagolla Sri Sumana Vidyalaya	8.00	C7 and C6	40,000.00	180.00	3,000.00	Office of the Regional Engineer (Buildings) Bibile
10	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/09	Renovations of 100'x25' School Building B/Gemunupura Maha Vidyalaya	3.35	C8 and C7	17,000.00	120	3,000.00	
11	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/10	Renovation of 40'x20' Building and Home Science Unit - B/Batalayaya Maha Vidyalaya	2.66	C8 and C7	13,500.00	120	3,000.00	
12	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/11	Renovation of 80'x20' Main Hall Mo/Hepola Kanishita Vidyalaya	2.34	C8 and C7	12,000.00	120	3,000.00	
13	UPBD/EDU/PSDG/2021/03/12	Renovation of 80'x25' Primary Hall Mo/Yakunnawa Maha Vidyalaya	2.07	C8 and C7	10,500.00	120	3,000.00	

- Bids will be called through National Competitive Bidding procedure and in industries where the cost not exceeding Rs. 50 Million Contractors Regional Preference and CIDA Registration preference will be considered in evaluating the Bids according to Finance Ministry Circular No. 4/2016 (iii).
- Successful and qualified Bidders who possess the CIDA Registration in the relevant field and who have not been named to be blacklisted are eligible for the award of contract.
- In evaluating the Bids evaluation process will be carried out according to Finance Ministry Circular No. 3/2020 (i) and the amendments issued in relevance and following qualifications will be considered.
 - Experience in completing a minimum of one similar work with a value of 80% of the civil work value within last five years (this condition is not relevant to work in the table above for which CIDA Grade C7 and C8 is requested).
 - The average turnover maintained during the past five years in equivalent to above civil construction work. (This condition is not relevant to work in the table above for which CIDA Grade C7 and C8 is requested).
 - Financial ability.
 - Financial and Physical Progress of the work in hand.
- For work with a value of Rs. 50 Million or more should be registered under Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 and that Registration Certificate or documents in proof should be submitted along with Bids. Non submission of the said certificate or documents will be a reason to reject the Bids.
- Interested Bidders could obtain a complete set of Procurement Forms in English Language on submission of a written application to the Offices mentioned in the table above and upon payment of the Bid Document Fee from 03.05.2021 to 24.05.2021 during office hours and could inspect the documents free of charge.
- If the Bid Security is not paid in cash or a Bid Bond should be attached to the Bid. If a Bid Bond is submitted, the Bid Security should be two times to the value mentioned in the table and should only be in the form of an unconditional and on demand bank guarantee obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The Bid Security should be valid up to 25.09.2021.
- Duly perfected Bids in duplicate should be submitted to the relevant Procurement Committee before 10.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021. Bids marked as original and duplicate and inserted in two separate covers should be enclosed in one sealed envelope of which the relevant name of the work is marked on the top left hand corner and sent either by Registered Post to reach the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Uva Provincial Buildings Department, Pingarawa, Badulla or deposited in the Tender Box kept at that Office. Bids received late will be rejected.
- The duplicate should be a photocopy of the original of which every page is certified.
- Further details could be obtained from Regional Engineer's (Buildings) Office, Bandarawela - T.P. 057-2222025, Regional Engineering (Buildings) Office, Moneragala - T.P. 055-22760038, 055-2224753, Regional Engineering (Buildings) Office, Bibile - T.P. 055-2265317, coming under Uva Provincial Buildings Department - T.P. 0552229629.
- Bids should be valid up to 25.08.2021.
- Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021 at Provincial Buildings Department, Badulla and Bidders or their representatives could be present at the time.
- A Pre Bid Meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 17.05.2021 at the Office of the Uva Provincial Director of Buildings, Pingarawa, Badulla and prospective Bidders could request for any clarification over the projects. Further a site inspection could also be arranged if required.
- The Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids received and its decision will be final.

Chairman,
Provincial Department of Buildings,
Pingarawa, Badulla.
TP/Fax No : 055-2229629
Email : bdplanningunit@gmail.com
Date : 29.04.2021

PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Road Development Authority
MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

Requires a suitable building on Lease Basis for the establishment of following office

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE - NIKAWERATIYA

Proposed building should conform to the following specifications:

- Minimum floor area of the building should be 2500 sq.ft. and minimum land area should be 40 perches.
 - Should have at least 03 rooms with good ventilation (one room with attached bathroom)
 - Should have two common bathrooms.
 - Should have electricity, water supply, Sri Lanka Telecom Connection, Water Storage tank with a capacity of 1000 liters.
- The building should be within 1 km distance from the town centre.
- Should be situated close to main road or less than 200 m away from main road but easy access.
- Adequate vehicle parking facilities (at least 720 square fee area).

Interested building owners are requested to forward their quotations with the approved building plan with relevant details to reach the following address on or before 13.05.2021.

Please indicate "Quotation for Office Building" on top left corner of the envelope.

The Chairman,
Provincial Procurement Committee (NWP),
Provincial Director's Office,
Road Development Authority,
Puttalam Road,
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INVITATION FOR BID

Registrar General's Department PROVIDING OF PHOTOCOPYING SERVICE

Chairperson of the Departmental Procurement Committee invites bids for providing the service of issuing photocopies of Government documents for the period of year 2021/22 for the 47 sub offices of this Department situated islandwide and bids will be accepted till 2.00 p.m. on 24.05.2021.

