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Ruwanpura Expressway work begins today

Arrangements have been made to launch work on the country's seventh expressway by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa today (7). The inauguration ceremony of the first phase from Kahatuduwa to Ingiriya of the Ruwanpura Expressway is scheduled to be held with the participation of a limited number of participants as per health regulations in place in view of the pandemic, and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will participate in the ceremony via new technology from Temple Trees, the Highways Ministry said. Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said that the implementation of the project is another manifestation of the government's commitment to realise the visions and policies of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour in line with plans for sustainable development. The proposed Ruwanpura Expressway from Kahathuduwa to Pelmadulla via Ratnapura connects the Western Province with the Sabaragamuwa Province. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Sri Lanka began rolling out the Sputnik V vaccine for COVID-19 developed by the Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology in Russia. Residents of Gothatuwa between 30 and 60 were the first to be administered with the Sputnik V vaccine at the Madinnagoda Purana Rajamaha Viharaya in Gothatuwa yesterday. Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana and Specialist Dr. Samitha Ginige were present.

NO RESTRICTIONS FOR TRANSIT PASSENGERS ARRIVALS FROM INDIA SUSPENDED

HEALTH MINISTRY DIRECTIVE TO CONTROL COVID

CAMELIA NATHANIEL
The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of Sri Lanka has suspended the entry of all passenger arrivals from India to Sri Lanka effective from Wednesday night (05). However, speaking to the *Daily News*, CAA spokesman Rayhan Wanniarajah said that there were no restrictions on transit passengers at the BIA. He also said that there were no restrictions on departures from Sri Lanka to any city in India. The decision has been taken on a directive of the Health Ministry. The Director General of Civil Aviation in a letter to all Airlines yesterday said: "In accordance with instructions **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Speaker to announce Port City Bill ruling on May 18

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena received Supreme Court's determination on the Colombo Port City Economic Commission draft Bill yesterday (6). The decision of the Supreme Court will be presented to Parliament on May 18 by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, the Speaker's media unit said. The decision regarding the debate on the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Draft Bill will be taken at the forthcoming Committee on Parliamentary Business meeting. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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Sri Lanka frees 86 Indian fishermen

Eighty-six Indian fishermen, detained for about 10 hours by Sri Lankan Navy personnel on charges of crossing waters while fishing in the Palk Straits, were let off on Wednesday. According to reports, 86 fishermen from Pamban and other hamlets had ventured into the sea on May 3 in 11 boats. The Sri Lankan Navy personnel, on surveillance, secured the fishermen and took them to a camp, where they were detained for 10 hours. After recording their names and other details, police and Fisheries department officials in Sri Lanka warned the Indian fishermen and let them off. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

IRD meets 98% tax revenue target for first 3 months of 2021

It was revealed at the Parliament's Committee on Public Finance that with the new tax revision, 98% of the tax revenue target of Rs. 575.5 million given by the Finance Ministry to the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) for the first three months of this year has been met. The Committee on Public Finance chaired by MP Anura Priyadharshana Yapa while appreciating the Inland Revenue Department for its achievement of its targets in the face of a global **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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Bank heist thwarted in Anuradhapura

NIMAL WIJESINGHE
An attempt by two individuals to rob a private security vehicle carrying cash for an ATM of a private bank in Anuradhapura yesterday was thwarted by security officials. This is despite the robbers throwing chillie powder in their faces followed by shooting with a firearm. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Police arrest 238 for not masking

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA
Police have arrested 238 persons for violating quarantine rules including not wearing masks in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00 am yesterday (6). Police spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said 5,486 persons have been arrested for not wearing face masks and violating the quarantine rules and 5,400 of them have been charged. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

My pleadings on ICU beds were ignored - UNP Leader

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE
UNP leader and former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe charged that the Government had failed to increase ICU beds in hospitals despite early warnings. Wickremesinghe said if the number of ICU beds **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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Relief for war hero dependents from April

Steps will be taken to provide relief to the dependents of war heroes who have died or got disabled due to terrorist activities with the approval of the Cabinet from April 2021, the President's media division said yesterday.

"War heroes sacrificed their lives and became disabled to bring about a free country for all

communities. Therefore, it is the responsibility and duty of the government to provide all the facilities that can be provided for them," President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had stated in his "Vision for Prosperity" policy statement.

The two Cabinet Memoranda submitted by the President with seven proposals to provide relief

to dependents of war heroes was approved by the Cabinet at its meeting held on April 27.

The Defence Ministry has taken action to pay the relevant allowances from May 2021 in accordance with the President's order to take steps to pay the proposed relief from the date of approval.



Action against those who organise gatherings - PHU Union

Legal action would be taken against Heads of Department (HoD) of State and private sector institutions who organise large gatherings within their office premises violating COVID-19 safety reg-

ulations, the Public Health Inspectors' (PHI) Union President Upul Rohana stated.

He told the media that legal action will be filed in courts against those department heads in accord-

ance with the quarantine Act. Rohana said many complaints have been received about such incidents and added that according to COVID-19 regulations such events cannot be organised.

Facebook accounts without owners will be suspended - Minister

RUWANTHA KITHULGASPIPIYA

Media Minister Dr. Keheliya Rambukwella has stated that action will be taken in the future to suspend 27 percent of the total Facebook accounts in the country which have

been confirmed to be without a valid owner.

The Minister said that Justice Minister Ali Sabry PC and him had submitted a Cabinet Memoranda to take necessary action through the

existing institutions in the state structure to regulate and control such accounts in accordance with the existing laws.

He said the move was taken to ensure national

security and well-being of the country as the security forces had observed that such ownerless accounts were aiding and abetting terrorism, extremism, racism, misconduct among the youth



and anti-social activities such as theft and thuggery.

Health guidelines for bars, pubs issued

The Commissioner General of Excise has issued health guidelines for all excise licence holders including bars, pubs and restaurants serving liquor.

These are in line with the guidelines issued by the Director General of Health Services on May 1.

Mattala to waive off landing charges, embarkation tax to attract new airlines

A special programme is being implemented to attract new airlines to the Mattala Mahinda Rajapaksa International Airport.

Accordingly, discussions were held with all airlines arriving in the country regarding the commencement of flights to Mattala Airport, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said.

The Minister also stated that he hopes to take further action in this regard once the current

COVID-19 situation is brought under control.

One year landing and stopping charges have been waived for airlines (Scheduled Airlines) designed as a means of attracting aircraft and passengers arriving at the Mattala International Airport. Embarkation Tax is exempt for two years. Preliminary discussions with airlines such as Lot Polish, Lion Air, Air Astana, Ukraine Airlines, Indigo, Alliance Air, Air India, Emirates, Air Vistara, Moldavian Air, Salam

Air regarding the launch of new flights to Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, have been held according to the Minister's media unit.

As a result, eight airlines have made new flights through Mattala Airport from time to time recently. These airlines are Scoot, Air Astana, Moldavian Air, Ukraine Air, Indigo Air, Salam Air and Emirates.

As at March 31, the Mattala Airport operated 687 flights with over 33,450 passengers.

WFP re-affirms commitment to improving nutrition, food security here

The newly-appointed Country Director and Representative of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Sri Lanka, Abdur Rahim Siddiqui, formally presented his letter of credentials to Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena at the Ministry premises.

Country Director Siddiqui reiterated WFP's commitment to supporting the Government in enhancing food security, improving nutrition, and strengthening resilience of smallholder farmers through sustainable agriculture.

"I am pleased to see the socio-economic progress Sri Lanka has made since the end of its decades-long civil conflict," said Country Director Siddiqui. "My colleagues and I remain committed to working with the Government and other partners in addressing and overcoming on-going challenges related to nutrition and food security. Our aim is to develop a better future for vulnerable communities through sustainable solutions."

Country Director Siddiqui and Minister Gunawardena discussed WFP's Country Strategic Plan



WFP Sri Lanka Country Director Abdur Rahim Siddiqui hands over his letter of credentials to Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena.

which comprises a set of objectives in line with Sustainable Development Goal 2 of achieving zero hunger. They also discussed the progress Sri Lanka has made in reducing hunger and malnutrition and building resilience of communities against the effects of climate change. WFP established its presence in the country in 1968. Siddiqui has over 30

years' experience in WFP with a strong background in nutrition and food security. He was previously based in Nigeria as the Head of Area Office of the Northern States, where he led the organization's emergency operations. An experienced humanitarian, Country Director Siddiqui has held various positions throughout his WFP career.

Ayurveda hospitals to be used as COVID Treatment Centres

SANDYA KARUNARATNE

The Health Ministry has decided to use the Ayurvedic hospital system with 5,000 beds to facilitate COVID-19 patients.

Ayurvedic or Western treatments are available at the patient's discretion at these centres, which are run as COVID-19 Intermediate Treatment Centres.

The decision was taken at a special discussion between Primary Health Care, Epidemiology and Covid Disease Control State Minister Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle and Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health State Minister Sisira Jayakody.

Heavy rains forecast

Heavy rainfalls above 100 mm can be expected at some places in Sabaragamuwa, Central, Western, Uva, North-western and Southern provinces, the Meteorology Department said. Showers or thundershowers will occur over most parts of the

island during the evening or night. Showers can occur over Eastern province and in Mullaitivu and Hambantota districts during the morning.

Public are requested to take adequate precautions to minimise dam-

ages caused by temporary strong winds and lightning during thundershowers. Sea areas around the country can be moderate.

Strong gusty winds and very rough seas can be expected during thundershowers.

AG declines diplomatic post

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula de Livera has declined the offer by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to be appointed Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to Canada.

Attorney General's Coordinating Officer State Counsel Nishara

Jayarathne said the Attorney General had thanked the President for his appointment and has conveyed to the President that he wishes to remain in Sri Lanka to serve the public.

Attorney General Dappula de Livera was appointed as the act-

ing Attorney General on April 29, 2019 by former President Maithripala Sirisena and his appointment was confirmed on May 7, 2019 by the Constitutional Council and sworn in on May 10, 2019.

The Attorney General is due to retire on May 24, 2021.



Ruwanpura Expressway...From page 01

The project from Kahathuduwa to Ratnapura to Pelmadulla (73.9 km) has been divided into three phases for implementation purposes. Phase I extends from Kahathuduwa to Ingiriya (24.3 km), Phase II from Ingiriya to Ratnapura (26.2 km), and Phase III from Ratnapura to Pelmadulla (21.4 km). The project has first been envisaged by the Mahinda Chinthana mani-

festos in 2014. Maga Engineering Company has been selected as the construction contractor of the project at a cost of Rs. 54.70 billion.

Minister Fernando said that the government's development drive was in progress despite the threats and challenges of the pandemic that could not be permitted to hinder achievement of people's aspirations.

"We turned a wasteland into a land of opportunity," the minister said.

The Ruwanpura Expressway is envisaged to provide a boost for the economic development of the country by help promoting efficiency and it is expected to ease congestion on the Panadura-Ratnapura (A08) and Colombo-Wellawaya-Batticaloa (A-04) routes. People in Colombo, Kalutara, Rat-

napura, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Moneragala and Hambantota districts will directly benefit by the new expressway which will provide them with opportunity to transport their produce including tea, apparels, minor export crops and a boom to the gem industry with ease of travelling to find markets, decreases in congestion and costs of fuel and time, the Minister said.

Speaker to announce...From page 01

The Committee on Parliamentary Business chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena held on May 4 decided not to hold the debate on the Colombo

Port City Economic Commission Bill as scheduled on May 5 as Parliament had not received the determination of the Supreme Court.

Sri Lanka frees...From page 01

Around Monday night, they were all handed over to Indian authorities. Coast Guard officials said that due to the pandemic, the fishermen were let off with a warning by the Sri Lankan authorities. The officials urged the fishermen not to violate the maritime bound-

aries. Meanwhile, fishermen association leader Rayappan claimed that the fishermen were well within the Indian waters. However, he thanked the Indian authorities for the safe return of the fishermen.

A senior official in the Fisheries Department here

said 300 fishermen had ventured into the sea on Monday. "We have been repeatedly educating the fishermen not to cross the IMLB. Moreover, with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sri Lankan Navy personnel, too, had intensified surveillance." (The Hindu)

Arrivals from India...From page 01

situation it is hereby directed that passengers travelling from India will not be permitted to disembark in Sri Lanka with immediate effect. The aforementioned restriction will be reviewed as early as possible based on instructions from local Health authorities".

Sri Lanka it was reported had been used as a transit hub for Indians visiting other destinations like West Asia and Singapore prior to which they needed to be quarantined for 14 days.

Several countries like the UK, the UAE, Australia and Singapore have already banned travellers from India as well as several other South Asian countries.

As of yesterday, India had reported 412,262 new cases and 3,980 deaths within a 24 hour period. India had become the first country in the world to register over 400,000 infections in a single day on April 30, having recorded 408,000 infections.

My pleadings on...From page 01

had been increased at least as he had said a year ago, it would have been a strength to face the current situation. He also said the Government had failed to conduct enough research about COVID-19 and this had contributed to enhancing the disease spread.

"While other countries were conducting research to control corona, the Sri Lankan government was giving the untested herbal brew widely called 'Dhammika peniya' to the people. We are now seeing the consequences," he said during a discussion with UNP senior's yesterday morning using Zoom technology.

The above discussion was held related

to the UNP reorganisation programme. However COVID-19 took center stage during discussions and Wickremesinghe elaborating on the subject noted that CPR tests should be increased and this should be done at electoral level Wickremesinghe pointed out that although one center is sufficient for small electorates, at least two or three PCR centers should be provided for large electorates such as Moneragala.

Wickremesinghe said that just as he had pointed out a year ago that the number of intensive care unit beds for corona patients should be increased, even before that the UNP had included those issues in its election manifesto.

IRD meets 98% tax...From page 01

crisis, also emphasised that the Inland Revenue Department should increase the number of taxpayers in Sri Lanka.

Attention of the Committee on Public Finance was drawn to the aforesaid while a number of Amendments being introduced to the Inland Revenue Act No. 24 of 2018 was taken into discussion. According to the new tax Amendments introduced for a period of five years, the income limit of an individual who has to pay taxes has been increased from

Rs. 500,000 to Rs. 3 million.

Also, exemptions from certain taxes, such as the Nation Building Tax, is also a salient feature of the new tax amendments. The Committee pointed out that although there is potential for non-tax revenue to be converted into savings, the Department should be vigilant about the sectors and industries that will be encouraged as also pointed out by the officials.

Committee on Public Finance chair Anura Priyadharshana Yapa stated

that he appreciates the interest of the Inland Revenue Department in promoting local industries and investments as well as in digitising institutions such as the Film Corporation.

Public Finance Committee Chairman Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, State Ministers Susil Premajayantha, Vidura Wickramanayaka, Sarath Weerasekera, MPs Dilan Perera, Prof. Ranjith Bandara, Isuru Dodangoda, Nalin Fernando and Samanpriya Herath were present at the Committee meeting.

Bank heist thwarted...From page 01

A security guard at the Bank sustained injuries in the shooting and was admitted to Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital. Police said two persons on a motorcycle had attempted to rob cash in the Anuradhapura New Town area around 6.40 am yesterday. The incident had taken place while officials were engaged in depositing cash into the ATM machines.

At the time of the incident, cash worth over Rs.12 million was

to be deposited in the ATM, sources said. Anuradhapura Police HQI, CI Sanjaya Mahanama told Daily News that investigations were in progress to apprehend the culprits, through eye witness statements and CCTV footage.

The robbers had thrown chilli powder at the security personnel and also had attacked them but the security officials had been able to prevent them from robbing the cash.

Cabinet approval for changing education system

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA

Education Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Perera said that the Cabinet has approved to change the education system, which keeps schoolchildren away from education for about nine months and to change the duration of the O/L and A/L Exams.

He was addressing a special media briefing in Colombo yesterday.

According to the education examination

schedule, the A/L Exam is held in August and the O/L in December.

He said that this results in students staying away from education for about nine months from the day they sit for the O/L Exam to enter the A/L classes and if they pass the A/L Exam to enter University.

He explained that this change was very suitable to fill the vacuum easily.

"The O/L Exam is held in December and the results are released in March. But

children cannot be admitted to school because there are A/L students. After the exam of those children is held in August, the children who have passed the O/L will be able to be admitted to the school. Similarly, the results of a child sitting for the A/L Exam will be released in April.

It will take another four to five months for the results to be re-corrected and to apply for university after that. It also takes time to determine districts. If the O/L

Exam is held in August, children can sit for the A/L classes in January next year.

If the A/L Exam is held in December, those children will not come to school. A system is being set up to obtain information from the Election Commission and the Department of Registration of Persons to facilitate the determination of districts. Only 0.1 per cent of the applicants get a positive result from the re-survey and enter the university," he said.

Drones for Colombo traffic control



A drone being operated in the pilot project via a remote.

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA

The pilot project of the Sri Lanka Police to launch a new traffic programme using drone cameras to reduce traffic congestion in and around Colombo was launched yesterday near the Nugegoda flyover.

The programme is a concept of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The project was implemented by the Drone Camera Division of the Police Special Task Force with the assistance of the Drone Camera Division of the Sri Lanka Air Force.

The programme aims to fly drone cameras in Colombo and quickly capture the footage in mobile compartments installed in a special van to identify high-traffic areas on major roads.

It will then instruct traffic officers to take appropriate action to reduce traffic congestion at those locations and monitor traffic violators.

Police are looking forward to implementing the project in the future in other areas where there is heavy traffic.

SC, CA to hear only urgent cases

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Supreme Court yesterday announced that only 'urgent' matters will be taken up in Open court for hearing from May 6 to 14, in view of the COVID situation in Colombo.

If there are any urgent matters, which should be taken up in Open Court, a Motion containing an application to such effect should be filed before the scheduled date or if that is not possible, before 9.30 am on the scheduled date, with prior notice to relevant parties, the Supreme Court Registrar announced.

The Supreme Court registrar announced that such urgent matters will be taken up in the designated Court commencing at 11 am.

The Supreme Court Registrar further announced that litigants will not be permitted to enter the Superior Courts Complex, unless permission has been obtained from the relevant presiding justice. All Attorneys-at-Law have been requested to fully adhere to health guidelines issued by health authorities relating to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

Attorneys-at-Law have been further requested to enter Court rooms only when

it is reasonably likely that their respective application is about to be taken up.

The new dates for matters that are scheduled from May 6 to 13 will be notified later. However, the Supreme Court

announced that the Registry will receive all new filings, motions, written submissions and other documents from May 6 to 31 between 9.30 am and 1.00 pm.

Meanwhile, the Court of Appeal had

announced that as a precautionary measure, it will also not sit from May 6-14. Only urgent cases will be considered on the basis of Motions filed electronically with two days' notice.

Ranil most suitable for UNP's Parliament Seat

- Navin

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

Former Minister Navin Dissanayake said that Ranil Wickremesinghe, the United National Party (UNP) leader, who has been in Parliament for 40 years, is the most suitable candidate for the party's National List Seat.

He was speaking at a media briefing in Kollupitiya yesterday.

Dissanayake said that he was the first to suggest that Ranil Wickremesinghe should be appointed as the UNP National List Member of Parliament.

The UNP suffered a heavy defeat at the last General Election and only secured a single seat that also through the National List allocation. So far, the UNP did not fill its vacant Seat in Parliament due to differences of opinion and infighting within the party ranks.

UK, Sri Lanka lead on 'Nitrogen for Climate and Green Recovery'

The British High Commission in Colombo and the Government of Sri Lanka held a virtual event "Nitrogen for Climate and Green Recovery" on April 27 - 29 in Colombo.

The event launched the #Nitrogen4NetZero initiative, to widen engagement on sustainable nitrogen management in this crucial year for climate action.

#Nitrogen4NetZero is an initiative launched in partnership between the British High Commission, Colombo and the Government of Sri Lanka, championed by the President. The two key messages are that Net Zero will be impossible to achieve without action on nitrogen, and that action on nitrogen will offer multiple co-benefits for health, nature and economy.

Delivering a statement to the event, on behalf of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said:

"...Climate scientists have been studying and grappling with the impact of increased carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere for decades. I believe it is important to address the issue of nitrogen waste in a similarly urgent way, and to broaden the ongoing discourse on climate change accordingly."

'A/L results of 88 candidates suspended'

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

The results of about 88 candidates who sat for the A/L Exam 2020 have been suspended as those candidates reportedly have committed frauds and malpractices while answering question papers.

The Department of Examinations is investigating this matter now. They would not be allowed to sit for public exams for five years if they were found guilty of the offence, Kurunegala District Senior Education Director W.M.Balasoorya said.

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Vitamin D:

A lifeline to reduce COVID complications

SUNIL J WIMALAWANSA, MD



There is considerable evidence that Vitamin D reduces the risk and severity of COVID-19 (Mercola 2020 ; Wimalawansa, 2020). More than 50 clinical studies have been published confirming that high doses of Vitamin D administered early in persons with COVID-19 significantly reduce complications and the need for ICU admissions.

Additionally, five Randomised Controlled Clinical Trials (RCTs) were published using high-dose Vitamin D in COVID-19 patients, and over 20 other large RCTs are ongoing. To obtain benefits, however, doses high enough must be administered early in the disease.

Among others, few examples of countries where these RCTs conducted were Brazil (Murai et al, 2021), India (Rastogi, et al, 2020 ; Lakkireddy, 2021), and Spain (Castillo, et al, 2020 ; Nogués et al, 2021). The Vitamin D3 doses used were between 130,000 IU to 300,000 IU or the equivalent of 25-hydroxyvitamin D [25(OH)D, also known as Calcifediol] as used by Castillo et al in Spain.

As shown in the meta-analysis, Figures 1 and 2, at <https://vdm-meta.com>, even with slightly less optimal doses of Calcifediol resulted in over 50 percent (95 percent confidence interval, 14 to 71 percent) reduction in severe adverse outcomes by preventing the development of cytokine storm and death.

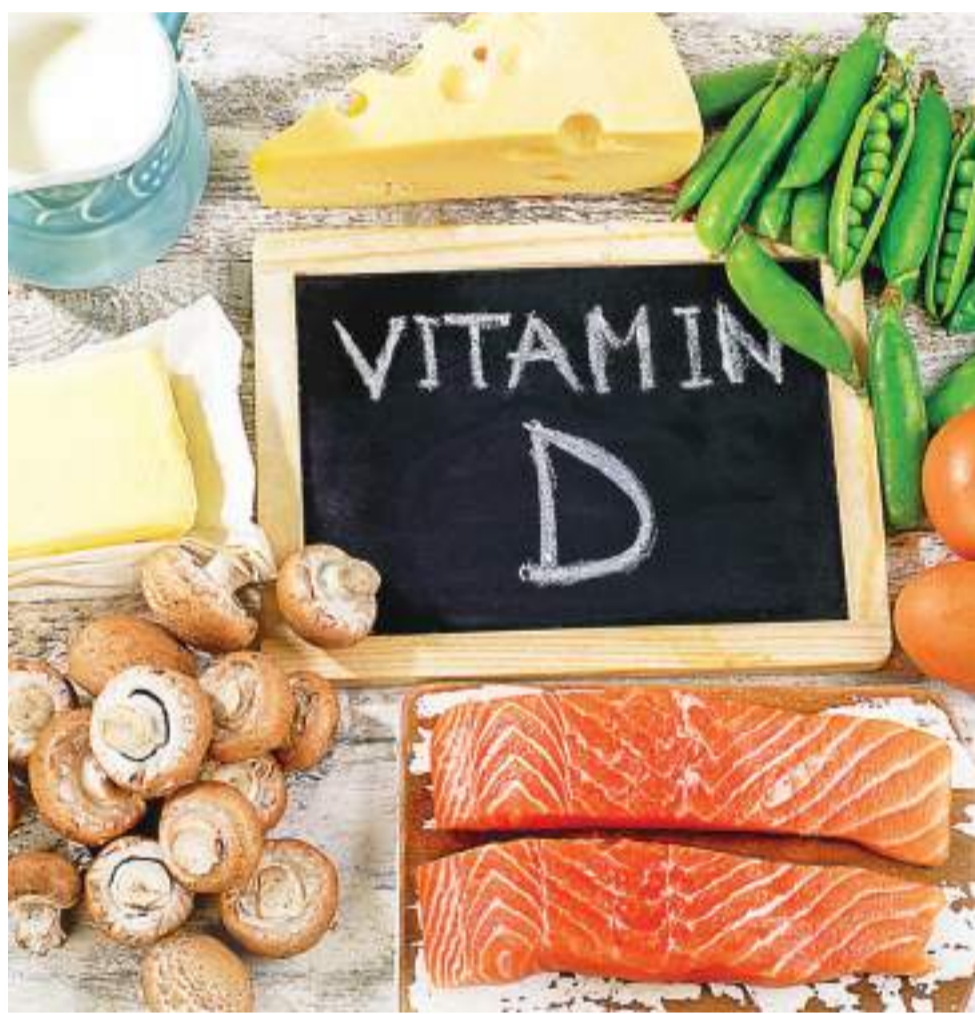
The effect of early treatment with high-dose Vitamin D in persons with COVID-19 illustrated in Figure 1 (adapted from <https://vdm-meta.com>).

There are no adverse effects of high-dose Vitamin D3 supplementation of up to 600,000 IU administered as single or divided doses. Also, long-term supplementation of 50,000 IU/day Vitamin D3 has not reported adverse effects (McCullough, et al, 2019).

Example of cost-effectiveness of treating persons with "Symptomatic" COVID-19, using high dose Vitamin D.

In the examples below, the expected death rates is adjustable with 75 percent reduction following Vitamin D; so as the cost of Vitamin D per patient:

- Admissions or transfers of symptomatic COVID patients to a hospital: n=2,000
- Administer 200,000 IU dose to 1,000 and a placebo to 1,000 (i.e., every other person)
- Expected death rate without Vitamin D: 8%; i.e., 80 people die out of 1,000



- Expected death rate with vitamin D, "four-times" less, 2%; 20 people die out of 1,000
- 60 fewer deaths for 1,000 symptomatic COVID persons treated with Vitamin D
- Assume, one dose cost, US\$ 1.00: So, 1,000 persons cost, US\$ 1,000
- So, 60 fewer deaths in 1,000 patients: to save 60 lives, cost US\$ 1,000
- Approximate cost per life saved = US\$ 16.60

Conclusion

Vitamin D, 200,000 IU dose in single or divided doses is safe and highly cost-effective in reducing complications and deaths in persons with SARS-CoV-2 infection. Early use of Vitamin D (100,000 to 600,000 IU) can reduce

ICU admissions by ~80 percent. Therefore, Vitamin D can greatly reduce the need for expanding ICU beds AND cost less than 0.001 percent of using an ICU bed/day.

Additional information regarding D3 and oral calcifediol:

There is little Vitamin D3 (cholecalciferol) in food and multivitamins, including fortified food. Without passing through glass or sunscreen, skin exposure to ultraviolet-B from high-elevation sunlight can produce sufficient D3 for bone and immune system health.

However, low elevation sunlight in winter, clouds, pollution, clothing cover, melanin-rich skin and concerns about skin cancer mean that most people are Vitamin D deficient unless they take Vitamin D supplements.



Conversion of D3 in the liver to the circulating form, 25(OH)D, and for the immune cells to function takes two to five days. 25(OH)D is measured in the blood test and has a half-life of approximately three weeks. Recent research shows that the immune system requires at least 40 ng/ml (100 nmol/L) circulating 25(OH)D to support autocrine (inside each cell) and paracrine (to nearby cells) signalling. Please refer to the research articles at: <https://vitaminstopscovid.info/02-autocrine/>.

In the long term, such levels can be attained, on average for 70 kg adults, with 0.125 mg (5,000 IU) D3 per day. This is 72 IU per kg body weight per day and 100 IU/kg for people suffering from obesity due to fat absorption of 25(OH)D.

The link to research articles cited is <https://vitaminstopscovid.info/01-supp/>.

Since most people – and almost all who are at risk of severe COVID-19 symptoms – have circulating 25(OH)D levels much lower than 40 ng/mL, such as between 5 and 25 ng/mL, their D3 supplementation should begin at 5 to 10 times the long-term quantity of 4,000 IU/day needed, in order to attain and maintain the required blood 25(OH)D levels rapidly.

While vaccines markedly reduce the severity of and deaths from COVID-19, vitamin D costs less than one percent of a COVID vaccine.

As reported in several studies, most hospitalised patients with COVID-19 can be assumed to be Vitamin D deficient. Their health and survival depend mainly on raising their 25(OH)D levels to at least 40 ng/ml, ideally within hours, rather than days or weeks.

Some of the trials mentioned above attempted to do this with bolus D3 doses, except that in the Murai et al trial, given too little treatment, too late (i.e., faulty study design).

The urgency of 25(OH)D repletion is acute for all those suffering from, or at risk of,

hyper-inflammatory immune dysregulation (i.e., cytokine storm), which causes severe COVID-19 and death.

The primary mechanism of this recently elucidated by McGregor, et al, 2020-Th1 regulatory lymphocytes remain stuck in their initial pro-inflammatory programme and fail to switch to their anti-inflammatory shutdown programme due solely to lack of 25(OH)D.

This explains the extraordinary success of trial by Castillo et al., in which patients were given 0.532 mg oral calcifediol, which raises circulating 25(OH)D levels to about 50 ng/ml in four hours (Sune Negre, 2016).

This resulted in the reduction of ICU admissions by 90 percent (from 50 percent to 2 percent) and deaths from eight percent to zero.

The earlier the treatment is given, the better the clinical outcomes are.

Calcifediol has been hard to obtain but is now available in the USA

and Canada without prescription: <https://developimmunity.com>. Sixty 20 microgram tablets for US\$ 30 (Rs.6000 approx) contain 1.2 mg Calcifediol – more than twice the single initial dose used by Castillo et al.

In that trial, 0.266 mg Calcifediol was also given on days 3, 7, 14, etc. However, maintenance of the initial boost to 25(OH)D can most easily be achieved with 5,000 to 10,000 IU D3 per day.

We have urged the Governments of Sri Lanka and India, in particular, to seriously consider obtaining Calcifediol tablets to prevent severe complications, ICU admissions, and deaths from COVID-19, which is highly cost-effective. (IPS)

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Vitamin D:

What you need to know about staying healthy



Vitamin D is an important component of health, without which the body cannot function properly. But as many people continue to be in lockdown, the absence of sunlight can cause some serious Vitamin D deficiency.

Why is Vitamin D3 important?

Dr Harish Naik, consultant neurosurgery, Hiranandani Hospital, Vashi-A Fortis Network Hospital says, "Citamin D3 has

many mechanisms by which it improves bone health, controls neurological problems, reduces risk of microbial infection, increases cellular natural immunity, and adaptive immunity."

What is Vitamin D?

It is a steroid hormone, activated endogenously with the effect of ultraviolet radiation received from the sun, or from food sources and dietary supplements. Our body must have Vitamin D to absorb calcium, to be able to promote and maintain bone health. We also

need Vitamin D for other important body functions, the doctor explains.

Vitamin D deficiency

According to Dr. Naik, Vitamin D insufficiency is a public health problem affecting over a billion people across India. "Too little Vitamin D results in soft bones in children (rickets) and fragile, misshapen bones in adults (osteomalacia), and it can lead to serious medical conditions, too."

"Vitamin D deficiency has now been linked to breast cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer, heart disease, depression, weight gain, and other mala-

dies. During this pandemic, lack of sunlight minimised activities, and isolation greatly impacted people. We have come across many patients who developed bone problems, depression, and neurological issues — all of which are linked to the deficiency of Vitamin D," he says.

Symptoms of Vitamin D deficiency in adults

Tiredness, aches and pains, and a general sense of not feeling well, severe bone or muscle pain, weakness that may cause difficulty climbing stairs or getting up from the floor, or a low

chair, stress fractures, especially in your legs, pelvis, and hips, are symptoms of Vitamin D deficiency, cautions the doctor.

Food sources of Vitamin D3:

Fish, cod-liver oil, egg yolk,

shrimp, milk (fortified), breakfast cereal, yogurt (fortified) and orange juice (fortified).

"Besides appreciating food sources, people, especially women and the elderly, need to

regularly screen for Vitamin D deficiency through a pathological blood test and bone density test. This is significant for overall health and wellbeing," Dr. Naik said. (Indian Express)





Ruwanpura Expressway to the City of Gems

Inauguration of the first phase from Kahatuduwa to Ingiriya of the Ruwanpura Expressway as per the

'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' of

His Excellency the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

on invitation of Secretary to the Ministry of Highways

Mr R.W.R. Pemasiri

with the participation of Hon Minister of Highways

Johnston Fernando

and Hon State Minister of Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure

Nimal Lanza

by the hand of Prime Minister of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Hon Mahinda Rajapaksa

at 10.00 am on May 07, 2021 at Koralalma

- Facts about the Ruwanpura Expressway
- First phase from Kahatuduwa to Ingiriya – Distance 24.3 KM
- Four Lanes to be constructed
- Estimated cost – 54.70 Billion of Rupees
- Constructing Contractor – Maga Engineering Institute
- Three interchanges at Kahatuduwa, Ingiriya and Horana



Sacred relics enshrined at historic Lankaramaya



Most Ven. Dr. Pallegama Sirinivasa Nayaka Thera arriving inside the shrine to deposit the relics. Pictures by :-Amila Wanasinghe and Manula Wickrama



Kumara Pothupitiya and Wasanthi Pothupitiya depositing the relics at the Lankaramaya Shrine Room.

SANDASEN MARASINGHE

The sacred relics of Buddha, Arahanth Sariyuth, Mugalan, Seevali, Mahakashyapa and Ananda Theras were enshrined at the Buddha statue and other statues of the Sambuddha Mandira (Shrine Room) at the historic Lankaramaya, one of the holy sites of Atamastana (Eight Holy Places) in Anuradhapura, on Wednesday morning.

One relic of Buddha was enshrined by Atamasthanadhipathi Chief Sanghanayaka of the North Central Province, Bomaluwa Temple Mahaviharaya Most Ven. Dr. Pallegama Sirinivasa Nayaka Thera, while relics of Buddha and Arahanth Seevali, Mahakashyapa and Ananda Theras were enshrined by Kumara Pothupitiya on Siyane Road, Gampaha on the invitation of

Chief Incumbent of the Lankaramaya Ven. Relapanawe Dhammajothi Thera.

The sacred relics of the Buddha, Arahanth Sariyuth, Mugalan, Seevali, Mahakashyapa and Ananda Theras were offered by Wasanthi Pothupitiya on the Siyane Road in Gampaha, a leading English teacher.

The relics of Arahanth Sariyuth and Mugalan Theras were enshrined in the Sariyuth and Mugalan Statues, while the rest of the sacred relics were enshrined in the Buddha statue.

At the auspicious time, the relics of Arahanth Sariyuth Thera were enshrined by Wasanthi Pothupitiya along with Thakshila Ranasinghe, while the relics of Arahanth Mugalan were enshrined by Architect of

the shrine room Janaka Bandara along with Indika Balasooriya.

The foundation of the shrine room was laid in 2017 by Ayurvedic physician P. Weerasinghe and the construction was carried out up to the roof level of the main shrine room with funds of the English Teacher in Gampaha, parents of her students and other contributors. Thereafter, the construction was taken over by the Megapolis and Western Development Ministry in June 2019. The construction of the temple is now nearing completion.

Ven Dhammajothi Thera said that Lankaramaya is a significant Dagoba, which was constructed in the 1st century BC by the King Vattagamini Abhaya (King Valagamba) enshrining the relics of the

Buddha, a section of Pati Dhathu (a section of the belt worn by the Buddha) and the jewellery of Soma Devi, the Queen of the King Valagamba.

"The need of a shrine room was felt as there was no place for the devotees arriving from different areas of the country to worship the Dagoba," Ven. Relapanawe Dhammajothi Thera said. "There is evidence of a shrine room that had been during the period of the kings. But those had been destroyed a long time ago."

Ruwanveli Seya Chief Incumbent Ven. Pallegama Hemarathana Thera, Chief Incumbent of Mirisawetiya Ven Eethalawetunawawe Gnanathilake Thera and Chief Incumbents of Atamasthanaya Temples attended the ceremony.

Laws should be amended to protect environment – State Minister Godahewa

Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa highlighted the importance of bringing in necessary amendments to the laws to prevent the environment destruction and urged all citizens to join hands to conserve the ocean and coastal resources.

The State Minister was addressing the 6th National Ocean Resources Summit 2020/21 on May 5.

National Ocean Resources Summit 2020/21 under the theme "Ocean-Based Solutions and Policy Frame Works for Enhanced Clinical Action and Blue Economy" was at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel with the participation of Ministry Secretary Sirinimal Perera, Moratuwa University Senior Professor Ajith De Alwis, Ocean Environment Authority Chairperson Attorney-at-Law Darshani Lahandapura, General Manager Dr. P.B.T Pradeep Kumara

and several other experts and dignitaries.

State Minister Dr. Godahewa said that oceans belong to the citizens and therefore, citizens have the responsibility to protect them. "Due to lack of attention to this crucial area, there is a serious risk of losing these precious oceans and coastal resources to the future generations. When we use our land as well as ocean resources, we ought to have our future generations in mind, because these resources belong to past, present and future generations. That is why the highest attention has been paid to managing the ocean resources, special laws have been passed and dedicated institutions are set up to conserve the ocean resources.

"We invite all citizens to come forward to safeguard our ocean resources. Today, our beaches are polluted with plastic waste. Where does this waste come from? These polluting is not being done by the



State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa addressing summit.

people who come to the beaches. More than 70 per cent of the plastic and other waste come through rivers and canals. Therefore, it is necessary to create awareness amongst people living inland. If we educate them about this aspect, I believe they will refrain from polluting rivers and canals," the State Minister said.

"That's why people raise their voice when the environment is threatened. But most of them are not aware of the unintentional damage that they are creating. We must do our best to create awareness and get them all involved in this good cause," the State Minister said.

The Coastal Resources Conservation Authority has implemented several outstanding programmes to clean the beaches, rivers and canals in partnership with the private sector.

How ocean resources can be used for economic progress while preserving it for future generations must be studied. Let's preserve our precious coastal and ocean resources with the help of experts and all others concerned. Let's take a scientific approach to develop our coastal and ocean resources to make use of them for development while deeply committing to preserving them for our future generations," the State Minister said.

Top A/L scorer electrocuted

PRASAD POORNAMAL, PUTTALAM CORR.

A student at the Arachchikattuwa Batuluoya Maha Vidyalaya had been electrocuted. He had got the highest A/L Exam results among boys of the school this year.

The victim, Isuru Manoj, 21, was a resident of Arachchikattuwa, Muthupan-

thiya. He obtained three credits in the A/L Arts stream.

After viewing the results over the internet, he had gone to his prawn pond where he had been electrocuted.

The boy was rushed to the Chilaw General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

150,000 visited Botanical Gardens despite Corona warnings - Ministry

DHANUSHKA GODAKUMBURA

One and a half million people have visited the Botanical Gardens during the New Year despite warnings from health officials about the risk of corona.

A total of 154,354 local and foreign tourists visited the botanical gardens in Peradeniya, Hakgala, Gampaha, Ham-

bantota and Avissawella, a spokesman for the Tourism Ministry said.

The Hakgala Botanic Garden is the most visited (63,001) by local tourists.

The Peradeniya Botanic Garden has been visited by 55,417 people while 19,991 visited the Avissawella Botanic Garden.

SLTB daily income reduced

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

The daily income of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) has come down from Rs. 80 million to Rs. 35 million, the SLTB Board said.

Before the third wave of the corona pandemic, the SLTB had a daily revenue of around Rs. 80 million, its Deputy Gen-

eral Manager (Running) A. H. Panduka said. He said that a shortage of passengers was the reason for the decline.

He said that steps have been taken to restrict the number of buses, including long distance services, and that steps have been taken to ensure safety of the passengers.

He said that despite the situation in the country, enough buses are being deployed.

'Vaccinating pregnant women against COVID important'

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Obstetricians and Gynecologists Association of Sri Lanka yesterday stressed the importance of vaccinating pregnant women against COVID.

Association President Consultant Obstetrician and Gynecologist Dr Pradeep de Silva said that the Obstetricians and Gynecologists Associations in other countries including the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RCOG) also confirmed that there is no evidence to suggest that COVID-19 vaccines will affect fertility and they have recommended anti-COVID vaccines for pregnant and lactating women.

He was speaking at a media conference yesterday at the College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Dr Pradeep urged the relevant authorities to take necessary meas-

ures to vaccinate pregnant mothers and said that the Association is ready to extend their fullest support to make the vaccination programme a success.

