

Get admitted immediately if COVID positive - SLMA

BAKTHI DHARMAPRIYA MENDIS
Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) President Dr. Padma Gunaratne yesterday said COVID-19 infected persons had shown a reluctance to get admitted to hospitals and this situation had led to the increase in the death toll in the country. She said that many of those infected get admitted to a hospital after their situation worsened. "It is very difficult to save a life, when the patient is admitted to after his condition has worsened," she said. Doctors say the virus develops in the chest leading to pneumonia within the first few days of the virus being infected. **TO PAGE 02**

Major drive to wipe out drugs, induce rehab

CAMELIA NATHANIEL
A meeting to discuss action to address the drug menace in the country with all major stakeholders was held yesterday. Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Dr. Sarath Weerasekera, Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and Community Police State Minister Dilum Amunugama focused on creating a society free from fear and suspicion and five factors have been identified where drugs has been identified as the main factor that needs to be addressed. In order to rid the country of drugs, measures should be taken to prevent drugs from entering the country, reduce the demand for drugs and remain those addicted to drugs. However, numerous measures have already been taken to prevent drugs from entering the country and to reduce the demand for drugs. **TO PAGE 02**

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ASELA KURULUWANS A and S.K SAMARANAYAKE
Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said that the required number of COVID-19 vaccines for controlling the disease in Sri Lanka will be brought to Sri Lanka within the next two months. Accordingly, three million doses are expected to be delivered to Sri Lanka soon and Kandy and Kurunegala districts will be given priority in providing the vaccines, he added. He was speaking to the media after a special meeting held on controlling

the spread of COVID-19 at the Kandy District Secretariat yesterday. He said the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which is now chaired by Sri Lanka, have stated that they will intervene to provide vaccines tailored to Sri Lanka's needs and strongly denied the allegations made by some parties that the Government did not have the required funds to obtain the vaccine. He said that the Government has enough funds to purchase the vaccines and there is no need to pay in advance for them.

He said the relevant agencies have informed the health authorities that the vaccines will be delivered soon. He said it has been decided to give this vaccine to about 7,000 national and provincial journalists all over the island. It is the intention of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to give the vaccine to all the eligible citizens. Schoolchildren and pregnant women are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine anywhere in the world. **TO PAGE 02**



Youth and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa yesterday inspected a centre at Moor Street in Tangalle where beds are being made by members of youth clubs, for the project of making 10,000 hospital beds in 10 days which is being implemented in parallel with the National COVID-19 Eradication Programme.

Eye on Indian variant: Patient in isolation

NUWAN KODIKARA
There is no possibility of the Indian variant being spread in the country through the patient who was infected with the COVID-19 variant, Primary Healthcare, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control State Minister Dr. Sudarshani Fernanopulle said. She said the patient in question had received treatment at a hospital for two weeks followed by a compulsory quarantine period for seven days. **TO PAGE 02**



Vested interests delayed Lankans getting Sinopharm Vaccine - Prof. Jayasumana

AMILA PRABHATH WANASINGHE
Anuradhapura additional corr. A campaign launched by the 'anti-Chinese' elements delayed the Sinopharm vaccine being administered to the people here, Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurveda Hospitals Development and Community Health State Minister, Prof. Channa Jayasumana said. He said that several parties



with vested interests voiced opinion against the administration of the Chinese made anti-COVID-19 vaccine to achieve their political agendas. "This is the reason behind the delay in administering this vaccine for Sri Lankans," he said. The State Minister stated this addressing media in Anuradhapura on Saturday. **TO PAGE 02**

Kenyan with cocaine nabbed

Sri Lanka Customs yesterday arrested a Kenyan national attempting to smuggle cocaine worth Rs.60 million at the Bandaranaike International Airport, Customs Deputy Director and spokesman Sudaththa Silva said. He said the suspect with cocaine weighing over two kilograms was arrested on his arrival at the BIA from Nairobi, Kenya via Doha, Qatar. Customs officials had found the cocaine concealed in shampoo bottles in his baggage and the investigation into the recovery of drug will be handed over to the Police Narcotics Bureau.

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Re-instate WDIG in suitable duties - Counsel

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA
Lawyers of country's first Woman Deputy Inspector General of Police Bimshani Jasiri Arachchi have requested to immediately reinstate her in appropriate duties as the DIG Police Ombudsman Range or other suitable duties. **TO PAGE 02**



Expedite vaccination - GMOA

The Government Medical Officers' Association said the COVID-19 vaccination process has been updated and the vaccines used in Sri Lanka are of a high standard. GMOA Executive Committee member Dr. Prasad Colombage said more staff should be deployed for the vaccination process covering all parts of the country soon. He said Health staff and the public should follow health guidelines as the new variant of COVID-19 is more contagious than the others. Dr. Colombage stressed the importance of strictly following health. **TO PAGE 02**

More deaths if COVID spread is not contained

Mangala cites Washington University projection
SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE
The Washington University in the US has estimated that more than 20,000 COVID-19 deaths in Sri Lanka could be expected by September if the spread of the COVID-19 virus continues this way, former Finance Minister Mangala Samaraweera said. **TO PAGE 02**



SLFP in sync with Government - Minister

The Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) will not help topple the government nor will it help strengthen the Opposition, Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said. Minister Amaraweera said the Sri Lanka Freedom Party will not support any political decision to overthrow the present government or strengthen the Opposition. **TO PAGE 02**



Country in bad shape economically - JVP

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI
The government is using public money for its own benefit rather than on enhancing a production economy, JVP political bureau member and former MP Sunil Handunnetti said. Handunnetti made this observation at a press brief held at the JVP Headquarters in Battaramulla yesterday (9). **TO PAGE 02**



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COVID monitoring: Nine DDGs for all Provinces

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA
Nine Deputy Director Generals (DDGs) of Health Services have been appointed to all Provinces by Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi to coordinate the COVID-19 prevention programme. Health Ministry sources said they have been assigned to monitor the COVID prevention programme in each province

and to take necessary measures to provide all the facilities required for the prevention of the spread of the virus and also to treat COVID-19 positive patients.
The Health Ministry has also decided to reserve one ward in every hospital islandwide for COVID-19 treatment services.
The Indian variant of the coronavirus

known as B.1.617, has been detected for the first time in Sri Lanka.
Dr. Chandima Jeewandara, Director of the Allergy, Immunity, and Cell Biology Unit at the Sri Jayewardhanapura University said that the Indian virus strain was found in a sample obtained from an individual currently staying at a quarantine

facility in Mount Lavinia after returning to the country from India.
Speaking to the media Production, Supply, and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana said that the health and relevant other authorities have taken all possible measures to prevent the spread of the Indian variant of coronavirus to society.

Deploy retired nurses to fill emergency - Thera

SANDYA KARUNARATNE
United Nurses' Union President and Abhayaramaya Narahenpita Chief Incumbent Ven. Muruththettuwe Ananda Thera yesterday said that the country does not have trained nurses to be deployed at COVID treatment facilities being added in the country.

He said the country does not have trained nurses to be deployed for duty at these new centres. "Obtaining the assistance of retired nurses is the best solution to meet the shortage of trained nurses," the Thera said. He said that he has already made this proposal to the President too.

Remnants of rocket lands in Maldives sea

BEIJING - A large segment of a Chinese rocket re-entered the Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated over the Indian Ocean on Sunday, the Chinese space agency said, following speculation over where the 18-tonne object would come down.
Officials in Beijing had said there was little risk from the freefalling segment of the Long March-5B rocket, which had launched the first module of China's new space station into Earth orbit on April 29.

It added that most of the segment disintegrated and was destroyed during re-entry. Monitoring service Space-Track, which uses U.S. military data, also confirmed the re-entry.
"Everyone else following the #LongMarch5B re-entry can relax. The rocket is down," it tweeted.
The segment's descent matched predictions by some experts that any debris would have splashed down into the ocean, given that 70 per cent of the planet is covered by water.

"After monitoring and analysis, at 10.24 on May 9, 2021, the last-stage wreckage of the Long March 5B Yao-2 launch vehicle has reentered the atmosphere," the China Manned Space Engineering Office said in a statement, providing coordinates for a point in the Indian Ocean near the Maldives.

But the uncontrolled re-entry of such a large object had sparked concerns about possible damage and casualties, despite there being a low statistical chance. American and European space authorities were among those tracking its orbits and trying to determine when and where it may come down. (CTV News)

India's situation affected Lanka's vaccination strategy - State Minister Godahewa

Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa inspected the progress of the COVID-19 treatment centre being constructed in Warella-watta, Yakkala.



State Minister Nalaka Godahewa at the Polytex factory premises soon to be a quarantine centre.

"Steps have been taken to convert the non-operating factory of Polytex Garments in Warallawatta as a COVID-19 treatment centre. The facility is being built by Sri Lanka Navy engineers with funds from Western Provincial Council.

"We believe that we can start this project by the end of the week and is expected to complete in two weeks. He said the fast virus spread and unfortunate situation developing in India, they had to limit their supply of vaccines to foreign nations.

"If that didn't happen, then we could have been able to implement the original strategy and could have had a smooth vaccination programme. This was a matter beyond our control as it happened due an unexpected problem developed in India.
"Nevertheless the government is reaching out to other nations to find a solution for this. We don't run away from problems", he said.
Enforcement alone is not sufficient and its citizens responsibility too to contain the COVID-19. Spreading of the virus is common, the responsibility lies not only with the government but also with the people. We all know that people



organise festive events would be arrested. The Government can enforce the law. However responsibility lies within the hands of the people. We must tell everyone including our friends and relatives to be cautious and act with responsibility. Law enforcement can't do everything, people also should act in a responsible manner.
Covid19 spread is a global phenomenon. However our Opposition Leaders' statements imply that it is this government that is responsible for the Corona Virus. Please name any country in the world that has not been impacted by this pandemic. Regardless of the irresponsible political statements made by the leader of

opposition, there is a challenge ahead of us. We have to accept that. We all have to deal with it and the government is doing its best.

Always we have to look at both sides of the coin. If we go for a lockdown, would 100% agree for that? Majority of people need to continue with their livelihoods.
Restriction should be done carefully with minimum impact to their livelihoods. That's why selected lockdowns are enforced in necessary areas. We could have easily taken a decision to lockdown the entire country. But that creates problems to many people and their livelihoods get disrupted, Dr. Godahewa said.

took it easy during the New Year holiday period and it also caused the ongoing surge in the number of infections. Comparatively, we as a country are doing a great job in looking after our patients. Citizens must do their best to protect themselves by following strict health guidelines while the government is taking measures to treat infected patients like this initiative at Warella-watta facility.

The Government has already announced that people who

Major drive to wipe out drugs... From page 01



Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Dr. Sarath Weerasekara, Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and Community Police State Minister Dilum Amunugama at the discussion.

During yesterday's meeting, special focus was on the rehabilitation of these drug addicts instead of remanding them and putting them through a rehabilitation programme. During the rehabilitation programme, these drug addicts would be given vocational training and trained to be productive citizens.

during this meeting pertaining to vocational training, reintegration and follow-up.

An executive and management committee was proposed to be appointed for the plan, comprising representatives of relevant Ministries, Departments and various Institutions.

Discussions were also held on identifying locations for these activities, treatment courses, vocational training, security, reintegration and follow-up. In addition, it was also discussed how to protect the privacy of those undergoing this programme and how they should be categorised into two major groups requiring long-term and short-term treatment.

The Sports Minister gave an assurance to locate suitable locations for the establishment of such premises and it was also proposed to expedite the training of instructors.

The need for rehabilitation has been identified as an urgent need due to the fact that the majority of these minor drug offenders who are imprisoned eventually leave prison as hardened criminals and around 40% of those involved in criminal activities have been found to be drug users.

At this meeting an expected project plan was presented, where it was suggested that those who need to be rehabilitated should be categorized as, those to be imprisoned, to be reintegrated and other inmates required to be rehabilitated. Many ideas were discussed

SLFP in sync with... From page 01

The Minister when asked by a group of journalists asked whether the SLFP is mulling to form a new government, said the SLFP will not support any decision to overthrow the present government



Minister have instructed us to propose to our organizers to go among the people and launch the necessary development projects to carry out development work.

They are implemented by the ministers representing our party in government. We have already prepared several such projects.

Former Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa promised to provide the necessary financial assistance to us. "We are making number of other development projects that our organizers can directly participate in.

Therefore, this government is our government. All those in this government started politics from the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

Therefore, we know that the dignity of the SLFP has not been tarnished in the consciences of all of them."

Therefore, I would like to say that we as the Sri Lanka Freedom Party are not ready to overthrow this government or make headlines to speak to the Opposition.

