

## Alert over COVID victims trying to cross borders to Sri Lanka - State Minister

**MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE**  
Galle Central special correspondent  
Information has been received that Corona patients are attempting to enter Sri Lanka by sea and officials have been instructed to be vigilant over this issue, Fishery Harbour Development and Fish Exports State Minister Kanachana Wijesekera said.  
He made the above statement in an

inspection tour he made to the Mirissa Fishery Harbour.  
Information has been received that some Corona victims are trying to enter Sri Lanka using the sea route and officials have been informed to be more observant.  
"We have experience and knowledge over international maritime barter. We are watchful of this illegal pursuit.

Instructions have been given for vessels venturing into international waters. They have been instructed on how to deal with infiltrators. Due to the prevailing Covid situation, a special appeal is made to the fishing community to provide the necessary assistance to the Fisheries Officers, the Navy, the Coast Guard and the Police. If a fishery port like Mirissa has to be closed down it

will cause great damage to the economy. It will take more time to re-open the port," the state Minister elaborated.  
"We have already issued necessary instructions and guidelines on how to maintain hygienically protected fishing anchors. We gave such instructions as we want to keep our fishery harbours going without interruption in this new pandemic situation." **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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## NO NEED TO PANIC - ARMY COMMANDER

**HOTELS, OTHER PLACES TO SERVE AS INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT CENTRES**

**MEDIA HAS MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY**

Army Commander and Head of National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak, General Shavendra Silva said there is no need to panic as the Army is geared to convert identified hotels and other places to serve as intermediate treatment centres if there is a sharp increase in COVID positive cases.  
"We want to give each affected Sri Lankan a hospital bed and we are already converting a few hotels to serve as intermediate treatment centres, like how we did with the

Koggala one earlier," he added. He said the media is capable of convincing the public of the impact of the third COVID wave particularly of the new variants.  
"The print and electronic Media are capable of convincing the public of the impact of this Third Wave particularly with new variants in a more impressive and positive manner, rather than adopting a destructive attitude as this has now become a global threat and a national menace," he said.  
General Silva was speaking at



meeting with heads of media institutions in Colombo last Friday.  
"We need the masses to get involved in this process as a national commitment and seek their full cooperation and understanding. The Media therefore has a bigger role to play in lobbying the public mindset for better results and get them to toe the preventive line en masse." **▶ TO PAGE 02**



The Health Ministry received 500 vaccine carriers procured by UNICEF with funding from the Japanese government to strengthen Sri Lanka's delivery of immunisation services on Friday. UNICEF Sri Lanka Representative Emma Brigham and Japanese ambassador in Sri Lanka Sugiyama Akira handing over the donation to Health Minister Pavitra Wanniarachchi.

**WHO approves Moderna vaccine**  
The World Health Organization has given the go-ahead for emergency use of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine.  
The mRNA vaccine from the US manufacturer joins vaccines from Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson in receiving the WHO's emergency use listing.  
Similar approvals for China's Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines are expected in the coming days and weeks, WHO has said. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Four held for withdrawing Rs.43 mn after printing forged cheque book

**Bank employee also in CID custody**

**DILSHAN THARAKA**  
Four suspects were arrested by the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) in connection with withdrawing Rs.43 million from a private bank after producing forged cheques in the name of a steel manufacturing company. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Opposition must help with Easter Attack probes - Minister

Highways Minister Johnston Fernando yesterday said the Opposition Leader and his group should learn from examples of their counterparts in other democracies and support the Easter Sunday carnage probe.

Speaking to the media after attending a meeting to review the measures in place against COVID-19 in the Kurunegala District at the Wilgoda SLPP office, the minister said Opposition parties in other countries place national interests above their party agendas and politics. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## PHI's Union warns of Indian COVID variants entering country

**PRASAD POORNAMAL**, Puttalam District Group

Sri Lanka Public Health Inspector's (PHI) Union warned against the risk of new Indian COVID-19 variants entering Sri Lanka.

PHI Union President Upul Rohana said the country is currently undergoing a critical situation and if the Indian variants enter the country the situation will worsen. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## NIC Head Office, branches closed

The Department of Registration of Persons yesterday announced the suspension of public services inclusive of One Day Service temporarily due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department said its head office and all Provincial offices will remain closed until further notice to curtail public gathering. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Staff COVID positive: Minister isolates

**DINULI FRANCISCO**

Agriculture Minister Mahindanada Aluthgamage has been directed to self-quarantine after two of his security persons and two drivers were tested positive for COVID-19.  
Aluthgamage stated that his

family and the Ministry staff are under self-isolation.

The security officers have been tested positive on April 30 and soon after the revelation, Minister Aluthgamage and his family had been placed in self-quarantine.

Later it was revealed that two of his drivers have also been infected with COVID-19. However, PCR tests have shown that the Minister and his family are not infected with the Virus. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## SC, CA cases to be mentioned will not be taken up till May 7

**LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA**

The Supreme Court announced that all the cases scheduled to be mentioned from May 3 to May 7, 2021 will not be taken up in open court and new dates will be notified later accordingly.

Issuing a special notice, the Supreme Court Registrar stated that he is issuing this announcement on the direction of Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya after taking into consideration the present COVID-19 related situation. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## JSC instructs to re-schedule case dates

**LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA**

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) having considered the current situation due to the onset of a fresh wave of COVID-19 has instructed not to call cases in open courts. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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## UNP blames Govt: Warnings ignored

**SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE**

UNP General Secretary Palitha Range Bandara yesterday alleged that the government should be held responsible for the

spread of COVID-19 in the country again. He said the government failed to impose travel restrictions on people during the Sinhala and Tamil New Year even after the health authorities warned that UK variant had entered the country. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Tarzan arrested for bank fraud at BIA

**DILSHAN THARAKA**

A 39 year old person was arrested by the Criminal investigations Department (CID) at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) in connection with a Rs.86 million fraud.

Reportedly, there has been a travel ban imposed on the suspect and he was arrested on information received by the CID while he was trying to flee to Dubai. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Disclose what was discussed with Diplomats: PUNP asks Sajith

The Patriotic United National Party (PUNP) yesterday questioned the Opposition Leader whether he is planning to destroy the future of the country by conniving with Western powers to impose economic sanctions on the country.

The Party asked whether the Opposition Leader's sudden meeting with several ambassadors representing countries that stood against Sri Lanka at the UNHRC is aimed imposing economic sanctions on Sri Lanka. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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## Sri Lanka Embassy in Turkey distributes Ramadhan aid in Yaylabag



Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Turkey M.R. Hassen, staff of the Mission and with the participation of the Honorary Consuls of Sri Lanka appointed to regions in Turkey distributed Ramadhan aid packages including grocery items, dates, gift vouchers and fresh Sri Lankan snacks to the villages at 'Yaylabag village in Golbasi, Ankara' on Monday, April 26.

The donation was handed over to the Headman (Mukhtar) of the village Mustafa Cetin in the presence of dwellers. The Embassy was to organize an Ifthar breakfast ceremony this year, however due to pandemic restrictions, cancelled the event and arrangements were made for the Ramadhan aid package distribution among people who need assistance during the pandemic. The gesture of the Mission staff and the Honorary Consuls of Sri Lanka was to enhance the friendship and to show the solidarity between the people of Sri Lanka and Turkey during the holy month of Ramadhan. Yaylabag is located near Eymir Lake in Golbasi in the outskirts of Ankara. Yaylabag, which was called as a 'village' before 2004, was turned into a 'neighbourhood' with a Metropolitan Municipality Law. According to the information received from Mustafa Cetin, Mukhtar of Yaylabag Neighborhood, total population is approximately 500 with 50 houses located in the village and they make their living from agriculture and animal husbandry.

Chairman of Lanka Sathosa and Cooperative Wholesale Establishment (CWE) in 2020. He later stepped down from Lak Sathosa and CWE to join the SLSI as its Chairman. Perera was first appointed as a marketer.

## Nushad resigns as SLSI Chairman



Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) Chairman Nushad Perera announced his resignation from his position to rejoin the private sector where he showed his fiat as a marketer. Perera was first appointed

Chairman of Lanka Sathosa and Cooperative Wholesale Establishment (CWE) in 2020. He later stepped down from Lak Sathosa and CWE to join the SLSI as its Chairman. Perera was first appointed as a marketer.

Institute of Marketing (FCIM), Perera has been named 'CIM Marketer of the Year' in 2001 and awarded the coveted 'Global Brand Leadership Award' at the Asia Brand Congress in 2007.

## Alert over COVID victims... From page 01

If there is any risk in maintaining fishery harbours, we shall follow it up and make the necessary decisions. Several officials of the Fisheries Harbour Corporation

also have been quarantined. These tasks have to be done with minimum number of officers. The highest number of patients was reported on May 1. We cannot be satisfied with such a development. As a government we expect the utmost cooperation of people in combating this epidemic outbreak. This is not something that can only be

controlled by rules. People should also be disciplined, he pointed out. For a long time, the health and defence sectors have been committed to this cause under great pressure. A new set of health rules has been introduced for the next two weeks. We hope that the number of patients would be reduced thereafter, Wijesekera observed.

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## NO NEED TO... From page 01

The Army Commander also discussed the possibilities of mobilising the masses to be conscious of the need for defeating the spread of COVID-19 pandemic as a national cause, irrespective of all differences. "We need the masses to get involved in this process as a national commitment and seek their full cooperation and understanding. The Media therefore has a bigger role to play in lobbying the public mindset for better results to get them to toe the preventive line en masse," he said.

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## PHI's Union warns of... From page 01

He said this while addressing a press briefing held at in Chilaw. Moreover, he said that as India is facing a COVID tsunami and therefore Indians have started to migrate to other countries and Sri Lanka is definitely one of their targets. "We also have a rising number of cases and if the Indian variants enter,

the situation will be worsen," he added. He also added that such migrants were reported in Puttalam and details of three were obtained yet details are missing about a woman. "They had entered the country through a boat. We especially urge the fishing community to be vigilant in this regard. The Puttalam Medical

Officer of Health (MOH) had intervened in the incident and had directed the relevant persons to quarantine and those associated with this group have also been quarantined," he said. In addition to fishermen, the Public Health Inspector's Union also urged the Sri Lanka Navy and Police to be vigilant in this regard.

## Staff COVID... From page 01

He added that according to the instructions of the PHI, until the second PCR test is carried out, he and his family will stay isolated at their home. Aluthagamage also added that the Ministry staff is quarantined since last Friday

(April 30) and the associates are also being informed regarding the situation. The Minister also urged any person who came in contact with him, the Ministry staff, his security officers or drivers recently to self-quarantine themselves.



## SC, CA cases to be mentioned... From page 01

However, the Supreme Court Registrar announced that the rest of the cases will be taken up as shown in the case list published on the Supreme Court website.

lines in relation to prevention of COVID-19, at all times, the Supreme Court Registrar announced. Meanwhile, the Appeal Court also announced the cases due to be mentioned will not be taken up from May 3 to May 7. According to the announcement issued by Court of Appeal Registrar, it will only take up support, argument and inquiry matters in open court from May 3 to May 7, 2021.

requested to advise their clients not to visit courts unless their presence is directed by courts. The JSC further announced that possible granting of bail or extension of remand period of suspects in custody should be done through electronic means.

## JSC instructs to... From page 01

Accordingly, the JSC has instructed to re-schedule dates of those cases to be notified by publication of a notice at the entrance to the respective courts.

However, the JSC announced that above restrictions will not be applicable to matters relating to Bail and any other urgent matters. Attorneys are requested to advise their clients not to visit courts unless their presence is directed by courts.

## Miscreant youth injured in police raid

ASELA KURULUWANSA

A 20-year-old suspect was injured after the police opened fire at a group of suspects in an escape attempt during a police raid in the Kumbukkandura area in Digana on Saturday evening.

The injured has been hospitalised and four others have been taken in to the custody by the Theldeniya police.

They have been wanted by the police for throwing a petrol bomb at a police vehicle at the same area on the previous day. Police officers had narrowly escaped from the attack with no injuries. However, two suspects had been arrested on the spot. Based on the information revealed by them, a police team had left for the area on the next day to arrest the rest of the suspects. The shooting has taken place during this raid.

Police investigations have revealed that two of the arrested are escapees from police and prison custody. The suspects were remanded till today by the Theldeniya Magistrate. Police are investigating.



A cricket tournament was held at the Kotagala Pradeshiya Sabha grounds yesterday disregarding the government's ban on all sorts of sports events as part of its strategy to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in the country. This was held throughout the day with the participation of Kotagala PS chairman, councillors, political activists and residents in the area who were seen without face masks as well. Kotagala Police or the PHIs had not taken any action to suspend the match. Pictures by Chandana Jayaweera, Hatton Correspondent.

## Rishad allowed in House this week

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The Opposition has requested the Speaker to allow MP Rishad Bathiudeen to participate in Parliamentary sessions. Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella said the Speaker has conceded to the request.

He also said that a decision was taken to debate the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill on May 5 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## Four held for... From page 01

Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said that a particular steel manufacturing company had realized that Rs.43 million had been withdrawn from a bank account maintained by the company in a private bank soon after the Sinhala and Tamil New Year.



The company had lodged a complaint with the CID and the CID had carried out special investigations in respect of a fraud of Rs.43 million and that this particular incident had taken place on April 12.

It was revealed that a third party had printed a forged cheque book similar to the one issued to the company by the bank. The perpetrators had sent five persons to cash the forged cheques dressed in the uniform of the particular company at the branches of the private bank. Investigations had been initiated and four suspects have been arrested in this connection including the main suspect, a 37-year-old person, who has been identified as the printer of these forged cheques.

The main suspect had been arrested in the Hanwell area while his accomplice, a 51-year-old person who had arrived in Sri Lanka on April 5 from the United Kingdom, had been arrested in the Ranala area.

In addition to that a bank employee who works for the same bank where the company's account exists has also been arrested in connection with this fraud.

The CID has also arrested one of the individuals who had visited a branch of the bank to cash one of these forged cheques. He has been identified as a 27-year-old, a resident of Veyangoda and an executive of a private company. DIG Ajith Rohana said that four more suspects, who had visited bank branches to cash the forged cheques and are now absconding, have been identified while special teams have been deployed to arrest them. Further investigations are continuing.

## NIC Head Office, ... From page 01

"All applicants, who have got assigned numbers and time for obtaining National Identity Cards under the One-Day Service, are requested to hand over their applications early to the Grama Niladhari or the Identity Card Division of the respective Divisional Secretariat without keeping the applications in their custody," the notice said.

"National Identity Cards for such applications will be prepared without levying the One-day service charge and sent by Registered Post to the respective applicants.

A special arrangement has been made to obtain National Identity cards for those who require obtaining National Identity Cards promptly for emergency and essential purposes such as for examinations, interviews, to obtain passports and they can inform their urgent requirement to the Department through 0115 226 126 / 0115 226 115 / 0115 226 100 / 0115 226 150 numbers.

Public can obtain further information on the telephone numbers mentioned above.

## Disclose what was... From page 01

The party said that the Opposition Leader should disclose the country the purpose his meeting with the ambassadors of Western countries.

Party's General Secretary Sugath Hewapathirana in a statement said the people in the country have a right to know what they discussed with the Opposition Leader.

"The Opposition Leader's Office has not disclosed the public about the purpose of this meeting. The Opposition Leader has a right to meet the members of diplomatic corps. But the people have a right to know what they discussed at such a meeting," he said.

He said that the Opposition Leader's office has failed to announce the country the basis of his meeting with the ambassadors of western countries.

## WHO approves... From page 01

The greenlight for Moderna's vaccine, announced late on Friday, took many months because of delays that WHO faced in getting data from the manufacturer.

Many countries without their own advanced medical regulatory and assessment offices rely on the WHO listing to decide whether to use vaccines. UN children's agency Unicef also uses the listing to deploy vaccines in an emergency such as the pandemic.

The announcement, however, was unlikely to have an immediate impact on supplies of Moderna's vaccine for the developing world. The company struck supply agreements with many rich countries, which will have already received millions of doses.

In a statement on Friday, the company's chief executive, Stéphane Bancel, said Moderna was "actively participating in discussions with multilateral organisations, such as Covax, to help protect populations around the world."

He was referring to a UN-backed programme to ship COVID-19 vaccines to many low- and middle-income countries, based on need.

(The Guardian)

## Opposition must help with... From page 01

"That could be seen in all democracies. Take a look at our Opposition, it looks only for opportunities to raise wild allegations against investigations into the Easter Sunday terror attacks. Their latest is describing the arrest of Rishad Bathiudeen as a media circus only to please Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith," the minister said.

He asked people to recall how the same political leaders had been mocking at military operations during times of war opining that the LTTE was undefeatable. "It is the very same people now demanding the release of Bathiudeen. The Opposition Leader and his men should be ashamed of their act. The Easter Sunday carnage was their mistake. Now they try to derail ongoing investigations by various means," he said.

Recently religious and civil organisations exposed one of their plots to drag the Catholic flock into their protests. Do they not have concerns for the national security of this country," the Chief Government Whip queried.

He said that in and out of Parliament he had called on numerous times for the Opposition to support the government at least in the Easter Sunday carnage investigations. We extended our hands in good faith, but there seems to be no way for the sanity to prevail," the minister said.

"We have let the law take its own course. There would be more arrests. That is up to the law enforcing agencies and investigators to decide whom to be arrested. Those guilty and responsible for the heinous crime will be punished. The government does not operate on the laws of Ranjan Ramanayake or Sajith Premadasa. We do not have the need of putting up circus. Investigations were never been this fast. Except Gotabaya Rajapaksa which president sent a presidential commission of inquiry report to Parliament? What happened to the Commission reports on killings of Lalith Athulathmudali and Denzil Kobbekaduwa," the minister queried.



He said that the Yahapalana regime was a government which sacrificed the lives of people to maintain their electoral base. "It seems that our Opposition Leader is ready to sacrifice the lives of all people in exchange for the power to rule it," Minister Fernando added.

## UNP blames... From page 01

He was speaking at a press conference at Madurankuliyai in Puttalam yesterday.

"People in their thousands flocked to Nuwara Eliya to celebrate the New Year and similar crowds were seen at shopping malls and clothing stores disregarding COVID-19 health guidelines," he said. Bandara said that clusters are coming up from many parts of the country.

## Tarzan arrested for... From page 01

The suspect was identified as Unnamarie Tarzan, a resident of Trincomalee area.

Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said that it has been revealed that the suspect had received Rs.86 million to a bank account which was maintained in favour of his name from a person in the United States. According to the investigations, the sender who transferred money to the arrestee has access to the accounts of US citizens. That person has

transferred money to the suspect and later on the money was withdrawn and the Sri Lankan account holder takes a commission and the remaining money sent back to the sender. A bank in Sri Lanka had made a complaint in this regard. Rs.1,440 million had been sent to Sri Lanka by the sender who lives in the US.

The suspect was produced before the Colombo Magistrate's yesterday and investigations are continuing.

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# National programme 'Turmeric plant in every home garden' launched



The President planting a turmeric sapling in his home garden in Mirihana marking the launch

A national programme to provide a pot of turmeric plant to every home garden was inaugurated under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Saturday.

The President planted a turmeric sapling in his home garden in Mirihana to symbolise the launch.

The programme was launched in an attempt to meet the household turmeric requirement of the people in their own backyard.

It has been decided to distribute five turmeric

plants per each family for 1.5 million households through the project.

Grade-A turmeric plants are available for the public through the Agriculture Project Officers in their respective Agrarian Service Centres.

Ministers Bandula Gunawardena, Ramesh Pathirana, State Minister Janaka Wakkumbura, Secretary to the Ministry of Plantation Industries Ravindra Hewawitharana and Secretary to the State Ministry of Plantations Rohana Abeyaratne were present.

# Environmentalists laud President for Cabinet Paper

Environmentalists say the Cabinet paper presented by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa entitled "Towards a Green Socio-Economic Pattern with Sustainable Solutions to Climate Change," is an implementation of the environmental and agricultural policy demanded by all environmental organisations in the country since 2012.

This was revealed at a discussion between Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera and a group of environmentalists in Colombo last Friday aiming at obtaining the views of environmentalists over the Cabinet paper.

A number of environmentalists including Ven. Pahiyanala Ananda Sagara Thera and several other environmentalists participated.

Speaking at the event, the Minister said that the Cabinet Memorandum has included 20 points regarding the sustainable environment and agricultural development in the country. It proposes to implement organic farming instead of toxic agriculture, which has led to an increase in the number of patients in the country.

He said that it was the intention of the President to implement a number of initiatives by the Government for sustainable environmental development.

Ven. Pahiyanala Anandasagara Thera said that the Cabinet Memorandum is excellent. "We have called on all governments since 2012 to give priority to organic farming. But due to the provision of free chemical fertilisers, our generation of farmers is over today.



The generation of experienced farmers in our country is dying of kidney disease now. Therefore, he said, these steps are highly commendable.

The Minister said that the Government has allocated Rs. 1 billion from the budget to provide organic fertiliser under organic farming. "The rivers, streams, wells and ponds in our country today are polluted with chemical fertilisers and pesticides. No matter how much water is in our country, the people think twice before drinking water," the Minister said.

"Many Provinces, including the North Central Province, have enough water but people need it. We have to get a water purifier to provide drinking water. There are advertisements along the roads saying that a litre of clean drinking water is being sold at high prices. We are a nation that worked in the paddy fields and drank water from the paddy fields. But today it is not possible to drink a little water from a Wakkada (a little sluice gate in paddy fields)," he said.

"The President said that the programme should be implemented immediately. Therefore, in implementing the proposals in this Cabinet paper, decisions will be made in consultation with all environmental organisations and knowledgeable experts. I know all of you have discussed with me environmental disasters in the past. Today the opportunity has arisen to provide solutions to all those issues," he said.

"The President told us that no matter what others say, we will

not import chemical fertilisers again. This decision may be somewhat controversial. But in two or three years, we will be able to get used to organic farming. I see the use of chemical fertilisers as an addiction, the Minister said.

"Environmentalists asked Minister Amaraweera what the Government's position is on the issue of human-elephant conflict. Although I am the Minister, this subject is divided into several sections," the Minister said.

"I had an isolated battle with the environment. I was only supported by environmentalists and the media in this country. But today the President has joined me. That is a big strength for me. The President has decided to put an end to the human-elephant conflict," he said.

"It has been decided to rehabilitate wild elephant corridors or corridors connecting Wilpattu, Habarana, Wigalgama and Yala, evacuate all their occupants and relocate them and construct electric fences and ditches on both sides of wild elephant routes. The money required for this has been allocated from the budget. Wild elephants will be given back their lost routes and habitats. The President instructed the Cabinet to take steps to expedite this process," he said.

The environmentalists told the Minister that all the issues raised in this Cabinet Memorandum will be implemented and all environmentalists will support it. He also clarified some issues that need immediate attention. They also said that large scale environmental damage is being caused by mini hydro power plants, which have been operated without any investigation, especially by the private sector.

# Premier gears Skilled Labour Force for construction industry



The Programme being initiated.

## SHAVINI MADHARA

Prime Minister and Urban Development and Housing Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has initiated a programme to build a properly trained workforce for State institutions under the "Vision of Prosperity" policy statement of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The Construction Industry Development Authority said that it has commenced the implementation of three projects, *Shrama Sikuru* (Definite Labour), *Nipuna Shakthi* (Skilled Strength) and *Saini* in this regard.



Former ANCL General Manager Abhaya Amaradasa, who retired recently after a long illustrious service of 40 years in the company, was felicitated by the Board of Directors and the Senior Management of the company in Colombo recently. Here Amaradasa being presented a memento by ANCL Chairman W. Dayaratne, PC in recognition of his excellent service. Finance Director Janaka Ranatunga, Operations Director Canishka G Witharana, Editorial Director Dharma Sri Kariyawasam, Legal and Administration Director Rakhitha Abeygoonawardhana, Acting General Manager Sumith Kotelawala, Editors and Deputy General Managers were present. Amaradasa, is a fellow of the Institute of Printing. He is accredited with launching Sinhala and Tamil photo typesetting and digital page composition at Lake House in the early nineties. He also launched the *Daily News* and *Sunday Observer* online editions 25 years ago. Picture by Nirosh Batepola

# Legal action against violators of health guidelines in Nawalapitiya

## ASELA KURULUWANSA

The Nawalapitiya Magistrate's Court has taken legal action against 25 persons for disregarding health guidelines.

Eight others have been released after being severely reprimanded.

They were arrested during a search operation by the Nawalapitiya Police on Saturday morning.

Businesspersons, customers and

passengers were among the arrested. Several students who had come to settle payments for online classes have been warned as well.

The Nawalapitiya Magistrate's Court has released the arrestees on bond and had ordered them to appear before Court on May 7.

Nawalapitiya Police OIC Chief Inspector Harendra Kalugampitiya leads the investigation.

# Opposition cannot tolerate arresting suspects in Easter attacks – State Minister Chanaka

## M. IRFAN ZAKARIYA, Hambantota Group Corr.

The Opposition cannot tolerate the investigations against those involved in the Easter Sunday attacks, Civil Aviation and Investment Promotion State Minister D. V. Chanaka said.

He was speaking to the media after an inspection tour of the Koggala Free Trade Zone recently.

The State Minister said that Opposition MPs said that the Government is hunting them down. In Parliament last week, many Opposition MPs asked why MP Rishad had not been arrested. Now Opposition is screaming



that the Government is targeting their MPs, he said.

The State Minister said that the arrest of Rishad has become a problem only for the Opposition MPs.

"Today the people are waiting for justice for the victims of the Easter Sunday attacks," he said

He said that the

people are waiting for the arrest of those involved in the attacks regardless of their positions. All those involved in the Easter attacks will be punished. Now it has begun. The Opposition could not bear it, he said.

"Especially those who were on the right and left sides of Opposition Leader Sajith Primadasa were accused. He was deeply saddened when they were arrested for the Easter attacks," he said

State Minister D. V. Chanaka said that despite the corona pandemic, the Government is taking steps to move the country forward.

# Effective measures taken to control COVID Third Wave - Minister Prasanna

## IRANGIKA RANGE

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said that the Government has taken effective measures to control the COVID Third Wave.

The Government has given the priority on developing the health sector to meet any emerging COVID new

threats. The Government will streamline COVID 19 Vaccination. Vaccines will arrive in the country in coming weeks.

"The Government while improving the economy will protect the people. We are working to overcome these challenges," he said.

# Thissaweerasingam Square in Batticaloa isolated

## SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN, Batticaloa Special Corr.

The Thissaweerasingam Square Grama Niladhari Division in the Batticaloa Municipal area has been locked down for two weeks as 11 cases of COVID-19 have been detected from

yesterday (02), Batticaloa MOH Dr.K.Kirisuthan said.

Last Friday, 13 people from this area were tested with PCR at Batticaloa Teaching Hospital and 11 people were found positive for COVID.

# 'Twelve more COVID treatment centres for CP'

## ASELA KURULUWANSA

Twelve regional hospitals in the Central Province will be converted to COVID treatment centres in addition to the nine centres at the main hospitals in the Province, Provincial Director General of Health Services Dr. Nihal Weerasuriya said.

He said that another two places with 200 beds each have been identified in Gampola and Nuwara Eliya for treatment centres.

Dr. Weerasuriya was speaking to the media after addressing the Central Province COVID-19 Prevention Committee yesterday chaired by the Provincial Governor Lalith U. Gamage.

Dr. Weerasuriya said that the daily PCR tests will be increased to 2,000 in the Province.

A new PCR Testing Unit has been set up in the Theldeniya Base Hospital and it will commence work today, he said.

He said that a new PCR machine will be donated to the Theldeniya Base Hospital by the traders of the Dambulla Economic Center in the coming days. Dambulla and Matale will be given priority in the Province for PCR testing, he said.

# Mattakele Tea Factory union leaders sent on house quarantine

## ASELA KURULUWANSA

Health authorities at the Lindula Medical Office of Health (MOH) have sent seven union leaders of the Mattakele Tea Factory for two-week residential quarantine from yesterday.

The decision has been made after it was reported that the union leaders have commemorated the May Day in front of the factory on Saturday.

Nearly 70 estate workers had participated in the commemoration. It was dispersed later by Police and PHIs.

# Naval troops clear under Wakwella Bridge

Naval personnel removed debris under the Wakwella Bridge across the Gin Ganga in Galle on May 1.

Naval divers of the Rapid Action Boat Squadron and Marines in the Southern Naval Command cleared the blockage.

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After 30 years, the historic connection made between the freedom to seek, impart and receive information and the public good remains as relevant as it was at the time of its signing.

World Press Freedom Day 2021

# Information as a Public Good

This year's World Press Freedom Day (May 3) theme "Information as a Public Good" serves as a call to affirm the importance of cherishing information as a public good, and exploring what can be done in the production, distribution and reception of content to strengthen journalism, and to advance transparency and empowerment while leaving no one behind. The theme is of urgent relevance to all countries across the world. It recognizes the changing communications system that is impacting on our health, our human rights, democracies and sustainable development.

To underline the importance of information within our online media environment, World Press Freedom Day 2021 will highlight three key topics: Steps to ensure the economic viability of news media; Mechanisms for ensuring transparency of internet companies; Enhanced Media and Information Literacy (MIL) capacities that enable people to recognize and value, as well as defend and demand, journalism as a vital part of information as a public good.

In this context, it is timely to recognize and promote the conception of information as a public good – as something that helps to advance collective aspirations and which forms the key building blocks. Especially in digital form, a fact 'consumed' by one person does not prevent others from also 'consuming' it. Information is inherently non-exclusive, although many factors create artificial restrictions – whether these be paywalls, copyright, official and corporate secrecy, and direct censorship. Information also has positive externalities, or positive spillovers. As a public good with potential for universal reach, information allows us to know our rights and prerogatives, as well as contributes to the general interest, at the service of sustainable development.

The importance of freely accessing reliable information, particularly through journalism, has been demonstrated by the COVID-19 pandemic: in times of crisis such as this, information can be a matter of life or death. This has been especially true in the face of the COVID-19 'disinfectomic', a mixture of misinformation and disinformation that has spread across the world sowing confusion, discord and division. The lack of publicly available reliable data and information has created a vacuum for potentially harmful content (including hate speech) and misleading conspiracy theories, mostly spread online through internet business models and actors who exploit these.

**COVID-19 AND THE MEDIA**

The COVID-19 public health crisis has shed light on the vital role played by free and independent media worldwide. The output of news media (be it in print, television or radio, analogue or delivered via digital platforms) remains a powerful source of information that people access, even when this is via social media networks. In this way, media workers everywhere have significantly contributed to our understanding of the pandemic by making overwhelming and highly complex flows of information more accessible, making scientific facts understandable to the broader public, providing reg-



ularly updated data, and engaging in fact-checking.

In many countries, journalists and fact-checkers have critically monitored contracting and subsidies that respond to the pandemic and have faced pressure from authorities as a result. In other cases, they have been hampered by measures put in place to contain the virus as well as challenges from both police and public during the host of public protests that have characterized this period.

Current challenges in the

midst of this, three underlying trends are worth identifying: Pre-existing challenges to the viability of the news media have significantly worsened. Already hit by competition from internet companies, media outlets' economic models were further afflicted by massive losses of advertising revenue due to the economic impact of the public health crisis. When the economic independence of the media is in jeopardy, so is their editorial independence: in times of economic uncertainty, they are more

vulnerable to take-overs from governments, media barons and to interferences by advertisers, thereby threatening editorial integrity and independent media's role as a public service.

Internet companies, such as social media, messaging and search companies, continue to be criticized for making profits out of flows of content that relay astounding volumes of disinformation (and other content that is potentially harmful to human rights), including within the context of the pandemic. The availa-

bility of journalism is increasingly mediated by these companies, but without them prioritizing its distinctiveness and importance within the wider content mix. The functioning of these business entities remains opaque, which inhibits stakeholders from developing informed policy responses.

In these times of unprecedented flows of information and disinformation, alongside flows of entertainment, data, and other kinds of content, people risk being confused or manipulated, particularly by algorithmic personalized targeting. It is critical for citizens everywhere to develop and reinforce their Media and Information Literacy (MIL) skills, in order to make informed judgements and decisions, and critically engage in sustainable development for which information as a public good is indispensable. Equally important is citizens' knowledge of their own rights to freedom of expression and the importance of the role of journalists for the production of reliable information. MIL needs to include appreciation of safety of journalists, including especially women journalists, and awareness-raising about the need to defend and demand journalism in the public interest.

**WINDHOEK 2021**

In recognizing these audience-related aspects, World Press Freedom Day 2021 will feed into Global Media and Information Literacy Week in October 2021 to further develop this dimension. On the 30th anniversary of the Windhoek Declaration, the historic connection made between the freedom to seek, impart and receive information and the public good remains as relevant as it was at the time of its signing. The theme of "Windhoek 2021: Promoting Information as a Public Good" serves as a call to renew the global commitment to freedom of expression, press freedom, and freedom of information, while acknowledging the new economic challenges faced by the media sector, the gatekeeping role of internet companies and their need for greater transparency, as well as the strong need for Media and Information Literacy capacities to be strengthened worldwide.

Promoting information as a public good is necessary to 'build back better' in the post-COVID world. It is a value that strongly supports the UN Sustainable Development aspiration to advance "public access to information and fundamental freedoms" (SDG 16.10). And it constitutes the new normative context to highlight free, pluralistic and independent journalism as a springboard for progress.

The theme for World Press Freedom Day 2021 is of urgent relevance to all countries across the world. It recognises the changing communications system that is impacting on our health, our human rights, democracies and sustainable development. To underline the importance of information within this new ecosystem, it is important to address current issues of media viability, platform transparency, and user literacy and capacity. Awareness of the interdependence of these factors within the bigger picture is a step towards an improved information ecology. Such awareness is a prelude to potential changes in policy, regulation, self-regulation, multi-stakeholder governance, education and informed public participation.

Information is an entitlement

The conference will put forward ideas to tackle the challenges of our online media environment, push for more transparency of internet companies, strengthen safety of journalists, and improve their working conditions.

of each individual, but its availability, prominence and recognition is a common concern. This is why May 3, 2021 is a chance to affirm the importance of cherishing information as a public good, and exploring what can be done in the production, distribution and reception of content to strengthen journalism, and to advance transparency and empowerment while leaving no one behind.

The 2021 Global Conference is hosted by UNESCO and the Government of Namibia. It is taking place from April 29 to May 3 in Windhoek. The event will be a physical and digital experience combining virtual and in-person participation. The Conference will call for urgent attention to the threat of extinction faced by local news media around the world, a crisis worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. It will put forward ideas to tackle the challenges of our online media environment, push for more transparency of internet companies, strengthen safety of journalists, and improve their working conditions. The Conference will also call to support independent media and empower citizens to face these challenges.

World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference. Since then, May 3, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.

After 30 years, the historic connection made between the freedom to seek, impart and receive information and the public good remains as relevant as it was at the time of its signing. Special commemorations of the 30th anniversary are planned to take place during World Press Freedom Day International Conference.

May 3 acts as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom. It is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics.

It is an opportunity to: celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom; assess the state of press freedom throughout the world; defend the media from attacks on their independence; pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty. A total of 50 journalists were killed worldwide in 2020, according to the second part of the annual round-up of abusive treatment and violence against journalists, published today by Reporters Without Borders (RSF).

While the number of journalists killed in countries at war continues to fall, more are being murdered in countries not at war. Around 274 journalists were jailed worldwide in 2020.



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA LIST OF CASES FOR MONDAY 03RD MAY 2021

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FOR SUPPORT 1. 116/21 Writ of Cert HON. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO J.

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# President instructs to accelerate National Action Plan to mitigate Human-Elephant Conflict

**NIMAL WIJESINGHE,**  
Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed the Wildlife Conservation Authorities to implement the proposals of the Presidential Committee appointed for submitting a National Action Plan to mitigate human-elephant conflict.

The 14-member Committee chaired by Environmental Scientist Dr. Pruthviraj Fernando submitted its final report to the President in last December. The Wildlife Conservation Department is now considering the proposals for constructing community based electric fences to prevent wild elephants from entering the settlements.

The department, meanwhile, is



extending the 4,500 km long electric fences additional 1,500 long fence at a cost of Rs. 1200 million in Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Moneragala, Ampara, Kurunegala and Badulla.

Department sources said that the conflict has been rapidly growing in 128 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in eight Provinces. Now the country boasts over

6,000 elephants. At the elephant census in 2011, the number of 5,879. The census in August 2019 was postponed because of the torrential rains and the COVID pandemic.

The Wildlife Conservation Authorities are considering the recommendations of the Committee to minimise or discontinue activities such as elephant drives

because these activities could enhance the conflict.

The Committee recommendations include elephant - distribution surveys, elephant census, GPS-radio collaring of elephants, conducting habitat management trials developing new methodologies for human - elephant conflict mitigation and improving the methods such as trenches and hanging fences.

The Presidential Committee has said that in many instances, the electric fences have been constructed along the administrative boundaries of the Wildlife Conservation Department. Therefore, these are located between lands being administered by the Wildlife and the Forest Conservation Departments.

## Over 100 tanks in Hambantota to get facelift

**RAJA WAIDYASKEKERA,**  
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

The Hambantota District Development Committee Meeting was held at the District Secretariat Auditorium recently chaired by Parliamentarian Upul Galappaththy.

A decision was made at the meeting to develop 100 tanks in the Hambantota District. Other major decision made at the meeting included planting saplings at the Weerawila tank bund and organising a felicitation ceremony to honour the

Theras who come under the purview of the Sasarakasaka Balamandalaya.

Encroaching on the extent of the Uddarakandara wewa has been discussed. Farmers of Tissamaharama are undergoing a major issue as their paddy fields are being filled now for sale.

The water in the the Dewramwehera-Galahitiyawa Project was polluted and steps to clean the Project were also discussed. District Secretary W.H. Karunaratna and Additional District Secretary Suneth Lochana were present.

## 'Effective mechanism in place to prevent Indian migrants'

The Sri Lanka Navy yesterday said a comprehensive mechanism will be in place to prevent Indians from entering the country on boats.

According to Navy commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugethenna, the Navy will investigate how four Indians came to Sri Lanka on a boat on Friday

evening. He said that special Naval team has been deployed to arrest the illegal migrants from India as there is possibility of Indians migrating to Sri Lanka on small boats

The team will cover sea area from Mannar to Jaffna. Naval craft and boats will also be deployed in the area, he said.

## Lightning kills two fishermen, injures another

**A.B.ABDUL GAFOOR,**  
Ampara District Group Corr.

Two fishermen of Sainthamaruthu, Kalmunai died in the seas off Kalmunai from lightning recently, Kalmunai Police said.

Their bodies were brought to the shore last Friday. The deceased were identified as Ibraheem Iqbal (42) and M.S.Arsath (35).

Another, Ibraheem Mansoor (43), who is a brother of Ibraheem Iqbal, has been admitted to the Ashrafi Memorial Hospital, Kalmunai. Investigations are continuing.



The Tower Hall Theatre Foundation enrolled new students for 2021 at the Elphinstone Theatre recently. Here Member of the Board of Directors of the Tower Hall Foundation, Hassim Omar handing over the set of uniforms to a new student. Secretary to the National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion State Ministry of K.A. D.R. Nishanti Jayasinghe, Tower Hall Theatre Foundation Acting Director General G. D. Jinadasa, Prof. Kuga Murthy with Colombo Municipal Council Municipal Commissioner Roshanie Dissanayake were present. Picture by Ruzaik Farook

## Discussion held to upgrade Kotelawala Defence University as international post graduate hub

The High Commission of Sri Lanka in Pretoria held a virtual meeting between Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris along with the KDU staff and Prof. Chandima Gomes, an expatriate Sri Lankan works at the WITS University, South Africa to discuss the way forward for the KDU to become a post graduate hub and upgrading the world university ranking.

High Commissioner S. Amarasekera stressed the importance of enhancing international relations for the higher education sector in Sri Lanka to attract the international students as a source of foreign currency earner to the country. He highlighted the potentials that Sri Lanka has to emerge as a centre for education and knowledge hub, but not articulated yet systematically.

The High Commissioner praised the readiness of Prof. Chandima Gomes, who joined voluntarily the High Commission to support in this worthy task and appreciated the keenness and enthusiasm shown by Major General Milinda Peiris and the staff for the proposal submitted



In the virtual meeting.

by Prof. Gomes via the High Commission in this regard.

The KDU Vice Chancellor informed that there have considerable number of foreign students already been enrolled to the KDU and the proposal will help the KDU

to attract more foreign students and enhance bilateral relations with foreign universities.

Prof. Chandima Gomes made an informative presentation on his proposal to the High Commission and the KDU.

## OBITUARY NOTICE



**LION DR. SARATH WIJECHANDRA**  
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District Governor, Vice District Governors, Past District Governors, Lions, Lion Ladies and Leos of Lions District 306 C1



The funeral of former IGP Mahinda Balasuriya was held at the Borella General Cemetery yesterday. Here the casket being carried by Police Officers at the cemetery. Picture by Sudath Malaweera



Naval personnel have been deployed to the Orr's Hill GN Division in Trincomalee, which has been isolated yesterday. Picture by M T Gunananda, Trincomalee Group Corr.



The Lake House premises was disinfected yesterday keeping in line with the government health guidelines to contain COVID spread.



Pre-schools in the Puttalam Divisional Secretariat Division were provided with foot-operated washing basins recently. Puttalam District Parliamentarian and State Minister Sanath Nishantha Perera presented them to pre-school teachers at the Puttalam Divisional Secretariat Auditorium. Pictures by: M.U.M.SANOON Puttalam TKN Corr.

## Obituaries

**GOONETILLEKE - RANJIT,** Air Commodore Retired (Royal Ceylon Airforce and Sri Lanka Air Force). Beloved husband of Chitra and of late Vivette loving father of Rajiv (Attorney General's Dept.), father-in-law of Siromi and Loving grandfather of Lohan, brother of late Maureen Gunawardene and of late Jean Goonetilleke, Nimal and Hilton Seneviratne, Shiranee and late Lakshman Dissanayake, Rohini and Nihal Jayamanne PC, Nayana and Dr. Pulasthi Wickremasinghe (UK), uncle of Dr. Premini Hettiarachchi, Dr. Dilini De Mel, Sriyani Gunawardene (USA) and Nilmini Gunawardene, passed away May 1st 2021. Mortal remains will lie at **A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour** for viewing from 8 a.m. onwards. Cortege leaves the Parlour on Monday May 3rd at 10.30 a.m. for Cremation at Borella (Old Crematorium) at 11 a.m. condolence messages may be sent to rg.attorney@gmail.com or to **41, Skelton Rd, Colombo 5.** 033070

**MENDIS SHYAMAL** - Safe in the Arms of Jesus. Chairman, SasiaNet (Pvt) Ltd and Deputy Chairman David Pieris Holdings (Pvt) Ltd., Beloved husband of Anusha, darling Thaththi of Rashantha and Sharanya, much loved brother of Hiran & Ramya Mendis and the late Wing Commander Suresh Mendis, loving brother-in-law of Ashanthi & Sriyantha Wass. Remains will lie at Jayaratne Respect Funeral Parlour from 9.00 a.m. on 3 May 2021. Cremation at Borella New Crematorium at 4.00 p.m. Covid regulations will be adhered to. **34/2, First Cross Street, Pagoda Road, Nugegoda.** Hiran +94772262305. 033071

**PHILOMENA LEELA VARMA.** It is with deep sorrow that we wish to announce the passing of Philomena Leela Varma, who was called to rest in God's precious arms on 1st May 2021. Beloved wife of Mervyn, much loved mother of Vinodhini (Australia), Urmila & Anouk (UK), beloved Mother-in-Law of Richard & Dayan, adored Grandmother of Reynor. Beloved daughter of the Late Mr. & Mrs. Joe Fernandez of Mayfield Road Kotahena, sister of Lakshman and late Anusha, Sister-in-Law of Rhenuka. Dearest Aunt of Rupesh and Ravinesh. A private funeral will be held on Monday 3rd May at **Kanatte R.C section. 48, Mayfield Road, Kotahena, Colombo 13.** Contact: 0771173411 - Mervyn 0777686160 - Lucky. 033072

# Visitors to Moragahakanda -Kalugnaga Mahaweli Zone cautioned

**NAVRATNA BANDARA,**  
Mahaweli Systems Group Corr.

Local authority for the Moragahakanda-Kalugnaga Mahaweli Zone in Naavula have appealed for the public to refrain from visiting the area because of the increasing number of COVID cases.