He said that there is no evidence that vaccine administration affects fertility or miscarriage rates.

Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist of the Castle Street Maternity Hospital Dr. Sanath Lanerolle said that around 360,000 pregnancies are registered every year in Sri Lanka and looking after these mothers is a national responsibility.

Around 1,000 pregnant mothers who are infected with COVID 19 have totally recovered during the past six months.

Majority of COVID positive Pregnant mothers who are in their first 28 weeks of pregnancy are asymptomatic and only five per-



Consultant Obstetrician and Gynecologist Dr Pradeep de Silva, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist of the Castle Street Maternity Hospital Dr. Sanath Lanerolle, Consultant Gynecologist and Obstetrician of Colombo East Base Hospital Dr Achintha Dissayake and Consultant Gynecologist and Obstetrician Dr Mayuramana Dewalage addressing the participants. Picture by Sudath Malawera

cent of them are at the risk of developing COVID pneumonia.

But pregnant women who are in the latter part of pregnancy and with obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, wheezing, heart diseases and increasing age (more than 25) are risk fac-

tors for severe COVID in pregnancy.

He said that the pregnant women and their families need to be aware of the increased risk of severe COVID compared to non-pregnant women of the same age and encouraged to follow appro-

priate safety measures to reduce the risk of infection.

Consultant Gynecologist and Obstetrician of Colombo East Base Hospital Dr Achintha Dissayake and Consultant Gynecologist and Obstetrician Dr Mayuramana Dewalage addressed.

Strict legal action against company that violated ban on polythene, plastics products – Minister Amaraweera

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said that strict action will be taken against the multinational company, which tried to evade the law after violating the ban on certain types of polythene and plastics.

He was addressing a media briefing at the Environment Ministry yesterday morning.

"One company has managed to

sneak through the holes in the law to produce sachets. We will take the highest possible legal action in this regard. I have already requested the relevant authorities for complete information on the issue. We are also in discussions with the legal divisions," the Minister said.

The law will be enforced against the company and if found guilty

steps to will be taken to ban its environmental licences for violating the gazette notification, the Minister said.

"Separate regulations will be formulated in this regard. Those will be signed in the next two days. This multinational company will have to face other consequences as well if found guilty," the Minister said.

In his report to the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvananthapuram, Aashish Kumar Ojha, the NCB official, submitted the other day that an Assistant Commandant of the ICG, who was the Boarding Officer of the vessel Samarth, handed over the Sri Lankans along with huge quantities of narcotics substances and arms and ammunition to the Bureau officials. - The Hindu

ICG probe into alleged torture of Lankan

The Indian Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB) has come up with the details of the official of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), who handed over a Sri Lankan detainee — allegedly inflicted serious burn injuries while in its custody — to the Bureau.

The revelation of the NCB official attains significance in the wake of the complaint that some ICG officials forced L.Y. Nandana, 46, of Nakulgamuwa, Sri Lanka, to lie on a hot iron sheet, which was used to cook food in the vessel, after keeping a lighted gas stove beneath the metal sheet.

Nandana and five others, who were on board the fishing vessel,

Ravihansi, were intercepted by the Coast Guard last month in Minicoy and 323 kg of heroine, five AK-47 rifles and 1,000 cartridges were seized from the vessel. The accused were later handed over to the Bureau for further investigation.

The allegations of torture surfaced after the prisoner raised the issue when he was produced before Court. Taking note of the burn injuries on the backside of the foreign national, the Additional Sessions Judge 1 of Thiruvananthapuram, had directed the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvananthapuram, to take cognisance of the incident and provide him adequate medical treatment.

The Hindu had earlier reported

Several suspects arrested with over 630 grams of heroin

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA

Several suspects along with over 630 grams of heroin worth nearly Rs. 10 million were arrested by the Police yesterday from several areas.

A suspect was arrested and a van with 400 grams of heroin worth over Rs. 4 million has been seized in a raid carried out by the Police Narcotics Bureau in Kandy. The suspect is a 37-year-old resident of Peradeniya.

A motorcyclist with 203 grams of heroin was arrested during a raid carried out by the Police Narcotics Bureau in Kaduwela.

A 45-year-old suspect was arrested with 15 grams and 300 mg of heroin during a raid carried out by Borella Police in Borella. The suspect is a resident of Wellampitiya.

A 37-year-old suspect was arrested with 10 grams of heroin by the Mattakkuliya Police during a search operation in Mattakkuliya.

A suspect along with 2,440 grams of heroin has been arrested during a raid carried out by the Grandpass Police in Khetarama in the Grandpass Police Division. The suspect is a 45-year-old resident of Colombo 14.

Obituaries

DISSANAYAKE - IVY (Former Teacher Newstead Girls' School, Executive House-keeper Jetwing Hotels Negombo, Senior Athletic Referee Athletic Association, wife of Major M.B. Dissanayake (Retd. Sri Lanka Army)), daughter of Joseph Perera, Charlotte Perera (Ideal Furnishers), sister of late Colville, late Ashley, late Erica, late Phoebe, late Eardley, late Trevin, sister-in-law of late Neville Weerasinghe, Austin Fernando, Neville Wanasinghe (USA), expired on 05.05.2021. Remains will lie at **Western Funeral Parlour** from 2.30 p.m. on Friday 07th. Funeral will take place at General Crematory Negombo at 3.30 p.m. on 8th Saturday. 034174

Mrs SUJATHA PERERA - (Formerly at Ministry of Tourism). Beloved wife of late Tudor Perera, loving mother of Mohan, Manohari & Samanmali, loving mother-in-law of Wasantha, loving grandmother of Duleendra & Sohani, passed away peacefully. Remains will lie at **Jayarathne Respect Funeral Parlour, Borella** from 9.00 a.m. and Cremation will be held at Borella Crematorium at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 07th May, 2021. No. 142, Weluwana Road, Colombo 09. Mohan - 0772389618. 034160

OBITUARY NOTICE



THILAGAWATHY (THILAGA) CUMARASAMY

Most dearly loved and devoted wife of Pathmanathan (Pathi/Pat) Cumarasamy (Retired Planter) for almost 58 wonderful years; daughter of the late Mr & Mrs C. Rajaratnam; daughter-in-law of the late Mr & Mrs W.M. Cumarasamy, much-loved mother of Shankar, Shiva and Guha, mother-in-law of Dhakshi, Srimathi and Sunmali, loving grandmother of Anisha, Chandradulitya & Manasa, and Nishko & Neriah; sister of the late Pathmanawathy Jegarathnan, the late Rajalingam, Jayawathie Shanmuganathan and Wignarajah; sister-in-law of Rukmini Rasiah, the late Gopalasamy, the late Annakrishmy Ambalavanar, the late Duraisamy, the late Krishnasamy, Narayani Sabaratnam, Vijayanathan, the late Ranganzhan, the late Ramnanathan, Sathiyabarna Rajalingam, Thirupurasundari Yoganathan and Janakalakshmi Rajamanan

A private funeral will take place due to the current situation and safety of everyone concerned

At 11:30am on Friday 7th May 2021 at A.F.Raymond Funeral Parlour

Bilateral relations between Sri Lanka and Australia will be strengthened

The Parliamentary Friendship Association between Sri Lanka and Australia will strengthen the bilateral relationship, Company Estate Reforms, Tea Estate Related Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Promotion State Minister Kanaka Herath said.

State Minister Kanaka Herath was elected the Secretary of the Sri Lanka-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Association, while Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila was elected the President recently at the revival meeting of the Association for the ninth Parliament.

The meeting was held under the

patronage of Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, High Commissioner for Australia in Sri Lanka David John Holly and Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake with the participation of several Ministers, State Ministers and Parliamentarians.

State Minister Herath said that the Parliamentary Friendship Association will be a blessing for the two countries since Sri Lanka and Australia have been close friends for decades.

Therefore, the Association can be used for strengthening the bilateral ties between the two countries.

"Hundreds of Sri Lankan students are receiving higher studies in Australia and a significant number of students seek educational opportunities in Australia annually. Besides, another thousands of Sri Lankan citizens are engaging in employments in various sectors as skilled employees. Then the Friendship Association can be used for the betterment of these sectors. Moreover, it will be a boon for the tourism sector between the two countries," State Minister Herath said.

Speaker Abeywardena said that 170,000 Sri Lankans are excessively

- State Minister Herath

contributing to enhance Australian economy.

"We are friends of two different far away continents, yet Australia is so close to the hearts of our people," the Speaker said.

MPs Mohamed Muzammil, Hector Appuhamy and Rauff Hakeem were elected the Vice Presidents. MPs Weerasumana Weerasinghe and Dr. Upul Galappaththi were elected the Treasurer and the Deputy Secretary.



Sri Lankan envoy visits White Horse Temple in China

Ambassador Dr. Palitha Kohona visited the White Horse Temple in Luo Yang, Henan on April 10 accompanied by Deputy Mayor Huiheng Zhao of Luoyang City and was hosted by Chief Monk

Rev. Yin Le and Deputy Chief Monk Rev. Yo Gin. Rev. Yin Le had visited Sri Lanka a few times and even met former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Dr.Kohona was shown around the large temple by

Rev. Yin Li and blessed by a large group of monks.

The White Horse Temple is the oldest Buddhist temple in China established for Monk Kasyapa Matanga, and it continues to

attract the faithful by thousands.

Rev. Yin Le took Dr.Kohona to the site for Sri Lanka to construct a temple reflecting the Sri Lankan architecture.

Rev. Yin Le suggested that visitors to the Sri Lanka temple in the White Horse Temple would be encouraged to undertake visits to the Buddhist sites in Sri Lanka.



Sri Lanka's Ambassador to China Dr. Palitha Kohona (centre) along with Chief Monk Rev. Yin Le and others at the White Horse Temple.

Opposition using COVID for political advantage

- State Minister Lanza

Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza issuing a media statement said that the Opposition is trying to gain political advantages from the COVID situation in the country without acting responsibly.

On the recommendation of the Presidential Task Force on COVID 19 and the relevant experts, the Government is taking every possible action to control the pandemic.

Treatment centres and other facilities have been provided at district and regional levels, the statement said.

The Opposition, meanwhile, wants to see the collapse of the administration. It has now become a dream of the Opposition.

The solution, according to health officials, is to control COVID 19 by strictly adhering to vaccination and health guidelines.

The Government is taking necessary steps to vaccinate the people. Diplomatic activities are being carried out to obtain the adequate number of vaccines.

Public awareness programmes are being conducted to adopt health habits.

The Government cannot do it alone without people's support, the statement said.

Complete or partial closure of the country is being done on the recommendation of health experts.

Steps are being taken to strengthen the country's development and the economy amidst the pandemic, State Minister Lanza said in his statement.



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Draw Number ▶ 073

Draw Date ▶ 05.05.2021

Wednesday

Winning Numbers: 03 | 39 | 49

Total Value of Prizes Rs. 1,868,520/-

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Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 11

The blue and orange tickets are respectively valid on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

ADA KOTIPATHI - Friday

Draw No: 1270 Colour: Purple

Date: 07.05.2021

Today's Jackpot

Rs. 133,068,925/-

Winning Tickets are valid for 6 months.

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Hotline - 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778

Super Jackpot has been won

Rs. 2,179,077.60

Winning Numbers: 01 | 28 | 48 | 59

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Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Hotline: 0114 824 824
Result Hotline: 0112 333 778
Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 4 825 825

Date: 05-05-2021

Draw Number: 3149

Colour: Green

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES Rs. 10,461,677.60

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Wednesday

Date: 05.05.2021

Draw No.: 3598

Colour: Purple

Total Value of Prizes Rs. 4,831,920/-

Winning Numbers: 22 | 26 | 45 | 69

English Letter: Z

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For Results www.dlb.lk
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

SUPER BALL

Draw Number ▶ 1442

Colour ▶ Orange

Draw Date ▶ 05.05.2021

Date ▶ Wednesday

Winning English Letter and Numbers: M | 14 | 25 | 27 | 65

Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,507,260/-

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SMS: DLB-SPAIN-LCT-SPAIN-SB & send to 999
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

ADA KOTIPATHI

Wednesday

Date: 05.05.2021

Draw No.: 1268

Colour: Pink

Total Value of Prizes Rs. 4,512,720/-

Winning Numbers: 10 | 16 | 35 | 49

English Letter: N

Development Lotteries Board
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For Results www.dlb.lk
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Shift focus to estates

While all activities for combating the virus appear to be concentrated in Colombo and the suburbs a veritable time bomb is ticking in the plantations with a sudden burst of the pandemic reported from the upcountry estate community. According to the Moderator of the Movement for Land and Agriculture Reform (MONLAR) Chinthaka Rajapaksa, the return of persons to the estates from Colombo during the Sinhala and Tamil New Year had triggered mass infections in the estates. He warned that given the congested living environment in the estates a catastrophe could be unleashed if immediate measures are not taken to halt the spread of virus there.

Given the living conditions in the estates where several families dwell in a single line room it would be inviting disaster to let things continue as they are. The vaccine programme now concentrated elsewhere in the country should be immediately shifted to the estates to contain the spread to a manageable degree. Estate hospitals and other health infrastructure are woefully inadequate to cope with an emergency of this magnitude. There is also the time factor involved in dealing with the emergency in the estates and the current short supply of the vaccines to contend with.

It is time to take a serious view of what is unfolding in the estates which has largely gone under the radar of the authorities. The teeming numbers to contend with, will pose a major problem to the authorities. But the sooner the situation is brought under control the healthier it would be for the economy. Any crippling of the estates as a result of the pandemic going out of control is going to drastically impact on the nation's economy. It will need only one carrier to ignite a blaze given the sheer numbers and the ignorance of this community from whom strict adherence to health guidelines such as abiding by the distance rule would be too much to expect. Besides they would not have the luxury of "Working From Home" as their job requires them to be outdoors the whole day plucking tea leaves carrying with them the danger of spreading the virus to fellow tea pluckers. Their long fought struggle for the Rs. 1,000 daily wage having borne fruit, they certainly would be all the more eager to get to work, the risk notwithstanding.

Considering the vulnerability of the estate community they should have been among the first in line for the vaccine along with the Security Forces, medical staff and the other first responders. With children too now in the high risk category how things are going to pan out in the estates with its teeming masses of children is anybody's guess. A high rate of infections in the estates, needless to say, is going to have a domino effect with the risk of the virus spread being carried far and wide even beyond the plantations. The chilly climate in which the Coronavirus has a tendency to thrive, according to medical opinion, could further facilitate the spread.

Considering the emergency situation in the estates the authorities need to make a complete reassessment of the entire COVID control programme and shift the focus to this vulnerable segment of our community. No time should be lost in rushing emergency medical supplies to the plantations and the hospitals must be re-equipped to handle the new challenge.

Estate hospitals will not otherwise be able to cope with the sheer numbers that could be expected in the event of a drastic outbreak of the virus. Immediate steps should be taken to handle a potential emergency by setting up makeshift hospitals, even making use of the abandoned tea factories for this purpose. The Estate Management Companies, perhaps, could step into the breach and offer their collective largesse on behalf of the estate workers whose sweat and toil had brought them rich dividends.

Certainly the situation looks grim considering that large numbers of estate youth who work either as domestics or are engaged in other trades and businesses in Colombo converged en masse on their home territory to be with their loved ones taking advantage of the long Avurudu holiday. Like their counterparts in the rest of the country, they too would have indulged themselves to their heart's content during this once-in-a-year break from the drudgery of their chores.

Only that in the case of estates, their inhabitants being a close knit community where fraternal feelings are high entailing close contact, the chances of infection could be much higher than in the rest of the country. Hence there is bound to be a subterranean mass among the estates who are carriers of the virus that had gone undetected and continue to remain undetected. The estate community being who they are, there is a very good chance that a large majority of them have escaped quarantine and hospitalization and are freely circulating among the rest creating a chain of infections among the community. Hence the need for the authorities to act fast by turning their attention to the salubrious hills which may be hiding the macabre spectre of pestilence.

JUDICIAL CHECKS AND BALANCES WITH DOUBLE PCoIs

Sugeeswara Senadhira



Abuse of power and position to settle personal scores or to take revenge from political opponents and public servants is a crime as bad as treason or aiding and abetting terrorism and robbing resources of the country. Hence, retribution to political victims is a prime need.

Fulfilling a campaign promise, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa appointed a Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Political Victimization (PCoI) on January 9, 2020, to look into alleged political victimization during the period 2015-2019. The Commission was chaired by retired Supreme Court Judge Upali Abeyratne and comprised Retired Appeal Court Judge Daya Chandrasiri Jayatilaka and Retired IGP Chandra Fernando as members.

Attorney General Dappula De Livera pointed out that the mandate of the PCoI as set out in the Notification published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 2159/16 dated January 22, 2020, is to inquire into allegations of political victimization of "public officers, employees of public corporations, and members of the Armed Forces and Police service who held such office prior to the Presidential Elections and/or General Elections held respectively in January and August 2015, being persons who had either resigned from or otherwise ceased to hold public office with the change of Government or continued to hold such office after such change, during the period commencing January 8, 2015 and ending November 16, 2016."

The final report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing political victimization was handed over to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa by its Chairman retired Supreme Court Judge Upali Abeyratne at the Presidential Secretariat on December 7, 2020, and the report was tabled in Parliament by Leader of the House, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena in March 2021.

Though these steps were taken to fulfill the campaign promise, many opponents and NGOs with their own agendas took up arms immediately. Following the placement of a Motion on the Order Book of Parliament on April 9, 2021, to implement certain decisions made by the Cabinet of Ministers on February 15, 2021, based on the Report of the PCoI, the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) requested Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to refrain from pursuing with the said motion.

According to the BASL, this Motion was placed before Parliament whilst certain proceedings challenging the said PCoI report are pending before the Superior Courts. One area of utmost concern to the BASL is that the Motion seeks to implement the recommendations of the Commission to withdraw certain ongoing criminal cases.

Further, the BASL is of the view that the said Motion, if passed, would be inimical to the Doctrine of Separation of Powers and an affront to the Rule of Law and the Independence of the Judiciary and would set an unhealthy precedent with regard to due process.

The Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA) too expressed concern that the implementation of the recommendations of the PCoI would potentially undermine the Independence of the Judiciary, the independence of officers of the Attorney General's Department and investigators who have investigated and initiated proceedings into matters of human rights abuses and corruption. Such action will have significant impact in the future on cases considered politically sensitive and further entrench the climate of impunity in Sri Lanka, the Non-Governmental Organization said.

Human Rights Watch (HRW), after criticizing the plans to implement the PCoI recommendations said Parliament should reject the resolution to exonerate officials implicated in human rights abuses and to prosecute police and prosecutors investigating them.

They further state that if the Motion is passed, it would and should not have any effect or influence on any Court of Law or on the Department of the AG or on the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

The Government thought it fit to obtain further opinion of the judiciary



The Report of the Political Victimization PCoI being handed over to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa



The PCoI Report is frequently mentioned in Parliament

regarding the issue. Taking the views expressed by different sections, President Rajapaksa appointed another three-member Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry (SPCoI) on January 29 to implement the recommendations of the final report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into Political Victimization. Supreme Court Judges Dhammika Priyantha Samarakoon Jayawardena and Khema Kumuduni Wickramasinghe and Court of Appeal Judge Rathnapriya Gurusinghe are the members of this Committee.

The President has expanded the powers of the three-member Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry. Accordingly, the Commission is entrusted to further investigate and report whether the following malpractices have been done and to what extent the respondents are responsible:

I. Violating the provisions of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, while destroying the oath which had been given in accordance with the provisions of the said Constitution.

II. Abuse or misuse of power, interference, fraud, corruption, criminal misuse, criminal breach of trust or nepotism.

III. Political retaliation against someone when (a) making any appointment or transfer,

(b) Granting a promotion, (c) Terminating the service of someone due to any type of disorder, and (d) violating of any written law.

The Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry is required to submit a report to the President on the suitability and the justifications, if any, for the implementation and enforcement of the said findings, decisions and recommendations contained in the said Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry, as well as for the adoption of any action in respect thereof, according to the Gazette notification.

Under Section 9 of the Special Presidential Commissions of Inquiry Act No. 4 of 1978, SPCoI is authorized to recommend civic disabilities where it finds at the inquiry and reports to the President that any person has been guilty of any act of political victimization, misuse or abuse of power, corruption or any fraudulent act, in relation to any court, tribunal or public body, or in relation to the administration of any law. The President shall cause such findings to be published in the Gazette and direct that such report be published.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHRC) declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power clearly states the need for the political victims to receive restitution. The Declaration says, "Where public officials or other agents acting in an official or quasi-official capacity have violated national criminal laws, the victims should receive restitution from the State whose officials or agents were responsible for the harm inflicted. In cases where the Government under whose authority the victimizing act or omission occurred is no longer in existence, the State or Government successor in title should provide restitution to the victims."

The Declaration adds that victims should be treated with compassion and respect for their dignity. They are entitled access to the mechanisms of justice and to prompt redress, as provided for by national legislation, for the harm that they have suffered.

It is strange as to why the HRW, CPA and other NGOs attack the Government, when it has taken every possible step to check and double check with legal luminaries before implementing the recommendations of the PCoI. President Rajapaksa pointed out that several specific findings, decisions and recommendations have been made against and/or in respect of the specific persons identified in the PCoI Report.

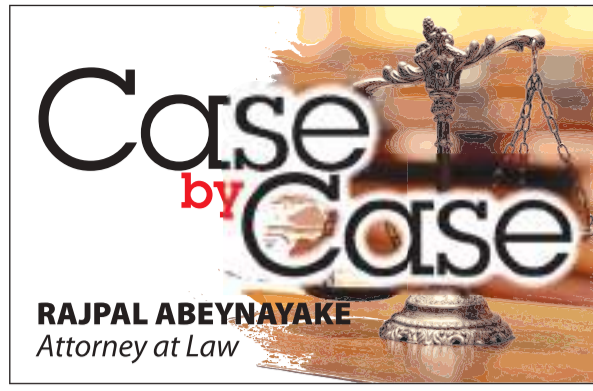
Prior to implementing the recommendations, the President appointed another SPCoI with the mandate to further inquire into "such specific findings, decisions and recommendations contained in the said Report, in respect of all such identified persons, should *inter-alia* in the public interest and for purposes of greater scrutiny, be further inquired into by you, and to report to me on the suitability and the justifications, if any, for the implementation and enforcement of the said findings, decisions and recommendations contained in the said Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry, as well as for the adoption of any action in respect thereof." This, indeed, is a correct step as inquiries by the two Commissions would certainly avoid any legal errors and it would finally ensure justice to the political victims.



Political figures and lawyers arrive to give evidence before the Commission

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The only thing that overcomes hard luck is hard work. - Harry Golden



A widow was dragged into Court when her husband died — of natural causes — after having caused serious injury to several persons in a car accident. The plaintiffs were the victims of the motor accident.

The District Court held that the widow was the legal representative of the deceased driver of the car, and was therefore liable for damages from the estate of the deceased car driver. However, the widow — Mrs. Nilamdeen — appealed before the Court of Appeal challenging the DC judgement which named her as the legal representative of the driver of the car — Nilamdeen who had since passed away. (*Nilamdeen v. Dayananda and Others* - SLR - 160, Vol 1 of 2002 [2001] LKCA 40; (2002) 1 Sri LR 160 (June 1, 2001))

The Appeal Court judgement ponders the following: "The only matter, which was argued before this Court, was whether a cause of action had been made out against the first defendant-appellant and if so whether the first defendant-appellant was liable in law. In other words has action been properly constituted against the widow of Nilamdeen?"

The widow Mrs. Nilamdeen's Counsel argued that liability of the estate of a deceased person extended only to the "legal representative" or representatives of such a deceased. Counsel argued that this fact, i.e., that Mrs. Nilamdeen, the first defendant (now appellant) was the legal representative of the driver of the motor car involved in the accident was not established, and that she was therefore not liable for damages from the estate of the deceased Nilamdeen.

Appeal Court in judgement

HEIRS CAN'T CHOOSE WHEN THEY WANT TO BE HEIRS

observed that the caption of the original plaint dated 24. 01. 89 describes the first defendant-appellant as "the heir of Nilamdeen deceased".

It appears that the Counsel of the first defendant had cooked her goose in the District Court. The first defendant strenuously denied in the DC that her husband's estate was liable for damages accruing from the car accident. The Judge of the Court of Appeal held that this very denial, i.e., her jealousy guarding her husband's estate, was indeed a sign that she was the heir to such estate, and was indeed the deceased husband's legal representative.

Justice Tilakawardana observed in judgement: "In fact, she appears to have known about the estate as she speaks to the ownership of the vehicles that were purported to be under his control, (paragraph 3 of the answer at page 84 of the brief). She had knowledge that his cars had been sold (page 156). She admits that having received the summons, she made inquiries and took all steps on behalf of her deceased husband to file an answer (page 158).

She has also taken up the position that her husband's estate was not liable to pay any damages. She has denied that there was a cause of action against her late husband. By her categorical disclaimer of the liability of her late husband she has acted at all times as a party interested in safeguarding the rights of the estate of her late husband."

Court held that Section 394(2) of the Civil Procedure Code is relevant. This defines a "legal representative" to be (i) an executor or (ii) administrator (iii) or the next of kin who had adiated the inheritance in an estate below the value of Rs. 50,000 as stated in Act No. 14 of 1993 (earlier Rs. 20,000).

It was also pointed out in judgement that it has been held in decided cases that an *executor de sonto* is also liable to be named as the legal representative of the deceased in matters of substitution. *Executor de sonto* is someone who intermeddles in the estate of a deceased without a proper Court order naming the person as an executor, i.e., individual who benefits from the estate

of a deceased without proper legal authority to do so.

In a separate case, Justice Nawaz decided that a deceased person's wife's son — not his own son — cannot be substituted as a plaintiff in a case. The case was with regard to the use of State land with a permit. The deceased plaintiff had a valid permit, but squatters had usurped the State land he was using.

Justice Nawaz held: To deal with adiation which finds expression in Section 394 (2) of the CPC, it is the process of inheriting or inheritance, the word being referable to Roman Dutch law. For adiation to come into play, the deceased parent (original plaintiff) should have had a proprietary interest in the property, be it noted, at the time of his death."

If such a proprietary interest was present, the substitution can be done and it should be of a family member. It was held: "Proprietary interest should devolve on the person or persons (next of kin) who are substituted in consequence of death or by reason or by virtue of death of the original Plaintiff. As explained at page 2104 (Civil Procedure *Chitale*



and Rao, second edition vol. 2) "legal representative must be a person on whom the estate devolves on the death of the party suing or sued." In this particular case *Wal-pola Liyanage Belin Perera v. N.K. Kiribanda* (C.A. Case No. 1164/2000 (F)) before the Court of Appeal, the deceased person's wife's son had been substituted, but it was held that such a substitution was not valid:

"In the case before this Court nothing devolved on Belin Perera who had been substituted as the substituted Plaintiff. No proprietary interest passed to him on the death of the original Plaintiff because Belin Perera was admittedly not wan heir of the original Plaintiff." The substitution was not valid because the wife's son was not an heir — a lineal descendant — of the deceased.

COVID-19:

The Geopolitical Dimensions

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The intensification of the COVID-19 pandemic in India has caught New Delhi on the back foot in more ways than one. While it continues to deal with the fallout of the second wave of the pandemic, its domestic travails inevitably have an impact on the dynamics of its foreign policy. On the one hand, instead of emerging as a regional powerhouse supplying vaccines to its neighbours, it has stopped almost all vaccine exports and has had to rely on overseas medical assistance.

On the other hand, it has forced an element of normality in its relations with China. This is evident from President Xi Jinping's letter to Prime Minister Modi offering help to India to cope with the pandemic. This is the first known communication between the two leaders following the onset of the pandemic in early 2020 and the Sino-Indian border crisis of April-May last year. Simultaneously, there was a telephone conversation between India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. The Indian Minister spoke to his counterpart on the importance of China's transport corridors and cargo flights remaining open to facilitate the movement of materials to deal with India's COVID upsurge. As part of the conversation, he did mention that the process of disengagement along the LAC remained "unfinished" and it should be "completed at the earliest".

Meanwhile, China seems to be headed for a sweet spot. Its relatively undamaged economy is doing well and its national mood was manifested by the April 28 launch of the core module of its planned international space station, which is a major indicator that business has returned to normal there. Beijing hopes to have its space station running by the end of 2022. And incidentally, China has moved to fill the gap created by India and has promised vaccines and other supplies to countries like Bangladesh and Nepal.

On April 27, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi hosted a video conference with counterparts from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, where Beijing proposed a number of measures to promote anti-pandemic cooperation among them, as well as to promote economic recovery to get on with the Belt and Road cooperation. India was invited but chose not to attend.

The return of normality in China is important, because that is something that has so far



Chinese Defence Minister Wei Fenghe signs the Golden Book at the Presidential Secretariat in Sri Lanka



China-South Asia video conference on COVID relief

eluded the US and India. This will have an impact on geopolitical dynamics, especially the revised Indo-Pacific strategy of the Quad nations. China is the principal trade partner of Australia and Japan, while it is number two for the US. Incidentally, according to Chinese data, bilateral trade in goods between India and China touched US\$ 27.7 billion in the first quarter this year, being a whopping 42.8 percent year-on-year increase.

With the Japanese ratification of RCEP, things are on track for the agreement to come into force in January 2022 as the biggest trade bloc in history. Beijing is the trade bloc's key anchor with north-east Asia, comprising fellow members Japan and South Korea, making up three of the largest four economies of Asia.

Elsewhere too, Beijing is on the move. At the end of April, China's Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe toured the South Asian region, with visits to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. A major feature of the visit was the assistance China has given to Colombo to deal with its COVID-19 crisis which intensified in recent weeks. Beijing has extended

over US\$ 2 billion in loans and a currency swap facility to Colombo to deal with the economic strain of the pandemic. Sri Lanka has an outstanding debt of over US\$ 5 billion owed to China. In the remarks in the Dhaka leg of his visit, General Wei spoke of the importance of countries in the neighbourhood resisting "powers from outside the region setting up military alliances in South Asia."

Before coming to South Asia, General Wei visited Vietnam, where he met the Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong and President Nguyen Xuan Phuc. In his remarks, President Phuc said that Vietnam would oppose "any forces' interference in China's internal affairs"—a reference to Taiwan. He added that Vietnam "will never follow other countries in opposing China." The unstated subtext of the tour seems to be the need to counter the activities of the Quad, which had moved aggressively to declare an all-around strategic competition with China in the Indo-Pacific region.

As for the US, it continues to maintain a tough stance on China, as was evident from



Chinese Defence Minister Wei Fenghe with Vietnam's Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong in Hanoi

the Alaska talks. But it is focused on a longer-range competition. Speaking in the recent Aspen Security Forum, US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan declared that the goal of the Biden policy was "not to contain China." Indeed, he went on to add, "the Quad is not fundamentally about China. It is about this affirmative agenda that these four capable democracies can set."

The Biden team is acting along the Interim National Security Strategic Guidance which says, "the core strategic proposition" is that: To be strong abroad, "requires the United States to build back better at home". This process has barely begun and the US is not likely to be interested in further destabilising ties with a key trading partner. A comprehensive review of US strategy on China is still being worked out, so the Biden administration policy could well see a great deal of continuity, as well as some cooperation, and even accommodation, with China.

A new Indo-Pacific strategy was outlined at the Quad virtual summit on March 12 by President Biden, who indicated that what the US was looking for was achieving stability in this important region, roiled by Chinese actions in Hong Kong and the threats to Taiwan. In his remarks, he spoke of the importance of kick-starting the US economic recovery, though he framed the commitment to an Indo-Pacific "governed by international law,

and committed to upholding universal values, and free from coercion."

The goal of the US policy is to manage China's future behaviour, rather than undo things that have already happened. In his first speech to Congress at the end of April, Biden pledged to maintain a strong military presence in the Indo-Pacific. He said that as China was "closing in fast" and the US had "to develop and dominate the products and technologies of the future." The US economy is also doing well and Biden had put forward an ambitious plan for national rejuvenation. The problem is that the US remains a politically divided society and getting plans to work on the ground is not going to be easy. Writing in the *Financial Times*, Demetri Sevastopulo pointed out that there are two key events in 2022 that are important for both China and the US. Biden must win the mid-term elections against the ongoing challenge from Donald Trump. And Xi Jinping must keep the Communist Party of China united as he seeks another five-year term at the National Party Congress scheduled next year. Both are likely to find that they need to play tough till then, but that does not mean we will see the kind of confrontations that took place in the western Pacific in the last year of the Trump administration. Indeed, American officials have signalled that there could be some guarded engagement as well.

All of this provides little comfort to New Delhi which is in the midst of negotiating a pull back by China in the eastern Ladakh area. Prime Minister Modi's remarks in the recent Quad summit were suitably anodyne and low key, though New Delhi could be a major beneficiary of the new American posture. Since then, India has been overwhelmed by the COVID tsunami which reduces the room for manoeuvre. Given the intensity of the current wave of the pandemic, it will be a while before the Government can focus on external diplomacy. The current wave is yet to recede and even when it does so, New Delhi will have to focus on plugging the dangerous holes that have shown up in its administrative and public health systems and anticipate further waves. All this is even as India grapples with China in eastern Ladakh and seeks to persuade Beijing to restore *status quo ante* there. The message from Beijing seems to be that India better be prepared to accept the *fait accompli*. This could mean pressure on New Delhi to escalate the situation there as in the case of Pangong Tso. That has its own risks. (*Observer Research Foundation*)

Balanced Scorecard:

A novel way to measure performance of Government employees

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Organizations in today's dynamic, highly competitive environment must offer significant time, energy, and human and financial resources to measure their performance in achieving strategic goals. Increasingly, many organizations have realised that measurement is more vital than ever and that their systems for capturing, monitoring, and sharing performance information are critical.

Performance management is a recent development which adopts a future-oriented strategic focus on managing performance and is applied to all employees in a workforce to maximize their current performance and future potential. The increased focus on performance at all levels in an organization arises from the pressures of globalization and the associated requirements to create a competitive advantage to survive in an international marketplace.

Human capital, the value-creating skills, competencies, talents and abilities of an organization's workforce are essential components in creating such a competitive advantage. Organizational changes arising from competitive pressures, including flatter structures, staffing levels and multi-skilled cross-functional teams operating with considerable autonomy have a great impact on performance management.

When considering most government organizations in Sri Lanka, there is no proper performance evaluation system established within the organizations. Most of their performance evaluation processes consist of filling the work sheets done by the particular employees throughout the period with the intention of computing the yearly incentives. The public frequently questions the productivity and the quality of services that such organizations offer. That is due to the fact that the performance evaluation of government employees is not carried out in a proper manner for enhancing the quality and productivity aspects.

As a result, Government organizations are not in a position to evaluate the actual performance levels of the employees in a comprehensive manner. As a result, the overall productivity level has dramatically deteriorated.

Government employees do not have a favourable perception of the performance evaluation as they are inherently used to be redundant. As a result, the management is reluctant to change to a new system of performance evaluation. Therefore, it is vital that government organizations adopt the Balanced Score Card (BSC) performance evaluation tool which is a widely used technique comprising broader evaluation perspectives.

Concept of Balanced Scorecard

The Balanced Scorecard has emerged as a proven and effective tool to capture, describe, and translate intangible assets into real value for all of an organization's stakeholders. It was developed by Robert Kaplan and David Norton. This simple methodology translates an organization's strategy into performance objectives, measures, targets, and initiatives in four balanced perspectives: Financial, Customer, Internal Processes, and Employee Learning and Growth.

While many government organizations have used a mixture of financial and non-financial measures in the past, what sets the Balanced Scorecard apart is the concept of cause-and-effect linkages. A well-constructed Scorecard will tell the story of an organization's strategy through a series of linked performance measures merging through the four perspectives.

Normally performance management includes activities which ensure that organization goals are consistently being met effectively and efficiently. The perfor-

mance appraisal is a review and discussion of an employee's performance of assigned duties and responsibilities. Intangible assets such as employee knowledge, customer and supplier relationships, and innovative cultures are the key to producing value in today's economy.

Therefore, individual objectives should be linked together for different aspects of human resource development, employee reward and organizational development to form a coherent approach to people management and development. Hence, it is concerned with performance enhancement in order to achieve both individual and organizational effectiveness. Further, the principle underlying the concept relates to communication and understanding the fact that performance management is based on an agreement between a manager and an individual.

As we generally know, several performance measures are being used in different Government organizations but it is intended to integrate the Balanced Scorecard with the existing performance measurement framework that is currently in use by most developed countries.

Government employees normally do not participate and are not consulted during the strategic planning process and during the formulation of departmental objectives and work plans. Consequently, there is a lack of ownership among the employees. Due to inadequate skills and training, employees have not conceptualized the whole process of performance evaluation and therefore have difficulties in preparing work plans and setting smart targets. There is no linkage between organizational objectives and individual objectives. Employees, find the process of submitting yearly performance progress reports as cumbersome and time consuming.

Key challenges

The common Government organization's structure is bureaucratic and emphasizes an administrative system and Chain of Command. Consequently employees are not free to engage with the management in performance-related discussions and make suggestions on further improvements. Employees find the instruments used to evaluate performance as complex and lacking objectivity. Since some public entities have not institutionalized a reward framework, most hard-working employees are demoralized. Also, the biggest problem attached to this process is that the output of the performance evaluation cannot be linked with the reward system as it follows the typical public sector salary structures.

Due to the traditional systems, most of the public entities in Sri Lanka do not use a proper performance management system to appraise the performance of their employees. This limits the aspects of aligning individual staff performance with the overall goals and vision. The Balanced Scorecard is an appraisal tool which can be based on results obtained by the employee in his or her job, not on the employees' personal characteristics.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa interacts with officials and the public at the RMV

The principle underlying the Balanced Scorecard concept relates to communication and understanding the fact that performance management is based on an agreement between a manager and an individual.

At present, many government organizations in Sri Lanka are struggling with performance management because their evaluation systems consist of little more than a form which the staff use to conduct annual evaluations. This does not work because performance management should be an ongoing conversation between supervisors and employees that supports the accomplishment of strategic objectives. Rather than only considering the process once a year, the management should be using it throughout the year to set clear objectives to evaluate the results and deliver continual feedback to employees about their performance.

Way forward

The Government should therefore come up with policies that recognize the employees as the driving force behind successful implementation of the Balanced Scorecard system. It will also provide useful insights to managers and practitioners about the

Balanced Scorecard as a performance management tool and the employee perceptions in performance, motivation and overall success of an organization.

Accordingly, efficient and complex employee performance measurement systems are crucial to the success of measuring performance. Hence, the Balanced Scorecard system provides a comprehensive approach to evaluate employees. It is not enough just to pick a few areas, use random indicators and expect to obtain the information needed for managing innovation.

It ends up mostly in a situation where competent managers are overwhelmed with analysis and results that they do not use in their work or that they use in a completely inefficient manner.

In relating to bonus payments, private companies adopt discretionary bonus schemes, in which an objectively-determined bonus pool is allocated to employees based on subjective evaluations of their performance by allowing the top management to use such non-contractible information as non-quantifiable or 'soft' measures whilst achieving an optimal improvement in managerial effort. But unfortunately, in government organizations, the bonuses are stagnated and only Government-approved allowances are being paid.

Thus, without the proper measurement of the organization it is not possible to record success. The Balanced Scorecard (BSC) helps in this case. Without the proper implementation and perfect measurement, management cannot take any decisions about the organization. Besides, it is important to know about what is going on and what is necessary for the organization.

Hence the Balanced Scorecard system helps public entities in reducing all sorts of problems. The Balanced Scorecard system is the proper solution for the measuring of the perfect employee performance.

Conclusion

The aim of this article was to critically analyze the current performance management system used by most Government organizations in Sri Lanka in order to propose a proper performance evaluation system and find a mechanism to link the outcome of such a system with incentives and compensation.

It has revealed that implementing the Balanced Scorecard system for evaluating the performance of Government employees is the best option as it has many positive aspects.

Change is the newest concept which is needed to maintain competitiveness. The demands of present business state that organizations constantly adapt to new conditions or risk perishing. Unfortunately, the record of successful change in most organizations is significantly low.

As such, many Government organizations are experiencing the barriers to change in this regard as it is observed that the attitudes on change in Government organizations are minimal.

To ensure that

the Balanced Scorecard does not suffer the fate of previous attempts at change, Government organizations should therefore engage in a number of organizational change activities. The rationale for the change should be clearly communicated, along with what will be expected of employees once the Scorecard system is initiated.

After implementing the proposed evaluation system, it is expected that the overall productivity and the profitability of the public entities will gradually increase and the outcome can be easily measured in line with the performance targets set through the Balanced Scorecard system.