"There is no truth in that information. The President and the Prime Minister are listening to the SLFP. The Sri Lanka Freedom Party will not support any attempt to destabilise the government or to overthrow the present government and strengthen the Opposition", he said.

"SLFP party members and the district organisers have some problems in their political activities. We can solve those issues within the government. He said that the Party is capable of finding solutions to these issues after discussions with the President and the Prime Minister. "We as the Sri Lanka Freedom Party members do not indulge in any activity that embarrasses the present government," Amaraweera said.

The President and the Prime

State Vesak Festival, not in Jaffna as planned

NUWAN KODIKARA

The State Vesak Festival which was scheduled to be held at Nagadeepaya in Jaffna will not held as planned in view of the prevailing pandemic situation in the country.
Buddhasasana Ministry Secretary

Prof. Kapila Gunawardena said the Ministry arrived at this decision on the instructions of Health authorities.

He said arrangements will be made to have this ceremony in some other location.

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guidelines as a patient develops the symptoms five days after contracting the virus. During this time, he can spread the virus to many persons one encounters, he said.

He said that several medical associations including the GMOA, Sri Lanka Medical Council and Special

ist Doctor's Association have in a letter to the President stressed the need of imposing travel restrictions in view of the present situation of the pandemic. He also said that this letter has emphasised travel restrictions should be imposed in a scientific way.

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The Minister said it was not the Government's intention to lock down the entire country to control the COVID-19 pandemic, adding that isolation of individual areas and travel restrictions would be imposed as needed on the recommendations of the health sector.



The Minister said that no one from India will be allowed to enter the country illegally and that the Navy will conduct special operations to prevent maritime migration.

All arrivals by air from India have also been suspended, though transit passengers are exempt. There is no

ban on departures to any city in India.

Sri Lanka is currently administering three brands of COVID-19 vaccine - the Oxford AstraZeneca/Covishield, the Sputnik V and the Sinopharm. An order has been placed for 13 million doses of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine from the Gamaleya Institute of Moscow. Five million doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech mRNA-based vaccine too have also been ordered.

Kandy District MP Prof. Ranjith Bandara was present on the occasion.

Re-instate WDIG in suitable... From page 01

In a letter forwarded to the Inspector General of Police, senior counsel Chrishmal Warnasuriya said by an Internal Circular dated March 23, 2021, the Inspector General of Police has taken action to remove his client from acting in her duties previously delegated to her in the Police Ombudsman Range with effect May 1, 2021, failing to assign to her any DIG range or other comparable duties to perform in the capacity of a DIG to date.



Warnasuriya further said the staff assigned to her office have been directed to report to another DIG

(Staff DIG) from May 4, 2021 which exacerbates her above position which also has a direct adverse bearing on her position in the matters presently being deliberated upon in the Fundamental Rights petition filed by 33 Male SSPs challenging her said appointment.

33 SSPs had filed a writ petition in Supreme Court seeking an interim order staying the decision of the National Police Commission to appoint Bimshani Jasiri Arachchi to the post of acting Woman Deputy Inspector General of Police. This petition is to be taken up for support on May 18.

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Early medical attention will help prevent such situation. Patients should admit themselves to hospital before developing symptoms to save their lives, doctors said.

The Health Ministry's Epidemiological Unit said 108 COVID related deaths were reported during the past eight days.

Health authorities said a less number of COVID-19 deaths were reported from hospitals.

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He said that the World Health Organization gave emergency approval for the Sinopharm vaccine following a request made by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to the World Health Organization.



The Chinese government donated 600,000 vaccines to the country on a request of the President and the vaccine was inoculated to 5,000 Chinese nationals working in the country, he said

vaccine for Sri Lankans on Saturday. "We are grateful to the Chinese Ambassador in Colombo and also the Chinese government," Prof. Jayasumana said.

"Sri Lanka needs only 22,000 liters of liquid oxygen. But, two companies are currently manufacturing 80,000 liters of liquid oxygen", the State Minister said.

The State Minister further added that the health authorities have already prepared a program to protect the pregnant mothers from the COVID-19 risks.

Eye on Indian variant... From page 01

"The Health officials who were on alert detected the patient. As he has been kept in isolation for three weeks, there is no room to spread the virus from him," she said.



However the State Minister said Health officials have been keeping eye on him

More deaths if COVID spread... From page 01

Addressing the media yesterday Samaraweera said the Sri Lankan authorities should immediately address this issue, which the University of Washington emphasises, and that Sri Lanka would face a deadly situation if a clear solution is not found to control the epidemic.



Commenting further on the report released by the University of Washington as well as the current COVID-19 situation in Sri Lanka, Samaraweera said the University of Washington has published a report on the current global situation with the pandemic and it elaborates the situation of every country.

20,000 corona deaths could be expected by September," he added.

He said that the country is not prepared to face such a situation and he is confident that the Government will not delay in stopping such a deadly situation. "The United States and Great Britain, which have had the highest mortality and morbidity rates in the world in recent years, can be cited as examples. The formalisation and acceleration of the COVID-19 vaccine have already shown a rapid decline in deaths and morbidity in those countries," he added.

"The government and the authorities should immediately pay attention to the issues mentioned in the report regarding Sri Lanka. The report points out that if the spread of the virus in Sri Lanka continues like this, more than

ment somehow manages the vaccines approved by the World Health Organization in consultation with the international community and initiates formal vaccinations across the country combating the virus will not be a hard task.

Country in bad shape ... From page 01

He said the poor economic management of the government had cost people more suffering which is already crushed by the COVID-19 pandemic situation prevailing in the country. He criticised the government for using the pandemic as an excuse to cover up its poor economic management.



Handunnetti said, "The Central Bank of Sri Lanka presented its 2020 Annual Report to Parliament last week. There are a number of issues raised in this report regarding the economy of our country. The COVID-19 pandemic is the most serious situation in the country today. In the face of this, the people have been severely affected. It is reported that Sri Lanka has been warned of the second largest epidemic growth in Asia. But even in this situation we have to carry out our economic activities. We have repeatedly stressed in the past that our economic level is falling sharply. Before the onset of the epidemic, it had dropped to -1.6 in the first quarter of 2020. By the second quarter, it was getting worse."

ment continues to point out that the pandemic is the main reason for the 2020 economic downfall. The Central Bank report also states that the main cause is the COVID-19 pandemic. But really, analyzing the information and data provided by the Central Bank, the question arises as to whether we can face the pandemic with the kind of economy we have. We are facing the worst economic crisis in the history of Sri Lanka. It is also facing a serious epidemic. It is in this context that we have to consider the facts in the Central Bank report.

The government has to repay US\$ 6.9 billion as foreign debt next year. The 1 billion dollar sovereign bond debt is due on July 27. How to pay off this debt? The country has been subject to a very serious economic tragedy."

Handunnetti said the Central Bank report also shows that the country cannot recover from the government taking over the assets of commercial banks and printing money. "The information we have recently presented to the country has been confirmed by the data in the Central Bank report," he said.



Anunayake of the Malwatta Chapter Most Ven. Niyangoda Vijithasiri Thera tying the pirith noola (Sermon Thread) on State Minister Vidura Wickremanayake. Ven. Kirinde Assaji Thera of the Hunupitiya Gangaramaya Temple, Indian High Commissioner in Colombo Gopal Baglay and Ambassadors of Japan and Vietnam were present. Pictures by Sudath Malawewa



Prayers for India

Special prayers and ceremonies were held by people of different faiths across the country on May 8 for the well-being of people of India in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. The extent of diversity in these solidarity ceremonies was a true manifestation of camaraderie and connections between the peoples of India and Sri Lanka.

Accordingly, a multi-religious, country-wide 'Vishwa Ashirwada Horawa' was organised by the Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs Ministry headed by Prime Minister Mahinda Raja-

paksa from 1730 to 1830 hrs. High Commissioner Gopal Baglay attended the special ceremony at the Sri Gangaramaya Temple. The sacred Rathna Sutra and Jwara Pirith were recited on the occasion. Ambassadors of Japan, Vietnam and several other diplomats attended.

Moreover, the Mahamritunjaya Maha Yagya was held simultaneously at the five Easwarams in the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited the Nagulewsawaram Temple during his visit to Sri Lanka in March 2015 and as a mark of his sym-

bolic participation at the event, his photographs from the visit were displayed at the site of the ceremony.

Like authorities of the Nagulewsawaram Temple, office bearers of Kondavil Ayyappa and Maaviddapuram Kandaswamy Temples handed over letters of solidarity addressed to President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Modi to S. Balachandran, Consul General of India in Jaffna.

Likewise, the Catholic churches in Jaffna dedicated a one-hour prayer service to the people of Sri Lanka, India and beyond.

Parallel prayers were held at private houses as well during the same time.

The multitude of prayers and ceremonies held over the previous weeks across the island nation was listed out in the Press Release of the High Commission on May 5.

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Sri Lanka starts Sinopharm and Sputnik V vaccination drive



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The Health Ministry on Saturday began administering the Sinopharm vaccine, soon after the World Health Organization (WHO) approved it for Emergency Use worldwide. The Ministry earlier began administering the Russian-made Sputnik V vaccine in the Gothatuwa area off Colombo.

The Sinopharm vaccine was administered at the Panadura Health Office in the Kalutara District, an area which has reported a rising number of COVID-19 patients in recent days. It was also administered in the Jinthupitiya area in Colombo on Sunday.

Speaking at the launch of the vaccination drive, State Minister of Production, Supply, and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals Prof. Channa Jayasumana thanked the Chinese Government for sending 600,000 doses of the Sinopharm vaccine to Sri Lanka and said this would add to the efforts of the Sri Lankan Government to vaccinate at least 70 percent of its population against the COVID-19 virus by the end of the year. The vaccine has already been administered to around 4,000 Chinese nationals residing in Sri Lanka.

"Today is a very special day for the Panadura MoH office. We want to thank the Chinese Government as well as the WHO for approving the Sinopharm vaccine under Emergency Use. Today we began administering the Sinopharm in the Panadura area and want to thank President Gotabaya Rajapaksa for approval to start this programme in the Kalutara district," Prof. Jayasumana said.

State Minister of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control Dr. Sudharshani Fernando also said at the launch of the vaccination drive that with the WHO and the National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA) approving the Sinopharm vaccine under Emergency Use in Sri Lanka, authorities will now look to get more vaccines from China to vaccinate the local population. The WHO is expected to approve Sinovac, another Chinese vaccine, soon.

"Today we began administering the Sinopharm vaccine in the Panadura Health Office for locals above the age of 30 and below the age of 60. From tomorrow we will also identify the areas which have reported the highest number of COVID-19 patients in recent days and will begin to administer the



Sinopharm vaccines in those areas as well," Dr. Fernando said.

She said some of the areas worst affected by the COVID-19 virus were Colombo, Kalutara, Gampaha, Kurunegala, Kandy, and Matale, and authorities were making arrangements to vaccinate the people in these areas as soon as possible.

"The best way for protection from the COVID-19 virus is to vaccinate the people and this Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is aiming to vaccinate the local population as soon as possible," Dr. Fernando said. The President had earlier declared that vaccination would be the best answer for controlling the pandemic.

The Sinopharm vaccine arrived in Sri Lanka last month, under a special grant by the Chinese Government to the Sri Lankan Health Ministry. The Sinopharm vaccine can be stored at normal refrigerator temperatures, unlike some vaccines produced in the West.

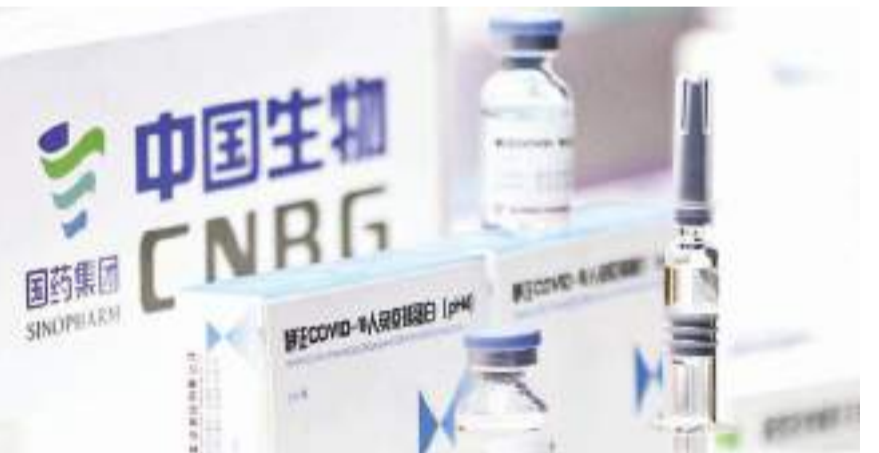
The residents of Panadura who lined up to receive the vaccine on Saturday thanked the Chinese Government for sending the vaccine to Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka now has three vaccines – AstraZeneca, Sputnik V and Sinopharm for Emergency Use. The Health authorities have also approved and ordered the US-German Pfizer/BioNTech COVID vaccine for Emergency Use. The Government plans to order AstraZeneca vaccines from countries other than India, which has barred exports due to the virus surge there.