The appeal was made in line with the national anti-COVID-19 campaign, especially for those who visit Arangala, Bovathenna, Moragahakanda, Nalanda Gedige, Nalanda Reservoir, Opalgala Falls and Wemadilla while visiting Dambulla, Sigiriya, Anuradhapuraya, Polonnaruwa and the Wasgamuwa National Park.

These destinations attract a large number of visitors on weekends and holidays. Therefore, the risk of spreading COVID-19 is very high. The areas reported over 100 COVID-19 cases in the last month.

# 'Legal steps will be taken against health guidelines violators'

**SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,**  
Batticaloa Special Corr.

Tuition classes, liquor shops and gathering at hotels have been banned. Therefore, those who breach the health guidelines will be prosecuted, Batticaloa Government Agent K.Karunakaran said.

He was speaking at the Batticaloa District COVID-19 Preventive Task Force meeting at the District Secretariat on Friday where Health Services Regional Director V.M.N. Hettiarachchi, Dr. N.Mayooran, Dr. S.Sunderasan, Additional Government Agent Sudarshini Srikanth, Assistant Government Agent A. Naveswaran, Divisional Secretaries U.Uthayasrithar, V.Vasudevan and Batticaloa Zonal Education Director K.Sujatha were present.

He said that those breaching health guidelines are being arrested now. Batticaloa Teaching Hospital Director K.Kalaranjani said that 4-5



The meeting in progress.

oxygen cylinders had been used previously but after the recent COVID spike, 15-16 oxygen cylinders are being used.

The Batticaloa Teaching Hospital has admitted 19 COVID cases and of them, five patients are on oxygen. If the residents of Batticaloa extend their support towards health authorities and law enforcement officials, COVID can be controlled in the region, he said.

He said that the Periya Kallar,

Karadiyanaru and Kattankudy Hospitals are treating COVID cases now. But if the number of cases increases, then they have to find new places to accommodate the excess, he said.

Those who suffer from diabetes, high blood pressure and chronic illnesses should not leave their houses. The latest virus affects children as well and therefore every possible action should be taken to protect them, he said.

# Rishad should be produced before Court - ACMC MP

**AMPARA DISTRICT GROUP CORR.**

Parliamentarian and All Ceylon Makkal Congress (ACMC) Leader, who was arrested under Prevention of Terrorism Act by the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), should be brought before Court immediately for establishing Justice in the country, ACMC MP Muszhaaraff Muthunabean said.

A protest demanding the release of former Minister Rishad Bathiudeen was held in Mavadippalli, Kalmunai on May 2. The protest was planned

to be held in Kalmunai earlier, but It was stopped via a Court order because of the COVID pandemic.

The MP said that Rishad Bathiudeen was proven innocent at the Presidential Commission. The Government should take immediate action to produce him before Court, the MP said.

When Rishad Bathiudeen was a minister, he took measures to turn all the institutions under his purview to profit-making entities, the MP said. He has been arrested under

Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) for what he has not done, the MP said.

"The arrest should have been made based on the procedure laid down in the Constitution of the country.

As he is also a Parliamentarian, his arrest should be exercised through the Speaker. Article 13(1) of the Constitution clearly says if anyone is arrested, the reason for the arrest should be informed to the one being arrested," the MP said.

The fundamental rights guaranteed in the Constitution and the Privileges of Parliamentarians were violated by the arrest. According to the report by the Commission, Rishad Bathiudeen had no connection with the suicide attacks on April 21, 2019, the MP said.

"We, therefore, urge the Government to release Rishad Bathiudeen immediately since he is innocent by the evidence and the Commission reports or produce him before Court immediately," the ACMC Parliamentarian said.



The protest in progress.

# New building complex for Matara PS

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

Construction work of the new building complex for the Matara Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) was nearly completed now.

Matara PS Chairman Wimal Priyajanaka said that the two storey building comprising an auditorium and public library is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 100 million off Kekanadura.

The Bank of Ceylon Kekanadura Branch and several sales stalls will be in a separate section of the same building, he said.

It will be vested in the public at the end of this month. Matara PS Chairman Wimal Priyajanaka said.



The Trincomalee Aham Humanitarian Resources Centre (AHRC) provided dry rations to the value of Rs. 325,000 for the COVID affected people in the region under their Civil Amayam Project recently. Here Trincomalee District Secretary Saman Darshana Pandikoralle receiving a consignment of dry rations and sanitation items from AHRC Deputy Coordinator Alakurana Mathan to be distributed among the affected. Picture by M.A.Phakurdeen, Addalachenai Group Corr.

# Batti farmers under croc threat

**SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,**  
Batticaloa Special Corr.

Farmers of Puthadimedu at the Vellaveli and the Palugamam Agrarian Service Centres lamented that

they cannot visit their paddy fields since the areas have submerged turning them into habitats of crocodiles.

Crocodiles have attacked five farmers in the past few

months while they were attempting to wade towards their paddy fields, they said. They said that their ploughing machines more often get stuck in the mud and therefore, labourers are reluctant to come for harvesting. They said that they have to transport their harvest on boats.

Parliamentarian and Batticaloa District Development Coordinating Chairman Sivanedurai Chandrakanthan, when he was the East Province Chief Minister, had promised to build a bridge but it was never realised, they said.

Therefore, they appeal to the relevant authorities to provide them with a safe access to their paddy fields.



A submerged paddy field. Picture by Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Special Corr.

# Wild elephant attacks farmer

**M.IRFAN ZAKARIYA,**  
Hambantota Group Corr.

A farmer has been attacked by a wild elephant in Angunakolawewa

in the Lunugamvehera Police Division recently.

He has been admitted to the Hambantota District General Hospital, Police said.

The victim was identified as Mahanama Dissanayake Harsha Deshan (24), a resident of Agunakolawewa. Lunugamvehera Police are investigating.

# Two suspects arrested with ICE

**SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,**  
Batticaloa Special Corr.

Two suspects were arrested with narcotics near the Batticaloa Railway Station on Friday night by Batticaloa Police.

They were arrested with the help of a sniffer dog. Police seized 5.050 gram of

ICE, Rs 9,100, a three-wheeler and four mobile phones from the suspects.

The ICE and mobile phones were hidden in the three-wheeler. The suspects are residents of Kattankudy and Batticaloa. They had been in the business for a long time, police said.



Kantale Base Hospital staff receiving the second job of Corona vaccine yesterday. Picture by Sumithra Kumarihamy, Kantale Group Corr.

# Suspect arrested with narcotics

**ARIYAPALA WANSATHILAKE,**  
Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

The Wariyapala Anti-Vice Unit arrested a suspect along with 2.250 grams of narcotics, while he was selling them in a three wheeler in Wariyapala on Saturday.

He was arrested on a tip-off by a drug addict from Minuungate. He has been supplying the stuff after taking orders over his mobile phone, police said.

The suspect was to be produced before the Wariyapala Magistrate's Court yesterday.

# Popular Lyricist D.C. Jayasinghe passes away

Lyricist of Sinhala songs D.C Jayasinghe (89) passed away.

He had written many popular songs including *Ane Dingak Innako*, sung by C.T. Fernando. Jayasinghe, who had been a teacher at St. Joseph's College, Colombo for 37 years, also served as



the Principal of the Junior and Senior Secondary sections of the same school. After retiring, Jayasinghe contributed Sinhala and English articles to newspapers and worked as a sub-editor of *The Messenger*, a Catholic newspaper. He had authored several books such as

*Kithumu Sinhala Nam, Pavul'e Haula* and *Samaja Sangvidaanaya*. He also served as the Administrative Secretary of the Lay Commission of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Sri Lanka. The last rites of D.C. Jayasinghe, a father of five, will be held at the Hendala Catholic Cemetery, Nayakakanda on Monday, May 3 at 3.30 pm.

**DATE: 30.04.2021 FRIDAY OFFICIAL RESULTS www.nlb.lk**

**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA** DRAW NUMBER: 4467 Prizes won in this draw

**Rs. 10,572,900.00**

WINNING LETTER: F WINNING NUMBERS: 0 8 7 5 1 0

THE SUPER PRIZE OF NEXT DRAW: Rs. 11,756,886.60

**Govisetha** DRAW NUMBER: 2762 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

**Rs. 6,667,800.00**

WINNING LETTER: M WINNING NUMBERS: 08 61 71 75

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 69,380,055.20

**Mega POWER 10** DRAW NUMBER: 825 TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW

**Rs. 4,256,920.00**

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 131,561,720.40

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

WINNING LETTER: P SUPER NUMBER: 15 WINNING NUMBERS: 14 38 73 75

NEXT GRAND SUPER: Rs. 10,000,000.00

**Dhana Nidhanaya** DRAW NUMBER: 504 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

**Rs. 3,277,960.00**

WINNING LETTER: X WINNING NUMBERS: 26 30 38 78

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 95,673,430.00

**SUPIRI VASANA** DRAW NUMBER: 1594 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

**Rs. 2,500,780.00**

WINNING LETTER: 02 WINNING NUMBERS: 01 08 19 25

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 3,307,306.00

**30.04.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD: 642,602**

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS: Rs. 27,276,360.00**

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**DATE: 01.05.2021 SATURDAY OFFICIAL RESULTS www.nlb.lk**

**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA** DRAW NUMBER: 4468 Prizes won in this draw

**Rs. 6,377,520.00**

WINNING LETTER: V WINNING NUMBERS: 6 8 6 0 5 1

THE SUPER PRIZE OF NEXT DRAW: Rs. 13,198,430.60

**Govisetha** DRAW NUMBER: 2763 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

**Rs. 5,706,680.00**

WINNING LETTER: L WINNING NUMBERS: 09 12 23 42

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 69,458,237.60

**Mega POWER 10** DRAW NUMBER: 826 TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW

**Rs. 2,031,460.00**

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE: Rs. 131,832,458.80

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

WINNING LETTER: C SUPER NUMBER: 09 WINNING NUMBERS: 03 15 59 79

NEXT GRAND SUPER: Rs. 10,000,000.00

**Dhana Nidhanaya** DRAW NUMBER: 505 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

**Rs. 2,406,940.00**

WINNING LETTER: R WINNING NUMBERS: 07 08 46 80

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 95,850,982.00

**JATHIKA SAMPATHA** DRAW NUMBER: 1116 TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

**Rs. 2,073,340.00**

WINNING ZODIAC: GEMINI WINNING NUMBERS: 4 6 1 1 3 6

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW: Rs. 16,000,590.74

SPECIAL NUMBER: 17322

**01.05.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD: 478,368**

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS: Rs. 18,595,940.00**

**Rs. 1,000,000 PRIZES: 01 | Rs. 1,00,000 PRIZES: 19**

• All Winning Prizes above Rs. 500,000 are subject to government taxes

• Winner has to submit National ID when receiving Prizes

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## Importance of World Press Freedom Day

Today is World Press Freedom Day. Coming shortly after May Day, Press Freedom Day as does May Day, seeks to ensure the rights of the underprivileged and the socially marginalized. There are no raucous rallies to celebrate press freedom, even though May Day is generally marked by exuberant good cheer. May 3 is reserved for reflection on the values of freedom of expression, and media freedom in particular.

Judging by how the Opposition in this country has been aiming broadsides at the Government for its handling of the pandemic, it can be said that media freedom here is very much alive and kicking. Though a greater sense of responsibility should be expected from Opposition ranks about airing views on the pandemic and the control measures adopted by this Government, it is clear that the political parties across the aisle from the Government benches cannot be so stridently critical — and at the same time claim that there is no press freedom in the country.

In India for instance, however acrimonious the relations may be between the Governing Party and the Opposition, there is always the certainty that the opposing political camps offer maximum support to the governing ranks when there is a crisis. That is what is happening in India now. The Parliamentary Opposition has been supporting the Government's Covid control measures, as there is a collective sentiment that fighting the contagion is a national problem. But, on World Press Freedom Day, it is a happy augur that the Opposition in this country feels free to relentlessly attack the Government on its Covid policy — even though it may not be morally justifiable. But the Government's policy on that seems to be, "we disagree with what you say, but we will defend to the death your right to say it."

That is quintessentially what press freedom is, and our detractors, especially those who raise hackles in Geneva on our human rights record, should take note. For those who say that this is an increasingly "militarized" country, exactly which militarized country, please tell us, offers this amount of media freedom for an Opposition to attack the Government?

So much for the frequent lament about militarization — an Opposition fiction, which ironically also is a sign that there is enough freedom of expression in this country to tell tall tales, and generally also to make a nuisance of yourself, be it from Opposition ranks, or from the NGO sector which often gives sustenance to yarns such as 'militarization'.

It should be remembered that this is a country with a great tradition of media freedom. Even though there were phases in which terrorism and national security imperatives warranted some form of State sanctioned censorship, in the 70 plus years since Independence, our press has been overwhelmingly unfettered most of the time, and the few intervals in which some form of official censorship was imposed, have been so few and far between.

This year's World Press Freedom day theme, incidentally, is "Information as a Public Good." The general gist of it is that the public must have access to reliable information especially when people are awash with misinformation via social media and the Internet. The pandemic has also made the need for information accuracy more acutely felt. It is easy to see why the theme 'Information as a Public Good' was selected this year when much anxiety has been generated due to the pandemic. A public good is defined as a commodity or service that is provided without profit to all members of a society, either by the Government or by a private individual/organization.

But people are not used to visualizing information as that type of commodity. They purchase information when they pay for their television connections, or when they purchase a newspaper. News dissemination is a lucrative business, backed up by millions of dollars or rupees in advertising.

So information as a public good can be seen more as an aspiration than reality. In social media, information can be considered free — but the devastating aspect of that is what's free on these platforms is sometimes so toxic that it seems somewhat hilarious even to think of "information as a public good."

Information will become a public good on social media when everybody who posts does so responsibly — and thinks of his or her role as that of conscientiously providing a "public service." But we are so far away from that day, that it seems frankly rather pointless even to think about such a situation of utopian bliss.

On this World Press Freedom Day, what we can resolve is to keep being committed to the ideals. We can think of information as a public good, insofar as we keep our expectations realistic. It is hoped that today's World Press Freedom Day will mark an occasion both for media practitioners and consumers of information, in which they could contemplate a society that uses media for the maximum possible benefit of the community amid all of the influences that seek to curtail the free dissemination of accurate and useful news and information.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A functional free media is as important to democratic freedom as voting. - Jay Griffiths



A Thai schoolgirl gets her temperature checked

The people's contribution matters a lot when it comes to successfully controlling COVID-19. Without people's contribution it is impossible to control COVID-19 or any airborne disease spread through droplets.

# Discipline the key to keeping COVID at bay

## Now & Then

BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

It is very interesting to see how discipline, cultures, religions, etc., can be directly connected to COVID-19 and improve or destroy COVID-19 situations in different countries. This topic should be brought to the notice of at least educated people in Sri Lanka in order to further improve the current COVID-19 situation here. The links can be used to manage COVID-19 in the country by implementing long-term plans.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern did not resort to magic to defeat COVID-19. This disease cannot be defeated by a President, a Prime Minister, an individual, few individuals, the Government, armed forces, etc., without the active contribution of the people living in the specific country. By last week, only 30 COVID-19 deaths and less than 3,000 COVID-19 cases had been reported in New Zealand. The major part of the magic played by the people of New Zealand was being well disciplined and following all basic health guidelines all the time as strictly as possible.

Let us forget about New Zealand. Take the number of deaths in certain neighbouring countries such as Bhutan, Thailand, the Maldives, etc., which have similarities to Sri Lanka such as religion and culture. Bhutan is not a rich country like New Zealand but only recorded one COVID-19 death and 1,066 COVID-19 cases by last week. Taiwan recorded only 12 deaths and 121 cases while Thailand which is a popular tourist destination recorded only 203 deaths and 65,153 cases by last week. The Maldives which is another popular tourist destination recorded only 73 deaths and 29,370 cases.

There is no point at all talking about the situation in India where nearly 400,000 COVID-19 cases are reported per day. The country is on the verge of reaching 20 million cases and 215,000 deaths, setting an example for the world on how not to control COVID-19. We should not forget that the previous Yahapalana Government tried its best to build a bridge connecting Talaimannar and Dhanushkodi which was called the Palk Bridge. Fortunately the regime did not last that long. If the Yahapalana Government constructed that bridge, the efforts of the Sri Lankan authorities to protect Sri Lanka would only be a dream. Fortunately, organizations such as the Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) came forward and protested against this move made by the previous Yahapalana regime.

The people's contribution matters a lot when it comes to successfully controlling COVID-19. Without people's contribution it is impossible to control COVID-19 or any airborne disease spread through droplets. The people's contribution comes according to their level of discipline and education. Disciplined people can do wonders. But the discipline comes with education. People with higher levels of education do not need a dictatorship to be disciplined but a sort of dictatorship is required to discipline uneducated people. The only other way of controlling COVID-19 and similar diseases is having a system that does not allow contacts with the outside world. The best example is Bhutan. Nothing or no one can



New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern

contaminate Bhutan due to its limited contacts with the world.

India showed the entire world that cultural and religious rituals do not protect people from diseases. But even after seeing how people die on roads without medical care those people do not believe that only science can save them. The entire world saw how some Indians attacked security forces and health officials when they tried to stop various cultural and religious ceremonies. It is somewhat the same here in Sri Lanka. People wanted to celebrate the Sinhala and Tamil New Year as usual which led to the current increase of COVID-19 cases and deaths in Sri Lanka. Still they are having cultural and religious ceremonies at various places no matter how hard the health authorities try to stop them. It is the same with official and private parties, ceremonies, etc.

It is nice to see how people from countries like New Zealand, Thailand, etc., wear masks and maintain social distance. It is pathetic to see how people in India, Sri Lanka, etc., do not wear masks and do not maintain social distance. What is the difference? It is the nature of these nations. There is no age limit, religion, culture, or any difference for their behaviour. In countries such as New Zealand, the entire nation acts as one.

On the other hand, some pathetic people make fun of the suffering of their own people. A visual of an Indian woman who tries to give artificial respiration (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) to her dying husband suffering without oxygen circulated in social media recently. It is obvious that she acted without proper consciousness due to extreme sadness. People from India and Sri Lanka made fun of it.

But no man or woman from a disciplined and educated nation does it. It is the same with showing visuals on crimes, accidents, etc. The difference between these two types of countries can be clearly noticed.

Discipline, education, etc., cannot be achieved instantly or within a short time. It takes centuries or at least decades. The only option left now is imposing tough laws, rules, regulations and especially punishments. Laws and punishments cannot change people but they can prevent disasters. Now there is no time to spend centuries or decades to educate generations and discipline them. Action is required now and not tomorrow.

International media reported how Israel is now reaching herd immunity against COVID-19. Herd Immunity can be achieved when enough numbers of a population have protection against an infection so that it is unable to spread and even people who do not themselves have immu-

nity are indirectly protected. For the Coronavirus the estimated threshold for herd immunity is at least 65 percent to 70 percent. In Israel, more than half (5.3 million) its residents have been vaccinated and an additional 830,000 people have tested positive for the virus in the past, which should give them some form of natural immunity.

According to the above statistics, roughly 68 percent of the Israeli population is likely to have antibodies in their blood. It was very sad to see how certain Sri Lankan electronic media pointed out the 'failure' of Israel out of jealousy.

This is not the time to please others by putting our lives in danger. No matter what others think, we have to protect ourselves from all the others because no one knows who is COVID-19 positive and who is not. This is the bitter truth in many countries around the world at this moment. Only houses with mindful family members are safe at this moment. That is why health authorities imposed restrictions on offices, etc., where people from different backgrounds gather.

COVID-19 taught us a few valuable lessons. The first lesson is the need to become self-sufficient. Teaching the importance of being a self-sufficient country is the most valuable lesson given to us by COVID-19. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa started the National Programme to make Sri Lanka a self-sufficient country long before COVID-19 came into being. He started the National Programme in November 2019 and COVID-19 hit the world in December 2019 and it hit Sri Lanka in March 2020, months after President Rajapaksa launched his programme to make Sri Lanka a self-sufficient country.

The second best lesson is the need for maintaining mindfulness all the time no matter what happens, where and to whom. The only way out from COVID-19 is being mindful all the time no matter how hard it is. COVID-19 would not affect anyone in the world if he or she prevents the virus from entering through the mouth, nose and eyes. The three points can be protected by simply wearing a standard surgical / KN95 or N95 mask all the time and touching it or the face only with clean (sanitized) hands. The mouth can be opened to eat and drink or whenever walking into the open environment and not inside a small closed air conditioned room or vehicle. A face shield or visor can be worn if required. Keeping at least two metres from any other person prevents contaminated air (with droplets) from entering the nose and mouth. This is the simple way of preventing COVID-19.

But without being mindful, this simple task cannot be done. If one touches his or her face unintentionally or may be as a habit, it will end the whole process of preventing the virus from entering the body. There is no point of sanitizing hands after touching the face. If a person goes close to another or lets another person come close to him or her it will put the whole area in danger. Maybe that relation or friend can be COVID-19 positive. A well-trained mind can very easily maintain mindfulness all the time. Only mindful people will save their lives during this pandemic while ignorant people will die. This is the stark reality which is unfolding right in front of us today. COVID does not discriminate between rich and poor, young and old, male and female, boss and worker. We are all in this together and we must take all precautions.



In Bhutan, case numbers are very low



Patients in India share oxygen while awaiting admission to a hospital



# New HRW Report exposes Israel's apartheid policies

THALIF DEEN

When the UN's Beirut-based Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), released a landmark 2017 report on "apartheid" in Israel, the United Nations disassociated itself with the study and left it to die — unceremoniously and unsung.

According to a March 2017 report in *Foreign Policy Journal*, both the Israeli and the Trump administrations put "enormous pressure on UN Secretary-General António Guterres to withdraw the report".

But the head of the ESCWA, Rima Khalaf, refused to withdraw it and resigned from her UN position in protest. Later, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas announced he will award Khalaf the Palestine Medal of the Highest Honor for her "courage and support" for the Palestinian people.

And now, more than four years later, the apartheid policies of Israel have come back to haunt the United Nations with the release, on April 27, of a detailed report which says Israel's abusive apartheid policies towards Palestinians constitute "crimes against humanity."

Authored by Human Rights Watch (HRW), a widely known international human rights organizations, the 213-page report, "A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution," singles out "the overarching Israeli government policy to maintain the domination by Jewish Israelis over Palestinians and grave abuses committed against Palestinians living in the occupied territory, including East Jerusalem."

Originally coined in relation to South Africa, "apartheid" today is a universal legal term, says HRW, pointing out that the prohibition against particularly severe institutional discrimination and oppression or apartheid constitutes a core principle of international law.

But whether the new report will have any impact on the UN is doubtful.

Asked whether the UN should revisit its own 2017 report on Israel and apartheid, UN spokesperson Farhan Haq told reporters April 27: "Well, again, without characterizing it one way or another, we have been getting the various facts out about the situation on the ground, including in the report, by the way, that you mentioned, which, I believe, the facts of the report were released, and we'll



Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu



Palestine President Mahmoud Abbas



continue to do that. Ultimately, it's important to have a solid base of information about what's happening, and that's what we try to provide."

Dr. Richard Falk, professor emeritus of international law at Princeton University, who co-authored the 2017 UN report, told *IPS* the narrative of the apartheid discourse (extends) from the original smears at the UN to the B'tselem Report, and now the HRW Report.

The Israeli Basic Law of 2018, which proclaimed Israel as an apartheid state without using the word, he said. "The one large issue in which the critical discourse still lags behind what we argued in 2017 is the insistence that Israeli apartheid is best conceptualized by reference to the Palestinian people rather than land."

"We believed this is an essential element because Israeli apartheid unlike South African apartheid created a victimized Palestinian diaspora by way of ethnic cleansing, and still shouts the slogan 'less Arabs, more

land,' said Dr. Falk, who served a six-year term as the UN Special Rapporteur on "the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967."

Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, said "prominent voices have warned for years that apartheid lurks just around the corner if the trajectory of Israel's rule over Palestinians does not change."

"This detailed study shows that Israeli authorities have already turned that corner and today are committing the crimes against humanity of apartheid and persecution," he added.

Dr. Ramzy Baroud, a journalist and Editor of *The Palestine Chronicle*, told *IPS* the HRW report was indeed historic, though overdue. "As pointed out by an equally earth-shattering UN report in March 2017, Israel is already an apartheid state".

"In fact, we can take this further and claim that a country that is essentially founded on the racial suprema-

cy of one group and racial discrimination against another, is, per academic definition at least, an apartheid state", he argued.

What the HRW report has done is providing more than an intellectual argument regarding Israel's apartheid status, but a legal one, he added.

"This is crucial, because Palestinians and the supporters of their struggle everywhere can now push for legally indicting Israel for its ongoing crime of apartheid, which should be added to the imminent International Criminal Court investigation of crimes committed in occupied Palestine."

Even though the UN report in 2017 was pulled out under US pressure, Dr. Baroud said, the legal arguments it contained remain valid.

Since then, two equally important voices were added to strengthening the argument of Israeli apartheid, a decisive and comprehensive report by the prominent Israeli rights group B'tselem in January and the just-released HRW's report.

Judging by the evolution of the language considering Israel's systematic racism and apartheid in Palestine, it is now a matter of time before the label, that of apartheid, becomes synonymous with Israel, as at one point in the past became synonymous with South Africa, before apartheid was dismantled, he noted.

"Despite its relentless efforts at winning the legitimacy war and launching smear campaigns against anyone who dares to criticize it, Israel is losing, not only the moral war, but the legal battle as well."

This is good news for anyone who supports justice in Palestine, said Dr. Baroud, a Non-resident Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA), Istanbul Zaim University, and at the Johannesburg-based Afro-Middle East Center (AMEC).

In its report, Human Rights Watch found that the elements of the crimes come together in the occupied territory, as part of a single Israeli Government policy.

"That policy is to maintain the domination by Jewish Israelis over Palestinians across Israel and the occupied territory. It is coupled in the occupied territory with systematic oppression and inhumane acts against Palestinians living there".

Drawing on years of human rights documentation, case studies, and a review of government planning documents, statements by officials, and other sources, HRW compared policies and practices toward Palestini-



A dividing wall between Israel and Palestine

ans in the occupied territory and Israel with those concerning Jewish Israelis living in the same areas.

It also wrote to the Israeli government in July 2020, soliciting its perspectives on these issues, but received no response.

Across Israel and the occupied territory, Israeli authorities have sought to maximize the land available for Jewish communities and to concentrate most Palestinians in dense population centers, HRW said.

The authorities have adopted policies to mitigate what they have openly described as a "demographic threat" from Palestinians.

In Jerusalem, for example, the Government's plan for the municipality, including both the west and occupied east parts of the city, sets the goal of "maintaining a solid Jewish majority in the city" and even specifies the demographic ratios it hopes to maintain.

To maintain domination, Israeli authorities systematically discriminate against Palestinians. The institu-

tional discrimination that Palestinian citizens of Israel face includes laws that allow hundreds of small Jewish towns to effectively exclude Palestinians and budgets that allocate only a fraction of resources to Palestinian schools as compared to those that serve Jewish Israeli children.

In the occupied territory, the severity of the repression, including the imposition of draconian military rule on Palestinians while affording Jewish Israelis living in a segregated manner in the same territory their full rights under Israel's rights-respecting civil law, amounts to the systematic oppression required for apartheid.

Ambassador Gilad Erdan, Israel's envoy to the US, dismissed the report as bordering on anti-Semitism. "When the authors of the report cynically and falsely use the term apartheid, they nullify the legal and social status of millions of Israeli citizens, including Arab citizens, who are an integral part of the state of Israel," he said. (*IPS*)



A police checkpoint in Israel



A demonstration against Israeli policies

## Chernobyl: 35 years on

SUGEEWARA SENADHIRA

Exactly 35 years ago, on April 26, 1986, the biggest nuclear accident in history took place at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine, killing dozens of people and making hundreds of people victims of Acute Radiation Syndrome (ARS). Later, the disaster was attributed to a flawed Soviet reactor design coupled with serious mistakes made by the plant operators. It was a direct consequence of Cold War isolation and the resulting lack of any safety culture in the erstwhile Soviet Union.

The 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe is an ideal occasion to emphasise the imperative need for strict safeguards to prevent any possible nuclear accidents of that nature in future. This is highly applicable to an island nation such as Sri Lanka with large ports providing facilities to international freighter vessels.

Last week, timely detection of radioactive material in a ship docked at the Hambantota Port was ordered to leave immediately, thus avoiding a possible danger to the port or its employees. *MVBBC Naples* sailing under the flag of "Antigua and Barba-



Chernobyl

dos" entered the Port of Hambantota on April 20, while en route from Rotterdam, the Netherlands, to China.

According to Sri Lanka Ports Authority, the ship made an emergency call at the port for some urgent repairs. The Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Navy, and Customs officials had approved all the necessary documentation prior to berthing of the vessel, based on the declaration made by the agent. What is intriguing was the fact that the agents for the vessel in Sri Lanka, Ms. Barwil Meridian Navigation, had not declared to the port authorities that there was dangerous cargo on board prior to the vessel entering the port.

When investigations were made by the Sri Lanka Navy and

the Ports Authority, it was found that the ship was carrying a cargo of uranium hexafluoride. "Uranium hexafluoride is nuclear material that is commonly transported from one country to another. But as per Sri Lankan law, we need any vessel carrying radioactive material to obtain prior permission before berthing at any of our ports. This vessel had not obtained that clearance," H.L. Anil Ranjith, Director General of Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council (SLAERC) said.

The vessel was required to leave the port no sooner the facts were verified. Director of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board, T.M.R. Tennakoon told the media that the port authorities were unaware of the material on board the ship when it entered the port. He confirmed that when it was discovered that the ship contained radioactive material, steps were taken to move the vessel to the outer port. He said that the ship was instructed not to unload any of the items on the vessel.

The Navy and Customs were present at all times to ensure that there wasn't any cargo unloaded onto the Hambantota Port premises. Tennakoon said that there was no immediate threat to Sri Lanka from the hazardous items on board the ship. The Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board said legal



The abandoned city near Chernobyl



A lone wolf looks for food in the deserted surroundings of Chernobyl

action will be sought against the local agents of the vessel in question.

Sri Lanka's Atomic Energy Act No. 40 of 2014 requires the declaration of radioactive materials and no approval, authority or permission shall be granted for the export from or import into Sri Lanka of any controlled item, without the prior written approval of the Council. Violation of the

provisions is an offence and on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, an accused can be liable to face imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or, both fine and imprisonment.

However, these regulations have been drafted in line with peaceful purposes, but if a person is caught using radioactive materials for a non-peaceful pur-

pose, they would face 20 years of imprisonment.

The SLAERC DG said Sri Lanka has established a national Nuclear Emergency Management Plan to deal with impacts from possible nuclear power plant accidents. The closest such plant is in Tamil Nadu. In the past, nuclear powers strengthened safety at nuclear reactors and power plants but could not prevent unforeseen accidents.

### History of nuclear disasters

The accident at Chernobyl destroyed the Chernobyl 4 reactor, killing 30 operators and firemen within three months and causing several further deaths later. ARS was originally diagnosed in 237 people onsite and involved with the clean-up and it was later confirmed in 134 cases. Of these, 28 people died as a result of ARS within a few weeks of the accident. Nineteen more workers subsequently died between 1987 and 2004. Chernobyl was the second biggest nuclear accident in the Soviet Union.

The Kyshtym Nuclear disaster was a radiation contamination incident that occurred on September 29, 1957, at Mayak, a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in the Soviet Union. It measured as a Level 6 disaster on the INES (International Nuclear Event Scale), making it the third most serious nuclear disaster ever recorded behind the Chernobyl Disaster and Fukushima Daiichi Disaster in Japan. The event occurred in the town of Ozyorsk, a closed city built around the Mayak plant.

The three Western nuclear powers — United States, United Kingdom and France — too have had their quota of nuclear accidents. The worst nuclear disaster in Great Britain's history

occurred on October 10, 1957 at Sellafield, UK and was ranked at Level 5 on the INES scale. The accident occurred when the reactor caught fire, releasing substantial amounts of radioactive contamination into the surrounding area. A total of 240 cancer cases have since been linked to the fire.

In March 1979 the meltdown of two nuclear reactors in Pennsylvania, US, resulted in the worst disaster in commercial nuclear power plant history. Small amounts of radioactive gases and radioactive iodine were released into the environment. Luckily, epidemiology studies have not linked a single cancer with the accident.

On January 3, 1961, a US Army experimental nuclear power reactor in Idaho underwent a steam explosion and meltdown killing its three operators. It was caused by improper removal of the control rod responsible for absorbing neutrons in the reactor core. This event is the only known fatal reactor accident in the US. The accident released about 80 curies of iodine-131. Around 50 kg of uranium in one of the gas-cooled reactors at Saint Laurent in France began to melt in October 1969. This was classified as Level 4 on the INES and to this day remains the most serious civil nuclear disaster in French history.

The above nuclear accidents showed that strict adherence to safety rules is a prime requirement when dealing with radioactive material. While one could be happy about the timely action by Hambantota Port officials last week, it is essential to emphasise the need to be vigilant all the time at the ports and airports to prevent entry of radioactive material. (*IDN-InDepthNews*)



Inside the Chernobyl control room now



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with Indian Premier Narendra Modi



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa with Chinese President Xi Jinping

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Sri Lanka's relationship with China has been a controversial discussion during the last decade, dominating both domestic and international political conversations. The strengthening relationship between the island nation and the emerging global power has been largely economic. Yet it is quite clear that Sri Lanka's closest neighbour, India, and the United States are diligently monitoring these developments in the China-Sri Lanka relationship.

China has been a major economic partner for Sri Lanka. Beijing's assistance has been crucial in saving the poorly performing Sri Lankan economy during the last three years. At the same time, Sri Lanka is compelled not to antagonize India, its closest neighbour, with which Sri Lanka's relationship runs deep and far back. The India-Sri Lanka relationship is vastly different than its ties with China.

With India, Sri Lanka's relationship during the post-colonial era goes well beyond economic relations. India has been extremely influential in Sri Lanka's domestic politics. For instance, India played a key role in introducing the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka, which brought power devolution to the country to provide a solution to Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict. Concerns about the problems of Tamil minorities living in Sri Lanka are often amongst the political discussions in India, especially in Tamil Nadu.

In 1987, India sent its army to fight against the LTTE, which demanded a separate country for Tamils in Sri Lanka. The mission is often considered a failure, and the then-Indian premier, Rajiv Gandhi, called back the Indian army given their failure to defeat the LTTE. Later, the LTTE killed Gandhi, claiming revenge for the operations against the LTTE. The war between the Sri Lankan government and the LTTE ended in 2009. However, the concerns about power devolution to the Tamil minority remain unaddressed and India has been consistently pushing Sri Lanka for full implementation of the 13th Amendment. Most recently, the same concern was raised by India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during his visit to Sri Lanka in early 2021.

China's relationship with Sri Lanka has been vastly different, due in part to China's greater distance from the island. While China has been an ally of Sri Lanka in the post-independence period, its involvement in Sri Lanka's domestic affairs has been minimal. The growth of the China-Sri Lanka relationship is a recent phenomenon and one largely anchored on economic and financial ties. However, in recent years, military and political relations between the two countries have also grown.

**Rise of Economic Relations with China**

Upon upgrading to a middle-income country, Sri Lanka has been heavily exposed to severe and recurrent Balance of Payment (BOP) crises. This compelled successive governments to seek solutions to escape from economic troubles, which resulted in stronger economic ties with China – and an increased reliance on China in Sri Lanka's development process.

While there are many vague claims about the strengthening economic relationship between Sri Lanka and China, which sometimes includes claims such as Sri Lanka becoming a cat's-paw state for China, it is vital and essential to investigate the avenues through which bilateral economic relations have developed and the underlying

reasons. While much discussion of the growing China-Sri Lanka relationship has focused on the increased reliance on Chinese loans, which is often (and inaccurately) depicted as Sri Lanka falling into a Chinese debt trap, growing bilateral economic relations go far beyond debt. The blooming China-Sri Lanka economic relationship, which Colombo seems to cherish as a blessing currently, is taking place through three main avenues: debt, investment, and trade. Therefore, restricting the focus of Sri Lanka's reliance on China to merely Chinese loans downplays the growing relationship between the two countries.

In terms of public debt, China over the last decade and a half has been the second-largest foreign lender for Sri Lanka. Several large infrastructure development projects, including the Colombo-Katunayake expressway, which connects the main commercial city and the major airport; Hambantota Port; and the second international airport of the country, Mattala Airport, all were funded by Chinese loans. This of course has been a much-discussed phenomenon, used to strengthen claims of debt-trap diplomacy.

By the end of 2019, China owned a little over 10 percent of Sri Lanka's outstanding foreign debt stock. While most of these debts consist of loans obtained for large-scale infrastructure development projects, recently obtained Chinese loans were for budgetary and BOP support. On top of that, in early 2021, the Sri Lankan government obtained a 10 billion Renminbi (RMB) currency swap facility from China to tackle the ongoing foreign currency shortage. These indicate Sri Lanka's changing relationship to Chinese loans and increasing reliance on loan instruments such as Foreign Currency Term Financing Facilities and swaps to save the country from a severe Balance of Payment crisis, or even from defaulting on its debt.

Sri Lanka obtained a Foreign Currency Term Financing Facility (FTFF) of US\$ 1 billion from the China Development Bank (CDB) in 2018, and another US\$ 500 million in March 2020. Most recently, in early April 2021, Sri Lanka signed another agreement with the CDB to obtain US\$ 500 million as an FTFF. These loan facilities, along with the currency swap provided in March 2021, indicate that Sri Lanka is heavily relying on China to avoid external sector vulnerabilities (i.e., BOP issues).

Secondly, similarly to Chinese lending, over the past decade, Chinese investments have also played a crucial role in Sri Lanka's economic development. During the decade of 2010-2020, China has been the largest foreign investor in Sri Lanka. These investments include two controversial projects: the Colombo Port City Project and the investment in Hambantota Port by the China Merchants Port Company. Under the Port City project, 116 hectares of reclaimed land in Colombo was leased to CHEC Colombo Port City (Pvt) Ltd, owned by a Chinese state-owned enterprise for 99 years. The Port City project has drawn much controversy in the recent past.

# The Economics of the China-India-Sri Lanka Triangle



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar

The Opposition claims that proposed legislation intended to facilitate investment in the Port City threatens Sri Lanka's sovereignty.

Third, during the last two years, China has become the top import partner of Sri Lanka, surpassing India, which had long been Sri Lanka's largest source of imports. In 2020, China continued to be the largest goods exporter to Sri Lanka despite the heavy import restrictions imposed by the Sri Lankan government to control foreign currency outflows. This policy, however, does not seem to have affected China as much as it impacted India. Chinese imports were reduced by 8 percent in 2020, while in contrast, imports from India went down by approximately 19 percent.

The reason for this is the type of goods imported from China. Over the years, China has become the major source from which Sri Lanka obtains raw material for textiles and garments. These, in turn, are the major merchandise exports for Sri Lanka; 45 percent of Sri Lankan exports are textiles and apparels. The availability of textile raw materials, such as yarn and fabric, at a low price from Chinese suppliers appears to be the major reason for Sri Lanka to import these goods from China instead of from India or Pakistan, which previously used to be major importers of textile materials to Sri Lanka.

**India's Economic Role in Sri Lanka**

What is interesting to notice is how Sri Lanka's economic relationship with India had progressed through these same three avenues: debt, investment and trade. India has never been a major lender for Sri Lanka, nor can they lend to Sri Lanka in a capacity similar to China. Unlike China, India runs on a trade deficit above \$100 billion and runs into foreign exchange issues from time to time. This means India's lending capacity is limited and their lending support will largely be based on export credits.

However, up until this year, Sri Lanka had been relying on India to manage its foreign exchange problems by obtaining currency swaps. Early this year, though, India refused to extend the term of its currency swap agreement with Sri Lanka, quoting concerns about Sri Lanka's economic climate. New Delhi said it was unwilling to extend the swap facility unless Sri Lanka entered into an IMF programme.

To many, however, this seemed like retaliation for Sri Lanka's sudden reversal on a deal to lease a part of the East Container Terminal (ECT) of the Colombo Port to the Indian business conglomerate Adani Group. Having promised earlier to lease out 51 percent of the ECT to India, amid rising

opposition from nationalist groups, the Sri Lankan government abruptly reversed course, claiming they had decided not to lease the terminal.

This could be a concern for India for a few reasons. First, 85 percent of the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT), which is the largest terminal of the Colombo Port, is controlled by China Merchant Port Company, which operates as a joint venture with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). This deal was also inked under a Rajapaksa government, a few years back. Second, the Hambantota Port was leased to China for 99 years and the deal went ahead despite the controversies surrounding it. Against such a backdrop, India inevitably feels that they are being undermined or ignored in light of the growing presence of China.

However, Sri Lanka's Cabinet has cleared the West Container Terminal (WCT) of the Colombo Port to be developed as a 35-year joint venture with India's Adani Group and its local partner, John Keells Holdings PLC, as well as with an investment from Japan.

This brings us to the question of investment. Sri Lanka has received very little FDI from India and that number looks even smaller in comparison to the investment from China during the past decade. Additionally, the number of Chinese investments in Sri Lanka has been state-led and governed by strategic interests. The two best examples of such investment are the Colombo Port City and the Hambantota Port, both of which serve strategic purposes for China.

India, on the other hand, has made no such investments in Sri Lanka. Perhaps the only investment India has made that is of strategic interest is the Lanka Indian Oil Company, a subsidiary of state-owned Indian Oil Company, which controls approximately 15 percent of the auto fuel supply in Sri Lanka. This investment was facilitated in 2003 as a part of the then-government's policy to break the state monopoly in fuel distribution. Since then there have been very little strategic FDI coming into Sri Lanka from India.

Trade has been the strongest part of the economic relationship between India and Sri Lanka. Historically, India has been Sri Lanka's largest source of imports, until China surpassed India recently. The very first free trade agreement (FTA) of Sri Lanka was signed with India in 1998 and interestingly, the Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA) was the very first FTA for India as well. This FTA has been in effect for a little over two decades now and there have been a few efforts to expand the FTA to an Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement. However, these negotiations failed given the strong opposition of nationalist groups and professionals, as well as a regime change in Sri Lanka.

While there are issues regarding the Indo-Sri Lanka FTA, including concerns on non-tariff barriers imposed by India, more than 70 percent of Sri Lanka's exports to India are routed through the FTA, utilizing the tariff-free access. India on the other hand

takes little advantage of the FTA benefits. As per existing data, only 10 to 20 percent of Indian exports are routed through the ISFTA to Sri Lanka. What is interesting to note is that China has overtaken India as the largest exporter to Sri Lanka without having an FTA with Sri Lanka, and thus without any tariff-free access.

China becoming the largest importer to Sri Lanka, including the major supplier of raw material to Sri Lanka's textile industry, has significantly increased Sri Lanka's reliance on China in the trade front. This may have been seen as less of a concern compared to growing reliance on Chinese loans; however, the recent decision of Sri Lanka to obtain a 10 billion RMB credit swap from China was a clear indication of increasing Chinese influence tied to the rise of Chinese imports.

However, Sri Lanka's exports to China have failed to match the growth of Chinese exports to Sri Lanka. In 2020, Sri Lanka's exports to China amounted to just 2.3 percent of total exports, while exports to India represented 6.1 percent of total export. Sri Lanka relies more on India as an export market, especially as most of its products can enter India tariff-free, thanks to their FTA.

**Balance of Power**

Currently, the Sri Lankan economy is grappling with serious external sector issues. The country is struggling to meet its foreign debt repayments due to insufficient foreign currency inflows. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the situation worsened, largely due to the significant loss of tourism earnings, which constitute a major foreign currency inflow for Sri Lanka. On the other hand, Sri Lanka's foreign debt repayment obligations remain the same.