- Bids can be submitted to any sub office where Bids are being called or all offices under the Zonal list. The bidding documents can be obtained from the Accountant (Supplies) until 10.00 a.m. on 24.05.2021 by paying a non-refundable tender fee of Rs. 12,500.00 to the Shroff of the Registrar General's Department Head Office and producing receipt to the Accountant (Supplies) for said payment. Further information can be obtained from the Accountant (Supplies) and the contact number is 011-3070870. The bidding documents can be examined at this office if necessary.
- Completed bid documents in two sealed sets together with a Bid Bond worth of Rs. 600,000/- as per the conditions of the Bid Document shall be placed in the Tender Box kept at this Department or sent via registered post to the address of Registrar General, Registrar General's Department, No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla before 2.00 p.m. on 24th May 2021. Top left hand corner of the cover in which the Bid documents enclosed shall be written as "Calling bids for providing of Photocopying Service- 2021/22".
- Bid opening will be held at 2.00 p.m. on 24.05.2021 and bids received late will not be accepted.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Renovation of Regional Office at Ratnapura
BID NO - NGJA/18/51/ 2021

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Renovation of Regional Office at Ratnapura. Estimated Cost is Rs. 24.4 Mn (without Taxes)

Contract No.	Works Description	Bidder's Qualification	Non-refundable Application fee	Bid Bond	Further Details
NGJA/18/51/2021	Renovation of Regional Office at Ratnapura Estimate Cost - Rs. 24.4 Mn Contract Period - 180 Days	ICTAD - C5 + C6 Graded Building Renovation	Rs. 5,000.00 + VAT	Rs. 300,000.00 119 Days	Deputy Director (E.R.D.) Ratnapura. 071 536 2 547

Conditions -

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure. (NCB)
- A Complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by you on the submission of a written application to the Deputy Director (E. R.D. - Ratnapura), and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 + VAT on normal working days between 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 03.05.2021 to 23.05.2021 the mode of payment will be in cash.
- Bids must be sent to the National Gem and Jewellery Authority at Ratnapura under registered post or deposited in the Tender Box available at National Gem and Jewellery Authority Ratnapura Regional Office later than 10.00 a.m. on 24.05.2021 Please indicate as "Renovation of Regional Office at Ratnapura - 2021" on the top left hand Corner of the Sealed Envelope.
- Completed Bid Documents should be accompanied by a bank guarantee / bid bond for the value (Rs. 300,000.00) relevant to the bid documents as indicated above and issued by a commercial bank valid for a minimum period of 119 calendar days from the date of opening of bids (From 24.05.2021 to 21.09.2021)
- Bids will be opened at National Gem and Jewellery Authority, Ratnapura at 10.15 a.m. on 24.05.2021. The bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopened. The bidder or his representative may participate at the bid opening.
- Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 12.05.2021 at 10.30 a.m. at National Gem and Jewellery Authority Regional office at Ratnapura.

Further details: Technical Assistant (Civil): 071 4 244 690

The Chairman - Department Procurement Committee
National Gem and Jewellery Authority

No. 26 Galle Face Terrace, Colombo 03.
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MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION TENDER NOTICE

(NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

Maduru Oya Right Bank Development Project

On behalf of the Project Procurement Committee (PPC), Maduru Oya Right Bank Development Project, Ministry of Irrigation, Sealed Bids will be received by the Project Director, Maduru Oya Right Bank Development Project, Ministry of Irrigation, Welikanda up to 11.00 hrs on 25th May 2021 for the following works.

Item No.	Description	Contract No.	Non Refundable Tender Fee per set of a Bidding Document	Required CIDA/ICTAD Grade, Field of Registration
01	Improvement of Damminna - Walamandiya Road from 0+630 km to 4+030 km. (Total Estimated Cost is Rs. 123.00 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 301 days)	MORBBDP/Con/RD/2021-11	Rs. 20,500.00	C4 & C3 Highways
02	Construction of Maduru Oya Right Bank Main Canal from 6+500 km to 7+000 km. (Total Estimated Cost is Rs. 107.00 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 301 days)	MORBBDP/Con/MC/2021-14	Rs. 19,000.00	C4 & C3 Irrigation & Land Drainage
03	Construction of Maduru Oya Right Bank Main Canal from 12+430 km to 13+300 km. (Total Estimated Cost is Rs. 172.00 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 336 days)	MORBBDP/Con/MC/2021-28	Rs. 27,000.00	C4 & C3 Irrigation & Land Drainage
04	Construction of Maduru Oya Right Bank Main Canal from 13+300 km to 13+900 km. (Total Estimated Cost is Rs. 181.00 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 336 days)	MORBBDP/Con/MC/2021-29	Rs. 28,500.00	C3 & C2 Irrigation & Land Drainage
05	Construction of Maduru Oya Right Bank Main Canal from 13+900 km to 14+492 km. (Total Estimated Cost is Rs. 176.00 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 336 days)	MORBBDP/Con/MC/2021-30	Rs. 27,500.00	C4 & C3 Irrigation & Land Drainage

Bidders who have the Grade and field of registration under the CIDA/ICTAD scheme of registration mentioned in the above table against the work only will be eligible for bidding.

Prospective bidders can obtain Bidding Documents by a written request on a company/firm letterhead, addressed to the **Project Director, Maduru Oya Right Bank Development Project, Ministry of Irrigation, Welikanda from 01st May 2021 to 24th May 2021 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.** on working days, on payment of a non-refundable Tender fee as given above per set of Bidding Documents for each bid. Bidders are free to bid for more than one tender but selections will be made according to the capacity limits of the bidders.

Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of **Project Director, Maduru Oya Right Bank Development Project, Ministry of Irrigation, Welikanda on normal working days from 01st May 2021 to 24th May 2021 from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.**

Sealed Bids in duplicate clearly marked the contract name and the number on the top left corner of the envelope may be dispatched either by Registered Post or hand delivered to the **Project Director, Maduru Oya Right Bank Development Project, Ministry of Irrigation, Welikanda** before the closing time of specified date of submission. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorized representatives, not exceeding two (02) in numbers are permitted to be present at the opening of tenders.