Sri Lanka has now given the first dose of vaccine to nearly one million people and hopes to complete the process by the end of this year, except for schoolchildren and pregnant women, two categories who are not given vaccines at present. Trials are successfully underway in this regard. Sri Lanka is among the few developing countries that has inoculated close to one million people.

Worldwide, more than one billion vaccine doses have been administered, the vast majority of them in the developed world. Some developing countries have not even started their vaccination campaigns yet due to delays in the WHO/COVAX programme which aims to provide vaccines to 20 percent of the developing world's population. Sri Lanka too has received a consignment of vaccines from COVAX and more stocks are expected in due course. Developing countries have called for a patent waiver for boosting vaccine production, which has been backed by the US.

Sinopharm, Sinovac: Vaccines for the World



The World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday approved the Sinopharm Covid-19 vaccine for Emergency Use – the first Chinese jab to receive the WHO's green light.

The UN health agency signed off on the two-dose vaccine, which is already being deployed in dozens of countries around the world including Sri Lanka.

The WHO has already given Emergency Use listing to the vaccines being made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson, and the Oxford AstraZeneca jab being produced at sites in India and in South Korea, which it counts separately.

"This afternoon, the WHO gave Emergency Use listing to Sinopharm, Beijing's Covid-19 vaccine, making it the sixth vaccine to receive WHO validation for safety, efficacy and quality," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told a news conference.

"The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunisation or SAGE, has also reviewed the available data, and recommends the vaccine for adults 18 years and older, with a two-dose schedule."

An Emergency Use Authorization listing by the WHO paves the way for countries worldwide to quickly approve and import a vaccine for distribution, especially those states without an international standards regulator of their own.

It also opens the door for the jabs to enter the

Covax global vaccine-sharing scheme, which aims to provide equitable access to doses around the world and particularly in poorer countries.

Covax call

"The addition of this vaccine has the potential to rapidly accelerate Covid-19 vaccine access for countries seeking to protect health workers and populations at risk," said Mariangela Simao, the WHO's Assistant Director General for access to health products.

"We urge the manufacturer to participate in the Covax facility and contribute to the goal of more equitable vaccine distribution."

Currently only AstraZeneca and some Pfizer jabs are flowing through the scheme.

Bruce Aylward, the WHO lead on Covax, said Sinopharm was "looking at trying to provide substantial support, make substantial doses available. It has been very interested in looking at playing a role to help with the global response, which is encouraging."

The WHO recommended that the two Sinopharm shots be taken three to four weeks apart.

The vaccine's efficacy for symptomatic and hospitalised cases of Covid-19 was estimated to be 79 percent when all age groups are combined, it said.

The agency said few adults over 60 were

enrolled in clinical trials of the vaccine, so its efficacy could not be estimated in that age group.

Nevertheless, "there is no theoretical reason to believe that the vaccine has a different safety profile in older and younger populations," it said.

The Sinopharm vaccine is already in use in 42 territories around the world, fourth behind AstraZeneca (166), Pfizer-BioNTech (94) and Moderna (46), according to an AFP tally. Besides China, it is being used in Sri Lanka, Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Hungary, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Peru, the United Arab Emirates, Serbia and the Seychelles, among others.

Second Chinese vaccine next

A clutch of other vaccines are on the road towards WHO Emergency Use listing.

A WHO decision is expected within days on Sinovac, a second Chinese-made vaccine already being used in 22 territories.

But WHO experts said Friday they have now asked Sinovac for additional information and are waiting for answers before they can make a recommendation. Behind Sinovac, Russia's Sputnik V vaccine is the next furthest ahead in the process.

But Simao said the WHO was still analysing data, receiving additional information on the dossier and conducting site inspections that will end in the first week of June.

Approving Sputnik V could happen after that,

she said, "but it depends on the inspections being made and the dossiers being completed".

China's Sinopharm has sent 50 million vaccine doses for COVID-19 overseas so far and analysts predicted that China will become the country that sends the most vaccine doses to other countries, with many of them being distributed to developing nations.

The *Global Times* has learned from Sinopharm that the 50 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines it has sent overseas included donations and purchases.

Sinovac, another vaccine producer in China, and Sinopharm have become China's main companies that have sent vaccines overseas.

Yin Weidong, CEO of Chinese vaccine producer Sinovac Biotech, said on April 20 at a seminar during the 2021 Boao Forum for Asia that Sinovac has produced 260 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, of which 60 percent have been provided to other countries. At least 160 million doses have been administered, proving the safety of the vaccine.

Analysts predicted that China may become the country that sends the most vaccine doses overseas, with most of them distributed to developing countries, a concrete action fulfilling its promise of making vaccines "public goods."

Following pressure from the international community, the US announced it will share 60 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines with other countries, but no details or actions have been unveiled yet. (NDTV, *Global Times*)



General Shavendra Silva inspects Seeduwa Army-improvised COVID Hospital

National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) Head, Chief of Defence Staff and Army Commander General Shavendra Silva together with several Senior Officers inspected the country's biggest Army-improvised COVID-19 Hospital in Seeduwa last Saturday morning.

The Army-improvised COVID-19 Hospital in Seeduwa, fully backed by the Army Seva Vanitha Unit (ASVU) with 1,200 beds, equipped with all vital health facilities, consequent upon the generosity, extended by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Brandix Group Ashroff Omar, is the first-ever biggest COVID-19 Hospital in the country, improvised by the Army in less than a week to be in line with the Government's decision to increase the bed-capacity.

"The Army initiated an island-wide hunt for suitable locations and buildings and as a result, Security Force members at all regional levels are improvising new places to serve as Intermediate Care Centres or Hospitals, exclusively reserved for COVID-19 treatment as capacities in Government Hospitals are already overwhelmed. We expect to open this state-of-the-art facility centre shortly in Seeduwa," General Shavendra Silva said.

The Army Chief was warmly wel-



General Shavendra Silva along with others inspecting set of equipment in the Hospital.

comed by Major General Sujeewa Senerath Yapa, General Officer Commanding, 14 Division, together with Major General Sanjaya Wanasinghe, Adjutant General of the Army and Brigadier Lal Wijethunga, Commander, 141 Brigade, at the entrance to the new facility, made avail-

able by Brandix Group. The facility with emergency treatment unit, isolation sections, resuscitation units, ICU, medical stores among others is the first of its kind in Sri Lanka that came up in less than a week on an initiative taken by the Army to face with any contingency in

the wake of resurgence of the 3rd COVID-19 wave in the country.

The Seeduwa new facility is the third such handed over by Brandix to the worthy cause of combating COVID-19 in Sri Lanka, apart from similar quarantine facilities they made available at their sites in Punani and Rambukkana. This Facility was also the first to receive the international recognition as the world's first Apparel Manufacturing Facility along with the LEED Platinum Certificate.

This improvised new COVID-19 hospital in Seeduwa has been equipped with Army-produced 1,200 beds and we will primarily have 5,000 beds ready and the target is to increase it to 10,000 beds around the country within the next couple of days.

"In this place, isolated medical facilities with separate cubicles and space could cope with 1,200 patients on an emergency basis. The military has already added more beds to the hospital capacity, intermediate care centres and provided even ICU beds, having established the ICUs by the Army itself. Out of some 86,000 beds in island-wide State hospitals, initially we used only about 5,000 beds since capacity for contingencies like COVID-19 is minimal," General Shavendra Silva said.

Werallawatta COVID Care Centre in service in two weeks

IRANGIKA RANGE

Construction on the intermediate care centre for COVID 19 in Werallawatta, Gampaha will be completed in the next two weeks," Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said.

The construction is being done by the Navy. Following a request by Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga, the Western Provincial Council has provided Rs.10 million for the construction. Several philanthropists have also agreed to donate raw materials as well.

After completion, the centre will have 2,000 beds, emergency treatment unit, oxygen supply and other sanitary facilities.

The construction site was recently observed by Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and Minister Prasanna Ranatunga.

Minister Namal Rajapaksa told reporters during the visit that the construction work will be expedited to hand the centre over to the health authorities soon. He said that the manpower of the Youth League of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) could be gained to expedite the work.



The Government started administering the first jab of Sinopharm's COVID-19 Vaccine from China for the people in the Panadura MoH Division on Saturday. Primary Healthcare, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control State Minister Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle, State Ministers Piyal Nishantha, Jayantha Samaraweera and Kalutara District Coordinating Committee Chairman MP Sanjewa Edirimanna were present. Picture by Upali Jayaratne, Panadura Group Corr.

Kesbewa UC Chairman, 33 Councillors test COVID positive

MAHINDA ALUTHGEDARA and SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

The Kesbewa Urban Council (UC) Chairman and 33 Councillors have been placed on quarantine after a councillor tested positive for COVID-19.

Health authorities said that these councillors have participated in the

council's meeting on May 4. "They and their close associates (101) have been quarantined," the Health Officials said.

The Health Authorities yesterday decided to temporarily close the Piliyandala Public Market after 101 persons contracted the virus in the market and adjacent areas.

India's C-19 tally tops 22 mn, 403,738 new cases, 4,092 fresh fatalities

The coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic continued to worsen in India as the trajectory maintained an upward trend. On Sunday, the nation added 403,738 to its tally as the national capital Delhi and other metro cities continue to report fresh infections, according to the Union ministry of health family welfare's daily bulletin.

It is the fourth consecutive day when the number of daily infections is hovering above the 400,000 mark after recording a slight dip

in daily cases. The daily fatalities remained above 4,000 as 4,092 people died due to the viral infection, pushing the death toll to 242,362. With the latest addition, the total Covid-19 caseload has now soared to 22,296,414.

The number of active cases jumped to 3,736,648 and 18,317,404 people have recovered with 386,444 were discharged in a span of 24 hours, figures updated at 8am on the health ministry's dashboard showed.

Twenty two post mortems at KTH on COVID victims

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE. Galle Central Special Corr.

The Judicial Medical Division of the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital (KTH) has conducted post-mortems on 22 persons who died of COVID in the past two weeks, Consultant Judicial Medical Officer Ruwan Nanayakkara said.

Those have been carried out between April 25 and May 8. Among the dead were 11 women and 11 men, Dr Nanayakkara said.

Fifty four post-mortems have been conducted so far on COVID victims, he said.

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Chandran Rutnam



Government will not stop development drive

— Minister Johnston



The Minister said that much worse challenges were faced than what was faced today. "We won the war under the leadership of Mahinda Rajapaksa, while the Opposition and its allies kept shouting that we would never win it. The leaders of the Yahapalana government lied to the entire nation. They misled not only people but the Mahanayakes of the Three Chapters. They have no solid work to show off except lies and allegations," the State Minister said. "The Ruwanpura Expressway will be completed in 30 months. Around 90 per cent of work of the Kurunegala Expressway is completed. It should have been declared

open for the public use six months back but the work was delayed by sabotaging act of a private construction company of a Minister of the yahapalana government. That is their concern for this country. They place their political agenda over the development of the country. They try to derail our work but we are confident we can defeat those conspiracies because we have won over bigger challenges," the Minister said.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa declared open the construction work of the Rs. 54.7 billion first phase of the Ruwanpura Expressway virtually from Temple Trees, in line with strict COVID-19 guidelines.

The Ruwanpura Expressway from Kahatuduwa to Pelmadulla via Ratnapura (73.9 km) has been divided into three sections for implementation. Section 1 is from Kahatuduwa to Ingiriya (26.3 km), Section 2 from Ingiriya to Ratnapura (26.2 km), and Section 3 from Ratnapura to Pelmadulla (21.4 km).

Chief Government Whip and Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said that the Government will not stop the development drive but move forward delivering the people what they were promised.

He was addressing the launching ceremony of the construction of the first phase of the Ruwanpura Expressway on Friday.

"We are now passing a very decisive moment because of the pandemic and all have to take utmost care of the situation. The Opposition Leader and his men seem to think that Corona is only here. This is a global pandemic. The Government successfully faced the First and Second Waves and we will face the Third Wave, too, effectively. We have trust in the President, Prime Minister, Health Authorities and Security Forces. We have the support of people and we are sure to win this challenge, too," he said.