Nevertheless, the top management of the Government organizations will have to face at least one of the following Balanced Scorecard implementation issues.

They are premature links to management processes, lack of cascading, terminology use, no new measures, consistent management practices, timing, lack of training and education, and no executive sponsorship. Hence, the management should be alert about the aforesaid implications for the successful completion of the implementation process. Also, when considering linking the outcomes of the proposed system with incentives and compensation, the Balanced Scorecard provides a clear platform for integrating the rewards with performance of the employees. Then the Government employees will achieve the required level of scale given by the new system. Then they would have earned the points and be rewarded accordingly. It is a transparent reward process and therefore no one can challenge it.

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Sri Lankan public servants take an oath



Most public servants think inordinately about the pension



The State transport service renders a yeoman service



A smile will enhance the service



A postal worker sorts letters

Army to add over 10,000 beds for COVID-19 Care Centres - NOCPCO Head

The Army will get 10,000 new beds to hospitals shortly and the Army Seva Vanitha Unit will provide 1,200 more beds, after converting a building to be a care centre, National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) Head, General Shavendra Silva said.



either to go for a total lockdown or to manage with the situation while running the country. At times, PCR numbers had to be increased to 15,000 to 20,000 in order to locate new patients and isolate specific areas as necessary, considering the serious need for it.

consignment of 15,000 doses from Russia has arrived here and if scientific recommendations are okay, another stock of 185,000 vaccines could be brought down within a week. More stocks can be brought down in future, accordingly.

General Shavendra Silva also commented on the role of some Social Media elements who are working against national efforts at this critical juncture of the nation and cautioned against their false publicity gimmicks. He also instructed the Police to closely monitor the quarantine work, occurring at home fronts as it is necessary to be kept them in quarantine for seven days to two weeks.

The Director General of Health Services Dr Asela Gunawardena emphasised that the human behaviour will remain the most critical factor in today's context which would eventually decide the future of the nation. Other stakeholders also discussed matters related to isolation, readiness of health sector, preparedness of essential services, oxygen supplies, health staff, arrival of expatriates, quarantine centres, procedures and process of vaccination, including second phase of the vaccine for all members who had already received the first dose.

He said so at a review session of COVID-19 Task Force members on the control of the epidemic, chaired by General Shavendra Silva, together with Health Services Director General Dr. Asela Gunawardena held (4) at the National Operations Center for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) in Rajagiriya on Wednesday.

During this discussion, General Shavendra Silva updated on the present status of the pandemic and behaviour of the new COVID-19 variant during the Third Wave as well as new isolated areas of the country, designed to prevent further transmission.

"The Armed Forces would supply normal beds and make camps available to function as Intermediate Care Centres for COVID-19 patients while simultaneously increasing the number of ICU bed capacity in hospitals. The government adopts two options at this moment,

Seven Ayurvedic hospitals in EP also ready

A.M.A.FAREED, Trincomalee district special corr.



treated at these Ayurvedic hospitals. Trincomalee - Dockyard Ayurveda Base Hospital for 50, Nilaveli Ayurveda Hospital for 48, Batticaloa - Pudukudiyiruppu Siddha Ayurveda Hospital for 60, Eravur.

In addition, 30 persons will be treated at the Ampara -Verankaragoda District Ayurvedic Hospital, 30 at the Nintavur District Hospital and 30 at the Adalaichenai Base Hospital. Earlier, State Minister Dr.Sudarshini Fernando gave consent to treat

COVID-19 patients in Ayurvedic hospitals. Following this, the Governor has directed to convert

these seven Ayurvedic Hospitals in the Eastern Province into COVID-19 Treatment Centres.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

Loan Account Nos. 2281764 & 2105560

PRINT ONE (PRIVATE) LIMITED

At a meeting held on 17th December 2020 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows:-

WHEREAS PRINT ONE (PRIVATE) LIMITED a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Act and having its Registered Office at No. 341/1/109, Mahayaya Watta, Pelenwatta, Piliyandala as Obligor and PINTERURALALAGE DON PRASAD JOSEPH SEBASTIAN WIJERATHNE alias WIJERATHNE PINNERURALALAGE DON PRASAD JOSEPH SEBASTIAN also of No. 341/1/109, Mahayaya Watta, Pelenwatta, Piliyandala as Mortgagor have made default in the payments due on the Mortgage Bond No.1135 dated 27th January 2014, Mortgage Bond No. 1226 dated 03rd June 2014, Mortgage Bond No. 1597 dated 13th July 2015, Mortgage Bond No. 2144 dated 13th March 2017, Mortgage Bond No.2272 dated 9th August 2017, all attested by R.A.M.N. Rajasuriya, Notary Public of Colombo, in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC with respect to the land morefully described in the First (1st) schedule hereto.

AND WHEREAS PRINT ONE (PRIVATE) LIMITED a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Act and having its Registered Office at No. 341/1/109, Mahayaya Watta, Pelenwatta, Piliyandala as Obligor and PINTERURALALAGE DON PRASAD JOSEPH SEBASTIAN WIJERATHNE alias WIJERATHNE PINNERURALALAGE DON PRASAD JOSEPH SEBASTIAN also of No. 341/1/109, Mahayaya Watta, Pelenwatta, Piliyandala as Mortgagor have made default in the payments due on the Mortgage Bond No.6381 dated 12th June 2013 and Mortgage Bond No.6713 dated 3rd June 2014 both attested by R.K. Jayawardena, Notary Public of Colombo, and Mortgage Bond No.1598 dated 13th July 2015 and Mortgage Bond No.2145 dated 13th March 2017 both attested by R.A.M.N. Rajasuriya, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC with respect to the land morefully described in the Second (2nd) schedule hereto.

AND WHEREAS PRINT ONE (PRIVATE) LIMITED a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Act and having its Registered Office at No. 341/1/109, Mahayaya Watta, Pelenwatta, Piliyandala as Obligor has made default in the payments due on the Mortgage Bond No. E/075/017/004 dated 13th March 2017, and Mortgage Bond No. E/075/015/003 dated 13th July 2015 in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC with respect to the Machinery morefully described in the Third (3rd) schedule hereto.

AND WHEREAS THERE is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC as at 24th September 2020 a sum of Rupees NINETY ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (Rs.91,800,000.00) on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No.4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the lands, premises and the machinery morefully described in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd schedules hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Mortgage Bond Nos. 1135, 1226, 1597, 2144, 2272, 6381, 6713, 1598, 2145, E/075/017/004 and E/075/015/003 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees NINETY ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (Rs.91,800,000.00) together with further interest on a sum of Rs. 62,400,000.00 at 16.5 % per annum and on a sum of Rs. 29,400,000.00 at 15 % per annum from 25th September 2020 to date of sale together with costs of advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received."

THE 1st SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that divided and defined allotment of Land marked Lot 109 depicted in Plan No. 2207 dated 6th January 1981 made by D J Nanayakkara, Licensed Surveyor of the land called and known as MAHAYAYA, MAHAYAYEHENBIMA, KAHATAGAHALANDA alias DELGAHALANDA, GODAPORAGAHAKANATTA and HEDAWAKAGAHAKANATTA now known as "MAHAYAYA ESTATE" together with the buildings trees plantations and everything else standing thereon situated at Pelenwatta and Gorakapitiya Village in the Grama Niladhari Division of Pelenwatta North in Divisional Secretary's Division of Kesbewa within the Pradeshiya Sabha (now Urban Council) limits of Kesbewa in the Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot 109 is bounded on the North by Lot 23 in Plan No.484 on the East by Lot 110 on the South by Lot 119 and on the West by Lot 108 and containing in extent Nineteen Perches (A0-R0-P19) or 0.0202 Hectares according to the said Plan No. 2207 and registered under Volume/Folio C 777/83 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.

TOGETHER with the right of way and other appurtenant rights in over and along the following:

All that divided and defined allotment of Land marked Lot 23 depicted in Plan No. 484 dated 13th and 22nd February 1969 made by M J Setunga, Licensed Surveyor of the land called and known as GODAPORAGAHAKANATTA now known as "MAHAYAYA ESTATE" situated at Pelenwatta and Gorakapitiya Village in the Grama Niladhari Division of Pelenwatta North in Divisional Secretary's Division of Kesbewa within the Pradeshiya Sabha (now Urban Council) limits of Kesbewa in the Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot 23 is bounded on the North by Lots 1 to 8 on the East by land belonging to Katugampolage Don Hendrick Vidanaralalage and Road on the South by Lot B of the same land and on the West by Lots 1, 15 and 16 of the same land and containing in extent One Rood and Thirty Six Perches (A0-R1-P36) according to the said Plan No. 484 and registered under Volume/Folio C 349/26 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.

THE 2nd SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that divided and defined allotment of Land marked Lot A depicted in Plan No. 3166 dated 11th February 2006 made by D A Dharmasiri, Licensed Surveyor of the land called and known as MAHAYAYA, MAHAYAYEHENBIMA, KAHATAGAHALANDA alias DELGAHALANDA, GODAPORAGAHAKANATTA and HEDAWAKAGAHAKANATTA now known as "MAHAYAYA ESTATE" together with the buildings trees plantations and everything else standing thereon situated at Pelenwatta and Gorakapitiya Village in the Grama Niladhari Division of Pelenwatta West in Divisional Secretary's Division of Kesbewa within the Pradeshiya Sabha (now Urban Council) limits of Kesbewa in the Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot A is bounded on the North by Lot 23 in Plan No.484 and Lots B and C on the East by Lot B and land of K D Hendrick and others on the South by Lots 115 and 116 in Plan No.2207 and on the West by Lot 112 in Plan No.2207 and containing in extent Eighteen Perches (A0-R0-P18) or 0.04553 Hectares according to the said Plan No. 3166 and registered under Volume/Folio C 278/08 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.

TOGETHER with the right of way and other appurtenant rights in over and along the following:

All that divided and defined allotment of Land marked Lot 23 depicted in Plan No. 484 dated 13th and 22nd February 1969 made by M J Setunga, Licensed Surveyor of the land called and known as GODAPORAGAHAKANATTA now known as "MAHAYAYA ESTATE" situated at Pelenwatta and Gorakapitiya Village in the Grama Niladhari Division of Pelenwatta North in Divisional Secretary's Division of Kesbewa within the Pradeshiya Sabha (now Urban Council) limits of Kesbewa in the Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot 23 is bounded on the North by Lots 1 to 8 on the East by land belonging to Katugampolage Don Hendrick Vidanaralalage and Road on the South by Lot B of the same land and on the West by Lots 1, 15 and 16 of the same land and containing in extent One Rood and Thirty Six Perches (A0-R1-P36) according to the said Plan No. 484 and registered under Volume/Folio C 349/26 at the Delkanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.

THE 3rd SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

- 01 Heidelberg KORD Printing Machine
- 02 Heidelberg KORD Printing Machine
- 03 Heidelberg SORK Printing Machine
- 04 Heidelberg SORK Printing Machine
- 05 Heidelberg KSBA Die Cutting Machine
- 06 UV Varnishing Machine
- 07 Pollar Cutting Machine
- 08 Pollar Cutting Machine
- 09 Plate Making Machine
- 10 Plate Making Machine
- 11 Stapler Machine
- 12 Laminating Machine
- 13 SORDZ Machine

R.A.P. RAJAPAKSHA COMPANY SECRETARY

Two more GN divisions isolated

Two Grama Niladhari divisions in Nuwara Eliya and Trincomalee Districts were isolated yesterday.

Army Commander and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of Covid-19 Outbreak, Gen.Shavendra Silva announced that the following Grama Niladhari Divisions in Nuwara Eliya and Trincomalee Districts have been designated as isolated areas with effect from 6.25 am yesterday.

Nuwara Eliya District

Kothmale Police Area • Pan-amgammana Grama Niladhari Division (473) Trincomalee District Trincomalee Police Area • Subhadralankara Mawatha (Andamkulam Grama Niladhari Division) have been isolated.

More hospitals in SP for COVID victims

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central special correspondent

Due to the surge in the number of COVID patients, more wards for victims in several other hospitals in the Southern Province will open, Southern Province, Health Services Director Dr.Chandima Siritunga said.

Accordingly, Bentota, Batapola, Baddegama, Habaraduwa in the Galle District, Kamburugamuwa, Gangodagama, Akuressa, Weligama, Dickwella, Deiyandara in the Mata-rata District, Angunakolapelessa, Lunugavehera and Walasmulla Ambalan-tota hospitals in the Hambantota District, will be reserved for Corona patients.

Due to lack of space in hospitals in the Galle District, a

number of infected people are still staying at home. Therefore, steps were taken to prepare wards in several hospitals for their immediate referral to treatment centers and to reduce the congestion at Karapitiya Hospital.

Medagama hospital, two more as COVID care centres in Moneragala

NAVARATNA BANDARA, Mahaweli Systems Group corr.

The Medagama district hospital in Bibile has been made a medical care center for COVID-19 patients.

There are facilities to treat 100 COVID-19 patients at a time there, and the first lot was admitted to it last Sunday (2).

In addition to the COVID-19 medical care center at Medagama, there will be two more that kind of centres for the anti-corona campaign in the Monaragala provincial district of one of the two being at Buttala and the other being at Yaalabova.

The government hospital of Buttala and the National Youth Corps camp of Yaalabova, off Wellawaya have been picked as centres.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

Loan Account Nos. 2327924 and 2395996

GOVINDAGE ATHULA PERERA GUNASEKARA

POLWATTE RATTARAN HAMILLAGE AYESHA MADUWANTHI

At a meeting held on 20th December 2019 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows :-

WHEREAS GOVINDAGE ATHULA PERERA GUNASEKARA and POLWATTE RATTARAN HAMILLAGE AYESHA MADUWANTHI as Obligors have made default in the payment due on Bond Nos. 6287 dated 11th September 2015, 6569 dated 8th August 2016, 6942 dated 18th December 2017, 7090 dated 29th June 2018 and 7297 dated 6th May 2019 all attested by D. M. B. C. Gunathilake, Notary Public of Ratnapura and 344 dated 23rd March 2017 attested by S. A. D. J. N. Gunawardena, Notary Public of Ratnapura in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC and there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC as at 1st November 2019 a sum of RUPEES FORTY EIGHT MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY AND CENTS THIRTY NINE (Rs.48,892,240/39) on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the property and premises morefully described in the Schedule hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Bond Nos. 6287, 6569, 6942, 7090, 7297 and 344 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Forty Eight Million Eight Hundred and Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred and Forty and Cents Thirty Nine (Rs.48,892,240/39) with further interest on a sum of Rs.45,340,000/- at 16.5 % per annum from 2nd November 2019 to date of sale together with Costs of Advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO :

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1 depicted in Plan No. 90/03 dated 28.01.2003 made by A. Ratnam, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "KARAWKETIYE ESTATE" (PART OF) together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon situated at Balangoda Town within the Grama Niladhari Division of Balangoda Town G.N. Div. No. 256A in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Ratnapura within the Urban Council Limits of Balangoda in Helauda Pattu of Meda Korale in the District of Ratnapura Sabaragamuwa Province and which said Lot 1 is bounded on the NORTH by Lot 3 & Lot 2 on the EAST by Lot 2, Lot 3 & Lot 4 on the SOUTH by land claimed by S.M. Malwana & land claimed by R. Ratwatta & others and on the WEST by Land claimed by R. Ratwatta & others and containing in extent One Rood and Thirty Three Decimal Nine Naught Perches (A0.R1.P33.90) according to the said Plan No. 90/03 registered in Volume/Folio No. S 62/104 at Ratnapura Land Registry.

Along with the right of way allocated to the said land.

R.A.P. RAJAPAKSHA COMPANY SECRETARY

DATE : 21.01.2020

COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No.4 of 1990.

Loan Account No: 2337618

NEEL AUTO ENGINEERS

At a meeting held on 27th November 2020, the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved specially and unanimously as follows:-

WHEREAS LOKANWATTE DON NEEL SUDATH GUNASEKARA carrying on business as the Sole Proprietor under the name, style and firm of "NEEL AUTO ENGINEERS" at No. 128/5, Colombo Road, Kehelwala, Kiribathkumbura as the "Obligor" has defaulted the payment due on the Mortgage Bond No. 4567 dated 13th February 2008 attested by Ms. K.D. Elangasinha, Notary Public of Kandy, Mortgage Bond No. 578 dated 18th October 2011 attested by Ms. H.B.Ranwala, Notary Public of Kandy, and Mortgage Bond No. 1822 dated 16th May 2016 attested by K.V.A.D.C.K. Vipulasena, Notary Public of Kandy, executed in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC and there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, as at 9th December 2019, a sum of Rupees FIFTEEN MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO AND CENTS THREE (Rs.15,910,732.03) on the said Mortgage Bonds and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990, do hereby resolve that the land and premises morefully described in the schedule hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Mortgage Bond Nos. 4567, 578, and 1822, be sold by public auction by Mr. L.B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12, for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees FIFTEEN MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO AND CENTS THREE (Rs.15,910,732.03) with further interest on the principal sum of Rs.13,673,000.00 at the rate of 16% per annum from 10th December 2019 to the date of sale together with costs of advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked as Lot 1 in Plan No.2 20 dated 02nd October 2001 made by Nissanka Ratnayake, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "MAHAKUMBURA" situated at Kehelwala Village with in Grama Niladhari Division of Edanduwa - East and in the Divisional Secretariat of Yatinuwara and within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Yatinuwara in Gangapalatha Korale of Yatinuwara in the District of Kandy Central Province and which said Lot 1 is bounded on the NORTH by Ela, on the EAST by remaining portion of Lot 1 in the said Plan No. 220, on the SOUTH by Ela and on the WEST by Lot 1 in Plan No. 2944 and containing in extent Six Perches (0A OR 6.00P) or 0.01515 Hectares together with the building and everything else standing thereon and registered in Volume Folio B 538/85 at Kandy Land Registry.

Which said allotment of land also depicted as Lot 1 in Plan No. 231 dated 16th December 2001 made by Nissanka Ratnayake, Licensed Surveyor and described as follows;

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked as Lot 1 in Plan No.231 dated 16th December 2001 made by Nissanka Ratnayake, Licensed Surveyor (being Re-survey of lot 1 in Plan No. 220 dated 02.10.2001 made by Niss anka Ratnayake, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "MAHAKUMBURA" situated at Kehelwala Village within Grama Niladhari Division of Edanduwa - East and in the Divisional Secretariat of Yatinuwara and within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Yatinuwara in Gangapalatha Korale of Yatinuwara in the District of Kandy Central Province and which said Lot 1 is bounded on the NORTH by Ela separating Gamedera Watte, on the EAST by Lot 2, on the SOUTH by Ela separating Road from Colombo to Kandy and on the WEST by Lot 1 in Plan No. 2944 made by K. B. Lansakaranayake, Licensed Surveyor and containing in extent Six Perches (0A OR 6.00P) or 0.0152 Hectares together with the building and everything else standing thereon.

R.A.P. RAJAPAKSHA COMPANY SECRETARY

Date : 07.01.2021

DATE 05.05.2021	WEDNESDAY OFFICIAL RESULTS	www.nlb.lk	NLB
MAHAJANA SAMPATHA		DRAW NUMBER : 4472	Prizes won in this draw
Winning Numbers: 5 2 8 4 2 4		Rs. 9,594,160.00	The super prize of next draw
Winning Letter: G		Rs. 14,910,911.60	
Govisetha		DRAW NUMBER : 2767	NLB
Winning Numbers: 33 39 54 69		Rs. 5,937,060.00	TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Winning Letter: X		Rs. 70,385,449.60	THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Mega Power 10		DRAW NUMBER : 829	NLB
Winning Numbers: 01 07 16 21 41		Rs. 3,495,660.00	TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW
Winning Letter: Q		Rs. 132,148,718.80	NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE
Winning Letter: Q		Rs. 10,000,000.00	NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE
Dhana Nidhanaya		DRAW NUMBER : 509	NLB
Winning Numbers: 04 14 22 29		Rs. 2,870,480.00	TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Winning Letter: P		Rs. 96,401,296.00	THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
JATHIKA SAMPATHA		DRAW NUMBER : 1117	NLB
Winning Numbers: 1 0 8 6 2 7		Rs. 2,386,560.00	TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Winning Letter: A		Rs. 16,051,597.94	THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Special Number: 01191			
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On combat mode - SLNS Suranimala

DISHAN JOSEPH

The vast ocean surrounding our island is consistently patrolled by various craft of the Navy. Each vessel and crew has been assigned their role and task, with specialized officers and sailors. It was a privilege to experience two of these vessels, namely *SLNS Nandimithra* (P-701) and *SLNS Suranimala* (P-702). Both these vessels have rendered a significant service over the past two decades. Designed and built in Israel, they were commissioned into active duty in the Sri Lanka Navy in December 2000. They are empowered with missile-carrying capability. Both these Fast Missile Vessels (FMV) can accurately deliver sea skimming anti-ship missiles.

Gallantly cruising the ocean at a speed of 28 knots *SLNS Nandimithra* is a floating platform of firepower with an array of guns. I was able to board this magnificent vessel and witness the disciplined teamwork of her able crew. This missile boat is commanded by Captain K.N.D. Walpola. We proceeded to the wardroom after walking through a hatch. The wardroom is the place where officers have their meals, and relax after duty.

As I looked out the porthole, the turquoise waters of the ocean reminded me that sailing is a special profession. *SLNS Nandimithra* has a battle history laden with many accomplishments at sea according to her Commanding Officer. Today the vessel goes out on independent maritime patrols that usually last about five to

seven days. The crew maintains an alert watch to thwart non-traditional threats and stop human smuggling, drug trafficking and piracy. The FMV is smaller in size compared to an OPV (offshore patrol vessel) in the naval fleet. It has a confined but practical working space and the men live and work as a strongly knit team that understands each other. The vessel has a length of 58 metres and a breadth of 7.62 metres with a displacement of 445 tons. An officer showed me a cabin: it has space for a bed, washroom and writing desk.

On a vessel designed for specialized combat weapons delivery there is no room for fancy living. The cabins of all the officers are the same. At sea the sailors maintain a high morale and face every situation thrust upon them. Not everyone is capable of handling these conditions at sea. This is what makes the crew of a Fast Missile Vessel unique, their working routine is one of sacrifice. Her sister vessel *SLNS Suranimala* also has the same design and capacity. The men proudly represent the following naval branches: engineering, navigation, administration, supply and logistics, electronic warfare and weapons.

The sunlight bounced off the waves on this beautiful morning, as we walked along narrow corridors and I got the feeling of being in a combat action movie. Sailors were moving back and forth, as the quartermasters' pipe made shrill whistles rising above the noise of the engine. The FMV is powered by four MTU 16 engines, which propel the vessel to top speed to confront enemy ships



On patrol - SLNS Nandimithra



SLNS Nandimithra

Not everyone is capable of handling these conditions at sea. This is what makes the crew of a Fast Missile Vessel unique, their working routine is one of sacrifice.

or engage hostile targets. On both vessels, her gunnery officers are an important duty. As we walked on Deck Level, I realized the firepower at the disposal of this sleek vessel,

which cruised with power. *SLNS Nandimithra* is armed with a heavy calibre 76 mm gun, 40 mm gun and 14.5 mm guns in addition to other advanced weapons systems. The 76

mm gun is a display of naval engineering. It can rapidly take in 40 shells via an ammo feeder (loaded manually by sailors) and delivers a devastating hit that can decimate any target. Aided by optical directors the vessel enhances its visual and target acquisition by a 360 degree spectrum, giving the Captain a better scope when engaging the enemy. Radar plotting is another vital duty performed on deck, and this charts the voyage.

An officer added, "At sea we constantly engage in various drills, search and rescue, man overboard drill, fire fighting, etc., to keep our men primed and ready." Maintaining such a high-tech vessel is a challenge and an honour. Every night the Executive Officer walks around the entire vessel inspecting each compartment, to ensure all is well. Every naval vessel has her routine. By 6.00 am all crew wake up (not to forget that one shift has been on night watch). They muster at 6.15 am and then proceed to shower and eat breakfast. The crew cabins displayed bunk beds suspended at various angles: again not everyone can get used to sleeping in this manner. After this we indulged in a tea break.

On most naval vessel lunch is served at 11.30 am and dinner is served to the crew by 6.30 pm. The energetic sailors have free time to chat and watch TV or read a book. The duty officer ensures that its lights out at 9.15 pm.

The Master at Arms is the man who maintains discipline of all sailors on these vessels. He also acts

like a father to junior sailors on their first voyage and mentors them. Sailing is an adventure and there maybe a few mild injuries now and then and sailors have access to first aid at a first aid station.

As they engage in patrols the crews have witnessed dolphins and whales, dominating the marine domain which is an absolute delight to any nature lover.

During the years of conflict both these vessels made their aggressive interceptions and combat engagements at sea, inflicting losses on the enemy. The Sri Lanka Navy has its own traditions at sea loaded with pomp and decorum, coming down from the British Admiralty. I was able to witness one such naval tradition: a farewell tea party on deck for some of the crew leaving the vessel, on completing their tour of duty. A senior sailor made a moving speech, thanking his comrades. The snacks made in the galley (kitchen) were tasty and enriched the aura of fellowship. Cooking on board a cruising vessel is a skill: as the ship will 'pitch and roll' with the waves. *SLNS Suranimala* (P-702) is commanded by Captain S.P. Kathirachchi and has a sailing complement of 85 crew, including 11 officers. As we neared the jetty, I heard the quartermaster's pipe, once more. The sunset dominated the sky. The men dedicatedly serving onboard *SLNS Nandimithra* and *SLNS Suranimala* are a special clan of naval warriors. It was an honour to be among them and observe their sailing routines and dignified traditions.

Navy enables remote schools to sail into brighter future

In connection with the 70th anniversary of Sri Lanka Navy, the sea-going arm of the country has launched another social responsibility initiative, under the directives and guidance of Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne, to develop selected underprivileged schools in the country, in 2021.

The prime motive of the project is to create a more conducive learning environment for the children – the future generation of the country. Accordingly, this project was launched in the Western, Eastern, North Central, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southern and Northern Naval Commands on April 19, 2021. Financial contribution extended voluntarily by all officers and sailors from their monthly salaries is utilized for the project, while the Navy also enables its able manpower required for the construction work.

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

Against such a backdrop, going by a concept of Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne, the Sri Lanka Navy marked the beginning of a school facility development project by embarking on a social responsibility mission to develop facilities of underprivileged



Pictures courtesy Sri Lanka Navy website



schools which lack some of the basic amenities. Accordingly, in line with the 70th anniversary of the Navy, a financial allocation of Rs. 4.5 million was made available to each Naval Command to develop eight underprivileged schools, selected by seven Naval Commands islandwide to support the education of children schooling in remote areas, with meagre facilities.

Under this project, the Western Naval Command has planned to renovate four new classroom buildings, repair plumbing and toilet facilities and construct a children's

playground at Kelinkanda Primary School in Agalawatta in the Kalutara District.

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

Similarly, numerous basic requirements and renovation work of Weera Mohan Jayamaha Vidyalaya, Dambulla are to be developed by the North Central Naval Command.

Incidentally, delivery of new books to the school library, renovation of classrooms, improvement of toilet facilities, erection of a safety fence around the school and construction of a basketball court would also come under this development project.

The facilities of Eluwankulama Sinhala Vidyalaya in the Puttalam District, which is under the Northwestern Naval Command, will also be developed, adding a new classroom building and a laboratory building at the school premises. The move will help create a more

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favourable learning environment for the children who are continuing their education at the school with a lack of facilities.

In the meantime, the Southeastern Naval Command would undertake the renovation work of the dilapidated buildings, small auditorium, laboratory and computer laboratory of Hulannuge Vidyalaya in Ampara.

Meanwhile, the Southern Naval Command is to develop Sooriyawewa Weeriyagama Maha Vidyalaya and Hungama Ethbatuwa Junior School in the Hambantota District.

The Navy is to construct two spacious classroom buildings for these schools, as those children are studying in temporary classrooms with roofs of tin and cadjan.

Further, the Navy Commander April 3, 2021 made an inspection visit to the Roman Catholic College on Mandaitivu Island, Jaffna, which has been selected for development in the Northern Naval Command, under this naval social responsibility project. During this visit, the Navy Commander was warmly welcomed by the Parish Priest of Catholic Church on Mandaitivu Island, Principal of the college, teachers and students. Vice Admiral Ulugetenne made the school staff aware of the developments to be carried out by the Navy at the school.

The project includes construction of a two-storied building for the library and computer laboratory, which are two dire needs of the school, partition of classrooms as well as for the provision of computers, computer chairs, tables and sports gear.

The launch events of these separate projects were attended by Western Naval Area Deputy Area Commander Commodore Suresh De Silva, Eastern Naval Area Deputy Area Commander Rear Admiral Anura Danapala, North Central Naval Area Commander Rear Admiral Sanjewa Dias, Northwestern Naval Area Commander Rear Admiral Bandula Senarathna, Southeastern Naval Area Commander Rear Admiral Jayantha Gamage, Southern Naval Area Commander Rear Admiral Priyantha Perera and Northern Naval Area Acting Commander Commodore J.P. Premarathna, senior officers and sailors.

GLOBAL

Biden backs patent waiver for COVID Vaccines

The Biden administration came out on Wednesday in support of waiving intellectual property protections for coronavirus vaccines, siding with international efforts to bolster production amid concerns about vaccine access in developing nations.

The United States had been a major hold-out at the World Trade Organization over a proposal to suspend some of the world economic body's intellectual property protections, which could allow drugmakers across the globe access to the closely guarded trade secrets of how the viable vaccines have been made. But President Biden had come under increasing pressure to throw his support behind the proposal, drafted by India and South Africa and backed by many congressional Democrats.

Katherine Tai, the United States trade representative, announced the administration's position on Wednesday afternoon, as the pandemic continues to spiral in India and South America.

"This is a global health crisis, and the extraordinary circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic call for extraordinary measures," she said in a statement. "The administration believes strongly in intellectual property protections, but in service of ending this pandemic, supports the waiver of those protections for Covid-19 vaccines."

Support from the White House is not a guarantee that a waiver will be adopted. The European Union has also been standing in the way, and changes to international intellectual property rules require unanimous agreement. Ms. Tai said the United States would participate in negotiations at the World Trade Organization over the matter, but that they would "take time given the consensus-based nature of the institution and the complexity of the issues involved."

Standing against her will be the pharmaceutical industry, which responded angrily to the extraordinary decision. Stephen J. Ubl, the president and chief executive of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, called the announcement "an unprecedented step that will undermine our global response to the pandemic and compromise safety."

"This decision will sow confusion between public and private partners, further weaken already strained supply chains and foster the proliferation of counterfeit vaccines," he said in a statement, adding that the move would have the effect of "handing over American innovations to countries looking to undermine our leadership in biomedical discovery."



US President Joe Biden

The pharmaceutical industry has argued that a suspension of patent protections would undermine risk-taking and innovation.

"Who will make the vaccine next time?" Brent Saunders, the former chief executive of Allergan, which is now part of AbbVie, wrote on Twitter. Global health activists, who have been pressing for the waiver, praised the administration's decision. It is "a truly historic step, which shows that President Biden is committed to being not just an American leader, but a global one," said Priti Krishtel, an executive director of the Initiative for Medicines, Access & Knowledge.

But the activists said a waiver alone would not increase the world's vaccine supply. It must be accompanied by a process known as "tech transfer," in which patent holders supply technical know-how and personnel. Activists are also demanding that Mr. Biden use his leverage to ensure that manufacturing is scaled up around the globe, and not just by the pharmaceutical companies that now hold the patents.

"No U.S.T.R. has made a pronouncement like this," said Asia Russell, the executive director of Health GAP, a global AIDS treatment advocacy group, using the abbreviation for the trade representative. "And now the actions have to match the words."

The United States' announcement is only one step toward a potential international agreement on suspending intellectual property rights. Negotiating the fine print of an agreement that satisfies countries around the world is a tall order. If an agreement can be reached at the World Trade Organization, it is far from clear what would happen next.

Lisa Larrimore Ouellette, a patent law professor at Stanford Law School, suggested that the Biden administration's move may help sway the drug industry to reach "deals that they can live with."

Ana Santos Rutschman, a health law expert at Saint Louis University School of Law, said the drug industry now has a clear incentive to "shift the debate to the global equity problem in accessing doses that we can actually produce, as opposed to getting into this enormous fight." The best bet for companies, she said, may be to take steps like donating more vaccine doses or selling them on a nonprofit basis to lower-income countries in need.

The debate over whether to relax intellectual property rules has stretched on for months. India and South Africa proposed the waiver last fall, seeking to suspend portions of an international intellectual property agreement dealing with issues like patents, copyrights and trade secrets. Under President Donald J. Trump, the United States opposed the effort. Other opponents have included Britain and the European Union.

The pharmaceutical industry argued that waiving intellectual property rights would not speed up vaccine production, pointing to other barriers like access to raw materials and distribution issues. Pfizer has said the company's vaccine requires 280 components from 86 suppliers in 19 countries, as well as highly specialized equipment and personnel. (NYT)

COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (Registration No. PQ 116) under Section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990.

Loan Account No. 2279920

At a meeting held on 17th December 2020 the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC resolved unanimously as follows:-

WHEREAS **HORAMULLA TEA PLANTATIONS (PRIVATE) LIMITED (bearing Registration No. PV 14221)** a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Act and having its Registered office at No.168, St Andrew's Road, Colombo 15 as Obligor has made default in the payment due on the Mortgage Bond No.1261 dated 10.07.2018 attested by Ms. M.S.R. Weerasooriya, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC and there is now due and owing to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC a sum of Rupees **Three hundred and fifty four million one hundred and ninety one thousand five hundred and eighty seven and Cents ninety (Rs.354,191,587.90)**, as at 6th October 2020, on the said Bond and the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC under the powers vested by Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the land, premises and the machineries morefully described in the 1st and 2nd schedules hereto and mortgaged to the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC by the said Mortgage Bond No. 1261 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. L. B. Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 200, 2nd Floor, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12 for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees **Three hundred and fifty four million one hundred and ninety one thousand five hundred and eighty seven and cents ninety (Rs.354,191,587.90)** together with further interest on a sum of

HORAMULLA TEA PLANTATIONS (PRIVATE) LIMITED

Rs. 297,000,000.00 at PLR + 3.0% per annum (presently at 13.5 % per annum) from 7th October 2020 to date of sale together with costs of advertising and any other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received."

THE FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked **Lot 1A** depicted in **Plan No. 6927** dated **18.08.2011** made by **B S Alahakoon**, Licensed Surveyor of the land called and known as "**HORAMULLA ESTATE & HELAUDAWATTA**" together with the buildings trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon situated at **Horamulla & Pannila** in the Grama Niladhari Division of **Horamulla & Thirangodagama** in the Divisional Secretarial of **Kahawaththa** within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of **Godakawela** in Pannil Pattu & Meda Pattu of Atakalan Korale & Pannil Korale in the District of Rathnapura, Sabaragamuwa Province and which said **Lot A1** is bounded on the **NORTH** by Road, land claimed by L A Dharmadasa and K L Abeysinghe, land claimed by Leelawathie Balakaduwa, land claimed by M A Maitheepala, land claimed by W G Munidasa, land claimed H P Sumanaratne, land claimed by G G K Lanka Gunawardena, land claimed by K N Hamu Mahathaya, land claimed by G G Senarathne and others, land claimed by P Udayakumara, Ela, land claimed A Piyadasa, Road, land claimed by Jayathuhami, land claimed H A Somasiri, Reservation for the Polonna Ela and land claimed

by H A Somasiri, Reservation for the Polonna Ela and land claimed by W. Piyawathie and portion of the Horamulla Estate, on the **EAST** by land claimed by L A Dharmadasa and K L Abeysinghe, land claimed by K N Hamu Mahathaya, land claimed by E W Siriwardena, land claimed by G G Senarathne and others, Ela, Road, land claimed by M Jayathuhami, land claimed by H A Somasiri, land claimed by Rupasinghe Kodithuwakku, Boraluwa Jungle, portion of the Horamulla Estate and Reservation for the Polonna Ela, on the **SOUTH** by Road, land claimed by G G Senarathne and others, land claimed by M Jayathuhami, Boraluwa Jungle, Reservation for the Polonna Ela, land claimed by Marippan John, land claimed by A W Karunawathie and on the **WEST** by land claimed by A Piyadasa, Reservation for the Polonna Ela, land claimed by A W Karunawathie, land claimed by G G Chandana Hami, land claimed by W A Gunadasa, land claimed by Padma Ranjini and others and portion of the Horamulla Estate and containing in extent **NINETY THREE ACRES AND NOUGHT DECIMAL FOUR EIGHT PERCHES (A93-R0-P0.48)** and registered in **A 21/107** at the **Embilipitiya** Land Registry.