Taken together, the circumstances have put Sri Lanka in a vulnerable position. The biggest concern is that Sri Lanka cannot address its problems as merely a domestic political issue. Tackling Sri Lanka's external sector vulnerabilities, including the shortage of foreign currency, will require support from external parties, whether China, India, the United States, or even international organizations such as the IMF or World Bank.

Thus far, Sri Lanka has excessively relied on China to tackle its external sector vulnerabilities while economic relations with India seem to remain stagnant. At the same time, Sri Lanka tries not to irritate India. Against this backdrop, Sri Lanka is now struggling hard to balance between China, India, and domestic nationalists, all the while trying to save the country from a potential economic crisis. Thus far, it does not look easy. (*The Diplomat*)

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**Routes of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative**



Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport



Port City



Hambantota Port

# Vaccination can help slow down virus spread

There are two ways that getting vaccinated can slow the spread of the virus. First, it can help prevent you from getting infected. Second, even if you are unlucky and catch the virus, it may reduce the risk of passing it on. It is crucial to understand how big these benefits are.

Two huge new studies have taken advantage of the successful UK vaccine roll-out. An Oxford-ONS analysis of more than 370,000 survey participants found infections were reduced by 65% after a single dose. For protection against the virus, one dose was similar to having had a prior infection. There was no major difference between the two available vaccines.

Curiously, infection rates were lower up to three weeks before the jab. Did the virus have magical precognition and keep away? More plausible is the idea of "reverse causation". People can have the vaccination only if they have not tested positive or shown recent symptoms, so it is inevitable there were fewer recorded infections before vaccinations took place. Statistics can be tricky things.

Most important, the studies showed that if you are infected after vaccination, it tends to be much milder, both in terms of self-reported symptoms and viral load. If vaccinated people develop a weaker infection, then they might be less likely to pass on the virus.

This seems to be the case. Public Health England studied more than 500,000 households in England and estimated that unvaccinated cases infected around 10% of people in their households. But that rate was nearly halved, to around 6%, if the original case had been vaccinated, with a similar reduction from either the Oxford-AstraZeneca or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines.

Put these two studies together and it means that, for every six people that unvaccinated people infect, only one would have been infected had they had the jab.

People in societies link through their contacts: viruses travel along those



links. The evidence builds that Covid-19 vaccines weaken that transmission. By getting vaccinated, you

help protect those around you. The UK vaccine rollout is an extraordinary success: directly protecting people

and their contacts and providing vital scientific information to the world. (The Guardian)

## 'Indian scientists' warnings about coronavirus were ignored'



A warning from a forum of scientists about a new variant of COVID-19 spreading around India went ignored amid a surge of cases, some of the scientists told Reuters.

The forum, called the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genetics Consortium (INSACOG), warned health officials in early March of a more contagious variant of the virus called B. 771, and that cases could surge again. Ajay Parida, a member of ISACOG, told Reuters that the panel knew of the variant as early as February.

INSACOG was set up in late December by a top official who reported directly to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to Reuters. Despite the warning, the government did not seek major restrictions to stop the spread, and instead allowed large crowds to attend religious festivals and political rallies.

The Indian government put out an official statement on March 24 warning

of the variant. It said that samples from the Maharashtra state found an increase in the number of two specific mutations.

However, Reuters noted that the statement left out that the mutations were of "high concern," a phrase included in the original draft of the statement.

It was unclear if Modi was ever informed of INSACOG's findings or saw a draft of the release. His office didn't return Reuters' requests for comment. India is now grappling with a surge in coronavirus infections. The nation incurred a bleak record of 400,000 new coronavirus infections Saturday, after cases topped 300,000 for ten days in a row. Amid the surge, India opened vaccinations for all adults on Saturday.

India on Thursday became the fourth country to surpass 200,000 cumulative coronavirus deaths. The only other countries that reached the grim milestone are Mexico, Brazil and the United States. (The Hill)

# Shortage of hospital beds compounds crisis in India

Unlike millions of Indians who are struggling for money to get treatment for the deadly coronavirus, Savita Oberoi was neither poor nor helpless.

Even so, her upper-middle-class family could not save her. They were unable to find a hospital bed or oxygen in time, and the 61-year-old lost her life to COVID-19 on April 12.

"We knocked on the doors of at least 15 hospitals, tapped all our networks and contacts to organise treatment for my mother," says Oberoi's daughter, Vandana Paliwal, 38, a schoolteacher in West Delhi. "We finally got a bed for mummy after days of trying - that, too, through a contact who knew the hospital management."

But it was too little, too late. Within hours, Oberoi passed away. The hospital called the family in the middle of the night to tell them she had died.

"All I can say is that Indians aren't dying because of COVID-19; they're dying of not getting treatment on time. There's a big difference. I've already lost my dad; and now losing my mom, too, has been a double blow for me," Paliwal says.

Despite the family's comfortable financial sta-

tus, Paliwal recounts how they had to struggle every step of the way to get her mother treated. "Imagine the plight of the poor," she adds.

"There are long queues everywhere - at clinics, hospitals, labs, drug stores ... For two days, we couldn't even get hold of any lab technician to come over and test my mother. Even if you have the money for COVID-19 treatment, there's no guarantee you'll get treatment and live. Simply because there's precious little you can do about such bureaucracy and bottlenecks.

"Is this how a civilised country functions?" she asks.

When Oberoi was finally tested for COVID-19, the result was delayed. It arrived three days later, after much prodding and pushing from Paliwal who had to follow up with the lab. Meanwhile, Oberoi's condition deteriorated further.

"We were told that the lab was having a tough time coping with requests from thousands of patients for testing. My mother was already suffering from diabetes and a chronic kidney condition. Systemic delays killed her."

Until the family received confirmation that Oberoi

was indeed COVID positive, they could not start the right treatment. "The wait at every level was frustrating and infuriating. My husband and I were torn between looking after my sick mother and working the phones to contact hospitals and doctors. We didn't know what to do; it was crazy," Paliwal says. "The entire world seemed to be collapsing around us."

Once the family finally got a hospital bed, they heaved a sigh of relief. But Oberoi was reluctant to be admitted. She kept saying she did not have a good feeling about it, her daughter remembers.

"I think my mother had a premonition that she might not come out of the hospital alive. But we told her that there was no other option. She had several comorbidities which had already compromised her immunity; so she needed specialised care. Her sixth sense proved right - she was wheeled in as a living person and came out as a 'body'."

The schoolteacher believes that the country's medical system has totally collapsed "like a house of cards" under the second wave of coronavirus. Unconscionable black markets have mushroomed



overnight with treatment drugs and oxygen cylinders being sold to desperate families for at least 10 times their normal price. At the same time, Paliwal says, VIP politicians and celebrities are being given "red carpet treatment and the best doctors made available for them even as ordinary people suffer for no fault of theirs."

All the while, deaths continue to mount. "I saw six to seven bodies being cremated simultaneously and hastily when we were at the cremation ground for my mom's final rites. There's no dignity in death even. The entire citizenry has been abandoned in their greatest hour of need by those who hold

the highest office, entrusted to serve and protect them. This has been the

bitter takeaway from this pandemic for millions of Indians." (AL JAZEERA)

# Crisis spills over into Nepal

The coronavirus outbreak in India has spilled across the border into Nepal, where health officials have warned that hospital beds are unavailable, vaccines are running short and the number of new infections is rising faster than overwhelmed clinics can record them.

The situation is so dire in Nepal that the Health Ministry in the Himalayan nation issued a statement on Friday in which, in effect, it threw up its hands.

"Since coronavirus cases have spiked beyond the capacity of the health system and hospitals have run out of beds, the situation is unmanageable," the ministry said after the government recorded 5,657 new infections on Friday, the highest daily total since October.

And with more than one-third of tests returning a positive result, officials worry that the actual number of cases is much higher. Nepalis who are infected but have only minor symptoms have been told to stay home to keep hospitalizations down.

Experts believe the outbreak is being fueled by Nepali migrant workers who returned home in recent weeks from India as lockdowns were imposed there. The 1,100-mile border between the countries is porous, and hardly any of the returnees were tested for the coronavirus or placed into quarantine.

Within weeks, many of them began falling ill.



"Just a few days after returning from India, one of my relatives died in an ambulance," said Narendra Singh, a local leader from Bajhang, a western district near the Indian border. "More and more people returning from India are getting sick. And the virus is spreading here. We don't have any quarantine or isolation facilities in the villages."

Nepal has since closed its border crossings with India, but the virus is already spreading. In early March, Nepal was recording fewer than 100 cases a day. Now, the daily average exceeds 4,000 reported cases, according to a New York Times database.

At the same time, Nepal's vaccination drive has slowed. India donated one million doses of the

AstraZeneca vaccine, and Nepal signed an agreement to purchase two million more from an Indian manufacturer, the Serum Institute of India. But India curtailed vaccine exports last month after its outbreak worsened, and Nepali officials say that the company has shipped only half the amount.

As a result, after 1.7 million people out of a population of nearly 30 million received the first dose of the vaccine, only 380,000 have received a second shot.

In late March, China donated 800,000 doses of its Sinopharm vaccine. Nepalis flocked to vaccination centers, prompting some officials to worry that the crowds could spread the virus. This week, the government imposed a new

two-week lockdown, bringing vaccinations to a halt. "We were vaccinating people even as vaccination centers became overcrowded," said Dr. Jhalak Sharma Gautam, head of the national immunization program. "But we stopped when the government announced lockdown."

Many Nepalis now wonder if they will ever be inoculated. Ram Kumar Nepali, a sanitation worker in the capital, Kathmandu, has continued his early-morning shifts collecting garbage during the lockdown, usually without any protective equipment.

"I often think I will never get the chance" to be vaccinated, said Nepali, 43. "We have to go around the capital to collect waste even during this terrific pandemic. It's risky." (NYT)

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

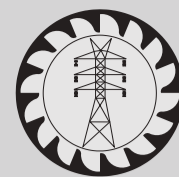
**Invitation of Quotations for the Supply of Labourers on contract basis for Civil Maintenance Work on the Elephant Fence and to Monitor the Elephant Fence in the section from Barawakumbuka to Mattala, Hambantota of the Southern Expressway**

- Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Road Development Authority on behalf of the Road Development Authority from eligible and qualified bidders for the following project at the Southern Expressway.

Contract No.	Name of the Project	No. of Labourers Per day	Contract Period (Months)	Total Number of Labour Days	Bid Security (Rs.)
RDA/EOM&M/GOSL/SP/ESEP/Eleph-Mnt/2021/10	Invitation of Quotations for the Supply of Labourers on contract basis for Civil Maintenance Work on the Elephant Fence and to Monitor the Elephant Fence in the section from Barawakumbuka to Mattala, Hambantota of the Southern Expressway	20	12	6,520	175,000.00

- Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority will be the implementing agency.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for the award of contract, experience the bidders have in supplying labourers of similar capacity will be considered as a qualification.
- Bids should be valid for 91 Calendar days from the closing date of bids (up to 24.08.2021).
- Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security for the value mentioned in the table above. (Should be valid up to 21.09.2021). Bids without a valid bid security will be rejected.
- Bidder should place the signature and the official seal on every page of the bid.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 17.05.2021 at the Office of the Procurement Division of the Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama.
- Interested bidders may obtain a set of bid documents from the Office of the Director of the Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama on submission of a written application upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 4,000.00 + 320.00 (VAT) between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. from 03.05.2021 until 24.05.2021. Agent / Representative and the successful bidder should register along with the Registrar of Public Contracts of the Department of Registration of Companies under Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 25.05.2021.
- Sealed bids in duplicate may either be sent by registered post or hand delivered to "Director, Procurement Committee of the Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Division, Road Development Authority, Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Unit, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama to receive before 2.00 p.m. on 25.05.2021. The caption "Supply of Labourers on contract basis for Civil Maintenance Work on the Elephant Fence and to Monitor the Elephant Fence in the section from Barawakumbuka to Mattala, Hambantota of the Southern Expressway" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at the Office of the Director of the Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Telephone Nos. for further details;
  - > Engineer, (Maintenance -Expressway Operation, Maintenance and Management Unit), Road Development Authority - Tel. No. 011-3047806.

**Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama.**



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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.

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2021-05-15	08:00-17:00	Bulk : C.E.C.B Metol Crusheri Andarawewa, Galayaya, C.W.Mackie, Galyaya Garrison Service Fagineering School, Udan Plant Nursery Talawa
Bulk & Distribution : Rathmalgahawewa Army Camp		
Distribution : Andarawewa Road Mudunegoda, Arachchiyagama, Thalawa, Daladapura Village, Higuruwewa, Hirigollegama, Kabukgahawewa, Karagahawewa, Kumara Eliya, Mihirigama, Nambodawewa, Nawa Hanguranketha, Nelumthottama, Pahala Thalawa, Ilandakkulama, Pahalathalawa, Rio Coco, Thalawa, Helambewa, Thalawa Town, Thissapura		
2021-05-18	08:30-17:00	Bulk : New Neeraviya Farm 01
Distribution : Thispanepura 01		
2021-05-20	08:30-17:00	Distribution : , , Katiyawa Yaya 06, Katiyawa Yaya 07, Pokunugama Gammanaya, Katiyawa Yaya 09, School, Katiyawa Yaya 10, Senapura Dikwewa, Track 10, Priyankaragama, Vihara Maha Dewigama
2021-05-29	08:00-17:00	Bulk : Lakmee Export Lanka (Pvt)Ltd Kuruduweva, Ranmuthu Rice Mill, Eppawala
Bulk & Distribution : Batuwasatha Rice Mill, Thalawa		
Distribution : , Eliyadiulwewa, Eliyadiulwewa I, Getadiula, Ihalawewa, Jaya Gaga Meegassegama, Kadurugaswewa, Kele Amonukole, Kelekumbukwewa, Ketakole, Kiralagama, Kiralagama Kudawewa, Kurunduweva, Palugaswewa, Sandaresgama, Viharagodalla Kurunduweva, Waragoda		

**MINNERIYA AREA**

**Habarana CSC**

2021-05-16	08:00-17:30	Bulk : ACME Transit Hotel, Danawwa Resortes Habarana, Habarana, Police station., Lodge Hotel., Orian Lak Steel, Sorowwa Resort., Sungreen Resorts, Telecom,Habarana., The Other Corner Resorts, Village Hotel.
Distribution : Habarana Town 1., Habarana Town 2., Habarana,Niwasa 20., Halmillawewa., Hirivadunna II, Hirivadunna,Water Pump., Indian Hume Pipe., Kashapagama Temple, Kimbissa, Kumbukwewa., Laksirigama, Arunodhagama., Maha Rambewa., Moragaswewa., Namalpara., Padikaramaduwa Para-Palugaswewa, Palugaswewa., Pinsirigama, Puhudiulwewa., Puwakpitiya., Sewanagama i, Sirikatha Bulting, Siyabaladama., Sooriyagama., Threesinghagama., Udakadawala., Veheragala., Wild Life, Ambagaswewa., Yanoya, Habarana.		
2021-05-18	08:30-17:00	Distribution : Hathareskottuwa.

**Hingurakgoda CSC**

2021-05-04	09:00-16:00	Bulk : Niluka Rice Mill., Nirmali Rice Mill.
Distribution : Kusumpokuna.		
2021-05-05	12:00-17:00	Bulk : Aberathna Rice Mill., H.M.R. Rice Mill., Jayanthipura Hospital, Jayanthipura MPCs co-op Rice mill, JANASIRI STORS, Kumarasingha Rice Mill Unagalawehera, Nilantha Rice Mill., Piyarathna Rice Mill., Sadamali Rice Mill.
Distribution : Chandanapokuna 01., Chandanapokuna 02., Damanayaya., Jayanthipura 6 Ela., Jayanthipura Town., Jayawickrama Junction II, Nagapokuna, Samagipura., Darshanapura., Track 12 Jayanthipura., Unagalawehera, A.K.Siriwardana., Wiruwangama, Jayawickrama Handiya., Yudaganawa, Paluwaddana.		
2021-05-07	09:00-17:00	Distribution : 504 Gange Yaya., 504 Vekanda., Dambulukeyegama, Yaya 19., Kottapitiya, Nikapitiya Gangeyaya 505., Nikapitiya, Gembagala., Nikapitiya., Yaya 18, Kottapitiya.
2021-05-16	08:00-17:30	Bulk : Army camp pabala Niwahana Minneriya Co-op Rice mill, E.S.R.Camp., Jayabima Rice Mill., Kodikara Rice Mill, Madirigiriya Hospital, Medirigiriya Telecom, N.T.C Camp, Solid waste Facilities, Medirigiriya
Bulk & Distribution : Distribution : , 800 Kolaniya, Akkara 800,Track 9,Medirigiriya., Bisobandara., Bisobandaragama 1., Bisobandaragama 3, Bisobandaragama 2., Damsopura., Diulankadawala Track 09., Diyasenapura 2., Diyasenapura 1., Diyasenapura Grewal Kanda 1., Diyasenapura Grewal Kanda 2, Diyasenapura Road-Medirigiriya , Diyasenapura.8 Ela., Ela Handiya,Medirigiriya., Gajabapura,5 Ela., Gajabapura., Gurugodella, Aluthwewa., Jayagampura, Kumudupura., Kumudupura., Mahathalakolawewa., Medagampura., Medirigiriya Maha Vidyalaya., Medirigiriya Town., Medirigiriya,Pradesiya Sabhawa., Palliyagodella Police Check Point., Palliyagodella,Yaya 08., Palliyagodella., Pambuwana (Akbapura), Samagipura,Minneriya., Somawathi Viharaya 1., Thalakolawewa, Holcim Supiri Gammana, Thissapura Mirishena., Thissapura,Stage II., Track 08, Mahathalakolawewa, Wijayarapura Yaya 06., Wijayarapura, Diyasenapura.		
2021-05-18	09:00-17:00	Bulk : Circuit Bungalow Central Bank Somawalthiya, New rathna Rice Mill(Abayapura Pulasthipura), Pilisarua Solid Waste, Medirigiriya, Rathna Rice Mill,Sungawila., Somawathiya Raja Maha Viharaya III, Texwin Clothing Garment.
Distribution : Abaya Para,Pumadiya., Abhayapura., Bop 313, Kohombagahamula Handiya., Nelumpura., Patunugama., Somawathi Raja Maha Viharaya 2., Somawathi Viharaya 1., Sungawila Jayabima, Sungawila Junction., Sungawila Paranagama.		

2021-05-25	08:30-17:00	Bulk : , Aberathna Rice Mill., H.M.R.Rice Mill., Jayanthipura Hospital, Jayanthipura MPCs co-op Rice mill,JANASIRI STORES, Kumarasingha Rice Mill Unagalawehera, Nilantha Rice Mill., Piyarathna Rice Mill., Sadamali Rice Mill.
Distribution : Chandanapokuna 01., Chandanapokuna 02., Damanayaya., Jayanthipura 6 Ela., Jayanthipura Town., Jayawickrama Junction II, Kotikapiiya, Kumargama., Ley Farm., Nagapokuna, Samagipura, Darshanapura., Track 12 Jayanthipura., Unagalawehera, A.K.Siriwardana., Wiruwangama, Jayawickrama Handiya.		

2021-05-25	09:00-17:00	Bulk : Damitha Rice Mill
Distribution : Nelum Pokuna Irrigation Junction.		

**Manampitiya CSC**

2021-05-11	09:00-16:30	Bulk : Manampitiya Hospital
2021-05-30	09:00-17:00	Bulk : Army Camp, Kandakadu, Army Camp, Ruwanpitiya, Army Camp, Soomawathiya, Base Hospital, Welikanda, Browns & Company PLC, Dimuthu Rice Mill,Mahaweli Singhapura., Kadawahmaduwa,junction(Water pump), Kandakadu Rehabilitation Center, L.G.Farm,Welikanda., Mahaweli Authority, Naratha Agro Industries (Pvt) Ltd, Singhapura, National Aquaculture Authority, National Water Supply Mavilaru, New Rathna (pvt) Ltd., Plantation State Lanka, Mahawewa., Rathna Polysack (Pvt) Ltd, Soomawathiya, Rehabilitation Centre- Kandakadu, Vocational Training Centre, Nawasenapura, Water project Manampitiya
Distribution : Aselapura., Boaththa., Bodhigoda Gammanaya, Borawewa., Dimbulana Water Project, Dimbulana., Ethugala., Gemunupura Police Post., Investment Land Muthuwella I, Investment Land Muthuwella II, Investment Land Muthuwella III, Kalingavilla., Karapola 1., Karapola 2., Kolakanawadiya, Kudapokuna 1., Kudapokuna 2., Kurulubedda., M.D.B.Welikanda., Madurangala Malinda., Madurangala., Magulpokuna., Mahasenpura 1., Mahasenpura 2., Mahawelithenna, Mahawewa, Mahawewa 2., Mahawewa 3., Mahadagama., Maithithreegama., Malwila., Manikwela., Menikkeniya., Mobitel Tower, Kandakadu, Mobitel Tower, Sinhapura, Monarathanna water project., Monarathenna., Muthuwela 1., Muthuwela 2., Muthuwela Farm 01., Muthuwela Farm 02,N.L.D.B., Nagasthenna., Namalgama 2., Navesanapura iii, Near Commando Camp, Ruhunuketha Circuit Bangalov., Ruwanpitiya., Sadunpitiya., Senapura Katuwanvila 01., Senapura Katuwanvila 02., Sewanapitiya I, Sewanapitiya Model Village, Sewanapitiya., Sinhapura,Welikanda., Sooriyaweewa., Susirigama., , Susirigama, Menikwela, Walikanda 2, Welikanda Mahaweli Workshop., Welikanda Ranaviru Gammanaya, Welikanda Town 1., Welikanda Town 2., Welikanda Town 3., Welikanda Water Pump.		

**Polonnaruwa CSC**

2021-05-05	08:30-17:00	Bulk : A.W.M.Toki Wadichehale Road., C.T.B.Bus Stand,Kaduruwela., Chandrapala Rice Mill., CIB Shopping Centre, Eden Rice Mill, Wadichehale Road., Hiru Micro Silika., Hiru Rice Mill, Madeena Rice Mill, Kaduruwela., Mazahira Rice Mill, Kaduruwela, Milk Collection Center, N.L.D.B., Navoda Rice Mill, Niko Rice Mill, Kaduruwela., Polonnaruwa Rice Product (pvt) Ltd, Kaduruwela, Postal Complex- Kaduruwela, Water Board - Perekumpedesas-Kaduruwela, Weehena Rice Product, Kaduruwela, Zihara Rice Mill.
Distribution : Asian Hardware- Kaduruwela, Devon Kaduruwela, Kaduruwela H.N.B., Kaduruwela STS., Kaduruwela Town 01., Kaduruwela Town 02., Kaduruwela Town 03., Leela Rice Mill., Muslim Colony 03, Muslim Colony 01., Muslim Colony 02., Muslim Colony 4., Muslim Colony, Batathuna Road., Parakum pedesa., Shahira School Road Junction		
2021-05-05	12:00-17:00	Bulk : 2 Ela Polonnaruwa.(N.H.A.A Priyantha), Administrative Complex II, Alahana Piriwena., All Focus Rice Mill, Araliya Consolidate., Asra Rice Mill., Athugala Rice Mill,Sewagama., Cargills Ceylon ., Chamila Rice Mill., Court Complex- Polonnaruwa, D.M.T.P.Pushpakumara,Thusara Rice Mill., District Secretariat Office, Fertilizer Corporation., Gallella Rice Mill., H.M.T.D.K Herath palugasdamana, Hotel Seruwa., Hotel Summer Haven, IDPL Gallella., K.G.A.C.M.Manusheen,Polonnaruwa., K.N.H.Rice Mill., Kotaleeya Farm,N.L.D.B., M.P.C.S Palugasdamana., M.T.T.network., Maleesha Rice Mill., Micro Rice Mill, Mihiri Rice Production., Milano Rice Mill., Municipal Council- New Town, Nandana Rice mill., National Stadium, Gallella, New Market Complex, New Modern Rice mill kadhuruwela., New Muslim Rice Mill., New Town I, Pan Pacific Apparels (PVT) Ltd., Prasanna Jayamanna.(Bediwewa), Pulathisi Bauddha Mandapaya., Pulathisi Chandra Mandapaya, Royal Primary School-Polonnaruwa, Sacred City,Polonnaruwa, Samantha Rice Mill., Sanjeewa Rice Mill., Seeds Farm II- Kaduruwela, Seeds Farm., Seethas Fashion Garment., Sewagama Rice Mill., Sooriya Rice Mill 1., Sooriya Rice Mill 2., Swiss Farm., Technical College., Technology Museum, Tharaka Rice Mill., Thidas Arana Restaurant, Tourist Centre, Polonnaruwa, United Hotel Company (pvt)Ltd., upali Rice Mill Maoya Road Bediwewa, Viddya Peetaya., Vikasitha Enterprises., Water Board., Wimalasiri Rice Mill.
Distribution : 2 Ela,Palugasdamana., 2 nd Chanel., 22 1/2 Jayanthipura,13 Yaya., 23rd Mile post., 25th Mile post., 3 Ela., 4 Ela,Weerapedesa., 4 th Chanel,Delpalama., Administrative Complex I, Akkara 500 II, Akkara 500, Alhilapara- Thambala, Aluthwewa 1., Aluthwewa 2., Ambangasa., Ansar Lane., Baudhdarthagama., Baudhdarthagama,R.B.17 Ela., Bendiwewa,Parakumgama., Cattle Farm., Diulana 1., Diulana 2., Diyawaragama., Galkoriya Palugasdamana., Galthambarawewa., Ganangolla, Government Quarters Complex I, Government Quarters Complex II, Government Quarters Complex III, Government Quarters Complex IV, Hijra Mawatha, Kaduruwela, Hijra Mawatha., Kaduruwela Town (Midland), Kaduruwela Town IV, Kalahagala II, Kalahagala,Angammedilla., Kalahagala., Kalinga Ela III, Kalinga Ela,Damana., Kusumgama., Lankapura 2., Lankapura 01., M.P.C.S Bendiwewa ., Manikkampattiya 1., Manikkampattiya 2., Mansoor Rice Mill., maoya -jayanthipura, Maoya,Bediwewa., Medamaluwa., Medapara- Palugasdamana, Mini Market, Cultural Complex, Muslingama,Onegama 12 ela., Naita New Town, Near Bediwewa Ground, Near Dairy, Near Samurdhi Community Based Bank, Nelumwewa Water pump., New Town., Nissankamallapura, Nissankamallapura., Onegama., P.S.Colony., Palugasdamana,3 Ela., Palugasdamana, Galkoriya., Parakkrama Samudraya, Parakum Uyana., Polonnaruwa Holiday Inn., Pudur 1., Pudur 2., Rest House., Rifaipura,Thambala., Royal College., Sanuba Rice Mill, Sewagama Temple Road., Sewanagama Town., Singhapura 1., Singhapura 3, Sinharagama., Sirsagabo Pedesa, Somiyal junction,Kaduruwela, MDB., Somiyal Junction., South Chanel, Sudu Nelumgama., Swarnapaligama, Thambala 01., Thambala 02., Thambala Refaipura., United Bolts., Wasundara Mawatha I, Wasundara Mawatha., Wawethanna 02., Weerapedesa, Weerapedesa,Samagi Rice Mill., Weerapura 2, Weerapura., Weppanpura,Thambala Water Project., Wewethanna 01., Wijayarapura., Wijayarapura,Sunil Rice Mill., Y.M.B.A.		

2021-05-06	09:00-16:00	Bulk : Accident & Emergency Treatment Complex- Polonnaruwa Hospital, Brandix Garment,Giritale.
Distribution : Palugasdamana Road.		
2021-05-06	09:00-16:30	Bulk : Ashra Rice Mill., Captain Rice Mill., Royal Rice Mill, Gallella., Royal Rice Mill.
Distribution : Gallella II, Polonnaruwa., Gallella Muslingama,		
2021-05-08	09:00-17:00	Bulk : 2Ela polonnaruwya.(N.H.A.A Priyantha), Court Complex - Polonnaruwa, Hotel Seruwa., New Town I, Pulathisi Chandra Mandapaya, Royal Primary School- Polonnaruwa, Technology Museum, Water Board.
Distribution : 2 nd Chanel., Irrigation Polonnaruwa., Mahaweli., New Town., Y.M.B.A.		
2021-05-09	09:00-17:00	Bulk : Crown Automart 1., D.T.H - 01., FIBC Lanka, Jayawickrama rice mill, Lakbima Rice Mill (pvt) Lid, Lakbima Rice Mill 1., Lakbima Rice Mill 2., Lakbima Rice Mill 3., Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone 4., Oriyant Polisac., Richard Peris., S.M.K Milling Engineer's-polonnaruwa, Sandamali Rice Mill., SMK Milling Engineers, Wijebapura.
Distribution : Athumalpitiya, Ethumalpitiya 2,Lakshauyana., Ethumalpitiya 3., Ethumalpitiya., Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone 3., Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone 5., Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone VI, Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone VII, Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone VIII, Lakshauyana Industrial Zone 1., Lakshauyana Industrial Zone 2.		
2021-05-13	08:30-17:00	Bulk : K.G.A.C.M.Manusheen,Polonnaruwa., M.T.T.network., Seeds Farm II- Kaduruwela, Seeds Farm.
Distribution : 4 Ela,Weerapedesa., 4 th Chanel,Delpalama., Akkara 500 II, Akkara 500., Royal College., Wasundara Mawatha I, Wasundara Mawatha., Weerapedesa, Weerapedesa, Samagi Rice Mill.		
2021-05-15	09:00-17:00	Bulk : Alahana Piriwena., K.N.H.Rice Mill., Pulathisi Bauddha Mandapaya., Sanjeewa Rice Mill., United Hotel Company (pvt)Ltd.
Distribution : 25th Mile Post., M.P.C.S Bendiwewa, Rest House., Sirisangabo Pedesa		
2021-05-22	09:00-17:00	Bulk : All Focus Rice Mill, Asra Rice Mill., Athugala Rice Mill,Sewagama., Chamila Rice Mill., Crown Automart 1., D.T.H - 01., Fertilizer Cropporation., FIBC Lanka, H.M.T.D.K Herath palugasdamana, Hotel Summer Haven, IDPL Gallella., Jayawickrama rice mill, Lakbima Rice Mill (pvt) Lid, Lakbima Rice Mill 1., Lakbima Rice Mill 2., Lakbima Rice Mill 3., Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone 4., M.P.C.S Palugasdamana., Maleesha Rice Mill., Micro Rice Mill, Mihiri Rice Production., Milano Rice Mill., Nandana Rice mill., New Modern Rice mill Kaduruwela., New Muslim Rice Mill., Oriant Polisac., Richard Peris., S.M.K Milling Engineer's-polonnaruwa, Sacred City,Polonnaruwa, Samantha Rice Mill., Sandamali Rice Mill., Seethas Fashion Garment., Sewagama Rice Mill., SMK Milling Engineers, Sooriya Rice Mill 1., Sooriya Rice Mill 2., Tharaka Rice Mill., Vikasitha Enterprises., Wijebapura., Wimalasiri Rice Mill.
Distribution : 2 Ela,Palugasdamana., 3 Ela., Alhilapara-Thambala, Athumalpitiya, Baudhdarthagama., Baudhdarthagama,R.B.17 Ela., Diulana 1., Diulana 2., Ethumalpitiya 2,Lakshauyana., Ethumalpitiya 3., Ethumalpitiya., Galkoriya Palugasdamana., Galkoriya., Galthambarawewa., Kalinga Ela III, Kalinga Ela,Damana., Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone 3., Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone 5., Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone VI, Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone VII, Laksha Uyana Industrial Zone VIII, Lakshauyana Industrial Zone 1., Lakshauyana Industrial Zone 2., Lankapura 2., Lankapura 01., Manikkampattiya 1., Manikkampattiya 2., Medamaluwa., Medapara- Palugasdamana, Muslingama,Onegama 12 ela., Nissankamallapura, Nissankamallapura., Onegama., Palugasdamana,3 Ela., Palugasdamana,Galkoriya., Parakum Uyana., Pudur 1., Pudur 2., Rifaipura,Thambala., Sanuba Rice Mill, Sewagama Temple Road., Sewanagama Town., Singhapura 1., Singhapura 2., Singhapura 3, Sinharagama., Thambala 01., Thambala 02., Thambala Refaipura., Wawethanna 02., Weerapura 2, Weerapura., Weppanpura,Thambala Water Project., Wewethanna 01., Wijayarapura., Wijayarapura,Sunil Rice Mill..		
2021-05-28	08:30-17:00	Bulk : A.W.M.Toki Wadichehale Road., C.T.B.Bus Stand,Kaduruwela., Cargills Ceylon ., Chandrapala Rice Mill., Chillies Lathapadura, Kaduruwela, CIB Shopping Centre, Eden Rice Mill, Wadichehale Road., Gallella Rice Mill., Hiru Micro Silika., Hiru Rice Mill, Kotaleeya Farm,N.L.D.B., Madeena Rice Mill,Kaduruwela., Mazahira Rice Mill, Kaduruwela, Milk Collection Center,N.L.D.B., National Stadium, Gallella, Navoda Rice Mill, Nephrology Hospital, Nephrology Hospital II, Nephrology Hospital III, Niko Rice Mill,Kaduruwela., Pan Pacific Apparels (PVT) Ltd., Polonnaruwa Rice Mill., Polonnaruwa Rice Product (pvt) Ltd, Kaduruwela, Postal Complex- Kaduruwela, Rathna Rice Mill., Swiss Farm., Technical College., Veenas Medical., Viddya Peetaya., Water Board- Perekumpedesas- Kaduruwela, Weehena Rice Product, Kaduruwela, Zihara Rice Mill.
Distribution : 28 th Mile Post., Ansar Lane., Asian Hardware- Kaduruwela, Cattle Farm., Devon Kaduruwela, Hijra Mawatha, Kaduruwela, Hijra Mawatha., Jayanthi Hall, Kaduruwela, Kaduruwela H.N.B., Kaduruwela STS., Kaduruwela Town (Midland), Kaduruwela Town 01., Kaduruwela Town 02., Kaduruwela Town 03., Kaduruwela Town IV, Kusumgama., Leela Rice Mill., Mansoor Rice Mill., Muslim Colony 03., Muslim Colony 01., Muslim Colony 02., Muslim Colony 4., Muslim Colony,Batathuna Road., Near Dairy, Nelumwewa Water pump., Parakum pedesa., Shahira School Road Junction, Somiyal junction,Kaduruwela, MDB., Somiyal Junction., Sudu Nelumgama.		
2021-05-29	09:00-17:00	Bulk : Alahana Piriwena., K.N.H. Rice Mill., Pulathisi Bauddha Mandapaya., Sanjeewa Rice Mill., United Hotel Company (pvt)Ltd.
Distribution : 25th Mile post., M.P.C.S Bendiwewa, Rest House., Sirsangabo Pedesa		

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# Probe into Israeli stampede begins

As the Shabbat drew to a close in Israel, funerals for the victims of Friday's crush at Mount Meron have resumed - and so have the recriminations over the mountaintop disaster that killed 45 people, including children.

Flags flew at half-staff on the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, and other public buildings on Sunday, marking a day of national mourning for those killed when the religious festival turned into a deadly stampede.

The somber mood was accompanied by a fierce public debate and accusations over the behavior of key public officials as well as Israel's ultra-Orthodox communities, from which most of the dead and wounded came.

Early Sunday morning, officials from the Institute of Forensic Medicine said all of the bodies had been identified, with all but one of the bodies transferred to families for burial. The final body is expected

to be released in the coming hours.

Tensions have been running high in ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods with some people angry the process had not been completed before the beginning of Shabbat, which meant they had to wait over a day to bury their loved ones.

Police reported dozens of ultra-Orthodox men had blocked a main Jerusalem street and set fire to trash in a protest late Saturday evening.

Politically, much of the initial blame for the mountaintop disaster has been focused on Public Security Minister Amir Ohana, whose ministry includes responsibility for the police.

Ohana, a member of Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party, and one of the Prime Minister's most loyal allies, made an appearance at the festival just hours before the crush took place.

He took to Facebook Saturday evening to praise the police officers involved and said he

accepted responsibility for what happened, but not blame.

"I am responsible, but responsibility does not mean blame. This year's celebration took place as every year, for hundreds of years, even before the State of Israel was established. At the time of the disaster there were fewer people staying on the mountain than in normal years, many fewer. This disaster happened this year, but could have happened any other year," he wrote at the end of a lengthy post.

Witness accounts suggest the incident - at Mount Meron in the north of the country - happened as a dense crowd of people attempted to leave one of the main festival sites down a narrow sloping walkway.

People began slipping on the floor and falling to the ground, with those behind them falling on top of them causing crushing and suffocation, witnesses said.

An official with knowledge of the list of fatalities told CNN



they expected the death toll to include five US citizens. Two Canadians were also killed in the crush, according to a statement from Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

More than 100 people were injured, according to the

Health Ministry. Four remained in a serious condition in hospital as of Saturday evening.

Public Security Minister Ohana's sentiments echoed in part outspoken comments a day earlier by Shlomo Levi, former head of the Merom HaGalil

regional council, where the annual religious festival takes place. He told Israel's Channel 13 News the mountain had been "a ticking time-bomb for years" and went on, "I knew this would happen, and I even issued a warrant to shut down

the site. But police could not enforce it, and the public security minister was under pressure [to keep it open]."

The festival is estimated to have drawn about 100,000 people this year, making it the largest public gathering by far since Israel began emerging from the coronavirus pandemic.

Last year a far smaller event was held, but some years up to 400,000 people attend, according to informed estimates, to sing, dance and light fires at the burial site of second-century sage Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai.

Levi told Channel 13 News he blamed the leaders of the mostly Hassidic sects that take part in the Lag B'Omer festival, along with their political representatives in government, for running what he described as "a mafia" that controlled the festival site.

"This mountain is strange. It is supposed to be clean and religious when it is in fact it is corrupt in the full sense of the word," he said. (CNN)

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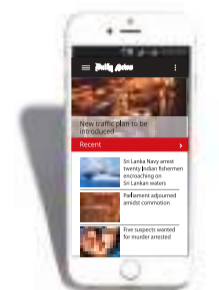
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids are invited by the Ministry Secretary / Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Central Provincial Ministry of Lands, Irrigation, Road Development, Rural Development, Housing and Women's Affairs from bidders registered with CIDA for the projects mentioned in schedule below implemented by the North Central Provincial Ministry of Lands, Irrigation, Road Development, Rural Development, Housing and Women's Affairs.

SCHEDULE

Ser. No.	Project No.	Name of Project	Divisional Secretary's Division	Value of Engineer's Estimate (without VAT) Rs. Mil.	Non Refundable Document Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security		ICTAD (CIDA) Registration (Construction of Roads and Bridges)
						Value	Validity from Bid Opening Date up to	
1	2021 / PRDA / C&D / 01	Construction of Shoe Bridge at (0 + 350) on Getalawa - Aluthdivulwewa Road	Galenbindunuwewa	6.5	2,500.00	97,500.00	07.09.2021	C7 and C6
2	2021 / PRDA / C&D / 02	Construction of Box Culvert instead of Shoe Bridge at (0 + 950) on Paaladikulam - Yahalegama Road	Nuwara Palatha East	9.8	3,500.00	147,000.00	07.09.2021	C7 and C6

- Interested bidders may obtain bid documents upon payment of the non refundable fee mentioned in the schedule to the Accountant of the Head Office of the North Central Provincial Road Development Authority, H.B. Semasinghe Mawatha, Anuradhapura between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 03.05.2021 to 24.05.2021.
- When submitting bids an unconditional Bid Security obtained from a licenced commercial bank registered in Sri Lanka issued in favour of "Secretary, Provincial Ministry of Provincial Lands, Irrigation, Road Development, Rural Development, Housing and Women's Affairs" duly perfected as per the specified form to the value and validity period mentioned in the schedule above should be submitted.
- When the total estimated cost of this procurement is below Rs. 50 million, steps will be taken to act as Public Finance Circular Nos. 04/2016(ii) and 04/2016(iii) regarding regional preference and CIDA grade preference and when the bid value is less than 10% of the Engineering estimate, action will be taken as per Public Finance Circular No. 03/2020(i).
- To be eligible for the award of contract the bidder should not have been blacklisted and the CIDA registration should be active on the date of opening of bids.
- A pre bid meeting regarding this will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 17.05.2021 at the Provincial Ministry of Lands, Irrigation, Road Development, Rural Development, Housing and Women's Affairs at the address given below.
- Perfected bids should be in Duplicate and the Original and Duplicate should be inserted in separate covers and thereafter both covers should be reinserted in a single cover mentioning the project and the project number clearly on the left hand top corner, sealed and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman / Ministry Secretary, Ministry Procurement Committee, Ministry of Provincial Lands, Irrigation, Road Development, Rural Development, Housing and Women's Affairs, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Provincial Council Complex, Anuradhapura" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at that address to receive at or before 11.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021. Late bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. Decision of the Procurement Committee is final regarding this procurement. Further details, if required, may be obtained from the General Manager, Provincial Road Development Authority, North Central Province, Anuradhapura. Telephone No. 025-2222505.

Chairman / Ministry Secretary,  
Ministry Procurement Committee,  
Ministry of Provincial Lands, Irrigation, Road Development, Rural Development, Housing and Women's Affairs,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Provincial Council Complex,  
Anuradhapura  
025-2222538

India records 400,000 cases per day



It was supposed to be a day when India made a bold step forward in its fight against Covid-19, when everyone 18 and older in its vast population became eligible to be inoculated. Instead, several states reported that vaccine shortages had forced them to delay expanding access, and the country on Saturday reported 401,993 new cases, yet another global record.

India's long, nightmarish day began with a hospital fire in the western state of Gujarat that killed at least 16 Covid-19 patients and two health care workers, the latest in a series of deadly accidents to strike the country's overwhelmed health system.

As families of the sick fill social media with pleas for oxygen and cremation grounds burn thousands of bodies daily, India has gone from declaring victory over Covid to suffering its gravest emergency in decades.

India has pushed the world record for daily new cases higher and higher, while averaging over 3,000 Covid deaths each day, with more than 200,000 dead in total. And evidence suggests the official numbers vastly understate the toll.

While it is a global power in vaccine production, India didn't purchase enough doses to protect itself. When its cases were relatively low, it exported more than 60 million shots; now exports have essentially been shut down. The chief executive of Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer, is in Britain, having come under increasingly intense pressure at home.

Less than 2 percent of India's 940 million adults have been fully vaccinated, according to data compiled from government sources by the Our World in Data project at the University of Oxford. Officials in Delhi, the capital, and big states like West Bengal and Karnataka have announced that the planned expansion of vaccine eligibility to everyone 18 and older is on hold because of shortages.

"As soon as vaccines arrive, we will let you know, then you can come for shots," said Delhi's chief minister, Arvind Kejriwal, the BBC reported. "We appeal to you not to crowd vaccine centers in the next few days."

As long as vaccines are in short supply and the virus is running rampant, experts warn that dangerous variants will evolve, spread and possibly evade vaccines. That could eventually pose a threat even for countries like the United States, where 40 percent of the population is fully vaccinated. Michael Diamond, a viral immunologist at Washington University in St. Louis, said that the only way to break the cycle is to ensure countries like India get enough vaccines.

"In order to stop this pandemic, we have to vaccinate the whole world," Dr. Diamond said. "There will be new waves of infection over and over again unless we vaccinate at a global scale."

India has a homegrown variant called B.1.1.7, which some in the news media and medical industry have concluded is responsible for the ferocious second wave.

Researchers outside of India, however, say the limited data so far suggests that a better-known variant may be more to blame: the highly contagious B.1.1.7 variant that was first found in Britain and is now the most common source of new infection in the United States. All of the major vaccines in use have been shown to be effective against B.1.1.7.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Biden's Covid adviser and the top U.S. infectious disease expert, said in an interview with The Indian Express that to get a clearer picture, genetic materials could be sent from India to Britain and the United States to be sequenced, though U.S. efforts only recently ramped up.

Dr. Fauci also said India should consider another lockdown, a politically charged subject in a country that shut down early in the pandemic, some say prematurely. In recent weeks, a Hindu festival with millions of worshippers was allowed to take place and Prime Minister Narendra Modi appeared maskless at campaign rallies with thousands of supporters who also weren't wearing masks.