For further details, please contact **Project Director, Maduru Oya Right Bank Development Project, Ministry of Irrigation, Welikanda on Tel. 027-3288912.**

Project Director,
Maduru Oya Right Bank Development Project,
Ministry of Irrigation, Welikanda.
(Tel. 027-3288912)

Southern Provincial Council

Southern Provincial Chief Secretary's Office

Invitation for Bids

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Chief Secretary's Procurement Committee on behalf of the Chief Secretary's Office of the Southern Province from eligible and qualified bidders for the undermentioned contracts.

Ser. No.	Name of Contract	Contract No.	B.O.Q. Amount Rs. Mill.	CIDA Category	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)
01	Construction of Four Storey Building of Management Development Training Institute (Stage 2)	SP/CS/NCB /21/01	21.1	C6 / C5	200,000.00	4,000.00
02	Repairing the Government Quarters No. B - 6 in Labuduwa	SP/CS/NCB /21/04	4.0	C8 / C7	50,000.00	2,000.00
03	Repairing the Government Quarters No. C - 4 in Labuduwa	SP/CS/NCB /21/02	3.6	C8 / C7	45,000.00	2,000.00
04	Repairing the C7-U1, C7-U2, C7-L1, C7-L2 Two Storey Government Quarters, Labuduwa	SP/CS/NCB /21/03	2.4	C8 / C7	30,000.00	2,000.00
05	Construction of Matara Office of District Engineer (Buildings)	SP/CS/NCB /21/05	20.7	C6 / C5	200,000.00	4,000.00

- Bids should be submitted based on National Competitive Bidding Procedure. Successful bidder for award of contracts should not have been blacklisted and should be registered with CIDA in the above categories.
- As the total estimated cost of these procurements are below Rs. 50 million Regional Preference and CIDA registration grade preference will be taken into consideration when evaluating the bids as per Finance Ministry Circular No. 04/2016(iii) dated 18.02.2021. Further the conditions mentioned in Public Finance Circular No. 03/2020(i) dated 11.01.2021 will be applicable.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and bid documents from Supplies Division of the Chief Secretary's Office, S.H. Dahanayake Mawatha, Galle upon payment of the abovementioned fee between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 30.04.2021 until 24.05.2021.
- Bid security submitted with the bid should be drawn in favour of "Chief Secretary, Southern Province" obtained from a commercial bank in Sri Lanka valid up to 25.09.2021 or else may be paid in cash to the Accounts Division of the Chief Secretary's Office and the cash receipt obtained should be submitted with the bid. Bid Securities submitted in the form of Cheques and Bank Drafts will be rejected.
- Bids submitted relevant to the above contracts should be submitted in duplicate and the Original should be marked as Original and the duplicate should be marked as Duplicate. Original and Duplicate should be inserted in separate covers sealed and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover and submitted.
- Bid Number and the description should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the perfected bid. Sealed bids may either be sent by registered post addressed to "**Chairman, Procurement Committee, Southern Provincial Chief Secretary's Office, S.H. Dahanayake Mawatha, Galle**" or hand delivered and deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Official Room of the Accountant (Supplies) to be received before 10.30 a.m. on 25.05.2021. Bids submitted should be valid up to 25.08.2021.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids on 25.05.2021 at the Office of the Chief Secretary and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Pre bid meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 12.05.2021 under the patronage of the Chief Secretary of the Southern Province at the Auditorium of the Office of the Southern Provincial Chief Secretary. Prospective bidders may attend this pre bid meeting.
- Please note that the decision of the procurement Committee is final.
- For further details;
 - District Engineer, Office of the District Engineer (Buildings), Matara (Tel. Nos. 0412233934 / 0412222386)
 - District Engineer, Office of the District Engineer (Buildings), Galle (Tel. No. 0914941546)

Note: Tender Notice is also published in the www.cs.sp.gov.lk website of the Office of the Southern Provincial Chief Secretary.

Chairman
Procurement Committee
Office of the Southern Provincial Chief Secretary
S.H. Dahanayake Mawatha
Galle

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Ananda - Rajans clash for P. W. Perera Trophy

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

-Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

The traditional cricket match between Ananda College, Colombo and Dharmaraja College, Kandy for the P.W. Perera Memorial Trophy will be played on the 3rd & 4th of May, 2021 at Ananda Mawatha, Colombo.

Saviru Bandara leads Ananda College while Dharmaraja College is led by Upendra Warnakulasuriya.

Ananda and Dharmaraja, two leading Buddhist Schools established by the Buddhist Theosophical Society in 1886 and 1887 respectively have been playing cricket with each other since 1893 when Dharmaraja team was led by their Principal at that time, Sir D.B. Jayatilake, the national hero.

P.W. Perera Trophy was introduced in 1999 by the Cricket wing of Ananda Old Boys led by the former Captain of Ananda, Charith Senanayake in appreciation of P.W. Perera's great

service to uplift cricket in both Dharmaraja and Ananda as the cricket coach of both schools at different times.

P.W. Perera, the former Ananda College Cricket Captain was appointed to the Staff of Dharmaraja in 1941 by L.H. Mettananda the Principal of the school, mainly to coach the cricketers.

He coached from 1941 to 1943 at Dharmaraja and the teams produced by P.W. Perera were undefeated Cricket Teams. Under his guidance five players of the School scored centuries and they were T.B. Talwate, P.L. Arthur Alwis, Rajah Mettananda, S.G. Munasinghe, and M.R. Gunawardena. The 1942/43 cricket team was considered unofficial Champions having won all the matches played by Dharmaraja during that season.