Together with machineries morefully described in the Second Schedule hereto permanently installed with nuts and bolts to the Tea Factory Premises situated in the said divided and defined allotment of Lot 1A depicted in Survey Plan No. 6927 dated 18.08.2011 made by B S Alahakoon, Licensed Surveyor.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

NO.	MACHINE EQUIPMENT	SPECIFICATION
01	Heavy Duty Tea Roller	Make : Colombo Commercial Company Size : 47" Capacity : 275 kg Power : 20 HP 3 Phase
02	Heavy Duty Tea Roller	Make : Colombo Commercial Company Model : SA 10 Size : 47" Capacity : 275 kg Power : 20 HP 3 Phase
03	Heavy Duty Tea Roller	Make : Colombo Commercial Company Model : SA 10 Size : 47" Capacity : 200 kg Power : 20 HP 3 Phase
04	Heavy Duty Tea Roller	Make : Walkers Company Size : 47" Capacity : 200 kg Power : 20 HP 3 Phase
05	Heavy Duty Tea Roller	Make : Walkers Company Size : 47" Capacity : 200 kg Power : 20 HP 3 Phase
06	Heavy Duty Tea Roller	Make : Walkers Company Size : 47" Capacity : 200 kg Power : 20 HP 3 Phase
07	Heavy Duty Tea Roller	Make : Walkers Company Size : 40" Capacity : 175 kg Power : 15 HP 3 Phase
08	Heavy Duty Tea Roller	Make : Walkers Company Size : 40" Capacity : 175 kg Power : 15 HP 3 Phase
09	Reciproating Roller Breaker	Make : Walkers Company Size : 48" Capacity : 01 ton/hr RPM : 450 Power : 2.5 HP, 415 V
10	Reciproating Roller Breaker	Make : Walkers Company Size : 48" Capacity : 01 ton/hr RPM : 450 Power : 2.5 HP, 415 V
11	Reciproating Roller Breaker	Make : Walkers Company Size : 48" Capacity : 01 ton/hr RPM : 450 Power : 2.5 HP, 415 V
12	Reciproating Roller Breaker	Make : Walkers Company Size : 48" Capacity : 01 ton/hr RPM : 450 Power : 2.5 HP, 415 V
13	6 ft. Mahindra Dryer with Heater and discharge conveyor system	The system consists of following units, 4 module combination dryer, Manual Oil Burner 5-pass multi Tubular Air Heater Main motor : 25HP, 415V, 50 Hz Hot air distribution ducting system and discharge conveyor system Type of fuel : Firewood, Coal Burning Capacity : 180-200 Kgs Year of installation : 2007 Manufacturer ; Mahindra Company
14	6 ft. Andrew Yule Tea Dryer with Yule SCD Heater and discharge Conveyor	The system consists of following units, 4 module combination Dryer, Dryer No : 21010 Main motor : 20 HP 3-Phase Hot air-distribution ducting system and discharge conveyor system Type of fuel : Firewood, Coal Burning Capacity : 180 kgs Air Heater No : 21005 Model : 14 SDL Manufacturer : Andrew Yule and Company, India
15	Middleton Sifters with Motors, Starters and other Ancillaries Quantity : 4 Nos	Make : Local made Power : 2HP, 415V RPM : 125 Capacity : 250kg/hr
16	Michie twin Sifters with Motors and Starters Quantity : 9 units	Make : Local made Power : 2HP, 415V RPM : 200 Capacity : 200kg/hr
17	Chota twin tray sifter with motor and charging conveyors Quantity : 2 units	Make : Local made Power : 3HP, 415V RPM : 200 Capacity : 250kg/hr
18	Terry Nippers / Cutters with Motors Quantity : 2 units	Make : Local made Power : 2HP, 415V RPM : 125 Capacity : 200kg/hr
19	Suction Winnowers with Motors and Conveyor System	Power : 5HP, 415V Machine No : 504 No of Stages : 6 Supplier : Colombo Commercial
20	Suction Winnowers with Motors and Conveyor System	Power : 5HP, 415V Machine No : No of Stages : 6 Year : 2012 Supplier : Green Island Engineers
21	Suction Winnowers with Motors and Conveyor System	Power : 5HP, 415V Machine No : No of Stages : 6 Supplier : Helix Engineering

NO.	MACHINE EQUIPMENT	SPECIFICATION
22	Fiber Mats with Motors and Starters Quantity : 2 units	Power : 2 Hp 3 Phase Make : P.P. Jinasena Company
23	Fiber Extractor with Feed Hoppers and Conveyor Quantity : 2 units	Power : 3HP, 415V Capacity : 125 kg/hr Make : P.P. Piyasena and Company, Matara, Sri Lanka.
24	Colour Separator with Air Compressor, Motors and other accessories	Make : Anysort Model : JE-XUN 384 Capacity : 150kg/hr Country : China It consists following accessories, High frequency electromagnetic vibrators, stainless steel flat chutes, Vibratory Feed Hopper with Bucket Elevator - 03 Nos, Discharge Vibrators, 2 Pistons Air Compressor and Air Dryer Air Compressor Model : NN 20 S/N : XXY110250229 Power : 15kw Air Dryer model : XD 20 HT Tank capacity : 1000l
25	Colour Separator with Air Compressor, Motors and other accessories	Make : Senvec Model : C 8300 W S/N : 092314 Part No : 453104 Capacity : 50kg/hr Country : Japan It consists following accessories, High frequency electromagnetic vibrators, stainless steel flat chutes, vibratory feed hopper with bucket elevator - 03 Nos., discharge vibrators, 2 piston Air-Compressor and Air Dryer Air Compressor model : N 10 a Type : Meiji
26	Colour Separator with Air Compressor, Motors and other accessories	Make : Senvec Model : R 8300 W S/N : 05910 Capacity : 100kg/hr Country : Japan It consists following accessories, High frequency electromagnetic vibrators, stainless steel flat chutes, vibratory feed hopper with bucket elevator - 03 Nos., discharge vibrators, 2 piston Air-Compressor and Air Dryer
27	Colour Separator with Air Compressor, Motors and other accessories	Make : Nanta Model : Nanta 9000 Capacity : 150kg/hr Country : Korea Year : 2011 This is a high efficient sorting machine and has high illuminant LED to recognize the difference between TIPs and bad materials and has doubled channeled chute for a larger production. It consists of high efficient dual CCD camera and high frequency electromagnetic vibrators, stainless steel flat chutes, vibratory feed hopper with bucket elevator - 03 Nos., discharge vibrators, 2 piston Air-compressor and Air Dryer Air-compressor model : NN 20 S/N : XXY110250229 Power : 15kw Air-Dryer Model : XD 20 HT Tank capacity : 1000 l
28	Electronic Platform Scale Quantity : 2 Units	Capacity 300 kg
29	Avery platform Weighing Scale Quantity : 3 units	Make : Avery
30	PABX Phone System	
31	Main Switch Board	This includes following parts, 400 A Contractors - 01 No Manual ATS Circuit, 400 A MCCB, Change Over Switch - 02 Nos.
32	Hydraulic Firewood Splitter	Power : 7.5 HP, 415 V Blade size : 12" * 10" Load : 20 ton
33	Firewood Conveyor with Motor	Structure : Mild Steel Rollers : Mild Steel Motor : 1.5 kW 3,415V Length of Conveyor : 30 ft. Width : 36"
34	400 kVA Electrical Generator	Make : Cummins Model : KTA-1150-G Power : 250 kVA Country : USA Engine : Perkins Engine No : 3119450
35	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3-Phase Trough size : 96" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1470 Bags
36	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 96" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1440 Bags
37	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 89" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1440 Bags

NO.	MACHINE EQUIPMENT	SPECIFICATION
38	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 89" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1350 Bags
39	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 88" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1260 Bags
40	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 88" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1260 Bags
41	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 84" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1125 Bags
42	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 84" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1125 Bags
43	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 83" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1245 Bags
44	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 83" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1245 Bags
45	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 83" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1245 Bags
46	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 76" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1170 Bags
47	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 76" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1170 Bags
48	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 76" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1170 Bags
49	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 61" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 900 Bags
50	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 61" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 900 Bags
51	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 61" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 900 Bags
52	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 56" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1470 Bags
53	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 56" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1470 Bags
54	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 56" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1470 Bags
55	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 56" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1470 Bags
56	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 56" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1470 Bags
57	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 7.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 56" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 1470 Bags
58	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 5.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 54" * 6" Fan size : 48" Capacity : 645 Bags
59	Withering Trough	Make : Local made Power : 5.5HP 3 Phase Trough size : 45" * 6" Fan size : 36" Capacity : 645 Bags
60	Mini Hydro Power Station with intake Piping System	Make : English Power : 50 kW 3 Phase Pipeline : 300MX0.3M Turbine : Pelton Alternator : DC with loading tank and line connection

R.A.P. RAJAPAKSHA
COMPANY SECRETARY

India's health crisis could affect whole world

India's Covid-19 cases spiked in April to daily record highs, and experts warn the country's worsening health crisis could scuttle efforts to end the global pandemic.

The South Asian country — home to around 1.4 billion people or 18% of the world's population — accounted for 46% of new Covid cases globally in the past week, the World Health Organization said Wednesday. One in every four deaths in the past week came from India, the UN health agency said.

India has reported more than 300,000 new cases daily in the last two weeks, and overtook Brazil in April to become the second-worst infected country in the world. Cumulatively, coronavirus infections in India reached around 20.67 million with more than 226,000 deaths, according to health ministry data on Wednesday. Several studies of India's data, however, found that cases were likely severely underreported.

There are already signs that India's outbreak is spilling over to other countries. Its neighbors Nepal and Sri Lanka have also reported increases in infections, while other regional economies including Hong Kong and Singapore have seen imported Covid cases from India.

Here's how India's coronavirus crisis could spiral into a wider global problem.

Prolonged large outbreaks in any country could increase the possibility of new variants of Covid-19, health experts warned. Some of the variants could evade immune responses triggered by vaccines and previous infections, they said.

"Here's the bottom line: We know when there are large outbreaks, that variants



arise. And so far our vaccines are holding up okay, we're seeing a few breakthrough infections but not much," Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of Brown University's School of Public Health, told CNBC's "The News with Shepard Smith."

"But India is a big country and if there are large outbreaks there, of course we're gonna all worry about more variants which will be bad for Indians and of course, it will spread around the world," he added.

India first detected the B.1.617 variant — also dubbed the "double mutant" — in October last year. The variant has since been reported in at least 17 countries including the U.S., the U.K. and Singapore.

WHO has classified the B.1.617 as a variant of interest, which suggests the mutated strain could be more contagious, more deadly, as well as more resistant to current vaccines and treatments. The organization said more studies are needed to understand the significance of the variant.

India is a major vaccine manufacturer, but the health crisis at home has led authorities to halt exports of Covid-19 vaccines as the country prioritizes its domestic needs.

The Serum Institute of India (SII) — the country's main producer — has the rights to produce the Covid vaccine co-developed by AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford. Some of its production

is slated for Covax, the global initiative to supply poor countries with Covid vaccines.

Developing countries are lagging advanced nations in securing vaccine supplies in what the WHO has described as a "shocking imbalance" in distribution.

A delay in vaccine exports by India could therefore leave lower-income countries vulnerable to fresh outbreaks of the coronavirus. India is the world's sixth largest economy and a major contributor to global growth.

Some economists have downgraded their growth forecasts for India. But they remained optimistic about the economy's outlook for the year given that restrictions to curb the virus spread have been more targeted compared to the strict nationwide lockdown last year.

The International Monetary Fund last month said it expects India's economy to grow 12.5% in the fiscal year ending March 2022, after shrinking 8% in the prior fiscal year.

Still, the renewed outbreak in India has led several countries to tighten travel restrictions — and that's bad news for airlines, airports as well as other businesses that depend on the travel industry, said Uma Kambhampati, an economics professor at the University of Reading in the U.K.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has warned that the health crisis in India could drag down the U.S. economy. That's because many U.S. companies hire millions of Indian workers to run their back-office operations, according to the report. (CNBC)

COVID: Nepal takes turn for the worse

In Nepal, a situation is unfolding that looks chillingly familiar.

Covid-19 cases are skyrocketing, hospitals are overwhelmed, and the country's Prime Minister is pleading for help from other nations.

Nepal is now reporting about 20 daily Covid-19 cases per 100,000 people — about the same number as India was reporting two weeks ago.

Last weekend, 44% of Nepal's Covid tests came back positive, according to government figures quoted by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), as it warned of an impending crisis.

"What is happening in India right now is a horrifying preview of Nepal's future if we cannot contain this latest Covid surge that is claiming more lives by the minute," Nepal's Red Cross chairperson, Dr. Netra Prasad Timisna, said in a statement.

The virus' rapid spread has raised fears Nepal is teetering on the brink of a crisis just as devastating as India's — if not worse.

Nepal has a fragile health system, with fewer doctors per capita than India, and a lower vaccination rate than its neighbor. The country's high test positivity rate suggests it isn't catching nearly enough cases.

Mass public events, including festivals, political gatherings and weddings, have allowed cases to spread, along with general public complacency and slow government action.

"The situations are worsening day by day and it may go out of control in future," Dr Samir Adhikari, a spokesperson for Nepal's Ministry of Health and Population, said Monday.

Although Nepal has tightened borders and imposed lockdowns in its worst-hit regions — including the capital — some fear that won't be enough to contain the virus as it spreads through the capital, and even as far as Everest Base Camp.

Only a month ago this Himalayan nation of 31 million people was reporting about 100 cases a day. Now, it's more than 8,600.

Some have blamed that on India's raging second wave

spilling over into Nepal, which shares long, open land border with its neighbor.

Nepalis don't need to show their passport or ID card to enter their country, and many Nepali people have businesses in India, and vice versa, meaning cross-border traffic is high. In recent weeks, some Indians have fled their country's second wave, hoping to access health care in Nepal or escape to a third country, Adhikari said.

"It's very hard to stop all the mobility between the two countries," he added.

In recent days, Nepal tightened those rules. Nepali citizens can now only cross from India at 13 out of 35 border points, according to Nepal's Foreign Minister, Pradeep Kumar Gyawali.

But returnees need to be tested at the border, according to Shankar Bahadur Bista, assistant chief district officer of Banke district, which borders India.

Anyone who test negative can go home — but positive cases must enter a quarantine facility or hospital, he added.

However, Dr Sameer Mani Dixit, a Nepal-based public health research scientist, says those measures came too late — the virus was already spreading within the country.

Nepal's crisis began building in early April, as the country's Prime Minister K. P. Sharma Oli touted yet another unproven coronavirus remedy.

Oli said the illness could be treated by gargling with guava leaves, adding to his ridiculed comments last year that Nepalis had stronger immune systems due to their daily intake of spices.

As April progressed, Nepalis gathered for religious festivals at home and across the border in India, where Nepali devotees joined Hindus who bathed in the Ganges for Kumbh Mela, one of the world's biggest religious gatherings.

They included Nepal's former King Gyanendra Shah and Queen Komal Shah, who were admitted to hospital with Covid-19 on their return to Nepal, according to a statement from Norvic International Hospital in Kathmandu. (CNN)

CureVac promises 'vaccine for the world'

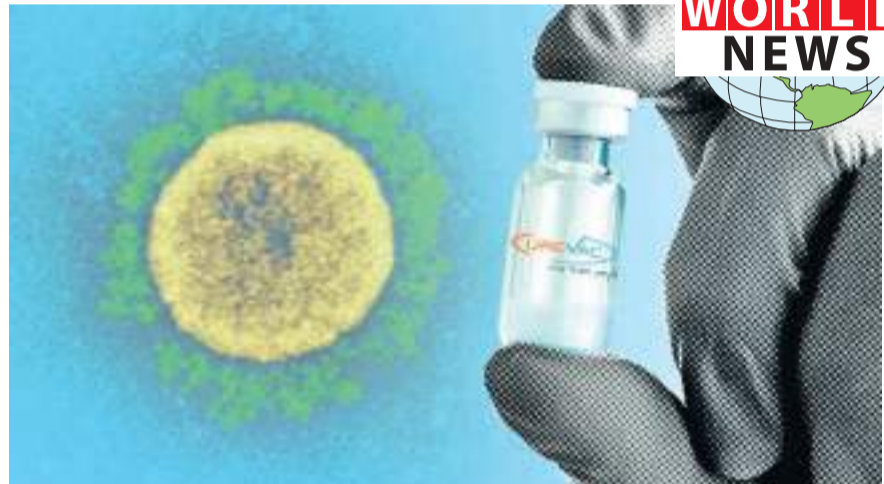
In early 2020, dozens of scientific teams scrambled to make a vaccine for Covid-19. Some chose tried-and-true techniques, such as making vaccines from killed viruses. But a handful of companies bet on a riskier method, one that had never produced a licensed vaccine: deploying a genetic

of the world, including those with climbing death tolls, have had little access to them, in part because they require being kept in a deep freeze.

Now a third RNA vaccine may help meet that global need. A small German company called CureVac is on the cusp of announcing the results of its late-stage clinical trial. As early as next week, the world may learn whether its vaccine is safe and effective.

CureVac's product belongs to what many scientists refer to as the second wave of Covid-19 vaccines that could collectively ease the world's demand. Novavax, a company based in Maryland whose vaccine uses coronavirus proteins, is expected to apply for U.S. authorization in the next few weeks. In India, the pharmaceutical company Biological E is testing another protein-based vaccine that was developed by researchers in Texas. In Brazil, Mexico, Thailand and Vietnam, researchers are starting trials for a Covid-19 shot that can be mass-produced in chicken eggs.

Vaccines experts are particularly curious to see CureVac's results, because its shot has an important advantage over the other RNA vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech. While those two vaccines have to be kept in a deep freezer, CureVac's vaccine stays stable in a refrigerator — meaning it could more easily deliver the newly discovered power of RNA vaccines to hard-hit parts of the world.



"It's gone largely under the radar," said Jacob Kirkegaard, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C. But now, he added, "they look pretty well positioned to clean up the global market."

For CureVac's co-founder, the biologist Ingmar Hoerr, the company's Covid-19 vaccine trial is the culmination of a quarter-century's worth of work with RNA, a molecule that helps turn DNA into the proteins that do the work of our cells. As a graduate student at the University of Tübingen in the 1990s, Dr. Hoerr injected RNA into mice and found that the animals could make the protein encoded by the molecules. He was surprised to find that the mice's immune systems made antibodies against the new proteins.

Here, Dr. Hoerr thought, might be the basis for a new kind of vaccine. "I was thinking, Wow, if this works like that in humans, then we have a completely new pharmaceutical possibility," he said. At the time, only a few scientists in the world considered an RNA vaccine a serious possibility. But proponents thought it

might change medicine. You could, in theory, craft an RNA molecule to immunize people against any virus. You might even be able to create an RNA vaccine to cure cancer, if you could make an RNA molecule that encoded a tumor protein.

In 2001, Dr. Hoerr co-founded CureVac to chase the idea, but for the first few years the company struggled to survive. To keep the lights on, it took orders from other labs for custom-built RNA molecules. On the side, CureVac's scientists tinkered with their own designs for RNA vaccines.

Over time, they found subtle tweaks to RNA vaccine molecules that caused cells to make more proteins. The more potent the RNA, the lower the dose they needed in vaccines.

CureVac's researchers also figured out how to put the RNA molecules in fatty bubbles to protect them from destruction on their journey to cells. And perhaps most important, they used a form of RNA that could stay stable at relatively warm temperatures. Instead of requiring a deep freezer, CureVac's vaccine could be refrigerated. (NYT)

Scientists baffled by low case numbers in Haiti

Haiti has one of the lowest death rates from COVID-19 in the world, and scientists are mystified about why.

Most people have given up on masks, or don't believe the virus is real. Large crowds, dancing and music on a warm Friday night in Cap-Haitien.

Locals call the city O-Cap, one of the country's largest and most attractive for young adults.

People still greet each other by shaking hands, with no social distancing. Restaurants don't require facial coverings.

It's a world that we in the United States knew before the COVID-19 pandemic. Weeks into the initial spread of the virus, Haitian President Jovenel Moise said, "Some decisions we made early. We decided to completely shut down the country for four months."

But scientists say even that doesn't explain Haiti's stunningly low COVID-19 death rates. There have been 260 deaths and 13,149 infections out of the approximately 11 million people in Haiti, according to the latest data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

That's for the entire pandemic. By now, the worst predictions had Haiti in a second wave, like India, which is in the grips of a COVID-19 crisis that's killing a hundred people by the hour, and a weak health care system that is collapsing.

Haiti's dramatically low Covid count and death rate may be a combination of the government's poor record keeping, and not enough testing sites.

But Moise said there is a relationship Hai-



tians have with nature that protects them from coronavirus, and a plant that produces certain tea that's made with ginger root.

The Moise administration missed the first round of nearly a million free AstraZeneca vaccinations several months ago, but Moise said even when his country accepts them, he can't force people to get the shot.

Meanwhile on stops in small towns, the

president, who wears a mask, is a magnet for big crowds of people standing side by side, gathering with no protection from COVID-19.

And so if the Haitian proverb is really true, that behind every mountain is another mountain, or behind a problem is another problem, then Haiti may not have been spared after all by the worst of the virus. (Local10)



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Prop forward Jayantha Ranaweera shone for CH and Sri Lanka

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Some rugby players who wore the Sri Lanka jersey commenced their rugby career and laid their foundation of the game from underprivileged schools. Later by joining a premier institution who were in the forefront in handling the oval shaped ball they convert into well-recognised players. Jayantha Ranaweera had to face similar circumstances and had a tough journey overcoming many obstacles before he donned the Sri Lankan jersey.

Jayantha Ranaweera fondly known as 'Jajja' amongst friends is third in a family of three boys. His father Thilakapala Ranaweera was an auditor at State Engineering Corporation and mother S. K.T. Munasinghe was a retired teacher. His elder brother is Athula and the younger one is Kapila.

He started his education from President's College, Maharagama, where he had his primary education. Later for the betterment of both his academic and sports career he joined D. S. Senanayake College, Colombo from grade six onwards, where he completed his secondary education. Jayantha certainly

did not hail from a family which had any sporting background but was very enthusiastic in engaging in sports. At President's College, he competed in cricket and hockey as Rugby was not introduced at that time. After his enrollment with D.S., he was driven into sports by his schoolmates and he first took part in several inter house matches before he took up handling the rugby ball. He was only 15 years old when he played for the D. S. under-17 team as a utility player occupying the positions of 'hooker' and 'prop forward'.

His first coach was Nizam Hajireen and then was coached by the late former Papua New Guinean Joel Pera. D.S. used to play their annual rugby big match against St. Benedict's and had the opportunity of competing for three years which they won all of them. He played in the college first XV team under the captaincies of Mahesh Perera, Asanga and Sehran which was coached by M.D. Ifthikar, to become one of the few players to represent Sri Lanka from his 'Alma Mater'.

After his memorable school rugby career, he was very optimistic in get-

ting into the club rugby arena. He began his club career in 1997 donning the Havelock jersey with an invitation extended by his former school coach Joel Pera, who was a player there. After two years of competitive rugby gaining the all-important exposure he moved to CH and FC in 1999 as he spent the best time of his club rugby career amidst several challenges and obstacles until 2010.

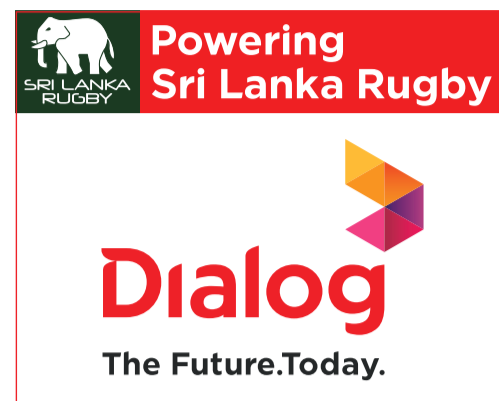
He had to compete in the 'B' division with CH "Kabaragoyas" for three to four years and had to strive hard to get an opportunity to play in the senior side on and off. He finally established a permanent place in the senior team and led the CH and FC in rugby in 2008, where he locked horns as a Prop forward, which was inculcated with some unforgettable memories and his remarkable journey of rugby there took him to the top by wearing the Sri Lanka National jersey.

While being a player there, he was called to represent the National team in 2003, which propelled him to achieve several milestones in his illustrious rugby career, which ended after seven



Jayantha Ranaweera

years in 2010, where he competed for the country in many tournaments at home and overseas. He represented the Sri Lanka rugby team which took part in the World Cup qualifying tournament in 2007, played in Thailand, Kazakhstan and Hong Kong, under the National Coach late George Simpkin



who was instrumental in giving him the required exposure in world rugby. He was fortunate to play under Sanjeeva Jayasinghe and Sajith Mallikarachchi's captaincy overcoming some top teams in the region.

With the completion of the National duty in 2010, he joined the Air Force Rugby team and represented them for five years, which gave him the golden opportunity to undergo a rugby training programme in New Zealand for one month. Jayantha finally joined the Up

Country Lions in 2015, where he signed off from his eventful rugby journey filled with many ups and downs facing many hardships. As a sportsman he had the courage and the determination of reaching his goals which he achieved finally.

He would like to extend his sincere gratitude to his school's coaches and Imthi Marikkar who took him to Air Force and Up Country Lions and coached them. C.P. Abeygunawardena who handled the National team as a coach along with George Simpkin. He is currently the Area Sales Manager attached to Hutchinson Telecom, which supported CH rugby as sponsors during his captaincy.

He is also thankful to his former CEO Lasantha Perera who initiated that sponsorship for them. He is a proud father of two boys Savinu and Suhas and his wife is Isuru Prabodha who has been a great source of strength in his life.

Indika Chathuranga an outstanding weightlifter

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

Kandy Sports Special correspondent

Thirty two year old, Indika Chathuranga Dissanayake, is an outstanding weightlifter who is attached to the Sri Lanka Navy who had his early education at Menikdiwela Central College and joined Kingswood College, Kandy to do higher studies as well as to improve the game of weightlifting in the year 2006.

Indika started weightlifting under the coaching of S.Ambanwala, the P.T.I. at Menikdiwela Central College and after joining Kingswood he went under the coaching of Athula Wijewickrema, the International Weightlifter and he was trained very well in weightlifting and today Indika Dissanayake has won many National and International awards in weightlifting. He was also coached by R.B.Wickremasinghe, veteran weightlifting coach.

Five feet, nine inches tall Indika represented the Navy in many National and International Meets and he won his weight class in 62 Kg, 69 Kg, and 73 Kg, from 2009 to date. He has a Sri Lanka Record in snatch lifting 122 Kg, in the 62 Weight class and he has established another record in Snatch under the weight Class of 69 Kg, in the Under 73 Kg, weight class. He has Sri Lanka records in snatch (134 Kg.) Clean & Jerk (164 Kg.) and the full total of 298 Kg. In



Indika Dissanayake in action at a meet. Pictures by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy sports spl.corr

the year 2009 he participated at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Contest held in Malaysia and won a Silver Medal and in 2013 and 2015 again he contested at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Contests and won Silver Medals in both contests in 62 Kg, and 63 Kg, respectively. In the year 2018 he participated at the Commonwealth Weightlifting contest held at Gold Coast, Australia and won a Silver Medal

in the 69 Kg, weight class and in 2019 he participated at the Asian Weightlifting championship and was placed 8th.

In 2021 at Weightlifting trials he lifted 138 Kg, in Snatch and 161 Kg, in Clean & Jerk he was placed 8th at the Asian Weight Lifting Contest held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Indika is thankful to his Coaches of the Sri Lanka Navy for the encouragement given to him to come up to this standard.

Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

Jayamini Illeperuma was a champion athlete in the 400 metres event

Jayamini Illeperuma who represented Sri Lanka in the 400 metres event at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992, was born in Panadura on July 3, 1967.

She became interested in athletics while studying at Mahanama College, Panadura and under the guidance of Indra Padmini Perera she gained several victories in events such as 100m, 200m and long jump in the age groups of Under-11 to 19.

She also won School Colours in athletics and several other awards. After coming up to the higher level of athletics, she came under the supervision of veteran coach Yogananda Wijesundera and soon she became a champion athlete in Sri Lanka.

She set up a Sri Lanka record for 200metres in 1987. This record stood for five years till 1992. In 1989, she also set up a record for 400 metres.

Her greatest victory was in the 5th South Asian Federation (SAF) Games in Colombo where she won the 400metres event



Jayamini Illeperuma

beating Indian stalwarts Shiny Wilson and Kuttu Saramma.

In fact, her time of 53.73s was a Sri Lanka record. She won a Silver Medal in the 200m event, a Gold Medal in the 4x100m relay and a Silver Medal in the 4x400m relay.

Thus, winning four medals she became the Sri Lankan Woman

athlete to win the highest number of medals in athletic events.

At the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, she was placed fourth in the heats and secured a place in the second round.

In the second round, she was placed seventh and recorded a time of 53.55s which was the best time recorded by an Asian athlete.

The first international meet where she participated in the 400metres event was the 5th SAF Games in Colombo. The next event was the Olympic Games.

After the Olympic Games, she participated in the Open Athletics Meet in Singapore and was placed second in the 400m event.

In 1998, she participated in the 4x400m relay and secured the fifth place. In 1987, she toured India and Singapore and in 1988, she participated in the Asian Invitation Athletics Meet.

In 1989, she participated in the same event in New Delhi, India and also in the 4th SAF Games in Islamabad, Pakistan. (C.D)

Ranthushka and Dilmi clinch a double each



From Left-Mahinda Dodampegama, President of Central Province Badminton Association (CPBA), Chandana Lal Karunaratne, Mayor of Nuwara Eliya, the respective winners, Rohan de Silva, President of Sri Lanka Badminton, Chamara Aluthge, Secretary (CPBA).

The hills were alive with the swish of rackets and smashing shuttles as the popular Summer Season Badminton Level-1 Championships came to an end last Tuesday. It was noteworthy the performance of Sri Lanka's top shuttlers who left no room for contention by winning all the plums of the scintillating competition. With Olympic prospect Niluka Karunaratne away on the international qualifying circuit and his brother Dinuka domiciled in the UK on an advanced training programme, the rest of the elite squad were in fray being equal to the task.

Ranthushka Karunatilake, for long in the shadows of his more renowned exponents, came out fighting to get the better of the seasoned Buwaneka

Gunetilleke. The hunger Ranthushka displayed was plain to see for after giving up the first set, he clawed his way back to surprise the senior partner with a nerve wracking battle that went to the wire with a 21-19 score in the two following sets. Earlier, he partnered Buwaneka to clinch the Men's doubles with an overwhelming victory against evergreen contenders Clarence Homer and Hasitha Chanaka.

In the Women's Open, Dilmi Dias had no major opposition clinching the Womens Singles with ease against the up and coming Ranithma Liyanage before taking the Womens doubles with her partner, Kavindika De Silva.

Young Ranithma, just 13 years of age, though beaten

in the final, is certainly making an emphatic statement in the sport.

Other top ranked players to impress were Rasindu Hendaheewa and Viren Netasinghe among the men, while Panchali Adhikari and Madushika Dilrukshi were notable for the Women.

SLB President Rohan De Silva who is always seen among the Badminton Masters winning several medals both here and abroad was at hand to witness the performance of their best players in the country and also give the Summer Season event a big boost by ensuring all arrangements were fully supported to achieve a very high level of organization amidst the stringent COVID guidelines (AN)

Dilakshi Ravihari - netball player par excellence



Dilakshi Ravihari (on right) in action in a netball match Pictures by Narayanaswamy Jayaratnam

NARAYANASWAMY JAYARATNAM

Kalutara Roving Correspondent

Dilakshi Ravihari de Silva Dharmaawardhana, who is a student of Kalutara Balika National school studying in the Advanced Level commerce section has been chosen for the 2021 National Netball Junior Pool based on her outstanding performance.

Dilakshi was born on the 16th of February 2003 as the daughter of businessman Rasika Kumara de Silva and the former National level Inter school athlete Priyanka Chandani in Aluthgama. She is the sister of Kaveesh Dillhari and Sapsitha Kalhara. From 2008 she was highly involved in swimming and athletics along with her studies at the

Kalutara Balika National school, however her extraordinary talents were noticed by W.M. Yasanthi Thusharika the current netball coach of the school and sports teacher in charge who had been instrumental in developing several players upto the national level. With the blessings of the former principal of the School Mrs.K.G. Gunaratne, Dilakshi was chosen to play for the under 12 team in 2014.

She excelled from there and was the Captain of the under 15 School's Netball team which was placed best eighth in the All-Island level inter school Netball championship in 2015. Likewise, she was the key in winning second place in the 4x100 event, third place in the



Kalutara Balika National School Under -15 All Island Champions Team - 2017 Standing in the back Row L/R - A.D Thisara, T.A. Wasuddi, P. Dilakshi Ravihari (Captain), E.A.S. Dilakna, Teacher In Charge Sports and Coach W.M. Yasanthi Thusharika, W.D. Adeesha, B.D.V. Dewmini, Y.D.H. Ruvindi, and M.K.Weroshika Squatting in Front Row L/R - H.B.T. Pabasara, M.K.M.H. Kavindi, H.P.A. Nethmi and U.A. Lakshani.

4x400 and the national Youth Sports Festival and was placed third in the 4x100 under 16 event at the Ministry of Sports Western Province national sports festival.

She represented the school in the prestigious 26th Pesta Bala Jaring USM - Penang International netball championship-2016 organised by the Malaysia, Sains University held from the 7th to the 9th October 2016. She was placed second and third respectively in the events of 4x400 and 4x100 held at the national youth sports festival.

She was also the captain of the Under 15 Schools Team which emerged champions in the 2017 Milo trophy A - Division All Island Schools Netball Tournament and

became the best player too. Further in 2018 the old Balika team she represented became the champions at district and all island level.

The team represented by Dilakshi again was placed best eighth at the All Island schools netball championship in 2019 and emerged champions at the XLV National Youth Sports Festival of Kalutara District and at the all Island championships.

The team went on to win the 46th National Sports Festival-2020 Netball tournament too. Dilakshi has done well in her studies and extra curricular activities apart from her extraordinary achievements in netball.

WORLD OF SPORTS

(May 7)
FOREIGN EVENTS
CRICKET

- (ICC World Test Championship)**
Zimbabwe vs Pakistan (2nd Test) at Harare (1st day)
- (County Championship):**
Yorkshire vs Kent at Leeds
Northamptonshire vs Sussex at Northampton
Lancashire vs Glamorgan at Manchester
Nottinghamshire vs Essex at Nottingham
Warwickshire vs Worcestershire at Birmingham
Leicestershire vs Surrey at Leicester
Hampshire vs Somerset at Southampton
Middlesex vs Gloucestershire at London
- TENNIS**
(ATP, Outdoor, Clay):
Madrid Open at La Caja Magica, Madrid
- GOLF**
(USPGA Tour, Stroke Play)
Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow Club
- FOOTBALL**
(Premier League):
Leicester City vs Newcastle United
(Spanish League):
Real Sociedad vs Elche



Dimuth Karunaratne. Pic courtesy SLC

KARUNARATNE named in Wisden World Test Team

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka Test Captain and opening batsman Dimuth Karunaratne has been named in the World Test Team by Wisden Cricketers Almanack. The 33-year-old stylish left-hander played 10 matches in the ICC World Test Championship and accumulated a total of 999 runs with an excellent average of 55.5 inclusive of four hundreds and four half-centuries. He collected 428 runs with one double century, one century and one half-century including a career-best 244 which was also his maiden double hundred during the recently concluded Test series against Bangladesh at the Pallekele Stadium in

The Wisden World Test Team: Rohit Sharma (India), Dimuth Karunaratne (Sri Lanka), Marnus Labuschagne (Australia), Steve Smith (Australia), Kane Williamson (Captain - New Zealand), Ben Stokes (England), Rishabh Pant (India), Kyle Jamieson (New Zealand), Ravichandran Ashwin (India), Pat Cummins (Australia) and Stuart Broad (England).

Final standings of the World ICC Test Championship: 1, India (520 pts), 2, New Zealand (420 pts), 3, Australia (332 pts), 4, England (442 pts), 5, Pakistan (286 pts), 6, West Indies (200 pts), 7, South Africa (144 pts), 8, Sri Lanka (200 pts), 9, Bangladesh (20 pts).

Kandy. The World Test Team is led by New Zealand Skipper Kane Williamson while three Indians namely, Rohit Sharma, Ravichandran Ashwin and

Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper) are also named in the team. In addition, three Australians namely Steve Smith, Pat Cummins and

Marnus Labuschagne have also been named in this team. Meanwhile, India with 520 points and New Zealand with 420 points finished in first and second places respectively of the ICC World Test Championship. Sri Lanka finished in eighth place with 200 points after playing 12 matches. Sri Lanka won only two Test matches against New Zealand and Bangladesh but lost six matches and they figured in four drawn matches. The World Test Championship has just one contest left - the big final between India and New Zealand schedule to commence on June 18 at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton.

Praveen's childhood coach recalls when he first spotted him



Praveen Jayawickrama in action

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) Under-19 Fast Bowling Coach Chamila Gamage said that he first spotted Praveen Jayawickrama and Pathum Nissanka during the Under-15 Inter-Provincial Cricket Tournament. The two promising cricketers have now emerged as Sri Lanka's latest finds following their outstanding performances during the West Indies and Bangladesh Test series. "Both Nissanka and Jayawickrama have made vast strides from junior level onwards and now they have shown their real potential," said Gamage who

was SLC's Kalutara District Coach in 2013. "Their team Basnahira South Outer entered the final and Nissanka and Jayawickrama were named Best Batsman and Best Bowler in this tournament." "I was in charge of the Under-13, 15, 17, and 19 teams as a District Coach. Both Nissanka and Jayawickrama had good potential and also got the chance to play in the Under-19 teams while they were playing Under-15." "Their schools were involved in the Division Two Tournament at that time but I made arrangements to get them to play for two leading schools in Colombo as they had the talent to reach the national level." "I think this was the turning point of their career. Both Nissanka and Jayawickrama got the opportunity to play for the Sri Lanka Under-19 team under the guidance of Coach Roy Dias." "The players' discipline and their dedication are always two important factors to come to a higher level. I always wanted to build up these areas and provided good lessons to these two players." "Even today, both players do speak to me and get advice and their dedication is always very high," Gamage added.

Pakistan eye clean sweep vs. Zimbabwe



Babar Azam



Sean Williams

Babar Azam will look to continue his unbeaten record as Pakistan Test Captain when Zimbabwe and Pakistan meet for the second Test at the Harare Sports Club on today. Pakistan won the first Test comprehensively beating Zimbabwe by an innings and 116 runs. Hasan Ali's nine wickets coupled with Fawad Alam's knock of 140 helped Pakistan cruise to a comfortable victory. Babar is yet to

face defeat as Test Captain of Pakistan. With a solid team in place, it will be interesting to see whether Pakistan would give a chance to Harris Rauf or Shahnawaz Dhanani. Zimbabwe meanwhile, will be hoping for a better performance with bat and ball. Apart from the opening pair of Kevin Kasuza and Tarisai Musakanda, none of the Zimbabwe batsmen were able to deal with the Pakistan bowling

attack in the second innings of the Test. Their regular Captain Sean Williams is expected to return to the fold after missing the first Test because of an injury. He will likely replace one among Tarisai Musakanda and Roy Kaia. The hosts might also look to give a chance to Luke Jongwe, who had a successful T20I series. In the first Test, Zimbabwe won the toss and opted to bat. After losing

early wickets, Roy Kaia led the recovery allowing them to set a first-innings total of 176. Pakistan rode on knocks of Fawad Alam (140) and Imran Butt (91), enabling them to post a solid first-innings total of 426. The visitors wrapped the Zimbabwe second innings for 134 with a sensational bowling display led by Hasan Ali who took a five-for in the second innings. (ICC)

Gymnast Milka secures Tokyo Olympics spot

Sri Lanka's artistic gymnast Milka Gehani de Silva became the second Sri Lankan to secure a Tokyo Olympic Qualification after showjumper Mathilda Karlsson. Milka secured her slot as number one in Asian Continental Quota ahead of India's Pranati Nayak. The International Gym-

nastics Federation, however, is likely to confirm the Olympic berth only in June. The 18-year-old has represented Sri Lanka at several international competitions and has proved she is the best in the business. She also represented Sri Lanka at the Youth Olympic Games in 2018. (Agencies)



Milka Gehani de Silva

Bangladesh and SL eye chance to climb Super League standings

Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will look to improve on their ICC One Day International (ODI) Rankings when they begin a three-match series from May 23 in Dhaka. Sri Lanka will depart for Bangladesh on May 16 and will play their Day/Night ODI matches on May 23, 25 and 28 at the Shere Bangla National Stadium. The series will also present both teams with the chance to move up the ICC Cricket World Cup Super League ladder. Sri Lanka are currently placed 12th on the standings with -2 points and can climb as high as ninth if they win the series 3-0 while Bangla-

desh could skyrocket to the top of the ladder with a series win. The Tigers currently sit sixth but only trail top-placed England by 10 points. A 2-1 series win would lift them to 50 points, 10 more than England, Pakistan and Australia, who all have 40 points. Sri Lanka will play an intra-squad practice match on May 21 before the series commences two days later. This will be Bangladesh's third ODI series within the ICC's World Cup Qualifying campaign. They are currently in sixth place, having beaten the West Indies 3-0 at home in January but lost to New Zealand 3-0 in March. Sri Lanka lost to the

West Indies 3-0 last month and are now in 12th place. The two teams played out their final World Test Championship series last week, which Sri Lanka won 1-0 after a 209-run win in Pallekele. Sri Lanka will become the second international team to arrive in Bangladesh since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The BCB successfully hosted the West Indies in January-February this year in a three-ODI and two-Test series in Dhaka and Chattogram. Bangladesh will be without their fast-bowling coach Ottis Gibson, with the team opting to use a local coach instead. (Agencies)

NZ reveal plans for IPL Test quartet's passage to England

New Zealand Cricket (NZC) have announced travel arrangements for players and support staff to reach the United Kingdom (UK) in time for their series against England and the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) final. The bulk of New Zealand's IPL-based Test contingent will depart India for the United Kingdom on May 11 - the earliest date an exemption for their arrival in England could be obtained. Captain Kane Williamson, fast bowler Kyle Jamieson and spinner Mitchell Santner, as well as physiotherapist Tommy Simsek

will remain in a secure mini-bubble in New Delhi before departing for the UK, ahead of preparations for the Test series against England, and the WTC final against India. However, fast bowler Trent Boult and Black Caps Trainer Chris Donaldson will return home briefly to see their families before reconnecting with the Test Squad in early June. Boult will consequently miss the first Test against England but will possibly be available for the second Test, and certainly the ICC WTC final. Along with the remainder of New Zealand's IPL

players, support staff and commentators, Boult is scheduled to depart New Delhi today on one of two charter flights, arriving in Auckland on Saturday before undergoing managed isolation. All going as planned, Boult will leave managed isolation and quarantine on May 22 and will spend a week at home with his family, training at Mount Maunganui before departing for the UK in early June. NZC Chief Executive David White said Boult and Donaldson return home for the three-week period with the blessing of NZC and Black Caps Management.

"We're completely supportive of Chris and Trent taking the opportunity to see their families before heading to the UK," White said. "They've always been the consummate professionals and we're more than happy to accommodate these arrangements." White said the IPL players, support staff and commentators returning to New Zealand would adhere to all regulatory protocols, including pre-departure COVID-19 tests. The New Zealand-based Test Squad members will depart for England on May 16 and 17. (ICC)



Trent Boult will miss the first Test against England.

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MRIA secures Rs. 500 mn revenue, attracts 687 flights in Q1 2021

Five-year development plan for Mattala Airport

The Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) has been able to secure revenue in excess of Rs. 500 million in the first three months of operations in 2021. By March 31, 687 flights had operated from the Mattala Airport and more than 33,450 air passengers had obtained flight facilities and the revenue was generated through them.

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said that a special programme is being implemented to attract new air traffic to MRJA.

"Accordingly, discussions were held with all airlines arriving in Sri Lanka regarding commencement of trips to the Mattala Airport."

A five-year development plan for the Mattala Airport

has been prepared. Accordingly, increasing the number of flights, developing further passenger goods terminals and facilities at warehouses and facilities for the maintenance and repair of aircraft will be done.