"Ours is an opposition that demands to lock down the country and then to re-open it. We as a government have decided to move forward and not to suspend any

development project despite the threats from the pandemic. We cannot lag behind because of the pandemic. Even without a pandemic, the Yahapalana government could not develop this country. They turned this land of opportunity into a wasteland within a couple of years under their government. Their nagging was that there were no funds to develop the country. They said that they had to go begging funds from other countries. We changed that scenario and now the country is again on the fast track to development. We have made the country's economy stable. We have faced challenges one by one and achieved success. We have re-established national security. At the time they took over the government, our country was second only to China in the growth rate. They destroyed that economy by robbing the Central Bank. They siphoned off money from development projects. After we came to power we changed that culture and now we are again on the path of development," the Minister said.

Commonwealth Summit postponed

The London-based Commonwealth Secretariat Friday said that the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference (CHOGM-2021) that has due to take place in Rwanda on June 21, has been further postponed.

"Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, and Commonwealth Secretary-General, The Rt. Patricia Scotland QC, are today announcing the postponement of CHOGM 2021 as a result of the continuing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic," the Secretariat said in a statement.

It said that having reviewed all available evidence and risk assessments including with the World Health Organization (WHO) and their risk assessment tool, and after close consultation member countries, the decision had been made to postpone the CHOGM in Kigali for a second time.

"The decision to postpone CHOGM for a second time has not been taken lightly. The health and welfare of all Commonwealth citizens at this critical time must take precedence. We look forward to welcoming the Commonwealth family to Kigali for CHOGM at the appropriate time," said President Kagame said.

Scotland QC said the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing to have a "hugely damaging impact on our member countries, many of whom continue to face huge losses to lives and livelihoods."

"And while it is with deep disappointment and regret that we cannot bring Commonwealth leaders together at this time to discuss many of these critical issues, we must be mindful of the huge risks large meetings pose to all. "I want to thank the Government and

people of Rwanda for their professionalism, support, patience and their impeccable readiness to hold CHOGM. And I want to thank all our member countries and, in particular, the United Kingdom as our Chair-in-Office and India, who have suffered so grievously in these trying times. I look forward warmly to a time when we can be reunited with the Commonwealth family, face-to-face, in Rwanda when the conditions allow for us to do so safely and securely."

Scotland, who is the sixth Commonwealth Secretary-General, is facing opposition to her re-election to the post.

The Dominican-born, who was elected in 2015, is the second Secretary-General from the Caribbean and the first woman to hold the post.

Last year it was disclosed that Commonwealth governments have rejected a fresh attempt to give Scotland an automatic second term of office.

Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson in a letter noted that a "significant and diverse number" of heads of government "from across the Commonwealth" opposed the idea of Scotland being reappointed for another four years without facing re-election.

The prime minister — who is the current "chair-in-office" for the Commonwealth — said that he hopes the heads of government can instead agree just to extend Lady Scotland's contract temporarily until they meet next year. The 54 heads of government had expected to decide on Scotland's future at their biennial summit in Rwanda in January but the meeting was postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic. - Caribbean news

Burqa ban, a wise decision - MP Raheem

MOHAMMED RASOOLDEEN

The proposed ban on the Burqa will help the members of the Muslim community to pave the way for peaceful coexistence with other communities in the country, MP Ali Sabry Raheem from the Puttalam electorate told the Daily News on Saturday.

Reacting to government's decision to ban the Burqa, Raheem said it is a wise decision that would help Muslims to absolve themselves from any offences committed wearing Burqa and also it would prevent criminals from using the Burqa as a tool for their destructive efforts.

Raheem also pointed out that less than ten percent of Sri Lankan Muslim women wear Burqa. "It is the opinion of religious scholars that

wearing Burqa is not something that is obligatory in Islam. It is the traditional clothe worn by desert women to suit their climate."

"Some can use Burqa to conceal their identity, which can be often witnessed at guest houses during check ins," he said, adding that it is obligatory for Islamic women to cover all areas except their wrists and faces.

The Cabinet's decision to ban the Burqa has been submitted to the Attorney General's Department for the drafting of the Bill. Once it is completed, the Bill is likely to be presented in Parliament in June.

There was a temporary ban on Burqa in Sri Lanka following the Easter Sunday bomb blasts in April 2019.

Sri Lanka welcomes Saudi Arabia's green initiatives

Sri Lanka has congratulated Saudi Arabia on its Saudi Green and Middle East Green initiatives and called for regional cooperation to tackle the environmental challenges facing Saudi Arabia and the wider region.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman announced at the end of March the Saudi Green and Middle East Green initiatives, which aim to reduce carbon emissions in the region by 60 percent and plant 50 billion trees in the world's biggest afforestation project.

"Sri Lanka would keenly follow the ambitious projects designed to reduce carbon emissions in the region by 60 percent and the initiatives (aimed at preserving) marine and coastal environments, the latter being much closer to our heart as an island nation," the Sri Lankan Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement on Saturday, as it expressed the country's willingness to cooperate with the Kingdom on climate issues.

"Sri Lanka would express its support to Saudi Arabia and is looking forward to working with the Kingdom in our common approach to deal with climate change," the statement said.

Justice Minister Ali Sabry said the initiative by the Saudi crown prince "would set the road for sustainable development in keeping with environmental values." Experts also welcomed the Saudi projects. "This is one idea I dreamt of when serving in Gulf Cooperation Council countries

such as Kuwait, KSA, Bahrain, the UAE, Oman and Jordan," Seyed Abdul Cader Mohammed Zuhyle, former Sri Lankan ambassador to Kuwait and Bahrain, told Arab News.

"The large extent of land could be converted into greenery with careful planning and execution," he said. "Thousands of hectares of land are available to be brought under this initiative."

Dr. Hameed Mohammed Rafeek, a former president of the Sri Lankan Expats Society in Jeddah who has worked for three decades in Saudi Arabia, told Arab News that Saudi Arabia's green initiatives should be supported by the global community, including Sri Lanka.

"Sri Lanka should consider extending its support for and cooperation with this initiative," he said. "It is blessed with a rich natural environment and possesses expertise in virtually every area. It thus has the potential to share its experience."

(Arab News)

Mawathagama OIC files FR to have him transferred

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The OIC of the Mawathagama Police Station has filed a Fundamental Rights petition in the Supreme Court seeking an order to transfer him as the OIC of the Wariyapola Police Station with immediate effect.

The petitioner, Chief Inspector Sisila Senadheera Jayakody is seeking a declaration that his fundamental right to equality and equal protection of the law guaranteed by Article 12(1) of the Constitution has been infringed by the first to third

respondents in the petition including IGP C.D. Wickramaratne.

This petition had been filed through attorney Thanuja Dissanayaka naming Inspector General of Police C.D. Wickramaratne, Deputy Inspector

General M.N. Sisira Kumara, Senior Superintendent A.J.Y.B. Krishantha (Kurunegala Division), the Chairman and members of Public Service Commission and several others as respondents. The petitioner stated that

the said cancellation of his appointment and transfer as the Officer-in-Charge of the Wariyapola Police Station will not only effectively hamper and obstruct his career progression but also seriously affect his reputation and good name.

CI Jayakody states that during his career with the Sri Lanka Police Department, he has been involved in the investigation of many highly complicated crimes and the apprehending of numerous dangerous offenders.

OBITUARY NOTICE



Mrs. Gejagnanavathy Rajasingham
(Rtd. Chief Pharmacist
Castle Street, Women's Hospital, Borella)

Mrs. Gejagnanavathy Rajasingham of Varuthalaivillan, Tellippalai, passed away peacefully on May 6th 2021 in Toronto, Canada.

She was the loving wife of late Mr. Kandiah Rajasingham (Rtd. Assistant Commissioner, Excise Department), daughter of late Mr. Kathirithambi Subramaniam (Rtd. Station Master) and late Mrs. Sivagnanavathy from Varuthalaivillan and the daughter in law of late Mr. Thillayar Kandiah and late Mrs. Chellamma. She is the loving mother of Rhaveene (Engineer, Canada) Gajen (MRI/CT Technologist, USA) Rajith (Restaurant chain owner, Canada) and Rajeevan. She is the mother in law of Shamini and loving grandmother of Aarish. She is the loving sister of, late Mrs. Kuhagnanavathy Thiruchelvam, Mrs. Gunagnanavathy Kulasingam (Jaffna), Mrs. Kulagnanavathy Mahalingam (Canada), Mrs. Chenthilgnanavathy Sivalingam (Canada), late Mr. Kuhagnanalingam and Mrs. Mahagnanavathy Shanpahasundaram (Vavuniya). She is also the sister in law of late Mr. Sivapathasuntharam, late Mrs. Thanaluxmi Mahalingam, late Mrs. Ponmalar Nalliah, late Mr. kulasingam, late Mrs. Tharmapooopathy Sivarajah, late Mr. Balasingam, Mr. Ratnasingam (London) and Mrs. Annaluxmi Shanmuganathan (Canada).

Visitation is scheduled on Tuesday May 11th 2021, from 7 pm to 10 pm at Chapel Ridge Funeral Home, Markham and funeral services will be held at the same place on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 from 3 pm to 5pm and her remains will be taken for cremation to Highland Funeral Home, Gormley at 5.30 pm.

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Rural Housing and Construction State Minister Indika Anuruddha inspected the work on the 10 storey building at the Colombo South Teaching Hospital Kalubowila being built at a cost of Rs. 743 million. The construction is being carried out by the State Engineering Corporation. The new building consists of seven operating theaters, five laboratories and two Outdoor Patients Departments. Picture by Ashraff A Samad

Stern action against health guidelines violators in Batt

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN,
Batticaloa Special Corr.

The Police, Health Officials and the Security Forces are taking stern action against those who are not complying with the health guidelines in Batticaloa.

The Police and the MoHs in Batticaloa are instructing the people to wear face masks, keep the social distance, wash hands, avoid unnecessary travelling and tours, avoid gathering and stay home.

Those who violated the health rules have been arrested.



A group of Police Officers checking a motorcyclist.

Rajapaksas always protected territorial integrity - Minister Chamal

RAJA WAIDAYASEKERA,
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said that the Rajapaksas always protected and defended the country's territorial integrity and the sovereignty and never betrayed the country as the Opposition claims.

He was addressing a meeting in Tissamaharama recently.

He said that the Opposition has every right to criticise any project but levelling allegations just to mislead the people is unfair.

The Minister said that they have given a free hand to the investigators and the relevant institutions to make the necessary arrests regarding the Easter Sunday attackers.

Two garment factories in Matala closed

A.A.L.DIAS, Matala Group Corr.

Two garment factories in Palapathwela, Matala were closed on last Saturday after over 50 employees the factories tested positive for COVID.

The two companies boast over 2,000 employees.

The COVID positive employees have been sent to treatment centres, the managements of the two companies said.

Obituaries

WIJETUNGE - PADMINI MANGALIKA nee MATHEW of No 223, Temple Road, Colombo 10, passed away on the 8th May. Beloved wife of U.R. Wijetunge, daughter of the late C.V. Mathew and the late A.S. Mathew. Cortege leaves Lanka Florists Funeral Parlour for Cremation at **General Cemetery, Borella** at 5.30 p.m. 10.05.2021.

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Opposition Leader ignorant about development work using foreign funds – State Minister Lanza

Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said that the Opposition Leader does not understand that the money from foreign countries for development work cannot be used for other purposes. "Despite the global Corona pandemic, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is fulfilling his promises to the people," the State Minister said. "Had the contracted development work with foreign countries stopped, the contractors would have to be paid more. Then the



tax money of the people has to be spent in this regard. Therefore, development work is carried out somehow within the agreed

durations," the State Minister said. State Minister Lanza said that the money available for development should be used for the Corona pandemic. "He does not understand that the contracted money cannot be used for any other purpose. The money that the Government is going to buy helicopters cannot be used for the Corona pandemic. The Air Force Commander clarified that the helicopters will

be bought with the Russian loan assistance for the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces," the State Minister said. "The Opposition Leader is acting without even knowing that the money allocated for road development or other activities and agreements with various countries cannot be used for any other purpose. A two-year delay in the Expressway construction because of the tree on the Central Expressway means an additional Rs. 4,000 million from the public

has to be spent on the contract," he said. The COVID First and Second Wave have been controlled effectively by the Government. Compared to other countries, Sri Lanka is in a good position in this regard. Although the Third Wave is more destructive, the Government will control it. Therefore, every citizen should support the Government to battle against the COVID Third Wave," State Minister Lanza said.