"No one likes to lock down the country," Dr. Fauci said.

"But if you do it just for a few weeks,"

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS  
NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS  
INVITATION FOR BIDS

Construction of Accommodation Building for National Youth Corps at Naula - Stage II

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the National Youth Corps now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for "Construction of Accommodation Building for National Youth Corps at Naula - Stage II" as described below and estimated to cost Rs. 15.5 million. The construction period is 182 Days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure (NCB). Since the Estimated Value of Work to be performed under this procurement is below Rs. 50 Mn, Regional Preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(iii) & 03/2020.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be registered in the field of building construction for Grade C6 or C5 with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), valid until the date of closing of the bids. Further the registration should be valid at the date of award. "The bidders shall also register themselves with Registrar of Public Contracts, Sri Lanka, in terms of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. The original certificate of registration (PCA 03) shall be submitted with the bid. The procurement shall not be awarded to any bidder unless such bidder had submitted the PCA 03 certificate".
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Additional Director (Administration and Finance), National Youth Corps, No. 420, Bauddhaloka Mw, Colombo 07 and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address on any working day from 9:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs. Contact numbers are: Phone: 011-2690294 - R Nishantha Pushpakumara - Attorney-at-Law (Additional Director - Administration and Finance) Facsimile: 011-2684784
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be obtained from the Procurement Division on submission of the receipt obtained from the Shroff of the Accounts Division of the Headquarters of the National Youth Corps upon payment of the Rs. 4,000.00 non-refundable fee between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 03-05-2021 until 31-05-2021 and the bid documents placed in the Security Division Counter of the National Youth Corps Headquarters may be inspected free of charge. (A written request to the Additional Director (Administration and Finance) should be submitted to obtain bid documents)
- Bids shall be sent by registered post to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, National Youth Corps, No. 420, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 or deposited in the Bid Box kept near the Main Auditorium in the Ground Floor at the National Youth Corps Headquarters to reach on or before 10:00 hrs on 02-06-2021. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the same address in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 77 Days from the last date fixed for receiving of Bids or any extended period.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security which shall be;
  - in the form included in Section 09 of the bidding document
  - in favour of Chairman, National Youth Corps
  - for an amount of Rs. 200,000.00
  - valid up to 14th September 2021
  - issued by one of the agencies indicated in the clause 16.2 of the Bidding Data
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 20.05.2021 at 10.00 hrs at the National Youth Corps, No. 420, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.

Chairman,  
National Youth Corps,  
No. 420, Bauddhaloka Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation of Quotations for obtaining Security Services for the Ministry of Youth and Sports and Associated Institutions 2021/2022

Contract No. MOYS/PCM/Security/2021

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Youth and Sports on behalf of the Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports from qualified institutions for the supply of Security Services for the Ministry of Youth and Sports and affiliated institutions mentioned below for a period of one (01) year.

- Ministry of Youth and Sports, No. 09, Philip Gunawardena Mawatha, Colombo 07
- National Sports Council, No. 33, Independence Square, Colombo
- Mahinda Rajapakse International Sports Complex, Diyagama, Homagama
- Nuwara Eliya Sports Bungalow, No. 119/64, Race Course Road, Nuwara Eliya
- Bidder should have obtained the registration with the Ministry of Defence regarding supply of Security Services at least five (05) years ago. Should submit documentary proof that the institution has not less than 75 trained, qualified officers in continuous service for a period of three (03) years.
- Relevant bid documents may be obtained between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 04.05.2021 until 24.05.2021 from the procurement division on submission of the receipt obtained upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 to the Accountant (Payments) of the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- Quotations should be submitted in the specific forms in duplicate as "original" and "duplicate". Bids will be accepted till 03.00 p.m. on 24.05.2021 and they may be sent either by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Ministry of Youth and Sports, No. 09, Philip Gunawardena Mawatha, Colombo 07" or deposited in the tender box kept at the Procurement Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- The caption "Quotation for Maintaining Security Services - 2021/2022" should be mentioned clearly on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. Bids will be opened at 11.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021 and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Bids should be valid for 91 days from the date of opening of bids.
- Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security for the value of Rs. 150,000.00 valid until 24.08.2021 obtained in favour of Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Chairman  
Ministry Procurement Committee  
Ministry of Youth and Sports  
No. 09, Philip Gunawardena Mawatha  
Colombo 07.

# Praveen Jayawickrama – Sri Lanka Cricket's new kid on the block

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

There is no doubt that Moratuwa schools have produced some of the most outstanding cricketers who have brought honour and fame to the country over the years.

On Saturday, Twenty-two-year old Praveen Jayawickrama joined that long list of elite cricketers with a fascinating performance at the Pallekele Stadium in Kandy.

The promising left-arm spinner made an instant impact as he mesmerised the Bangladesh batsmen to return excellent bowling figures of six wickets for 92 on the third day of the second Test.

His performance had a great amount of significance as he turned a new leaf in Sri Lankan Test history while claiming the best figures on debut.

With this effort, Jayawickrama easily beat the previous best bowling performance for Sri Lanka on debut held by Upul Chandana who took six for 179 against Pakistan way back in 1999.

The former schoolboy of St. Sebastian's College has already turned out to be a sensation in the Sri Lankan bowling armoury and has justified his selection in the team.

He was of course, grafted into the Test team as a replacement to the injured Lasith Embuldeniya and has grabbed the opportunity with both hands to further underline his talent and potential.

Even then, he was introduced to the attack at a very tough situation of the innings when Bangladesh were cruising along towards a formidable first innings total.



Praveen Jayawickrama in action. Pic courtesy SLC

## Maiden over

However, Jayawickrama delivered a maiden over in his Test debut as Bangladesh looked to consolidate their position through their openers Saif Hassan and Tamim Iqbal.

Jayawickrama's consistency and perseverance eventually brought him success as he broke a

threatening opening stand when he removed Hasan for his maiden Test wicket in the 26th over.

But it was the wicket of Tamim for 92 that brought him great satisfaction as the Bangladesh opener has been scoring heavily

throughout this series. Another prize scalp for Jayawickrama was the

wicket of Mushfiquir Rahim as the spinners took control of the situation after the batsmen had dominated the opening two days of this Test match.

Nevertheless, this was a fantastic performance from Jayawickrama who had only 10 First-Class matches under his belt before making his Test debut. But it was his performances for Moors Sports Club during the recent Premier League Tournament and Major Club Limited Over Tournament that really changed his fortunes and caught the eye of the National Selectors.

He made an excellent debut for the Braybrooke Place Club while claiming a total of 31 wickets from six outings including a six-wicket haul against the Tamil Union.

Thereafter, he captured 17 wickets from nine limited over games and gave another reminder to the National Cricket Selectors about his capabilities.

## Dream debut

It was no doubt a dream debut for him but at the same time there would have been little bit of tears in his eyes while recalling the joyful moments he experienced with his late father Indrajith Jayawickrama who passed away some eight years ago.

But Praveen never gave up his cricketing career and always had a clear target of reaching the summit under the blessings of his beloved mother who was always behind his success and failures.

There were so many elite schools in Colombo who were keen to have his services from his very young

days while representing Holy Cross College, Kalutara.

He was so talented and promising that he was able to play in the Holy Cross First XI Team at the very young age of 15.

But Praveen did not want to disappoint his mother and turned down several requests as he remained at Holy Cross before finally crossing over to St. Sebastian's for his Advanced Level studies.

This was certainly the turning point of his career as he captured 90 wickets in his maiden season and soon he was selected to represent the Sri Lanka Youth Team at the age of 17.

He made his debut for the Sri Lanka Under-19 Team during the series against South Africa and thereafter, he played against England and also played in the Asia Cup Tournament.

He turned out to be a regular member of the Sri Lanka Youth Team and was able to tour South Africa, Australia, Malaysia (Asia Cup) and was a member of the Sri Lanka Team for the 2018 ICC Youth World Cup held in New Zealand.

With his commitments for the Sri Lanka Youth Team, Praveen had little chances of impressing for his school but yet he managed to claim 39 wickets from six matches in 2017 and had 42 wickets from seven outings in 2018.

Now that he has broken into the Sri Lankan Test scene in the most spectacular manner there will be a lot of expectations from this youngster to deliver whenever he starts bowling.

## Yasith Alahakoon a karate star in the making

(UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA - Kandy Sports Special Correspondent)



Yasith Alahakoon, talented karateka of Dharmaraja College, Kandy

19 year old, Yasith Alahakoon, a Grade 13 student of Dharmaraja College, Kandy is an outstanding Karateka who started practicing Karate under the coaching of Saman Weerasinghe, veteran Karate Coach in the year 2013. The five feet eight inches tall Yasith participated in the Under 15 age category Karate Competition in Kumite for the first time in the year 2016 organized by the International Karate Association and became Champion in the 47 Kg. weight class.

In the same year he secured second place at the 'Kurodaia' Karate Championship held at the Gymnasium of the Peradeniya Campus. In the following year in 2017 he won the First place at the Karate Championship in the under 15 age category, held at the Gymnasium of Peradeniya Campus in 69 Kg. weight

Kata at the Karate Championship in the Under 19 age group and this championship was held at Gandhi Hall, Matale. In the year 2019 he got the Second place in Kumite held at the same place, Gandhi Hall, Matale and in the same year became first at the Karate Do Federation District Competition held at the Kandy Municipal Sports Centre and at the Central Province Karate Meet he secured the second place.

In the year 2019 at the South Asian Karate Championship held at Dhaka, Bangladesh he secured the second place in the 76 Kg. Weight class. He is doing his G.C.E. (Advanced Level) in the IT stream and his ambition is to become a Soft-Ware Engineer while continuing Karate.

Yasith is thankful to his coach and the Principal of Dharmaraja and his father for the encouragement given to him to improve the game of karate.

## Pottuvil Gold Star Youth Club soccer champions

(Text and Picture by: I.L.RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Corr.)



The champion Pottuvil Gold Star Youth Club team.

Pottuvil Gold Star Youth Club beat Tri Star Youth Club, Pottuvil 1:0 in the final and emerged champions of the Pottuvil Inter Divisional Youth football tournament conducted by the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Youth Services Unit at the Pasarachenai Public Play Grounds in Pottuvil recently. This tournament was organized by the Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Youth Services Officer K. Zameer successfully to mark the 33rd National Youth Sports Meet-2021. The football tournament was held as a part of Pottuvil inter division sports meet-2021.

Registered youth clubs took part at this tournament. The Pottuvil Gold

Star Youth Club and Tri Star Youth Club teams qualified for the final.

The competition was held in an active and enthusiastic manner. Coach N.A.Afrin, School Sports Coaches M.M.Sahrin, M.S.Farzan and M.J.Femi Ahamed

served as referees in this final match.

The champion players of this competition will have to contest at Ampara district level competition which will be conducted by the National Youth Services Council.

## Kavishka Sandaruwan an outstanding karateka

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

Captain of the school under 21 Karate Team, Black Belt Third Dan Holder and Athlete Liyanage Kavishka Sandaruwan brought honour and fame to his school Wekada Maha Vidyalaya Dankotuwa. He was born on 8th October 2000 and he was admitted to his Village School Nimala Maria Vidyalaya Dummakotuwa and his first class teacher was Mrs. Annesta.

As he was keen in Karate from his tender age his parents L. Chandrarathne and Mihiri Sudarshani Maheshika handed over their son to the school Karate Coach Asela Lasantha in 2009 and his first attempt was in 2009 at the under 10 age group Shotokan Association Do Meet and he grabbed a Gold Medal in Kumite. Then in the following year Shotokan Do Association Meet he won a Gold for Kumite and a Silver for Kata and in 2011 Karate Do Federation Meet under 12 age group he won a Gold for Kumite.

In the following year at the Federation Meet he got a Silver for Kumite and at the NWP Schools Meet Team Event they got a Gold and in 2013 Karate Do Federation Meet under 13 age group he won a Gold for Kumite and at the Federation Meet held in Seeduwa he won a Gold in Kumite and won a Gold in Kata too.

At the NWP Meet in 2014 at the Sri Lanka Karate Do under 14 team event they won a Gold for Kumite and he captained the team and in the Sri Lanka Do Federation Meet he won another Gold for Kumite and at the Friends Meet he won a Gold.

In under 15 age group in 2015 Federation Meet he won a Gold for Kata and at the NWP Meet he was second in Kumite and in the NWP Karate Do Federation Meet he came third in Kata and in the All



Kavishka Sandaruwan is seen here with his Medals. Pix by Dilwin Mendis

Island Federation Meet he won a Bronze in Kata and in the NWP Inter Schools Meet captaining his school team they won a Gold for Kumite and in Federation NWP Meet under 17 age group he won a Gold for Kumite and in the Karate Federation Meet he won Golds for Kumite and Kata.

In 2017 All Island school under 19 team event won a Gold and individually too he won a Gold. In 2018 Puttalam District under 20 meet he got another Gold for Kumite and in the NWP Open Meet he got a Bronze for Kata.

Then in 2019 at the Puttalam Festival Meet under 55kgs he won a Gold for Kumite and in the under 55kgs NWP Schools Meet he won another Gold and

in the Inter Schools NWP Meet under 20 too he won a Gold for Kumite and Sri Lanka International Karate Championship in the under 20 he won a Gold for Kumite and in the Individual Shotokan Karate United under 20 Championship he won a Gold for Kumite.

In addition to Karate he did Long Jump and Triple Jump at the 2018 School Inter House Meet and came third and second respectively. In this context his coach Asela Lasantha, POG Saman Bandara and Principal Mr. Wasantha extended their fullest support to him to come up the ladder. During his Karate career he has won 38 Medals which includes 31 Golds, 3 Silvers and 4 Bronzes.

## Utility player Chula Susantha played a key role in Sri Lanka's success in Rugby Sevens

ALTHAF NAWAZ

School Rugby plays a pivotal role in a person's career to progress as a renowned player. Some of them might have attended more than one school in acquiring their knowledge of the game while concentrating on academic studies due to various reasons. Chula Susantha was another player who played for the country in handling the oval shaped ball before representing two schools one in Colombo and another in Kandy.

Chula was born in 1983 in Mount Lavinia and his father was late Saman Krishantha and mother is Kusuma Jayasinghe. He started his primary education with Isipathana and completed higher studies with Kingswood College, Kandy. From his younger days, he had a dream of becoming a top sportsman where he had a liking to play rugby. With his school teams, he had a charismatic junior rugby career, where they went on to snatch several championships commencing with the schools under-13 team under his first coach Shamly Nawaz followed by Janaka as the under-15 under coach. The Isipathana under-13 team won the All Island division-one tournament in 2001 which was retained in 2003 as well.

They went on to win the under-15 inter school knockout tournament in 2003 while winning several other Championships including the Western Province Schools Tournament, Thompson and Kings Cup in 2004 in under-16 age category and the under-17 Milo schools tournament.

The turning point in his rugby career was in 2006, when he crossed over to Kingswood to compete in senior rugby that season. His rugby career took on a new dimension and his coaches were Motilal Jayatilake and Ronnie Ibrahim who were very supportive of him during his tenure there.

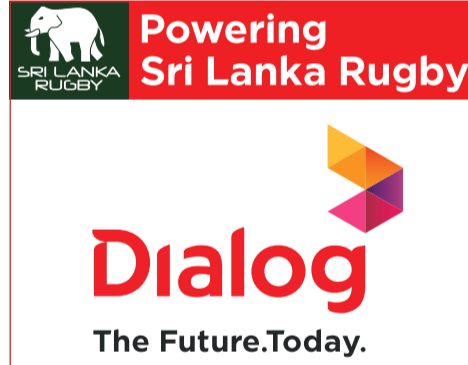
He had the opportunity of playing in several positions there including the berths of winger, centre, fly half and full back depending on the requirement and the situation.

He also had the opportunity to represent the Sri Lanka Schools team at the Singer Sri Lanka Airlines Sevens in 2007 and 2008, which enabled him to gain the all-important exposure to lay a placid platform for his career further. He was awarded the Kingswood school

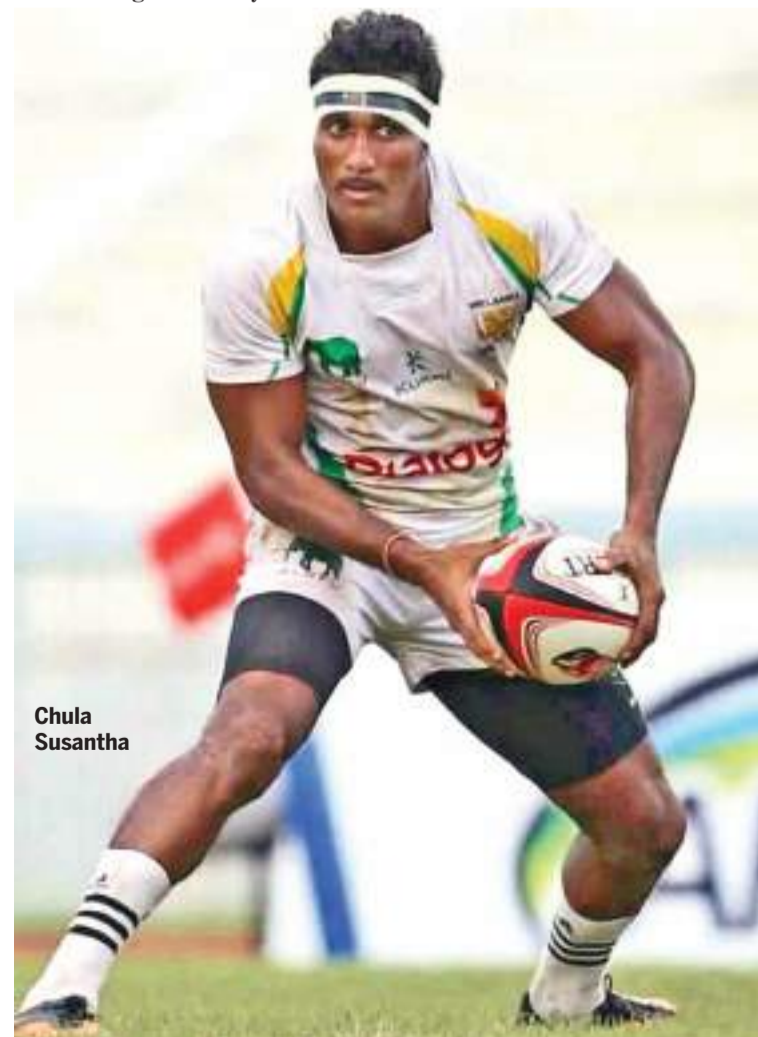
colours for his performance as a rugby player in under-19 age group in 2007/08 season. He was later selected to represent the Sri Lanka Junior Rugby team under the coaching of Sanath Martis at the ARFU Junior Championship in 2007.

After his fruitful school career, he joined the Police Rugby team in 2008. While he was competing there he had the National call in 2009 and represented the Sri Lanka Rugby team that year He was awarded the Sri Lanka Police colours in 2008.

He then joined the Navy team in 2009 where his school coach Ronnie Ibrahim was in charge as the head coach with Yoshihita Rajapaksa being the Captain, who was very supportive of him. In 2011, they won the Caltex Rugby League where the Navy team was able to defeat Kandy SC 12-11 in a closely contested game. Navy won the



Defence Services Trophy and the Clifford Cup too where he was awarded the Sri Lanka Navy colours. He was delighted to record his first and only scoring opportunity for the Sri Lanka team at the 2011 HSBC Asian Five Nations Championship match against Japan conducted in Sri Lanka. During his tenure with the National team he was a member of the Sri Lanka



Chula Susantha

rugby pool in 2009. He was a member of the National team which won the HSBC Shanghai Sevens 'Plate Championship' in 2012, was a member of the team which won the HSBC Sevens 'Plate Championship' played in India in 2012 and the HSBC Asian Sevens Series 'Plate Championship' in 2012 by beating Thailand 46-17 in the final played in Singapore.

In 2013 he was able to represent Sri Lanka under coach Nilfer Ibrahim at the HSBC Asian Sevens Championships in Thailand and Hong Kong which served as the qualifying round tournament, where they once again annexed the 'Plate Championship'.

Due to a knee injury, he was sidelined from the game for quite some time which shattered all his future endeavours and the biggest dreams in reaching the top in rugby representing the country.

After recovering from that injury, he represented the Army team under the captaincy of Rohitha Rajapaksa in 2015 and under the coaching of Motilal Jayatilake where they once again were able to defeat the Kandy team. In 2013, played for Central Kings at the 2011 'Carlton Sevens' where they won a trophy. In 2013 played for team Stallion under the captaincy of Rohitha Rajapaksa and won a trophy.

He joined Mercantile sector through Access group and played for them to win the Mercantile Trophy twice in the year 2015 and 2016. In 2017/18 season, he moved to play for CH and FC under the leadership of Rohitha Rajapaksa.

He has some unforgettable memories beginning with the tries scored against Japan in Sri Lanka and at the Hong Kong Sevens qualifying tournament in Thailand. Playing in the Carlton Sevens tournament in 2013 with team Stallions.

In his 19-year career handling the rugby ball commencing from school was able to don the National jersey for seven years for which he is justifiably proud of.

He wants to show his sincere gratitude to his late father who guided him to play school rugby and thank everyone who supported him in various ways at Isipathana, Kingswood, club and at National level.

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WORLD OF SPORTS

May 3

LOCAL EVENTS

**CRICKET (ICC World Test Championship):**  
Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh (2nd Test) at Pallekele Stadium (5th day)

**FOREIGN EVENTS**  
**CRICKET (Indian Premier League):**  
Kolkata Knight Riders vs Royal Challengers Bangalore at Ahmedabad

**FOOTBALL**  
(Premier League):  
West Bromwich Albion vs Wolverhampton Wanderers  
Burnley vs West Ham United

(Spanish League):  
Sevilla vs Athletic Bilbao  
**TENNIS (ATP, Outdoor, Clay):**  
Madrid Open at La Caja Magica, Madrid



Praveen Jayawickrama in action. Pix courtesy SLC



Dimuth Karunaratne plays a shot.

# JAYAWICKRAMA, MENDIS PUT SRI LANKA IN COMMAND

SCORECARD

<b>SRI LANKA</b> 1ST INNINGS 493/7 DECL	5-124, 6-162, 7-178, 8-180, 9-194
<b>BANGLADESH</b> 1ST INNINGS 251	<b>BOWLING:</b> M. Hasan 14-3-66-2, S. Islam 1-0-8-0, T. Islam 19.2-2-72-5, T. Ahmed 4-0-26-1, S. Hassan 4-0-22-1
<b>SRI LANKA</b> 2ND INNINGS	<b>BANGLADESH</b> 2ND INNINGS
L. Thirimanne c N. Shanto b M. Hasan 02	T. Iqbal c Dickwell b Mendis ..... 24
D. Karunaratne c Y. Ali b S. Hassan ... 66	S. Hassan c Lakmal b Jayawickrama .. 34
O. Fernando st Das b T. Islam ..... 01	N. Shanto b Jayawickrama ..... 26
A. Mathews c Y. Ali b T. Islam ..... 12	M. Haque b Mendis ..... 32
D. de Silva c N. Shanto b M. Hasan ... 41	M. Rahim c de Silva b Mendis ..... 40
P. Nissanka c S. Islam b T. Islam ..... 24	L. Das not out ..... 14
N. Dickwell c T. Islam b T. Ahmed ..... 24	M. Hasan not out 04
R. Mendis c T. Iqbal b T. Islam ..... 08	Extras: (b3) ..... 03
S. Lakmal b T. Islam ..... 12	<b>TOTAL:</b> (5 wickets, 48 overs) ..... 177
P. Jayawickrama not out ..... 03	<b>Fall:</b> 1-31, 2-73, 3-104, 4-134, 5-171
Extras: (nb1) ..... 01	<b>BOWLING:</b> S. Lakmal 4-2-14-0, R. Mendis 20-0-86-3, P. Jayawickrama 20-5-58-2, D. de Silva 4-0-16-0
<b>TOTAL:</b> (9 wickets decl., 42.2 overs) ..... 194	
<b>Fall:</b> 1-14, 2-15, 3-39, 4-112,	



Ramesh Mendis celebrates a dismissal.

Sri Lanka moved closer to winning the second and final Test after dominating the fourth day against Bangladesh at the Pallekele Stadium in Kandy yesterday. The visitors were struggling at 177 for five in their second innings when bad light ended play early while chasing a massive victory target of 437 runs. Bangladesh will resume today's fifth and final day still needing 260 runs to win the match from 98 overs while Sri Lanka require five wickets to clinch the two-Test series 1-0. The Sri Lankan spinners once

again did the damage and they were all over the Bangladesh top order with Ramesh Mendis and debutant Praveen Jayawickrama sharing all five wickets. Mendis, who opened the bowling, was the most successful with three for 86 while Jayawickrama added two more wickets to his tally following his record breaking heroics in the first innings. Bangladesh had almost five sessions and 150-odd overs to survive. But on a pitch that is turning square, they seem to have very little chances. Opener Tamim Iqbal and Najmul

Shanto got beauties from the two spinners while Saif Hassan threw his wicket away. Mushfiqur Rahim and Skipper Mominul Haque were the last hope and they too perished early in the final session. Wicket-keeper batsman Liton Das and Mehidy Hasan survived a couple of decisions thanks to the Decision Review System (DRS). Earlier, Sri Lanka decided to have a crack at Bangladesh after setting up 437 as a target. Tajjul Islam picked up a five-wicket

haul but that didn't mitigate the damage much. Dimuth Karunaratne led the charge and helped Sri Lanka to extend the lead past the 400-run mark despite losing Angelo Mathews early. Dhananjaya de Silva walked in and along with Karunaratne, peeled off some quick runs as the first hour of play saw 80 runs being scored in the 18 overs that were bowled during that time. The Bangladesh bowlers lacked the bite and weren't able to stop the free flow of runs. Karunaratne fell in the process of looking for quick runs as he was nipped out for 66 off only 78 balls by Saif Hassan. Dhananjaya lost his wicket after a while in search of quick runs and Pathum Nissanka also departed as Sri Lanka continued their process of acceleration.

## Battle of the Babes postponed

**HAFIZ MARIKAR**  
The 62nd Annual Battle of the Babes Inter-School Big Match between traditional rivals St. Sylvester's College and Vidyaratna College which was to be played on May 7 and 8 at the Pallekele Stadium, Kandy has been postponed due to the current health situation in the country. The winning tally of this Big Match series is in favour of the Sylvestrians with 14 wins to Vidyaratna's three victories. The last win for the Sylvestrians was recorded in 2009 under Chanaka Colombage and Vidyaratna's last win was way back in 1967 under R. M. Lafir. This Big Match is played for a Trophy in memory of Rev. Fr. Don George, who gave a big hand to start cricket at St. Sylvester's. The Trophy was introduced in 1982.

## SLC Charity Match put off due to COVID-19

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**  
Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) yesterday officially announced that the Charity Match between the Sri Lanka Greats XI and Team Sri Lanka scheduled to be played on May 4 at the Pallekele Stadium will not go ahead as planned due to the prevailing health situation in the country. The Charity Match was aimed at raising funds to help fight against the COVID-19 pandemic but the Management Committee of

SLC felt it is more prudent to postpone the game, considering the larger picture of the health situation in the country. **UPUL THARANGA TESTS POSITIVE**  
An official close to SLC said that former National player Upul Tharanga who was named in the Sri Lanka Greats XI has tested positive for COVID-19 after the PCR test and the doctors have already advised all Greats XI



players to undergo self quarantine. Meanwhile, another player who was named in the Team Sri Lanka

has been tested positive for COVID-19 and is already undergoing medical treatment. In addition, four more players are also under quarantine as they were close associates with the said positive player. SLC also took into consideration the safety of the players, who were expected to take part in the game, taking into consideration the upcoming cricketing commitments of the Sri Lanka National Team.

## Mahinda emerge Under-19 Tier 'B' champions



Mahinda College celebrates with the Trophy.

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**  
Spinners Navod Paranavithana and Subanu Rajapaksa took three wickets each as Mahinda College recorded a three-wicket win over Devapathiraja College, Ratgama in their Inter-School Under-19 Division One Tier 'B' Cricket Tournament final played at the NCC Grounds in Maitland Place yesterday. Devapathiraja put into bat were bowled out for a paltry 99 runs in 36.5 overs. Skipper Paranavithana finished with three wickets for eight runs in 6.5 overs which also included three maiden overs while off-spinner Rajapaksa took three for 22 in his seven over spell. Mahinda lost their key batsman Paranavithana for eight runs and they were struggling at 52 for five wickets at one stage. However, Kaushitha Kodituwakku (23) and



**Mahinda Skipper Navod Paranavithana receiving the Trophy from Kamal Dharmasiri (Head of National Development Centre of SLC) in the presence of Mahinda Principal and Vice-President of SLSCA Gamini Jayawardena and President of SLSCA Thilak Wattuhewa.**  
Danuja Induwara (24 not out) made useful contributions to help Mahinda reach their target in 35.4 overs. Leg-spinner Irushika Thimira was the most successful bowler with three for 22. **Chief scores**  
Devapathiraja: 99 in 36.5 overs (Osindu Kavindya 2/24, Navod Paranavithana 3/8, Subanu Rajapaksa 3/22) **Mahinda:** 103/7 in 35.4 overs (Kaushitha Kodituwakku 23, Danuja Induwara 24 n.o., Irushika Thimira 3/25).

## Pollard steers Mumbai to stunning win over CSK

Kieron Pollard blasted 87 not out from 34 balls as Mumbai Indians completed a stunning chase of 219 against the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) on the final ball in their Indian Premier League (IPL) match on Saturday. The West Indian came in with 138 needed from 62 balls and hit eight sixes and six fours for a four-wicket win. Mumbai needed 16 from the final over - and Pollard, dropped two overs earlier on 68, hit a six, two fours and scampered a two from the last ball. It was the second highest chase in IPL history. England all-rounder Moeen Ali had earlier hit 58 from 36 balls before Ambati



Kieron Pollard plays a shot

Rayudu blasted a 27-ball 72 to lift top-of-the-table Chennai to 218 for four. On a flat pitch and small ground in Delhi, Mumbai started well in pursuit through openers Rohit (35) and Quinton de Kock (38), before slipping from 71 for no loss after 7.3 overs to 81 for three in the 10th over. But Pollard produced a brutal assault, hitting three big sixes in four balls off left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja early in his innings. He continued to clear the boundary with ease and

reached his fifty from just 17 balls. With 34 needed from 14, Faf du Plessis dropped a relatively straightforward chance to dismiss Pollard at long-on which proved crucial. England all-rounder Sam Curran, who took three for 34, bowled the penultimate over and was hit for two sixes by Hardik Pandya before having the India batsman caught at long-off and Jimmy Neesham caught at fine leg. **Chief scores**  
**Chennai Super Kings:** 218/4 in 20 overs (Ambati Rayudu 72 n.o., Moeen Ali 58, Kieron Pollard 2/12) **Mumbai Indians:** 219/6 in 20 overs (Kieron Pollard 87 n.o., Quinton de Kock 38, Sam Curran 3/34). (BBC)

## Yevan David wins karting event in Belgium

Sri Lanka's Yevan David created history when he won Round One of the 2021 Champions of the Future Karting Race in Genk, Belgium yesterday. Yevan was among the top 10

karters from the start of the race and eventually made it to the third at the halfway mark of the 10-lap race. The 13-year-old continued to add pressure on the leaders from

lap seven and took the race away from them in the final lap. He became the first Sri Lankan to win an event in karting in the international arena. (Agencies)



Yevan David in action



# Daily News Business

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CEO Riyaz Sangani

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Vidullanka PLC will be investing approximately Rs. 1 billion to expand their generation capacity in the solar energy segment in Sri Lanka for the financial year 2021/22.

"We will actively invest more into the solar energy sector in Sri Lanka and undertake our biggest venture to build a 10 MW plant in Vavunathivu, Batticaloa District. The total investment would be around Rs. 1.4 billion and the company has joined forces with Windforce Limited and HiEnergy Services to develop this project via a joint venture," said CEO, Vidullanka PLC, Riyaz Sangani.

The second venture would be a 1 MW generating solar facility in Monaragala at an investment of Rs. 130 million. This project is expected to be commissioned in August 2021. The next local venture would be in Horana which we plan to commence

## Vidullanka to invest Rs. 1 bn to expand generation capacity



A solar project by Vidullanka.

next year to generate 2MW with an investment of around Rs. 250 million.

The Group which commenced operations from the Mini Hydro diversified to Dendro and solar two years ago and was listed on the main board of the Colombo Stock Exchange in October 2008 after being listed as the first hydropower company in 2005.

Sangani said that they have com-

pleted 10 Mini Hydro projects in Sri Lanka helping to add around 25 MW to the national grid. The Company has steadily grown, and its current capacity stands at 36.75 MW with a total energy supply of 144GWh.

Commenting on their Mini Hydro overseas operations he said that they first invested in Uganda opening their 6.5 MW plant in 2015 with an investment of USD 11.5 million. We have

### Vidullanka to float Rights Issue

Vidullanka PLC will float a Rs. 250 million Rights Issue (non-voting) as soon as they receive the shareholders' approval at an EGM which is to be held on May 5, 2021, via video conferencing facilities.

"We have now moved aggressively towards undertaking investments in rooftop solar to the commercial and industrial sector. In return, the roof owners are offered

a rental lease during the tenor of the investment. We hope to utilize the IPO proceeds towards this segment as well," CEO, Vidullanka PLC, Riyaz Sangani said. Vidullanka has currently installed rooftop solar in two such facilities and work is in progress in a few more locations. He however rules out their engagement with 'Home Solar' projects due to intense competition and other reasons.

commissioned our second 6.5 MW plant with an investment of USD 11 mn during mid-2020 and this too was built and commissioned to the national grid of Uganda by the Sri Lankan engineers despite the COVID-19 restrictions.

"We are now focusing to extend our Mini Hydro footprint to Zambia and Malawi as we see growing opportunities in these markets. We will also move to the 'Solar plants' segment in these countries in the future."



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### China's economy to grow 8.1% in 2021 - ADB

China is the main driver of Asia's economic recovery and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) predicts that China's growth rate will rebound to 8.1% this year. According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s new report, economic growth in developing Asia is set to rebound to 7.3 per cent this year even as COVID-19 lingers. (CGTN)



A copy of the CBSL Annual Report handed to Prime Minister and Finance Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa by CBSL Governor Prof. W D Lakshman. (See page 19 for report summary)

## ILO country office calls for increased indirect value chain financing

DINESH PERERA

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) called for the creation of a better framework that would facilitate credit for buyers when they are dealing with Micro and Small-Scale Enterprises (MSEs). The ILO in its research on value chain financing, notes that certain arrangements are more conducive to economic activity.

According to the ILO, "A value chain is the full range of activities that are required to bring a product or service from its conception to the final consumers. This includes activities such as design, production, marketing, distribution and support services to the final consumer."

ILO Country Director Simrin Singh that it was better for both participants to engage with a third agency if there is a requirement for credit on the buyers' side.

Singh noted that most informal sector financing mechanisms rely on the buyer with their secured cash flow to provide pre-finance to maintain the operating expenses of the seller.

Singh was speaking on 27 April on a webinar organised by the Centre for Banking Studies on Value Chain Financing.

The ILO in Sri Lanka encapsulated a scheme where big exporters provided working capital loans to SMEs.

Working capital was done with an invoice system based on guaranteed return orders. She said, "It kept the engine going. Because of the safety in place, it was more attractive for the big and small firms."

In the mentioned scheme, over 1000 workers in 93 MSEs benefited from the



ILO Country Director Simrin Singh

scheme, of which over 30% were female. Over USD 120,000 was disbursed under the scheme.

A small enterprise according to the local definition is one with less than 50 people. A microenterprise is one with less than 15 people.

According to ILO estimates only 57% of micro-

enterprises are registered. 25% are owned by women.

Singh said, "There is poor record keeping. They have a poor credit history. Formal banking channels do not find this attractive."

She later added, "They don't know how to approach the formal banking sector." Singh noted that there were poorly suited financial products for MSEs. She said the financial products tended to be more suited to larger firms.

Singh highlighted the need for product diversification for MSEs. She said, "Many of them are producing the same thing. They are flooding the market and therefore the prices go down. Market diversification is an issue."

In Gampaha, there was an event organised to meet MSMEs. She said, "Many MSMEs came with their products and everyone was

doing some form of tailoring."

Singh cited an inability of MSEs to harness technology in terms of productivity efficiencies.

Singh also noted that there weren't services available to get a standard certification. She added, "There is very little help in terms of product development."

The pandemic has caused distribution challenges because of the mandated lockdowns.

During the pandemic, MSEs found it difficult to make their working capital expenses. She said, "Payments that they were expecting to receive got stuck."

She noted that there were some positives for MSEs during the pandemic as health and hygiene products had a surge in demand. She also noted a rise in e-commerce usage.

## Call for post-COVID national policy to develop tourism

With UNWTO, World Bank, ADB and other donor agencies' help

Veteran hotelier, Chandra Wickramasinghe called on the industry and government authorities to unite and come up with a national policy to develop Tourism.

"Sri Lanka needs to work out a post-COVID-19 tourism policy quickly. This should be with the help of the UNWTO, World Bank, ADB and other donor agencies. Once a clear national policy on tourism is formalized, we should amend the act if necessary to suit the new normal trends," Wickramasinghe, an investor and a trendsetter, cautioned.

"So many views and opin-

ions are being expressed by past and present industry leaders against repealing the tourism act. Only a few and government officials are of the view that the act needs to be changed since it has not reaped enough social benefits to become sustainable."

The tourism act was enacted in the 1960s, it was repealed in 2005 and implemented in 2007.

"During this time, until black July in 1983, we had a plan and a national policy which was implemented by successive Governments. This was no doubt the golden era of



Founder Theme Resorts and Spas Chandra Wickramasinghe tourism as all stakeholders got the best ROI.

"From 1983 to 2009 it was haphazard development for

the industry. This was mainly due to terrorism both from the north and as well as the south in the late '80s and the inconducive business environment for tourism."

It was only after the cessation of hostilities in 2009 that the tourism act was implemented properly resulting in the industry generating US\$ 4.8 billion with 2.3 million tourist arrivals.

According to the regulators today, there are 3 million dependents on the industry which is more than 10% of our population. "Hence this can't be just called the tourism

industry, it's a total tourism economy with so many dependents."

"Post C-19 tourism restarts in the world will not be the same. We may have to change our policies according to the new normal trends and demands. UNWTO and many other organizations such as World Bank, ADB and UNDP are in the process of helping countries to revitalize the tourism industry."

In Sri Lanka, the President has appointed a deregulation committee to simplify the present regulations to create a more development-friendly,

less cumbersome and more effective and efficient system.

"The proposed changes to the Tourism Act is to get back more government control to the regulator which is against the deregulation policy even though the industry is 100% controlled by the private sector."

He recalled that under the Yahapalana government, the Sri Lanka Tourism Strategic Plan for 2017-2020 was done with the help of the World Bank Group and Australian Aid.

However, nothing was implemented during that time according to the plan, which is a waste of resources of donor agencies."

## April inflation dips to 3.9%

Headline inflation, as measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2013=100) decreased to 3.9% in April 2021 from 4.1% in March 2021.

This was driven by monthly decreases in prices of items in the Food category. Meanwhile, Food inflation (Y-o-Y) decreased to 9 per cent in April 2021 from 9.6% in March 2021, while Non-food inflation (Y-o-Y) remained unchanged at 1.8% in April 2021.

The change in the CCPI measured on an annual average basis decreased marginally to 3.9 per cent in April 2021 from 4 per cent in March 2021. The monthly change of CCPI recorded a marginal decline in April 2021. This was due to price decreases observed in items of the Food



category. Within the Food category, prices of coconut, vegetables, red onion and big onion decreased in April 2021.

Meanwhile, prices of items in the Non-Food category recorded an increase during the month mainly due to price increase observed in the Transport (lubri-

cant oil) sub-category. The core inflation (Y-o-Y), which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, decreased marginally to 3.0 per cent in April 2021 from 3.1 per cent in March 2021. Meanwhile, annual average core inflation remained unchanged at 3 per cent in April 2021.

## COVID-19 crisis an opportunity to address overcrowding in tourism

By developing and promoting lesser-known destinations

Overcrowding at tourist sites was a problem before COVID-19 and will be a concern once again as tourism recovers. The COVID-19 crisis provides an opportunity to address overcrowding by developing and promoting lesser-known destinations, according to Asian Development Outlook 2021 - Financing a Green and Inclusive Recovery.

The reports highlight that the government and the private sector need to collaborate better to boost domestic demand until international travel picks up, and to promote Sri Lanka as a safe



destination. A challenge for the government will be to prioritize competing demands for reviving the economy.

The report further says, "Investment will be required in the tourism industry to increase the use of information and communication technology and thereby provide tourists with easy

access to information, collect information from them, otherwise facilitate communication, and reduce common touchpoints that can spread the virus."

"Employees have to be re-skilled to work with these technologies, and policy must address unemployment caused by layoffs and closures."

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# Allianz partners Hutch to offer Life Insurance to customers

Allianz Life Insurance Lanka recently entered into a partnership agreement with Hutchison Telecommunication Lanka to offer an exclusive life insurance cover titled Smart Protection to Hutch prepaid and post-paid customers.

Smart Protection is an affordable insurance package that offers an array of significant benefits. While the package comes with a death benefit, customers can avail of a host of other benefits such as daily hospitalisation benefit and dengue cash benefit for a nominal daily premium of Rs.4.50.

Hutch prepaid and post-paid customers can register themselves and obtain these insurance covers from Allianz, all on their own, by simply dialling 226 from



Ramzeena Morseth Lye handing over the partnership agreement to Jayalal Hewawasam. Also pictured are Manoj Samaranyake, Samantha Perera, Hamdy Hassen, Firaz Markar, Samantha Herath, Mangala Bandara, and Malaka Mihindukulasuriya.

their Hutch mobile numbers.

"At Allianz Lanka, we constantly seek to stay abreast of the rapidly changing times and thus

have placed innovation at the centre of everything we do. We hope that with the launch of this package, Hutch customers will experience greater peace of

mind, secure in the knowledge that they are protected. We hope they avail themselves of this opportunity to safeguard their lives and the lives of their families," said

Allianz Life Insurance Lanka Chief Executive Officer Jayalal Hewawasam.

"The launch of this package again showcases Hutch's ongoing commitment to offer products that fit customer expectations and our focus on delivering the best value products. Through our partnerships with Allianz, we also want to ensure Hutch customers have convenient access to affordable insurance coverage for peace of mind and security. Our customers' needs are paramount at Hutch and we are confident our fast-growing subscriber base will find this cover to be truly beneficial," said Hutch Chief Marketing Officer Ramzeena Morseth Lye.

# Gopal takes over as CEO of Fairfirst Insurance

Fairfirst Insurance, a company that is established based on deep Sri Lankan roots and world-class service standards welcomes Sandeep Gopal, as the new captain of Team Fairfirst effective May 1, 2021. Sandeep Gopal, the new Chief Executive Officer, will be taking over from Dr Sanjeev Jha who will be transitioning into a global role as an Advisor within the Fairfax Family.

Since joining Team Fairfirst a year ago as the Chief Strategic Officer, Sandeep Gopal has helped shape the long-term strategy for the company and driven the implementation of international standards in developing new propositions, servicing customers and employee engagement. Sandeep brings with him multi-dimensional international experience by having worked at many multinational corporates such as



Sandeep Gopal

Barclays, RSA, Allied World and Swiss Re, in UK, Hong Kong and Singapore. He has led several transformational initiatives across organizations and geographies with his experience in strategy, general management, customer relationship management, risk management and technology.

In his role as CEO, Sandeep's focus will be on enhancing the existing

strengths and developing new capabilities of Fairfirst as a leading insurer in the Sri Lankan insurance market. Fairfirst is a brand built on the core values of Empathy, Transparency and Authenticity & Social Responsibility, which fuels the brand's passion for innovation through an empathy-based approach. Fairfirst has won numerous local and global accolades, which is a true testament to the company's vision of being the best and not necessarily the biggest.