Currently a duty-free shopping complex has already been established at the passenger terminals. Ranatunga said that arrangements will be made to further develop facilities there. The Minister also said that it is intended to implement future activities in connection with this subsequent to bringing under control the present COVID situation.

As a strategy of attracting arriving airlines and air passengers to the Mattala Inter-

national Airport, scheduled airlines have been exempted from embarkation and parking fees. These airlines have been exempted from paying embarkation taxes for a period of two years.

Ranatunga said that initial discussions with airline companies such as Lot Polish, Lion Air, Air Astana, Ukraine Airlines, Indigo, Alliance Air, Air India, Emirates, Air Vistara, Maldivian Air and Salaam Air have already been concluded.

"As a result, eight Airline companies have engaged in new flights through the Mattala Airport, from time to time."

These companies include Scat, Air Astana, Maldivian Air, Ukraine Air, Indigo Air,

Salaam Air and Emirates. He further said that he was invited for many conferences which could be used to promote MRJA.

"However, in the face of the prevailing pandemic it had not been possible to participate in these conferences, he also mentioned that in the future these events will be attended and the Mattala Airport will be promoted.



Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport and a group of tourists in January 2021.



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ADB's net allocable income reaches US\$ 1.13 bn

The Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) today approved the bank's annual financial statements. It also adopted a resolution to allocate \$1.13 billion in net allocable income from 2020 ordinary capital resources, the highest in ADB's history.

The 2020 net allocable income is \$62.5 million higher than in 2019, largely led by an increase in income from equity investments and sovereign lending operations.

ADB's ordinary reserve will be allocated \$734.3 million to support the bank's capital adequacy and provide an earnings base to generate net income. The Asian Development Fund, which provides grants to ADB's low-income developing member countries (DMCs), will receive \$292.4 million.

The Technical Assistance Special Fund, which provides a stable and predictable funding source for ADB's technical assistance, will receive \$90 million.

The Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund, which provides assistance to DMCs for life-saving purposes in the immediate aftermath of major disasters triggered by natural hazards will receive \$15 million.

PNF stands by govt decision on fertiliser ban

DINESH PERERA

The Professionals National Front (PNF) has come out in firm support of the government's decision to impose a ban on chemical fertilisers. The PNF bases its support on the harmful health impacts of fertiliser usage and the adverse impact to the economy of costly fertiliser importation.

PNF and Government Medical Officers Association representative Dr. Samantha Ananda noted that his support for the ban crossed all political and cultural divides in the country. He noted that he had seen first hand the health crisis caused by the widespread usage of fertiliser.

Dr. Ananda was speaking at a Press Conference convened by the PNF at the Government News Department on May 3.

Fertiliser usage has contaminated the water supply and is a leading cause of chronic kidney disease in the country. Dr. Ananda said, "This is not just in Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura. Come to the state hospitals and see."

Dr. Ananda noted that the scale of the crisis was widely ignored. He said, "We have a COVID-19 crisis and a poison crisis."

Dr. Ananda criticised the long-term government policy of giving fertiliser to farmers in terms of subsidy. He noted that such a support mechanism made them reliant on a poisonous substance and weakened their capacity to build nutrient delivery mechanisms domestically. Dr. Ananda said, "We give them fertiliser instead of giving them money."

Dr. Ananda explained the economic system as being one of many large interconnected businesses. The fertiliser importation business has a knock on-demand on the demand for medicines to cure the health consequences



Dr. Samantha Ananda

of large fertiliser usage. He noted that with such a high level of co-dependence it would take significant political will to implement policy in the public interest.

Dr. Ananda warned the government of the difficult task ahead in maintaining the ban on fertiliser imports. "These aren't people who will just wait. They will do everything to change this and they are willing even to change governments. They will give us an incorrect world view and this is not a big thing for them."

US\$ 400 million is spent on fertiliser each year. He said, "This is a big business that has large dollar revenues. They don't want this business to go away. They don't care about food production. This is the work of a mafia."

Dr. Ananda called on the public to be sceptical of any protest against the movement to ban chemical fertiliser. He said, "It would be extraordinary if our farmers protest this. Why would they protest something that is poisoning them?"

Dr. Ananda added, "We have to talk about food safety as well when we talk about food security. Because we need to eat doesn't mean that we should eat poison."

Dr. Ananda called a continuation of the policy of fertiliser importation as an effective means to carry out a silent genocide of the Sri Lankan people.

"Asia, can emerge from pandemic Stronger Than Before"

The Asia and the Pacific region can emerge from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic "even stronger than before" by focusing on five areas to help achieve a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable future, Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masatsugu Asakawa said in remarks to the ADB Board of Governors at its 54th Annual Meeting today.

"I believe the path we have laid out will help lead our region out of these uncertain times," Asakawa said.

"We will continue to deliver ADB's unique synergy of finance, knowledge, and partnerships. And we will prioritize the quality of our assistance over quantity, meeting near-term needs with a clear vision for the future. If we stay on this course, I am confident the

region will emerge from the current crisis even stronger than before."

Asakawa outlined a five-point agenda for the region covering areas critical to achieving a lasting and equitable recovery for Asia and the Pacific: Place ambitious climate actions at the center of development, with increased focus on adaptation and resilience, and with full commitment to the goals of the Paris Agreement; Address inequality including the gender gap—which has worsened during the pandemic—by investing in health, education, and social protection; Promote high-quality green and digital infrastructure, enabling economies to rebuild smartly while closing the digital gap and attracting substantial private investment; Deepen

regional cooperation and integration, so that ADB developing member countries can seize the opportunities of renewed globalization and strengthen regional health security and strengthen domestic resource mobilization, to ensure that governments have the resources they need to finance sustainable growth and respond effectively to future crises.

Action on these priorities can build on ADB's response to COVID-19 in 2020. Its total commitments in 2020 reached a record high of \$31.6 billion, with just over half sup-



ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa

porting operations to respond to the pandemic.

The balance was committed to address long-term development issues such as the gender equality gap, the impacts of climate change, and investments in quality infrastructure. These achievements were supported by record-high financing of \$16.4 billion and record-high capital market borrowings of over \$35 billion.

"During the height of the pandemic, I reassured my staff that we will someday look back with pride at what we accomplished for the people of the region. I believe more than ever that this is true," Asakawa said.

Craft a farming mentality to tea - Dilmah Founder

DINESH PERERA

Dilmah Founder Merrill J Fernando noted that in the agricultural business a farming mentality would deliver better results than a trading mentality.

Fernando as the founder of one of the leading and initial domestic value addition businesses in the tea industry called on more companies to take on a 'ground to cup' mentality in their craft.

Fernando made these comments at a Questions and Answer session when he celebrated his 91st birthday with the broader Dilmah family yesterday.

Fernando acknowledged that he, like other well-

known players in the domestic tea industry began as a trader of tea but noted that he always believed in investing and creating value domestically. He said, "That's my love and commitment. I invested a lot of money."

Fernando faced stiff opposition not only from multinational competitors but also domestic tea traders as he began his brand. His endeavour amongst others was able to bring down the bulk tea exports by around 60-70%.

Fernando used the opportunity to reiterate his call for a single origin guarantee for all Ceylon Tea accompanied by the crest.

Fernando highlighted that

differences in elevation bring about variations in the flavour of the tea. His company was able to use this to effectively market different varieties of tea to the international market.

Fernando is not opposed to innovation in the tea industry. He however maintains that nothing should be done to dilute the quality of the final product. In launching his flavoured tea range he was adamant to only use natural flavourings and to ensure there was no diluting of Ceylon Tea. He said, "It had to maintain the taste and quality of tea."

His strategy worked as though he initially only

launched 6 flavours he was able to remain in the market while his multinational competitor with 30 flavours at half the cost had to withdraw. Fernando called on his children and the broader Dilmah family to continue operations with his vision in mind.

All companies under the MJF group have to set aside a proportion of their profits for philanthropic ventures. The commitment to philanthropy predates the formal establishment of the Sustainable Development Goals and is part of the business ethos of the Dilmah group.

Fernando said, "I decided to take the humble path and share my profits with the needy."

Fernando was a great admirer of the British tea drinking tradition in his youth but noted that this had come into a significant decline in the modern age.

The modern British consumer has no discernment for quality tea. Fernando has noted that New Zealand has developed a strong appreciation for quality tea.



Merrill J. Fernando and his sons Dilhan and Malik.

'Stocks stay on the winning streak'

Bourse continued to lodge in the green region for the 2nd consecutive day with ASPI surging in the first hour of trading to hit intra-day high of 7,231.

The index then followed a gradual downtrend to close at 7,188 gaining 42 points. Turnover was modest at LKR 1.2 Bn and the Food, Beverage & Tobacco sector led the turnover for the session closely followed by the Capital Goods

sector making a joint contribution of 57%.

Foreign investors remained net sellers while recording moderate participation.

In the secondary bond market, yield curve shifted downwards amidst the continued buying interest witnessed mainly in the short to mid tenor maturities while recording moderate volumes during the day.

(FC Research)

Fitch affirms DSI Samson Group at AA(Ika)

Fitch Ratings has affirmed Sri-Lanka based footwear and tire manufacturer and retailer DSI Samson Group (Private) Limited (DSG) at 'AA(Ika)'. The Outlook is Stable.

The affirmation and Stable Outlook reflect Fitch's belief that DSG will maintain suffi-

cient liquidity and healthy operating performance in the next one to two years such that its leverage and fixed-charge coverage will remain adequate for its rating.

The 'AA(Ika)' rating reflects DSG's market leadership in the highly fragment-

ed and competitive footwear retailing space, which is supported by an island-wide network of 200 outlets and its in-house manufacturing. DSG is also a market leader in the domestic two-wheeler and three-wheeler tire segments.

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NDBIB 'Best Corporate and Investment Bank' for fifth consecutive year



Chief Corporate Advisory Officer Nilendra Weerasinghe, Chief Operating Officer Kaushini Laksumanage, and Director/CEO Darshan Perera.

NDB Investment Bank has yet again been adjudged the 'Best Corporate and Investment Bank in Sri Lanka' at the recently concluded Asiamoney Awards program. NDBIB secured this prestigious award for the fifth consecutive year in recognition of its market leadership in capital raising, M&A and advisory transactions in the country.

NDBIB CEO Darshan Perera stated "The consistent performance of NDBIB being recognized by Asiamoney motivates our team to stay strongly committed to the goal of creating value to our clients. Achieving this goal whilst being innovative and strictly abiding by the highest professional and ethical standards and successfully facing all challenges posed due to the COVID-19 pandemic is how we differentiate our-

selves". Despite the challenging business environment, NDBIB advised on a mammoth LKR 37.4 Bn worth of capital raising transactions in the form of equity, debt and hybrid capital transactions and numerous strategic M&A transactions during the financial year ended December 31, 2020. NDBIB advised on four M&A transactions during the said period in the food and beverage, and travel and leisure sectors. Notable M&A transactions included the divestiture of the market-leading confectionery company, Daintee Limited to Sunshine Holdings PLC, where NDBIB was the exclusive adviser to the divesting shareholders. This was also the first transaction to be executed after Sri Lanka's country-wide lockdown.

Furthermore, NDBIB was the sole financial adviser and manager

on SDB Bank's LKR 1.5 Bn capital raise which was executed as the first stage of a three-year capital augmentation plan. The transaction was launched and concluded solely via a fully digitalized platform at the height of the pandemic, the first time for a transaction on the CSE.

NDBIB has been responsible for executing a record volume of equity and debt transactions which resulted in dollar flow into Sri Lanka at this crucial juncture for the country's economy. This includes a USD 15 Mn commitment from Norfund to invest in NDB Bank's capital raise, a USD 35 Mn foreign fundraising for a state-owned bank and several other ongoing transactions which would attract dollar inflows into Sri Lanka in the form of both debt, equity and hybrid forms of capital.

CIOB praises Prime Minister's support for construction contractors



Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Mahinda Rajapaksa



CIOB President Dr. Rohan Karunaratne

The Ceylon Institute of Builders (CIOB) wrote to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa informing him of the current financial predicament encountered by local construction contractors under the present economic climate, emphasizing the issues and problems that are constantly faced by construction contractors are aggravated by the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and due to other global and local economic factors, listing them in an annexure.

CIOB also acknowledged the fact that state sector projects largely contribute to keep the local construction industry alive and continue to provide a constant workflow to local contractors.

Within this concept, CIOB says that they have persistently noted that certain provisions in standard forms of construction contracts applicable and pertaining to state sector projects are not in the best interests of the project and its major project stakeholders.

According to the Institute, this is not due to the deficiency of the contract or its constituent provisions contained in standard forms, but due to their constant application as a generic practice in these peculiar economic circumstances.

Hence, the president of CIOB, Dr Rohan Karunaratne, to address concerns of members of CIOB and other industry Associations and Chambers, have identified the

following as concerns requiring immediate policy level decisions:

To consider the determination, certification and payment of price fluctuations in accordance with CIDA stipulations for contracts where no price fluctuations apply.

Further, allow a review and adjustment of existing fluctuation clauses where significantly cost escalated items are stated in the contract as non-adjustable items in the CIDA formulae.

To consider the waiving of Liquidated Damages imposed on state-level contracts for the last 3 years in whole or in substantial part.

To consider expediting the process of granting and approving time extensions, in consultation with consultant engineers and internal decision-makers.

We request the private sector as well to consider these conditions, in light of the current climate.

The Prime Minister upon receipt of the CIOB's letter made arrangements to forward the same to relevant authorities such as UDA, RDA and others for their attention and necessary action.

CIOB, including its Chairman, on behalf of all the stakeholders of the construction industry in Sri Lanka, wish to thank the Prime Minister for taking prompt action on this matter vital for the construction industry and through that, to the national economy.

HSBC becomes the first bank to offer LiveSign in Sri Lanka

HSBC LiveSign powered by Adobe is a cloud-based service that replaces the paper and ink signature process with a fully automated electronic signature workflow made available for HSBC's corporate clients. With HSBC LiveSign customers can easily sign documents anywhere, anytime, and on any device within minutes.

HSBC Sri Lanka and Maldives Head of Wholesale Banking Stuart Rogers said, "HSBC LiveSign is a quick and simple process that replaces one of the most cumbersome

tasks involved with doing transactions, especially for corporate customers. All you need is a smartphone with a browser. The point of technology and digital innovation is to simplify our customers' journey making it easier, better and faster to bank with HSBC. It also makes a much safer alternative to the traditional physical signing process considering these pandemic times which has disrupted and changed the way of life and doing business as we used to know."

With HSBC LiveSign, there is no paper

involvement as the signing can be completed without printing or faxing. There is also no added stress of installing software or applications, logins or scanning. Once the signing process is complete, HSBC LiveSign provides the customer with an e-copy of the signed document as well as an audit trail of the signing events, for their records. The process of signing and returning is reliable and secure with both HSBC Live sign and Adobe sign safeguarding identity management, data confidentiality and document integrity.



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Floor Care Service bags two 'Entrepreneur of the Year' awards

Floor Care Service, a landscaping and janitorial service, received two awards at the 'Entrepreneur of the Year' Awards organized by the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industries in Sri Lanka.

The two awards were the Bronze Award for Medium Category, National Level and the Bronze Award for Medium Category Central Provincial Level. Managing Director Floor Care Services H. M. G. Dayarathna received the awards on behalf of the company.

Floor Care Service boasts of a successful history exceeding three decades. Equipped with modern machinery, internationally reputed high-quality chemicals and well-trained staff, the

company provides unmatched cleaning service with consultations and technical know-how obtained from ATIR Engineered Cleaning, a leading cleaning consultant service based in the Netherlands.

Floor Care Service was also recognized as the winner of Asia's Outstanding Award in Facility Management at the Brand Excellence 2020/2021 ceremony organized by Asia Awards in collaboration with RULA Awards and World Chambers.

"We appreciate appearance and cleanliness as top qualities. Since our vision is based on providing services beyond customer satisfaction Floor Care Service continues to receive awards and accolades," said Dayarathna.



Managing Director H. M. G. Dayarathna receives the award.

Lakma and Enricher tie up

Enricher Investments Limited has signed an investment agreement with Lakma Holdings to invest in the strategically important projects in Sri Lanka through Lakma Holdings irrespective of the ongoing COVID pandemic.

Chairman/CEO of Enricher Investments Limited, Hussain Naseer and Chairman of Lakma Holdings Dr Arosha Fernando has inked the agreement recently at an event held at the Cinnamon



Lakeside Hotel. The Chief Consultant of Enricher Investments Limited, Asela Rajamantri and Deputy CEO of Enricher Investments Limited H. D. A. Abeywardhane participated in the event.

Amāna Bank's 12th AGM held digitally

Amāna Bank successfully held its 12th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on a virtual platform in adherence to the government regulations and health-care best practices in the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, the Bank was one of the first corporates to adapt to virtual AGMs as it held its 11th AGM as well as an Extraordinary General Meeting on a virtual platform.

The 12th AGM which was held on 23 April 2021 with the full quorum being present, was broadcasted live from the Bank's Corporate Office Board Room via a virtual application with the presence of the Bank's Chairman Asgi Akbarally, Directors Pradeep Dilshan Rajeeva Hettiaratchi, Aaron Russel-Davison, Mohamed Adamaly, Tishan Subasinghe, CEO Mohamed Azmeer

and members of the Bank's Management Committee while the Bank's foreign-based Directors Rajiv Nandlal Divedi, Mohamed Ataur Rahman Chowdhury, Syed Muhammed Asim Raza, Khairul Muzamel Perera and Paul Mercer connected to the meeting remotely.

Shareholders who were connected through the virtual platform were encouraged to actively participate at the meeting. The meeting also witnessed the participation of other key stakeholders such as the Bank's External Auditors Ernst & Young (EY).

Commenting on the Bank's virtual AGM proceedings, Chairman Asgi Akbarally said "With virtual meetings being part of the new normal, we are pleased to have once again successfully hosted our AGM on a

virtual platform, especially in a period where health and safety continue to be a priority.

I would like to thank the shareholders who connected with us for their active participation to ensure a successful meeting."

Amāna Bank PLC is a stand-alone institution licensed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange with Jeddah based IsDB Group being the principal shareholder having a 29.97% shareholding of the Bank. The IsDB Group is a 'AAA' rated multilateral development financial institution with a membership of 57 countries.

Amāna Bank does not have any subsidiaries, associates or affiliated institutions, other than the 'OrphanCare' Trust.

SANASA opens model spice processing plant

SANASA Entrepreneur Financial Expertise Centre (SEFEC) continues to empower rural communities through its latest initiative of constructing a Model Spice Processing Plant at Rideegama in the Kurunegala District.

The opening ceremony of the plant was graced by the presence of the Governor of the North-Western Province Raja Kollure, Former Chairperson of North Western Provincial Council R.D. Wimaladasa, Provincial Co-operative Commissioner North Western Province K.M.H.S.K. Jayalath, and Director-General of the Department of Export Agriculture Dr A.P. Heenkenda, and the Chairman of the SANASA Trust Company Polgahawela B.R. Abeywickrama Bandara.

SEFEC's goal is to empower rural economies by reinforcing cooperative enterprise through the value chain development concept in Sri Lanka.

This processing plant, facilitated by the SANASA Trust Company, Polgahawela, is part of a national-level plan implemented as a result of value chain analysis and research conducted by all institutions and divisions of the SANASA network, mainly Rideegama SANASA Union, Kandedeghara SANASA Primary Society and GAP Certified Pepper Producer Organization, Orgadapola, all institutions related to the pepper industry in Sri Lanka, governments and local bodies such as the Department of Export Agriculture, Sri Lanka Standards Institution, Export Development Board as well as local exporters and farmers.

This project has identified regional pepper-grown areas or pepper



belts and provides the necessary knowledge, technology, and support to design high-quality products for the international market while helping our local farmers gain maximum benefits from this process. The main objective of building a processing plant is to increase the availability of quality certified pepper to meet the requirements of the international markets through exporters and processors, thereby ensuring a premium price for farmers.

The plant is equipped with the dehydration machine called Ozone Redfarm, which is powered by ozone technology and will be able to completely remove the highly toxic fungal bacteria and bacteria called Aplotec that can attach to crops during storage, and can also dry up to 1,000 pounds in about 6-7 hours.

The facility will also be used to improve the quality of other spices such as clove, nutmeg, turmeric, ginger, jackfruit and lemongrass. The plant is owned by the Rideegama Sanasa Union, which has leased it to the Orgadapola Pepper Producers Organization for operation over 10 years.

For the first time, arrangements

have been made by the EFECs Project (Establishment of an Entrepreneur Financial Centre in Sri Lanka) to issue the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certificate, a leading internationally recognized certification, by the Department of Export Agriculture to the farmers free-of-charge.

This Pepper Producer Organization has over 21 members who have been trained by the project on pre and post-harvest practices and are auditing by the Department of Export Agriculture (DEA). It is expected that up to 300 smallholder



farmers from the surrounding areas will get the benefits of the plant. The project will facilitate Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) certification by the Industrial Development Board (IDB) for the plant while market linkages have been established with Verger Naturals, a spice exporter based in Horana.



Institute of Chemistry Ceylon hosts seminar on cosmetics

Intending to spread awareness on the widely growing cosmetic industry and to tackle the stigma around the chemical usage in such cosmetics, a seminar on "The Importance aspects of Cosmetics" will be conducted by the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon via Zoom, on May 15, 2021,

from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. The program hopes to cover topics such as the Biochemistry of Skin Care and Ageing and Fragrance Chemistry in Cosmetics by Prof. Nimal Punyasiri, Cosmetic Formulation and Microbiology by Waranajith Chandrathne, Quality Control in Cosmetic Indus-

try by Shashikala Jeewanthi and the Marketing aspects of Cosmetics by Dilshard Perera.

Registrations can be done through the IChemC website (icchem.edu.lk) and more information can be obtained by contacting the Institute or by email: cosmetics.icchem@gmail.com.



Ceylinco Life takes green message to Ja-Ela

Commence work on eco-friendly branch building

Ceylinco Life has laid the foundation for a new branch building in Ja-Ela, persisting with the Company's investments in reducing its carbon footprint while enhancing the customer and employee experience with purpose-designed facilities.

A three-storey, fully solar-powered eco-friendly building will take shape in the months ahead at No 26, Highway Access Road, Ja-Ela, providing 9,870 square feet of mission-specific office space on Company-owned land, significantly strengthening Ceylinco Life's presence in the area. The new edifice will be powered entirely by a solar power system that results in zero consumption of electricity from the national grid, will have a rainwater harvesting facility and a sewerage treatment plant that will recycle wastewater for toilet flushing and gardening.

The building is also designed for optimal use of



Ceylinco Life Managing Director/CEO Thushara Ranasinghe and staff at the foundation stone laying ceremony.

natural light and will be equipped with the latest energy-efficient lighting and air conditioning systems. The construction will minimise the use of timber, the Company said.

For customer and employee convenience, the new building will have an elevator and a dedicated car park with more than 15 slots, a spacious customer lounge

and many other facilities for visitors and staff. The building will function as an office for several Ceylinco Life branches in the Ja-Ela area and will be the fifth building built on company-owned land in the Gampaha district, after the branches at Divulapitiya, Kadawatha, Gampaha, and Negombo. The building has been designed for future expansion as the need for more space arises.

Ceylinco Life is in the process of constructing another Green building for its branch in Piliyandala. The Company currently owns the buildings housing its offices in Anuradhapura, Trincomalee, Jaffna, Batticaloa, Kandy, Kalutara, Kurunegala, Gampaha, Galle, Matara, Tissamaharama, Negombo, Ratnapura, Kotahena, Mount Lavinia, and Wellawatte, many of which have already been converted to solar energy. New branch buildings purpose-built to the company's sustainable energy model are those at Horana, Panadura, Wannappuwa, Bandarawela, Chilaw, Kadawatha, Jaffna, Malabe, Divulapitiya, and Negombo.

LOLC Insurance on an island-wide expansion drive



CEO Life Assurance Nadika Opatha and CEO General Insurance Kithsiri Gunawardena open a new branch.

LOLC General Insurance and LOLC Life Assurance operate under the wing of Sri Lanka's iconic diversified financial conglomerate LOLC recently expanded their operations to Wellawaya, Higurakgoda and Horana.

This is in line with the expansion drive that the two companies commenced last year to reach out to more customers and to offer superior personalised service.

The new LOLC General and LOLC Life branches were inaugurated at Tissa Road, Wellawaya, Airport Road, Hingurakgoda and Panadura Road, Horana.

Speaking about the latest expansions, LOLC General Insurance CEO Kithsiri Gunawardena said, "We are extremely excited for the opportunity to grow and serve in the fast-emerging cities of Wellawaya, Higurakgoda and Horana. We look

forward to serving these communities to our fullest potential. These new locations are conveniently situated and are staffed by a team of experienced insurance professionals".

LOLC General and LOLC Life Insurance envisage aggressively expand their nationwide reach by establishing approximately 70 dedicated service points, penetrating new regions during the 2021 financial year. During the 3rd quarter of 2020, LOLC Insurance opened over 15 new branches.

The two Insurance Companies look forward to spreading their wings to strategically selected overseas markets as well in the year ahead. Both entities have already acquired the license to operate in Cambodia and the operations are scheduled to commence in 2021.

NSB Data Center receives Lanka's first 'Uptime Tier III' certification for a bank

The first phase completion of the National Savings Bank (NSB) Data Centre was reached recently.

The Bank became the first bank in Sri Lanka to be awarded a TIER III Design Certification (TCDD) for its Data Centre and will soon obtain the Facility Certificate for the built facility (TCFF) from the Uptime Institute for its state-of-the-art Data Centre located in Colombo.

The Tier III Certified Data Centre is expected to significantly enhance NSB's digital banking services by making the system available at any time to end-users as well as staff. The certification is a testament to the data centre's ability to stand up to real-world challenges and reaching the many IT requirements of the Bank for years to come.

The most advanced data centres in the world are built to comply with Tier stand-



General Manager/CEO Ajith Peiris

ards and the Uptime Institute of USA has awarded this certification after rigorous inspections of the design and built facility including failure simulations.

"We are honoured to receive the TIER III certification for our data centre, a first for the banking sector in the Island which was designed and built by N-able

for us. The data centre is a step in the direction of increasing transaction reliability, speed and zero downtime for the bank's day to day IT transactions," said NSB General Manager/CEO Ajith Peiris.

TIER III standards place stringent demands on several facets of data centre construction and performance including but not limited to critical electrical systems, mechanical (critical cooling) systems, security systems, fail-safe operational methodologies for redundancy operation and control systems.

Uptime Institute's Tier Standard is the globally recognized standard for data centre reliability and overall performance. It allows various levels of performance to be chosen based on the intended applications and business parameters associated with those applications.

HNB, UMG partner on offers on MATADOR heavy machinery

HNB PLC partnered with agricultural and construction equipment provider United Mercury Group (UMG) Lanka to offer exclusive discounts and attractive benefits on MATADOR heavy-duty machinery.

The partnership will offer customers access to an extensive range of agricultural and construction equipment by UMG. A special ceremony was held at HNB Towers to sign the MoU with the attendance of HNB Deputy General Manager- Retail and SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne and UMG Managing Director/COO Asiri Walisundara.

"We hope that in facilitating improved access to UMG's high-quality portfolio, we will help enable the growth of businesses in the construction and agricultural sectors," HNB Head of Personal Financial Services Kanchana Karunagama said.

The partnership will offer HNB customers attractive leasing packages with low-interest rates, and cus-



UMG; Suresha Dilhani, Ruchira Senanayaka, Methma Karalliyadda, Deepal Ilangasingha, and Asiri Walisundara. HNB; Sanjay Wijemanne, Kanchana Karunagama, Niluka Amarasinghe, Pujitha Jayawardena, Roshan De Silva and Mahesh Ratnayake.

tomised repayment facilities tailor-made to suit the budget and income of each customer.

Customers will also have access to unique discounts on automobile products, servicing, spare parts, tyres and batteries via the Prestige Prime credit card offered by the bank. HNB will waive off the first year annual fee payment.

"As a leading distributor of construction and heavy machinery, our focus has always been on providing

customers with reliable equipment and spare parts, along with unparalleled after-sales service. Through this partnership, we now offer our clientele a carefully curated list of special benefits conducive to ensuring their growth," UMG Managing Director/COO Asiri Walisundara said.

UMG will offer special warranties for MATADOR brand Combine Harvesters and construction machinery, in addition to providing exclu-

sive benefits including labour transportation and inspection services. The purchase of MATADOR Combine Harvesters is also anchored to a special toolbox and spare parts package valued at Rs. 50,000.

In addition, UMG will provide customers with special discounts of up to 15% on spare parts, as part of their free-services package.

Further information regarding the offer can be obtained from HNB and UMG showrooms island-wide.

MoneyGram teams up with Visa to offer zero fees

For money sent to ComBank Visa Debit Cards

Commercial Bank customers receiving money from the USA via the MoneyGram money transfer service to their Bank-issued Visa Debit Cards will not be charged a fee for the next three months as a result of a promotion campaign involving the three companies.

Under this joint promotion, MoneyGram will waive the remittance fee for senders from the US sending money to Commercial Bank Visa Debit cardholders. Eligible transactions will be those that are routed through

the 'Visa Direct' programme that allows safe, convenient, and real-time funds delivery directly to financial accounts using card credentials.

With this promotion in place, Commercial Bank's Visa Debit cardholders will be able to enjoy faster receipt of their money through the secure network of Visa Direct that ensures robust risk and fraud management, in addition to the \$0 fee offer, the Bank said.

Recognised throughout the world as a leading money transfer company, Money-



Gram's major products and services include global money transfers, money orders and payment processing solutions for financial institutions and retail customers.

People's Insurance offers Medical Insurance coverage

In an unprecedented effort to enhance its product offerings to customers across Sri Lanka, People's Insurance PLC recently announced its plans to diversify into the health insurance space of the country.

This strategic move to establish its presence as a health insurance provider builds on the well-established public image of People's Insurance as the insurer who cares with love.

As the market is already heavily saturated with health insurance products offered by the competition, Peoples Insurance had the strategic objective of offering a product to make them stand out from the rest. Following a customer-first approach, the insurer has decided to be a step above its competitors by offering a highly comprehensive medical insurance cover available in the country.

Citizens of Sri Lanka and those individuals who currently reside in the country are eligible to obtain a medical insurance cover from People's Insurance. Individuals can be covered from their 5th birthday onwards. However, infants from the age of 3 months can also be protected by these covers provided that their parents have a medical cover from People's Insurance.

People's Insurance Head of Operations Jeevani Kariyawasam, commented on this new development, "When People's Insurance PLC began to contemplate our entry into the health insurance sector, we knew we had to be different. As we are known as the only insurer who cares with love, our health insurance product

had to reflect this strongly. Due to this, we decided to position ourselves as an insurance provider with a highly comprehensive product in the health insurance space. With affordable premiums, we have made every effort to ensure that Sri Lankans can enjoy the peace of mind that health insurance brings about." Medical schemes will



Flight Sergeant M.R. Devapriya receives medical insurance cover from Peoples Leasing CEO Shamindra Marcellin.

vary and premiums will depend on the sum insured, along with the customer's age band. It is also noteworthy that the geographical scope of treatment extends beyond Sri Lanka and into India as well.

Costs related to ambulance call-outs, inpatient proceedings, surgical treatments, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and pre and post

hospitalization expenses are just a few of the areas that this comprehensive product covers.

As People's Insurance PLC has a trusted and well-established name in the minds of Sri Lankan customers, it is expected that their entrance into the medical insurance sector will be welcomed by citizens across the island.

Unilever Sri Lanka expands uStore.lk footprint on Viber

Unilever Sri Lanka, one of the island's largest fast-moving consumer goods companies, announced that it had expanded coverage of its uStore.lk e-commerce service to instant messaging platform Viber.

The service, which had been offered exclusively on Unilever Sri Lanka's official e-commerce platform www.ustore.lk until now, has been extended to Viber, enabling more consumers the convenience of directly purchasing Unilever branded products

from the safety, comfort, and convenience of their homes.

The www.ustore.lk service which was first launched in 2019, has gained significant acceptance by consumers since then as a preferred shopping destination of choice.

Here, the uStore.lk bot takes the form of a user-friendly chatbot, inviting customers to explore the store and select from any of Unilever Sri Lanka's array of products, be it beauty, skincare, baby care, household care, oral care, laundry and food

and refreshments. Consumers can also purchase the company's Pureit brand from this service.

To avail themselves of the service, consumers need to simply access their Viber mobile application and search for "uStore.lk" to commence enjoying this new shopping experience.

Thereafter, it is simply about selecting desired products to a virtual cart and entering a delivery address. Check-out takes place with ease and purchased items are delivered

directly to a customer's doorstep thereafter.

Unilever Sri Lanka Customer Development Director Aruna Mawilmada said, "Even with a direct retail footprint, we are constantly on the lookout to pioneer further avenues of island-wide consumer convenience and availability for our products. The importance of sourcing innovative routes to market is further underpinned by the current pandemic that has gripped and challenged the normal routines of our consumers.

Contactless payments from Sri Lanka Insurance

Sri Lanka Insurance the national insurer has facilitated an array of payment channels at this hour of need honouring customer needs while ensuring their safety and wellbeing.

Sri Lanka Insurance customers can enjoy uninterrupted service through an array of online service platforms without having physical contact during the current pandemic situation SLIC policy holders can renew their insurance policies and make premium payments via Sri Lanka Insurance Customer Portal www.srilankainurance.net and the SLIC mobile App is available to download on Apple App



Store and Google Playstore to fulfill various insurance needs. Keeping in line mobile payment facilities including Genie, FriMi, mCash and eZ cash are available and

further direct bank payments facilities are also available through leading banks for the premium payments.

The national insurer re-emphasises the importance of protection at this difficult times and urge customers to stay safe and fulfill their insurance needs ease at home.

Established in 1962, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation is the largest government-owned insurance company in Sri Lanka, with a managed asset base of over Rs.212 billion and a Life fund of Rs. 117 billion, the largest in the local insurance industry.

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Tea in the tea country is as fresh as the leaves

Joy of village tea



Drinking tea is a treat amid nature



Making the local tea

JULIET COOMBE
"We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us"

"I love the smell of tea, the sound of boiling water, the wispy smoke swirling from the spout through the air, and then the whistling kettle signaling like a steam train that it's time for tea. And so begins the age-old camaraderie of sitting around an open fire or at a plantation table exchanging stories. Here, over the clatter of teacups lively tales unfold and are shared from one generation to the next, passed down over sips of golden Ceylon tea, where age-old council and survival wisdom is imparted to both the young and old. It is these stories that I, as a writer of tales, collected to share with the world.

The more trails I walked in the hills, the more tales of the unexpected I uncovered. Some treks inspired pioneering feats and others spiritual wisdom that are in their own right World Heritage gems. So it was a joy and honour to go across the hill country of many religions and ideologies, which is like an ancient philosophers' bible to life and the simplicity of how it is for us to all live in harmony with nature and human diversity. Writing about Sri Lanka's six regions of tea resulted in many discoveries and brilliant storytellers such as the enigmatic Hemingway-like Herman Guneratne, who made me realise that there is a book in every tea aficionado, who went from rags to riches, which culminated in the creation of the world's best Virgin White Tea, and The Suicide Club book and more recently God's Secret Agent and the hidden world of curses.

Over two decades of exploring these geographically rich ancient time locked cultures, I realised, through the many friendships that I have made with the hill country people, that we all need to return to walking our way back to nature and rediscovering the joys of real life connectivity to the earth and all it grows in it. To discover more about how to go one of these mind glowingly beautiful trails check out Sri Lanka's Tea Country Trail | Facebook, where regular posts cover what to pack and take with you. So go on ditch those high heels or squeaky-clean brogues and plan a trip later in the year to these beautiful trails, when safe travel will be possible again. As Nike puts it Just do it! and remember when packing that you are not a shire horse pulling a plough so don't pack the kitchen sink as the more weight you carry the more pain, less gain you will have from this life changing experience. Just make sure you backpack is light, water proof and has an extra water proof cover for heavy downfalls as even the zips can leak on the best designed hiking packs. Your backpack is your daytime portable home, so get a good one with good padding and a proper belt with at least one holder for a reusable water bottle container on one side, which you can fill up along the way and a pocket for easy to reach items such as sun screen for the hottest part of the day, snack bars, plasters and a good torch. If you want more than phone quality images buy a camera bag that attaches at the bottom of the rucksack and can carry spare batteries as electricity is not always supplied and also lots of data memory cards as there's nothing worse than running out of image space for your priceless memories along Sri Lanka's Tea Country Trail. Keep what you wear each day simple and practical. One friend wanted a dress to wear in the evening that doubled as a fold up portable toilet privacy modesty tent. She was extremely imaginative as she bought a good quality durable black bin bag and cut a hole in it for her head to go through to use it as a rain mac, as a dress with groovy belt accessory in the evening and extra layer at night if it got cold.

Dresses aside, your feet are your best friends on hiking trails, so give them a treat by wearing top quality footwear, socks like smartsocks and using a special healing cream, like Crabtree & Evelyn's gardeners, every evening and morning - blisters can ruin your day! As for other clothing, you will not regret getting lightweight quick drying trousers with zippers for converting them into shorts, available from most outdoor pursuit retailers or you can have a pair made in Colombo or Galle. Although the trail can sometimes be wet, misty and muddy it can also be sunny, hot and humid so make sure you have a fold up sun hat, high factor sun cream 20+, good quality sun glasses to cut out any harmful topical rays and rehydration salts for your water



On the tea trail

bottle. Also, a small bottle of iodine is worth carrying in a medical kit box for cleaning any stream water in the more remote areas - iodine is also good for immunity amongst other bodily benefits. If it gets too hot, make sure you have your swimming costumes so you can jump into one of the amazing waterfalls along the trail and include a small fold up travel towel. Cash is still king in the hills so make sure you have a waterproof money pouch and a few hidden pockets with zips. Belts now double as hidden money storage carriers and so be imaginative on how you stash your cash. Although kadés, Sri Lanka's amazing village shops are dotted throughout the hills and sell everything you need to snack. However with so much being closed in the current climate do bring dry nuts as some places may not sadly reopen, fruits and something you know will pick you up when you are tired and hungry. Do a few test runs with your backpack around your garden as you will quickly see how comfy it is or not, and how much weight you can carry? Slip on slippers are also a good idea if they fold up and are lightweight, and a cotton sarong that can be a night wraparound, double as a towel, funky dress if it has a pretty pattern on it and sheet if you need an extra one.

As your phone will be one option as a guide through the hills make sure you have water cover for it and a solar powered battery pack for emergency recharging. However, my advice is booking a local guide as they will always reveal the many wonderful secret treasures of this historically fascinating and deeply spiritual spot.

So go on do something sustainable for your next holiday, and out of the love of the islands pioneering people, and go to the amazing hill country and discover the many trails and tales through the hills. A region famous for its stones that light up in the Indiana Jones film Temple of Doom and enjoy the diverse agro nature, which is as beautiful and rich as Yala National Park. After all, where in the world can you be sitting sipping a cup of tea and see the flash of a leopard's tail as it vanishes into the tea bushes.

Just remember when you feel stressed reading the news pages about the latest developments island wide around the virus, that positivity is the key to a well balanced health system and "Where there's tea, there is always Hope".



The magic of village life



Festival of light is one of many festivals on the trail



Find your path



IF YOU BOUGHT A DOG DURING LOCKDOWN, THEY'LL NEED HELP COMING OUT OF IT

RACHEL CASEY

Despite the lows of the past year, for many lockdown has been the perfect opportunity to welcome a dog into their lives. The demand for dogs during the pandemic has been huge, with a 60% increase in calls from people seeking to adopt from the Dogs Trust charity, and with many other rescue organisations reporting similar findings. Google searches for “buy a puppy” increased by 115% after the UK first went into lockdown in March 2020, with prices for some of the most sought-after breeds reaching record levels.

Dog ownership is a wonderful thing, but it is also a huge responsibility and a commitment that spans way beyond lockdown: as the saying goes, “A dog is for life”. As

restrictions ease and the resumption of normality begins, it's important we consider the implications for our canine companions and give them a hand to help them adjust.

Having a dog around has helped many people cope with lockdown. Our dogs mostly love us being around too: going for longer walks, having more playtime, and resting by our side. Nevertheless, it's safe to say life has not been normal for our dogs for most of the past year. Few have met other dogs, and if they have seen them, it would have been from afar or on a lead, meaning that they were unable to interact or play. There have also been fewer visitors coming into the home, but probably more deliveries, with people coming to the door carrying parcels and going away again. This is all particularly concerning for puppies acquired during the pandemic, as their expectation of “normal” is lockdown life, and they may never have seen visitors inside

the house or have been left home alone.