P.W. Perera left Dharmaraja accepting an appointment in the Prisons Department and he retired from the



The Captain of Dharmaraja College- Upendra Warnakulasuriya

Public Service as the Superintendent of Prisons.

From 1960 he guided Ananda, his Alma mater producing many Sri Lankan cricketers and he passed away in 2006 on the eve of the Ananda/Dharmaraja cricket match at the Peradeniya Campus Grounds and the players observed two minutes silence at the commencement of the game and



The Captain of Ananda College- Saviru Bandara

continued playing the match wearing black arm bands as a mark of respect.

The first year the Trophy was won by Ananda in the year 1999 with an outright victory under the captaincy of Jithendra Perera and Dharmaraja was led by Asanga Marapana.

The Trophy was retained by Ananda and since then it was awarded only for an outright victory.

Danushka Boteju excellent ruggerite and coach

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Mostly people in life work towards achieving a goal. When it comes to sports, it will remain the same as they like to reach the top in a particular sport and to become a top coach. Danushka Boteju had similar ideas and strived hard to reach that milestone starting as a player from school level then engaged in competitive club rugby going onto don the National jersey before becoming a qualified rugby coach.

Danushka was born in Colombo in 1983 as better known as 'Botta'. His father Wilman Boteju worked as a Government Employee with mother Kamala Fernando being a housewife. He has one sister Thushani. From his younger days he was very particular in maintaining a good physique having a hefty frame by birth. He was enrolled at Isipathana college in 1989 and continued his academic career until 2002. He had a liking towards sports and was very optimistic in becoming a top class coach with the oval shaped ball game.

At Isipathana rugby was like a religion, and he too got into momentum and joined playing rugby at under-13 age group when he was 12 years old. He then competed in all age groups starting from under 13/15/17/19. In the year 2000 they became under-17 All Island Cup champions defeating Royal at a time they were

left out without coaches. Next year in 2001, they surged ahead to clinch the Western Province 10's tournament and they couldn't participate due to sudden loss of their teammate Suranga Warunasuriya who had a tragic death during the practice sessions. In 2001 they won the under-19 Premier Championship beating St. Peters in the final under the captaincy of Ranga Perera played at Police Park. He made his debut with the college first XV team in 2001. In 2002, they remained as an unbeaten team led by Anuranga Walpola and went on to create history by crushing Trinity 43-8 which apparently was the highest score against them in Pallekele coached by Sanath Martis. His school coaches were Sanath Martis, Champika Nishantha, Bimal Perera, Isinth Perera and Gamin Indrasena. Apart from rugby, he played cricket and football for school. He was a member of the School Oriental Band while being a senior prefect.

After an eventful school career, he decided to continue playing club rugby and joined CR and FC under-21 team in 2002 under the captaincy of Haren Kaluarachchi which was his first club Rugby experience. From there he played for the under-24 team with CR where they ended up joint champions with CH and FC, which was while representing the college first XV team. Throughout his career from the school days he occupied the position of Prop forward and that CR team was captained by Shamy Navaz coached by Tony Amit. In 2009, he was assigned as vice Captain of the Longden place club and later captained them in the Inter Club 10's tournament in which they became champions. The memorable moment in his club

rugby was when he was adjudged the 'Best Forward' in 2006 at the Caltex Rugby Awards. His tenure with CR was from 2003 to 2009 and played under several captains including of Shamy Navaz, Pavithra Fernando, Anuradha Dharmathilake, Shamil Mohamed and Ashen Karthelis and was coached by Tony Amit, Asanga Seneviratne, Grant Dwyer, Tavitha Thuvalgesi (Laga) and John Carinton. His team mates were Savantha de Saram,

Thailand and Malaysia. In 2010, he joined D.S. Senanayake College as assistant coach with A.C. Tennakoon. Then he moved to St. Josephs, Maradana as head coach for the under-16 and 18 teams. They assigned him to develop the junior structure in 2011/12 seasons. In 2012, he had an opportunity of joining another sport, the American Football, a new sport to be developed

in Sri Lanka. Dilroy selected him as a Trainee coach for EFLI league where he participated in coaches orientation and training programmes with American coaches. He obtained a level-1 coaching certificate for American football and worked as linesmen coach for Colombo Lions team with them.

He then served as head coach of S. Thomas under-18 team and Assistant Coach for the first XV under Grant Dwyer from 2013 to 2015, where they were promoted to 'A' division in 2013 overcoming several big schools. He had a great experience to improve his coaching skills (professional rugby coaching skills) while working under Australian Coach Grant Dwyer.

Later he had a great opportunity to work as a coach for his club CR as Assistant Coach in the 2016/17 season with Scottish Coach Ben which was a great experience. He joined Zahira College as Head coach for the under-18 team in 2019 and has several achievements. Later was promoted to take care of the first XV team where he worked hard to develop the team and had a great start against Mahanama in 2020 winning the match by 40 points, after which the season came to a standstill due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Currently is working with Zahira rugby as in charge. He has completed the rugby coaching level 1 and 2 accredited by World Rugby and also has level one Officials certificate. His wife is Nadee Subashini and has a child Thedam Ransha.



Viraj Prashantha, Pavithra Fernando, Ravindra Wekadapala, Anuja Perera, Hasitha Perera, Ashen Karthelis, Shamil Mohamed, M.J. Musthaq, Asanga Rodrigo, Harin Kaluarachchi and Zulker Hameed are few to be named.