COVID hits Imaduwa hard

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Central Special Corr.

Twenty two people tested positive for COVID-19 in the Imaduwa Medical Officer of Health (MOH) Division yesterday, the Imaduwa MOH revealed. Earlier, 209 associates of a COVID positive person of the area had been subjected to PCR tests on April 30 and the reports of those have been sent on Saturday. Of them, 98 residents of Imaduwa have tested COVID positive. The Kahada, Hawupe, Polhena, Hatangala, Atanikitha, Kambaragala, Dikkumbura and Angulugaha Grama Niladhari Divisions have reported over five COVID cases each after the New Year, the MOH said.

High Commissioner Kananathan presents credentials in Uganda

High Commissioner Veluppillai Kananathan presented the 'Letter of Credence' as the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Uganda with residence in Kenya to President of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni at the State House in Entebbe, Uganda on Thursday. During the private meeting that followed the official ceremony, the President and the High Commissioner exchanged views on the status of diplomatic relations between the two countries and acknowledged the significant growth in relations between Sri Lanka and Uganda in recent years. They also shared views on the need to broad-base the bilateral relations into many new areas of cooperation especially in trade, investment and other economic activities to reach its true potential.



High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Uganda Veluppillai Kananathan presenting the 'Letter of Credence' to President of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni at the State House in Entebbe, Uganda on Thursday.

President Museveni recalled the close relations that Uganda had enjoyed with Sri Lanka particularly during the time of former President of Sri Lanka Mahinda Rajapaksa and remarked that several initiatives were taken to enhance the bilateral relations to a new height. The President said that those initiatives should be followed up to amplify the bilateral economic relations.

High Commissioner Kananathan said that the Government headed by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was keen to promote relations with Africa for mutual economic benefits. He further said that Sri Lanka as an Observer in the African Union was making strides to use it as a platform to interact with African countries and sub regional organisations such as the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) to reach out to the African world for creating cooperation.

The High Commissioner informed the President that the Sri Lankan national carrier, the Sri Lankan Airlines had commenced its first ever direct flight connection to Nairobi on April 22 and added that negotiations were underway between the Sri Lankan Airlines and the Ugandan Airlines to conclude an Interline Agreement, which would provide direct benefit to travellers from Uganda to Sri Lanka and vice versa. The President remarked that the recent flight arrangement was great news and said that Sri Lanka and countries in East Africa should take advantage of this facility for passenger and cargo transport to create a win-win situation. They also agreed that both countries should make use of the air connectivity to facilitate tourism promotion between Sri Lanka and Uganda.

President Museveni, while appreciating the investments by Sri Lankan investors, the pioneers in mini hydro projects in Uganda, who also enjoy monopoly in the sector, invited more Sri Lankans to invest in diverse fields such as agriculture, manufacturing and other areas exploiting the most beneficial and lucrative terms and conditions presented for FDIs in Uganda.

The President, while wishing the High Commissioner every success in promoting bilateral relations between Sri Lanka and Uganda, assured him of the Ugandan government's fullest support and cooperation towards that end.

High Commissioner Kananathan had served as the resident High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Uganda in 2013-2015 and this is the second time he has presented the Letter of Credence to President Museveni in Kampala. High Commissioner Kananathan served as Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Uganda until he was appointed High Commissioner to Kenya in 2020 with concurrent accreditation to eight countries in the neighbourhood including Uganda.

High Commissioner Kananathan was also appointed as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka to Africa in January last year.

He holds professional qualifications of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA) and is a past pupil of St. Thomas College.

One dead, three injured in brawl

PRIYANTHA SUMANASENA, Ukuwela Visiting Corr. One person died and another three were injured in a brawl between two families in Nildiya Kiula, Rattota on Saturday. The deceased was brought to the Matale Hospital by the suspects and five of them have been arrested. The injured had been hospitalized, Police said.

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Super Jackpot: Rs. 3,167,420/-

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Development Fortune

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Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,363,160/-

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Development Fortune

Super Jackpot: Rs. 2,902,180/-

Winning English Letter and Numbers: J 07 08 15 70

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,902,180/-

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Bureaucrats and Covid prevention

Great policy can still be sabotaged before the people are benefitted. The Dehiwela-Mount Lavinia Municipality staff for instance, is a putrid example of how those in positions of authority seem to be determined to contribute to the spread of Covid, under the guise of preventing it.

That is a tragedy, because the sort of misguided protocols they have put in place not only undermines the Government's diligent Covid prevention work but also sabotages the good intentions of the Mayor and the Members of the Dehiwela-Mount Lavinia Municipal Council who are fighting Covid.

The paid permanent staff however seems to be totally tone deaf to the Covid prevention policy of the State and the Municipal Council. In the name of Covid prevention protocols, the staff insists that people queue up outside the offices that issue licences and certificates such as Street Line Certificates, and other similar documents. They are either too obtuse or too unconcerned to realize that crowds, whether they gather inside the room or outside the door, are still crowds. There is hardly any monitoring of social distancing as long as they are out of the room and outside the door. A few chairs are provided, but after that queue-standers end up in a huddle. It is as if the staff is only concerned about themselves being protected from Covid in their rooms.

Yet the staff expects those who queue for certificates to stand in line on two, sometimes three separate days. For example, if all the documents have been submitted and the payments have been made for obtaining a street line certificate, that means the ratepayer has done everything, and all he or she has left to do is to collect the document in question.

However, he or she is asked to come another day — and even if that is fair — the returnees are asked to stand in line with all of the others who are yet to give documents in the line the returnee stood in the day before. Is this preventing Covid or doing the utmost to spread Covid? What is the rationale in asking people to run the risk of being in a queue with questionable social distancing, on yet another day, for an additional couple of hours — sometimes close to three to four hours factoring in the one hour lunch interval for staff — when people only have to collect certificates that are already available and ready, and which they have paid for.

Not to labour the point, but these people have only returned for collection. They have to be handed the document over the counter, and told to leave the premises as fast as they could, if the staff has a modicum of good sense about the prevention of Covid, because preventing infection entails keeping crowds to a minimum.

This should be the most elementary of common sense, obvious even to a four-year-old. But the Dehiwela-Mount Lavinia Municipal Council staff insists that people queue up a second or third day for a document that is ready and can be collected over the counter.

Why does the Municipal staff do this? It is suspected that it is just because they can, and they are able to throw their weight about with all the riff-raff they employ at the door to herd the hapless ratepayers.

This is the situation in the Municipal Council, but it is suspected that there are many other Government offices in which they do this type of thing which worsens the Covid risk.

Staff in Government, semi-Government or corporate institutions should be disciplined if they needlessly expose visitors and clientele to Covid risk by unreasonably keeping them in queues for two to three days. They do this at normal times too — but in these times of a virulent pandemic, this sort of obnoxious behaviour is almost criminal. Indeed, in some countries, there are criminal penalties for those who needlessly expose others to Covid risk.

These behaviours are totally contrary to the Government's policy on Covid prevention which is to minimize exposure of persons in public settings. That is why there is Work From Home, for instance — protocols that mandate even those gainfully employed to stay at home so that they do not expose themselves and others to risk. If the Government and the Municipal Council Members can follow and promote such pragmatic policy, it is outrageous that paid staff couldn't care less about following elementary disease prevention wisdom at such a crucial juncture with the State trying to balance the need for disease prevention with the imperative of keeping the economy functioning.

The Covid prevention arm of the State has been scrupulous about detail, and has gone out of the way to ensure that the public is not inconvenienced in any sphere of public activity, be it working, schooling or running a business. This needs to be supported by administrators and bureaucrats in particular, who are the conduit between policymakers and the public.

Policymakers are often stymied by bureaucrats and other panjandrams. The public could be well served by bringing Covid-prevention unfriendly administrative practices to an end.

Discipline key to curbing COVID

Now & Then
BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Sri Lankans know how the Government controlled the first COVID-19 wave in March last year. We saw it with our own eyes. Now we see and hear everything very clearly and there is a very clear difference between then and now. But this is not about the difference. This is all about the bitter hidden truth exposed here in Sri Lanka with the outbreak of the 'third wave' of COVID-19 which came at the end of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year.

Sincerely trusting and believing Sri Lankan citizens, the Government even gave Rs. 5,000 for needy families to celebrate the New Year. But the outcome exposed the real nature of almost all Sri Lankans no matter whether they are rich or poor, educated or uneducated, Sinhalese or any other ethnicity or belonging to whatever religion. They exposed their real nature last month.

Although the Government, Armed Forces, health authorities and all highly praised the Sri Lankan people all the time for cooperating with COVID-19 health guidelines, it was not their discipline, understanding or willingness that saved the country from COVID-19 last year. It was blood, tears and sweat of health authorities, Armed Forces and all relevant public servants and strict rules and regulations which saved the country. The public contribution towards controlling COVID-19 in Sri Lanka last year was minimal and it was not visible to the country and the world due to strictly imposed rules and regulations. The fear of an unknown disease also contributed to the excellent control. But the reality was sadly exposed at the end of last month (April).

The real nature of Sri Lankans is now clearly visible. They do not have any control over their own behaviour. They maintain mindfulness rarely. The only thing they are waiting for is strict rules and regulations just because individually they do not have any control over themselves. They do nothing themselves. The best examples for this situation can be seen right now. Almost all want to lock down the entire country or provinces or at least districts. Without locking down no one is willing to control themselves.

This is because of their nature which was hidden for almost one year. The ugliest part is that they make fun of the Indian people who are suffering from a deadly outbreak of COVID right now.

The private hospitals have already announced that they do not have any more capacity to accommodate COVID-19 patients and the same fact was announced by the Chief Epidemiologist last week in connection with State hospitals and other State health institutions. But still the number of COVID-19 patients detected from Sri Lanka is rapidly increasing. It means no one is interested in those crucial announcements which have a direct impact on every Sri Lankan's life. The people seem to be deaf and blind. Oxygen will be useless without medical care and it is shown on television through visuals obtained from India 24x7. But still the COVID-19 patients detected from Sri Lanka keep going up day by day.

The other ugly side of some Sri Lankan people was displayed recently in Piliyandala. It was the residents who demanded that the area politicians keep their highly affected areas open to carry on their businesses, etc. They are a part of the society and not a group that came from another planet. Unfortunately the media only sees the role of the politician and does not



New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern addressing a COVID press briefing



New Zealand has successfully controlled COVID

see the connection of the public to the same issue. If the people of Piliyandala are well disciplined and behaved well during this pandemic, keeping or locking down an area will not make any difference. If all concerned people lock their homes down, the businessmen and all who are making money will have no place to go and there will be no one to buy their stuff. But the irresponsible behaviour of the people makes all the difference. How can people come into streets and sell things if all households are tightly locked and all family members stay inside? Traders do business because there are customers. Well-disciplined people can teach good lessons to all. But our society is waiting eagerly to sneak out and move freely without following any health guidelines. They are waiting for the loopholes of the law.

While people are struggling desperately to save themselves from COVID-19 the relevant authorities who provide private and state-owned transport to people are making it hard by reducing the number of buses and trains deployed to transport passengers. Even the State and private sectors have been asked to use a minimum staff. Still some people need to go to work because they want to save their jobs during this hard time. Therefore they risk their lives to travel in congested buses and trains. It was clearly visible on almost all television channels and newspaper photographs published last week. It seems making money out of people's plight is still going on without any change no matter how hard one tries to stop it.

The other lucrative business is introducing various Western and Ayurvedic drugs claiming that they

save lives from COVID-19. Almost all social media feeds are full of posts for such 'drugs'.

Some people have already spent thousands of rupees to buy those useless but expensive substances which do not harm the body and do nothing to prevent or reduce the severity of COVID-19. Almost all relevant authorities and institutions responsible to protect people from such products keep mum about those products. Consultants from IDH have to come forward and educate the people about them in the middle of their battle to save the lives of COVID-19 patients.

Last week some foreign media reported how an Indian female television announcer was stabbed to death on the road in broad daylight after she pointed out how a certain festival spurred the spread of the latest COVID-19 wave in India which now has a significant impact on neighboring countries such as Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. The visual of this murder shows how people simply ignored the incident and just look away and walk away without rescuing her.

In the past we saw how thousands of Sri Lankans from all walks of life violated almost all health guidelines and gathered to buy a strange syrup concocted by a person apparently using supernatural powers 'given' by a goddess. By now almost all relevant authorities have proved (through science and verification) that this 'magic potion' cannot heal COVID-19 patients. When we consider these incidents we can realise how both Sri Lankans and Indians believe myths and chase after myths totally ignoring science. But so far in the world no myth has performed a miracle. Healers in all religions have failed to cure

COVID or for that matter, any other disease.