We are all longing for a great British summer in which we can go on dog-date walks with a friend and their dog, have family round for garden barbecues and take our pooches to the pub or cafe, and of course, we need our dogs to be able to cope calmly with all of that. A return to normal is something humans are able to process, understand and prepare for. But our dogs – especially young ones – won't understand why everything has changed. As far as our dogs know, normality for them has been enjoying time with family only – so to be expected to cope with groups of people, children and other dogs, both in and out of the home, could be overwhelming for them.

A big worry for dog owners is the long-term impact of lockdown on their ability to cope with being left at home on their own. Dogs who had separa-

tion anxiety before the lockdown are likely to get worse when left again as owners head back to work – but we also expect to see new cases developing, because other dogs, and particularly puppies, have learned to expect company all day.

One of the biggest reasons why dogs are rehomed is because of behaviour-related issues. A rise in problematic behaviours after lockdown could mean families have no other option but to give up their dog. And, really sadly, most of these problems can be prevented with the right early experiences.

Our message to owners is to start preparing now, rather than waiting until things return more to normal. It's easy to do: start building up experiences of all the things we will expect them to do once the lockdown eases. For instance, start building in minimal periods apart, initially just being briefly separated from you by a door or child gate. If they

stay calm, build up the time separated really gradually, so they start to adjust to not being with you all the time. If your dog gets worried when separated – barking, whining, panting, or scratching at the door – you have progressed too fast. Go back to a shorter period to help them adjust. By gradually increasing your time apart, you can ensure they are able to settle on their own and help them prepare for the time when you need to return to work or study.

Our dogs will also need help when it comes to seeing friends and family, both outdoors and indoors. Teaching your dog how to greet new people calmly, how to settle when guests visit or when you're in a cafe are key skills. Coming back when called, walking on a loose lead and not barking when the doorbell goes are also vital skills that will set them up for success.

It is much easier to prevent prob-

lems than treat them, and it's not too late to help prepare your dogs for the changes coming. To support dog owners, there is online training, so dogs and their owners can equip themselves with the skills they can put into practice as normality resumes.

When people take on the responsibilities of dog ownership, they do so with the best intentions to care for them in the long term. But the pandemic will have devastating effects on some people's lives, including their ability to care for their dogs. While we provide lots of support to help keep dogs and owners together, we're also here for when things aren't going so well, and owners may be having trouble seeing a future with their dog. If anyone does find themselves struggling, and may be considering having to rehome their dog, please contact Dogs Trust and we will do everything we can to help.



WHY DO CATS SIT ON YOU?

All cats are individuals and it depends on the individual cat, says Marilyn Krieger, Certified Cat Behavior Consultant (CCBC), based in Redwood City, California, and author of *Naughty No More!* In general, cats seek out a few basic needs when they sit on a human's lap. There are other factors that play into cats sitting on you, like your clothes. Let's look at some answers to “Why do cats sit on you?” here.

YOU'RE WARM!

Cats like warmth, and people's laps are generally warm, Marilyn says.

They crave connection. Cats gravitate toward people they like, and they seek connection with their favorite people, Marilyn adds. Sometimes they're seeking petting, because people often pet the cat on their lap. Petting resembles their mom's grooming, so most cats love receiving petting from their favorite people.

Some cats also knead while they sit on someone's lap. When they're kneading, they're simulating their neo-natal days when

they did that to their mothers to stimulate milk flow. “It can be a self-comforting behavior, as can purring,” Marilyn says.

IT MAKES THEM FEEL SAFE!

One of the answers to “Why do cats sit on you?” is that some cats feel safer when they're on their favorite person's lap, Marilyn says.

Smell plays into it. If you have a bathrobe that smells like you, your cat might sit on it whether you're wearing it or not, Marilyn says. And if you've been to an animal shelter, your cat might detect a lot of other animal scents on you and avoid you. Don't take it personally.

YOUR CLOTHES MATTER!

Marilyn, who has three lap cats, noticed that her cats won't sit on her when she's wearing a plastic raincoat. My husband, Mark, noticed that when he wears his soft bathrobe, our cat Maddie, who usually sits on me, will sit on him instead.

I discovered the difference texture can make when a feral cat I helped take care of for about a

year finally came and I was sitting on my lap when I was wearing a soft fleece jacket. The first time I tried to pet her, she scratched me. But eventually, she let me pet her. Then she started sitting next to me on a picnic table bench and gradually started letting me pet her while sitting next to me. Then on a cold day, she rubbed up against my fleece jacket and, to my astonishment, climbed onto my lap.

Cats want to be comfortable and warm, Marilyn said when I told her this story, “and she trusted you.”

To show trust. “They really do have to trust you to sit on your lap,” Marilyn says. She stresses the importance of not making a cat sit on your lap and giving the cat the option to leave. “When you give them that choice of sitting on your lap or not and leaving when they want to, they become more trusting of you.”

- catster.com



LOOKING FOR A KIND HOME

Looking for a kind home for this sweet loving cat who was operated as he had a rectal prolapse. He has recovered now and has only tons of purrs and love to give. Feeling so sorry to drop him

back as the cat was found at the moratuwa market. Pls contact Sahana on 0777567122 to adopt and love him to bits. He has been dewormed, vaccinated & neutered too. He deserves to be loved in a Home.

SLVA CELEBRATES WORLD VETERINARY DAY

SLVA set to launch Vet Mobile App, Magazine, Video Series and Public Relations Committee



The Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA) celebrated World Veterinary Day on April 24, 2021 at Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo. The SLVA introduced numerous ambitious initiatives, launching the “Vet Mobile” App, “Your Veterinarian Magazine”, “Voice of Veterinarians” video series, SLVA platform on Public Communication and announced the “VET EXPO 2021 International Veterinary Exhibition” on the occasion.

Established in 2001 by the World Veterinary Association, World Veterinary Day has been instrumental in promoting the veterinary profession and the development of more sustainable animal husbandry practices, improving not only the health of animals but also the health and wellbeing of people and the environment. Over the years, the themes have focused on pivotal issues, spearheading programmes on Rabies prevention and eradication, antimicrobial resistance, diversity of veterinary profession and the One Health concept.

In keeping with this year's theme - “Veterinarians Response to the COVID-19 the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association recognized the services rendered by the Veterinarian Scientists in conducting research and their creative innovations, in addition to their engagement in the One Health collaborative approaches. The One Health concept was successfully utilized for the conceptualization of public awareness campaigns and management of PCR testing laborato-

ries in different districts with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. The SLVA also devoted attention to launching a variety of programmes that will connect the veterinary community with the farming community and the general public.

Developed in collaboration with Dialog - Digital Health, the “Vet Mobile App” will circumvent barriers that limit access to veterinary services owing to the social distance protocols currently in place, and will allow the general public to enjoy convenient access to veterinarians and their services.

A signature project of the SLVA, the “Your Veterinarian” Magazine, will serve as a stepping stone to promoting public awareness with insight into the diversity of the veterinary profession. Having identified a need for a salient voice on animal welfare and health, responsible animal ownership, the well-being of farmers engaged in animal husbandry and development of livelihood on animal human companionship in the society, the SLVA will capitalize on the Magazine to disseminate knowledge and information to the public. This initiative also will help to enhance public engagement with veterinarians through interactive activities such as photography and drawing competitions, in addition to question and answer sessions for resolving common health-related problems in animals. The Magazine will feature a miscellany of topics including the history of the veterinary profession, companion and farm animal sectors, veterinary pharmaceuticals and

more. The establishment of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association's platform on Public Communication was another milestone project created to amplify the Voice of Veterinarians in Sri Lanka. Provision of evidence-based reliable information in an easy to comprehend but, scientific way to the general public and dissemination of knowledge on veterinary-related matters of public health importance and information on scientific research findings were the core aims of establishing the SLVA platform on Public Communication.

The “Voice of Veterinarian” Video Series developed by the SLVA is another exciting project designed to complement the launch of the App, Magazine and SLVA platform on Public Communication elaborating the diversified roles played by veterinarians in the country and was also released on this special occasion. Inaugurated by the SLVA in 2019, VET-EXPO serves as a platform for celebrating animals and recognising the contributions of veterinarians to society. Animal lovers will have the unique opportunity to explore the numerous services and solutions made available to them by the veterinary profession in the spheres of animal healthcare, welfare and management.

This year's VET-EXPO 2021 will be held over 3 days from December 17 to 19, 2021.

For more information on the SLVA, visit our website <https://www.slva.org/> -Dr. Erandika Gunawardene, Dr. Sugath Pemachandra, President - SLVA Secretary - SLVA

WNPS Monthly Lecture on May 20

Conserving Horton Plains: What the Science Tells Us

WNPS Monthly Lecture titled **Conserving Horton Plains: What the Science Tells Us** will be delivered by Dr Rohan Pethiyagoda on May 20, 2021 at 6 pm via Zoom.

Just about everyone who visits a protected area in Sri Lanka comes away with many ideas of how its management could be improved, and Horton Plains is no exception.

Despite its small size, Horton Plains is one of our country's most unique and priceless biodiversity assets—and sadly it faces graver threats than most other protected areas. Over-visitation, fires, alien species, pest species, illegal mining, forest dieback, population declines, pollution, climate change... the list goes on and on. While a great deal of research has been done on most of these problems, translating scientific findings into management interventions remains a formidable challenge. In this lecture, Rohan Pethiyagoda explores the threats that confront Horton Plains and discusses how he could respond to these. The solutions he proposes are often provocative, controversial, and perhaps even aggressive—but unless these recommendations are openly discussed among serious-minded conservationists, the decline of this jewel in the crown of Sri Lanka biodiversity is set to continue. The 40-minute lecture will be followed by an extended discussion time so that listeners can ask questions or challenge the solutions he offers.

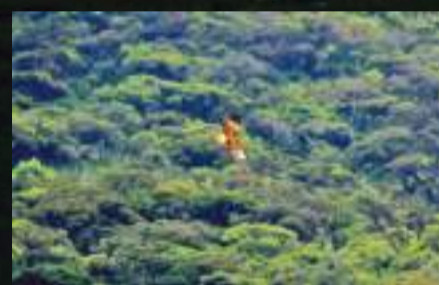
Dr. Rohan Pethiyagoda is a biodiversity scientist who has published widely on Sri Lanka's fauna and flora. He has published more than 60 research papers, in addition to authoring several books on Sri Lanka's fauna and flora, through the Wildlife Heritage Trust (WHT), a foundation he endowed in 1991. WHT built up Sri Lanka's largest specimen collection for research, which was gifted to the National Museum in 2009. WHT has also helped several outstanding young biodiversity researchers expand their careers by undertaking postgraduate research and some 150 new species were discovered and described through this work. Rohan is also an editor of the journal *Zootaxa*, has headed several state entities, served as Environment Advisor to the government, and as deputy chair of the Species Survival Commission. He has won wide international recognition for his work, including a Rolex Award.

Conducted successfully over two decades, the Wildlife and Nature Protection Society's Monthly Lecture series plays an important role in sharing scientific information and knowledge with the public and also acts as a launchpad for conservation initiatives. Please join us online at this month's WNPS Monthly Lecture, focusing on Horton Plains National Park and what science tells us about its future.

The WNPS Public Lecture is presented in association with Nations Trust Bank and open to all. Please sign up here <https://forms.gle/GSAJK2S1kPBDWD7h7-SM>



Dr Rohan Pethiyagoda



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"He won't be impressed with virtual reality until they make a real steak."

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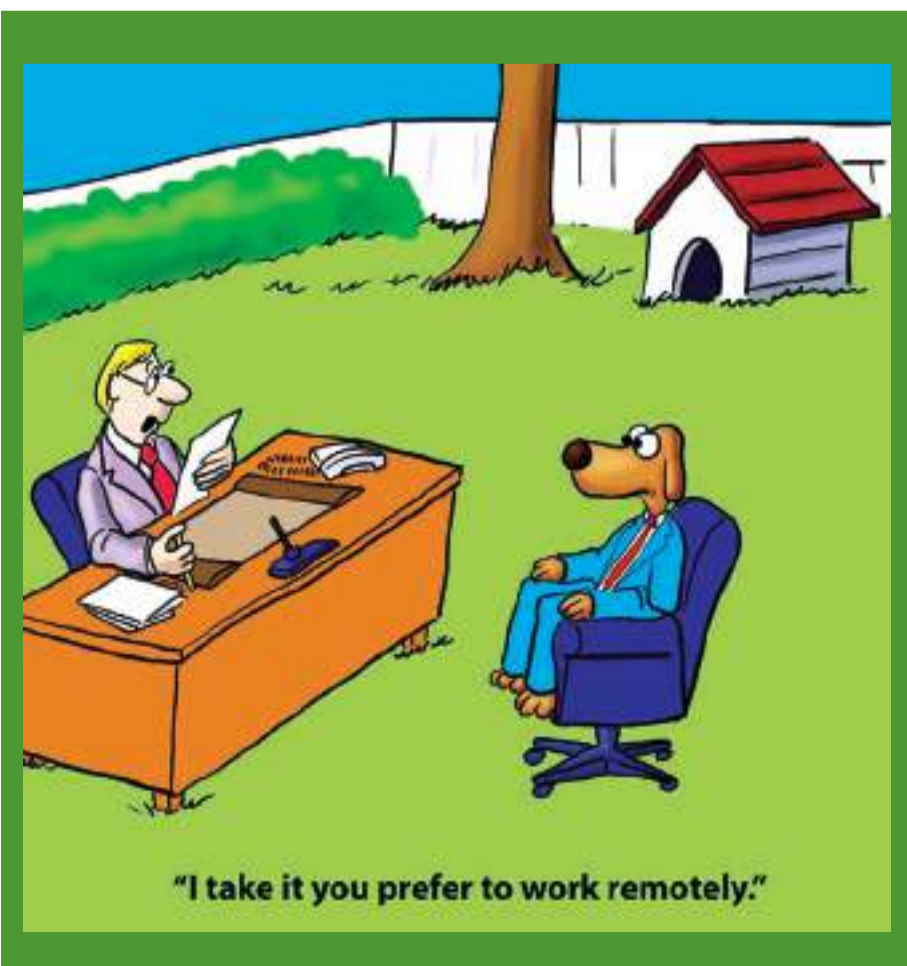
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"I take it you prefer to work remotely."

Ethereal flower fashion illustrations

Stepping into the creative world of artist Hanaco Hanasakura is like stepping into an everlasting spring. The Japanese wedding dress designer creates exquisite mixed-media fashion illustrations using an array of colorful flower petals and leaves. From ballgowns made of scarlet roses to blossoming mini skirts, each figure is dressed for the runway.

The simple composition of Hanasakura's illustrations allows the viewer to fully appreciate the beauty of each flower petal. Her ethereal women are drawn in gleeful poses with minimal linework. So, the only color that appears on the paper is the arrangement of plant life. Her botanical additions allow her to build a variety of different clothing designs and shapes, including accessories like head scarfs, hairbows, and hats.

Hanasakura only uses discarded and wilted flowers in her art as a way of giving the flora a second life. This is related to the Japanese way of thinking called *mottainai*, which literally means "what a waste." Modern environmentalists have adopted the term as a way to promote reusing and recycling objects of potential value. Likewise, through her art, Hanasakura shows that even abandoned flowers can still blossom.

My Modern Met



Aleksandr and Maria Dmitriev, a young couple from Penza, Russia, have been sharing their home with a mountain lion for the past three years.

Cats are in the top two most common pets worldwide, but the cat Aleksandr and Maria Dmitriev live with in their small one-bedroom apartment is a little different. Messi is a 3-year-old cougar, the second-largest feline in the Americas, after the Jaguar. In the wild, it is considered an apex predator, but Messi was born in a petting zoo and has spent most of his life as a house cat, so he basically behaves like an overgrown cat, for now. The Dmitrievs are aware that Messi is a predator that will, at some point, test their strength to establish who is in charge of the house, but they have taken steps to keep his wild side in check.

Aleksandr and Maria, both trained psychologists, have always loved cats, but never dreamed of actually sharing their home with a mountain lion. Their hairless Sphynx, Kira, had always been enough for them, but in 2018, when they heard that a newborn cougar cub at the local petting zoo in Penza was in serious need of medical attention, they couldn't just sit by. The two describe the petting zoo where the animals live in small enclosures where visitors come in to pet them, so they decided to give this ill cub a better chance at life.

The young couple knew that if they didn't rescue the young mountain lion, it would likely die, but they also knew that

Cougar love



the zoo wasn't just going to give it to them. So they decided to buy him, and were surprised when the petting zoo actually accepted. They brought Messi home and managed to nurse him back to health, but it didn't take long for them to realize that if they wanted to keep him, they had to make some adjustments around their home.

For the most part, Messi acts like a big cat, but it's this size that posed some problems. Aleksandr and Maria converted the hallway of the apartment into the feline's headquarters, lining the walls with bamboo panels which are better suited to withstand its sharp talons and can easily be replaced.

They also brought in a large tree trunk that it could climb, complete with its own little hiding place at the bottom. But Messi's favorite place in the house is the bathroom window, from where he can see the endless grasslands around the apartment building.

Aleksandr and Maria Dmitriev quickly realized that they needed a way to keep Messi in check if they wanted to live

together in harmony, but training a mountain lion wasn't something they were prepared for. Luckily, they found a dog trainer willing to include their unusual pet in one of their classes, and the results were impressive. Messi now follows basic commands like "sit," "stay," "come" and "no," and even to walk on a leash.

Exercise is really important for Messi's well-being, but he doesn't really have the space for it in the Dmitrievs' apartment, and it's not like they can just set him loose in the local park, so the fact that he has been trained to walk on a leash is really important. So if you're even in Penza, Russia, you may just come across a really strange sight – someone walking a full-grown mountain lion on a leash.

The couple's experience with Messi so far has been "incredibly positive", but they both admit that living with a big cat does have its challenges.

For one, the constant attention means that they can't take vacations, or even hang out with their friends. A cat sitter for a cat this size is out of the question as well. Then there is the need for raw meat in Messi's diet, which can cost up to \$600 a month.



Wasp crackers anyone?



Yep, you guessed it, it's a biscuit filled with wasps found in Japan. Think chocolate chip cookies, only the insects replace the choccy chips. Apparently the digger wasp, which the biscuit contains, has a pretty mean sting. I wish your tongue good luck! *Hostel World*



Real-life sleeping beauty

17-year-old Indonesian girl who occasionally falls asleep for several days at a time has been dubbed a "real-life Sleeping Beauty" or the "sleeping daughter of South Kalimantan."

Echa, who hails from Banjarmasin, in Indonesia's South Kalimantan region, first made news headlines in 2017, when national news outlets reported that she slept for 13 days straight. She has experienced two worrying episodes since then, when she slept for about a day and a half, but last week Echa's condition worsened and she fell into a deep sleep for about seven days. Her parents took her to the Ansari Saleh hospital in Banjarmasin, but her tests came out fine. The teenager finally woke up after a total of nine days, but doctors say that she is still very weak.

No one really knows what is causing Echa's unusual long sleep, but symptoms suggests that she is suffering from hypersomnia, a very rare neurological condition that causes sufferers to feel excessive sleepiness during the day, and fall asleep for



long stretches of time. Hypersomnia comes in many forms and has many probably causes, from neurological damage, to genetic factors and physical or emotional trauma.

Echa's father, Mulyadi, told *Tribunn.com* that he had tried waking up the girl several times, but to no avail. Interestingly, the girl reportedly chews and swallows food in her sleep, if fed by her parents, and gets restless when she needs to use the bathroom. Mulyadi said that she urinates when taken to the bathroom and seated on the toilet seat.

Sleeping Beauty Syndrome currently has no known cure, but Echa's parents hope that her symptoms can at least be better managed so she can enjoy a quasi-normal life. *Oddity Central*



Naked Man orchids

Is it an alien? Is it a sea anemone? Nope, it's the Naked Man Orchid! This little guy (or guys) also known as the Hanging Man Orchid, are native to the Mediterranean regions and resemble tiny little hanging naked men, from their dotted eyes and smiles right down to their you-know-whats. Naked Man Orchids come in all sizes and usually, range in colour from light purplish white to deep purple-pink. The Naked Man Orchid is classified as having a threatened status, perhaps because of its popularity as an anti-diarrheal, antifatulent and aphrodisiac. Another crazy fact about these fun flowers: they're used in making the drink Salep, also called Turkish Delight. *Wonder List*





SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY Amendment Notice

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority has amended the Number Two (02) of the Instructions for the Bidders as undermentioned tender initially appeared on 25th April 2021 of Sunday Observer & 28th April 2021 of the Ceylon Daily News, Dinamina & Thinakaran which is to be opened on 30th June 2021.

Tender Number :	CES/FP/04/PT/6200(MP)
Name of the Tender :	Procurement of Container Handling Equipment to ECT
Number Two (02) of the Instructions for the Bidders published as :	The Bidder should have been in the business of supplying similar equipment required above at least during the last Five (05) years.
Number Two (02) of the Instructions for the Bidders amended shall be :	The Bidder should have been in the business of supplying similar equipment required above at least during the last Ten (10) years.

Other conditions remain unchanged.

**Chairman - Cabinet appointed Procurement Committee (CAPC)
Ministry of Ports and Shipping,
No. 19, Chaithya Road,
Colombo 01.**

In the District Court of Colombo Notice

Case No. : 67/21 DTS
Nature : Testamentary
Procedure : Summary
Value : Rs. 20,000,000/=

In the matter of an application under Chapter XXXVIB of the Civil Procedure Code as amended by Civil Procedure Code (Amended) Law No. 20 of 1977 under Section 554 (u) for Re-sealing of Probate granted in the High Court of Justice United Kingdom to Snehlatta Rajendra of 127 The Myrke Slough Berkshire SL3 9AD, United Kingdom in respect of Letters of Administration estate of the Late Lokuwattage Sampson Perera Rajendra of No. 127, The Myrke, Slough, Berkshire, SL 39AD, United Kingdom.

Deceased

Lokuwattage Piya Dhammika Roslin Rajendra and Snehlatta Rajendra of 127, The Myrke, Slough, Berkshire, SL 39AD, United Kingdom.

Appearing by their Attorney Ranjith Alahakoon of No. 27, Malalasekara Pedesa, Colombo 07 in Sri Lanka.

Petitioners

Notice is hereby given that after the expiry of Twenty Eight (28) days from the date of publication hereof application will be made to the District Court of Colombo under Chapter XXXVIII of the Civil Procedure Code as amended by the Civil Procedure Code (Amended) Law No. 20 of 1977 under Section 554 (u) for Re-sealing of letters of Administration in the High Court of Justice in the United Kingdom to Snehlatta Rajendra of 127 Myrke Slough Berkshire SL3 9AD United Kingdom.

Colombo on this 24th day of February 2021.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

GENERAL HOSPITAL, AMPARA Supply of Medical Equipment

Chairman - Regional Procurement Committee, Director - General Hospital - Ampara invites sealed bids from principals or their accredited agents for the supply and installation of Medical Equipment up to 2.00 p.m. on 01.06.2021.

No.	Item	Quantity	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)
01	High end Ultrasound Scanner	01	1,000.00
02	Neonatal Ventilator	02	1,000.00
03	Ambulatory Blood Pressure Apparatus	01	1,000.00
04	Exercise ECG Machine	01	1,000.00
05	EMG Machine	01	1,000.00
06	ENT Examination Microscope	01	1,000.00
07	EEG Machine	01	1,000.00
08	Continues Passive Motion (CPM) Upper Limb	01	1,000.00
09	Continues Passive Motion (CPM) Lower Limb	01	1,000.00

- A set of bid documents in duplicate can be obtained from Director, General Hospital, Ampara during working days from 10.05.2021 to 01.06.2021 between 9.00 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. by any interested eligible bidder, agent or nominee on submission of :
 - A written application to the Director, General Hospital, Ampara.
 - Upon payment of the non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 in cash to the Accountant, General Hospital, Ampara.
 - Certified copy of business registration certificate.
 - A certificate/letter issued by agents for products
- Sealed bids should be sent by Registered post to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, General Hospital, Ampara or deposited in the tender box kept at the Accountant's Office Room, General Hospital, Ampara at or before 2.00 p.m. on 01.06.2021. Late bids will be rejected, Cover should be marked "Medical Equipment".
- Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 01.06.2021 in the presence of the bidders or authorized representatives who attend in person at the address given below at 2.30 p.m. with their national identity card & a letter of authorization from their employer.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of 1% of the total bid value.
- The decision of the Procurement Committee will be final.
Telephone No.: 063-2224728 / 063-2222261.

Dr. Upul Wijenayaka
Director
03.05.2021

QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF 70 GSM - WOODFREE WHITE PRINTING PAPER IN REELS & 220 GSM D/S GLOSS ART BOARD

IMP/ADV/2021/10

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "Woodfree White Printing Paper in Reels & D/S Art Board" as specified below:

70 GSM Woodfree Surfaced sized White Printing Paper - 29 1/2" Width - 500 Mt

Specification of Reel:

Diameter of the Reel	: Max. 50", Min. 40"
Diameter of inner core	: 3" (76.20 mm)
Brightness ISO %	: 85 min.
Opacity	: 90% min.
Tensile Strength	: MD - 35 k Nm / Kg Min. CD - 20 k Nm / Kg Min.
Bulking Thickness / Caliper	: Not more than 85 Micron

Packing : Sea Worthy export Packing in 3-4 sheets of thick hard board with one inner layer of moisture barrier including reinforced sides.

Core Plug : Heavy duty compressed hard board (non-collapsible wood, metal or plastic)

Certification : SGS certificate for quality woodfree surface sized paper.

220 GSM - Double Side Gloss Art Boards - Size : 21" x 31" - 85 Mt

Packing : Palletized packets with extra Seaworthy Export packing with moisture barrier.

Foreign Offers

Offers on at sight basis as well as 90 days Usance indicating Cost, Insurance & Freight Charges (All Inclusive) separately with samples and specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Quotations for Woodfree White Printing Paper in Reels & D/S Art Board" on the top left hand corner.

Local Offers

Ex-stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with samples should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

General Conditions

- Order quantity could be varied depending on requirement.
- The successful bidder should provide SGS certificate for quality woodfree surface sized paper with each and every shipment (Only for Woodfree paper).
- Offers should be sent to **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 19th May 2021 2.30 p.m.** and will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.
- Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc. to be clearly indicated on offers.
- Acceptance of new sources / product is subject to quality test.
- The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 5% with validity period of 90 days.
- Offers should be valid minimum 90 days from bid opening date.

Bidders or accredited representatives will be allowed to be present at the opening. However, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



**Head of Procurement
THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF
CEYLON LIMITED
Lake House, No.35,
D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.**

For Details: 2429452

Ministry of Fisheries

State Ministry of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery
Harbour Development, Multiday Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka



Invitation for Bids Procurement Notice

- The Chairman of the Department Procurement Committee - Major of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from qualified and eligible bidders for the Procurement of following goods.

Contract No. & Name of Procurement	Bid Security (SLR) and Validity Period	Non-Refundable Bid Fee (SLR)	Closing Date & Time of Issuing of Bidding Documents	Closing Date & Time of Receiving of Bid	Pre-Bid Meeting
NQ/DPC/2021/NCB/G/10 Procurement of Fish Feed	Bid Security amount is specified in the Schedule 1 of ITB clause 20.2 of the Section II - Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) of the Bidding Document	5,000.00	31.05.2021 at 3.00 p. m.	01.06.2021 at 2.00 p. m.	21.05.2021 at 11.00 a.m. at the Board Room in address mentioned below
(a) To be supplied and delivered on monthly basis to each Aquaculture Development Centers located in islandwide.					
(b) Monthly requirement is approx. 25,000 Kg					
NQ/DPC/2021/NCB/G/12 Procurement of Soy Beans (28000 kg)	Bank Security - 50,000.00 Bid Security valid till 30 th August 2021	3,000.00	31.05.2021 at 3.00 p. m.	01.06.2021 at 2.00 p. m.	21.05.2021 at 11.30 a. m. at the Board Room in address mentioned below

- For the above Fish Feed tender, the requirement shall be supplied by eligible bidders on national level or regional level on total fish feed quantity or selected fish feed item wise or location wise. A national level bidder and a regional level bidder are specified in the **ITB clause 35.5 of the Section II - Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) of the Bidding Document.**
- All eligible bidders may obtain further information from Procurement Officer (Tel: 071 772 4430 / 011 278 6544 / 6495, Fax: 011 278 6493 / 6575, po@naqda.gov.lk) and www.naqda.gov.lk and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the following address during office hours from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. as per the above **Closing Date of Issuing of Bidding Documents.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application to the following address** and upon payment of a non-refundable bid fee in cash or bank draft during the period as indicated above.
- Bids shall be valid for **Ninety-One (91) days** from the deadline of bid submission.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security** issued by a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as specified in the Bid Documents and must be delivered to the address given below in accordance with the general conditions on or before the dates mentioned above.

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka,
41/1, New Parliament Road, Pelawatte,
Battaramulla.**

07.05.2021

Ministry of Justice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Implementing urgently needed repair activities in Courts Building

Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Justice from fully qualified eligible bidders for repairing of the Courts buildings, mentioned below.

No.	Court Zone	Project Name	Package No.	Estimated Total Cost (Excluding VAT & Contingencies (Rs. Mn)	ICTAD No.	Non Refundable Fee (RS)
1	Galle	Renovation of the rear part of the Building of the High Court and the District Court in Galle	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/43/GAL/P-001	7.26	C7 and C6	2,000
2	Galle	Proposed new Civil Appealate High Court at Balapitiya	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/44/GAL/P-002	32.3	C5 and C4	2,000
3	Kurunegala	Repairs to Courts Complex-Kuliyapitiya	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/45/KUR/P-003	18.8	C6 and C5	2,000
4	Kurunegala	Repairs to Courts Buildings and Judge's Bungalow, Magistrate's Court -Pilessa	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/46/KUR/P-004	6.2	C7 and C6	2,000
5	Kurunegala	Repairs to Courts Buildings District Magistrate's Court-Wariyapola	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/47/KUR/P-005	3.1	C8 and C7	2,000
6	Kurunegala	Repairs to Courts Buildings Magistrate's Court -Narammala	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/48/KUR/P-006	3.0	C8 and C7	2,000
7	Tangalle	Estimate for Painting Building, Boundary wall, tile & rendering work, guard room, new toilet, record room, repairing chamber toilet, new exhaust fan, new public toilet & septic tank at High Court Hambantota	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/49/TAN/P-002	7.6	C7 and C6	2,000
8	Ampara	Repairing works at High Courts complex - Ampara	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/01/AM/P-001	8.5	C7 and C6	2,000
9	Ratnapura	Repairs to Courts Building at Kalawana Magistrate Court	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/30/RAT/P-001	6.39	C7 and C6	2,000
10	Anuradhapura	Repairing of Old Courts Building of Court Complex - Anuradhapura	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/02/ANU/P-001	32.18	C4 and C5	5000
11	Polonnaruwa	Renovation of Court Building and Chummary House of District / Magistrates Courts - Hinguraggoda	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/26/POL/P-001	11.5	C5 and C6	5000
12	Puttalam	Repairs of Roof Work, Painting Work, Tile Work of Open Court and Toilet at Courts Complex in Puttalam	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/29/PUT/P-003	11.3	C5 and C6	5000
13	Ratnapura	Repairs to Courts Building at Balangoda Magistrate Court	MOJ/ACT/NCB/26/32/RAT/P-003	13.0	C5 and C6	5000

- Details of requirements and specifications for implementing of the projects mentioned above are issued along with bid documents.
- Bidding will be conducted according to National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Bidders should not be blacklisted for qualification of awarding of contract and should possess CIDA/ICTAD registration in the grades mentioned in the table above.
- Bidders interested in this matter could obtain further details from the Accountant (Procurement), Procurement Division on the 03rd Floor of the Ministry of Justice at the Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12. Bid documents could be inspected at the Procurement Division mentioned above from 07.05.2021 up to 28.05.2021 on weekdays (other than on public holidays) during office hours (9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.) Telephone / Fax No. 011-2438178.
- A complete set of bid documents prepared in English could be obtained up to 2.00 p.m. on 28.05.2021 during office hours (9.00 am. - 3.00 p.m.) by bidders interested in this matter, from the Procurement Division on the Third Floor of the Ministry of Justice at Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12 after paying a non refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/= for one set of bid documents and submitting a written request, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Justice.
- Bids should be handed-over in two copies to,
 - The Chairman, Procurement Committee at the address below by registered post to be received at or before 11.00 a.m. on 31.05.2021 at the Ministry or
 - Could be inserted in the tender box kept in the Procurement Division on the third floor of the Ministry of Justice at the Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12 to be received at or before 11.00 a.m. on 31.05.2021.
 Bids received late will be rejected. Bids submitted by email or by any other means will not be accepted.
- A bid guarantee according to the specimen, similar to a Bank guarantee to the value in Sri Lankan Rupees should be attached and submitted with all bids. Bids should be valid for each of the activities as mentioned in the bid documents. The value of the bid guarantee should be according to the values shown against each of the items in Invitation for Bids (IFB). Any bids submitted without attaching the bid guarantee will be rejected.

Further details regarding submitting of bids are included in the bid documents.
- Bids for each of the activities should be valid up to the date as mentioned in the bid documents.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at the address mentioned in para 05 above in the presence of bidders and/or their authorized representatives who wish to be present personally on this occasion.
- The Ministry of Justice will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred in preparation or delivery of bids.
- A pre bid meeting will be held on 13.05.2021.
- The Procurement Board retains the right of the final decision regarding this procurement.

**Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Justice,
Superior Courts Complex,
Colombo 12.**



DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

SMALLHOLDER AGRIBUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (SAPP)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

Selection of Consultancy firm/s for Conducting Annual Outcome Surveys of projects which have been implemented by Small Holder Agribusiness Program (SAPP)

Smallholder Agribusiness Partnership (SAPP) Programme is jointly funded by the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The SAPP has been designed to contribute to Sri Lanka's smallholders' poverty reduction and competitiveness. The programme development objective is to sustainably increase the income and quality of diet of 57,500 smallholder households involved in commercially oriented production and marketing systems. The SAPP programme is instrumental to achieve GOSL priorities under the national policy framework on rural development through Public- Private-Producer-Partnerships (4Ps).

The Scope and Objective of the Assignment

The overall purpose of this assignment is to assess the progress achieved in respective project outcome against the project interventions and provide quantitative and qualitative interpretations on specific outcome indicators as reflected in the project M & E framework against baseline information and provide suggestions to the SAPP to improve program's support to achieve targeted outcomes during the project implementation.

The Project Consultants Procurement Committee on behalf of the Smallholder Agribusiness Partnerships Programme ((SAPP) now invites eligible consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants/ Consultancy Firms must provide information indicating interested projects and that they are qualified to perform the services in respect of projects indicated. The consultancy firms which are interested can download the TOR and list of the project through our website www.sapp.lk (please refer "DOWNLOAD" heading and "PROCUREMENT" sub heading to download the TOR.

The following factors are considered when selecting the firms as qualified firms for calling proposals for conducting annual outcome survey in respect of indicated project. Only the qualified firms will be invited for the full proposals (technical and financial). The proposals then will be selected through **Quality and Cost Based Systems (QCBS) method.**

- Business registration evidence
- Experience of the firm
- Experience of the firm in dealing with similar assignments (i.e. completion of Baseline Studies)
- Team composition of the firm (at present)

Expressions of Interest (EOI) must be delivered to the address below by hand or by post on or before **2.30 p.m. on 24.05.2021.**

Please mark "Annual Outcome Survey" on the top of left hand corner of the envelope. Only the shortlisted consultants will be contacted for future assignments.

**Chairman,
Project Consultants Procurement Committee
Smallholder Agribusiness Partnerships Programme (SAPP)
No 212A, Nawala Road,
Rajagiriya**

Regional Directorate of Health Services – Monaragala

Procurement Notice

Bids are invited from qualified and registered individuals and institutions for the purchase of following medical equipment under PSSP Grants for the health institutions managed by the Office of the Regional Directorate of Health Services, Monaragala.

Item No.	Name of the Medical Equipment	Qty	Item No.	Name of the Office Equipment	Qty
Package No. 01 – Medical Equipment			Package No. 01 / Office Furniture Equipment		
M01	Diagnostic Set	3	OF01	Reception Table	6
M02	X-ray Illuminator	5	OF02	Writing Table	6
M03	Laboratory Refrigerator	4	OF03	Executive Table	1
M04	Therapeutic Ultrasound Machine	1	OF04	Computer Chair (Rotating)	18
M05	Infrared Machine	1	OF05	Executive Chair (Low Back)	7
M06	Manual Muscle Stimulation Machine	1	OF06	Office Cupboard (Wooden)	19
M07	Thermometers fro Refrigerator	32	OF07	Gang Chair with 4 seater	6
M08	Defibrillator (360Kj)	1	Package No. 03 / Electrical Equipment		
M09	Sucker Machine	5	OE08	Personal Computer with UPS	6
M10	Nebulizer	8	OE09	Laptop	8
Package No. 02 / Medical Furniture			OF10	Bar Code Reader	6
MF11	Measuring Tape	8	OF11	Web Cam	6
MF12	Stainless Steel Glass Cupboard	8	OF12	Card Printer	2
MF13	Drugs Trolley	6	OF13	POS Printer	6
MF14	Emergency Trolley	6	OF14	Printer (Laser)	6
MF15	Dressing Trolley	5	OF15	External Hard Disk (2TB)	1
MF16	Screen	8			

Conditions of Bids

- Applicant should be an individual or institution registered under either Sri Lanka Business Names Registration Ordinance or Companies Act.
- Non Refundable fee for each set of forms (for one package) is Rs. 3000/- and that value should be paid and the bid forms may be obtained from the Bio Medical Engineering Services Division of our office on working days from 11.05.2021 until 03.06.2021.
- Refundable bid security deposit for each set of forms (each package) is 2% of the bid value. That amount may be submitted either by cash or by a bank guarantee and should be submitted as per the form attached to the bid documents valid for 120 days.
- Sealed bids should be submitted in duplicate and the Original and Duplicate should be inserted in separate envelopes mentioning the Package No. on it and both covers should be reinserted in a single cover and submitted mentioning "Supply of Medical Equipment (Package No.) – 2021 / Supply of Office Equipment (Package No.) – 2021" on the left hand top corner of the outer envelope.
- Sealed bids may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Office of the Regional Directorate of Health Services, Community Hall Road, Monaragala" or deposited in the Bid Box kept in the Accounts Division of this office to receive before 10.30 a.m. on 03.06.2021.
- Bids will be opened at 10.35 a.m. on 03.06.2021. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Bids received after the specified date and time will be rejected.
- Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or part thereof.
- Further details regarding this may be obtained by calling on the Telephone Numbers given below.

**Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee
Office of the Regional Directorate of Health Services
Community Hall Road
Monaragala**

**Tel. Nos. 0552055844
055-2276200**

Notice for citizens in the area, under Section 6(1) of Regulations for Preparation and Executing of Annual Budgets of Pradeshiya Sabhas

It is kindly informed that I will be accepting the proposals (if any) which are expected to be included in the Capital Expenditure Estimate and Development Plan of the Budget, proposed to be prepared by Alawwa Pradeshiya Sabha for the year 2022, before 30.06.2021.

On 03.05.2021

At the Head Office of Alawwa Pradeshiya Sabha

**Chairman,
Pradeshiya Sabha,
Alawwa**

Tel : 037-2278747 / 037-2278175
Fax : 037-2278175
Email : alawwa_ps@yahoo.com

I, **Wickramaratchi Vidanalage Virginia Fernando** holder of National Identity Card No. 385860951 V of 16, Holy Cross Avenue, Moratuwa, in the Grama Niladhari Division, Uyana South No. 552A, in the District of Colombo, Western Province, hereby give notice to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the general public that I will henceforth use the name as Heather Virginia Ameresekere.

H.V. Ameresekere

NOTICE

Incorporation of a company is hereby notified pursuant to Section 9 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Name of Company: **ACTUAL GROWTH CONSULTANCY (PVT) LTD**
Registered address: 431/1, Indunil, Gohagoda, Katugastota, Kandy.
Incorporated Date: 05th April 2021.
Company Reg. No. PV 00237695

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DIVISION OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF ACCESSORIES, SPARE PARTS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

- Sealed bids for the supply of undermentioned Accessories, Spare parts and Medical Equipment will be received by the Chairman Procurement Committee, Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Saram Place, Colombo 10, up to 10.00 a.m. on closing date stated below.