He was nominated for the National squad in 2004 and played in several tournaments. In 2006 played against China. In 2007 played against Arabian Gulf and Kazakhstan under Sanjeewa Jayasinghe's captaincy coached by late George Simpkin and Rob Yule. After hanging up his boots, he started focusing on his work and joined Asia

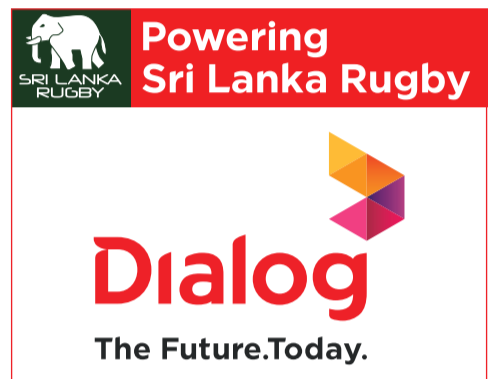
Securities as a Trainee Stock Broker, where he worked 16 years and was promoted to Assistant Manager. Then opted to start coaching with Agoal Academy in 2010 invited by Dilroy Fernando. During this period they had tours to

in Sri Lanka. Dilroy selected him as a Trainee coach for EFLI league where he participated in coaches orientation and training programmes with American coaches. He obtained a level-1 coaching certificate for American football and worked as linesmen coach for Colombo Lions team with them.

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Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

K. A. Karunaratne - first Sri Lankan to win a marathon in Europe

Kuruppu Arachchilage Karunaratne more popular as K. A. Karunaratne, represented Sri Lanka in the marathon event at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992.

He was born in Colombo on September 24, 1966 and was educated at the Junior School Mahara/Nugegoda and at the Kalyana Pririvena at Delgoda.

Having participated in marathon events organised in connection with the Sinhala New Year Day celebrations, Karunaratne graduated to the National level marathon competitions and gained international honours

in this event. In 1984, he won the 5,000m, 10,000m and the marathon event and continued to set up record after record and the hearts of athletics fans in the country.

In the very first year that he participated at the National Athletics Championships, he was selected for the inaugural SAF Games in Kathmandu, Nepal.

At these Games, he won a Bronze Medal in the 10,000m event. In 1985, he was placed in the Asian Athletics Championships held in Indonesia. In 1987, he participated in the World Marathon Championships and was placed 71st

and in 1989 at the World Marathon Championships held in Italy, he was placed 45th.

At the Asian Games marathon held in Beijing, China in 1990, Karunaratne recorded a time of 2.18.57s and was placed fourth.

That same year he won the International Marathon in Singapore recording a time of 2.21.09s.

In 1991, he was placed 77th in the World Marathon Championships held in London, England and later in the same year he won the International Marathon in Zurich recording a time of 2.18.48s

and thus became the first Sri Lankan to win a marathon in Europe.

He participated in another international marathon event in Akidan in Japan and was awarded a Diploma.

Although Karunaratne participated in the marathon at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, 1992 he could not give off his best.

Karunaratne started his career as a clerk at the JEDB and later joined the Army. Hailing from a modest beginning, he was able to reach the top runs in athletics through sheer spirit and determination.



K. A. Karunaratne

However, Karunaratne was an unfortunate victim of a terrorist suicide attack on April 6, 2008 where he succumbed while organising a marathon event in Weliveriya. (C.D)

Sports promoter Premadasa remembered

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Today May 1, the sports loving people of Kandy will remember the late President R. Premadasa on his 28th death anniversary.

He was also a sportsman and sports benefactor who did his best for the country. The name of R. Premadasa will go down in the annals of our history not only as a nation-builder but also as a great sports promoter.

He gave his best to everyone irrespective of caste and race. He is the man who built the Khetarama Stadium for cricket and after his death it was named as R. Premadasa Stadium.

Today this cricket venue can be rated as one of the best in the world. For football he re-developed the Sugathadasa Stadium and gave a facelift to the Henry Pedris Park in Colombo.

The game of football came naturally to him, per-

haps because football was identified with the poor man.

As a young footballer, he learnt the game at Keselwatte in Colombo. He introduced a rugby tournament together with the Sri Lanka Rugby Football Union under the presidency of YC Chang. This tournament was known as the R. Premadasa Trophy and became very popular among clubs and subsequently he introduced it among schools. Even after taking to politics, Premadasa promoted the game among parliamentarians. He gave his support to football's controlling body, the Football Federation of Sri Lanka.

Today, all sports have realized his loss. It's a void which will be very difficult to fill because he had so much to offer for sports and the country.

Nadun Nimesha Rajapaksha excels in karate

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratwa Sports Special Corr.

Fourteen year old athlete and up and coming Black Belt Karate Holder Karuna Pedige Nadun Nimesha Rajapaksha has brought honour and fame to his school Wekada Maha Vidyalaya Dankotuwa and he was born on 11th day of January 2007 and initially he was admitted to Dickwella Primary School in 2013 when Mr. Balasuriya was the Principal of the school and his first class teacher was Mrs. Nirmala Kumari.

When he was in Grade Three he participated in the Inter House Sports Meet in 2015 and he came first in 100 metres and his House Team won the skipping event and 4x100 relay team won their event. In the following year he came second in 100 metres and the Master in Charge of Athletics

was Mr. Priyadarshana. In 2017 his parents Nishantha Nuwan Rajapaksha and Nirmala Kumari insisted their son to take up to Karate and in 2017 he commenced Karate and he came under school karate coach Asela Sumith Lasantha and his first attempt was Puttalam District Do Karate Association Meet and he grabbed Gold Medals for Kumite and Kata. In the following year too at Puttalam District meet he won Gold Medals for Kumite and Kata and in the NWP Meet he was placed third in Kata and second in Kumite and in 2019 at the Puttalam Meet he won a Gold for Kata and at the NWP Meet he won Golds for both these events and at the All Island Inter Schools Meet held at Albert F. Peiris Stadium he won a Gold for Kumite and a Gold for Kata.