According to the international media, there are loads of all required medical equipment and stocks of oxygen in Indian airports and other stores for over a week without clearance. Those media reports pointed out how the existing political and administrative system of India prevents such essential life-saving stuff from reaching the innocent people. The same media reports pointed out how the Central Government and States of India which combine to form a federal system prevent life-saving essential items from reaching innocent people who are dying in the thousands day by day since the start of the new COVID-19 wave. The politicians are busy with their personal work.

Fortunately Sri Lanka will not face the same situation or may be such a situation can be controlled successfully due to the non-operation of Provincial Councils save for the Governors. Fortunately COVID-19 has postponed the comeback of this troubled system. Otherwise this unsuitable system which was introduced into the Sri Lankan administrative system by force in 1987 under the UNP regime in the middle of a huge protest by almost all Sri Lankans will add fuel to the destructive fire kept alive by the bureaucracy in Sri Lanka.

We have only one question for all Sri Lankans. Why are some health officials and people shouting from their rooftops demanding a country-wide lockdown when New Zealanders can control it even without full vaccination? (The country has so far inoculated only around 90,000 out of a five million population). If New Zealanders can wear masks properly all the time and keep the social distance why cannot Sri Lankans do it? If New Zealanders can keep hand hygiene why cannot we do it? Masks used in New Zealand are the same ones available in Sri Lanka and the soap varieties are no different. It is the same set of health guidelines that applies all over the world. It is same cost and the same way. There is no difference at all. The only difference is in the discipline of the people.

Trying to be a New Zealander these days will save lives while trying to be an Indian will definitely offer a lonely end. This is what every Sri Lankan should keep in mind until vaccination is completed and the latest COVID-19 wave fades away.



Funeral of a Covid-19 victim in India



Huge crowds flocked to buy an anti-COVID potion in Sri Lanka

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Prevention is better than cure.

- Desiderius Erasmus



Colombo Port City:

Towards another Asian Financial Hub



Sugeeswara Senadhira



The Supreme Court's (SC) determination on the proposed Colombo Port City Economic Commission (PCEC) Bill will be placed before Parliament on May 18, paving the way for the Act to establish the Commission, with any amendments in accordance with the Judiciary's verdict. The Supreme Court conveyed its decision to Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, who will discuss with Party Leaders on May 18, on fixing a date to debate the Bill.

The Bill provides for the establishment of a Commission empowered to grant registrations, licenses, authorisations, and other approvals to carry on businesses and other activities in the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) to be established within the Colombo Port City. Several petitions were filed in the SC challenging the Bill on grounds that some of its clauses are inconsistent with the Constitution. A high-powered five-member Commission to administer the Port City will be set up after the Bill is approved by Parliament.

While the Government stressed the need for a powerful commission to attract foreign investments, some of the petitioners stated that the setting up of a separate commission is unconsti-

tutional and the zone would become a 'Chinese Colony'.

The Additional Solicitor General, appearing for the Attorney General's Department, informed the Supreme Court that the Government had decided to add several Amendments to the Bill at the Parliamentary Committee Stage. The Additional Solicitor General presented the amendments to the five-judge bench via a document and said that the proposed Bill does not reduce the powers of regulators, such as the Central Bank.

Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya making short remarks at the end of the submissions said the Bill does not seek to give concessions directly to investors and that the Port City Commission will be required to get tax holidays approved by the Cabinet and these will also be submitted to Parliament.

The Supreme Court ruling will open the pathway for the Government to take required steps to modify the Bill if the Supreme Court rules that any of its clauses are in contravention of the

Constitution. The Court will also decide if the Bill could be passed by a simple majority or a two-thirds majority in Parliament or whether further approval at a national referendum and/or approval by the Provincial Councils is required.

The early passage of the Colombo Port City Commission new law governing a reclaimed extension to the capital's Central Business District (CBD) is vital for the economy as it would pave the way to sell 20 plots of land bringing about US\$ 5 billion worth of investment to Sri Lanka.

The Bill, titled Colombo Port City Economic Commission, was tabled in Parliament last week, outlining proposed laws for the US\$ 1.4 billion Port City being built on reclaimed land at Colombo's seafont. Three Opposition parties, Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) and the United National Party (UNP), a foreign-funded NGO and some labour organizations have challenged the constitutional validity of the proposed legislation.

The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP)

Government took effective steps to expedite the Port City project, which would attract US\$ 15 billion in initial investments, and emerge as a leading business, retail, residential and tourist destination in South Asia. CHEC Port City Colombo, a joint venture with the State and the China Harbour Engineering Corporation has 100 hectares of land ready for construction. In the next five-year strategic plan, 20 plots in a total of 60 hectares of land adjacent to Colombo's CBD have been identified for the pilot projects.

The Colombo Port City Commission Bill envisages giving extensive powers to approve investments without going to the Board of Investment (BOI), give tax breaks and regulate businesses in the most far-reaching one-stop shop designed so far. It is expected to address several problems in Sri Lanka's ease of doing business indicators that had kept back Foreign Direct Investments (FDI).

A spokesman for CHEC Port City Colombo said 40 out of 74 buildable plots of land are allocated for commercial development which will bring investments and business activities while 34 plots are for residential use. Out of 269 hectares reclaimed, China Harbour will get 113 hectares, 91 will be common areas vested in the Government and the balance 60 odd hectares are land the Government can sell and earn revenue.

In designing the Port City plan, significant emphasis was given to create a vibrant Business Hub District, because of its extension to the Colombo CBD. It is no secret that Sri Lanka's current economic growth would not be sufficient to drive demand. Therefore, businesses have to

be attracted to Phase One to drive economic activity. Sri Lanka is primarily seeking foreign investments through Dollar inflows, but domestic businesses would also be allowed to buy land to gain a foothold within the Port City.

International trade, logistics operations, hospitality and tourism are considered natural strengths of Sri Lanka. The Port has identified ICT/ BPM, offshore banking, private equity, wealth management and investment banking as priority sectors, the CHEC spokesman stated.

However, all these plans for project implementation could only commence after the legal aspects are cleared in accordance with the Supreme Court decisions on the petition. Then the Port City Bill, as it is or with amendments, if any, could be proceeded with.

The Colombo Port City Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is expected to create a conducive and competitive environment for attracting FDI. Urban Development via SEZs is not unique to Sri Lanka and there are many successful SEZs in the world. SEZs have been a useful tool for developing nations to upgrade infrastructure, human capital and institutional frameworks and test out policies and their impact before they are selectively implemented outside the SEZ in the rest of the country.

Once the Commission Bill and other modalities are completed, Sri Lanka has the potential to offer market connections across the Middle East, East Africa and Asia-Pacific, with the Port City offering access and opportunities for groups and corporate figures across all of these regions. (IDN-*InDepthNews*)

The Porto EU-India summit:

Let's not forget South Asia



Indian PM Narendra Modi with French President Emmanuel Macron



Indian PM Narendra Modi with German Chancellor Angela Merkel

forward better", backing a re-booting of national economies of the region that, despite years of boom before the crisis, remained persistently unequal and unable to "leave no one behind".

An EU approach to South Asia from the prism of Agenda 2030, centred on Green Recovery, climate action, social protection, resilience and sustainable development and importantly, human rights, the latter a sensitive issue on the bilateral front with India, could more easily nudge the Prime Minister to open the gates to its neighbours.

There is a strong rationale for the EU to embed its future comprehensive strategy to the Indo-Pacific by incorporating a robust South Asia

pillar and the Porto Summit offers the chance to advance this agenda.

Forging an EU 'Partnership Framework for South Asia' with the full buy in of India will surely be seen with suspicion and perhaps hostility by Beijing but this development instead could be framed in the logic of mutual interest, a chance to help a region in need through less cut throat competition and more cooperation.

Lastly, being explicit with Prime Minister Modi on the interest of an enhanced presence of Europe in the Sub-Continent might also induce India to bring the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) out of life support. (EU Observer)



Map of South Asia

SIMONE GALIMBERTI
In Porto in Portugal, where for the first time all the leaders of the EU and its member states will meet (albeit virtually) Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, there is an opportunity to add a new impetus to the relationships between Europe and India. There is also a chance to provide practical guidance to the EU Commission and the high representative for the joint communication on the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific - to be published in September.

The way this document will be finalised will represent the key test against which the real ambitions of the EU in the Asia-Pacific region will be assessed.

Once central question: Will the formal pledges and generic ambiguity of the Council conclusions be turned into an ambitious agenda of action, blending together different visions for a very diverse and vast region?

On the one hand, there are now major efforts being undertaken in an increasingly relevant south-east Asia where the EU has recently stepped up its cooperation with the ASEAN community and, on the other hand, there is the strategic need to bring to even further level the relationships with Japan and South Korea in the defence and foreign affairs domains without

forgetting the Pacific where China has shown signs of greater assertiveness.

Amid this urgent need to reconcile and meld together different sub-regional interests, the EU should not set aside its commitment towards South Asia and the summit in Porto could help reassert the role Europe can play in promoting stability, prosperity and respect for human rights within the sub-continent, more from a strategic view rather than only through a sole developmental lens so far dominating the relationships.

There might be a problem here as India has always been jealous of its special relations with its neighbourhood, always acting, despite some pushbacks from its regional counterparts, as the dominant player, at least till the rise to power of President Xi Jinping of China.

With China reclaiming its role in South Asia, it might be the time for Prime Minister Modi to welcome a stronger engagement of the EU there, endorsing a more strategic role of the Europeans in the region.

That is why it is of absolute importance that the discussions in Porto also cover the entire South Asia from a strategic perspective, promoting the 'multidimensional' approach (though inevitably less ambitious) that India and the EU were able to forge together in the last five years.

The now widespread consensus

that expanding what was just an economic cooperation into a much more complete and strategic relationship (though, legally speaking, there is still an obsolete Cooperation Agreement signed in 1994 in place) is in the strategic interests of both India and EU, and should also pave the way for a joint partnership between the two in the South Asia.

Such collaboration could be aligned to the some of the anchors upon which the EU and India are building their relationship, namely green connectivity and climate action and sustainable development.

For example, a country like Nepal has an ambitious social and economic development agenda and the private sector there is eager to do its part with billions of dollars of investments to achieve its National Economic Transformation 2030.

Foundational to a new EU's engagement in the region is the huge demand for infrastructural financing as inter-regional connectivity projects struggle to take off due to tensions in the past between Pakistan and India, general lack of political will and bureaucratic paralysis.

Flooding and forest fires

Equally daunting is the challenge to cover the massive costs of climate action as the region is one of most

vulnerable in the world to climate change with recurrent patterns of flooding and forest fires.

According to the World Bank "between 1990 and 2019, more than 1,000 climate-induced disasters in south Asia affected 1.7 billion people and caused more than US\$ 127 billion (€106 billion) in damages", creating more poverty, as "climate change could drive 62 million people in South Asia into extreme poverty; floods alone could cost an estimated US\$ 215 billion annually by 2030".

Estimates from the Asian Development Bank hold that "infrastructure needs in developing Asia and the Pacific will exceed US\$ 22.6 trillion through 2030, or US\$ 1.5 trillion per year" and South Asia has some of the weakest levels of connectivity.

While both India and China have ambitious plans in the region from the infrastructural point of view, the EU through the European Investment Bank (EIB), could play an important role as well in South Asia especially now that there are high expectations that the EIB will further step in to support the EU's connectivity agenda in India, enlarging its already consistent portfolio of projects there.

Moreover now that the pandemic has once again struck the region in a much stronger fashion, there is an overall case for the EU to further engage South Asia, helping "build

Roots of Maldives' Violent Politics

The May 6 attempt on the life of Speaker and former President Nasheed is the latest in a political history of intense factionalism and Islamic radicalism



Former President **Mohamed Nasheed**

P.K. BALACHANDRAN
The Maldives, which is an Indian Ocean archipelago, is a tiny country of only 530,000 people. Its politics is dominated by a few elite families, many of whom are related to each other. Yet, it is intensely faction-ridden and violence-prone, to boot. Added to the combustible mixture is Islamic radicalism. According to the US State Department, an estimated 200 Maldivians, were fighting in Syria and Iraq in 2019, making their country the world's second largest supplier of foreign fighters per capita, after Tunisia.

The latest in a long series of violent political incidents was the blast which occurred on Thursday, May 6, at the capital Male. At 8.23 pm, a non-military Improvised Explosive Device (IED) fixed to a motorcycle parked near Parliament Speaker Mohamed Nasheed's car, went off, critically injuring him and three others including a bodyguard.