Sandeep in his new role, commented, "Sri Lanka has immense growth potential and I believe Fairfirst has a role to play in helping drive this growth by providing protection to individuals and businesses. I am excited to go on this journey with a world-class team that is empathetic, authentic, transparent and socially responsible."

# Exterminators clinch 'Best Productive Enterprise Award' at Entrepreneur Awards 2020

The Exterminators, Sri Lanka's premier environmental enhancement solutions provider won Best Productive Enterprise Award at the 'Entrepreneur Awards 2020'. Entrepreneur Awards 2020 was jointly organized by The National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) and the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka for

the fifth year and was held at BMICH Colombo.

Exterminators are Sri Lanka's premier pest control and pioneer Anti-microbial disinfection solutions provider is the winner of 55 national/international awards and ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, ISO 22000, COVID-19 SLS & Asia's first 'Carbon Neutral' pest control and the

world's first carbon-neutral Anti-Microbial Disinfection Service. Exterminators decided that in order to survive this unprecedented situation, the company took several new steps to safeguard their employees, customers, community and suppliers. Exterminators 'High-Risk COVID-19 Team' with 8 specialized disinfectors working from the office and five

sales and operations staff working from home, ventured into a brand new industry named 'Anti-Microbial Disinfection'. The services were provided countrywide even during curfew/lockdown periods to help the community to fight COVID-19 and businesses all over Sri Lanka to get back to business," said Founder/Managing Director Marlon Ferreira.



Director Marketing Travis Ferreira receiving the award.

## Two new Directors to Rocell Board



Jitendra R Gunaratne

Sri Lanka's leading tile and bathware manufacturer Royal Ceramics Lanka PLC announced the appointment of Sanjeeewa Renuka Jayaweera and Jitendra R Gunaratne as new Directors to its Board, to strengthen its management team and accelerate the company growth.

Gunaratne has been an active member of John Keells Holdings with 40 years of experience, during which he has successfully led the Food & Beverage, Plantations and Leisure sectors of the group. The insights and experiences gained from these diverse industries honed his expertise in Strategic Planning and Execution, Production & Distribution, Industrial relations and Change Management. Gunaratne was a Member of the Group Executive Committee of the JKH Group from 2005 to 2020, Member of the Food Advisory Council of the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka (2016-2018), Founder Chairman of the Beverage Association of Sri Lanka (2012-2018), Member of the Council for Hotel and Tourism of the Employer's Federation of Ceylon (2018-2020)



Sanjeeewa Renuka Jayaweera

and held several Directorships and served on multiple public listed and private companies within the JKH Group.

A seasoned leader, Jayaweera has held several senior management positions before joining Rocell. He counts over two decades of experience in working for top corporates including several John Keells Group of Companies listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE). While being reputed for adhering to high ethical standards and integrity, he brings with him years of expertise in the fields of Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Hotel Management, Manufacturing, Retail, Audit and Compliance. Jayaweera was a member of the core team that pioneered in John Keells Group's foray into the Hotel sector of Republic of Maldives in 1996, the quick turnaround of the Keells Supermarket chain in 2012-2013.

Established in 1990, Royal Ceramics Lanka PLC (Rocell) is at the forefront of innovating world-class tiles, bathware and accessories to Sri Lanka.

## DFCC Bank, Department for Registration of Persons streamlines customer verification

To optimize its overall customer verification process while developing the Country through the carefully planned digital road map put forward by the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL), DFCC Bank recently signed a MoU with the Department for Registration of Persons (DRP).

This MoU allows for DFCC Bank to make use of the online system for authentication plus verification of NIC details launched by the DRP to streamline the bank's overall customer verification process. The new system will enable DFCC Bank to conduct real-time verification of customer identity through the use of the information contained in the DRP's online system, provided that the customer provides their consent.

Digitalizing this process will enable



DFCC Bank Chief Operating Officer Achintha Hewanayake with Department for Registration Commissioner-General P.V. Gunathilake exchanging the MoU. Also pictured are officials of DFCC Bank and the Department of Registrations.

DFCC Bank to obtain accurate customer identification data promptly. As identity information is an essential component of the banking function, capturing this data accurately is of paramount importance to DFCC Bank.

Once the customer provides consent,

this MoU allows for DFCC Bank to view data and images of documents related to the NIC submitted by any customer to verify the authenticity of the particulars of the NIC, of the person who intends to obtain DFCC Banking services

For DFCC Bank, this means that their customers will no longer have to visit bank branches and fill physical forms to open accounts or obtain other DFCC Bank services. Instead, the entire onboarding process can now shift to a digital platform which is expected to increase levels of efficiency while improving customer convenience.

Standing tall as one of the most digitally enabled banks in the country, DFCC Bank's quick adoption of this industry-wide solution developed under the requirements of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) is a testament to this. As the Bank continues down the pathway of relentless digitalization, its customers will certainly welcome the ability to bank with more ease than ever before.

## Sithara Limited wins Merit at CNCI Achiever Awards

Sithara Limited won the National Merit Award in the Manufacturing Extra Large Category at the Achiever Awards 2020, presented by the Ceylon National Chamber of Industries (CNCI). The CNCI achiever awards identify and recognize industrialists who have contributed significantly to industrial and economic growth and improvement in selected sectors over a year. The Director of Sithara Limited Chayanka Wickremesinghe accepted the award on behalf of the Company at the ceremony

presided over by the Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management Wimal Weerawansa. CNCI acknowledged Sithara Limited for its outstanding performances in turnover growth, productivity improvement, research and development, quality assurance, human resource development and corporate social responsibility. Sithara has always been intently focused on improvement and growth amidst the challenges due to the global pandemic.

The Company was incorporated in 1964 by the late Esmond Wickremesinghe, and today is the leading indigenous printing ink and coatings manufacturer in Sri Lanka, with a comprehensive range of products covering Offset, Rotogravure, Flexography, UV and more. It is equipped with a state of the art production facility. The Company is ISO 9001:2015 certified.

In the post-COVID-19 era, Sithara will be focusing on sustainability for the total effect of a product on



Chayanka Wickremesinghe receiving the award from DFCC CEO Lakshman Silva.

the environment, society and the economy. This concept encompasses every stage of the product life cycle from raw material manufacturing formulation,

application and disposal. Furthermore, the company has invested in solar power generation and is also working on rainwater harvesting.

# Potential third wave jitters markets – Acuity Stockbrokers

The Bourse ended the week on a negative note this week with ASPI decreasing by 24.45 points (or 0.34%) to close at 7,208.20 points, while the S&P SL20 Index also decreased by 9.92 points (or 0.34%) to close at 2,869.25 points.

### Turnover & Market Capitalization

Royal Ceramic was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 0.97Bn or 12.41% of total turnover value. HNB followed suit, accounting for 12.07% of turnover (value of LKR 0.94Bn) while Browns Investments contributed LKR 0.74Bn to account for 9.51% of the week's turnover. Total turnover value amounted to LKR 7.79Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 14.61Bn), while the daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 1.95Bn (-33.38% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 2.92Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, decreased by 0.32% W-o-W (or LKR 10.11Bn) to LKR 3,178.80 Bn cf. LKR 3,188.91 Bn last week.

### Liquidity (Value & Volume)

The Capital Goods Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 28.04% (or LKR 2.18Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by Royal Ceramic, JKH, Hayleys and Vallibel One which accounted for 79.54% of the sector's total turnover. Banks Industry Group meanwhile accounted for 17.71% of the total turnover value while Food Beverage and Tobacco Group contributed 15.49% to the weekly turnover.

The Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 35.32% (or 125.57Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 1.21Bn. The Capital Goods Industry Group followed suit, adding 15.43% to total volume (54.85Mn shares) while Materials Industry Group contributed 14.51% (51.57Mn shares) to the weekly share volume.

### Dividend Announcements

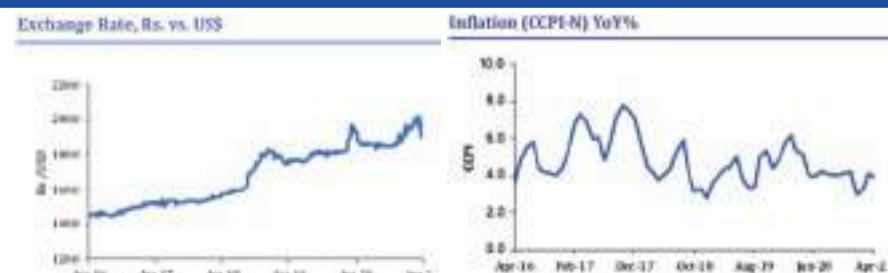
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UNION CHEMICALS LANKA PLC, 14, Final dividend, 11/06/2021; CEYLINCO INSURANCE PLC (VOTING), 40, First Interim, 06/05/2021; CEYLINCO INSURANCE PLC (NON-VOTING), 40, First Interim, 06/05/2021; PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PLC, 3.5, First and Final dividend, 10/06/2021.

Key Economic Indicators April Prime Lending Rate- 5.62%, Ave. Wtd. Deposit Rates- 5.07%, Ave. Wtd. Fixed Dep. Rates- 6.09%, CCPI Inflation Y-o-Y - 3.9%.

### Net Foreign Position

Foreign investors were net sellers this week with a total net outflow amounting to LKR 1.04Bn relative to last week's total net inflow of LKR 0.02Bn (-5,980.6% W-o-W). Total foreign purchases decreased by 61.1% W-o-W to LKR 0.38Bn from last week's value of LKR 0.98Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 1.42Bn relative to LKR 0.96Bn recorded last week (48.0% W-o-W).



FEATURE/NEWS

# Economy to rebound in 2021 - CBSL Annual Report

## Overview of Macroeconomic Developments in 2020

The complex challenges encountered by the Sri Lankan economy in 2020 were efficaciously addressed through extraordinary policy interventions by the Government and the Central Bank. These interventions were essential to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the spillovers of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant scarring of households and enterprises.

Alongside the global economic downturn induced by the pandemic, the Sri Lankan economy contracted by 3.6 per cent in real terms in 2020, recording the deepest recession since independence.

The sharp contraction observed in Industry activities during the year was driven by the significant slowdown in construction and manufacturing activities. Services activities also registered a notable contraction due to the pandemic driven deceleration in transportation, other personal services, and accommodation, food and beverage services. The Agriculture sector, too, registered a contraction during the year as the impact of the pandemic outweighed the positive effects of timely policy support and favourable weather conditions. Investment expenditure contracted in 2020, reflecting subdued investor sentiments, while consumption expenditure displayed a marginal growth. The contraction of investment expenditure exceeded the reduction in national savings, resulting in a decline in the savings-investment differential in 2020. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate rose above 5 per cent for the first time since 2009, with a decline in the labour force participation rate, in the wake of uncertainties surrounding the pandemic.

Reflecting the combined effect of the contraction in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current market prices and the depreciation of the Sri Lankan rupee against the US dollar, GDP per capita declined to US dollars 3,682 in 2020 from US dollars 3,852 in the previous year. The pandemic also caused a decline in the overall size of the economy to US dollars 80.7 billion in 2020 from US dollars 84.0 billion in 2019.

Supported by timely policy measures undertaken by the Government and the Central Bank, the external sector battled strong headwinds in 2020. The slump in merchandise exports due to the mobility restrictions and lockdown measures was swiftly overcome, demonstrating the resilience of Sri Lankan exporters. Accordingly, export earnings rebounded within a relatively short span of time to reach pre-pandemic levels. Measures to curtail non-essential imports, together with the significantly low global petroleum prices, helped reduce the import expenditure in 2020, resulting in a notable improvement in the trade deficit. Workers' remittances recorded a



notable recovery during 2020, despite the decline witnessed at the onset of the pandemic. With these developments and policy-induced adjustments, the external current account deficit improved to 1.3 per cent of GDP in 2020 from 2.2 per cent of GDP in 2019.

Meanwhile, inflows to the financial account moderated amidst heightened global uncertainties and the cautious approach adopted by investors towards foreign direct investment (FDI) and portfolio investment. Despite pressures experienced during March-April 2020, and in late 2020, significant volatilities in the exchange rate were prevented with timely measures, and the depreciation of the Sri Lankan rupee against the US dollar was contained at 2.6 per cent in 2020. Overall, the Central Bank absorbed foreign exchange from the domestic foreign exchange market on a net basis during 2020, and gross official reserves were recorded at US dollars 5.7 billion at the end of 2020, which provided an import cover of 4.2 months.

Pressures on the fiscal sector were aggravated by constrained access to foreign financing in 2020 amidst unfavourable global financial market conditions and downgrades of Sri Lanka's rating by sovereign rating agencies.

Reflecting the expanded budget deficit and resultant large financing requirements as well as the contraction of GDP, the outstanding central government debt rose to 101.0 per cent of GDP at end 2020, from 86.8 per cent of GDP at the end of 2019.

Nevertheless, the relative share of outstanding foreign debt to total central government debt declined notably to 40.0 per cent at the end of 2020, from 47.6 per cent at the end of 2019. Amidst adverse speculation, the Government continued to maintain its impeccable debt service record.

Meanwhile, subdued inflationary pressures and well-anchored inflation expectations provided the necessary space for the Central Bank to significantly relax its monetary policy stance during 2020.

The Central Bank implemented extremely accommodative monetary policy measures during 2020, through the reduction of the key policy interest rates to historic lows with a downward adjustment of 250 basis points in total, and the lowering of the Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR) applicable on rupee deposit liabilities of licensed

commercial banks (LCBs) by a total of 300 basis points and the Bank Rate by 650 basis points.

The Central Bank and the banking sector provided necessary financing to the Government to carry out fiscal operations in an undeterred manner amidst the pandemic. Consequently, alongside the expansion of credit to other sectors, net credit to the government from the banking system increased substantially during 2020, thereby resulting in a notable expansion of the broad money supply.

## Medium-Term Macroeconomic Outlook

The Sri Lankan economy is expected to rebound strongly in 2021 and sustain the high growth momentum over the medium term, buoyed by growth-oriented policy support.

While the export-oriented manufacturing sectors are expected to be strengthened with the establishment of dedicated industrial zones, the opening up of the Colombo Port City for foreign and domestic investment would bolster the country's services sector, in particular.

While cautious management of external sector pressures in the near term is crucial in maintaining macroeconomic stability, the implementation of policies to strengthen non-debt creating foreign exchange inflows is expected to improve the resilience of the sector in the medium term.

Major inflows of foreign investment are expected to the Colombo Port City and the Industrial Zone projects, among others.

The near term needs to meet large foreign currency debt service payments of the Government is expected to be fulfilled with the support of bilateral and multilateral sources of financing, while ongoing improvements in the external debt profile and efforts to enhance non-debt creating foreign exchange inflows are expected to ensure the sustainability of Sri Lanka's external debt in the period ahead.

In line with the Government's policy agenda, the fiscal sector is expected to improve over the medium term, underpinned by the envisaged revival of economic activity. The business-friendly tax regime, which was put in place from the end of 2019, is expected to continue over the medium term, thereby facilitating a gradual increase of gov-



ernment revenue as businesses and other economic activities continue to expand. The expected rebound of government revenue would also be facilitated by revenue administration reforms to strengthen the tax net.

The fiscal burden stemming from underperforming State-Owned Business Enterprises (SOBEs) is expected to be reduced with productivity improvements and enhanced managerial efficiency. Although the need for fiscal support for economic activities to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic would keep the budget deficit elevated in the near term, it is expected to decline to 4.0 per cent of GDP over the medium term with the envisaged improvements on the government revenue and expenditure fronts.

Meanwhile, the reliance on deficit financing on foreign sources would be minimized in line with the expressed preference of the Government to reduce exposure to foreign liabilities. Measures have already been taken to streamline foreign-funded public investment projects, while encouraging public-private partnerships, thereby lessening the debt burden of the Government. Consequently, the outstanding debt of the Central Government is expected to gradually reduce from the current elevated levels to around 80 per cent of GDP by the year 2025.

With proactive policies to roll back any excessive policy stimulus when aggregate demand conditions normalize, inflation is anticipated to be maintained within the targeted range over the medium term. Inflation is projected to hover around lower single-digit levels during most of 2021, reflecting the slack in economic activity.

Adherence to the envisaged fiscal consolidation path by the Government as well as appropriate monetary policy adjustments made in a forward-looking manner as economic conditions normalize will help stabilize inflation and anchor inflation expectations in the 4-6 per cent range over the medium term within the FIT framework. The envisaged low inflation environ-

ment will help the maintenance of the low interstate structure, facilitating credit flows to the private sector at a reasonable cost and thereby supporting the expected high economic growth, while providing a reasonable real return to savers.

While the prevailing low-interest rate structure presents tremendous opportunities for new and existing business ventures, it also poses significant challenges for economically vulnerable groups that rely on incomes from interest-bearing deposits.

The increased focus towards the introduction of safe and alternative financial products that yield reasonably high returns would benefit savers who are

adversely affected by the low-interest rates.

Improvements in the Sri Lankan economy over the medium term are expected to be driven by the implementation of the Government's novel economic policy framework based on *Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor*, which aim at addressing longstanding macro-economic imbalances and ensuring equitable, shared and sustained economic growth.

On the fiscal front, the economy has been grappling with high and rigid expenditure and persistently low revenue mobilization largely due to the lack of any sizeable expansion in the tax base and weak tax administration. The resultant expansion in the fiscal deficit has led to the rapid accumulation of debt to disconcerting levels.

The Central Bank's maintenance of a low-interest environment will also enable domestic ventures to benefit from the Government's pro-growth policies focused on expanding the productive potential of the economy.



## CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON

#### INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED GRAVEL MINING PROJECT

**AT DUMUDUGODAHENA, URANIYA, KOTATHALAWA, RIDEEMALIYADDA IN BADULLA DISTRICT**

#### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after a study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9(i) of the National Environmental (procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1933, to grant approval to Mr. D M Jayarathne, No. 246, Soraborawewa Road, Dehigolla, Mahiyanganaya for the implementation of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions.

**Director General  
Central Environmental Authority  
"Parisara Piyasa",  
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.**

## J. M. Wickramarachchi to commence German standard courses in Optometry



### To work with GIZ and AHK Sri Lanka

GIZ Country Director Christiane Einfeldt, CEO of J.M. Wickramarachchi & Company J.M. Wickramarachchi, and Tatjana Rest after signing the MoU. Also pictured; Andreas Hergenrother, Josef Tschoep, Paatala Fernando, and Kushani Samarasekara.

J.M. Wickramarachchi & Company will work with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka (AHK Sri Lanka) to provide a comprehensive and practice-oriented training course on Optometrist (NVQ Level 3) and Optometrist (NVQ Level 5). The first batch of 30 students from various parts of the country including Northern and Eastern Provinces will commence their training in the coming months.

In Sri Lanka, traditional optometry is heavily focused on theory and requires the implementation of more practical components and practices similar to the German dual system. Both courses will follow curricula endorsed by the Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) and will integrate elements of the German dual qualification that ensures conformity to quality standards defined by the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK).

This training initiative is co-financed by the J.M. Wickramarachchi & Company and German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and was initiated through Business Scouts for Development (BSfD) programme of AHK Sri Lanka.

"We are grateful to have AHK Sri Lanka and J.M. Wickramarachchi & Company on board for this industry-driven cooperative voca-

tional training that will provide selected trainees with relevant skills in demand by the optometry industry. We would welcome private sector partners to join hands in developing similar type of industry-driven courses for youth in Sri Lanka since these types of courses create a win-win situation for students by enhancing their chances of employability and for private sector companies by enabling them to hire employees based on skills in demand", said GIZ Sri Lanka Country Director Christiane Einfeldt.

J.M. Wickramarachchi said: "Germany being a constant innovator of cutting-edge technology, developing the course to be in par with the German standard. We are hoping to expand and initiate more courses in elite medicine shortly."

"The Delegation will cooperate with GIZ Sri Lanka's VTSL project and support J.M. Wickramarachchi & Company during the training with expert advice, a train-the-trainer course, stakeholder coordination, examination, quality assurance, and certification according to German standards by the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)", said Chief Delegate of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka Andreas Hergenrother.

An agreement to facilitate the certification process with DIHK was also signed by the Chief Delegate of AHK Sri Lanka, Andreas Hergenrother and J.M. Wickramarachchi.



### Ministry of Technology Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka

## NOTICE EXTENSION OF EOI SUBMISSION REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

**Assignment Title :** Procurement of a Consultancy firm to perform as Systems Integrator to Establish and Operationally Support the Foundational ID platform for Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity project

**Assignment No :** ICTA/GOSL/CON/QCBS/2021/02

The paper advertisement published on 04th April 2021 in the Sunday Observer is amended and the Deadline for above mentioned EOI submission is extended up to 18th May 2021.

Accordingly, Expressions of Interest (EOI) including all requested information must be delivered no later than **1500 hrs (GMT + 5.30 Time Zone) on 18th May, 2021** either: (i) electronically to: [procurement@icta.lk](mailto:procurement@icta.lk) or (ii) hand-delivered (with a softcopy of the EOI in a CD) to the address; Director - Procurement, ICTA, 2nd Floor, 160/24, Kirimandala Mawatha, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka.

**Chairman  
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## DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

### ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

**Rs. 45,000 million Treasury Bills are to be issued through an Auction on 05<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The details of Treasury bill issues are as follows:

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09121H065	LKA18221K058	LKA36422E061***	-
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn)	11,000	15,000	19,000	45,000
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**	-	-	5.18	-

Date of Auction	: 05 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Date of Settlement	: 07 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Date of Issue	: 07 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Closing date and time of bid submission	: <b>Wednesday</b> 05 <sup>th</sup> May 2021, at 11.00 a.m.
Minimum amount of a bid	: Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities. Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL). The CBSL may accept a higher or lower amount than the offered amounts for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

#### The general public is invited to purchase Treasury bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed commercial banks.

Acuty Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries PLC	2639883	Wealth Trust Securities Ltd.	2675096

\* International Securities Identification Number  
\*\* The yield rates of 91 day and 182 day maturities will be decided below the level of 364 day maturity at the auction.  
\*\*\*New holiday treatment for Treasury Bill maturities applies, i.e. effective from 2022, in the event the maturity falls on a bank holiday, payments will be made on the immediate following business day.

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# ComBank wins three awards from Business Tabloid Magazine, UK

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has won three prestigious awards – the 'Best Private Bank' in Sri Lanka in 2021, the 'Best Digital Transformation in Banking' and 'Best Mobile Banking Application' – from Business Tabloid Magazine, a leading business magazine of the UK.

The Commercial Bank was the only bank to win three awards in the Banking category and was honoured alongside contemporaries such as Deutsche Bank in the Philippines, the Emirates Islamic Bank of UAE, the MBSB Bank in Malaysia, and the Gulf Bank in Kuwait.

This is the third time Commercial Bank has been recognised by Business Tabloid. In 2020, the Bank was presented the award for the



'Most Innovative Banking Services in Sri Lanka' and in 2019 was adjudged the 'Most Innovative Commercial Bank in Sri Lanka.'

In the digital sphere, 'ComBank Digital' offered through a responsive web application and two native mobile applications, enables access to the Bank's services across all devices such as desktop PCs, laptop computers, tabs, and smart-

phones. It consists of internationally recognised user security features with industry standards and a range of facilities.

Meanwhile, 'Flash,' Commercial Bank's fully-fledged digital bank account enables customers to enjoy a complete suite of financial services and wealth management tools in one seamless application. This groundbreaking digital banking

app was also recently equipped with a Quick Response Payment module that enables users to scan a LANKAQR code of any merchant to make payments directly from the account to the merchant for goods or services purchased.

Furthermore, the Bank's ePassbook app was the first-ever digital passbook in Sri Lanka and South Asia's banking industry. With an upgrade involving a self-registration feature, the app has users in more than 100 countries who now log in at the rate of 20 per second, averaging more than 1,000 active users per minute, and has over 1 million customer registrations.

Another mobile application positioned as the future of QR code payments in Sri Lanka is the ComBank Q-

app which is the first payment app launched on LANKAQR, the national Quick Response (QR) Code platform.

The Commercial Bank is the largest private-sector commercial bank and the third-largest bank in Sri Lanka. The Commercial Bank Group ended 2020 with total assets of Rs 1.762 trillion, gross income of Rs 151.966 billion, profit before tax of Rs 24.52 billion and net profit of Rs 17.087 billion.

The Business Tabloid Awards are open to companies of all sizes across the globe regardless of location, size, and ownership, and recognise companies on an international level, purely based on the merits and expertise they hold in their respective industries.



Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and other invitees at the opening of GS Sports.

## George Steuart Health launches GS Sports

George Steuart Health, one of the fastest-growing pharmaceutical importers, have expanded their portfolio by launching GS Sports, the first subsidiary of George Steuart Health.

With a vision to inspire and assist people towards adopting healthy lifestyles through fitness and sporting activities, GS Sports was ceremonially launched at Galle Road, Colombo 03, with the presence of Chief Guest Youth and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, and other dignitaries including the Chairman Sri Lanka Cricket – Prof. Arjuna De Silva, International Bodybuilding Champion Lucion Pushparaj, Dinu Perera, Priyantha Ekanayake, Dr Seevali Jayawickrama, Aravinda de Silva and others.

The initial launch phase consists of two showrooms, with one flagship store located in Colombo 03 and another store soon to be opened in Madiwela. Catering to all levels of sports enthusiasts, from amateurs to professionals, the showroom is equipped with a wide range of domestic and commercial fitness equipment covering key facets of fitness including strengthening, cardio, free weights, accessories, sports medicine and also contains a punching range. GS Sports



also offers comprehensive and reliable after-sales service for all sporting and fitness equipment.

George Steuart Group Chairman Dilith Jayaweera said, "This COVID-19 pandemic has forced many of us to spend more time at home, sitting down and abandoning our regular exercise routines, maintain a more sedentary lifestyle. This leads to feelings of lethargy, a general lack of fitness and sometimes negative mentalities. Our goal is to provide an avenue for everyone to stay fit while nurturing their physical and mental needs through exercise. GS Sports will transform what we call the 'new norm' by enhancing the state of public health and creating the foundation to achieve the vision of George Steuart Health".

The new showrooms provide easy access to high quality, affordable sporting equipment along with personalized customer service to ensure a seamless shopping experience – allowing the public to maintain their wellbeing during the pandemic while enriching and enhancing their stay-at-home experience. With a mission towards delivering only the best healthcare solutions at the most affordable prices, George Steuart Health's vision extends to GS Sports to empower a 'Happy healthy and smiling Sri Lanka'.

GS Sports is the latest venture by George Steuart Health; one of Sri Lanka's premier healthcare and wellness solution providers. George Steuart Health is a member of the George Steuart Group, acclaimed as Sri Lanka's oldest mercantile establishment and a leading diversified conglomerate.

## Abans leading introduction of unmatched innovation and technology

Abans has unveiled leading technology in the consumer electronics segment. Armed with the lifelong vision to change the lifestyles of Sri Lankans and make their day-to-day activities convenient in every way, Abans has consistently been at the forefront of offering unmatched quality, the ultimate in technological advancements and superior performance that ensure comfort and convenience with each new product introduction.

The LG French Door InstaView Door-in-Door Refrigerator in Matte Black features the unique InstaView glass panel, where you can tap twice and view what's inside the refrigerator. This product contains five separate doors, so you can prevent



cold air loss by opening only the section that you require access to. With the largest storage capacities for all your favourite foods and to stock up on groceries; as well as the Inverter Linear Compressor that saves up to 42% on electricity, and the Hygiene Fresh filtration system that

removes up to 99.99% of bacteria and contaminants from the air inside the refrigerator, this product is a game-changer for your home.

LG Vivace Front Loader Washing Machines introduced the concept of a twin wash, where you can wash two separate loads at the

same time. Bigger loads can be laundered in the top washer, while the bottom washer can be used to wash delicate and smaller items simultaneously, thus saving a great deal of time and energy. These revolutionary washer dryers feature the unique Artificial Intelligence Direct Drive (AI DD) which detects the weight of your laundry, senses the softness of the fabric and chooses the optimal washing pattern for each fabric by itself.

LG Hom-Bot, the square robotic cleaner, takes care of cleaning your floors, so you don't have to spend time vacuuming. This handy and innovative product easily eliminates dust and dirt hiding in the tightest of corners with its long brushes, and corner-detect-

ing sensors, which also help it move freely around the room without knocking onto edges.

LG Stylers welcome a happy and healthier lifestyle, where you can dry clean your clothes easily at home and remove odours, with True Steam technology that effectively cleans and sanitizes laundry with the touch of a button.

LG OLED Televisions reach new heights in visual excellence, enabling you to enjoy the deepest blacks, richest colours and the most realistic picture quality like never before seen.

All newly launched products can be accessed at Abans showrooms island-wide and BuyAbans.com, with more sophisticated and advanced products to be introduced in the future.

## Dialog introduces 'Postpaid Business Packages' for SMEs

With greater understanding and empathy to the diverse communication needs of business owners, Dialog Axiata PLC ("Dialog"), Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, is facilitating its enterprise customers with cost-effective Voice and Data solutions in the form of a range of special postpaid combo packages.

As part of its efforts in offering a valuable telco solution at a reasonable price, the Dialog Business Pack offers customers a mix of both Voice and Data under a single rental along with Unlimited Calls between business connections and additional D2D/D2ND Minutes, specially designed to significantly reduce a business's communication costs.

Dialog Business Packages are offered to all enterprise entities and gradually ascend from a starting price of Rs. 277, which includes Unlimited Calls between company connections,



1000 D2D Mins, 1000D2D SMS and 1.5GB Anytime Data going up to the Rs.1,777 package which offers Unlimited D2D Calls, 500 D2ND Mins, 1000 D2D SMS and 20GB Anytime Data. All packs are charged on a monthly rental. Another unique feature offered by the Dialog Business Pack is the ability to couple any personal Dialog number with a Business Pack for just Rs. 100 to access Unlimited talk time between the two connections.

Dialog remains committed in ensuring that its customers receive superior customer care and round-the-clock client ser-

vice. In addition to the mobile business packages, Dialog offers a range of customised fixed telecommunication and Digital Television solutions establishing itself as a one-stop-shop for all communication needs of a business. To date, corporate clients of Dialog have been empowered with a separate telco administration software under the name Biz-Care, enabling them to control their telco service related activities themselves at anytime from anywhere. For more information on Dialog's Business Packages, visit [business.dialog.lk](http://business.dialog.lk) or call 0777 887 887

## New range of high-quality air compressors from Browns Group

Browns offer a range of high-quality air compressors in collaboration with ELGi, which is one of the most trusted ISO and EOHs certified manufacturers in the world. Browns markets a diverse array of ELGi air compressors renowned for quality, reliability and efficiency.

The product range offered by Browns includes Oil-lubricated & Oil-free rotary screw compressors; Oil-lubricated and Oil-free reciprocating compressors; Centrifugal compressors; Dryers; Filters and downstream accessories. Smooth operation and oil-free design have made ELGi the

trusted choice of many across the world.

As the sole distributor in Sri Lanka, Browns offers an array of services, including installing, repairing and regular maintenance services for ELGi air compressors. With its acclaimed 24-hour support service, unparalleled after-sales service and highly-trained and experienced technical team, Browns is geared to cater to a diverse market.

ELGi's range of Oil-lubricated rotary screw air compressors and Piston compressors ensures maximum profitability and creates an efficient installation with its best



Portable Range, ELGi EG Series, and ELGi AIRMATE.

time-proven designs, new advanced technological features, and manufacturing excellence. Moreover, the Oil-free air compressors manufactured by ELGi are designed to provide zero risk of contamination with improved

energy efficiency and long-term reliability to meet the precise needs of a diverse range of industries.

Adding a new level of convenience, the ELGi Portable trolley mounted diesel air compressors

ensure reliability and withstand rugged conditions. Available in single and two-stage models, they are used in a wide range of appliances ranging from jackhammers, rock drills, impact wrenches and chipping tools to sandblasters. Browns also offer a range of genuine downstream air compressor accessories manufactured by ELGi.

Established in the 1960s, ELGi has become a world leader in manufacturing air compressors and is one of the few companies in the world capable of manufacturing a wide range of air ends and compressor packages.

## SLIIT grants scholarships to top GCE A/L performers

SLIIT leads the way in rewarding academic excellence by offering full scholarships to the top three performers of the 2020 GCE Advanced Level examination in the Physical Science and Commerce streams.

Each scholarship includes full tuition fees and a living allowance, per academic year for four years. The total value of these scholarships would be Rs. 2.6 million for an engineering student and Rs. 1.72 million for computing and business students. SLIIT also has plans to extend the scholarship to other streams including the franchised degree programmes offered in collaboration with foreign universities.

This new scholarship programme is in addition to the merit-based scholarships SLIIT already offers to students with 3A\*s at the local GCE (A/L) or

3A\*s at the London or Cambridge GCE A/L.

Commenting on the initiative, Professor Nimal Rajapaksa, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, SLIIT, said, "We are honoured to recognize exceptional students and invite them to pursue their career aspirations by studying at SLIIT. As a not-for-profit educational institution, SLIIT's priorities are students, the quality of its degree programmes, and graduates' job skills. Education has the power to transform the lives of young people, and SLIIT is renowned for offering students with mentoring opportunities, internships and career guidance to fulfil their ambitions and dreams."



In 2019/2020, the institute created history by disbursing over Rs. 64 million worth scholarships to students as a part of its social responsibility initiative. These scholarships were granted to students following degree programmes in IT, Business, Engineering, Education, Science, Architecture, Quantity Surveying, Bio-Technology, Psychology, Nursing and Law.

Owing to SLIIT's leadership position in the industry and cor-

porate partnerships, the university also receives scholarships from external sponsors.

These include full-tuition scholarships to complete the BSc degrees in Information Technology offered by IFS and other leading IT and Software Development companies and scholarships sponsored by LOLC, all of which promise internships and employment opportunities upon graduation.

Apart from these scholarship schemes, SLIIT supports the interest-free student loan scheme introduced by the government to expand higher education opportunities for deserving students. Through this loan scheme, SLIIT subsidizes hundreds of students from all corners of the country.

## Cargills Bank Kandy Branch moves to own premises

To enhance service to the hill capital of Kandy and surrounding areas, Cargills Bank has relocated its Kandy branch to its premises on the first floor of the iconic Cargills Building in Kandy, from its previous location within the Cargills Food City premises.

The soft opening of the new Kandy Branch took place on April 8 and the Branch was officially opened by Senarath Bandara, Managing Director and CEO of Cargills Bank. Senior members of the Management Teams of both Cargills Bank and Cargills Food City, along with selected customers, were present at the event, which was held in strict accordance with health guidelines.



MD Senarath Bandara

Commenting on the newly relocated Branch, Bandara said, "We have relied on the strength of the Cargills group, Food City, in particular, to extend our reach across the island. However, we are now ready to launch our Kandy branch as a dedicated, standalone branch to keep up with our promise to serve every Sri Lankan as the nation's most inclusive bank. Kandy is the epicentre for trade, commerce and culture in the Central Province and we are expanding to serve

our customers better, providing convenience to retail customers while catering to emerging entrepreneurs as well."

Bandara further added, "Our new branch will ensure a better service so that customers can make the best use of their time. I take this opportunity to invite everyone to visit our newly relocated Kandy branch and enjoy convenience, speed and comfort amidst a friendly and calming atmosphere." Established in 2014, with a vision to be Sri

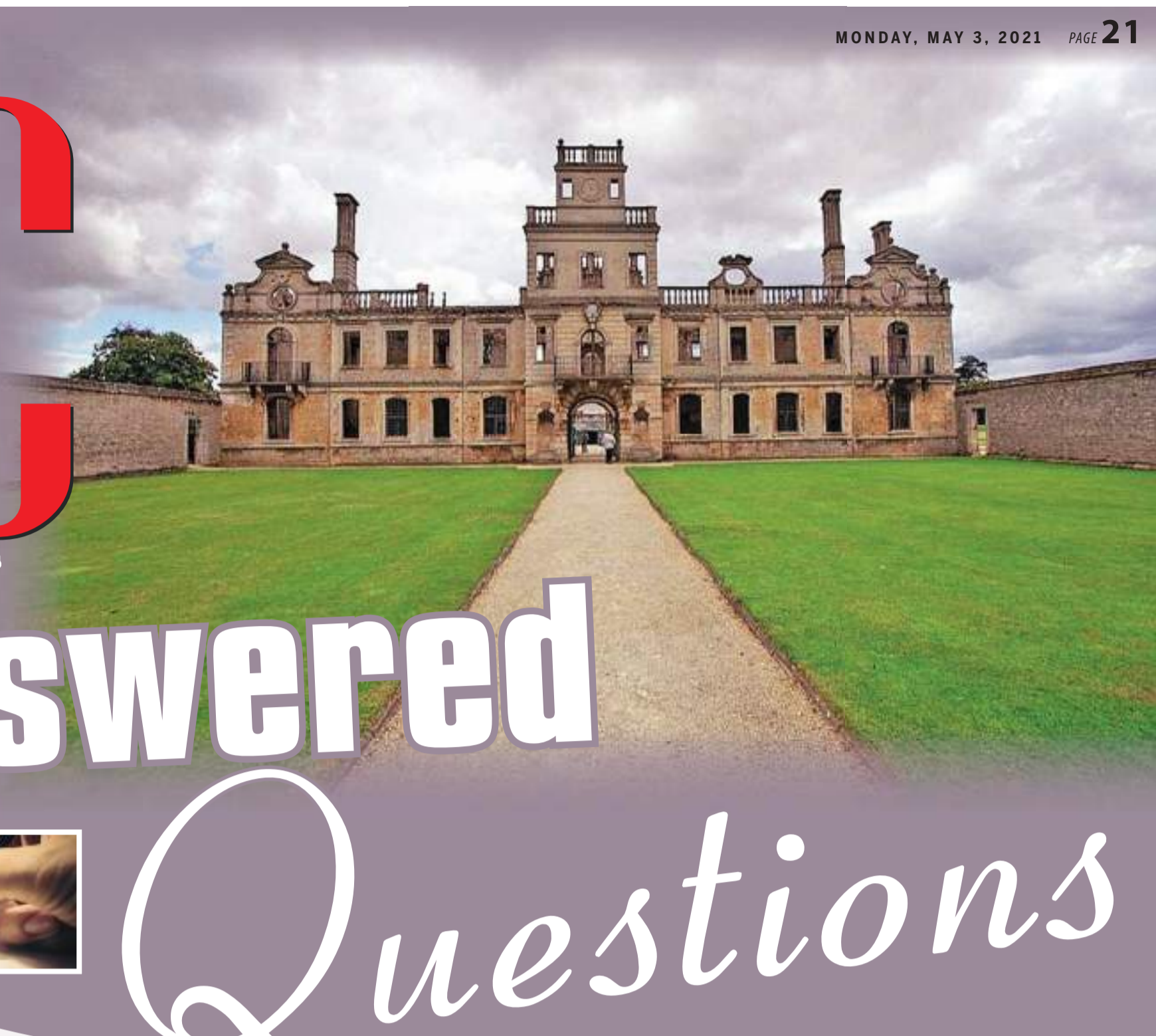
Lanka's most inclusive bank driven by digital enablement, Cargills Bank is rated AA-(lka) with a Stable Outlook by Fitch Ratings Lanka and is the financial services arm of the Cargills Group, providing a full range of banking and financial services.

In addition to traditional channels such as branches and ATMs, customers can access their Cargills Bank accounts through over 430 Cargills FoodCity outlets island-wide with free cash deposits and withdrawals at any Cargills FoodCity counter courtesy of the Cargills Cash Service, giving customers extended banking hours to undertake their transactions.

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# Unanswered Questions



ADITHA DISSANAYAKE

It's true. No one (except Edmund Bertram, perhaps) loves Fanny Price. How can we, when we have already met Elizabeth Bennet? When we have admired Lizzy for her wit, her daring ways, her courage. How can we love the dutiful, repressed, prim Fanny, when we, (together with Mr. Darcy), have fallen for Lizzy?

But love isn't always right. In fact, love can be totally misleading sometimes. This is why, more than two hundred years after Fanny was born within the pages of Jane Austen's 'Mansfield Park' it is time to read the book again and again to realize in the same way Lizzy was prejudiced about Darcy, perhaps we are prejudiced about Fanny.

I confess the first time I read 'Mansfield Park' I could not bring myself to like, let alone love, Fanny Price. Like critic Anna Keesey the first time I met poor Fanny, raised with her rich Bertram cousins in their home at Mansfield Park and saw how she, "keeps her pious head down and her nose clean, and eventually, after a number of trials, wins her man," I wondered, "Was this not just a lame Cinderella retread?" And unlike that firecracker Elizabeth Bennet, wasn't Fanny Price a weakling: often debilitated by a headache, needing to sit down to catch her breath after a few hundred yards of walking. And to cap it all, someone who never laughs. As Kesely observes, Fanny "makes not one joke in 442 pages."

It appears, there are others, who have tried, but failed to see something attractive, something invigorating in the poor heroine of Austen's third novel. After all, when we first see her she is a timid ten year-old, terrified by her new situation and longing for home. Then, we see her grow up and step into the role of unpaid servant. We should feel sorry for her. But we don't. Why is that?

As John Mullan notes, in his book, "What matters in Jane Austen?" most lovers of Austen's work have lived with the same sentiments about Fanny Price. "Nobody, I believe, has ever found it possible to like the heroine of Mansfield Park," declared the great critic and Austen aficionado Lionel Trilling. Marilyn Butler, whose book 'Jane Austen and the War of Ideas' did much to establish the novelist's intellectual credentials, nevertheless conceded, "that Fanny is a failure is widely agreed".

They say, Austen's own mother reportedly found Fanny "insipid"; the critic Reginald Farrer described her as "repulsive in her cast-iron self-righteousness and steely rigidity of prejudice." Even C. S. Lewis—in 'The Screwtape Letters'—let loose a vitriolic rant about Austen's heroine, calling her "a vile, sneaking, simpering, demure, monosyllabic, mouse-like, watery, insignificant, bread-and-butter miss ... who looks as if she'd faint at the sight of blood, and then dies with a smile ...!" Although, by any standard, Lewis is being too harsh, it is hard to decide who is harsher when we recall Nietzsche said of Fanny, "a moralistic little female à la [George] Eliot." And yet, there are others who have been equally fierce. Kingsley Amis called Fanny "a monster of complacency and pride" concealed under "a cloak of cringing self-abasement". Austen herself said as much though in a milder tone when she wrote to her brother Capt. Francis Austen in 1813, "I have something in hand — which I hope on the credit of P. & P. will sell well, tho' not half so entertaining."

It might seem odd to provide a summary of an Austen novel but I beg to do so as 'Mansfield Park' is one of the lesser-read books of Austen. To continue the thread from where we left off, the only member of the Bertram family who treats Fanny with any kindness is her cousin Edmund. When her Uncle Sir Thomas Bertram leaves on an extended business trip to Antigua the household rules are relaxed and the sophisticated Crawford siblings join the family circle. Fanny is wary of Mary Crawford, whose "sparkling dark" eyes, athletic courage, and vivid wit immediately fascinate Edmund, the younger Bertram brother. It happens that Fanny loves only two people in the world unreservedly: her brother William, abroad with the Navy, and this cousin Edmund; he has cared for her comfort and education since she came among them as a frightened, homesick child, and as she has grown to womanhood, her gratitude has become a passionate but wholly secret love. Now, she is displaced as Mary Crawford tries to win his heart.

This is surely a situation that demands us to take Fanny's side. But we don't. Many critics point to the reason behind Fanny's unpopularity. If only she wouldn't abase herself. "I can never be important to any one," is Fanny's heartfelt response when Edmund tells her she will be a valuable companion for her Aunt Norris. Fanny is introduced into the Bertram house as

an inferior — a poor relation who is being done a great kindness and must always be "sensible of her uncommon good fortune", as Mrs Norris says of it. "Austen shows how character and circumstance are never completely distinct. Fanny, the only Austen heroine who is seen in childhood, is shaped by the complacency that is forced upon her."

No wonder then, that Fanny grows up to be a cold, aloof character. She does not reach out to create friendship independently like Emma Woodhouse or Catherine Morland. She is not spontaneously affectionate like Elizabeth Bennet. She rarely even displays fondness, something Anne Eliot manages to do for her young nephews. Fanny just sits quietly hoping for a few more minutes of peace before she is given her next task. But when she sits quietly, she also observes, and this can be quite unnerving, even to us, the outsiders looking in.