Nadun Nimesha

Malaka and Dilshan excel in Kandy's Battle of the Golds



HAFIZ MARIKAR

The first big match in Kandy the Battle of the Golds which was played last Saturday and Sunday at Katugastota between Sri Rahula College and Wariyapola Sri Sumangala College ended in a draw. Wariyapola Sri Sumangala College won the toss and elected to bat first and scored 208 runs for the loss of 8 wickets when play was halted at 4.03 pm due to rain.

They declared at the overnight score and bowled out Sri Rahula College for 114 runs in 36.4 overs. Malaka Samaranyake took 4 wickets for 22 runs to rip through Rahula College batting line up.

None of the batsmen were able to get past 20 runs in the innings and Sri Sumangala College started their second innings with an 84 runs lead, were bowled out for 115 runs in 50.4 overs and the game ended in a draw.

Thineera Akalanaka scored 28 runs and it was once again Dilshan Arambegoda who ripped through Sumangala batting line up to take 6 wickets for 47 runs. Thilanka Kumarathunga also picked up 4 wickets

Sri Sumangala College 208 (68.5)

and 115 (50.4). Sri Rahula College, - 114 (36.4)

Sachin and Kayla golf champions

Over eighty golfers were seen in action at this year's Donald Steel Golf tournament, which was held last weekend at the Victoria Golf and Country Resort. The winner Gents Gross (Donald Steel Trophy) Sachin and runner-up NirekTejwani . Ladies Gross (Pam FernandoTrophy) winner Kayla Perera and runner-up Ahalya Rajan. Then in the nearest to Pin Gents winner Ranjith Nagalingam and Ahalya Rajan. Longest Drive Gents Sachin de Silva and Ladies Arika Wickramasinghe. Senior Best Net score Gents Dr. S. Amunugama, Ladies Ahalya Rajan, runner up gents Ebert Pot and Ladies Rohini Sangani. Winner (Ebert Pot) Gents Alan Bond, runner-up Surain Prematilake. Gents Gross (Donald Steel Trophy)

A new big match on the way

Talks are going on to start a cricket big match between Sri Chandranadna Buddhist College and Ranabima Royal College, Both schools do well in cricket, and a big match is ideal. Sri Chandranadna Buddhist school is housed at Asgiriya was inaugurated on 4th January 2006 and took up cricket in 2011 has done

well in this year's inter school cricket tournament playing in under 19 division III level II Group E, now they have qualified for the next round. Ranabima Royal College was inaugurated on 2nd March 1996 is housed at Ganoruwa. And this year they play in the level II Group E

KDCA domestic qualifying tournament

Kandy District Cricket Association has finalized the match dates for their domestic limited over qualifying cricket tournament. Most of the matches will be played at the Prisons grounds Pallekelle.

The first game has been fixed for 6th May Central Youth SC vs Akurana CC - Prison grounds, 7th Sport Plus CC vs Lion Heart CC - Prison grounds, 10th Hewaheta CC vs Sivanco CC, 11th Titans CC vs Sport Plus CC - venue for the two games to be fixed, 11th Old Jinaraja CC vs Old Ranabima CC - Prison grounds, 12th Kingswood SC vs. Thunder CC - venue to be fixed, 12th Honest Star CC vs Tuskers CC - Prison grounds, 13th Up Country SM vs Assex CC - Prison grounds, 13th Akurana CC vs. Sivanco CC venue to be fixed, 14th Kingswood SC vs Titans CC - Prison grounds, 17th Hewaheta CC vs Central Youth CC - Prison grounds Titans CC vs Lion Heart CC - venue to be fixed, 18th

Tuskers CC vs Sport Plus CC - venue to be fixed, Thunder CC vs New Wave CC - Prison grounds, 19th Upcountry SM vs Sivanco CC - venue to be fixed, 19th Akurana CC vs Old Ranabima CC - Prison grounds, 20th Honest Star vs Lion Heart - Prison grounds, 21st Old Jinaraja CC vs Assex CC - Prison grounds, 24th Kingswood SC vs Sport Plus CC - Prison grounds, 24th Central Youth CC vs Sivanco CC - venue to be fixed, 25th Titans CC vs New Wave CC venue to be fixed, 25th Hewaheta CC vs. Upcountry SM - Prison grounds

Kotmale speed hill climb postponed

The new wave of the coronavirus has halted Kotmale Speed Hill Climb which was organised by Senkadagala Motor Sports Club in association with the Sri Lanka Motor Cycle Club and was to be held today May 1st and 2nd. They had over 150 entries, for both cars and motor bikes. And at the last moment had to postpone it, due to the present situation Once they get the greenlight from the Police and Health department the event will be brought back.

One dayer Postponed

The one day encounter between Wariyapola Sri Sumangala College and

Sri Rahula College which was to be played tomorrow at Katugastota, has been postponed. When things come to normal the match will be played.

Cue sport dormant in Kandy

The sport of billiards and snooker over here in the hill capital of Kandy has taken a nosedive.

There are no tournaments unlike in the past when there were inter-club matches between Kandy clubs and also played against Colombo clubs.

In the early days, CYO - Catholic Club which was housed at the St. Sylvester's College building, Lawn Club near the Kandy Market where the present library is housed, Public Service Club behind Policeground, Mahanuwara YMBA, Kandy YMMA both are neighbours above the Kandy Lake, Kandy Garden Club, Peradeniya Faculty Club, Kings Cue Club who earned a name through cue sport, took the game very seriously and the tournaments were a great attraction to many cueists. Today, the sport is dormant in most of the clubs and only played in parlours. Whatever said and done Mahanuwara YMBA and Public Services club switch on the lights and the game is played. The most looked forward to event was the Kandy District 'Lanka Plate' Billiards and Snooker championships, today it is not there. At one time

Kandy was only next to Colombo in billiards and snooker, and provided national players and officials. Today said to say the sport is in the dark. Some clubs don't even switch on the lights of the table.