No.	Item	Qty	The period Bidding Documents could be obtained		Closing Date	Non-refundable fee to be made at BES Office (Rs.)	Estimated cost (Rs.) (In Million)
			From	To			
01	VENTILATORS (THERAPEUTIC) - NEONATAL	16	07.05.2021	12.05.2021	13.05.2021	12,500.00	80
02	MODERN LEAD-FREE LIGHTWEIGHT VEST AND SKIRT/FULL WRAP APRONS	12	07.05.2021	21.05.2021	24.05.2021	1,000.00	4
	LEAD-FREE THYROID COLLARS	14					
	CAPS	06					
	GOGGLES	06					

Any supplier available with compatible accessories, spare parts and medical equipment for the requested items is eligible to participate in this procurement.

- Sealed bids shall be made on a quotation/bidding document purchased by any interested eligible bidder.
- Quotation/Bidding Documents can be obtained from the Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Saram Place, Colombo-10 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. during the period stated above. - (Tel. No. : 011-2691916, 2694479 - Fax No.: 011-2698317)
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the office of Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Saram Place, Colombo-10.
- Quotation/Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Saram Place, Colombo-10.
- Please submit contract registration certificate issued by Company Registrar with bidding document.
- Further information could be obtained from Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services on Tel. No. 2684732.

**Chairman/Divisional Procurement Committee,
Division of Biomedical Engineering Services,
27, De Saram Place,
Colombo-10.**

Ministry of Justice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Providing access facilities to Officers working in Courts and to the general public who call over to obtain services

Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Justice from fully qualified, eligible bidders for fixing of electric lifts at the Courts mentioned below.

No.	Court Zone	Project	Duration of Project	Estimated Cost inclusive of 10% contingencies (Without VAT) (Rs. Mn)
1	Hingurakgoda District / Magistrates Courts.	Fixing 01 electric lift	from May to Nov. 2021	5.7
2	Mahara High Courts	Fixing 01 electric lift	from May to Nov. 2021	5.7
3	Negombo Courts Complex	Fixing 02 electric lift	from May to Nov. 2021	11.4
4	Helboda Circuit Magistrates Courts	Fixing 01 electric lift	from May to Nov. 2021	5.7
5	Wakare Circuit Magistrate Courts	Fixing 01 electric lift	from May to Nov. 2021	5.7
Total		06		34.2

- Details of requirements and specifications for implementing of the projects mentioned above are issued along with bid documents.
- Bidding will be conducted according to National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Bidders should not be blacklisted for qualification of awarding of contract and should possess EM2 registration in the grades mentioned in the table above.
- Bidders interested in this matter could obtain further details from the Accountant (Procurement) Procurement Division on the 03rd Floor of the Ministry of Justice at the Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12. Bid documents could be inspected at the Procurement Division mentioned above from 10.05.2021 on weekdays (other than on public holidays) during office hours (9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.) Telephone / Fax No. 011-2438178.
- A complete set of bid documents prepared in English could be obtained up to 2.00 p.m. on 31.06.2021 during office hours (9.00 am. - 3.00 p.m.) by bidders interested in this matter, from the Procurement Division on the Third Floor of the Ministry of Justice at Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12 after paying a non refundable fee of Rs. 8,000/= for one set of bid documents and submitting a written request, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Justice.
- Bids should be handed-over in two copies to,
 - The Chairman, Procurement Committee at the address below by registered post to be received at or before 11.00 a.m. on 01.07.2021 at the Ministry or
 - Could be inserted in the tender box kept in the Procurement Division on the third floor of the Ministry of Justice at the Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12 to be received at or before 11.00 a.m. on 01.07.2021.
 Bids received late will be rejected. Bids submitted by email or by any other means will not be accepted.
- A bid guarantee according to the specimen, similar to a Bank guarantee attached to the bid documents to the value in Sri Lankan Rupees should be attached and submitted with all bids. This bid guarantee to the value of Rs. 313,000.00 should have been issued by an approved commercial bank valid until 28.10.2021. Any bids submitted without attaching the bid guarantee will be rejected. Further details regarding submitting of bids are included in the bid documents.
- Bids should be valid up to 28.10.2021.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at the address mentioned in para 05 above in the presence of bidders and/or their authorized representatives who wish to be present personally on this occasion.
- The Ministry of Justice will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred in preparation or delivery of bids.
- A pre bid meeting will be held on 24.05.2021.
- The Procurement Board retains the right of the final decision regarding this procurement.

**Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Justice,
Superior Courts Complex,
Colombo 12.**



THE COMMITTEE ON HIGH POSTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF SRI LANKA TO EXAMINE THE SUITABILITY OF PERSONS APPOINTED/NOMINATED TO THE STATE SERVICES AND STATE CORPORATIONS

The Committee on High Posts of the Parliament of Sri Lanka is due to examine the suitability of the persons appointed / nominated to the following posts:

No.	Name and Address	Designation
1.	Mr. M.R.K. Lenagala No. 40 B, Summit Flats, Colombo 05.	Nominated as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Republic of Korea
2.	Mrs. Kimarli Fernando, No. 14/2, Ward Place, Colombo 07.	Appointed as the Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau and Sri Lanka Convention Bureau
3.	Mr. Raja A. Edirisuriya, 2000 Plaza, No. 25, New Hospital Road, Apartment 1202, Sri Jayawardanapura.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Urban Settlement Development Authority
4.	Prof. N.T.S. Wijesekera, No. 45, 1 st Lane, Medawelikada Road, Rajagiriya.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Construction Industry Development Authority
5.	Ms. Darshani Lahandapura, No. 498/2, Ruwanpura, Aggona, Mulleriyawa.	Appointed as the Chairperson of the Marine Environment Protection Authority
6.	Eng. J.A.B. Jayathilake, No. 109, Temple Road, Julampitiya, Weeraketiya.	Appointed as the Chairman of the National Equipment and Machinery Organization
7.	Mr. Rathnasiri Kalupahana, No. 47/A, Sunethradevi Road, Kohuwala, Nugegoda.	Appointed as the Chairman of the State Engineering Corporation
8.	Mr. Renuka Perera, No. 365, Nagahawatta Road, Kotikawatta, Mulleriyawa.	Appointed as the Chairman of the National Housing Development Authority
9.	Mr. Vijitha Herath, No. 4/1, Ediriweera Place, Dehiwala.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board
10.	Mr. Athula Priyadarshana De Silva, No 344/3E, Arewwala, Pannipitiya.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Ltd
11.	Mr. B.K. Jagath Perera, No 373/B, Wedhagewatta, Magamma, Homagama.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Lanka Coal Company (Pvt) Ltd
12.	Mr. Ranjith Sepala, No 46/8, Gamunu Place, Senanayake Mawatha, Nawala.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority
13.	Prof. S.R.D. Rosa, No 1310/2, Hokandara Road, Pannipitiya.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board
14.	Dr. D.M.S. Dissanayaka, "Dile", Irabadagama, Sandalankawa.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council
15.	Dr. Nihal Jayathilake, No. 465/2, Welivita Road, Kaduwela.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation
16.	Mr. Jagath Wickramasinghe, No. 402/6, Gammana Road, Pannipitiya.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation
17.	Mr. Mahinda Pathirana, No. 214/7/1, Jaya Mawatha, Watareka, Padukka.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Press Council
18.	Mrs. C. Dilhara Amarasekera, No.53, Sri Subuthipura, Battaramulla.	Appointed as the Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute
19.	Dr. K. A. S. Gamage, No.11, Walagamba Mawatha, Borupana Road, Rathmalana.	Appointed as the Chairman of the National Transport Medical Institute
20.	Mr. Jayantha Wickramasinghe, No. 7/1, Sumner Place, Borella, Colombo 08.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Coconut Cultivation Board, Coconut Development Authority and Coconut Research Institute
21.	Mrs. Kumudunie Gunasekara, No. 102/5, Dolekanaththa Road, Mawiththara, Piliyandala.	Appointed as the Chairman of the Spices and Allied Products Marketing Board

Any organization or individual desirous of making representations with regard to the above appointments/ nominations should send duly signed written memoranda under registered cover to **The Secretary, Committee on High Posts, Committee Office, Parliament of Sri Lanka, Sri Jayewardanapura, Kotte** on or before **21st of May 2021**. Representations may also be faxed to fax No. 011-2777300 or be sent via email: highposts_c@parliament.lk.

The Committee may require such memoranda to be supported by oral evidence. The advertisement is also available on the Parliament Website (www.parliament.lk)

**Secretary to the Committee
Secretary General of Parliament**

**Parliament of Sri Lanka
Sri Jayewardanapura Kotte**

07.05.2021

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE
 Ministry of Finance
 Department of Government Valuation

Invitation for Bids for the Sale of a Motor Car removed from use

- Bids are invited for the sale of Honda Civic Motor Car bearing No. 301-2723 removed from use of Department of Government Valuation.
- The vehicle could be inspected from 07.05.2021 to 20.05.2021 during office days from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Head Office premises.
- Interested Bidders could obtain Bid Forms from 07.05.2021 to 20.05.2021 on working days of the week between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. upon submission of receipt issued by the Shroff of the Department of Government Valuation for the payment of the non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000/= and a refundable deposit of Rs. 10,000/= in cash.
- Perfect Bid Documents should be hand delivered or sent by registered post to the Chief Accountant, 1st Floor, Department of Government Valuation, No. 748, Maradana Road, Colombo 10 before 2.00 p.m. on 21.05.2021.
- The decision of the Chief Valuer will be final.

**Chief Valuer,
 Department of Valuation,
 No. 748, Maradana Road,
 Colombo 10.**

PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES - SABARAGAMUWA

INVITATION OF BIDS

Supply of Medical Equipment

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Provincial Director of Health Services, Sabaragamuwa Province on behalf of the Department of Health Services now invites sealed bids from eligible & qualified bidders for supply, delivery and installation of the under mentioned items. Receipt of bids will be closed at 10.00 am on **01st June 2021**.

No.	Item	Qty.	Document Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security Value (Rs.)
01	Exercise ECG Machine	1	5000.00 (Per each Item)	100,000.00
02	Ultra Sound Scanner (High End)	4		750,000.00
03	Athroscope	1		480,000.00
04	Laparoscopy System	1		480,000.00
05	Digital Tornique	1		8,000.00
06	C - Arm X-ray	1		680,000.00
07	Dermotoma	1		90,000.00
08	Orthopedic Traction Table	1		190,000.00
09	ABR/ABRIS/OAE Module	1		45,000.00
10	Diagnostic Audiometer	1		45,000.00
11	Middle Ear Analyzer	1		10,000.00
12	ENT Workstation with Telescope (0-2.4mm)	1		275,000.00
13	Cryotherapy Gun	2		5,000.00
14	Electro Quaterly Machine	2		5,000.00
15	Theatre Bed	1		125,000.00
16	Cryotherapy Canister	3		17,000.00
17	Sucker (DJ)	13		50,000.00
18	Infant Incubators	4		142,000.00
19	AB Scanner	1		60,000.00
20	Ophthalmic Operating Microscope	1		215,000.00
21	Autoclave (vertical - 60 L)	5		58,000.00
22	Binocular Microscope	4		22,000.00
23	Dark Ground Microscope	1		9,000.00
24	CPAP Machine (Adult & Paed)	7		165,000.00
25	ECT Machine	1		135,000.00

- The bidder should be the authorized supplier for Hospital Medical Equipment.
- Bidding will be conducted through the process of National Competitive Bidding.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain information from the Director, Provincial Directorate of Health Services, No. 75, Dharmapala Mawatha, Rathnapura. (Telephone 045-2222322 / 045-2223270) on or before 30th May 2021 from 9.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m. on working days at the address given below.
**Director,
 Provincial Directorate of Health Services,
 No. 75, Dharmapala Mawatha,
 Rathnapura.**
- Qualifications and requirements
 Registered company under Companies Act No.07 of 2007.
 Minimum 03 years of experience before the date of 31st May 2021 in the sales of Hospital Medical Equipment.
 • Additional details are provided in the bidding document.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language should be purchased by interested bidders **separately** on the submission of a written application from the address above (Para 04) and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 5,000.00 per each item** mentioned above, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. commencing from 07.05.2021 to 30.05.2021. The mode of payment shall be in cash in favour of the Director, Provincial Directorate of Health Services - Sabaragamuwa.
- A pre bid meeting with the parties who have collected with document will be held on 21.05.2021 at 10.00 am at the auditorium of above address (in Para 04)
- Sealed Bids in two copies indicating **Original and Duplicate** must be delivered to the address above (in Para 04) on or before 10.00 am on 01st June 2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened with the presence of the bidders or their representative's right after the bid closing. Every bid must be accompanied by a bid security of the amount described in the bidding document.
- The title of bid should be clearly mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the bid submission envelope.
- The address referred to above is: The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Provincial Directorate of Health Services Office, No.75, Dharmapala Mawatha, Rathnapura.

**The Chairman,
 Departmental Procurement Committee,
 Provincial Directorate of Health Services Office,
 No.75, Dharmapala Mawatha,
 Rathnapura.
 07.05.2021**

PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to **28.02.2020** for a period of one year at the under mentioned Branches and Service Centres of the People's Bank which remain unredeemed as at dates indicated against them will be sold by public Auction starting at 9.00 a.m. on the dates and places as indicated below.

Name of Branch	Service Centre	Final Date to Redeem	Date & Place of Auction
Nochchiyagama	Saliyawewa	21.05.2021	22nd and 23rd May 2021 at Nochchiyagama Branch Premises
Thambuttegama	Damsopura		
	Rajanganaya		
	Queen Junction		
Talawa	-		22nd and 23rd May 2021 at Anuradhapura Branch Premises
Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura		
	Nachchaduwa		
	Rambewa		
Nuwarawewa	Wilachchiya		22nd and 23rd May 2021 at Kekirawa Branch Premises
	Mihinthale		
	Thirappane		
Galkiriyagama	-		22nd and 23rd May 2021 at Medawachchiya Branch Premises
Kekirawa	Maradankadawala		
	Ganewalpol		
Eppawala	-		22nd and 23rd May 2021 at Kahatagasdigiya Branch Premises
Galnewa	Bulnewa		
Meegalewa	-		
Medawachchiya	-	22nd and 23rd May 2021 at Kahatagasdigiya Branch Premises	
Padaviya	Padavi		
	Parakramapura		
	Padavi Sripura		
Kebithigollewa	-	22nd and 23rd May 2021 at Kahatagasdigiya Branch Premises	
Kahatagasdigiya	-		
Galenbindunuwewa	-		
Horowpotana	-		

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, postpone the auction or hold it jointly with another branch.

**People's Bank
 Regional Head Office,
 Maithripala Senanayake Mawatha
 Anuradhapura** **Regional Manager
 (Anuradhapura Region)**



Provision of Skilled and Unskilled Labourers for Garden Management of the University of Moratuwa

CONTRACT No : UM/CWS/GMD/LABOUR/2021/05

INVITATION FOR BID

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Moratuwa, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the provision of Skilled and Unskilled labourers for the Garden Management of the University of Moratuwa.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- The employer retains the right to reject a part of the bid or the whole bid without being subjected to any claim.
- Alternative Bids shall not be accepted.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted, shall be a registered company in Sri Lanka under the Business Registration Regulation having minimum of two years' experience in providing labourers, at the time of the submission of the bid.
- The Bidder shall submit copies of Company Registration Certificate, Certificates/client references of previous experience Certificate, certificate of Bank statements for 3 consecutive months, latest Annual Report along with Audited Accounts for 03 consecutive financial years.
- The intended service period is **365 days** from the start date.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Senior Assistant Registrar (Capital Works & Services) over the telephone number: 011-2651594 during normal working hours from **07.05.2021 to 20.05.2021**.
- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Senior Assistant Registrar (Capital Works & Services), University of Moratuwa, during normal working hours from **9.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m**
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written request on a business letter head to the **Senior Assistant Registrar (Capital Works & Services), University of Moratuwa, from 07.05.2021 until 20.05.2021 from 0900h to 1500h** on normal working days upon payment of a non-refundable tender fee of **LKR. 1000/-** to Shroff of the University in cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Moratuwa, Moratuwa** on or before **2.30 p.m. on 28.05.2021** and the Bids will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of the Bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be rejected & returned unopened.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of **LKR. 71,000.00** in the form given in the Bidding document. Bid security shall be valid up to **119 days** from the date of closing of Bids.
- A pre bid meeting will be held at **10.30 a.m. on 20.05.2021** at Capital Works & Services Division, University of Moratuwa. Please note that it is necessary to purchase bidding documents before participating the pre bid meeting.

**Chairman
 Department Procurement Committee
 University of Moratuwa
 Katubedda
 Moratuwa.**

VEHICLES FOR SALE

Vehicle No.	Make	Model	Year
CAR			
300 -6XXX	TOYOTA	EE97R	1990
301 -7XXX	NISSAN	PRESEA R11	1996
KT -0XXX	FORD	FESTA	2011
CAB			
PC -7XXX	TOYOTA	HILUX	2005
LORRY			
043 -5XXX	TOYOTA	DYNA	1988
PW -5XXX	TATA	ACE EX2	2013
DA4 -0XXX	TATA	ACE EX2	2014
PX -2XXX	TATA	ACE EX2	2014
BUS			
062 -4XXX	NISSAN	RMB1G	1987
HARVESTER			
W/R	MUBOTA	AC 70S	2010
THREE WHEELER			
JR -4XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2004
OC -4XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
JZ -7XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
QB -1XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
AAF -6XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2012
AAH -0XXX	BAJAJ	RE205	2013
ABI -5XXX	BAJAJ	RE	2015
ABM -0XXX	TVS	KING	2015

BIKE

BIG -3XXX	HERO	MAESTRO EDGE	2019
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Vehicle Inspection:
Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC
 Vehicle Yard - No: 176, Lake Road, Maharagama
 Tel - 0112 093 505

Dates for inspection of vehicles

7th, 10th, 11th & 12th May 2021 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the above address (Acceptance of tenders will be closed at 5.00 pm 12th May 2021)

Tender forms could be obtained from the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC Vehicle Yards at the above addresses upon making a non-refundable payment of Rs.200/- Successful bidders will be notified over the telephone, and they should remove the relevant vehicles within 7 days from the date of notification. The company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle from the tender without stating any reason. While the successful bidders shall accept the relevant vehicles in the existing condition, any outstanding payment in relation to revenue license and government taxes etc shall have to borne by such bidders.

Decision of the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC pertaining to this tender shall be final.

Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC

Head Office
 236, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
 Tel No. 2343720 - 7 EXT: 210

Contact:
 Janaka - 071 1624559 / Moditha - 071 9530350

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NORTHERN PROVINCE
Notice for meeting under the Local Authorities Elections
(Amendment) Act No. 22 of 2012


I, Mariyathas Patrick Diranjan, Commissioner of Local Government, Northern Province by virtue of powers vested in me under Sub Section No. 66 (G) of Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act No.22 of 2012, hereby notify to convene the meeting for the election to fill the vacancy of Chairman of Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha in Northern Province on 2021.05.19 at 10.30 am at Council Hall of the Manthai West Pradeshiya Sabha.

Mariyathas Patrick Diranjan,
Commissioner of Local Government,
Northern Province.

Department of Local Government, Northern Province,
Elders Home Complex, A9 Road, Kaithady, Jaffna.
06th May 2021

NOTICE
Public Notice of incorporation of a limited liability company.
Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
Name of Company: **GUNAM SON ENTERPRISE (PVT) LTD**
Company Reg Num: PV 00238280
Date of Incorporation: 18.04.2021
Registered Office: No. 440/1, Kandy Road, Ariyalai, Jaffna.
Secretary **Gunam Son Enterprise (Pvt) Ltd.,**

NOTICE
Notice under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 regarding the incorporation of the following company.
Name of Company: **MALAGALA AND MAPALANA ECO ESTATES (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
Registered Office: **10, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw, Gorakapitiya, Piliyandala, Sri Lanka.**
Registered No: **PV00238663**
Date of Incorporation: **27.04.2021**



Department of Posts

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Preparing, Printing & Supplying of Padded Envelopes & Packing Box

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Department of Posts now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Preparing, Printing & Supplying of Padded Envelopes & Packing Box in following categories and Quantities.

Item	Envelopes	Size (length x width)	Req. Quantity
Preparing, Printing & Supplying of Padded Envelope	CD Pack	(7"x7") 176mm x 176 mm	10,000
	A5 Pack	(7"x10") 176mm x 250 mm	10,000
	File Pack	(10"x15") 250mm x 353 mm	10,000
	Jumbo Pack	(13"x18") 324mm x 458 mm	10,000

Item	Post Box	Size (length x width x height)	Req. Quantity
Preparing, Printing & Supplying of Packing Box	Box - 01	8"x6"x3"	10,000
	Box - 02	10"x7"x4"	10,000
	Box - 03	12"x9"x4"	10,000
	Box - 04	13"x10"x5"	10,000
	Box - 05	16"x12"x6"	10,000

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Eligibility Criteria :**
 - Relevant valid business Registration.
 - Minimum average annual turnover during the last three (03) years should be equal or greater than LKR. 8mn.
 - Should have completed at least 20mn worth of average turnover supply during any of the last 5 years.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application by Bidder himself or by bidders' representatives to the address below and upon payment of non-refundable fee of **LKR 3,500/=** to the Postmaster General up to 14.00 hours on **01st June 2021**.
- Pre-bid meeting in this regard will be held at 10.00 hours on **17th May 2021** at Postmaster General's Conference Room, Headquarters, Department of Posts, No. 310, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 14.00 hours on **02nd June 2021**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the Presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the address below immediately after the closing time.
- Bids shall be valid up to 77 calendar days from the date closing of bids.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security issued by a Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka or Insurance Company operated in Sri Lanka by the Insurance Board of Sri Lanka (unconditional) of **LKR 100,000/=** valid up to **17th September 2021** and drawn in favour of "Postmaster General, Department of Posts".
- Postmaster General of Department of Posts reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adding any reasons.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Accountant (Procurement) from Telephone 0115746194, another Number 011- 4927249 on working days between 09.00 hours & 15.00 hours and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below.
Accountant (Procurement)
Postal Headquarters, Ground Floor,
No. 310, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Department of Posts,
No. 310, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

07.05.2021

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

TEACHING HOSPITAL, BATTICALOA

BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORK

- The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa now invites sealed bids for the following Improvement work from eligible and qualified bidders who have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the field of Building Construction as per the schedule given below.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from **Director of Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa** on working days between **9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.** up to 27.05.2021 on submission of a written request to the Director, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa and submission of receipt on General 172 as prove of payment for non-refundable fee indicated in the table below, payment may be made at the office of the Finance Branch, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.
- Bidders shall also register themselves with the 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 and also should get the contract registered after the tender is awarded. The procurement shall not be awarded to any bidder unless such bidder has submitted the PCA 03 certificate.
- Duly filled bidding documents, marked "Original" and "Duplicate" relevant in two sealed envelopes and enclosed both in one sealed envelope marked "Bid for the Procurement of (Name of the Procurement) on the top left hand corner of the separate envelope should either be sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the tender box kept at the Chief Accountant's Office, Financial Management Unit, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa at or before **10.00 a.m.** on 28.05.2021. Late bids are not accepted.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids, at the Director Conference Hall of the above address and the bidder or one of his/her authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the occasion.

No.	Contract No.	Name of Procurement	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Eligibility CIDA Grade	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Bid Security Validity Period	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)
1.	THB/PDU(B)/Imp/Veh. Park/2021	Improvement of Car Parking behind NTS at TH, Batticaloa.	9,985,197.00	C7 & C6	100,000.00	119 Days	2,000.00

For further details, please contact Chief Accountant Tel No. 065-2222261. Bid documents can be inspected free of charge. Regional Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the bid as a whole or part thereof.

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Teaching Hospital,
Batticaloa.

07.05.2021

Expressions of Interest

Ministry of Justice (MOJ)

Consultancy Service for Design, Procurement, Contract Management and Construction & Post Construction Supervision

The Chairman, Ministry Consultant Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Justice invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the service described below :


The Consultancy Service includes Design, Procurement, Contract Management and Construction & Post Construction Supervision for following court buildings.

No.	Courts	Contract Number
01	Multi Storied Building for Attanagalla Court	MOJ/AC/26/43/2021
02	Multi Storied Building for Minuwangoda Court	MOJ/AC/26/44/2021
03	Multi Storied Building for Hatton District / Magistrate Court	MOJ/AC/26/45/2021
04	Multi Storied Building for Horana Court	MOJ/AC/26/46/2021
05	Multi Storied Building for Kegalle Court	MOJ/AC/26/47/2021
06	Multi Storied Building for Kaduwela Court	MOJ/AC/26/48/2021
07	Multi Storied Building for Mathugama Court	MOJ/AC/26/49/2021
08	Multi Storied Building for Mawanella District / Magistrate Court	MOJ/AC/26/50/2021
09	Multi Storied Building for Morawaka Court	MOJ/AC/26/51/2021
10	Multi Storied Building for Mount Lavinia Court	MOJ/AC/26/52/2021
11	Multi Storied Building for Nuwaraeliya Court	MOJ/AC/26/53/2021
12	Multi Storied Building for Pelmadulla Court	MOJ/AC/26/54/2021

Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the service (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.) as per the format titled "Consultancy Service MOJ" available in the website : www.moj.gov.lk. Interested consultants may obtain Terms of Reference from same website and further information from **Accountant (Procurement), Supply Division, Ministry of Justice. Tel. 011-2438178.**

Duly completed sealed Expressions of Interest under sealed cover must be addressed to the Chairman, Ministry Consultancy Procurement Committee, Ministry of Justice delivered to the address given below on or before 31st May 2021 at 11.00 a.m.

Chairman,
Ministry Consultancy Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Justice,
Superior Courts Complex,
Colombo 12.



INVITATION FOR BIDS

(IFB-2021/01)

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH,
NORTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

- The **Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee,** on behalf of the **Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health, Northern Province,** invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Civil work as described in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure and Public Finance Circular No: 03/2020 and 03/2020(i) dated 09.10.2020 and 11.01.2021 respectively will be adopted.**
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) registration and qualification requirements listed below. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the **Bidding data & Contract Data (Section 5).**
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Finance Branch, Animal Production and Health, Northern Province, 135, Kachcheri - Nallur Road, Jaffna, **021- 221 2652 Fax No.: 021- 2212652** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address on any working day from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Finance Branch, Department of Animal Production and Health, Northern Province, 135, Kachcheri - Nallur Road, Jaffna, from 10.05.2021 until 01.06.2021 on working days from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs, upon cash payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees Twelve thousand and Five Hundred only (Rs. 12,500/=)**
- Bids (Original, Duplicate) shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, **Department of Animal Production and Health, Northern Province, No: 135, Kachcheri - Nallur Road, Jaffna at or before 10.00 hrs on 02.06.2021.** Bid number must be written on the left-hand upper corner of the envelope. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid as indicated in the form of bid. (Section -4).
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of Bid Security included in Section-9. The amount and validity of the bid security shall be as per details given in Section -5.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at Department of Animal Production and Health, Northern Province, No: 135, Kachcheri - Nallur Road, Jaffna commencing at 10.00 hrs on 21.05.2021
- The Table referred to above is:

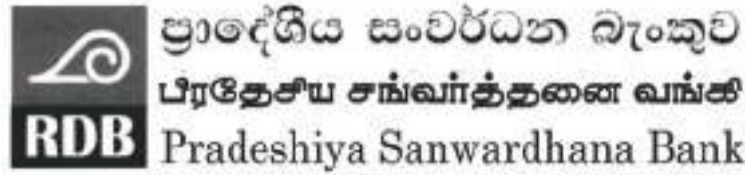
Bid.No	Title of Contract	PC	Proposed contract Price (Rs.Mn)	Bid Security Amount (Rs) & Validity	Construction Period	Required CIDA Grade
C B G / D A P H / MUL/2021/01	Construction of Provincial Director's Office, Department of Animal Production and Health - Northern Province at Mankulam, Mullaitivu District	DPC	62.00	930,000.00 & 29.09.2021	280 Days	C3 or C4 (Building Construction)

PC: Procurement Committee, DPC: Departmental Procurement Committee

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Department of Animal Production and Health,
Northern Province.

Phone: 021- 221 2652, Fax No: 021-2212652

Date: 07.05.2021



SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Gold Articles pawned up to 01st of April 2019 (including the said date) in the undermentioned Branches of Regional Development Bank and Branches of Lankaputhra Development Bank being pawned and completed the time given below table, but unredeemed up to 18th of June 2021 will be sold by Public Auction Commencing from 19th of June 2021 from 9.00 a.m. at the Province Offices, District Offices and Branches given below.

Last date of Pawned	Pawning Duration	Based date of Pawning	Time of fulfillment
2020-04-30	Pawning for 12 Months	2021.04.30	01 Year fulfilled
2020-10-31	Pawning for 06 Months	2021.04.30	06 months fulfilled
Before 2021-01-31	Pawning for 03 Months	2021.04.30	03 months fulfilled

Province Office							
Central (T.P. 0812214115 /6/7)	North Central (T.P.0252223080/ 0252225214)	North Western (T.P.0372231880)	Sabaragamuwa (T.P.0452224566)	Uva (T.P.0552223635)	Eastern (T.P.0652225881)	Western (T.P.0332248731/ 0332248583)	Southern (T.P.0412226208/9)
District Office							
Kandy (T.P. 0812214124/ 0812214115/6/7)	Polonnaruwa (T.P. 0272223212)	Kurunegala (T.P. 03722268323)	Rathnapura (T.P. 0452230512)	Monaragala (T.P. 0552273930)	Ampara (T.P. 0632223420)	Gampaha/ Colombo (T.P. 0332234922)	Hambanthota (T.P. 0472240647/8)
Matale (T.P.0662051332/3)	Anuradhapura (T.P. 0252223080)	Puttalam (T.P. 0322223448)	Kegalle (T.P. 0352230333)	Badulla (T.P. 0552224192)	Batticaloa (T.P. 0652225845)	Kaluthara (T.P.0342264276/ 0342262526)	Mathara (T.P. 0412231585)
Nuwaraeliya (T.P. 0522224552/ 0522222630)	North District Office (T.P. 0212280180)						Galle (T.P. 0912222458)

Western Province							
Agalawaththa	Awissawella	Baduraliya	Beruwala	Bulathsinhala	Divulapitiya	Dodangoda	Gampaha
Gonapola	Homagama	Horana	Ingiriya	Ja-Ela	Kaluthara	Kelaniya	Kirindiwela
Kolonnawa	Mathugama	Mawaramandiya	Meegahathenna	Millaniya	Minuwangoda	Mirigama	Miriswaththa
Moragahahena	Moronthuduwa	Nugegoda	Negombo	Nittambuwa	Panadura	Piliyandala	Ragama
Wadduwa	Walagedara	Warakagoda					

Central Province							
Agarapathana	Dambulla	Danthure	Daulagala	Galewela	Gampola	Ginigathhena	Hanguranketha
Hatharaliyadda	Hedeniya	Kandy	Kandy Second City	Katugasthota	Kotagala	Laggala	Menikhinna
Marassana	Senkadagala	Matale	Morayaya	Naula	Nawalapitiya	Nildandahinna	Nuwaraeliya
Peradeniya	Pujapitiya	Pundaluoya	Raththota	Rikillagaskada	Theldeniya	Udadumbara	Udawela
Waththegama	Wilgamuwa						

North Central Province							
Anuradhapura New Town	Anuradhapura	Aralaganwila	Bakamuna	Bogawewa	Chunnakkam	Galamuna	Galenbindunuwewa
Galnewa	Gonapathirawa	Hingurakgoda	Jaffna	Kaduruwela	Kaduruwela New City	Kahatagasdigiya	Kekirawa
Kangarayanukulama	Kilinochchi	Manampitiya	Mannar	Medawachchiya	Medirigiriya	Mihinthal	Polonnaruwa
Pulasthigama	Rambewa	Sewanapitiya	Siripura	Thalawa	Thambuththegama	Thambuththegama Town	Thirappane
Vavuniya							

North Western Province							
Alawwa	Ambanpola	Anamaduwa	Athugalpura	Bowaththa	Chilaw	Dummalasooriya	Galgamuwa
Giriulla	Ibbagamuwa	Kalpitiya	Kirimetiya	Kuliyapitiya	Kurunegala	Mahawewa	Maho
Mampuri	Mawathagama	Melsiripura	Mundell	Narammala	Naththandiya	Nawagattagama	Nikaweratiya
Panduwasnuwara	Palakuda	Pannala	Paragahadeniya	Perakumpura	Polpithigama	Pothuhera	Puttalam
Rideegama	St.Anapura	Wariyapola	Wennappuwa				

Sabaragamuwa Province							
Aranayaka	Balangoda	Bulathkohupitiya	Dehiowita	Deraniyagala	Dewalegama	Eheliyagoda	Embilipitiya
Erathna	Godakawela	Hemmathagama	Kahawaththa	Kalawana	Kegalle	Kegalle Second City	Kiriella
Kithulgala	Kolonna	Kotiyakumbura	Kuruwita	Mawanella	Nelumdeniya	Niwithigala	Pelmadulla
Pitagedeniya	Pothupitiya	Pulungupitiya	Rakwana	Rambukkana	Rathnapura	Ruwanwella	Sri Palabaddala
Warakapola	Weligepola	Yatyanthota					

Uva Province							
Badalkumbura	Badulla	Bandarawela	Bibila	Bogahakumbura	Buttala	Diyathalawa	Girandurukotte
Haldummulla	Haputale	Kandekatiya	Lunugala	Madulla	Mahiyanganaya	Maligathenna	Medagama
Meegahakiwla	Monaragala	Passara	Rideemaliyadda	Sewanagala	Siyambalanduwa	Thanamalwila	Uva Paranagama
Welimada	Wellawaya						

Eastern Province							
Akkareipattu	Ampara	Batticaloa	Batticaloa Second City	Chenkuladi	Damana	Dehiaththakandiya	Eravur
Kalmune	Kaluwanchikudi	Kanthale	Kattankudi	Kokkaddicholei	Mahaoya	Muthur	Ninthaur
Pothuwil	Samanthure	Trincomalee	Trincomalee Second City	Uhana	Walachchena		

Southern Province							
Ahangama	Akmeemana	Akuressa	Ambalanthota	Angunakolapelessa	Baddegama	Balapitiya	Barawakumbuka
Batapola	Beliaththa	Deiyandara	Deniyaya	Devinuwara	Dikwella	Elpitiya	Galle
Gandara	Gonagalpura	Hakmana	Hambanthota	Hambanthota Second City	Hikkaduwa	Imaduwa	Kaluwella
Kamburugamuwa	Kamburupitiya	Karandeniya	Karapitiya	Katuwana	Kekenadura	Kirinda	Lunugamwehera
Mathara City	Mawarala	Middeniya	Mirissa	Morawaka	Neluwa	Pamburana	Pitabeddara
Pitigala	Ranna	Sooriyawewa	Thalgaswala	Thangalle	Thihagoda	Thissamaharamaya	Udugama
Uragasmandiya	Urubokka	Walasmulla	Warapitiya	Weeraketiya	Weligama	Yakkalamulla	

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, postpone or jointly conduct these auctions without further notice to the public.

**Deputy General Manager,
Loan Recovery,
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GALLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SALE OF DISPOSABLE VEHICLES REMOVED FROM USE
INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Sealed Tenders are invited by me for sale of disposable vehicles removed from use, belonging to the Galle Municipal Council.

- These vehicles could be inspected from 07.05.2021 up to 07.06.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. at the Galle Municipal Council Stores premises. Separate Tenders should be submitted for each of the vehicles.
- Tender Forms including Tender Conditions could be obtained from 07.05.2021 up to 3.00 p.m. on 07.06.2021 from the Municipal Accountant of the Galle Municipal Council after paying the Tender Form Fee and the Tender Deposit as shown in the schedule below. Tenders will be accepted up to 10.00 a.m. on 08.06.2021 and they will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day. Tenderers or their authorized representatives are permitted to participate on this occasion.
- All Tenders should be submitted in two copies. These two copies should be inserted in separate envelopes appropriately marked as original copy and duplicate copy and sealed and thereafter, they should be enclosed in a single envelope and sealed and the name of the Tender should be marked on the top left-hand corner of this envelope. (e.g. **Purchase of Vehicle No. RA 5925**) and sent by Registered Post addressed to Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Galle to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 08.06.2021 or should be inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Municipal Commissioner's Office, Galle. Tender conditions should also be signed in respect of all tenders and submitted.
- The successful Tenderer should pay the full amount and take-over the vehicle within 03 days of intimation. In the event he fails to make payment and redeem the vehicle the money paid as a Tender Guarantee will be forfeited by the Council.
- In the event of any controversy that may occur regarding tenders submitted or any issues not concerning conditions, the decision of the Tender Board will be deemed as final. Tenders received after the stipulated time will be rejected.

Schedule

Serial No.	Details	Tender Form Fee (Rs. Cts.)	Tender Guarantee Amount Rs.	Minimum Bid (Rs. Cts.)
01	Tractor RA 5925	1000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00
02	Gully Vehicle 227-5606	1000.00	50,000.00	700,000.00
03	Gully Vehicle - LA-4669	1000.00	100,000.00	1,000,000.00

07. The Galle Municipal Council retains the right to reject any tender or all tenders without presenting any reasons.

Ranil Wickramasekera
(Actg.) Municipal Commissioner
Galle Municipal Council

At the Office of the Galle Municipal Council

04.05.2021

CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

INVITATION FOR BIDS

SALE OF SCRAP OF MANNAR WIND POWER PROJECT

Date : May 07, 2021
Bid No. and Title : CEB/PD-MWPP/2021/Selling of Scrap
Sale of Scrap of Mannar Wind Power Project
Type of Bid : National Competitive Bidding
Value of Bid Bond : 150,000 LKR
Deadline for submission of Bids: May, 21 2021 at 10.00 hrs., local time

1. The Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) is disposing of the scrap material at the Mannar Wind Power Project by sale and the Chairman of the Divisional Procurement Committee (Projects) on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, requests eligible Bidders to submit their sealed Bids.
(Bidding documents and the details are available on Ceylon Electricity Board website: www.ceb.lk)

2. Scrap items for sale are available at the site in following address for inspection.
**Vestas Yard (Near Nadukkuda Grid Substation),
Nadukkuda Road,
Pesalai,
Mannar.**

3. Details and description of scrap items are available in the Bidding Document. Once the award is made to the successful bidder, he needs to make the payment for the total quantity of scraps within 5 working days from the date of letter of award. Payment shall be made by a bank draft drawn in favour of "General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board". Once the total payment is made, successful bidder shall arrange to remove the scrap items from site within 7 working days.

4. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, Bidders should contact:
**Project Director,
Mannar Wind Power Project,
Ceylon Electricity Board,
No. 754, New Parliament Road,
Pelawatta, Battaramulla 10120,
Sri Lanka. Tel: +94 11 2889640, Fax: +94 11 2869631**

5. Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidders or their accredited Agents.

6. Bids should be delivered at,
**Tender Box at the Office of the Project Director,
Mannar Wind Power Project, Ceylon Electricity Board,
No. 754, New Parliament Road,
Pelawatta,
Battaramulla.**
• on or before the deadline: 1000 hours on May 21, 2021 together with a Bid Security in the amount specified in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document
• Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of Bidders' representatives or their authorized representatives who choose to attend at the Bid opening, at the same location as above.

Late Bids shall be rejected without any reason.

7. Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agent on submission of a written request to the Project Director as mentioned above upon payment of the amount of 2,000 LKR for each set of Bid Documents, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working day till two days prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

8. CEB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation, attending pre-bid meeting, site visits and delivery of bids.

General Manager
Ceylon Electricity Board



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PEOPLE'S BANK

TENDER NOTICE P-049/2021

CASH COUNTING MACHINES

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed Local Suppliers in Sri Lanka for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of equipment of the following projects given below.

Tender No.	Description of the project	Value of Bid Security	Last Date & Time of issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P-049/2021	150 Nos. Cash Counting Machines	Rs. 275,000.00	28.05.2021 at 2.00 p.m.	31.05.2021 at 2.00 p.m.

01. Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 by depositing Rs.1,500/- 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 paying slip between 9.00 a.m and 2.00 p.m. from 07.05.2021 to 28.05.2021 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 at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tender will be opened at 2.00 p.m on the above mentioned date. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. on due date will be rejected and return unopened.