Fanny, seated in a corner, observing everything around her brings to mind the image of Jane Eyre. They are both brought up with richer cousins. They are both treated with cruelty as the poor relation. But, we feel an easier connection with Jane because she speaks up for herself. Where Fanny has to swallow down her feelings for her cousin Edmund and nod along with Aunt Norris' every idiotic utterance, Jane is outspoken. She is bold enough to reveal her feelings for Mr. Rochester. She claims her independence even if it means an uncertain future. Then again, none of this is Fanny's fault. By the time Jane encounters Rochester at Thornfield Hall, many decades have gone by and literary traditions have changed. The words spoken by Jane were not permissible in Austen's era.

On the other hand, 'Mansfield Park' looks a whole lot like 'Pride and Prejudice' too, turned upside down. Like Elizabeth, Fanny refuses an advantageous offer of marriage. Like Darcy, Henry Crawford puts himself to considerable inconvenience to assist Fanny's family. He not only assists her brother but he also travels all the way to Portsmouth to see her. Their meeting is reminiscent of the meeting between Elizabeth and Darcy at Pemberley. Removed to a new context, the two parties are able to re-establish their acquaintance on more favourable terms. Fanny recognizes that Henry would readily allow her to bring her sister Susan to live with them if they married. But Fanny is not Lizzy and no man, leave alone Henry Crawford, can hold a candle to Fitzwilliam Darcy. So, fate, or more likely as scholars of Austen argue, the author, intervenes.

Thus Austen makes Fanny marry Edmund, Edmund, who had not wanted to marry Fanny, but decides to do so when he cannot take the hand of Mary. However, marrying him is Fanny's best option and to gain his hand if not his heart is a victory. And so, we don't like Fanny. Perhaps the Crawfords come close to unraveling the mystery of how we feel, when Mary says, "I begin now to understand you all, except Miss Price." "I do not understand her," confesses Henry. "What is her character? Is she solemn? Is she queer? Is she prudish?"

And this could be why we don't like her. Because we don't understand her. Or, could it be we have been on the wrong path, altogether. As Tara Burton says in the Paris Review, "If we construe 'Mansfield Park' as a morality tale, or as a book about Fanny herself, we fundamentally misread Austen's novel. It's not called Fanny Price, after all."

Indeed. The book is not about Fanny Price, after all.

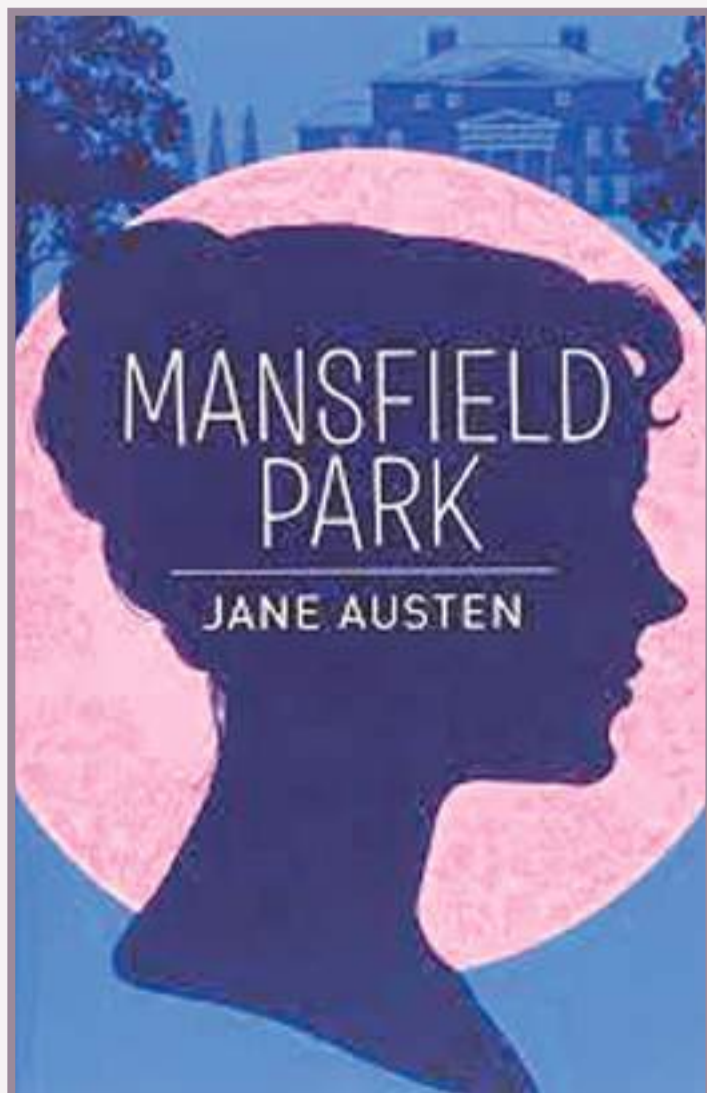
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Scene from the movie (1999)



Henry and Mary Crawford entertain their new spouses



Frances o'Connor as Fanny Price



# TOAST CANVAS

**S**ince it's the most important meal of the day, many of us are pretty particular about how we like our breakfast. Toast is a staple for most, but for Japanese designer Manami Sasaki, slices of bread aren't just tasty snacks—they're her artistic canvas. She meticulously tops toast with colorful ingredients to create edible designs based on Japanese art and geometric patterns.

These breakfasts aren't the type of meal you can quickly prepare and eat as you run out the door. Sasaki spends hours cutting and positioning each ingredient on the toasted bread with perfect precision. For one eye-catching spring-inspired design, she arranged avocado, onion, orange peel, and dill into circles, squares, and arcs. "There is a wide range of shapes, tastes, textures, and aromas in a single piece of toast," says Sasaki. "The sweetness and crunchiness of onions. The creaminess and soft texture of avocado. The fresh scent of orange and dill in the nose."

Sasaki takes her food art even further with her toast designs inspired by traditional Japanese woodblock prints (Ukiyo-e). She pays homage to the traditional female figures in the prints by creating them as edible masterpieces. She uses squid ink to sketch out the outlines and details, and uses edible flowers and vegetables to complete the decorative details. In one piece, a kimono is made up of purple cabbage, paprika, and radishes. And in another, 3D hair ornaments are crafted from corn, microgreens, and enoki mushrooms.

*My Modern Met*



For Japanese designer Manami Sasaki working on a toast art



## Cookie deliveries via drone

**A** Virginia Girl Scout council is offering a unique spin on contact-free cookie delivery by having the boxes distributed via drone.

The Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council teamed up with Wing, a subsidiary of Google parent company Alphabet Inc., to offer drone delivery for Girl Scout cookies in Christiansburg.

"Even with loosening COVID restrictions, the traditional method of selling cookies outside of grocery stores or shops is difficult this year, and sales are down about 50% from prior years," Lia Reich, Wing global communications lead, told USA Today. "It was a natural fit to partner with the Girl Scouts to help out in this situation."

Christiansburg customers can order their drone deliveries through the Wing app or website through the end of May. The company said it is committed to delivering at least 3,000 boxes of cookies, but the number could increase based on demand.

Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council CEO Nikki Williams said the Girl Scouts still prepare the orders themselves and have the opportunity to learn about drone technology, but they do not pilot the uncoccupied vehicles.

"I expect that the future is going to have an opportunity for drones to be delivering to everyone across the country," she said. "I think this is just a really great microcosm as what that can look like as we prep for the future."

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"Want to bet this is the last time they have 'Bark in the Park' day?"



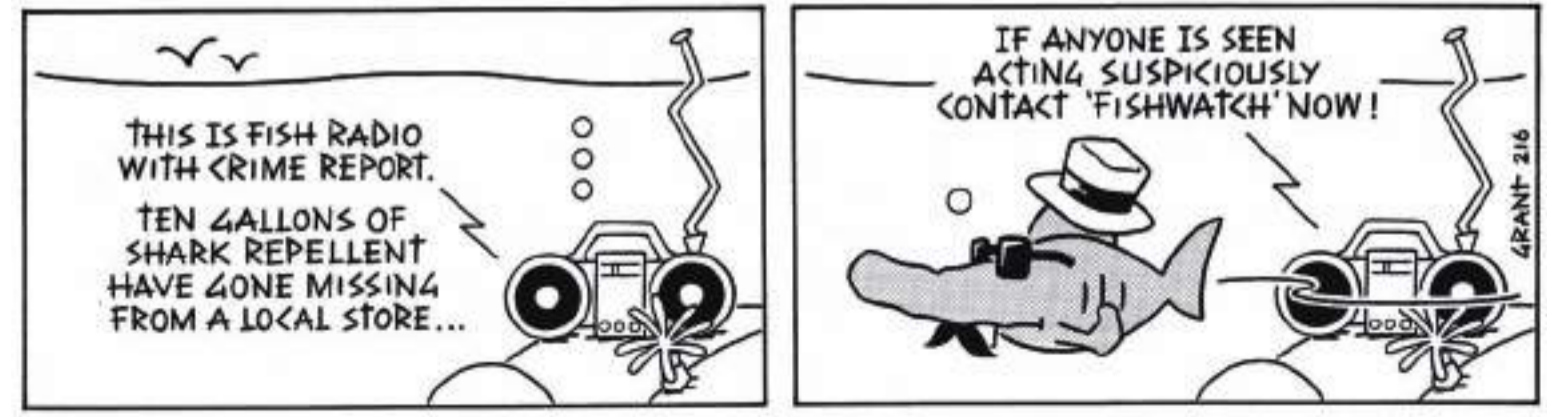
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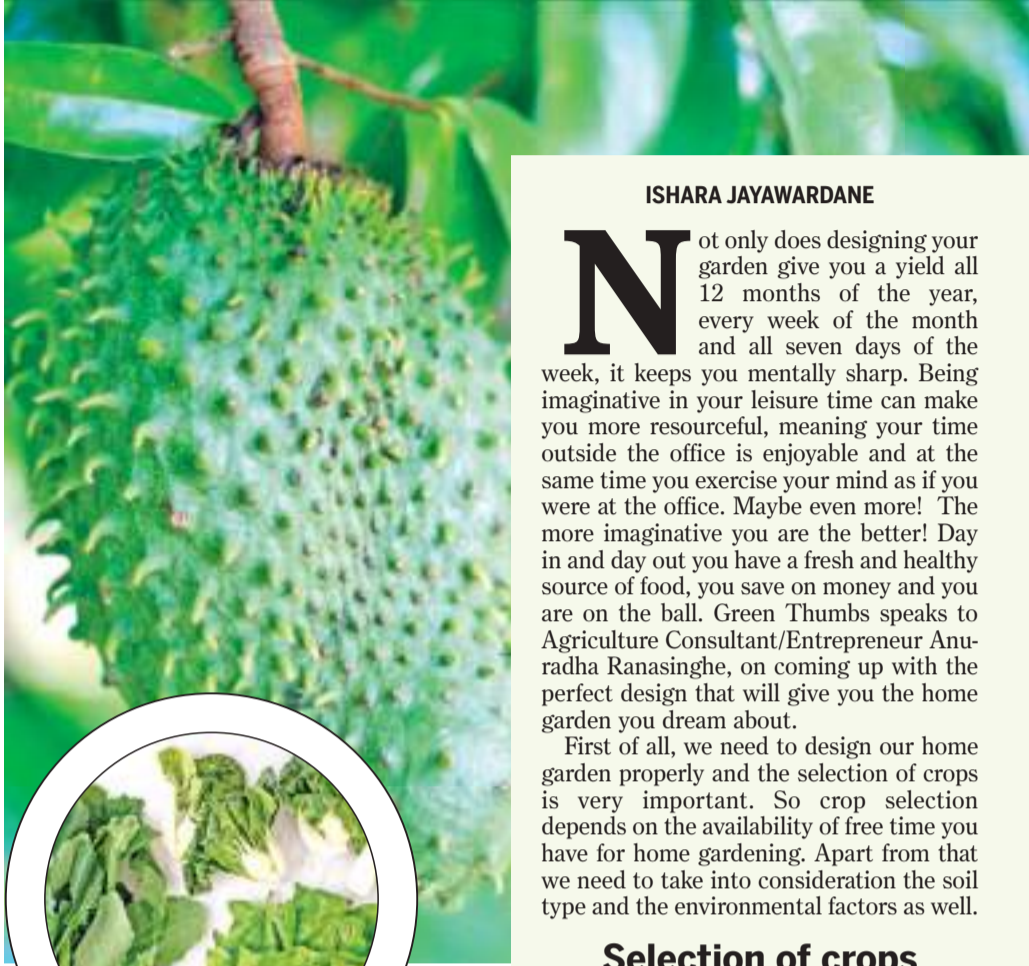


## UP & RUNNING



## Multiple benefits of a well designed garden

# Be a creative GARDNER



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**N**ot only does designing your garden give you a yield all 12 months of the year, every week of the month and all seven days of the week, it keeps you mentally sharp. Being imaginative in your leisure time can make you more resourceful, meaning your time outside the office is enjoyable and at the same time you exercise your mind as if you were at the office. Maybe even more! The more imaginative you are the better! Day in and day out you have a fresh and healthy source of food, you save on money and you are on the ball. Green Thumbs speaks to Agriculture Consultant/Entrepreneur Anuradha Ranasinghe, on coming up with the perfect design that will give you the home garden you dream about.

First of all, we need to design our home garden properly and the selection of crops is very important. So crop selection depends on the availability of free time you have for home gardening. Apart from that we need to take into consideration the soil type and the environmental factors as well.

### Selection of crops

"The selection of crops is the most important factor in home gardening because many people get easily frustrated and they give up home gardening when they cannot get the expected outcome. You need to select the crops according to the availability of time, that is how long you can spend in your garden. My advice is if you have very limited time then you should cultivate crops that require less involvement such as tubers (manioc and sweet potato), leafy vegetables and fruits like banana and papaya. Of course if you want to grow fast growing crops you may need to spend more time in the garden. If you are unable to spend that time then you will be discouraged when trying to grow these crops," said Ranasinghe.

If you are a beginner when it comes to home gardening always select crops which can be easily grown and that are more resistant to pests and diseases. Green leaves, vegetables like long beans and okra, tubers and fruits can be grown easily without many pest and disease problems. Depending on your success, you can expand your home garden with more varieties. Another important thing is that we need to select crops which are suitable for our area. The availability of sunlight is also an important factor that needs to be considered when it comes to selecting suitable crops. You cannot get satisfactory results if you grow sun loving crops in the shade.

### Crop types

"When selecting crops for home gardening you need to grow long term (perennial crops) medium term and short term crops. Long term crops are the backbone of your garden as you get a regular yield through-



Anuradha Ranasinghe

out the year or during a particular time period of the year. Perennial crops do not need too much attention and care. Some are - coconut, mango and oranges. Medium term crops need attention in the early stage of growth and once they are grown they provide a regular harvest. Crops like banana, papaya, passionfruit, green leaves varieties are some medium term crops which can be easily grown in the garden depending on the availability of space in your garden. Short term crops like vegetables and greens keep you active in the garden as they need more care and attention during the growing season. You need to water them frequently and need to control weed growth around the plants. You also need to apply organic fertilizers and you need to control pest and diseases during the growing period. But they will give you quick results in two to three months. If your garden does not get enough sunlight please keep in mind to grow shade loving crops like turmeric, ginger, Kiri-ala (alocasia species) and gotukola. Therefore, you need to select all types of crops for your garden to get a regular yield. Depending on the availability of time for home gardening you can proportionately keep the balance of long, medium and short term crops," explained Ranasinghe.

Many fruit plants are seasonal crops and they give you a yield once in a year like Mango But, crops like soursop, papaya, banana, passionfruit, lemon and guava do not have a harvesting season and they give yield throughout the year.

### Maximum productivity

"Unlike in commercial farming most of us have limited space when it comes to home gardening. Therefore, we need to be very creative and smart and use the space to get maximum productivity. You can of course plant perennial plants in boundaries without disturbing your neighbors and plant short and medium term crops in other areas. Another important thing to keep in mind is home

gardening is a continuous process. There is no season. We need to keep planting different crops continuously at least every three weeks to get a continuous harvest. Every two or three weeks you can prepare the beds and plant crops. If you have planted long beans in a given week in another three weeks you can plant some okra seeds in another bed. Using that method, you can get a harvest throughout the year. Growing greens is also very good for nutrition. You can plant 7-10 different varieties of greens (gotukola, mukunuwenna, kankun, kathurumurunga, sarana and spinach) in your garden and every day you can harvest and add to your menu," pointed out Ranasinghe.

He added that as Sri Lankans we are blessed with a good climate. Therefore, we can cultivate dozens of plant varieties in our gardens throughout the year.

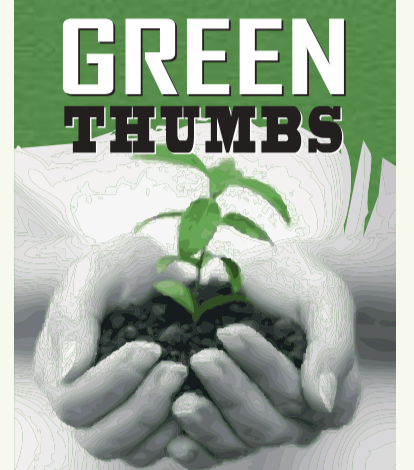
"In home gardening we always keep space for flower plants. Those plants will add beauty to your garden and attract birds and pollinators like bees and butterflies. Once we grow crops in the garden throughout the year with the flowers also blooming, pollination will happen naturally! Having flowers is setting the stage. With your garden becoming a regular visiting space for butterflies and bees you will have no problem having crops, 12 months of the year and every week of the month."

### Rainy season

Another problem is the rain. Too much rain can flood your home garden. It can break down the plants and in one night it can completely ruin your home garden.

"In order to handle the rain, you can have your own small plant nursery in the garden with a rain shelter. Rain shelter is an area covered with transparent polythene to avoid rain. But plants get enough sunlight through the polythene. You can produce your own vegetable seedlings in containers (used polythene bags, plastic cups and curd pots) and can protect them from heavy rain during the rainy season under the rain shelter. When the plants get bigger in the container you can introduce them to the ground."

The rain may be terrible but the drought period is equally terrible. But at least during drought periods you can water the plants. So it is best to grow plants that do



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not need too much water during the drought period. You can select trees in the citrus family (lime, orange), pomegranate, mangos which prefer less amount of water. But if you are growing short term crops, soil moisture conservation is very important. That will reduce the watering frequency.

### Soil moisture conservation

"Soil moisture conservation is a very important practice in home gardening. We can cover the ground with dried grasses, banana leaves, dried leaves that we call mulching. That will avoid evaporation during the drought period. Apart from that we can bury coconut husks and dried leaves which can be collected from our garden. They will absorb water during the rainy season and slowly release them to the plants during the dry spell," said Ranasinghe.

He also stated that as long as you add organic matter to your soil, then your soil will be active with micro and macro soil organisms. Always try your best to add more organic matter to the soil to keep it healthy. When the soil becomes healthy eventually your plants also become healthy and free from pests and diseases.

"Growing multiple crops/varieties is the best solution to protect plants from pests and diseases. Once we maintain the natural balance and attract more beneficial insects and other animals, then they naturally control pests. When we maintain different crops/ different species, if a disease affects one species it won't spread to the other species. That is the advantage of maintaining the diversity and the mix cropping system. Apart from that we can use simple techniques like hand picking and covering of crops to avoid pest attacks. Natural pest repellents will keep pests away from plants," said Ranasinghe.



## COMPOSTING AT HOME

**C**ompost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Food scraps and yard waste together currently make up more than 30 percent of what we throw away, and could be composted instead. Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas.



### Composting Basics

All composting requires three basic ingredients:

- Browns - This includes materials such as dead leaves, branches, and twigs.
- Greens - This includes materials such as grass clippings, vegetable waste, fruit scraps, and coffee grounds.
- Water - Having the right amount of water, greens, and browns is important for compost development.

Your compost pile should have an equal amount of browns to greens. You should also alternate layers of organic materials of different-sized particles. The brown materials provide carbon for your compost, the green materials provide nitrogen, and the water provides moisture to help break down the organic matter.

### Benefits of composting

- Enriches soil, helping retain moisture and suppress plant diseases and pests.
- Reduces the need for chemical fertilizers.
- Encourages the production of ben-

eficial bacteria and fungi that break down organic matter to create humus, a rich nutrient-filled material.

- Reduces methane emissions from landfills and lowers your carbon footprint

### How to Compost at Home

There are many different ways to make a compost pile. Helpful tools include pitchforks, square-point shovels or machetes, and water hoses with a spray head. Regular mixing or turning of the compost and some water will help maintain the compost.

### Backyard Composting

- Select a dry, shady spot near a water source for your compost pile or bin.
- Add brown and green materials as they are collected, making sure larger pieces are chopped or shredded.
- Moisture dry materials as they are added.
- Once your compost pile is established, mix grass clippings and green waste into the pile and bury fruit and vegetable waste under 10 inches of compost material.

Optional: Cover top of compost with a tarp to keep it moist. When the material at the bottom is dark and rich in color, your compost is ready to use. This usually takes anywhere between two months to two years.

### Indoor composting

If you do not have space for an outdoor compost pile, you can compost materials indoors using a special type of bin, which you can buy at a local hardware store, gardening supplies store, or make yourself. Remember to tend your pile and keep track of what you throw in. A properly managed compost bin will not attract pests or rodents and will not smell bad. Your compost should be ready in two to five weeks.

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# EVOKE AND HUNGAMA TAKE OVER NAGODAVITHANA FILM COLLECTION



Films acquired from Tissa Nagodavithana



Founding CEO Director Lahiru Wickramasinghe and Siddhartha Roy, COO, Hungama Digital Media

**S**ri Lanka's foremost entertainment brand that concentrates on delivery of value-added products and services to telecom operators, Evoke International Limited recently announced that it had acquired the exclusive Mobile licensing rights of legendary archivist Tissa Nagodavithana's film collection. The extensive catalogue of Sri Lankan movies spanning many decades will be available for streaming via South Asia's most popular streaming platform for music and movies Hungama Play.

Commenting on the partnership, Founding CEO/ Director Lahiru Wickramasinghe said: "As a homegrown company we are honored to have obtained the exclusive rights to bring decades-worth of Sri Lankan movies, predominantly Sinhala, to your fingertips through this initiative. We hope this will serve to create a sense of admiration & interest for local cinema among youth." Evoke's partnership with Hungama dates back to 2013. Since then, as the local partner, Evoke has facilitated thousands of Sri Lankans access to Hungama's elaborate portfolio that includes over 5,000 movies in various languages like English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu etc, 7500+ hours of kids' content, 150,000+ short format videos across various categories like music, comedy, glamour etc., in addition to original shows across various languages.

Siddhartha Roy, COO, Hungama Digital Media said, "We are glad to partner with Evoke and offer our users easy access to a wide range of Sri Lankan movies. We have constantly worked towards building a diverse library that is multilingual, multi-genre, multi-format and offers users a chance to explore both, global and local content. We are certain that the addition of local movies to our library will make the experience even more enriching for our users."

"The objective is to make Sri Lankan movies widely accessible to all from anywhere in the world," the CEO noted, adding: "Evoke recently celebrated 12 years of excellence in Sri Lanka and is planning to foray into other destinations in the foreseeable future. To provide a brief summary of what we do, Evoke is no run-of-the-mill 'agency' - We consider us to be a digital services provider that creates unique and engaging solutions to deliver optimum satisfaction and value for money."

Evoke offers a wide range of innovative, data driven and customer-centric products with their 360 degree in-house development team. Some of their services include Mobile and Web Applications, WAP products, IVR and Voice services, SMSC, Content Aggregation, Content Production and Digital Media.

## 'SAKALA GURU 2' ON RUPAVAHINI



## REEL REVIEWS

**'S**akala Guru 2, the sequel to the highly popular 'Sakala Guru' will be unfurling on Rupavahini from May 5 at 7.30 pm from Mondays to Thursdays.

The story picks up from where the predecessor left off. Giriraj Kaushalya, Chamila Peeries, Nethalie Nanayakkara, Ananda Athukorale, Mihira Sirithilake and others comprise the cast. Directed by Tikiri Rathnayake the story revolves around a series of humorous incidents happening in a village linked with gods and demons.

Siddharth Abeywardena has produced the teledrama. Chinthaka Peeries has scripted the story. Manjula Malwaththa is the editor. Chandana Dharmapriya is the cameraman and is also in charge of the lighting. The music is by Navaratne Gamage. Priyantha Iswara was in charge of the make up. The art director is Saman Sri Narayana.

Meanwhile, Kartik Aaryan has 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' under his kitty at the moment. He is also working with Rohit Dhawan on the remake of Allu Arjun starrer Ala Vaikunthapuramuloo remake with Ekta Kapoor. This will be followed by a film with Hansal Mehta to be produced by Ronnie Screwvala.

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## KARTIK EXITS 'DOSTANA 2'

**I**n 2019, Karan Johar announced that he is taking the 'Dostana' franchise forward with Kartik Aaryan, Janhvi Kapoor and debutant, Lakshya. It was helmed by Collin D Cunha, and went on floors by the end of 2019. The makers shot for the portions in India, however, the shoot was halted in March 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic.

The next schedule was to take place in London, however since then, they have been trying to resume the shoot by taking the film on floors, but owing to surge in cases, as also date issues, shooting abroad became a challenge.

We have now learnt that Kartik Aaryan is no longer a part of 'Dostana 2'. A source close to the development informs us that the makers of the

film were taken aback by the constant delays caused by the actor.

"He committed to complete the film multiple times over the last few months, but backed out at the last-minute citing one or the other reason. The sudden cancellation of shoot from his end resulted in date diary of everyone else from the cast of 'Dostana' going haywire," the source revealed.

Producer Karan Johar and director Collin D Cunha finally decided to put an end to this discussion when the actor cancelled the freshly planned schedule of the film, as that resulted in the leading actress Janhvi Kapoor losing out on a film. Buzz is the actress was to start shooting for 'Mr. Lele' with Vicky Kaushal and Bhumi Pednekar in March; however, when the dates clashed with 'Dostana 2'

schedule, she had to opt out of the Shashank Khaitan directorial. As things stand today, she could neither shoot for 'Mr. Lele' nor 'Dostana 2', as the schedule of latter was cancelled last minute. For those unaware, Kartik and Janhvi were reportedly in a relationship.

Karan and his team have now taken a strong stand and would not be working with Kartik again.

"Kartik was to collaborate with Karan on a new film, a cricket story, to be helmed by Gunjan Saxena director, Sharan Sharma. However, even that film has gone on the backburner, and they will approach a new actor soon. Likewise, even 'Dostana 2' has not been shelved. In-fact, the makers will rope in another actor in place of Kartik and reshoot the film," the source added.



## TOM AND JERRY

# ENDLESS CAT VS MOUSE DRAMA

**T**he 'Tom and Jerry' series has been a family favourite since nearly three decades. With well loved characters like Sonic the hedgehog and the Looney Tunes gang getting their own animation movies, it was high time that an ambitious filmmaker took on the task of making a movie out of the cat and mouse team.

Finally it was up to director Tim Story to put this concept into action. This live-action animated film based on the iconic cartoon series follows Tom and Jerry as they leave their homes and move to New York to start afresh.

Jerry takes up a tiny spot at the prestigious Royal Gate Hotel in New York City and begins to create havoc. No reputed hotel wants a rodent around, but when new employee Kayla, is tasked with getting rid of the little fellow, she finds herself outwitted.

Amid this mouse problem, the grand wedding of Preet and Ben needs to be planned and executed. There's pressure on the hotel staff and owner DuBros along with deputy manager Terrance, certainly add to that. So, when Kayla comes across Tom, she enrolls him to help her with Jerry.

Tom, a grey and white house cat, and his nemesis, the feisty little mouse, Jerry, first appeared in 1940. One's sympathies invariably are with Tom as all his involved plans to catch Jerry come to naught and he gets quite a beating for his troubles.

For the 80s and 90s kids, the beloved cartoon series invokes a strong sense of nostalgia. Story captures that classic feel in this live-action animated film, by featuring the animated characters as modernized renditions of the 2D cartoons. The appeal lies in the creative ways these frenemies would go at each other, resulting in slapstick at its best.

Many viewers would have

thought that the cat and mouse duo's actions would not appeal to the modern day movie buffs. However this live action animation makes an entertaining watch. Plus some of the supporting cast from the cartoons making their appearance including mean alley cat Butch, Tom's crush, Toodles, and Spike the slobbering bulldog, heightens our interest towards the movie. His cutie pie son, Tyke, unfortunately is not to be seen.

The elephants, peacocks and tiger that float in as part of the big fat Indian wedding Does make us wonder if it is overdue but the elephants' social media jargon adds a smile to our faces. Ditto for Tom's shoulder devil and angel.

Chloe Grace Moretz is likeable as Kayla, the new employee trying to impress her bosses. As the human protagonist of the tale Moretz is presented with the mammoth task of spicing up the tale. This she manages to pull off with grace, goofing alongside the animated figures. Michael Pena brings his distinctive style to Terrance. Colin Jost and Pallavi Sharda both channelize influencer couple cheesiness as Ben and Preet.

The only complaint lies in the plot of the tale which could have designed to be more interesting. However the present film is moulded in a manner to keep the young and old in their seats. Nevertheless, one might not be able to prevent any occasional yawn from escaping from one's lips at certain instances because most of the action are a déjà vu for the adult audience.

Bright and busy, 'Tom and Jerry' is a nostalgia-fuelled thrill ride. Since the filmmakers have stuck by the original series of 'Tom and Jerry', there is hardly any complaints from fans as they are taken a trip down memory lane with one of their favourite animation characters.

# Cinema artiste IDs

**T**he National Film Corporation has taken steps to provide all the cinema artistes in Sri Lanka with their cinema IDs through a new system. IDs will be provided in three categories: Membership, Silver and Gold. For the Membership ID one needs to be a part on at least three films in any sector connected with the cinema industry. Those films should be screened at cinema halls to the public. This ID should be renewed every two years a fee of Rs 500 should be paid for this process.

A Membership ID holder can obtain the Silver ID if he or she had been active in the field for a continuous five years. The person needs to contribute to at least 10 film productions by then. Artists and crew who have been a part of the cinema industry for 50 years or more can obtain the Gold ID. Actors who have been in the cinema scene for 50 years and crew who have been in the field for 40 years can obtain the Gold ID.

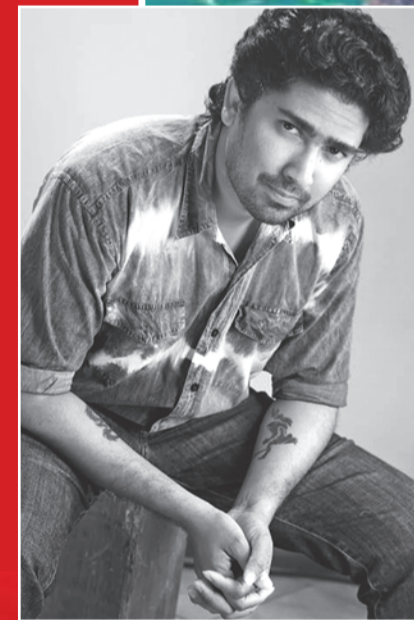
Those who have won awards in local and International film festivals too can apply to see if they can be eligible for the IDs. The Presidential Award winners and Sarasavi Film Festival Award winners are eligible for the IDs under this category. FIAPF Summit (International Federation of Film Producers Association) approved International film festivals too are approved for this.

If you have been charged for a crime against the law you will not be eligible for the ID. Also if the ID is misused in any manner, the authorities have a right to cancel it. All the IDs can be obtained from the National Film Corporation from May 10. A stamp size photo should be presented with the application. Male artistes should be dressed in the European attire for the photograph while the female artistes need to be dressed in the saree in Kandyan or Indian style. The background in the photograph should be light blue.

You can call 011 2593430 for more information.



## 'RUHIRE' COMING SOON



Producer U A Pallyyaguru

**'R**uhire' a film which goes under the theme 'a love written in blood' will be in cinemas soon. The story rotates around a young man who has fallen prey to having an affair while being married.

Starring Roshan Ranawana, Pabodha Sandeepani, Maheshi Madusanka, and Vishva Lanka, this film falls under the horror film category. The film was shot for around 60 days in Colombo, Matale, and Nuwara Eliya.

Many had started talking about this production especially after the trailer was released on YouTube. Produced by Udara Pallyyaguru who directed 'Super Six'. He has also produced several films like 'Sama', 'Pani Makuluwo', 'Susthi' and 'Aale Corona'. He introduced artistes like Hemal Ranasinghe and Aruni Rajapaksa to Sri Lankan cinema. He had also introduced many young filmmakers to the industry and Najini Dikovita makes her directorial debut through 'Ruhire'. She has also penned the script.

The music is done by the Bathiya and Santhush duo while Ashanthi de Alwis and Santhush Weeraman have rendered their voices for the songs. Kapila Sugath Wijayaratne is the cinematographer. The film is presented by Guththila Productions.







# LOLC FINANCE VEHICLES FOR SALE



### AMBALANTHOTA

<b>FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR</b>		TAFE	2500CC	2012	SP RC	XXXX
<b>MOTOR BIKE</b>		HONDA NAVI	109CC	2017	SP BHV	XXXX
<b>THREE WHEELER</b>		BAJAJ	200CC	2012	SP AAA	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 162, MAIN STREET, AMBALANTHOTA  
KAVINDU - 0475118080

### AMPARA

<b>BUS</b>		HINO	4000CC	2008	SP NF	XXXX
<b>FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR</b>		MASSEY FERGUSON POWERTRAC TAFE	2955CC 2761CC 2500CC	2016 2017 2018	SP RF EP RF EP RG	XXXX
<b>MOTOR BIKE</b>		HONDA CD110 SUZUKI GIXXER ROCK STAR DEMAK SPARK TVS APACHE YAMAHA MT-15 YAMAHA FAZER	109CC 150CC 110CC 90CC 160CC 155CC 153CC	2017 2017 2018 2016 2019 2019 2019	EP BFQ EP BFZ EP BHD EP BHH EP BIE EP BIQ EP BIZ	XXXX
<b>LORRY</b>		TATA LPT 2516	5883CC	2008	EP LF	XXXX
<b>THREE WHEELER</b>		BAJAJ	200CC	2012	EP AAA	XXXX

LOLC AUTO MART, NO.223, KANDY ROAD, AMPARA  
SAMANTHA - 063-5780880/881

### BADULLA

<b>THREE WHEELER</b>		BAJAJ	198CC	2014	CP AAU	XXXX
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LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 161 A, KEPPEETIPOLA ROAD, BADULLA  
LAHIRU - 0554549948

### DAMBULLA

<b>CAR</b>		SUZUKI SWIFT	1320CC	2001	NC JZ	XXXX
<b>FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR</b>		KUBOTA TAFE TAFE	2197CC 2500CC 2500CC	2018 2019 2016	NW/RG NW/RG EP RE	XXXX
<b>HARVESTER</b>		MUBOTA				
<b>MOTOR BIKE</b>		HERO PLEASURE HERO PLEASURE HONDA GRAZIA	102CC 102CC 124CC	2019 2019 2019	NC BIT NC BIF NC BIP	XXXX
<b>LORRY</b>		FREIGHT ROVER TATA LPT713 JMC JK1043DL3R	6000CC 5675CC 2771CC	1995 2011 2013	CP 48 LI NC LL	XXXX
<b>TRUCK</b>		MAHINDRA MAXXIMO TATA ACE TATA ACE TATA ACE TATA ACE	909CC 702CC 702CC 702CC 702CC	2014 2010 2011 2012 2013	NW/PX NC PU NC PQ WP PW	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, ETHARNDENDEWA ROAD, THALAKIRIYAGAMA, DAMBULLA  
CHAMINDA - 0665118181

### MATHUGAMA

<b>THREE WHEELER</b>		BAJAJ	200CC	2012	NC AAA	XXXX
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LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NEAR THE PEOPLE'S BANK, WUJARA MURATHA, MATHUGAMA  
PRANODA - 0775634245

### GOTHATUWA

<b>THREE WHEELER</b>		BAJAJ	200CC	2012	WP AAA	XXXX
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NO. 42/5, GOTHATUWA GAMSABHA RD, GOTHATUWA  
MAHESH - 0773493535

### KURUWITA

<b>THREE WHEELER</b>		BAJAJ	198CC	2012	SG AAF	XXXX
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LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 472 F, MALAWA, KURUWITA  
ISHANKA - 0772752097

### GRANDPASS

<b>BUS</b>		MAZDA WTS04WS	3455CC	1996	62	XXXX
<b>LORRY</b>		ASHOK LEYLAND INVED 700 MAZDA ELF MITSUBISHI MITSUBISHI CENTER NISSAN ATLAS NISSAN P2F23 SUZUKI GD-DA52T TATA SK 1613	4000CC 3630CC 2470CC 3298CC 4210CC 2660CC 650CC 5883CC	1995 1992 1990 1991 1993 1994 2000 2006	47 SP GE 48 42 SP GF 68 SG JK WP LB	XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX
<b>TRUCK</b>		CAKY SC3221012 DFSK DFSK DFSK DFSK FOTON MAHINDRA TATA ACE TATA ACE TATA ACE TATA ACE	1809CC 1357CC 1357CC 1357CC 1357CC 1809CC 909CC 700CC 702CC 702CC 702CC 702CC	2015 2012 2013 2013 2013 2014 2014 2008 2009 2011 2012 2012	WP DAB SP PU WP PW WP PX WP PY SG PX SG PX WP LG WP LG WP PS WP PT SG PT	XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 260, GRANDPASS RD, COLOMBO 14  
HASITHA - 0767951865

### VAVUNIYA

<b>FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR</b>		KUBOTA KUBOTA TAFE	1647CC 1647CC 2500CC	2019 2017 2017	NW/RG NW/RG NP RF	XXXX XXXX XXXX
<b>HARVESTER</b>		MUBOTA AC705				
<b>MOTOR BIKE</b>		BAJAJ PULSAR	160CC	2019	NC BIR	XXXX
<b>LORRY</b>		ASHOK LEYLAND (SANDI 300)	3990CC	2004	UP HV	XXXX
<b>TRUCK</b>		MAHINDRA MAXXIMO	909CC	2011	NC PS	XXXX
<b>THREE WHEELER</b>		TVS BAJAJ BAJAJ BAJAJ BAJAJ BAJAJ	200CC 198CC 198CC 145CC 150CC 145CC	2012 2014 2015 2002 2005 2006	NP AAA NP AAT NP AAW NP AAZ NP AY NP YZ	XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 363, MARINAR ROAD, VEPPANKULAM, VAVUNIYA  
THIMOTHY - 0766582329

### WELLAMPITIYA

<b>THREE WHEELER</b>		BAJAJ	198CC	2012	WP AAC	XXXX
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LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 68 I/L, WISSHELLOA RD, ANAHATHGAMA, WELLAMPITIYA  
JAYANTHA - 0773242324

The Company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle/vehicles from the Sale without prior Notice.

Tender forms can be collected from the Head Office – Rajagiriya & the relevant branches of the above addresses

## Tender closes at 12.30 P.m on 06<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE - NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

I, Chief Secretary, North Central Province / Chairman, Hon. Governor appointed Procurement Committee, North Central Province invite sealed Bids for the following project, proposed to be constructed under the Provincial Department of Agriculture from eligible Contractors having fulfilled necessary qualifications.

Name of the Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. Million)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Contract	CIDA Registration Grade
Construction of the Main Administrative Building of the Dept. of Agriculture Stage II	99.7	1,000,000/=	240 Days	C4 or C3

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Bidders who are not blacklisted and having registered in the Grade C4 or C3 with CIDA are eligible to be awarded the contract.
- Interested eligible Bidders may inspect the Bidding Documents during office hours at the Provincial Department of Agriculture, North Central Province (Telephone No. 025-2222189). Bidding documents relevant to this Project could be purchased by the interested Bidders from 03.05.2021 to 24.05.2021 on working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs. 20,000/= to the Provincial Director of Agriculture, North Central Province.
- Duly perfected Bids should be dispatched either by registered post, addressed to the Chief Secretary / Chairman, Hon. Governor appointed Procurement Committee, Chief Secretary's Office, 04th Floor, Provincial Council's Administrative Building Complex, Harischandra Mawatha, Anuradhapura or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office Room of the Chief Secretary to be received on or before 11.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021. Late Bids will be rejected.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 1,000,000/= which shall be unconditional and valid from 25.05.2021 up to 20.09.2021 (119 days) in favour of the Provincial Director of Agriculture - North Central Province obtained from a recognized commercial bank, registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or from the Construction Guarantee Fund (CGF).
- Sealed Bids should be in duplicate marked as 'Original' and 'Duplicate' enclosed in two separate envelopes and both envelopes again enclosed in a single cover and should be again sealed and submitted. The name of the Project should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 11.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021 in the presence of the Bidder or one of his authorized Agents, who choose to attend.
- The decision of the Hon. Governor of the North Central Province will be final with regard to matters, pertaining to this Procurement.

**Chief Secretary / Chairman,  
Hon. Governor appointed Procurement Committee,  
Chief Secretary's Office, 4th Floor, Provincial Council's Administrative Building Complex,  
Harischandra Mawatha,  
Anuradhapura.**

## PEOPLE'S BANK

### AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned upto 31.03.2020 at the undermentioned Branches and not redeemed upto date given against each branch will be sold by Public Auction started at 9.00 a.m. on the dates and the places as indicated below:

Name of Branch	Name of Service Centre	Pawned as at 31.03.2020 and unredeemed upto	Auction Date	Auction Premises
Hatton	Dickoya Kotagala Watawala Upcot	16.05.2021	17.05.2021	Hatton Branch
Hanguranketha	Hewaheta Padiyapelella Adikarigama	17.05.2021	18.05.2021	Hanguranketha Branch
Ragala	Ragala	18.05.2021	19.05.2021	Ragala Branch

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, Amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

**Regional Manager,  
Regional Head Office, People's Bank,  
Nuwara Eliya.**



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## ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Provision of Security Services Sabaragamuwa Province 2021

#### INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDERS

Bid Reference Division / Details of items and quantity	Value of Bid Guarantee (Rs.)	Last date and time for accepting Bids and Office for submitting Bids.
1. Office of the Director - Province-in-charge premises Ratnapura - Muwagama Stores yard.	25,000.00	25.05.2021 Time 10.00 a.m.
2. 06 Unit Premises under Executive Engineer's Division, Pelmadulla.		
Provision of Security Services to 06 unit premises under Executive Engineer's Division - Embilipitiya.	25,000.00	Road Development Authority, No. 04, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Ratnapura.
Provision of Security Services to units of Molagoda, Ambanpitiya, Devalegama, Ambepussa, Hettimulla of Unit Premises under the Executive Engineer's Division - Kegalle.		

- Sealed bids are invited by the Procurement Committee Chairman, for Road Development Authority, Sabaragamuwa Province from eligible suppliers under National Competitive Bidding procedure for providing Security Services and bids should be submitted on bid applications obtained only from the office of the Director - Province-in-Charge, No. 04, Bandaranayake Mawatha, Ratnapura.
- A fee of Rupees Five Hundred should be paid for every application and submitted along with a written request to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, during normal working days from 05.05.2021 up to 24.05.2021 and bid forms could be obtained from the location mentioned under column 04 above between 9.00 a.m and 3.00 p.m.
- A refundable deposit of Rs. 25,000/= per tender form for provision of Security Services as bid guarantee may be obtained as a Bank order drawn in favour of Director - Province-in-Charge, Road Development Authority or by paying in cash to the Accounts Division in the office, bids forms could be obtained.
- Interested bidders or their representatives could inspect bid forms free of charge at the office of the Director - Province-in-charge No. 04, Bandaranayake Mawatha, Ratnapura.
- Accepting of bids will close on the date and time and at the location as mentioned under column 04 above and bids will be opened immediately thereafter. Bids received late will be rejected. Bidders or their representatives could be present on this occasion.
- The Procurement Board retains the right of the final decision regarding this procurement.