Kesara to upgrade sports in the city

The Mayor of Kandy Kesara Senanayake believes sport is a powerful tool for social change, and can be used to address a range of issues facing communities.

The Kandy Municipal Council is blessed with 24 playgrounds across the city, and many of them need to be upgraded as they have reached the end of their life spans. The Mayor has started to clean and upgrade the playgrounds, which is going to help sports lovers in a big way. The KMC also has 45 community centres where indoor sports are played.

These sporting venues not only help the very young, but also kids of older ages and teenagers and adults. The Mayor's strategy for sport - Sport for All of Us - will support a long-term vision to make Kandy the most active and socially-integrated city. Today there are many schools and clubs without grounds. The only ground they had for matches the Bogambara Stadium was taken over by the Sports Ministry in the late 1990's.

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WORLD OF SPORTS

(May 1)

LOCAL EVENTS

CRICKET (Under-19 Division One Tier 'A' final): Royal vs St. Joseph's at NCC Grounds

FOOTBALL (Super League Tournament): Ratnam SC vs Blue Star SC at 4.30 p.m. Blue Eagles SC vs Red Star SC at 7.30 p.m. (Both matches at Sugathadasa Stadium)

FOREIGN EVENTS

CRICKET (Indian Premier League): Mumbai Indians vs Chennai Super Kings at New Delhi

(May 1 and 2)

LOCAL EVENTS

CRICKET (ICC World Test Championship): Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh (2nd Test) at Pallekele Stadium (3rd and 4th days)

FOREIGN EVENTS

CRICKET Zimbabwe vs Pakistan (1st Test) at Harare (3rd and 4th days)

(May 2)

LOCAL EVENTS

CRICKET (Under-19 Division One Tier 'B' final): Devapathiraja vs Mahinda at NCC Grounds

FOOTBALL

(Super League Tournament): Up-country Lions FC vs Defenders FC at 4.30 p.m. Colombo FC vs Renown SC at 7.30 p.m. (Both matches at Sugathadasa Stadium)



Oshada Fernando plays a shot

After a disappointing first day, Bangladesh pulled things back, stifling the runs and taking wickets in regular intervals, as Sri Lanka reached 469 for six on day two of the second and deciding Test at the Pallekele Stadium in Kandy, yesterday.

After having conceded only 43 runs in the morning session, which also saw the dismissals of Lahiru Thirimanne, Angelo Mathews, and Dhananjaya de Silva, the visitors kept a tight lid on the scoring, while reaping the rewards with the wickets of Oshada Fernando and Pathum Nissanka during the latter stages.

But the advent of Niroshan Dickwella finally brought in some sense of urgency in the scoring.

At 382 for six, Sri Lanka were in danger of getting bowled out for less than 450, but Dickwella and Ramesh Mendis played with the sort of freedom that wasn't seen in the half first of the day.

A naturally aggressive batsman, Dickwella constantly swept the spinners off their lengths, while Mendis climbed into anything off the radar.

Earlier, Sri Lanka who started the day at 291 for one slipped to 334 for four at lunch as Bangladesh kept their basics and their discipline well in control.

The visitors did well to keep the run-scoring in check, with only 18 runs being scored in the first hour and were rewarded finally when Lahiru Thirimanne fell, gloving a short delivery down the leg-side.

It was a deserved reward for the perseverance of Taskin Ahmed and he should have had another one in the

DICKWELLA KEEPS SRI LANKA AHEAD on rain-hit second day

SCORECARD

SRI LANKA 1ST INNINGS		N. Dickwella not out 64	
D. Karunaratne c Das b S. Islam 118	R. Mendis not out 22	Extras: (b3, lb2, nb1, w1) 07	
L. Thirimanne c Das b T. Ahmed 140	TOTAL: (6 wickets, 155.5 overs) 469		
O. Fernando c Das b M. Hasan 81	Fall: 1-209, 2-313, 3-319, 4-328, 5-382, 6-382		
A. Mathews c Das b T. Ahmed 05	BOWLING: A. Jayed 22-4-69-0, T. Ahmed 32.5-7-119-3, M. Hasan 34-7-102-1, S. Islam 29-6-91-1, T. Islam 38-7-83-1		
D. de Silva c N. Shanto b T. Islam 02			
P. Nissanka b T. Ahmed 30			



Taskin Ahmed celebrates a dismissal. Pix courtesy SLC



Niroshan Dickwella celebrates his fifty.

Upbeat Joes look to upset Royal in Tier 'A' final

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Unbeaten Royal College will meet St. Joseph's College in the Under-19 Division One Tier 'A' Cricket Tournament final at the NCC Grounds in Maitland Place, today.

Royal defeated Mahanana College by six wickets, while the Josephians trounced Trinity College by 10 wickets in their respective semi-finals played earlier.

Royal Skipper Ahan Wickramasinghe has already scored 437 runs from seven matches, including a century and three fifties, while Sineth Jayawardena, Isiwara Disanayake, Sadisha Rajapaksa, wicket-keeper batsman Shehan Herath and Dasis Manchanayake are all in good touch with the bat.

All-rounder Kavindu Pathirathne and Sonal Amarasekara will spearhead the Royal bowling attack with Dan Poddiwela providing the back up support.

In addition, Gishan Balasooriya, Manchanayake, and off-spinner Sadisha Rajapaksa are among the wickets in this tournament and are capable of providing vital breakthroughs.

Meanwhile, all-rounder Dunith Wellalage is the key player for St. Joseph's and will also depend on the two opening batsmen wicket-keeper Sadeesh Jayawardena and Sheran Fonseka to produce a repeat performance.