On Friday and Saturday, as Nasheed was undergoing multiple operations at the ADK Hospital to remove shrapnel from

the head, chest and other parts of his body, the Police said that they had identified the two arrested suspects as Thahmeen Ahmed (32) and Mujaz Ahmed (21). But the main suspect, the man who triggered the blast, is still at large.

The Head of the Crime Investigation Department, Assistant Commissioner of Police Mohamed Riyaz said both Thahmeen and Mujaz have past crime records. While Mujaz is suspected to be directly linked with the person who detonated the IED, Thahmeen is the owner of the motorcycle to which the IED had been strapped.

Police Commissioner Mohamed Hameed said the two suspects belonged to a "dangerous extremist ideology" and would not hesitate to kill. He did not elaborate in the absence of precise information.

The police released three images of the main suspect taken from CCTV cameras. He was in direct view of Nasheed's home street when the explosion took place. The police believe that it was he who detonated the IED and have asked for public assistance to establish his identity.



Abdulla Yameen



Former President **Maumoon Abdul Gayoom**



Map of Maldives

The police have also released CCTV footage of the explosion, which shows Nasheed, surrounded by his security, walking from his residence in the narrow Neeloafaru Hingun to the car parked in Majeedhee Magu. The blast takes place just as he reaches the motorcycle, the IED was strapped to.

Police Commissioner Mohamed Hameed said that the attack did not appear to have had any connection to foreign organizations and that the explosive used was not military grade.

The ADK Hospital tweeted on Friday to say that it had

done 16 hours of "life-saving surgery" on Nasheed's head, chest, abdomen and limbs and that the Speaker was still in a "critical condition". But on Saturday, Nasheed's sister, Nashida Sattar, tweeted quoting Nasheed as saying: "I'm good." His brother, Ibrahim Nashid, said doctors were happy with Nasheed's recovery. "He is out of life support and is breathing on his own," Ibrahim said in a tweet.

The medical team that treated Nasheed said on Saturday that the metal ball bearings used in the blast had caused significant internal damage, but



Police guard the area



Investigators hunt for clues after the blast

had missed major organs and arteries. One projectile that hit Nasheed's lungs had narrowly missed his heart because it had struck a rib, doctors said.

Maldives has a reputation for political unrest. Nasheed, the Maldives' first democratically-elected President, was deposed and exiled in 2012 in what he called a 'coup'. In 2015, former President Abdulla Yameen escaped unharmed after an explosion on his speedboat. In 2007, a blast blamed on Islamist militants targeted foreign tourists and injured twelve.

On Thursday night, Nasheed's supporters in the ruling Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) gathered outside the ADK Hospital and shouted slogans calling for the ouster of the police and army chiefs and also the resignation of President Ibrahim Solih, local sources said.

The demand for Solih's resignation reflects deepening factionalism in the MDP, with one group supporting Nasheed and another supporting Solih. The Maldivian police chief is a close relation of the President. The Army Chief too is the President's appointee. In the Maldivian system, the Army (Maldivian Defense Force) is responsible for the personal security of top leaders. Hence the demand for the army's chief's scalp.

It was perhaps to deflect possible accusations of bias in the investigations that President Solih announced that the Government would get the assistance of the Australian Federal Police.

Back to factionalism in the MDP. The party did not field Nasheed as its candidate in the 2018 Presidential Election because he had been sent to prison for a 13-year term on terrorism charges by the Yameen regime in 2015. After he was discharged, he was made Speaker of Parliament which Nasheed saw as a sinecure.

Wanting to be in the limelight always, the ebullient Nasheed would often speak out of turn on matters of governance he had no authority to speak on. He would embarrass the Government, the President and the ministers in the process. Recently, he proposed that the Presidential system be replaced by the Parliamentary system and that he be made Prime Minister with all powers. He dropped the demand only when he found that it did not get traction.

Nasheed, with modernistic and Western ideas, has also been alienating Islamists who have a strong hold among the people of the Maldives. Nasheed would criticize the wearing of the burqa or sporting a beard suggesting that these were signs of extremism.

A radical section of Maldivian Islamists has periodically murdered liberal bloggers and others who promoted secularism and Westernization. Dr. Afrasheem Ali, an MP and a moderate Islamic scholar, was brutally murdered in October 2012 by a local extremist group with ties to Al-Qaeda, according to the Presidential Commission on Deaths and Disappear-

ances appointed by President Solih. The killers had local political support, it further pointed out.

Citing the report, Speaker Mohamed Nasheed said that the Police knew the facts at the time of the murder but claimed that the killing was politically motivated and tried to blame the main opposition Maldivian Democratic Party. Nasheed said that the report named NGO Salaf and a YouTube channel among other groups which incited hatred against Dr. Afrasheem, who was dubbed "Dr. Iblees" (Dr. Satan).

The inquiry commission revealed that the same radical group was behind the Sultan Park bombing in Male in 2007, in which 12 foreign tourists were wounded. Islamic zealots had abducted journalist Ahmed Rilwan in August 2014 and had murdered blogger Yameen Rasheed in April 2017.

Sections of the MDP believe that both the Army and the Police have been infiltrated by Islamic radicals. "Nothing will come out of the on-going probe," one of them, who is holding a government position, said dejectedly.

Human Rights Watch had said that senior officials, police, and judges had actively derailed earlier investigations into abduction and murder cases. Among them was a former Vice President Ahmed Adeen.

According to the US Department of State, the Presidential Commission's draft report had alleged that Adeen intervened with the then Criminal Court Judge Abdulla Didi to free individuals who assisted and carried out journalist Rilwan's abduction in 2014. Adeen was arrested on suspicion that he was linked to the attempt to assassinate President Abdulla Yameen in 2015. (*Eurasia Review*)

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Is the attack on Nasheed a sign of escalating radicalism?

N. SATHIYA MOORTHY

Parliament Speaker and ruling Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) chief Mohamed Nasheed, fondly known as 'Anni', escaped what the local police suspected was an improvised explosive device (IED) explosion, outside his Malé house at 8:30 pm, on Thursday, May 6.

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, better known as 'Ibu', joined other leaders, cutting across political parties to condemn the attack on his childhood friend and political mentor, and said it was not just an attack on Nasheed but on Maldives' "democracy and economy". He called in the Australian police without any loss of time, to assist in the investigations.

As the incident occurred in the midst of the Islamic fasting month of Ramzan, the incident has triggered speculation on extremism in the island, given the Indian Ocean archipelago's growing quota of news and analyses on international Islamic terrorism. Nasheed is the nation's first President to be elected under the multi-party democracy election of 2008. His term ended abruptly in February 2012, in the midst of the nation-wide protests for his exit.

Soon after the blast, Nasheed was wheeled into ADK Hospital in the city which reported that he had suffered multiple injuries but his 'vitals were stable'. At least four other people – three from Nasheed's security detail from the Maldives National Defence Force (MADF) and one European – also suffered injuries. They

were also out of danger, the officials said.

Even as President Solih and other leaders condemned the incident, Parliament met in an emergency session under Deputy Speaker Eva Abdulla, to take stock. Parliament's National Security Committee met to discuss the development even as President Solih called a meeting of the National Security Council (NSC). A clearer picture about the real cause for the blast, the men and their motives – if any behind the episode – will be known only after the investigations make some progress. This is, however, likely to be pushed until after the weekend as the Australian team will arrive on Saturday.

Second VVIP to be under threat

At 53, Nasheed is the second VVIP to face a blast threat of whatever kind in the country. In 2015, Fathimath Ibrahim suffered injuries and President



Former President Mohamed Nasheed with President Ibrahim Solih

Abdulla Yameen – currently serving a five-year prison term, pending appeal against a lower court verdict in a corruption case – escaped unhurt in a blast in his official speedboat. Invest-

igations led to the arrest of Yameen's chosen Vice-President Ahmed Adeen, for plotting the blast, in which First Lady Fathimath Ibrahim suffered injuries. However, the seriousness of

the charges of conspiracy were lost following the arrest of Defence Minister Col. Mohamed Nasim, for allegedly plotting to overthrow President Yameen. Both Adeen and Nazim spent years in prison, until the latter was freed after the Solih administration came into office in 2018. Adeen continues to be under house arrest on corruption charges dating back to his days as Yameen's all-important tourism Minister.

Bomb blast in Sultan Park

The first bomb blast in the country occurred in Male's Sultan Park at the height of the pro-democracy movement and protests in 2007, injuring 12 foreign tourists. Though the administration of President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom sought to link it to the fledgling democracy movement that supposedly wanted to 'wreck [the] tourism economy', the police arrested a few Islamic radicals from an island, not long after, thus, acknowledging it as an act of radicalism.

Since then, international analysts have been talking about increased fundamentalism and extremism in the archipelago. The Yameen administration acknowledged that Maldivian youths were fighting with the ISIS in Syria, and put the number at around 50, including some dead. The collapse of the ISIS in Syria meant that some of the disillusioned militants returned home – purportedly to lead a new life.

Earlier in 2015, the Malaysian police revealed that three Maldivian youths were being prepared to target the US and



Nasheed held a Cabinet meeting underwater

Israeli consulates in Chennai and Bengaluru, both in South India. The US armed forces had detained a few Maldivian youths fighting with the Al-Qaeda along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

Ever since these two episodes and one another in Mumbai occurred, the Indian security agencies have been on high alert, and have been working with their Maldivian counterparts to thwart all such moves.

In April last year, ISIS claimed responsibility for an arson incident in the island, in which four speedboats, a sea ambulance and two dinghies that were docked adjacent to each other were burnt at night. The Maldivian police initially dismissed it as a "retaliatory attack for recent investigations into drug trafficking and religious extremism". In doing so, the authorities acknowledged the existence of religious extremism in the country but denied ISIS presence or involvement.

The incident occurred months after the August 2019 report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry that delved into the spread of fundamentalism and extremism in the nation. Holding Al-Qaeda and ISIS affiliates responsible for the disappearance and assumed

killing of a 'liberal' journalist in 2014, the Commission said 'Al-Qaeda and ISIS affiliates' operated in the country, and that the latter was only a breakaway group of the former.

The Solih Government began following up on the Commission report by identifying island families that followed radical Islam to the point of keeping their children, especially girls, out of schools, and also conducted MNDF exercises in preparation for possible assaults on terror dens. They also began a re-education programme for these 'radicalised' youths and parents. The government, especially senior police officers, also addressed a national conference of local council members – who are the men on the ground – to create awareness on related matters.

However, the intervening COVID-19 pandemic and its rapid spread seemed to have directed the government's efforts away from tackling Islamic radicalisation. While it is understandable, the injuries to Speaker Nasheed now have revived memories of what remains undone – whatever be the final verdict of the blast investigators.

(Observer Research Foundation)



Male City



Muslim MPs including All Ceylon Makkal Congress (ACMC) MP Muszhraff is in discussion with Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. Picture A.B.Abdul Gafoor

Muslim MPs meet Premier

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

Seven Muslim Parliamentarians met Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa recently and discussed the issues faced by the Muslim community after the Easter Sunday attacks.

"Only the Government can resolve our issues," All Ceylon Makkal Congress (ACMC) MP Muszhraff said.

The discussion was severely criticised by the Opposition and on Social Media platforms.

The ACMC Parliamentarian said that the Premier gave an appointment to meet him at 5.30 pm. However, the Prime Minister was made known that the Muslim Parliamentarians were fasting. Then the Prime Minister arranged ifthar for them to carry out the discussion without any hindrance.

"The meeting was, however, criticised that the Muslim Parliamentarians met the Prime Minister to discuss gaining votes for the Port City Bill, which is

to be brought in Parliament soon. The Prime Minister did not discuss it and never requested us to vote for the Bill. If the Bill is passed with a simple majority, the Government does not need our votes. However, the ban on 11 Muslim organisations, arrest of Hajjul Akbar, land issues and several other issues were discussed," he said.

The Kalmunai issue, Potutvil Sand Mountain issue and archeological issues were also discussed. The Prime Minister promised

to look into these issues, he said.

The Prime Minister told us to arrange a meeting with all relevant officers and ministers to discuss the main issues faced by the Muslim community soon, he said.

"Some think that Muslim MPs should act against the Government. This culture and concept should be eradicated from society, especially from the Muslim community," ACMC Parliamentarian Muszhraff Muthunabeen said.

COVID has pushed away 40 million children from schools - report

NIMAL WIJESINGHE, Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

Forty million students do not have access to education because of the COVID pandemic, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund Office of Research (UNICEF) said in a recent report.

The latest estimates highlight that 24 million schoolchildren are not attending schools throughout the world because of the COVID pandemic.