**Chairman,  
Office of the Director - Province-in-Charge,  
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## RATNAPURA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

### OBTAINING A VEHICLE ON RENTAL BASIS

Quotations are invited for obtaining a suitable registered / unregistered Jeep / Double Cab on monthly rental basis for the use of the Municipal Commissioner.

- Opening date for issuing of bid applications: 03.05.2021 (should be obtained after paying a bid application fee of Rs. 500.00).
- Bid applications will be issued up to 2.00 p.m. on 24.05.2021
- Duly completed bids should be inserted in the tender box kept in the Municipal Secretary's Office and they will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at 2.00 p.m. on 24.05.2021 at the Municipal Secretary's Office.

Bidders submitting quotations should fulfill the undermentioned terms and conditions.

- The engine capacity of the vehicle should not exceed 3000CC.
- Maintenance work of the vehicle should be done by the vehicle owner.
- This should be an unregistered or a new vehicle not used for more than 1000 km.
- Driver and fuel will be provided by the Municipal Council.
- The lessee should bear Insurance and other relevant fees and all maintenance and service repairs including accidents and repairing expenses.
- A vehicle similar to the one provided should be sent as a replacement vehicle due to repairs or maintenance work which may last for more than 24 hours.
- The Lessor should be an authorized agent for world renowned vehicles in Sri Lanka, registered as a financial institute under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or a Rent-a-Car service Institute possessing a minimum fleet of 10 vehicles.
- A full maintained vehicle should be supplied on a fixed lease rental basis for a 05 year period (60 months).
- This system of lease rental cannot be granted for vehicles imported under any Government Relief vehicle licence scheme.
- Payments will be made by the Municipal Council on monthly lease rental basis according to the signed agreement.
- The decision of the Tender Board is deemed final.

**Inquiries: 045 222275 / 045 222759 - Municipal Commissioner  
071-801112  
045-2231900 - Municipal Accountant**

**Municipal Commissioner,  
Municipal Council,  
Ratnapura.**

My No : RG/NB/11/2/104/2019/Re./Con

### NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

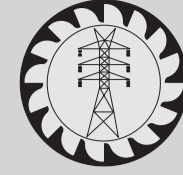
- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the lands described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.
- The Provisional folio will be open for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the office of the Registrar of Lands, Homagama 21.05.2021 to 04.06.2021 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under Registered Cover and must reach the office of the Registrar General not later than 11.06.2021. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

#### SCHEDULE

Particulars of damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 41 of Volume 932 of G Division of the Land Registry Homagama in Colombo District.	All that divided and defined Lot No. '03B' in Plan No. 031 Dated 12.08.1992 made by K.N.A. Alwis Licensed Surveyor of the land called 'Maragahawatta' situated at Kalapaluwawa Palle Pattu of Hewagam Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province bounded on the,  North by : Premises of the Asst No. 134, Halgahadeniya Road, East by : Lot 04 in Plan No. 156 South by : Road West by : Lot 3D, 3C, and 3A in plan No. 31  Extent : A:00 R:00 P: 20.80	01. Deed of Transfer No. 282 written and attested by H.R.K. Kaldera Notary Public on 03.03.1994.

Registrar General's Department  
No. 234/A3,  
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.

**W.M.M.B. Weerasekara  
Registrar General**



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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.

# NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE 1 - MAY 2021

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 Bulk : Creative Polymats, Creative Textile (Pvt) Ltd., Creative Textile (Pvt) Ltd. New, D.P.S.L. Industries - Dankotuwa, Elgi Tread Lanka, Heero Zippers International (Pvt) Ltd., Industrial Zone, Jaindi Export (Pvt) Ltd., - Bujiampola, Lanka Nowaltis Garment, M A M. Rubber 1, M.R.F. Lanka (pvt) Ltd, MAM Rubber Industries, Mast Lanka (Pvt) Ltd , Nara Coco Land (Pvt) Ltd. - I, R.P. Industries, Rocnal Enterprises (pvt) Ltd, Sasiri Poly Pack (pvt) Ltd, Sonic Industries-2, Sonic Steel Industries, St. Regist Packaging (pvt) Ltd, TN Global (Pvt) Ltd., Union Apparels  
 Bulk & Distribution : CD Pack, Garment Polymers, Namal Sonic Industries i, Trend Precure Araliya Mawatha, Wilfred & Company  
 Distribution : Dana Luxmi Fiber Mill, Mohottimulla Temple

2021-05-04 09:00-17:00  
 Bulk : Sanhinda D/C Mill  
 Distribution : DabareeraWatta R.E., Hundirapola, Ithalawewa Fiber Mill, Ithalawewa - Thulawela, Kahatawala Rubber State Colony, Kahatawala Galpoththa, Kahatawala Junction (Senanayaka Mill), Kirimetiya (Temple Junction), Mahayayawatta, Pothuwatawana, Tulawala, VC Rd - 2 Kirimetiya, VC Rd. I Kirimetiya , Werellawatta

2021-05-12 08:30-17:00  
 Distribution : Namala Tile Factory, Sindrathriya - Waikkala

2021-05-12 09:00-17:00  
 Bulk & Distribution : Atlas Tile Fac.-Angampitiya, Janatha Tile Factory, Wijaya Tile Factory  
 Distribution : Namala Tile Factory, Sindrathriya - Waikkala, Waikkala , Waikkala Church, Wickrama Tile Factory, Xavier Mawatha - Waikkala

**Nattandiya CSC**

2021-05-03 08:30-17:00  
 Distribution : Egodagoda, Halpanwila

2021-05-07 08:30-17:00  
 Bulk : Cargils Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd., Ceylon Glass Factory 1, Ceylon Glass Factory 2, Coconut Development-Dunkannawa , Courts Complex, Dhasan Milroy Associates (pvt) Ltd, Dr. Anton Naduwelagala, Residence, Earth Escape Ltd, Erabadugaswatta , Healthy Body Coconut (Pvt) Ltd - Wathugahamulla, Herath Building, Honshu Company (Pvt) Ltd. (Michico Ho.), Kane Apparel, M.M.D. MartinesAthula - Marawila, Marawila Farm, Menara Shopping Complex, Olenka Sunshine Beach Hotel - Marawila, Omegaline Housing Project, Orit Apparel, Palm Bay Hotel , People's Bank, Prasara Washing Plant, Prime Carbon, Priyangika Saw Mill, Rebco Fence Links (Pvt) Ltd., Star Fiber Mill, Talwila St. Anthony (D/C Mill), Telecom New -I, Vocational Training Authority, Volanka Ltd.  
 Bulk & Distribution : Co-op D/C Mill-Marawila, Dhammissara College, Green Soil Company, K.E.A. Fernando - Marawila, Nattandiya Textile , Patrick Lowe Oil Mill, Samarasinghe Brothers, Shopping Complex , Talwila Ice Factory, Water Supply & D. B. - Nattandiya  
 Distribution : Asokapura, Bandaranayakapura, Bogahapara, Classic Terrace, Dunkannawa Savers, Dunkannawa Timber Co-op., DunkannawaUnapandura, Dunkan City, Elbert Peris Mawatha, Gurugodella, Halpanwila , Halpanwila New, Hattiniya, Hirano, Horagolla (Fernando Road), Janadipathi School Road, Jaya Farm, Jayayana-Dunkannawa, Kurusapalliya, LechchameeWatta, Lude's Mawatha - Mawila, MahagedaraWatta, Mahawatta Auction Land, Maningala , Maranda, Maranda - MedaNattandiya, Marandawella, Marandawella New, Marawila Town , Mawila , Medagoda , ModaraWella , Monaragala Paper Mills, Nattandiya Bridge, Nattandiya Town, Near Sampath Bank, Niramisiya Colony, PiyamathaHewana Factory, Sampath Watta, Super Market Building - Marawila, Talwila Church, Talwila Junction, Telecom, Thabbowa, Thabbowa Junction, ThalwilaAlamba, Thisserapura, Thorawetiya, Thuththiripitiya, Venis Park, Wathugahamulla, Wathupahamulla, Weerahena Fiber Mill, Yatakalana

2021-05-08 09:00-17:00  
 Bulk : C.I.C. Feed (Pvt) Ltd. I, Coco World, U.S.S. Engineering (Pvt) Ltd. - Welipennagahamulla, Wayamba Land Development (Pvt) Ltd  
 Bulk & Distribution : CIC Feeds (Pvt) Ltd. Ii, Sheen Lanka  
 Distribution : Kumbukgahamulla, MelwattaNabiriththankadawara, Rathmalwala, Udawela , Udawela - Welipannagahamulla, Udawela New

2021-05-10 08:30-17:00  
 Bulk : Dhasan Milroy Associates (pvt) Ltd, Olenka Sunshine Beach Hotel - Marawila, Omegaline Housing Project, Palm Bay Hotel  
 Distribution: Bogahapara, Classic Terrace, ModaraWella, Talwila Church, ThalwilaAlamba

2021-05-16 09:00-17:00  
 Bulk : Kane Apparel  
 Bulk & Distribution : K.E.A. Fernando - Marawila, Samarasinghe Brothers

**Wennappuwa CSC**

2021-05-11 08:30-17:00  
 Bulk : A.C.R. Fernando - Dematapitiya, Ironwill Steel - Sirigampola  
 Bulk & Distribution : Dhammikagama , Home Plant Plastic (Pvt) Ltd.  
 Distribution : Dematapitiyagama, Pradeepa Ground, Sirigampola Church, Udasirigama Church

2021-05-13 08:30-17:00  
 Bulk : Jerad Mill, Rose Ice Factory - Malith  
 Bulk & Distribution : Maxi House - Garage

2021-05-16 09:00-17:00  
 Bulk : St. Mary Oil Mill, Union Apparel 1, Union Apparel 2  
 Bulk & Distribution : ChootyDuwa (Pvt) Ltd., Jayamedi (Pvt) Ltd. - Marawila, Marawila Hospital  
 Distribution : Garment Junction, Ithalian Gate-Lansigama, Mallika - Mudukatuwa, Mudukatuwa Temple Junction, Sisiliyana Estate

2021-05-30 09:00-17:00  
 Bulk : Cargils Food City, Commercial Bank, Life Care Hospital, Pradesiya Sabha - Wennappuwa  
 Bulk & Distribution : AIR Building, Co-Operative - Wennappuwa, Joseph Vas, Keels Supper, W.M.K. Ranjith Coonghe  
 Distribution : A.G.A. Office, Bus Stand, Educational Office (Near), Helan Mawatha -1, Helan Mawatha -2, HNB Bank (Opposite), Kanthi Oil Mill, Police Station, Rex Dias Mawatha, Super Market, Union Bank

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**LAND ACQUISITION ACT CHAPTER (460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964 NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7**

My Reference No. : TH/LND/L2/ACQVI/136  
 Reference No. of the Ministry of Lands : 4-3/9/2014/WS/02  
 The Government intends to acquire the land described in the following schedule for the development of public amenities. For further details please refer the Extra Ordinary Gazette No. 2222/30 dated 06.04.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Province - Southern  
 District - Matara  
 Divisional Secretary's Division - Thihagoda  
 Grama Niladhari  
 Division - 349 B, Kithalagama Central  
 Village - Kithalagama  
 Preliminary Plan No. - P.P.Mara 2808  
 Relevant Lot No. - 01 and 02  
 Total Extent - 0.1396 ha

Divisional Secretary / Land Acquiring Officer  
 Divisional Secretary's Division, Thihagoda.

Divisional Secretariat,  
 Thihagoda  
 27.04.2021

**MILCO (PRIVATE) LIMITED**  
 (State owned company)  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

MILCO (PRIVATE) LIMITED is a premier Milk Processing and Marketing Organization, Manufacturing Dairy Products under the brand name of "HIGHLAND" in Sri Lanka. Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by the Chairman, Tender Committee of MILCO (PRIVATE) LIMITED from reputed Manufacturers or Agents for Supply and Delivery of following item.

**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF UHT ASEPTIC MULTY LAYER FILM FOR UHT MILK POUCHES**

Tender No. : M / PUR / TEN / 2021 / 25  
 Closing & Opening Date and Time : 24-05-2021 at 03.00 p.m.  
 Non refundable document fee : Rs. 5000.00  
 (Sri Lankan Rupees Five Thousand Only)

Non-refundable document fee should be deposited at any branch of People's Bank by cash as per the following bank details. (Cash will not be accepted under any circumstances).

Name of the Account : MILCO (PVT) LTD.,  
 Account No. : 004100180210331  
 Bank & Branch : People's Bank Corporate Banking Division  
 Purpose : Non-refundable document fee for M/PUR/TEN/2021/25

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. Tender documents with full specifications / details could be collected from Purchasing Division of MILCO (PRIVATE) LIMITED, Fifth Floor, No. 345, Galle Road, Colombo 3 between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on normal working days from 03-05-2021 to 20-05-2021 on non-refundable document fee as mentioned above.
2. Tender document or any document will not be issued without a **request letter and Cash deposit slip.**
3. Bid Bond (Tender Guarantee Bond) of Rs 500,000.00 should be furnished with the offer obtained from a recognized commercial bank in Sri Lanka, for a validity period of 90 days.
4. Sealed Tenders will be closed and opened at 3.00 p.m. on 24-05-2021 at the Purchasing Division of MILCO (PRIVATE) LIMITED. Bidders or their representatives could be present at the time of opening the bids.
5. Tender documents could be inspected free of charge at the Purchasing Division.
6. MILCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all sealed tenders without giving reasons.
7. MILCO employees and their close relatives cannot participate in this tender.

Any further details, information or clarification required on this tender can be obtained from Manager - Purchasing Telephone No: 011 4500530/557.

MILCO (PRIVATE) LIMITED  
 5th Floor,  
 No. 345, Galle Road,  
 Colombo 3.

**PEOPLE'S BANK**

**TENDER NOTICE - P-036/2021 AND P-037/2021 AIR-CONDITIONERS**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed Principals/Manufacturers/suppliers or their accredited local agents in Sri Lanka for supplying, installing and commissioning of the Following air conditioners to People's Bank. **The Bank requires air conditioners under two tenders** and the tender details are given below.

Tender No. P- 036/2021 Closing Date : 21.05.2021	
Capacity of the Air-Conditioner	No. of Units
11,000 BTU - 13,000 BTU (Inverter) Cassette Type	20
17,000 BTU - 19,000 BTU (Inverter) Cassette Type	20
22,500 BTU - 25,500 BTU (Inverter) Cassette Type	30
34,000 BTU - 41,500 BTU (Non Inverter) Cassette Type	30
42,000 BTU - 51,500 BTU (Non Inverter) Cassette Type	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>

Tender No. P- 037/2021 Closing Date : 24.05.2021	
Capacity of the Air Conditioner	No. of Units
8,500 BTU - 10,000 BTU (Inverter) wall mounted	30
11,000 BTU - 13,000 BTU (Inverter) wall mounted	60
17,000 BTU - 19,000 BTU (Inverter) wall mounted	25
22,500 BTU - 25,500 BTU (Inverter) wall mounted	40
34,000 BTU - 41,500 BTU (Non Inverter) Ceiling suspended	30
42,000 BTU - 51,500 BTU (Non Inverter) Ceiling suspended	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>

01. Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 by depositing Rs.1500/- for tender document to the Account No. 204100120011913 maintained at Head Quarters Branch Deposit could be made From any People's Bank branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash pay-in between 9.00a.m and 2 00 p.m. from 03.05.2021 to 20.05.2021 as indicated above on working days of the bank.
02. Sealed tenders may be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tender will be opened at 2.00p.m on the above mentioned dates. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. on due dates will be rejected and returned unopened.
03. Perfected tender documents should be accompanied by Rs.500,000/- Bid Guarantee for each tender from a Commercial Bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for the value mentioned above, valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender. Bank pay orders/Bank drafts valid for 180 days are also acceptable in lieu of Bid bonds. Cheques drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.

The bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all bids or cancelling the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a tender without assigning any reason.

Further details could be obtained from the Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02, during working hours.

CHIEF MANAGER (SUPPLIES)  
 PEOPLE'S BANK, SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT  
 30/101, KEW ROAD, COLOMBO 02  
 Telephone Nos. : 439577/2439578  
 Fax : 2439576  
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# PEOPLE'S BANK

## AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.03.2020 (pawned for 01 year) at the undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centres in Kurunegala Region and not redeemed upto the dates indicated in the schedule given below will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on the dates and the places stated below.

No.	Branch	Pawning Centre	Unredeemed Articles as at	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
01	Melsiripura	-	13.05.2021	15.05.2021 & 16.05.2021	Branch Premises Melsiripura
02	Ethugalpura	Hiripitiya Mallawapitiya			Branch Premises Ethugalpura
03	Maho	Nagollagama			Branch Premises Maho
04	Makandura	Pannala			Branch Premises Makandura
05	Giriulla	Bammanna Dambadeniya			Branch Premises Giriulla
06	Nikaweratiya	Nikaweratiya Rasnayakapura Girilla			Branch Premises Nikaweratiya
07	Hettipola	Bandarakoswatta			Branch Premises Hettipola
08	Kurunegala	Hospital Unit M.C. Unit			Branch Premises Kurunegala
09	Alawwa	Boyawalana	21.05.2021	22.05.2021 & 23.05.2021	Branch Premises Alawwa
10	Bingiriya	Weerapokuna			Branch Premises Bingiriya
11	Narammala	Katupotha			Branch Premises Narammala
12	Kobeigane	Boraluwewa			Branch Premises Kobeigane
13	Kuliyapitiya	Dummalasuriya Udubaddawa Bihalpola Kandanegedara			Branch Premises Kuliyapitiya
14	Wariyapola	Maspotha	28.05.2021	29.05.2021 & 30.05.2021	Branch Premises Wariyapola
15	Polgahawela	Godawela			Branch Premises Polgahawela
16	Galgamuwa	Ambanpola			Branch Premises Galgamuwa
17	Mawathagama	Paragahadeniya			Branch Premises Mawathagama
18	Ibbagamuwa Polpithigama	Kumbukgete			Branch Premises Ibbagamuwa
19	Maliyadewa	Maliyadewa St. Piduruwella	04.06.2021	05.06.2021 & 06.06.2021	Branch Premises Maliyadewa
20	Pothuhera	Mathawa			Branch Premises Pothuhera
21	Ridigama	Panagamuwa Dodamgaslanda			Branch Premises Ridigama

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these Auctions without further notice.

**Regional Manager,**  
People's Bank,  
Regional Head Office,  
No. 03, Waththimi Rd.,  
Kurunegala.



## KATANA PRADESHIYA SABHA INVITATION OF BIDS

Bids are received up to 2.00 p.m. on 09.06.2021 to complete the works mentioned in the Schedule below.

- Bids are invited only from contractors who are registered with ICTAD and who can submit documents to prove registration in the CIDA grade relevant to the estimated amount to perform the projects mentioned below that are approved to be implemented within the authority area of the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha.
- Bids should be submitted on procurement application forms obtainable upon payment of the procurement application fees to the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha by those applicants. Procurement application forms will be issued up to 3.00 p.m. on 09.06.2021.
- Cash (payments) will be received only from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.
- All the changes made in the procurement application should be certified by placing the initials against them.
- Bids should be submitted in duplicate and the name of the work should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid and the envelopes should be clearly marked as "Original" and "Duplicate".
- Duly perfected procurement applications (bids) may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Katana Pradeshiya Sabha, Demanhandiya" or deposited in the procurement box kept at the Head Office to receive at or before 2.00 p.m. on 10.06.2021.
- Bids (Procurement Applications) will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 10.06.2021 by the Procurement Board of the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha at this office. Bidder or his one representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Decision of the Procurement Board of the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha in accepting or rejecting any bid or part thereof will be final.
- Once the acceptance of the bid is intimated an amount not less than 5% of the value of the bid amount should be paid on a specified date and should enter into an agreement. If the successful bidder fails to do so, his/her bid security would be forfeited and the registration of the bidder will be cancelled.
- If the Contract period for this project may be obtained from the Works Division of the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha.
- If the work is not completed within the specified period, agreement will be cancelled and the bid security will be forfeited. Such bidders will not be allowed thereafter to apply for any procurement related to any work of the Sabha.

Further details, if required, may be obtained from either the Secretary of the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha or from the Works Division.

Telephone No. 031-2222575

No.	Work	Tender Form Fee (Non Refundable)	Tender Form Fee (Refundable)	Estimated Amount	Minimum ICTAD Grade
01	Completion of the work on Raddolugama Pre School	1500.00	75,000.00	7,500,000.00	C7
02	Completion of the Balance Work in the Andiambalama Public Library and Maternity Clinic Building	1500.00	60,000.00	6,000,000.00	C7
03	Completion of the work on Andiambalama Pre School	1500.00	70,000.00	7,000,000.00	C7

Office of the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha  
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M. Nanda Wijeratne Silva  
Chairman  
Katana Pradeshiya Sabha

29.04.2021

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## BANK OF CEYLON

### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE BANK OF CEYLON ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 397) AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 34 OF 1968 AND LAW NO. 10 OF 1974 AND ACT NO. 54 OF 2000

Mortgaged properties bearing Assessment No 38/1, Susanabhoomiya Road, Malabe and bearing Assessment No. 28B, Kanaththa Road, Battaramulla and bearing Assessment No. 503, Pannipitiya Road, Thalagama South for the liabilities of M/s Isuru Engineering (Pvt) Ltd of No. 983, Pannipitiya Road, Battaramulla.

At the meeting held on 01.04.2021, the Board of Directors of this Bank resolved specially and unanimsously.

- That a sum of Rs. 168,997,260.27 (Rupees One Hundred Sixty Eight: Million Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty and Cents Twenty Seven) is due from Isuru Engineering (Pvt) Ltd (IEPL) No.983, Pannipitiya Road, Battaramulla on account of principal and interest outstanding up to 23.03.2021 on the Permanent Overdraft facility of Rs.140,000,000.00 (Rupees One Hundred Forty Million Only) together with further interest to be accumulated from 24.03.2021 on the capital outstanding of the Permanent Overdraft facility of. Rs. 140,000,000.00 (Rupees One Hundred Forty Million) at the rate of AWPLR + 2.0% p.a. till the date of payment on Mortgage Bond Nos. 2504,2505 and 2506 dated 18.03.2009 attested by G de Alwis N.P., Additional Mortgage Bond No. 2548 dated 16.06.2010 attested by G de Alwis N.P., Additional Mortgage Bond No. 1640 dated 26.01.2012 attested by D. Weerasuriya N.P., Additional Mortgage Bond Nos. 2357,2358 and 2359 all dated 22.10.2013 attested by N.T. Pathinayake N.P., Additional Mortgage Bond No. 377 dated 28.10.2016 attested by J C Mahaarachchi N.P.
- That in terms of Section 19 of Bank of Ceylon Ordinance (Cap.397) and its amendments, Mr. M H T Karunarathne of M/S T & H Auction, No. 50/3, Vihara Mawatha, Kolonnawa be authorized and empowered to sell by Public Auction the properties mortgaged to the Bank of Ceylon and fully described in the schedule hereunder for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees One Hundred Sixty Eight Million Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty and Cents Twenty Seven (Rs. 168,997,260.27) due on the aforesaid Mortgage Bond Nos. 377,1640,2357, 2358, 2359, 2504, 2505, 2506 and 2548 together with further interest as aforesaid from 24.03.2021 to date of sale, and costs and monies recoverable under Section 26 of the said Bank of Ceylon Ordinance and that the Senior Manager (Recovery-Corporate) of the Bank of Ceylon Recovery Corporate Unit to publish notice of this resolution in terms of Section 21 of the said Bank of Ceylon Ordinance.

#### THE SCHEDULE, REFERRED TO IN THE MORTGAGE BONDS NO: 2504, 2359

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot A depicted in Plan No. 5050 dated 8th September, 1996 made by J P I Abeykon Licensed Surveyor of the land called "NARANGAHAWATTA" alias "NARANWATTA" together with the trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon bearing Assessment No. 038/1, Susanaboomiya Road situated Malabe within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kaduwela (Kaduwela Sub Office) within the Gramaniladhari Division of 479 D Kumaraage Watta and Divisional Secretariat of Kaduwela in Pallo Pattu of Hewagam Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot A is bounded on the North by Lot 1 in Plan No. 1611 and Lot 2A1 in Plan No.1154 dated 6/03/1994 made by G L W Perera Licensed Surveyor, on the East by Lot 1 in Plan No.1707, on the South by Godellawatta Road and on the West by Lot 1 in Plan No. 92/93 dated 29/08/1992 made by T. M. Wijayarathne Licensed Surveyor and land claimed by heirs of S. K. Alias Singho and containing in extent One Rood and Twelve Perches (A0.R1.P12) according to the said Plan No. 5050 and registered in B 635/32 at the Land Registry, Homagama.

#### THE SCHEDULES REFERRED TO IN THE MORTGAGE BONDS NO: 2505,2358

##### THE FIRST SCHEDULE

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot X depicted in Plan No.7950 dated 14/03/1997 made by S. Wickramasinghe Licensed Surveyor of the land called KOLOIN KUMBURA presently bearing Assessment No. 28B, Kanaththa Road situated at Battaramulla within the Kaduwela Pradeshiya Sabha within the Gramaniladhari Division of 492 Sri Subhuthipura and Divisional Secretariat of Kaduwela in Pallo Pattu of Hewagam Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and bounded on the North by premises bearing Assessment No. 28/1, Kanaththa Road, on the East by Lots E and D in Plan No. 1515 by S. Wickramasinghe, on the South by Road - 15 feet wide (Lot H in Plan No.1515) and on the West by premises bearing Assessment No. 28/4, Kanaththa Road and containing in extent TWENTY NINE PERCHES (A0.R0.P29) together with the buildings, trees; plantations and everything else standing thereon and registered in B 635/31 at the Land Registry, Homagama.

##### THE SECOND SCHEDULE

All that divided and defined allotment of Lot H (Reservation for a road) depicted in Plan No.1515 dated 30/08/1984 made by S. Wickramasinghe Licensed Surveyor of the and called KOLOIN KUMBURA situated at Battaramulla aforesaid and bounded on the North by Subhuthipura Road, Lots A, B, C and D of the same land, on the East by Lots F and G of the same land, on the South by Balance portion of the land in Plan No.7311 and on the West by Kanaththa Road and Lots D and A of the same land and containing in extent NINETEEN DECIMAL SIX PERCHES (A0.R0.P19.6) and registered in B 428/27 at the Land Registry, Homagama.

#### THE SCHEDULES REFERRED TO THE MORTGAGE BONDS NO. 2506, 2548, 1640, 2357 AND 377

##### THE FIRST SCHEDULE

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1A depicted in Plan No. 627 dated 16/08/2007 made by Subasiri Liyanage Licensed Surveyor of the land called NUGAGAHAWATTA alias DELGAHAWATTA and DELGAHAWATTA presently bearing Assessment No. 503, Pannipitiya Road situated at Thalagama South within the Kaduwela Pradeshiya Sabha within the Gramaniladhari Division of 476A Malabe West and Divisional Secretariat of Kaduwela in Pallo Pattu of Hewagam Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and bounded on the North by premises bearing Assessment Nos. 983/1, 983A/1, and 983A/2, Pannipitiya Road, on the East by Diyawanna Garden Road and Earth Drain, on the South by Lot 1B of Plan No. 627 (Reservation for road - 10 feet wide) and Assessment No. 503A, Pannipitiya Road and on the West by Pannipitiya Road and containing in extent ONE ROOD AND THREE DECIMAL EIGHT SEVEN PERCHES (A0.R1.P3.87) together with trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon and registered in B 268/139 at the Land Registry, Homagama.

##### THE SECOND SCHEDULE

- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1B (Road Reservation) depicted in the said Plan No. 627 of the land called NUGAGAHAWATTA alias DELGAHAWATTA and DELGAHAWATTA situated at Thalagama South as aforesaid and bounded on the North by Lot 1A in Pan No. 627, on the East by Lot 1A in Plan No. 627, on the South by Lot 2A in Plan No. 606 (Reservation for road - 5 feet) and on the West by Pannipitiya Road and containing in extent TWO DECIMAL ONE NOUGHT PERCHES (A0.R0.P2.10) and registered in B 283/85 at the Land Registry, Homagama.

TOGETHER with full free and absolute right liberty and licence of ingress and regress passage and way over the said allotment of land marked Lot 1B in common with others having the right to enjoy the said right of way from time to time and at all times and with similar rights to lay electric cables, water mains, drainage and sewage pipes and other contrivances of whatso manner or kind as may deemed necessary for the use of and enjoyment of the said allotment of land marked 1B above.

- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 2A (Road Reservation) in Plan No.606 dated 25/04/2007 made by Subasiri Liyanage Licensed Surveyor of the land called NUGAGAHAWATTA alias DELGAHAWATTA and DELGAHAWATTA situated at Thalagama South as aforesaid and bounded on the North by Lot 1B in Plan No. 627, on the East by Lot 2B in Plan No.606, on the South by Lot 2B in Plan No.606 and on the West by Pannipitiya Road and containing in extent TWO DECIMAL NOUGHT FIVE PERCHES (A0.R0.P2.05) and registered in B 283/86 at the Land Registry, Homagama.

TOGETHER with full free and absolute right liberty and license of ingress and regress passage and way over the said allotment of land marked Lot 2A in common with others having the right to enjoy the said right of way from time to time and at all times and with similar rights to lay electric cables, water mains, drainage and sewage pipes and other contrivances of whatso manner or kind as may deemed necessary for the use of and enjoyment of the Said allotment of land marked 2A above.

By order of the Board of Directors of Bank of Ceylon

Bank of Ceylon  
Recovery Unit  
No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,  
Colombo 01.

Senior Manager  
(Recovery - Corporate)

## PUBLIC AUCTION

Gold articles connected with Gold Loans at all Orient Finance PLC Gold Centres and which are expired and remaining unredeemed on 31/03/2021 shall be sold by Public Auction at the below mentioned address at 10.00 a.m. on 24/05/2021 & 25/05/2021.



**Orient Finance PLC,**  
# 19, Railway Avenue, Nugegoda.  
Tel: 0117 444 222

### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 9(1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 07 OF 2007

This is to inform the public that the following company was incorporated on 24.04.2021 under the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.  
Name: **SUSTAINABLE INVESTOR FACILITATION AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES LANKA (PVT) LTD**  
Number: **PV00238555**  
Address of the registered office: **195M/2, "Karlsruhe Court", Baseline Road, Colombo 09.**  
SECRETARY

### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 9(1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 07 OF 2007

This is to inform the public that the following Company was incorporated on 27.03.2021 under the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.  
Name: **KARLSHUE DEVELOPERS LANKA (PVT) LTD**  
Number: **PV 00237277**  
Address of the Registered Office: **195 M/2, "Karlsruhe Court", Baseline Road, Colombo 09.**  
SECRETARY

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## PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

- Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Provincial Department of Irrigation, North Central Provincial Council from qualified and eligible bidders for the implementation of the projects mentioned in the table below.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure. When the total estimated cost of this procurement is below Rs. 50 million steps will be taken to act as Provincial Treasury Circular Nos. 2016/13(ii) and 2016/13(iii) regarding regional preference and CIDA grade preference and when the bid value is less than 10% of the Engineering estimate action will be taken as per Provincial Treasury Circular No. 2016/10(i).

Ser. No.	Divisional Secretary's Division	Activity / Project	Estimated Value (Rs.)	Contract Period	CIDA Grade	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable Tender Fee
1	Kebethigollewa	37 - Reconstruction of Bellankadawala Thulana Dickwewa	9.6 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	145,000.00	3,000.00
2	Kebethigollewa	19 - Reconstruction of Genuhathdenawa Thulana Ikirigollewa Wewa	8.2 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	125,000.00	3,000.00
3	Nochchiyagama	326 - Reconstruction of Ehatuwagama Thulana Kudawewa	7.9 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	115,000.00	3,000.00
4	Nochchiyagama	325 - Reconstruction of Ambagahawewa Thulana Ihala Kongasdigiliya Wewa	6.2 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	93,000.00	3,000.00
5	Palagala	669 - Reconstruction of Paravahagama Thulana Kalawella Ulpatha Wewa	7.7 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	115,000.00	3,000.00
6	Palagala	671 - Reconstruction of Gambirigawewa Thulana Durayagama Wewa	7.5 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	110,000.00	3,000.00
7	Galnewa	464 - Reconstruction of Kandulugamuwa Thulana Giranagama Wewa	8.2 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	125,000.00	3,000.00
8	Thirappane	524 - Reconstruction of Pairimaduwa Thulana Sandanankuttigama Maha Wewa	3.3 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	50,000.00	3,000.00
9	Elahara	37 - Reconstruction of Ihakuluwewa Thulana Ihakuluwewa Dam	7.2 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	110,000.00	3,000.00
10	Dimbulagala	219 - Reconstruction of Bandanagala Thulana Tissa Wewa	6.9 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Irrigation	100,000.00	3,000.00
11	Kahatagasdigiliya	Repairing the Office of the Divisional Irrigation Engineer, Kahatagasdigiliya	5.1 million	04 Months	C7 and C6 Buildings	80,000.00	3,000.00

- To be eligible for award of contract, the successful bidders should not have been blacklisted and the CIDA registration should be active as at the date of opening of bids.
- To be eligible for award of contract, the qualifications mentioned in Chapter 04 of the bid document should have been fulfilled.
- Interested bidders may obtain further details from the Provincial Director of Irrigation, Provincial Department of Irrigation, Anuradhapura (Tel. No. 025-2237586) and the bid documents may be inspected in the office.
- Non-Refundable fee mentioned in the table should be credited to Account No. 1472633 maintained in favour of Provincial Director of Irrigation, North Central Province at the Bank of Ceylon. (This is an action taken to control the spread of Covid-19). Interested bidders may obtain a complete set of bid documents prepared in Sinhala language on submission of the remittance slip obtained upon crediting the money in the bank account to the Accounts Division of the North Central Provincial Department of Irrigation and upon submission of a written application to the Provincial Director of Irrigation, Provincial Department of Irrigation between 9.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on working days from 03.05.2021 until 24.05.2021.
- All bids should be in duplicate and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Provincial Director of Irrigation, Provincial Department of Irrigation, North Central Province, Maithripala Senanayake Mawatha, Anuradhapura" or hand delivered to receive before 11.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids. Bidder or his representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Every bid should be valid for 77 days.
- All bids should be accompanied either by a bid security to the value relevant to the project obtained from a licensed commercial bank registered in Sri Lanka or the remittance slip obtained upon crediting the bid security amount to Account No. 1472633 maintained in favour of Provincial Director of Irrigation, North Central Province at the Bank of Ceylon should be submitted to the Accounts Division of the Provincial Department of Irrigation before 10.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021 and the NC 100 receipt obtained should be submitted with the bid. Bid security should be valid up to 07.09.2021.
- Procurement Committee of the Provincial Department of Irrigation will take the final decision regarding this procurement.

**Chairman / Provincial Director of Irrigation  
Departmental Procurement Committee  
Provincial Department of Irrigation  
North Central Province**

## PEOPLE'S BANK AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to **28.02.2020** subject to renewal within 12 months at under mentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centres and not redeemed at the date given against will be sold by Public Auction at **9.00 a.m.** on the dates and the places stated below.

Branch	Service Centre	Articles unredeemed upto	Date fixed for Auction	Place of Auction
Mullativu	Oddusuddan Puthukudiyiruppu	18.05.2021	19.05.2021 & 20.05.2021	Regional Head Office, Wann
Mankulam	Mallavi Kanagarayankulam			
Mannar	Pesalai			
Murunkan	Nanattan Silawathurai			
Kilinochchi	Kilinochchi Town			
Paranthan	Palai			
Vavuniya	Vavuniya Town Nedunkerny			
Chettikulam	-			

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

**Regional Manageress  
PEOPLE'S BANK  
Regional Head Office  
Wanni  
Vavuniya.  
TP- 024-2222972**



## GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

#### SUPPLY OF TRANSPORT FACILITY TO ASPHALT PLANTS AT MEDAYAYA, AMBANPOLA & SOORIYAWEWA

- The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority, invites sealed bids for Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt Plants at Medayaya, Ambanpola & Sooriyawewa.
- Bidding documents shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Director Procurement, Procurement Division, Road Development Authority, 4th floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla from **03.05.2021 until 21.05.2021 during 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of non-refundable Tender fee is Rs. 3780.00 (With VAT) by depositing to the Bank of Ceylon - Corporate Branch Account Number 000001943 in favour of Director General, Road Development Authority for each contract.** The original payment slip should be produced when purchasing the Bid Documents.
- As per the Public Contract Act no. 03 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.

CONTRACT NO	DESCRIPTION	NO OF DUMP TRUCK (TIPPERS) (Max)	BID SECURITY (RS.)	Non-refundable Tender Fee with VAT (Rs.)
RDA/DPR/MDTR/2021/83	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt Plant at Medayaya	20	500,000.00	3,780.00
RDA/DPR/AMTR/2021/84	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt Plant at Ambanpola	20	500,000.00	3,780.00
RDA/DPR/SOOTR/2021/85	Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt Plant at Sooriyawewa	20	500,000.00	3,780.00

- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at web site of Road Development Authority (<http://www.rda.gov.lk/source/publications.htm>).
- Bid shall be valid up to 91 calendar days from the date closing of the Bid & each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security (Valid up to **20.09.2021**) for the amount mentioned above. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected. The Bid Security should be enclosed in the Technical Bid.
- Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **18.05.2021 at 10:00 Hrs** at the Procurement Division, 4th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla.
- Bidders are required to submit two separate sealed envelopes simultaneously one containing Technical Bid (Original and Copy) and the other containing Financial Bid (Original & Copy) and both enclosed in one sealed envelope to Director Procurement, Road Development Authority, 4th floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta, Battaramulla **on or before 14:00 hrs on 24.05.2021.** Late bids will be rejected. The **Technical Bids** will be opened soon after the closing at the presence of bidder's representatives. Financial Bids of the bidders who are technically qualified shall be opened in public on a later date with prior notice to qualified bidders. Non-qualified bids will be returned unopened.
- Please indicate "Supply of Transport Facility to Asphalt Plant at.....". On top left corner of the envelop.
- For further details, please contact Director Procurement, RDA on Tel :011 - 288 4790 / E mail: [procurement@rda.gov.lk](mailto:procurement@rda.gov.lk)

**The Chairman  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee  
Road Development Authority,  
1st floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Koswatta,  
Battaramulla.**

## SEW GUNASEKARA PAWN BROKERS (PVT) LTD Auction Sale of Unredeemed Pawned Gold Articles

Articles pawned up to 31st August 2019 at the following branches of SEW Gunasekara Pawn Brokers (Pvt) Ltd. which were not redeemed or renewed on or before 31st January 2021 will be sold by public auction at the below mentioned location on the respective dates mentioned. Auction will commence at 9.00 until 5.00p.m.

Branches where Articles are Pawned	Place & Date of Auction
Borella, Delgoda, Kiribathgoda, Kollupitiya, Kotikawaththa, Maradana, Negombo, Nittambuwa, Ragama, Wellawaththa.	No. GF1, YMBA Building, Borella. 11.05.2021.

- All participants should produce their National Identity Cards.
- The Company reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone the Auction without any further notice.

**678/B, Peradeniya Road,  
Kandy.**  
Telephone No: 0812222280  
Fax No: 0812267267

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 9 (1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, NO 07 OF 2007 OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE UNDER NOTED COMPANY.**

**NAME OF THE COMPANY:**  
BROWN LAKE TOURS (PRIVATE) LIMITED

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NO:**  
PV72933

**REGISTRATION OFFICE ADDRESS:**  
NO.52/A, RAJAPAWSA ESTATE, THABROWA, KATUNDIYA.

**REGISTRATION DATE:**  
26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 9(1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 07 OF 2007**

This is to inform the public that the following Company was incorporated on 05.04.2021 under the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

**Name:** VIVEKON FERTILIZER (PVT) LTD  
**Number:** PV 00237726

**Address of the Registered Office:** 271/A, "Taranga", Hokandara Road, Thalawatugoda.

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## PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

#### Procurement of Printing & Delivery of 2nd Term Test Papers for Grade 6-10 & 3rd Term Test Papers for Grade 12, 13 - 2021

NWP/EDU/PRO.ACC/07/3-6/2021

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Provincial Director of Education (North Western Province) now invites sealed bids for the Procurement of Printing & Delivery of 2nd Term Test Papers for Grade 6-11 & 3rd Term Test Papers for Grade 12, 13 - 2021 from eligible and qualified bidders.

2) Details are given in the table below:

Lot No.	Grade	No. of set of papers for each medium (approximately)			General English papers	Value of Bid Security (LKR)	Date of Delivery (To Zonal Education Offices)
		Sinhala medium	Tamil medium	English medium			
1.	6	37322	6675	3264		75,000/-	07.07.2021
	7	36743	6290	3033			
	8	37988	6701	2903			
	9	37093	6186	2297			
2.	10	34869	5925	2304		55,000/-	12.07.2021
	11	33682	5215	2011			
No. of Papers for each medium (approximately)							
3.	12	96222	12537	3074	26607	60,000/-	16.08.2021
	13	88046	11525	1896			

The Bidder shall quote for one or more lots. All grades & all medium in each lot shall be quoted. Each lot shall be evaluated separately.

**Delivery Location:** Supply & Delivery should be done at the **Thirty One Divisional Education Offices** in North Western Province. (Kurunegala & Puttalam Districts)

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **Chief Accountant, Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala (Tele/Fax: 037-2222422)** and inspect the bidding documents at the aforesaid address during the office hours on working days (09.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs.)
- Qualification requirements include:
  - The minimum average turnover of the printing exam papers during the last three years as mentioned below. (2018-2020)

Lot No.	Turnover
1.	Rs. 4.8 Million
2.	Rs. 3.5 Million
3.	Rs. 3.9 Million

- Minimum of 3 years past experience for printing of exam papers.
  - Minimum of 5 years past experience for printing.
  - Bidder should have a press with technically qualified and competent crew.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below in Paragraph 08 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Three Thousand & Five Hundred Rupees (Rs. 3,500/=)** to Provincial Director of Education (NWP) from 03 May, 2021 to 24 May, 2021 during the office hours on working days. (09.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs.). The method of payment will be in cash.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on 17th May, 2021 at 10.00 hrs. at Provincial Department of Education at the address given below in Paragraph 7.

- Sealed bids marked "Bids for Printing & Delivery of Term Test Papers for Grade 6-11 & 12, 13, Lot No. ...." on top left hand corner of the envelope & bids must be delivered under registered cover in duplicate to the address given below or deposited in the "Tender Box" provided for the purpose, at the **Chief Accountant's Office at the Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala at or before 09.30 hrs. on 25 May, 2021.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend in person at the **Chief Accountant's Office at the Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala at 09.30 hrs. on 25 May, 2021.** All bids must be accompanied by "Bid Security", as mentioned above.

8) The address referred to above is:

**A.S.K. Jayalath**  
Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
Provincial Department of Education (NWP),  
Kandy Road,  
Kurunegala.  
Telephone: 037-2222422  
Facsimile Number: 037-2222422  
Web address: www.nwpedu.lk  
Date: 03 May, 2021



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST  
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

**MINISTRY OF ROAD DEVELOPMENT  
- EASTERN PROVINCE**

**EASTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**



### REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS, SUB CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS (LABOUR/ CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY / VEHICLES/ GOODS & SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2021)

Road Development Department Invites Applications from Interested Parties for the Registration of Contractors, Sub Contractors and Suppliers (Labour/Construction Material Equipment & Machinery / Vehicles/ Goods & Services for the Year 2021) under following categories.