03. Perfected tender document should be accompanied by a **Rs. 275,000/-** 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. Cheque 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 obtain 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 No. : 2439577 / 2439578
Fax : 2439576
Website : www.peoplesbank.lk



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

DISTRICT SECRETARIAT - BATTICALOA

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (CIVIL WORKS)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Chairman, District Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Secretary, State Ministry of Home Affairs invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works described in the table below.

Contract No	Description of the work	Total Civil Cost (Rs.)	Bid Validity Period Up to	Bid Security / Validity	Non-Refundable Tender Fee(Rs.)	ICTAD/CIDA GRADE Specialty	Completion period
ADM/ COKPW/ DO-4/2021	Completion of Ground Floor of Construction of Office Building, Divisional Secretariat at Koralaipattu West, Oddamavady.	6,811,871.07	12.08.2021	68,100/- Up to 09.09.2021	3,000/-	C7 and C6 Building	90 Days
ADM/ RCCBG-01/ DO-4/2021	Renovation of Circuit Bangalow-01 at Saravana Road, Kallady, Batticaloa.	2,492,495.05	29.07.2021	24,900/- Up to 25.08.2021	1,500/-	C8 and C7 Building	90 Days
ADM/ RCCBG-02/ DO-4/2021	Renovation of Circuit Bangalow- 02 at Pillayar Kovil Road, Kallady, Batticaloa.	3,575,155.87	29.07.2021	35,700/- Up to 25.08.2021	2,000/-	C8 and C7 Building	90 Days

01. Bidding will be conducted through "National Competitive Bidding"(NCB). Since the estimated value of this procurement is less than Rs. 50 Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (iii) and Public Finance Circular No. 3/2020(i) also will be considered.

02. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall have not been blacklisted and should be contractors registered with ICTAD/CIDA under the grade prescribed in the table for buildings.

03. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Govt.Agent, District Secretariat, Batticaloa and inspect the bidding documents from 09.00 hours to 16.00 hrs.

04. A complete set of bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the District Secretary, District Secretariat, Batticaloa on the submission of a written application to the Government Agent, Batticaloa from 07.05.2021 until 25.05.2021 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee specified above in the table. The method of payment will be cash.

05. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below at or before 3.00 p.m on 28.05.2021. Name of the contract should be written on the top left-hand corner of the sealed Envelope. Bids shall be delivered to the address below through registered post or by depositing in the Tender box at District Secretariat. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend.

06. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of the amount mentioned in the table above.

07. Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 20.05.2021 at 3.00p.m at GA's Office, Batticaloa.

The address referred to above is:

Chairman, Tel : 065/222234
District Procurement Committee, Fax : 065/2224369
District Secretariat, Batticaloa

Mr. K. Karunaharan
Chairman -DPC
District Secretary,
Batticaloa.

06.05.2021

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CEYLINCO INSURANCE PLC LOST SHARE CERTIFICATES

The following Share Certificates of Voting Ordinary Shares in the name of Shanmugam Selvarajah of No. 6, Sumner Place, Colombo 8, are deemed to be lost. An application has been made to the Directors of the Company for issue of duplicates thereof by Mr S. Selvarajah.

Share Certificate Nos.	No. of Shares	Distinctive Numbers	Date
23156	305	10,796,275 - 10,796,579	10.10.2000
23242	250	11,617,894 - 11,618,143	10.10.2000
25037	75	13,574,744 - 13,574,818	16.11.2000
24956	91	13,419,946 - 13,420,036	16.11.2000
26891	366	16,195,490 - 16,195,855	18.04.2002
28986	439	19,289,144 - 19,289,582	30.03.2004

NOTICE is hereby given that if within two weeks from date of publication no claim is made to us, the Directors shall deal with such Application for the issue of duplicate Share Certificates and the original Share Certificates will be deemed cancelled.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Company Secretary
CEYLINCO INSURANCE PLC (PQ 24)
(Formerly known as Ceylinco Insurance Company Limited)
Head Office, "Ceylinco House", No. 69, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Issued in terms of Section 59(2) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007)

In terms of Section 59(2) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, notice is hereby given to the Public that Coca-Cola Beverages Sri Lanka Limited, a company incorporated in terms of the laws of Sri Lanka, holding Company Registration No. PB 16 and having its registered office at Tekkawatta, Biyagama, Sri Lanka, proposes to redeem Four Hundred Sixty-Two Million Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred (462,786,500) Non-Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of the Company issued to Coca-Cola Southwest Asia Holdings Limited at a unit price of Rupees Ten (Rs. 10.00) and the redemption would amount to a composite value of Rupees Four Million Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand (Rs. 4,627,865,000.00) and thereby the stated capital of the company will be reduced from Rs. 9,873,153,390 to Rs. 5,245,288,390.

By Order of the Board
Company Secretary
Coca-Cola Beverages Sri Lanka Limited

Extension of Bid Closing Date

MINISTRY OF LAND Sri Lanka Survey Department

Invitation for Bids for Procurement of Annual Requirements - 2021

Bid Number : SD/II/2021

- Reference to the above Bid Invitation appeared in Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran Newspapers on 12.03.2021. This is to notify that there are some changes that have been made to the specifications of Total Stations and GNSS Receivers and the closing date of the bid for these items has been extended to 19.05.2021 at 11.00 a.m.
- Amended specifications can be obtained from Senior Superintendent of Surveys (Procurement & Supplies) of Surveyor General's Office.
- For further details please, contact Senior Superintendent of Surveys (Procurement & Supplies) on 011-2368106.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Surveyor General's Office,
No. 150, Kirula Road,
Colombo 05.

06.05.2021

Expressions of Interest

Ministry of Justice (MOJ)

Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions

- The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC) of the Ministry of Justice now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Design and Construction of prefabricated court buildings as described below and estimated a cost. Contract Period - 120 days
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure under the two envelope systems - (Bidder has to submit Preliminary Information, Design/Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal in duplicate. The proposal will consist of two different sealed envelopes, where the first envelope will contain the Preliminary Information, Design/Technical Proposal and the second envelope will contain the Financial Proposal.). Bid price of the technically qualified bidders will be read out at the time of opening of financial bid.

No.	Project Name	Contract Number	Tentative Cost Estimate Rs-Million	ICTAD No. (CIDA)	Non Refundable Tender Deposit RS	Bid Security Amount-Rs
01	Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions of Nikaweratiya	MOJ/AC/26/34/2021	38	C5 & C4	6,000.00	380,000.00
02	Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions of Kekirawa	MOJ/AC/26/35/2021	67	C4 & C3	13,000.00	670,000.00
03	Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions of Awissawella	MOJ/AC/26/36/2021	92	C4 & C3	18,000.00	910,000.00
04	Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions of Puttalama	MOJ/AC/26/37/2021	70	C4 & C3	15,000.00	700,000.00
05	Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions of Samanthure	MOJ/AC/26/38/2021	26	C5 & C4	5,000.00	270,000.00
06	Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions of Manampitiya	MOJ/AC/26/39/2021	32	C5 & C4	5,000.00	320,000.00
07	Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions of Embilipitiya	MOJ/AC/26/40/2021	40	C5 & C4	7,500.00	400,000.00
08	Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions of Walachchena	MOJ/AC/26/41/2021	95	C4 & C3	18,000.00	900,000.00
09	Design & Prefabricated Court Building for Proposed Constructions of Kuchchaweli	MOJ/AC/26/42/2021	46	C5 & C4	10,000.00	460,000.00

- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Accountant, Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo-12. Telephone: 0112438178
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to The Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12 from 10/05/2021 until 28/05/2021 from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs during a working day upon payment of a non-refundable fee of above mentioned table.
- Bids shall be delivered to The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC), Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo -12 or shall be deposited in the tender box placed in the Procurement Division, Third Floor, Supply Division, Ministry of Justice, Colombo 12 on or before 01.06.2021 at 11.00 a.m. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened soon after closing of the bids in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids accompanied by a "Bid Security" shall be issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. This Bid Security shall be in the form of an unconditional, on demand bond and shall be obtained in favor of Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo-12. The amount of the Bid Security value is tabulated above, valid until 28th September 2021.
- Pre Bid meeting will be held at the Auditorium of the Ministry of Justice at 1000 Hrs. on 17/05/2021.

Chairman
Ministry Procurement Committee
Ministry of Justice
Superior Courts Complex
Colombo 12



ELECTIONS COMMISSION

INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLY/ COMMISSIONING & INSTALLATION OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS

Contract Number: S/8 (CCXXXII)

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the Election Commission hereby invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of the following item to the Elections Commission.

Contract No.	Name of the Contract & Description	Amount of Bid Security (LKR)	Bid Opening
S/8 (CCXXXII)	Procurement of Supply, Commissioning & Installation of Desktop Computers & Laptops	130,000.00	On 02nd June 2021 at 2.00 p.m

- Bidding will be in compliance with the National Competitive Bidding procedure (NCB).
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Division, Elections Commission and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days from 07th May 2021 to 01st June 2021.
- Interested bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs: 1000.00 in cash only to the Accounts Division of Elections Commission during 9.00 am to 3.00 p.m on working days from 07th May 2021 to 01st June 2021.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below, at or before 2.00 p.m on 02nd June 2021. Bids received thereafter will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives at 2.00 p.m. on 02nd June 2021. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" as per above table.
- The address referred to above is :

Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Elections Commission,
Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya.
Tel: 0112-868441

05.05.2021



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

Invitation for Pre-Qualification of Information Systems

*Design, Supply, Implementation and
Maintenance of a Court Automation Solution
for the Judicial System of Sri Lanka -
MOJ/AC/26/21/2021*

Extension of the Deadline

It is hereby announced that the deadline for the submission of responses to the above invitation for Pre-qualification of Information Systems has been extended till **25th May 2021**. Accordingly, the Responses could be delivered on or before **1500 hrs, 25th May 2021**.

Please note that an addendum to the originally published Pre-Qualification Document will also be published in the Ministry of Justice Website - www.moj.gov.lk in due course.

Further, all potential bidders are requested to register by filling the online registration form published in the Ministry of Justice Website - www.moj.gov.lk

Chairman
Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee
Court Automation Project - Ministry of Justice

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SAPP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

SMALLHOLDER AGRIBUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (SAPP)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Selection of an Individual Consultant to Conduct a Study on Insurance and Mitigation Mechanisms Available for Agriculture

Smallholder Agribusiness Partnership Program (SAPP) is implemented under the Ministry of Agriculture and it has been jointly funded by the Government of Sri Lanka and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The SAPP is designed to contribute Sri Lanka's smallholders' poverty reduction and competitiveness. The program development objective is to sustainably increase the income and quality of diet of 57,500 smallholder households involved in commercially-oriented production and marketing systems. The SAPP program is instrumental to achieve GOSL priorities under the national policy framework on rural development through Public, Private, and Producer Partnerships (4Ps).

The ideal candidate should have proven track record in designing and implementing stock taking studies and having good depth of understanding of conducting similar assignment. S/he is expected to have a minimum master's degree in relevant discipline.

Those who are interested can download the TOR through our website www.sapp.lk (please refer "DOWNLOAD" heading and "PROCUREMENT" sub heading to download the relevant TOR).

Please forward your **Technical and Financial** proposal (complete resume with relevant details as per the TOR) on or before **2.30 p.m on 24th May 2021** by post/by hand to reach the following address or you can email your proposals (technical and financial) to procurement@sapp.lk with name of assignment you apply in the Subject Heading of the email.

Chairman,
Project Consultants Procurement Committee
Smallholder Agribusiness Partnerships Programme (SAPP)
No. 212A, Nawala Road,
Rajagiriya



KURUNEGALA PLANTATIONS LIMITED

(State Ministry of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyrah Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification)

Lease out of Land for Foliage Project

Kurunegala Plantations Limited intends to lease out 4.67 hectares of land at Attanagalla Division of Attanagalla area estates for a period of 10 years for a foliage project under facility program. This extent of land consists of foliage cultivation.

Coconut and Rambutan cultivation in the above land will be managed by the Kurunegala Plantations Limited.

Sealed bids are invited from interested parties. Tender documents can be obtained from Attanagalla Area Estates, Urapola or Kurunegala Plantations Limited, Head Office, No. 80, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on working days (Monday - Friday) on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500/-. Issue of tender document will be closed at 12.30 p.m. on 01.06.2021.

A refundable deposit of Rs. 50,000/- should be paid to Kurunegala Plantations Limited, Head Office in cash. Duly filled bids with the copy of the receipt of refundable deposit marked "Lease out of land for Foliage Project" at the top left-hand corner of the envelope shall be sent by Registered Post to reach the following address or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the address given below before 2.00 p.m. on 01.06.2021. Tender will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 01.06.2021 at the same address in the presence of the bidders or their representatives.

A payment of security deposit of Rs. 1,000,000.00 should be made to Kurunegala Plantations Limited, Head Office by cash for the period of 10 years.

Site inspection shall be made on working days with the permission of the Area Superintendent from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Contact number of Area Superintendent, Attanagalla Area Estates 071-6884093).

The decision of the Tender Committee is final.

Please contact Manager - Marketing through Contact No. 071-6884085 for further information/clarification.

The Chairman - Tender Committee
Kurunegala Plantation Ltd.,
No. 80, Dambulla Road,
Kurunegala.
07.05.2021

INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS MIHINTHALA ALOKA POOJA

ILLUMINATION & PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM FOR THE YEAR 2021

Tender No : LPA/04/2021

Sealed quotations are hereby invited for illumination of Mihinthala Aloka Pooja and public address system during Poson Festival 2021

- > Illumination from 15th June - 25th June 2021
- > Public Address System from 15th June - 25th June 2021

Relevant specifications can be collected on any working day from **10th May to 17th May 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from Procurement Department, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd.**

Offers should be sent to **Head of Procurement, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., No. 35, D.R. Wijewardene Mw., Colombo 10**, in sealed envelopes marked "Quotation for Illumination of Mihinthala Aloka Pooja and Public Address System - 2021" to reach by 3.00 p.m. on 18th May 2021

Bidders or accredited representatives will be allowed to be present at the opening. However, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



Head of Procurement
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NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

BANK OF CEYLON

Notice of Sale under Section 22 of the Bank of Ceylon Ordinance (Chapter 397) and its amendments as amended by Act. No. 34 of 1968 and Law No. 10 of 1974

- 1) * Loan Reference Nos. 80193909, 80252310, 80371532
- 2) Current Account No. 79437271

Sale of mortgaged property at Amunadora Kurunduwatta, Amunadora Halpote Kumbura and Amunadora Halpote Kurunduwatta, for the liabilities of MONDELEZ CORPORATION LIMITED of No. 67, Ground Floor, Dehiwala Road, Boralessgamuwa.

It is hereby notified that pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ceylon adopted under Section 19 of the Bank of Ceylon Ordinance published in the Gazette of the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2093 of 12.10.2018 and in the Dinamina, Thinakaran and Daily News of 28.09.2018 Mr M.H.T. Karunaratne, Auctioneer of T & H Auctions, No. 50/3, Vihara Mawatha, Kolonnawa will sell by Public Auction on 22.06.2021 at 10.30 a.m. at the spot, the property and premises described in the Schedule hereunder for the recovery of the balance principal and interest due up to the date of sale and cost and monies recoverable under Section 26 of the said Ordinance.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot X1/B1 in Plan No. 10080 dated 13th July 2016 made by S.G. Gunathilaka, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Amunadora Kurunduwatta, Amunadora Halpote Kumbura (now High Land) & Amunadora Halpote Kurunduwatta situated at Ekala in Gramaniladhari Division No. 206-Ekala in Divisional Secretary's Division of Ja-Ela within the limits of Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabha in Ragam Pattu of Aluthkuru Korale in the District of Gampaha Western Province and which said Lot X1/B1 is bounded on the NORTH by Land of S.P. Perera & others, Land of B.E. Thissera & others, Rejina Mawatha and Lot X1/A in Plan No. 9644 made by S.G. Gunathilaka, Licensed Surveyor, on the EAST by Lot X1 in Plan No. 5811 and Lot X1/A in Plan No. 9664 both plans made by S.G. Gunathilaka, Licensed Surveyor, on the SOUTH by Lot X2 in Plan No. 5811 made by S.G. Gunathilaka, Licensed Surveyor, Lot X1/B2 & X1/B3 and on the WEST by Land of S.P. Perera & others, Land of B.E. Thissera & others, Regina Mawatha and X1/B3 containing in extent One Acre Three Roods and Fourteen Decimal Two Perches (A1-R3-P14.20) or (0.7440 Ha) according to the said Plan No. 10080 and registered in J357/53 at the Land Registry, Gampaha.

By Order of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ceylon

S S B Ekanayake
Manager
Recovery & Credit Supervision

Bank of Ceylon
Metropolitan Branch

Date : 05.05.2021

State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS

Applications are invited from reputed suppliers / manufacturers or their accredited agents and authorized dealers who wish to register themselves with the State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products for the supply of the under-mentioned goods for handloom and batik industries.

Category No.	Category	Handloom Industries	Batik Industries
01	Raw Materials	Yarn (Cotton, Silk, Viscose, Linen, Etc.)	Cotton, Viscose, Rayon & Silk Fabrics
02	Dyes	Reactive dye & vat dye	Reactive dye & vat dye
03	Chemicals	Wetting agent, Glauber's salt, soda ash, detergent, caustic soda, Calgon T, Sodium silicate, Hydrogen peroxide, fixing agent, Sodium alginate	Wetting agent, Glauber's salt, soda ash, detergent, caustic soda, Calgon T, Sodium silicate, Hydrogen peroxide, fixing agent, Sodium alginate, bee wax, paraffin wax & silk paint, urea.
04	Machineries	Yarn dyeing machine Handloom machine	Dye bath, drawing table, wax boiling container and kerosene oil stove
05	Tools & Equipment	Bobbin, prins, shuttles, reeds healds, weighing scales, thermometer, spectrophotometer	Thermometer, tjantings, spoons, beakers, measuring cylinder, glass rods, funnels, brushers, plastic spoons, plastic cups, buckets, rubber gloves, weighing scales

Suppliers who intend to register, can obtain the 'Application for Registration of Suppliers' from the State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products, No. 73/1 Galle Road, Colombo 03 from 10 May 2021 to 04 June 2021 between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. during working days. Duly filled application shall be sent by registered post or hand delivered to reach the Ministry on or before 3.00 p.m. on 18 June 2021.

Please contact 011-2431671 further details.
E-mail: smbhlapfinance@gmail.com

Secretary
State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products
No. 73/1, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.

PEOPLE'S BANK

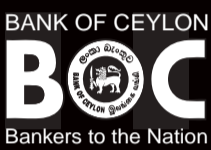
AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.01.2020 at the undermentioned branches and Service Centers of the Ratnapura Region of People's Bank and unredeemed up to dates indicated below will be sold by public auction, commencing from at 9.30 a.m. each day at places as stated.

Name of Branch	Name of Service Center	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction Bank Premises of
Balangoda	Pambahinna Weligepola	17.05.2021	18.05.2021	First Floor, Ratnapura Town Branch, Kudugalwatta
Pelmadulla	Opanayake			
Kalthota	Welioya			
Rakwana	-			
Kahawatta	-			
Embilipitiya	Padalangala	18.05.2021	19.05.2021	
	Sewanagala			
	Kolonna			
Udawalawa	-			
Pallebedda	-			
Godakawela	-			
Ratnapura Town	Wewelwatta	19.05.2021	20.05.2021	
Eheliyagoda	Eheliyagoda			
Ratnapura	New Town			
Kuruwita	-			
Kiriella	Ayagama			
Nivithigala	Karawita	20.05.2021	21.05.2021	
Kalawana	-			

The bank reserves the right to cancel, postpone, amalgamate or re-auction these auctions without further notice.

**Regional Manager,
People's Bank,
Regional Head Office,
New Town,
Ratnapura.**



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

At a meeting held on 18.03.2021 the Board of Directors of this Bank resolved specially and unanimously.

- That a sum of Rupees 44,711,780.81 (Rupees Forty Four Million Seven Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Cents Eighty One only) is due from Tasanima (Private) Limited of No. 84, New Road, Hunupitiya, Wattala on account of principal and interest outstanding up to 25.02.2021 on Reschedule Loan A1 of Rs. 35,000,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Five Million only) respectively, together with further interest to be accumulated from 26.02.2021 on the capital outstanding of the said Reschedule Loan A1 of Rs. 35,000,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Five Million only) at the rate of 16.0% (Sixteen) per centum per annum till the date of payment on Mortgage Bond No. 3404 and Mortgage Bond No. 3405 both dated 15.06.2017, Mortgage Bond No. 3620 dated 31.10.2018 all attested by D. Weerasooriya, N.P.
- That in terms of Section 19 of the Bank of Ceylon Ordinance (Cap 397) and its amendments, Mr M.H.T. Karunaratne of T & H Auctions, No. 50/3, Vihara Mawatha, Kolonnawa be authorized and empowered to sell by Public Auction the property mortgaged to the Bank of Ceylon and fully described in the schedules hereunder for the recovery of the said sum of Rs. 44,711,780.81 (Rupees Forty Four Million Seven Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Cents Eighty One only) due on the said Mortgage Bond Nos. 3404, 3405 and 3620 together with further interest as aforesaid from 26.02.2021 to date of sale and costs and monies recoverable under Section 26 of the said Bank of Ceylon Ordinance and that the Manager, Recovery & Credit Supervision, Metropolitan Branch of the Bank of Ceylon to publish notice of this resolution in terms of Section 21 of the said Bank of Ceylon Ordinance.

The Schedule above referred to :

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked **Lot A2B** depicted in Plan No. 238/2003 dated 3rd August, 2003 made by D.C.M.S. Wimalaratne, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Delgahawatta bearing Assessment No. 84/B, New Road situated at Hunupitiya in Grama Niladhari's Division of 256D Hunupitiya East and Divisional Secretary's Division of Kelaniya within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kelaniya (Dalugama Sub Office) in Adikari Pattu of Siyane Korale in the District of Gampaha, Western Province and which said Lot A2B is bounded on the **North** by Hunupitiya New Road and part of the same land on the **East** by Lots D, C and B in Plan No. 542/1994 and part of the same land on the **South** by Road and on the **West** by Lot A2A and containing in extent Twenty Eight decimal Naught Five Perches (A0.R0.P28.05) or Naught Decimal Naught Seven Naught Nine Five of a Hectare (0.07095 of a Hectare) according to the said Plan No. 238/2003 together with everything thereon and Registered in **G68/98** at the Land Registry, Colombo.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ceylon.

**Mr W.M.H.A.S.S.B. Ekanayake
Manager
(Recovery & Credit Supervision)**

**Bank of Ceylon
Metropolitan Branch**

Date : 03.05.2021



Ministry of Education Higher Education Division

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) Providing Laptops for University Students

The Ministry of Education now invites to indicate the interest for providing laptop computers to the University Students from eligible ICT Service providers ("Vendors"). This is initiative under the interest free loan facility to purchase laptop computers for the university students. The loan will be provided by the People's bank and Bank of Ceylon through its selected Branches. The Ministry will select capable vendors through this EOI and will publish a list of selected vendors enabling Students to purchase a laptop from any vendor they prefer. Interested Vendors should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform this supply.

The short-listing will be based on the following information provided by the vendors. Documentary evidence should submit along with the EOI Information Forms.

- ✓ Core business area of the firm.
- ✓ Years in business of the firm.
- ✓ Authorized Laptop brands to market in Sri Lanka and the years of experience with relevant brand.
- ✓ Details of authorized workshop facilities for each brand.
- ✓ Details of Islandwide service support and branch network
- ✓ Amount of Laptops sold during last three years. (2018,2019,2020)
- ✓ Appropriate skills of key service staff of the firm
- ✓ Nature of the Firm (small/specialized/large)
- ✓ Financial and administrative strength and other relevant information.

Free downloadable EOI Information Forms are now available on Ministry web site: www.mohe.gov.lk and in the Infrastructure Development Division of the Ministry located at No. 18, Ward place Colombo 07. Further information can be obtained from 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs on working days at the office of the following address:

Director (Infrastructure Development) Ministry of Education, 18, Ward Place, Colombo 7.
Tel: +94-11-5115204
Fax: +94-11-2685139
Email: d-proc@mohe.gov.lk

Director (ICT) Ministry of Education, 18, Ward Place, Colombo 7.
Tel: +94-11-2 687 510
Fax: +94-11-2677122
Email: d-ict@mohe.gov.lk

All the information requested on Expressions of Interest (EOI) must be delivered in a written form to the address above (in person, or by registered post) by 1400 Hrs on 01st June 2021.

**Secretary,
Ministry of Education
18, Ward Place, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka**
07th May 2021

Calling for Expression of Interest

Removing Soil/Sand/Silt and Debris deposited in Tanks in order to increase Water capacity of Irrigated tanks.

Under the National Program of Village Irrigation Tanks rehabilitation "Wari Saubhagya", it is expected to rehabilitate 5000 small tanks/anicuts rapidly and initiatives are being taken to upgrade 1000 tanks/anicuts within the year 2021.

It is further expected to upgrade dilapidated tank bunds, sluices, spillways and canals, and to remove soil/sand/silt and debris deposited in tanks in identified quantities scientifically and methodically with a control in order to increase the water storage capacity of tanks.

As per the survey conducted under the program of 2021, it has been revealed that there is a possibility of using a large amount of the material removed from the small tanks as raw material for the industry and the government will be able to remove this material without cost while earning an additional revenue with the assistance of the private sector.

It has been decided to call for the Expression of Interest from the interested individual entrepreneurs to remove soil/sand/silt and organic debris deposited in tanks from which more than 5000 cubic meters proposed to be removed and to call for competitive bids from those who are registered and to allow the selected bidders for the removal of the above material in each tank giving maximum benefits to the Government.

Accordingly, the interested parties are requested to prepare and complete the following format given below and send the same to the following address before 18th of May 2021.

The receipt obtained by making payment of Rs.1000.00 as registration fee for each District to the nearest office of the Assistant/ Deputy Commissioner of Agrarian Development should be attached to the application submitted.

Primary Conditions:-

- The above material should be obtained only from locations and levels shown by the Government Institution which is in charge of /responsible for reconstruction of the tank and the mix material should be removed from the tank without any selection.
- Licenses applicable for transportation and value addition process should be obtained by the entrepreneur at his own expense.
- The extent of excavation prescribed by the relevant Government Institution should not exceed under any circumstances. Only the approved machines should be used.
- The entrepreneur shall agree to pay the Government the proposed amount for the quantity of material to be removed subject to the minimum price fixed for a unit by the Government.
- Roads or other government properties damaged due to transportation of the above materials should be repaired and the entrepreneur shall agree to keep the security deposit determined by the government for the confirmation of the same.
- In the development process of the rural tanks /anicuts, if valuable mineral resources (For instance :-Gems vein, metal deposits.. etc) or artefacts are found, the agent who is carrying out excavating activities should immediately inform the respective government institution in charge of the tank. The institution in charge of the tank should stop the excavating activities immediately and take necessary measures in that regard while informing the relevant authorized government body (viz. Department of Archeology, National Gem and Jewellery Authority.. etc) properly. Removal of the such high value mineral resources so discovered from excavating site is a punishable offence.

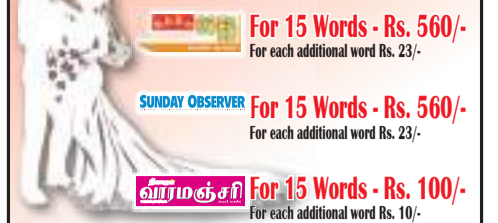
**Engineer D.D. Ariyaratna - Secretary
State Ministry of Tanks Reservoirs and
Irrigation Development related to Rural Paddy Fields,
No.11, Jawatte Road, Colombo 05.**

Application for the removal of Soil/Sand/Silt and organic Debris deposited in tanks in order to increase water capacity of irrigated tanks.

- Name of the Company or Entrepreneur -
- National Identity Card No./Registered No. of the Company -
- Address -
- Telephones- Fixed Fax- E-mail- Mobile -
- Expected amount of material (mixed volume) - Cubic Meter -
- Explain briefly the purpose of obtaining materials and the method of value addition -
- Name the District you are interested to obtain materials. (One or more as per your priority)
- Signature of the Authorized person.
- Date:

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ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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INTEGRATED ROAD INVESTMENT PROGRAM
INVITATION FOR BIDS
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (CORRECTION)

This refers to the paper notification published on 02 May 2021 in Sunday Observer, Read Contract Nos. and Titles as follows :

Contract Nos. and Titles :	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDA/ADB/iROAD/NCB/RMC/06-A : Rehabilitation, Improvement and Maintenance of Peliyagoda - Puttalam Road (A003) (38 + 000 km to 50 + 000 km) RDA/ADB/iROAD/NCB/RMC/06-B : Rehabilitation, Improvement and Maintenance of Peliyagoda - Puttalam Road (A003) (50 + 000 km to 63 + 000 km) RDA/ADB/iROAD/NCB/RMC/06-C : Rehabilitation, Improvement and Maintenance of Peliyagoda - Puttalam Road (A003) (63 + 000 km to 76 + 000 km) RDA/ADB/iROAD/NCB/RMC/06-D : Rehabilitation, Improvement and Maintenance of Peliyagoda - Puttalam Road (A003) (76 + 000 km to 89 + 000 km)

Chairman
Ministry Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Highways,
"Maganeguma Mahamedura"
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha
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Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.

STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
COAST CONSERVATION, WASTE DISPOSAL
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Urban Development
Authority

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING, HANDING OVER & REMEDYING DEFECTS OF MVAC, ELV & IT, FIRE, LPG, KITCHEN VENTILATION, HOT WATER AND COLD WATER & VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS FOR REFURBISHMENT OF 80 CLUB OF COLOMBO

Contract No: 46/UDA/MEP-Work/80club/2021/019

- The Chairman, **Department Procurement Committee (Major)** on behalf of the **Chairman, Urban Development Authority** now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for **Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Handing Over & Remedying Defects of MVAC, ELV & IT, Fire, LPG, Kitchen Ventilation, Hot Water and Cold Water & Vertical Transportation Systems for Refurbishment of 80 Club of Colombo, No. 25, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07** as described below and estimated to cost of **Rs. 61,584,000/- plus VAT**.
The construction period is **45 Calendar days**.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure (NCB).
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been black-listed and shall have CIDA registered **Grade EM1** with the specialty of **Electrical and Mechanical Services**.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include :
 - Experience in the MEP works at least two projects in similar nature for the last five years. The Contract value for one project shall be **Rs. 50 Million** minimum, works cited should be at least 70 percent completed.
 - Average annual volume of MEP works performed in the last five years shall be at least **Rs. 200 Million**.
 - The minimum amount of cash flow and credit facilities as exclusive of any advance payments, shall be **Rs. 30 Million**. Credit facility should be addressed to **Chairman, Urban Development Authority, 09th Floor, "Sethsiripaya" - Stage I, Battaramulla**.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Head of Procurement, Procurement Unit, Urban Development Authority, 07th Floor, "Sethsiripaya" - Stage I, Battaramulla. Tel: 011-3358006; Fax: 011- 2874546**, and inspect the bidding documents free of charge from **10th May 2021 to 24th May 2021, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm** during normal working days.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Head of Procurement, Procurement Unit, Urban Development Authority, 07th Floor, "Sethsiripaya" - Stage I, Battaramulla** during normal working days from **10th May 2021 until 24th May 2021 from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 16,500.00 plus taxes in cash to the Shroff of Urban Development Authority**.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below on or before **25th May 2021, at 11.00 am**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend. **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), Procurement Division, Urban Development Authority, 07th Floor, "Sethsiripaya" - Stage I, Battaramulla**.
- Bids shall be valid until **23rd August 2021**.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid-Security**, (as per the format given in the Bidding Document) of **Rs. 62,000.00**. Bid Security shall be valid until **20th September 2021**.
- Pre-Bid Meeting will be arranged on **18th May 2021 at 10.00 am**, at the **Procurement Unit, Urban Development Authority, 07th Floor, "Sethsiripaya" - Stage I, Battaramulla**. Also, bidders may contact Director (Project Management - Western Region) of UDA on Tel. 011-2877539 and visit the site.
- Employer shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred by bidders in connection with preparation and submission of bids or attending site inspections.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
Urban Development Authority
07th Floor, "Sethsiripaya" - Stage I, Battaramulla.

SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and
Development Operation (AHEAD)
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Supply, Installation and Maintenance of All in one Computers and Servers at the Dept. of ICT, Faculty of Technology, SEUSL, Oluvil

(SEU/AHEAD/RA1/FT/GOODS/2021/15)

- The **Chairman, Project Procurement Committee** of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for procurement of the following items.

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Bid Security Amount
01	All in one Computer	75	Rs. 345,000/- (Three hundred and Forty Five thousand)
02	Server Type 1	02	
03	Server Type 2	01	

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Deputy Director / Procurement, OTS, AHEAD Operation, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, University Park, Oluvil # 32360 (Telephone : 067 22 55177 / 067 22 55189) from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 pm on week days.
- A Bid Security obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank to the value as stated above to be valid until **03rd October 2021** should be submitted along with the bid.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application and upon payment of non-refundable fee of **LKR 5,000/=** from 09.00 am to 03.00 pm up to **02.06.2021**. The mode of payment shall be either by cash payable at Shroff of the University or bank draft in favour of "Bursar, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka".

The bidding documents can also be requested by email till 02.06.2021 - 03.00 pm by emailing the request letter to dradmin@seu.ac.lk with the scanned copy of the receipt of payment of the non-refundable fee to the University collection account number **228 1001 9000 1704** at People's Bank, Addalachenai from any branch of People's Bank.

- Sealed Bids should be marked **"Supply, Installation and Maintenance of All in one Computers and Servers at the Dept. of ICT, Faculty of Technology, SEUSL, Oluvil (SEU/AHEAD/RA1/FT/GOODS/2021/15)** and placed in the tender box kept in the OTS office, AHEAD Operation, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil or sent under registered cover to be received before **02.00 p.m. on 04.06.2021** at the following address. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at 02.15 p.m. **on the same day** at OTS office, AHEAD Operation, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil. Late bids will be rejected.

Chairman
Project Procurement Committee
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
Oluvil
07.05.2021



COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed Bids for the Procurement of **following items** from eligible and qualified Bidders.

	Reference No.	Description
1	CPD/15/1814/2019	Procurement of 10 Nos. of Laptop Computers

Bidding document (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by two methods.

- Download from the CMC website (www.colombo.mc.gov.lk)
 - Non-refundable bidding document fee of Rs. 5400/= can be paid by following method.
 - Any People's Bank Branch to credit **People's Bank, Town Hall Branch, Acc No : 167-1-001-6-3169425**.
 - Payment counters of following Municipal Premises of Colombo City Limits from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.
 - District Office 04, No. 147, High Level Road, Kirulapone, Colombo 06.
 - Drainage & Water Supply Division Maligakanda, Colombo 10.
 - It is mandatory to attach the receipt / slip with the bidding document.
- Collect from Town Hall Premises.
 - Bidding documents could be obtained from the Office of **Chief Accountant (Procurement), Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 25th May 2021, upon payment of a non-refundable bidding document fee of Rs. 5400/= for each** to the Shroff Counters of Town Hall Premises.

Bidding documents will not be available on the website / issued after 3.00 p.m. on **25th May 2021**.

Duly filled sealed Bidding documents in duplicate should be deposited in the Tender Box (Bid Box) kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 28th May 2021**.

Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 28th May 2021 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Authorized representatives of the Bidders are allowed to be present at the opening.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Chief Accountant (Procurement) on Tel : 0112686389, 0112673173 and 0112686369.

ROSHANIE DISSANAYAKE - ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
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COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.



Ministry of Plantation
State Ministry of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah, and Rubber
Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product
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Coconut Cultivation Board



Vacancies

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka for the following vacancies of the Coconut Cultivation Board

Post : Deputy General Manager (Financial Management)

Qualifications and Experience

Should have obtained a degree in Accountancy / Business Administration / Commerce recognized by the University Grants Commission and a postgraduate degree relevant to the post or associate membership of a recognized Professional Accountants Institute (ICA/CIMA/ACCA/others)

With

15 years experience in a reputed institution in managerial level relevant to the field.

Salary Category : HM 1-1

Salary Scale : Rs. 80,295/- - (2,270 x 15) - 114,345/-

Age : Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to internal applicants.

Method of Recruitment : Through a structured interview.

Post : Deputy General Manager (Extension and Development)

Qualifications and Experience

Should have obtained a special degree in Agriculture recognized by the University Grants Commission and a postgraduate degree in Agricultural Science / Agriculture Extension or should have obtained the associate membership of recognized chartered professional institute in the agriculture field

With

15 years experience in a reputed institution in managerial level relevant to the field.

Salary Category : HM 1-1

Salary Scale : Rs. 80,295/- - (2,270 x 15) - 114,345/-

Age : Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to internal applicants.

Method of Recruitment : Through a structured interview.

Post : Manager (Information and Media)

Qualifications and Experience

Should have obtained degree in Mass Communication / B Sc. in Agriculture or a similar degree recognized by the University Grants Commission

And

Three (03) years service experience in the relevant subject field after obtaining the degree

Salary Category : MM 1-1

Salary Scale : Rs. 53,175/- (1375x10) (1910x15) - 95,575/-

Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to internal applicants.

Method of Recruitment : Through a structured interview

Post: Translator (Sinhala - English)

Qualifications and Experience

Should have obtained a degree with Sinhala and / or English language as a subject, recognized by the University Grants Commission with one year's experience as a translator (Sinhala - English) in government or reputed institution.

Salary Category : MA 4

Salary Scale : Rs. 37,970/- (755 x 10) - (930 x 15) - (1135 x 5) - 65,145/-

Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to internal applicants.

Method of Recruitment :

Through a written competitive examination and a structured interview.

Other Conditions

Every applicant :

- I. Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- II. Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties entrusted to the post and to serve in any part of the island.
- III. Should have an excellent moral character.

Applications:

- Applications that include the details of Bio-Data, Educational Qualifications, Professional Qualifications and experience along with copies of certificates to prove the qualifications, should be submitted. Those already in the service of Government/Corporation/Boards should direct their applications through the Heads of their respective institutions.
- Post applied for should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application. Applications that do not have the post applied for on the envelope will be rejected.
- If applying for more than one post separate applications should be submitted for each post.
- All applications should be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Coconut Cultivation Board, 9/428, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla" to receive on or before 21.05.2021. Late applications will be rejected.

If there is any matter that is not mentioned here, Recruitment authority will decide on such matter. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.

Chairman
Coconut Cultivation Board,
9/428, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
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Detailed information of above vacancies can be obtained from www.jctld.lk website. Applications should be sent to cob@slpa.lk or under registered post with copies of certificates and names of two non-related referees to reach the undersigned on or before (7 DAYS) 2021.

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Qualifications:

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- Diploma in Engineering in Open University Sri Lanka or equivalent or higher in Electronics and/or Telecommunication Engineering

Requirements:

- Thorough knowledge in Electronics, Communication and Electrical Engineering concepts
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- Acquaintance in PC Hardware and Networking
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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Provincial Department of Health Services, Northern Province

Procurement for Supply of Goods

The Chairman Departmental Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply of following Goods on behalf of the Provincial Department of Health Service - NP.

No.	Details of Goods	Reference No.	Bid Security Rs.	Non Refundable Rs.
A.	Procurement of Office Equipment (Desktop, UPS, Laptop, Laser Printer, Tablet PC & Television)	NP/21/02/OE/2021	35,000/=	3,500/=
B.	Procurement of Fire Extinguisher	NP/21/02/FE/2021	3,000/=	1,000/=

1. Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** Procedure.
2. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have valid business registration to supply of above goods.
3. To qualify for award of the Contract, bidders shall meet the minimum qualifying criteria given in Section 2-Bidding Data. Additional information given in the Section 4 of the Bidding document.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the above address and inspect the bidding documents at the same address from **09:00 Hours to 15:00 Hours** on working days.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased from the below address by interested bidders on the submission of a written application from **10.05.2021 - 31.05.2021 from 09:00 Hours to 15:00 Hours** upon non-refundable cash payment as said above.
6. Bids (Original and Duplicate) shall be deposited into the box located in the Chief Accountant's room in the below address at or before 2.30 Hours on 01.06.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
7. Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security as said above.
8. All rights are reserved to the Chairman of DPC (Major) to cancel the bidding process at any stage without paying any compensation to any party or to accept the part of the bids in this bidding process.
9. **Office Address :- Provincial Department of Health Services, Health Village, Pannai, Jaffna, NP**

Chairman - Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC - Major)
Northern Provincial Department of Health Services,
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