The pair put on an unfinished 161-run opening stand in the semi-final against Trinity and will look to continue with the same form.

St. Joseph's have a solid middle order batting line-up comprising of Shevon Daniel, Yesith Rupasinghe, and Skipper Wellalage.

The Josephian bowling will be in the hands of fast bowlers Mithira Dissanayake, Gishan Balasuriya, Prashan Kalhara, Dasis Manchanayake, Sadisha Rajapaksa, Sonal Amarasekara, Dan Poddiwela, Shehan Herath, Sineth Jayawardena, Ashen Gamage, Uvindu Weerasekara,

Royal Under-19 Squad: Ahan



St. Joseph's Under-19 Cricket Squad



Royal Under-19 Cricket Squad

Wickramasinghe (Captain), Kavindu Pathirathne (Vice-Captain), Isiwara Dissanayake, Gishan Balasuriya, Prashan Kalhara, Dasis Manchanayake, Sadisha Rajapaksa, Sonal Amarasekara, Dan Poddiwela, Shehan Herath, Sineth Jayawardena, Ashen Gamage, Uvindu Weerasekara,

Uthum Disanayake, Nethin Panapitiya, Damith Kappagoda, Resandu Tillekaratne and Lahiru Gange-watte. **St. Joseph's Under-19 Squad:** Dunith Wellalage (Captain), Shevon Daniel, Dinal Anuradha, Ashan M.N. De Alwis, Sheran Fonseka, Mithira Thenura, Yesith Rupasinghe, Shenuka De Silva, Dineth Anthony, Sadeesh Jayawardena, Gagan Chamod, Shenuk Serasinghe, Deshan Seneviratne, Hiran Jayasundara, Lahiru Amarasekara, Sahana Dabare, Hirun Matheesha, Yenula Dewthusa, Sasanka Ranaweera and Kenneth Sasmina.

Mahinda favourites to beat Devapathiraja



Navod Paranavithna (Mahinda Captain)



Sudeera Weeraratne (Devapathiraja Captain)

masoka College by 40 runs in their respective semi-finals.

Skipper Navod Paranavithna is the key player for Mahinda and they will also bank on Kausitha Kodituwakku, Sandev Induwara, Rashmika Madushanka and Kavindu Lakshan for a good score. Lakshan and Subanu Rajapaksa are the two key spinners for Mahinda.

Meanwhile, Devapathiraja are the dark horses of the tournament as they recorded two upset victories against Isipathana College and Dharmasoka to reach the final. Skipper Sudeera Weeraratne is a useful spinner for Devapathiraja and they will also bank on Pawan Sandesh and Jeevaka Shasheen to put up a good performance.

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Mahinda College will meet Devapathiraja College Rathgama in the Under-19 Division One Tier 'B' Cricket Tournament final at the NCC Grounds on Sunday.

Mahinda defeated Ananda College by 72 runs while Devapathiraja beat Dhar-

Shaw stars as Delhi eases to win over KKR

Prithvi Shaw struck 82 off 41 balls as the Delhi Capitals eased to a seven-wicket win over the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) match played on Thursday at Ahmedabad.

The opener reached his half-century in 18 deliveries as Delhi chased a target of 155 with 3.3 overs to spare.

Shaw, 21, also became the second man in IPL history to score six consecutive boundaries in an over.

Earlier, Eoin Morgan was out for a second-ball duck as KKR posted 154 for six with Andre Russell scoring 45 not out.

The win takes Delhi up to second in the IPL table with KKR - who have lost five in seven - remaining in fifth.

After losing opener Nitish Rana (15) in the fourth over, Shubman Gill and Rahul Tripathi stabilised the KKR innings as the side reached 69 for one in 9.2 overs.

Chief scores

Kolkata Knight Riders: 154/6 in 20 overs (Andre Russell 45 n.o., Shubman Gill 43, Lalit Yadav 2/13, Axar Patel 2/32)

Delhi Capitals: 156/3 in 16.3 overs (Prithvi Shaw 82, Shikhar Dhawan 46, Pat Cummins 3/24). **(BBC)**

Sri Sumangala bags U-19 Division Two Title

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Leg-spinner Vishwa Lahiru Kumara had fine figures of five for 12 as Sri Sumangala MV Panadura recorded a six-wicket win over St. John's College, Panadura in the Under-19 Division Two Tier 'A' Cricket Tournament final played at the BRC Grounds, yesterday.

The game was reduced to a 36-over per side contest due to wet ground conditions and St. John's batting first were bowled out for 68 in 33.4 overs.

In reply, Sri Sumangala reached their target in 19.3 overs with Mihiranga Fernando scoring an unbeaten 36.

Chief scores

St. John's: 68 in 33.4 overs (Vishwa Lahiru Kumara 5/12, Charuka Jayathilaka 3/14)

Sri Sumangala: 69/4 in 19.3 overs (Mihiranga Fernando 36 n.o., Dinushka Madushan 2/6).



Vishwa Lahiru Kumara (Sri Sumangala MV)

Devapathiraja wins Girls' U-19 Title

Devapathiraja College, Rathgama retained the Girls' Under-19 limited over cricket title when they defeated Wadduwa Central by 12 runs in the final played at the Bloomfield Grounds in Reid Avenue, yesterday.

Devapathiraja scored 88 for five from their restricted 14 overs and reduced Wadduwa Central to 76 for eight in their allotted 14 overs.

Chief scores

Devapathiraja: 88/5 in 14 overs (Imesha Dulani 22, Inushi Shenorika 3/15, Nethmi Poorna 2/13)

Wadduwa Central: 76/8 in 14 overs (Navodya Nethmini 23, Sachini Nisansala 2/8, Vihara Sewwandi 2/16, Kavisha Diharari 2/17). **(DR)**