- CONTRACTOR :** Applicant must have CIDA (Successor to ICTAD) registration as contractors in the field of Highways, Bridge & etc (Relevant to the category)
  - 1.1) Bridge Construction & Maintenance
  - 1.2) Culvert Construction
  - 1.3) Concrete Drains & Sidewalls Construction
  - 1.4) Road Construction & Maintenance
  - 1.5) Geo Technical Works
  - 1.6) Road Marking
  - 1.7) Road Signing
  - 1.8) Building Construction
- SUB-CONTRACTOR (WORKS) :** Construction material will be provided for this category by the Road Development Department.
  - 2.1) Asphalt Premix Laying
  - 2.2) Bridge maintenance (Steel/Concrete)
  - 2.3) Concrete Blocks Paving
  - 2.4) Concrete Works
  - 2.5) Earth Works
  - 2.6) Electrical Works
  - 2.7) Gabion Wall Construction
  - 2.8) Landscaping & Planning
  - 2.9) Road Maintenance Works
  - 2.10) Road Sign & Name Boards
  - 2.11) Sand Sealing
  - 2.12) Shuttering Works
  - 2.13) Steel Works
- SUPPLIERS (Labour) :** Supplying Skilled/ Unskilled labourers for Road Maintenance and Construction
  - 3.1) Application of Hot Tar
  - 3.2) Asphalt Concreting
  - 3.3) Concreting
  - 3.4) Cutting
  - 3.5) Cutting Drains
  - 3.6) Culvert/ Drain/ Jungle Clearing & Road Clearing
  - 3.7) Laying Aggregates
  - 3.8) Pot Hole Patching
  - 3.9) Shuttering Works
- SUPPLIER (CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL) :** Suppliers should supply following items.
  - 4.1) Aggregate Rubble, ABC, / quarry Dust
  - 4.2) Asphalt Mix
  - 4.3) Bitumen & Emulsion
  - 4.4) Cement
  - 4.5) Concrete Interlocking Blocks
  - 4.6) Concrete Curbs
  - 4.7) Gabion Mesh
  - 4.8) Geo Textile
  - 4.9) Gravel
  - 4.10) Name & Sign Boards
  - 4.11) Paints
  - 4.12) Plywood
  - 4.13) Precast items (for Culverts Bridges)
  - 4.14) Precast items (for Road Furniture)
  - 4.15) Protective Equip/Instruments
  - 4.16) Ready Mix
  - 4.17) Reinforcement
  - 4.18) Sand
  - 4.19) Soil
  - 4.20) Thermoplastic Material
  - 4.21) Timber
  - 4.22) Welded Mesh
  - 4.23) Plaque/Foundation stone & Concrete, Cement Products/ Decorations
- SUPPLIER (EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY)**
  - 5.1) Asphalt Cutter
  - 5.2) Asphalt Spreading Machines
  - 5.3) Backhoe Loaders
  - 5.4) Boom Trucks (3 Ton)
  - 5.5) Breakers
  - 5.6) Chain Saw
  - 5.7) Chip Spreaders
  - 5.8) Concrete Mixtures
  - 5.9) Dozers
  - 5.10) Excavator
  - 5.11) Generator
  - 5.12) Lorries
  - 5.13) Low Bed Trailer
  - 5.14) Mobile Cranes
  - 5.15) Motor Graders
  - 5.17) Pneumatic Roller
  - 5.18) Poker Vibrators
  - 5.19) Road Sweeper
  - 5.20) Sky Lift
  - 5.21) Sprayers
  - 5.22) Static Roller
  - 5.23) Tar Bowser
  - 5.25) Tipper Trucks
  - 5.26) Towing Truck /9/boom Mounted)
  - 5.27) Tractors
  - 5.28) Vehicle Carriers
  - 5.29) Vibrating Roller
  - 5.30) Water Bowsers
  - 5.31) Water Pumps
  - 5.32) Welding Plants
  - 5.33) Wheel Loaders

**a) A Set of Application form could be obtained from the Road Development Department, Eastern Province as follows after deposit nonrefundable payment of Rs. 2500/-**

#### Contact Details

**Provincial Director**  
Road Development Department,  
Batticaloa.  
Telephone: 065-3133555  
E-mail: pdrdddep@gmail.com

**Chief Engineer,**  
Road Development Department,  
Batticaloa.  
Telephone: 065-2224519  
Email: vdd@sltnet.lk

**Chief Engineer,**  
Road Development Department,  
Ampara.  
Telephone: 063-2222766  
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267, Godagama Road,

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**BORALES GAMUWA** 071 6505533, 011 2519954  
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Nayana Bake House

**KADUWELA** 011 2412291, 011 4443566  
375/1, Pahala Bominiya, Yakkala,

**KALUBOWILA** 077 3551145, 011 2767259  
No 195, Hospital Road,

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Seedevi Newspaper Office, 19, Horana Rd,

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**Ministry of Industries**

**B C C Lanka Limited**

**Invitation for Clearing & Forwarding Agents**

BCC Lanka Limited will be importing 13,000 metric tons of dry coconut chips per month at a rate of 3,000 metric tons at a time. Dry coconut chips will be imported in 20 ft, 40 ft containers and in Break Bulk.

Clearing & Forwarding Agents are invited to bid their prices who are interested in providing Clearance and other services related to the release of dry coconut chips from the port terminal until they are brought to the institution. Bids are invited by the Chairman, of Procurement Committee, BCC Lanka Limited. (For each activity prices should be indicated separately)

Institutions interested in submitting bids should submit applications by registered mail by 02:00 pm or earlier on 10th May 2021 to the following address. Applications will be opened at 2:00 pm on the same day.

"Supply of Clearing & Forwarding Services" should be marked on the top left of the application container cover

Further information can be obtained by contacting 0112326365/0112327859/0112438755

**General Manager,  
BCC Lanka Limited,  
Hulftdorp Mills,  
PO Box 281, Meeranya Street,  
Colombo 12.**

**PEOPLE'S BANK**

**AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES**

Articles pawned up to 28.02.2020 subject to renewal within 12 months at undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centres and not redeemed at the dates given against, will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on the dates and places stated below.

Name of the Branch	Articles Unredeemed up to	Proposed Place and Date of Auctions
Moneragala Service Center - Moneragala Service Center - Dambagalla Service Center - Siyambalanduwa Buttala Service Center - Okkampitiya	23.05.2021	24.05.2021 / 25.05.2021 Moneragala Branch Premises
Medagama Badalkumbura Bibile	31.05.2021	01.06.2021 / 02.06.2021 Bibile Branch premises
Wellawaya Service Center - Ethiliwewa Kataragama Thanamalwila Service Center - Hambegamuwa	02.06.2021	03.06.2021 / 04.06.2021 Wellawaya Branch Premises

(Bank has the right to cancel or combine or postpone these Auctions).

**Regional Manager,  
People's Bank,  
Regional Head Office,  
99, Wellawaya Road,  
Moneragala.**

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**AUCTION SALE OF PAWNED ARTICLES**

Articles pawned upto 31.01.2020 subject to renewal within 12 months at undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centres and not redeemed at the date given against will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. under dates and the places stated below:

Branch	Service Centre	Articles unredeemed upto	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Central Road				
Grandpass	Grandpass St. Joseph Street	21.05.2021	22.05.2021	Grandpass
Kehelwatta Sea Street				
Pettah				
Dematagoda	Dematagoda S.C.	21.05.2021	22.05.2021	Dematagoda
Malwatta Road				
Duke Street				
Olcott Mawatha				
Sri Sangaraja Mw	Maligawatta			
Kotahena	Jampettah Street/ Bloemendhal	21.05.2021	23.05.2021	Kotahena
Dam Street	Mihindu Mawatha			
Mid City				
Mutwal	Nagalagam Street Muthuwella	21.05.2021	23.05.2021	Mutwal
First City	Harbour Premises			

Participants are requested to bring their NIC. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

**People's Bank,  
Regional Head Office (Colombo North)  
No. 11, Duke Street, Colombo 01.  
TP - 0112344982 - 5**

**S.L.M.A.S. Samarathunga  
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**Reduction of Landslide Vulnerability by Mitigation Measures Project (RLVMP)**

**Funded by Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**

**Loan No: L0124 A, Country: Sri Lanka**

**Landslide Mitigation Works in Between Culvert No. 5/11 And 5/13 Dehiowita-Deraniyagala Noori Road & LHS of Aranayaka - Hulankapolla Road in Kegalle District, Digana Kudasale & Dangolla Lower Circular Road in Kandy District - Package 4B**

RFP Reference Number: RLVMP/WORKS/04B

**NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION TO TENDER SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

This is to notify all interested parties that tender submission deadlines for the following package is extended as given below considering the outbreak of Coronavirus in Sri Lanka:

Package	Description of Work	Date of Published of Request for Tender	Tender Submission Deadline
04B	Landslide Mitigation Works in Between Culvert No. 5/11 And 5/13 Dehiowita-Deraniyagala Noori Road & LHS of Aranayaka - Hulankapolla Road in Kegalle District, Digana Kudasale & Dangolla Lower Circular Road in Kandy District (Reference No: RLVMP/WORKS/04B)	17.03.2021	Extended from 04.05.2021 to <b>11.05.2021 at 14.00 hrs</b>

Accordingly, the Tender validity period shall be 147 days (from 11th May 2021 to 05th October 2021) and validity period of Tender Security shall be 175 days (from 11th May 2021 to 02nd Nov.2021).

Interested eligible International and Local Tenderers may obtain further information from Project Director - RLVMP (Tele: 011 2559869).

All other terms and conditions of above tender remain unchanged.

**Chairman,  
Project Procurement Committee,  
State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management,  
Vidya Mawatha,  
Colombo 07. Sri Lanka.**

**PEOPLE'S BANK - GAMPAHA REGION**

**AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES - 2021**

Articles pawned up to 31.12.2019 at the undermentioned branches and service centers of the Gampaha Region of People's Bank and unredeemed up to dates indicated below will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. each day at places as stated below.

Branch	Pawning Centre	Unredeemed Articles as at	Date of Auction and place
Malwana Pugoda Delgoda	Dompe Weliwariya		15/16.05.2021 Delgoda
Nittambuwa	Thihariya Pasyala Wathupitiwala Naiwala		15/16.05.2021 Nittambuwa
Veyangoda			
Gampaha	Ja-ela Road Udugampala Mudungoda Urapola	14.05.2021	15/16.05.2021 Gampaha
Yakkala Kirindiwela			
Maradagahamula	Diulapitiya Demanhandiya Pallewela Kotadeniyawa		15/16.05.2021 Mirigama
Mirigama			
Minuwangoda Katunayake Seeduwa	Andiambalama Ewariyawaththa Raddolugama		15/16.05.2021 Minuwangoda
Negombo	Main Street Pitipana-Fisheries Centre Katana		22/23.05.2021 Negombo
Kochchikade			
Ja-ela	Dehiyagatha Ekala - Madama Junction Weligampitiya Elakanda Welisara	21.05.2021	22/23.05.2021 Ja-ela
Wattala			
Pamunugama Kandana			
Ragama	Mahabage Batuwaththa Welipillewa Kirillawala Kadawatha Town		22/23.05.2021 Ragama
Ganemulla Kadawatha			
Mahara Kiribathgoda Kelaniya	Ederamulla Mawaramandiya Sinharamulla Peliyagoda		22/23.05.2021 Kiribathgoda

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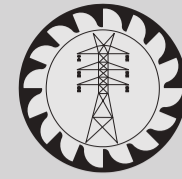
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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

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.

## NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE - 2 - MAY 2021

KURUNEGALA AREA	
Kurunegala Town C.S.C.	
2021 May 02	09.30-14.00
2021 May 15	08.30-16.30
Wilgoda New Sub, Asweduma Church Junction, Kaudawatta, SuwaMedura, Advance Technical Institute, Wilgoda Rd, Araliya Mawatha, Greeter Water Supply, New Jayasekara Auto Motors.	
2021 May 05	09.00-16.00
2021 May 08	09.00-16.00
Fisheries Corporation, Udayar Mawatha, Theliyagonna, Kandy Road New, R.I.S. Kurunegala.	
2021 May 09, 23	09.00-16.30
Nishshanka Vidyalaya, Kandurugas Junction 1, Noyel Senevirathna Mw, Yasasiri Filling Station, Crown Building, Dialog Building, Ceylenco Insurance 1, Police Station, Janaka Bogollagama Building, Union Assurance, Y.M.B.A. New Building, Police Station New, Mihindu Mawatha.	
Selvaraj Building, Samudra Super market, Karunarathna Building, M.S.K.A. Nazar, Buddhipradeep, M.N. Wickramasinghe Commercial Building, G.K. Jayawansa Building, Thilakasiri Building, K.A.M.P. Jayasekara Commercial Building, A.W. Amaratunga Building, Tomo Lanka complex, S.M.A. Chandrarathna Building, Inland Revenue Department, Yajee Holding, E. Tilakasiri Building, Udith Emil de Silva.	
2021 May 16	09.00-16.00
Jayanpathi Lanka.	
2021 May 22	09.00-14.00
SaragamaThiththawella, Udadigana Saragama, Asweduma, IsuruUyana Auction Land, Alakoladeniya, Devalakanda Rd, Saragama Udadigana. St. Anthoni's, Dematagahapelessa, Heraliyawala Plastic Factory.	
Gokarella C.S.C.	
2021 May 09	09.30-17.00
2021 May 30	09.30-17.00
Imihamegama New, Imihamegama, Na Uyana Temple Rd, Madatiyagolla Katupilalanda, Castal Royal International, Batuyaya, Dummeeya, Nikawehera, Kattamberiya, Bambaragalayaya, Mahapitiya, Pansiyagama.	
2021 May 22	08.30-16.30
2021 May 30	09.30-17.00
Madahapola Hapangamuwa, Thewella Madahapola, Dambahera, Madahapola, Siyambalangamuwa. Delmo Breeders Ltd., Dayatati Ltd.	
2021 May 29	09.30-17.00
Pangolla Auction Land, Nebilikumbura - Dehilanda, Ranawirugama - Moragolla, Koongahagedara.	
Mallawapitiya C.S.C.	
2021 May 02	09.00-17.00
Galwala Road Junction.	
2021 May 08	09.00-17.00
2021 May 21	08.30-16.30
Lunukadawella, Hettigedara, Damunugolla, Siyambalagastenna, Rikillagamuwa, Thalatuwa New, Wellawa Station Garden, Hadirawalana, Thuruliyagama Junction, Thuruliyagamua 11. Star Lanka Steel (Pvt) Ltd., Wellawa Oil Mill.	
2021 May 15	09.00-17.00
Barandana, Kotakanda, Meegolla, Galpoththawatta, IsuruUyana, Renil Watta, Hindagolla New, Barandana Rice Mill.	
2021 May 16	09.00-17.00
MillawaHewapola, Hewapola, ThempanaPressure Filter Plant, Pilessa.	
2021 May 29	08.30-16.30
Lunukadawella, Hettigedara, Damunugolla, Siyambalagastenna, Rikillagamuwa, Thalatuwa New, Wellawa Station Garden, Hadirawalana, Thuruliyagama Junction, Thuruliyagamua 11. Star Lanka Steel (Pvt) Ltd., Wellawa Oil Mill.	
2021 May 30	08.30-16.30
Ilukwela, Kotikapola, Kotikapola New, Saranawatta, Mawathagama, Galwala Rd, Sampath Bank, Pilessa, Pilessa 6th Pole, Hork Motors, Kahagolla, Maswewa, Pilessa Mount Desi, Green Mount, Udanagama, Madawa, MadawaUdumulla 2, K.H.M.C. Oil Mill, MillawaHewapola, Hewapola, Thempana, Pressure Filter Plant, Pilessa, Piliakada, Millawa. S.S.H. Auto Mobile, Mawathagama Oil Mill, Star Garment, Asia PasificBruwary Lanka, Dialog Base, Millawa Oil Mill, Wayamba Advertising, Donar State.	
Pothuhera C.S.C.	
2021 May 09	09.00-13.00
Redland Watta, DambakandaWatta, Elwatta, DoratiyawaWeherabanda, IalagamaWilbawa, Nelliya, Bogamuwa Rd, Malpitiya, Kuriyanpola - Thiragama, Kuriyanpola, Udapitiya Water Project, Thaladapitiya, Mahagama, Pathragala Colony, Kudumbuwahewadiwala, MalaganeBulugolla, NakalagamuaKohilegedara, Katupitiya, Kosgolla, Walpolakanda, Indulgodakanda, Handurukanda, Moratenna Estate, Watagoda, Thiragama, Nawinna Industries, Summer Gardens, Bogamuwa, BodhigamaRanaliyawatta, Thorawathura, Mediyawela, Rathgalla Village, HalparaOgodapolaBoyagane, DiddeniyaWatta 1, MalpitiyaDiddeniyaWatta 2, Kurundukumbura, Katupitiya New, the Dias Rathnayake, MalpitiyaHalpara Rd, Madatiyawa. Boyagane Mill, Army Camp, Dangaspitiya Industrial, Hort Coir Ltd., Dangaspitiya Industrial New, Coir Dust Presing Factory, Auto World Ltd., Neluka Metal Crusher, RicherdManufactury, Ceylon Biscuit Ltd., Jayampathi Fiber Mill, Central Coppara Stores, Chelenger Motors.	

2021 May 18	08.30-16.30
PanagamuwaAmbahera, Wewelpola, Ambahera - Rekawagama, KottagasHandiya, Uhumeeya, Clovis Watta, Uhumeeya New, Weherabanda Colony, Hambar, MoragollaPahala Rd, Sandagala, Rathmale, RathmalUyana, Piduruwella, Godawita, Kanumale, Ranjanagama, GantheraAsapuwa, Gepallawa Oil Mill, New Malkaduwa, Kumbalpole, Kumbalpole Water Project, Pinnawalapitiya, UhumeeyaKahatagolla Watta. Jinadasa Brothers Garment, Sathuta Builders, N.M.K. Oil Mill, Nawarath Garment, Forest Department, Wayamba Development, K.D.A. Weerasinghe, Prime Site (Pvt) Ltd., K.N.M. Jayatunga, Sputnic Education Center, Ethugulpura National School, Penguin Polymers Ltd.	
2021 May 22	09.00-17.00
Malwatta, Pothuhera.	
Rideegama C.S.C.	
2021 May 22	08.30-17.00
Rideegama - Kudaoya, Rideegama Town, Wijayapura CTB, RideeViharaya, Devala Junction, Madithiyawa, Katupilagolla, Rambukandana, Rideegama New, Dambakanda, Rambadagalla New, Rambadagalla, Panagamuwa, Panagamuwa New. Multi-Purpose Building, Telecom.	
MAHO AREA	
Maho C.S.C.	
2021 May 08,05	09.30-17.00
JanajayapuraJuncion, Walaswewa, Thisnampola, Thisnampolagama, Thelabuwa, Debinkanda, Nagollagama New, Palugaswewa, Thalagalla, Nagollagama, Wadugama, Heelagama Weheragala, Hunugagama, Hinukwewa Ambogama, Kadambawa.	
2021 May 19	08.30-16.30
Waragammana, Kaluperumawa, Kaluperumawa II, Borawewa, AmbanpolaBakmeewewa,Road Development Authority Ambanpola, Paramix Plastic.	
2021 May 19	08.30-16.30
Rideebendiella, Rideebendiella New, Deduru Oya Pahala Oya, Deduru Oya Water Project, Ella Pothuwewa, Katuwannawa, Walpaluwa, Thimbiriwewa.	
Galgamuwa C.S.C.	
2021 May 02	08.30-16.30
Kasikote, Panagama, Pella, Belungala, Galgamuwa Water Bord, Palukadawala, Atharagalla, Andarawewa, Gurugoda III, Madadenigama, Hadapandeniya, Andarawewa Gurugoda II, Atharagalla, Palukadawala Jagama, Piyasiri Herath Rice Mill	
2021 May 18	08.30-16.30
Bulnewa Poroththukadawala, Embalegama, Kadadekawatta Rotawewa.	
Nikaweratiya C.S.C.	
2021 May 02	08.30-17.00
Elawaka, Alfa Garment, NLDB Farm, CTB, Halambewa, Katagamuwa, Halmillewa, Othota Diullewagama, Randeniigama, OsuUyana, Manapaya, Diullegeda, Wanduressegama.	
2021 May 07,21	08.30-16.30
J.A.K. Plastic, Plastic Factory, Galahitiyawa, Ennarugama, Hewenpelessa, Nebadawa,Hathigammana, Uдахengama,DeliteAgroPolimers (Pvt) Ltd., DAN Ranaweera, Rambewa, Unagolla, Bairaha Farm, Thalakolawewa, Galwewa, Gurugoda, Rasnayakapura,Leekolapitiya, Ottukulama, Sinhala Ottukulama,Nallanchiya, Gurulupitigama, Nagansole Temple, Kolambawatta,Thumbulla, Dialog Telecom, Sudheeragama, Galwewa Housing Project, Pragathi Rice Mill, Kotawehera, KataweheraUnale, Kotawehera New, Ambale Scheme, Uduwawa, Galpanawa, Monnekulama, Kudamithawa,Malpanawa, Helambe, Kiralayagama, Kanuketiya.	
2021 May 08	08.30-17.00
Pubbiliya.	
2021 May 30	08.30-17.00
Helambawa Kumbukwewa, Katagamuwa, Halmillewa, Othota Diullewa, Randeniigama, Osu Uyana, Manapaya, Diullegeda, Wanduressegama.	
Wariyapola C.S.C.	
2021 May 06	08.30-17.00
Thalagahamulla Junction, Dampitiya, Wegama, Homathagama, Kanotuwa, Madawala New, GonawaThalayaya, MadawalaMudunna, Mudunna Temple Road.	
2021 May 07,13,20	08.30-17.00
Ranorawa, Kanaththewewa, Gallehepitiya, Kolambagama, Kudagala Auction Land.	
2021 May 12	09.00-15.00
Siyambalangamuwa Koggalawatta, Siyambalangamuwa Pahalagama,	
2021 May 20	09.00-15.00
Kelimune School, NathaganeBogoda, Nawagatta, RukkaththanaMuthuporuwa, Hanhamuna Junction, Rathkarawwa Oil Mill, Maspotha, Green VillageWelagane Junction, Ranmuddawala, Roof Mart (Pvt) Ltd. 1, Roof Mart (Pvt) Ltd. 11, Jathika Mw., Mel Watta Auction Land, Gunasiri Oil Mill, BadalawaWatta, AmbawattaPellandeniya, C.R.S de Seram Watta, T.M.G. ThennakoonKeenagspitiya, Demataluwa Scheme, Pellandeniya New, Pellandeniya, SiyambalangamuwaKoggalawatta, Siyambalangamuwa.	
Hiripitiya C.S.C.	
2021 May 07	08.30-16.30
Rankirimada.	

Hiripitiya/Wariyapola C.S.C.	
202 May 29	08.30-16.30
Waraddana, Bamunapotha Junction, Rangama, Wellawa School, Wellawa, Kadahapola, Horombawa Oil Mill, Etempola, Horombawa, Metiwalagedara, GorokgollaGodagamwela, Bihalpola, Kebellawala, Nakkawatta, Hewenwelligara, Himaco Garment, Berna Estate - Horombawa, IsuruSevana - Dangolla, Digandeniya, Mahagama, Polgahayaya, Kadirawatta - Horombawa, Sinhapura Village, BomaluwaWatta Home Land, Peragaswella New, Ginigathpitiya.	
2021 May 06,16	09.00-17.00
Etempola, Horombawa Oil Mill, HorombawaIsuruSevana - Dangolla, Kadirawatta, Horombawa, Rathneheruwa.	
2021 May 09	09.00-17.00
Ihala Kadadunna, Kaludeliya, Ranwalagedara, Panagamuwa, Kurakkanhenegedara, Walgama - Panagamuwa, Kotadeniyawa Colony, Swarnawimana Auction Land, Medagama Aludeniya, Serenco Trading (Pvt) Ltd.	
2021 May 11	09.00-17.00
Horombawa.	
2021 May 13	08.30-16.30
Kalugamuwa, Hanwella, Ginipenda,Hurukgamuwa, Weerambagedara New, BolanaBuddhdha Statue, Coco Agro Investment (Pvt) Ltd.	
2021 May 15	09.00-17.00
Town Substation, Rammuthugala, Bank of Ceylon - Narammala, Sirimali Hotel, Nirupa Grinding Mill.	
2021 May 22	08.30-17.00
Ihala Kadadunna, Kaludeliya, Ranwalagedara, Panagamuwa, Kurakkanhenegedara, Walgamuwa - Panagamuwa, Kotadeniyawa Colony, Swarnawimana Auction Land, Medagama Aludeniya, Serenco Trading (Pvt) Ltd.	
Alawwa C.S.C.	
2021 May 06	08.30-16.30
Udapolawatta Hondeniya Wewa, Mawatta, Weeragolla.	
2021 May 06	09.00-17.00
Udapola Rubber Factory, Udapola Watta Hondeniya Wewa, Mawatta, Weeragolla, Kaikolayaya New.	
2021 May 07	08.30-16.30
Alawwa Town, Alawwa Telecom, Janaraja Rd, Hapugahagedara, Idumini Rice Mill - Dambadeniya, Galatharaya, Ihala Kalapitiya, Pambadeniya, Nugawela, Hiththarapola, Diulgahakotuwa, Kandeggedara, Kosgahamada, Welikare, Galgamuwa, Maharachchimuulla, Wennaruwa, Dammehera, Morawalapitiya, Sampatha Bank - Alawwa, Water Board, Galgamuwa Metiyagane, WilgamuwaWatta, Wennoruwa New, Ihala Wettewa.	
2021 May 08,20	09.00-17.00
Mabopitiya New	
2021 May 09	08.30-16.30
Ganekanda, Kebellawita, Paramulla, Galwarama Junction, Alawwa Giriulla Rd, Mabopitiya New, Mabopitiya, Lanka Educational Products (PVT) Ltd.,Tristar Apperal Garment 2, Compact Morisons, Humbuluwa, Mabopitiya, Mallehewa Humbuluwa, Paththayagala, Koshinna, Welihinda, Henduwawatta, Henduwawa, Boyawalana, Papolgashinna, Delmo Chicken Agro (PVT) Ltd., Galadeniya, Bogahawatta - Galadeniya,Thiruwanpola - Othara, Thumbulla, Nawathalwatta Junction, Henahundeniya, Udagankanda, Yaththalgoda, Bowala, Raththaranhena, Bujjomuwa, Kendahena, Mawatha, Nallur, Lakshika Metal Crusher, Werellagama, I.P.C. Agro Engineering (Pvt) Ltd, Kavindu Metal Crusher, International Construction Consortium - Galadeniya, Bujjomuwa, Humbuluwa New, Wedeniya, Boyawalana - Kadigamuwa, Cargills Ceylon PLC - Alawwa, Rahula Pirivena, People's Bank - Alawwa, Alawwa Town 11.	
2021 May 09,23	09.00-17.00
Henahundeniya.	
2021 May 23	13.00-16.00
Barahelagamuwa, Kaikolaya, Udapola - Sapumalgama, Rupasinghe Rice Mill.	
Giriulla C.S.C.	
2021 May 07	08.30-16.30
S.G.M.D.R. Samaratunga, Wattegedara Deekirikewa, Kanugala New, Ravi Breeders Farm (Pvt) Ltd, Tribio International (Pvt).	
2021 May 22	09.00-17.00
Bopitiya New.	

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**Auction Sale of Unredeemed Pawned Articles**

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Pawned upto	Not Redeemed prior to	Auction Date
2020/01/10	2020/10/31	2021/05/17

Branches / Service Centers - Alutgama, Ambalangoda, Ampara, Aruradhapura, Avissawella, Badulla, Bandarawela, Battaramulla, Batticaloa, Borissegomuwa, Chilaw, Dambulla, Dehiwala, Embilipitiya, Elakanda, Embilipitiya, Galle, Gampaha, Girisilla, Head Office, Herana, Ja-ela, Jaffna, Kaduruwela, Kaduwa, Kalutara, Kantana, Kandy, Katugastota, Kegalle, Kelaniya, Kochchikade, Kotahena, Kottawa, Kuliapitiya, Kurunegala, Kuruvita, Mahara, Makaragama, Mahiyanganaya, Malabe, Marawila, Matale, Matara, Matugama, Mawathagama, Misawangoda, Moratuwa, Narammala, Nigombo, Nkaveriya, Nitambuwa, Nugegoda, Nuwara Eliya, Panadura, Palamadula, Piliandala, Ragama, Rajagiriya, Ratmalana, Ratnapura, Thalawugoda, Tissamaharama, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Warakapota, Wariyapola, Wattala, Welikawatta, Wennappuwa

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**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964**

Reference No. MTR/LND/L1/ACQUI/3957

The land described in following schedule acquired by the Government. See No. 2219/69 and 19.03.2021 dated Extraordinary Gazette of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for more details.

**SCHEDULE**

**District :** Matara  
**Divisional Secretary's Division :** Matara Four Gravets  
**Grama Niladhari Division :** Walgama North  
**Name of the Land :** Kurunduwatta  
**Plan Number :** P.P. Mara/1705  
**Lot Numbers :** 1 and 3 (0.0030 hec.)

**Deepika K. Gunaratne**  
Acquiring Officer / Divisional Secretary,  
Matara Four Gravets

Date: 28.04.2021

**EXTENSION OF BIDS**

LECO extends the period of the bid issue & closing date of the bid for the ERD/SDD/PROC/2021/162/T003 as follows,

Bid Ref.	ERD/SDD/PROC/2021/162/T003
Bid Description	Three Phase Four Wire CT Connected CT/ VT Connected Static Energy/Demand Electricity Meter with Remote Meter Reading Facility -1,000 Nos
Bid Fee (non - refundable)	Rs. 2,000.00
Planned Date of Bid Closing	05th May 2021
Amended Date of Bid Closing	18th May 2021 at 3.00 p.m (Doc. will be issued up to 17th May 2021)

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Procurement Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E. H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than above mentioned Time & Dates of bid. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.



**General Manager,**  
**Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Limited,**  
**411, Galle Road,**  
**Colombo 03.**  
**Tel : 011 2371660 / 2371637**

LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PVT) LIMITED



**TEACHING HOSPITAL , JAFFNA**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1. Sealed bids for the supply of the under mentioned items will be received by Chairman , Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital , Jaffna up to 09.00 a.m on 24.05.2021

Sr. No	Item Code	Non-refundable Tender Fee (Rs.)	Supply, Installation, Maintenance & Commissioning of	Qty	Bid Security (Rs.)
I	JTH/FE/BME/B1/21	1000.00	Laparoscope System for General Surgery	01	150,000.00
II	JTH/FE/BME/B2/21	1000.00	Laparoscope System for Gyn & Obs Uterine Manipulator	01 01	150,000.00
III	JTH/FE/BME/B3/21	1000.00	Multi Monitor (Intermediate)	12	150,000.00
IV	JTH/FE/BME/B4/21	1000.00	Diathermy (Electro Surgical Unit)	05	150,000.00
V	JTH/FE/BME/B5/21	1000.00	C-Arm X-Ray Machine	01	150,000.00
VI	JTH/FE/BME/B6/21	1000.00	DVT Pumps Vascular Hand Doppler	05 01	150,000.00
VII	JTH/FE/BME/B7/21	1000.00	Treadmill ECG Machine	01	150,000.00
VIII	JTH/FE/BME/B8/21	1000.00	Slit Lamp	02	150,000.00
IX	JTH/FE/BME/B9/21	1000.00	Paediatric Urology System	01	150,000.00
X	JTH/FE/BME/B10/21	1000.00	Apex Locator Dental Scalar Endo motor	01 01 01	150,000.00
XI	JTH/FE/BME/B11/21	1000.00	Paediatric Upper GI, Enteroscope with Urology Camera System	01	150,000.00
XII	JTH/FE/BME/B12/21	1000.00	Urology Pneumatic Lithotripter for stone	01	150,000.00
XIII	JTH/FE/BME/B13/21	1000.00	Liquid Nitrogen Canister Biological Microscope and camera with monitor Liquid Nitrogen Transport Canister	01 01 01	150,000.00
XIV	JTH/FE/BME/B14/21	1000.00	Test tube warmer/incubator Sperm counting chamber Carbon Dioxide Incubator Vertical laminar flow clean bench Centrifuge	01 01 01 01 01	150,000.00
XV	JTH/FE/BME/Covid-19/SP1/21	1000.00	Portable X-Ray Machine	01	150,000.00
XVI	JTH/FE/BME/Covid-19/SP2/21	1000.00	Ultrasound Scanner Machine	03	150,000.00
XVII	JTH/FE/BME/Covid-19/SP3/21	1000.00	ECG Machine	01	150,000.00
XVIII	JTH/FE/BME/Covid-19/SP4/21	1000.00	ABG machine Stethoscope (Adult) Multipara Monitor for ICU	01 30 05	150,000.00
XIX	JTH/FE/BME/Covid-19/SP5/21	1000.00	Syringe Pump Feeding Pump Dialysis Machine	40 08 01	150,000.00

(Specifications of the equipment are included in the bidding documents.)

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method
- Only the sole nominated representative / accredited agent of manufacturers of the equipment offered for the Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this bid.
- Sealed bids should be made on a complete set of bidding documents for each project in duplicate and original shall be separately sent by the Registered Post or shall be deposited in the tender box addressed to the Chairman , Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.
- Bid documents should be obtained from Accountant, at the above address from 04.05.2021 to 23.05.2021 between 9.00 a.m and 3.00 p.m during working days on submission of the following.
  - A written application to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.
  - Certificate of Business Registration (Certified Photocopy)
  - A Certificate / letter issued by the principals appointing your company as local agents for their products.
  - Upon payment of the non-refundable tender fee stated above in cash to the Director, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.
- The following Certificates must be attached in your bids
  - Certified Copy of the **Valid CDDA / NMRA Certificate.**
  - Upon production of the certificate registration issued by the Registrar of Companies under the Para 8 of Public Contract Act for each offer to be eligible in this procurement. If the each total equipment value is more than 5.0 Million.
  - Sample details of Pro Forma Invoice
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Security amounting to LKR mentioned in the bid projects table / document for each project by cash or bank bond and the validity period until 20.09.2021 (119days) from deadline of the bid.
- Optional tenders will not be accepted. The bidder should have to quote for only one model. Option either in model or in rates will not be accepted and the tenders will be rejected straightway. Alternative bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the office of the Chairman / Director. Bidders or their representatives permitted to be present when bids are opened.
- Bid Documents may be inspected free of charge at the Procurement Division in our Hospital.
- Further information could be obtained from Accountant TH /Jaffna (Tel- 021 222 3149 / 021 221 2482)
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00am on - 12.05.2021 at Director's Office, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.

**Director / Chairman.**  
**RPC / Teaching Hospital,**  
**Jaffna.**



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**STATE MINISTRY OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

**Department of Technical Education & Training (DTET)**  
**National Competitive Bidding (NCB)**

- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the **Department of Technical Education & Training, P.O. Box 557, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10**, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Improvements & Refurbishment works at Department of Technical Education & Training** in the following table.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Estimated Value of Work to be performed under this procurement (excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs. 50 Mn., regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (iii).
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following grade of CIDA registration.

Bid No.	Name of Item	Work Cost (Rs.Mn) (Excluding VAT)	Required CIDA grade	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Contract Period	Document Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security validity period
01.	Construction of new changing room for Agricultural Section at Technical College - Kuliapitiya	2.74	C8 & C7	40,000/-	8 Weeks	1,200/-	04.08.2021
02.	Construction of New Staff Toilet Block at Technical College - Hasalaka	3.33	C8 & C 7	50,000/-	8 Weeks	1,400/-	04.08.2021
03.	Renovation and Improvements of Quarters Buildings at Technical College - Dehiattakandiya.	5.53	C7 & C6	82,000/-	10 Weeks	2,100/-	18.08.2021
04.	Renovation and Improvement of Workshop Building and Essential Repairing to Canteen & Principal Quarters at Technical College Embilipitiya.	9.48	C7 & C6	140,000/-	10 Weeks	3,300/-	18.08.2021
05.	Improvement of Administration Section (Stage I) at DTET Building.	9.83	C7 & C6	145,000/-	12 Weeks	3,400/-	18.08.2021
06.	Construction of Wheel Alignment Pit at College of Technology - Kandy.	0.57	C9 & C8	8,500/-	6 Weeks	500/-	04.08.2021
07.	Construction of Wheel Alignment Pit at Technical College - Polonnaruwa.	0.57	C9 & C8	8,500/-	6 Weeks	500/-	04.08.2021
08.	Renovation and Improvements of Boys' and Girls' 3 No. Of Toilet Blocks and Agricultural Section Staff Toilet at Technical College - Kuliapitiya.	3.51	C8 & C7	52,000/-	8 Weeks	1,500/-	04.08.2021
09.	Renovation & Improvement of Main Building Upper Floor and Ground Floor Essential Repairing Work at College of Technology - Badulla	7.45	C7 & C6	110,000/-	12 Weeks	2,700/-	18.08.2021
10.	Repairing and Improvement of Automobile Workshop at Technical College - Monaragala	2.79	C8 & C7	40,000/-	8 Weeks	1,200/-	04.08.2021
11.	Construction of Hoisting Yard at Technical College - Monaragala	2.07	C8 & C7	30,000/-	8 Weeks	1,000/-	04.08.2021
12.	Construction of Machine Yard for Automobile Workshop at Technical College - Kegalle	4.49	C8 & C7	65,000/-	8 Weeks	1,700/-	04.08.2021

- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chief Engineer, Infrastructure & Maintenance Division, Department of Technical Education & Training, P.O. Box 557, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10 (Tel: 011-2348894, 011-2348897,96)** and inspect the bidding documents at the same office.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to **Chief Engineer, Infrastructure & Maintenance Division from 03rd May 2021 to 18th May 2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.** on working days upon payment of a nonrefundable fee given in the table. The method of payment will be in cash at the Shroff counter, Finance Unit of this department.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate clearly mentioning original and duplicate on top right hand corner of the envelopes. The name of the bid shall be written on top left hand corner of the envelope. Bid shall be addressed to the **Director General, Department of Technical Education & Training, P.O. Box 557, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10** and deposited in the tender box made available at the office of the **Chief Engineer Infrastructure's Office, 1st Floor, Department of Technical Education & Training, P.O. Box 557, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10** or sent by registered post addressed to the Director General in the above address to reach on or before **19th May 2021 at 2.00 p.m.** and late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the **Conference Hall in 2nd Floor of Department of Technical Education & Training** in the presence of the Bidders representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security from reputed Banks registered under the Central Bank in favour of **Director General, Department of Technical Education & Training, P.O. Box. 557, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10** or refundable cash deposit according to Clause 16 at schedule in bidding document to Shroff counter at DTET.

**Chairman,**  
**Department Procurement Committee,**  
**Department of Technical Education & Training, P.O.Box 557, Olcott Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 10.**  
**Website : www.dtet.gov.lk**

**Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**  
Ministry of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare, Rural Development and Rural Industries

**SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

**INVITATION FOR PROCUREMENTS**

Open quotations are invited under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure by the Ministry of Social Welfare of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council for the purchase of the undermentioned items / equipment.

Tender No.	Details	Tender form fee Rs.	Bid Security Deposit Rs.
2021/SS/01	Purchase of 150 Commode Wheelchairs, 100 Normal wheelchairs, 30 hand supports, 20 Walking frames, 20 air mattresses, 30 Water mattresses, and 20 paires of crutches	2000.00	50,000.00
2021/SS/02	Purchase of 350 hearing-aids and 400 spectacles	2000.00	50,000.00

Tender documents could be inspected during working days of the week from 03.05.2021 up to 24.05.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. at the Ministry Office. Interested applicants could obtain tender forms by submitting a written request from the Supplier and crediting the tender form fee as mentioned above to the A/C No. 1016456 of the Bank of Ceylon, Ratnapura Branch in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Industries and you could collect the bid forms by submitting the receipt thus obtained.

An unconditional, pay on demand bid security to the value as mentioned in the tender document above obtained in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare, Rural Development and Rural Industries, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, New Town, Ratnapura, issued by a bank, approved by the Government or the relevant amount could be credited to the A/C No. 1016456 of Bank of Ceylon, Ratnapura Branch in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Industries and the receipt thus received by the Ministry should be submitted. The Bid Security should be valid for a period up to 23rd August 2021.

The relevant conditions and details will be issued with the tender forms.

Duly completed tenders, prepared by bidders according to tender conditions should be sent by registered post to the address below to be received before 11.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021 or could be inserted in the tender box kept at this address. We are not responsible for the delays caused in the post.

Tenders will be opened immediately after closing of accepting tenders on 25.05.2021 and the tenderer or his representative with written approval could participate on this occasion. In the event if this day is declared a public holiday, the next working day will be considered as the day for opening of tenders.

The Chairman of the Tender Board retains the right of decision regarding accepting, rejecting tenders in entirety or in parts or taking decisions regarding this matter.

**H.D. Sisira,**  
Chairman, Tender Board,  
Ministry of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare,  
Rural Development and Rural Industries,  
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, New Town, Ratnapura.  
Telephone : 045-2222145, 045-2228137

**INVITATION FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**  
**Educational Publications Department**

Bid No: අ.ප්‍ර.පෙ./08/02/2021

**Printing of School Text Books for year 2022**

Sealed bids are invited by the Commissioner General of Educational Publications on behalf of the Chairman, Cabinet Appointed Standard Procurement Committee, from printers who are qualified and who have the capacity to print and supply to the specified stores, the school text books required for year 2022.

- All books relevant to this bid should be printed only in the offset printing method and only the printers who have the offset printing machines and have at least one year's experience in printing works should submit bids.
- Printers who had failed to print and supply text books as per the agreement after entering into an agreement after receiving an order of the Educational Publications Department in any year within last three (03) years and who are blacklisted are not qualified to bid.
- Following documents should be submitted for obtaining the bid documents.
  - Receipt obtained upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 25,000/- in cash to the Commissioner General of Educational Publications.
  - Bidders other than the Institutions that are doing printing as a Government Department or the Institutions that are doing printing after being started by an Act of Parliament should submit a Copy of the Business Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies/ Provincial Registrar of Companies/Divisional Secretary mentioning printing works as the general nature of business certified either by a Justice of the Peace or Attorney-at-Law.
  - Should submit the original of the Registration Certificate as an Agent, Sub Agent, Representative or Nominee of a tenderer as per Section 6 of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987.
  - Certificate obtained from the Divisional Secretary of the authority area where the press is situated, that the institution owns a press that is operational and has offset printing machines should be submitted with the bid.
  - Copy of the Certificate obtained from the Magistrate as per Section 2 (1) of the Printing Ordinance certified either by a Justice of the Peace or an Attorney-at-Law.

- Bids should be submitted only on bid documents issued by the Educational Publications Department, 6th Floor, "Isurupaya", Pelawatte, Battaramulla.
- Bid documents may be obtained from the Chief Accountant, Finance Division, Educational Publications Department, 6th Floor, "Isurupaya", Pelawatte, Battaramulla between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm on working days from 30.04.2021 until 20.05.2021. Documents mentioned in Paragraph 04 should be submitted to obtain bid documents.
- Sealed bids may either be deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Office of the Chief Accountant, Educational Publications Department, 6th Floor, "Isurupaya", Pelawatte, Battaramulla or sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Cabinet Appointed Standard Procurement Committee, Educational Publications Department, "Isurupaya", Pelawatte, Battaramulla to be received at or before 10.00 am on 21.05.2021. The caption " Printing of School Textbooks for year 2022" should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at 10.00 am on 21.05.2021 and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Bid documents may be inspected free of charge between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm on working days from 30.04.2021 until 20.05.2021 at the Finance Division of the Educational Publications Department.
- To settle the problems that may arise to bidders a pre-bid meeting will be held by the Commissioner General at the Educational Publications Department at 10.00 am on 17.05.2021.
- Bidders should submit a bid security as mentioned in annexure xiii of the bid documents .
- Further details may be obtained from the following officers.

Tel. Nos. Commissioner General of Educational Publications - 011-2784815  
Chief Accountant - 011-2787515

**Chairman**  
**Cabinet Appointed Standard Procurement Committee**  
**Educational Publications Department**  
**6th Floor**  
**"Isurupaya"**  
**Pelawatte, Battaramulla**  
30.04.2021

**Employment Opportunities**

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**Deadline :** 21 days from the advertisement.

**The Director**  
**National Institute of Fundamental Studies**  
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Tel : 081-2232002  
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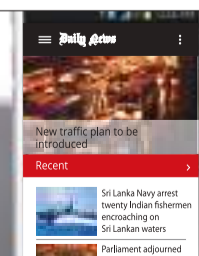


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