The report says even before COVID-19, malnutrition has taken a large number of children away from

schools. The 2016 Demographic and Health Survey says the acute malnutrition affects one in six children below five. One in 10 schoolchildren between 6-12 suffer from anemia as well, it says.

A research by the UNICEF, WFP and the Health Ministry in 2017 revealed that 40 per cent of children between 6-12 were too frail while 22 per cent between 10 -18 were iron deficient and girls in the same group suffered from an iron deficiency rate three times higher than that of the boys of same age.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the UNICEF has supported

governments to provide nutritious meals for schoolchildren and adolescents. Last year around 25 million children have benefited from programmes that UNICEF launched to prevent anemia among schoolchildren.

In Sri Lanka, the UNICEF is assisting the Education Ministry to develop guidelines for authorities and teachers to provide psychosocial support to children. They urge governments to open schools while making sure that the health, food and nutritional needs of children are fulfilled through a comprehensive school healthcare and feeding programmes.

Several treasure hunters nabbed

ARIYAPALA WANSHATHILAKE, Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

An employer of the Archaeological Department and 10 other suspects who were allegedly

involved in treasure hunting at the historical Athinuwatuweva Raja Maha Viharaya in Usgala, Siyabalangamuwa were arrested by Meegalewa Police recently.

A monk and a teacher had fled when Police Officers raided the location.

The gang had been led by a retired Army Officer, police said.

A tractor and three mobile phones were also seized.

The suspects are residents of Thalawa, Eppawala and Thabuthegama, Police said.

Sixty eight COVID cases in Tissamaharama

M.IRFAN ZAKARIYA, Hambantota Group Corr.

The number of people infected with the New Year Corona Cluster in the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat has risen to 68, Administrative Public Health Inspector of the Tissamaharama Medical Officer of Health Anura Wijayamuni said.

Five of the 14 newly identified Corona patients are from Pannagamuwa, three from Uduwila, Gonagamuwa, two from Jul Pallama and four from Ekamuthugama, Rohanapura, Udasingama and Debarawewa.

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NOTICE

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

The First Quarterly General Meeting (Hybrid Meeting) (Session 2021 / 2022) of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects will be held on Friday, 28th May 2021 at 5.30 p.m. at SLIA Auditorium, 120/7, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07. as per Government Health Guidelines.

All Corporate and Registered Members are invited.

Archt. Upendra Randeniya, FIA (SL)
Hony. Secretary
Sri Lanka Institute of Architects

COVID Treatment Centre opened in Galle

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central special Corr.

A COVID Treatment Centre at the Akmeemana Maliban Hospital in the Galle District was inaugurated on Saturday by Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana.

The Centre was established under the Paediatric Unit of the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital (KTH). Six children from the KTH were transferred to the new Centre on Saturday night.

Accommodation for mothers of the affected children have been provided as well at the centre. Forty beds are available at the centre and the number will be increased in the future.

Vice Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna Prof. Sujiwa Amaraseena, Dean of the Karapitiya Medical Faculty Prof. Wasantha Devasiri and a team of paediatricians from the Karapitiya Hospital were present.



Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana having a discussion with pediatricians after the opening.

A Hindu Religious Ceremony was held at the New Kadireshan Kovil in Bambalapitiya on Saturday at the request of the Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry to protect the country and the people from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's Coordinator of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs Dr. Babu Sharma Ramachandran Kurukkal, Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs Director A. Umamageswaran and the Trustee of the Kovil Rajendran Settiyar were present. Picture by Ruzaik Farook

Prayers at Mohideen Jumma Mosque

M.U.M.SANOON, Puttalam TKN Corr.

Prayers were held at the Mohideen Jumma Mosque, Puttalam to protect the people from

COVID-19 on Saturday evening. The prayers were led by Asheikh M.F.M Sihan and Asheikh A.L.M Jaskan, the chief Fash imams of the Grand Mosque.



Trincomalee District Parliamentarian Kapila Nuwan Athukorale yesterday inspected the COVID Treatment Facility in Gomarankadawala. Picture by Sumithra Kumarihamy, Kanthale Group Corr.

<p>DATE 07.05.2021 FRIDAY OFFICIAL RESULTS www.nlb.lk</p> <p>MAHAJANA SAMPATHA DRAW NUMBER : 4474 Prizes won in this draw Rs. 9,502,190.00</p> <p>WINNING LETTER R WINNING NUMBERS 1 4 1 4 9 9 THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 17,146,390.60</p>	<p>DATE 08.05.2021 SATURDAY OFFICIAL RESULTS www.nlb.lk</p> <p>MAHAJANA SAMPATHA DRAW NUMBER : 4475 Prizes won in this draw Rs. 8,932,400.00</p> <p>WINNING LETTER F WINNING NUMBERS 8 7 0 5 8 1 THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 17,739,636.60</p>
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A section of the audience



Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci

SOCIETY AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE, ART AND CULTURE

EXCERPTS FROM A LECTURE DELIVERED BY PROF. ARJUNA PARAKRAMA, SENIOR PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA AT STATE LITERARY AWARDS

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

In Sri Lanka the State Literary Awards are almost the equivalent of the Oscars. The State Literary Awards are a set of annual literary prizes by the Government of Sri Lanka under several categories. The awards cover fiction, poetry, translations and songs. Works from the Sinhala, Tamil and English languages are reviewed. Here, outstanding individuals who have excelled in these fields are honoured and appreciated for their endeavours annually. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the awards ceremony could not be held in 2020; however, it will be held this year with pomp. It is already underway.

The keynote speech is very much a part of the awards ceremony. Throughout the years, it has been a precursor to the awards ceremony itself, both events which are highly anticipated by people from all walks of life, both laymen and scholars. This has become somewhat of a tradition. The keynote speech is of great importance and relevance.

The keynote speech of the State Literary Awards is organized by the Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the State Literary Awards Advisory board.

The *Daily News* attended the keynote speech of the State Literary Awards 2020 which was delivered by Prof. Arjuna Parakrama, Senior Professor of English, University of Peradeniya at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. The keynote address was delivered in Sinhala on the theme *Literature, Criticism and Society: The Need for New Theoretical Approaches and The Challenges They Present*.

Prof. Parakrama began his speech with a quotation from the *Kalama Sutta* which is a discourse of the Buddha. He pointed out that here the Buddha makes a very revolutionary pronouncement saying – “Do not accept something just because it is in a book. Do not accept something just because your teachers say so. Do not accept something just because it is written in some religious books or it is part of your culture. Do not accept something just because someone you respect says so. If one day you realize that it is injurious to society, you should give it up. Accept it if it is beneficial to you and society.”

“In order to do that you have to train your mind. In order to accept something it should not be second hand or third hand information. After you have trained your mind you must be able to determine what is good for you and society. That requires self-understanding, understanding of the world and critical awareness. That is what we need to develop. I also call it training of the imagination. This is what makes the humanities unique. This is what raises the humanities beyond the mundane sciences. There is an argument in the world that the sciences are useful and important and the humanities are a waste of time,” said Prof. Parakrama.

He then brought up a couple of points. The training of the humanities imagination or the humanities training of the imagination is different from an appreciation of literature. An appreciation of literature can be just an understanding of the history of literature, such as Shakespeare or Milton. That is not the humanities imagination. The humanities imagination is something that can go beyond what is there and try to understand it in relation



Prof. Arjuna Parakrama

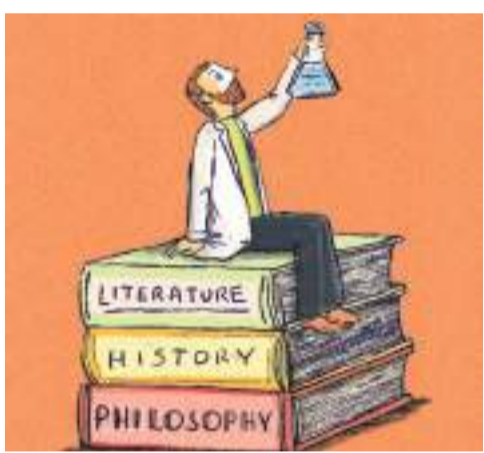
to the world. To even conceive of a world that is non-existent.

Facets of culture

“Language is not a neutral medium, it is in language that gender issues, ethnic issues, class issues, regional issues and educational issues are fought over and also covered over. Culture is both positive and negative. Just because something is cultural does not make it right or wrong. There are fantastic and wonderful things in any culture and there are also terrible and hierarchical things in any culture. You still have to explain what is the good part and the bad part. I also say that unfortunately or fortunately culture reflects the views and values and benefits of the elite and the authoritarians. Those in power and those who are elite determine culture. That is the danger we have to look out for. If you find that what is cherished really benefits the elite and not the poor and general population, then we have to be able to deconstruct it. It means you pull it apart. Try to examine it on a fundamental basis. That is part of this humanities imagination.”

He then added that culture is valuable but it also presents caste and prejudice. It is culture that says that women are unclean during their period and says that virginity is important for women but not for men. Culture entrenches all these hierarchies. And we tend to worship culture. Every culture is evolving but there are parts of the culture that are dying away. So we have to determine what is inappropriate and what is emergent that we must look at. Emergent parts are things that would adapt to the new society. A good example would be a nuclear family as against the extended family. The extended family is suited for farming communities and agrarian communities who are in the same location all their lives. But with modernization, when people have to come to the cities to work and people go abroad then the nuclear family becomes more important. Sometimes you don't meet your relatives for years. So that is a change which is not good or bad, but you need to understand that it is an adaptation of culture to the changing society.

“One thing that is crucial to understand is the idea of hegemony.



When things are enforced on us we call it dominance. You need the police to enforce traffic rules. Hegemony is when we internalize a belief. Hegemony is the way we are governed. We are governed after we are convinced that it is good for us. That is a big issue. We are taught to think it is good for us but it might really not be very good for us. We believe, for example, through hegemony, that if everyone studies they can be doctors and engineers. We believe this story. Of course, if you think carefully you know that that is impossible.”

“Every mother and father tells their children you have to study and become a doctor. But that is humanly impossible. But if you believe the myth that is an incentive for the more foolish of us to study for. But there are people who don't buy into this hegemony and for whom there is no hegemony. Then there is no acceptance. The acceptance of these things that control us makes us easily governable. We have bought into the idea that the more people support something the better it is. The people who don't buy into hegemony and who are not fooled by hegemony are the least educated and the least sophisticated of us. They are ostracized. This is because they do not understand our stories. For example, that democracy is a good thing; we have to listen to what the majority says. They do not buy into this. So let us study this group of people to try to unlearn some of these ideas that we have started learning and we believe in, but which is not the truth or may not be the truth,” explained Prof. Parakrama.

A lack of creativity

“It would be nice if studying humanities makes someone better but that does not happen. There is nothing inherent in humanities that make them better. You can be a wonderful poet and a horrible human being. Humanities are not magical that the moment you learn it you become a good person. What it is, is a training of the imagination. A training of the imagination to bypass and avoid the pitfalls and traps of things like hegemony. It is something like what the Buddha said

in his *Kalama Sutta*. Ven. Walpola Rahula Thera is very tough on that point saying that we are creating slaves. We do not encourage creativity and we do not encourage innovation. We don't encourage criticism. This is what the humanities should be doing.”

“One of the facets of humanities is to undermine the idea that Nationalism, particularly Dominant Nationalism is somehow inherently good. That it is natural, that it is trans-historical (transcending historical boundaries) and that it is non-ideological. It is natural to love your country, it is natural to think your country is the best, it is natural to defend your country against everyone else, it is natural to think that Nationalism affects everybody equally. Nationalism like culture can be unequal, discriminatory, hierarchical and plain and simple wrong. It is the humanities that can undo this. It is humanities imagination that can imagine a world outside of this petty Nationalism, that can imagine a world that is international. We cannot accept without question the idea that the nation is important,” added Prof. Parakrama.

Here he quotes Hugo of St. Victor, who is a 12th century monk. He says, “The person who loves his country is a novice. He is a beginner. The person who loves the whole world as his own is better. But the complete person is one to whom every place is like a foreign place.” Prof. Parakrama presents the following argument: “The first assumption is common, thinking that yours or ours is the best. According to the second assumption, it is better and more enlightened to say that every place is home. The third assumption is that even my home and my non-home are both foreign to me. That third assumption is complicated to understand, that is, that the familiarity of a home (and even if the home is the whole world) is both misleading and problematic. To treat even in your home as a foreigner – then you tread with care, then you will see the new in the old, old in the new and habits will not blunt your insight. When you are familiar or too accustomed to something, then it blunts your insight. Your critical faculties are at its best when you see everyone as a foreigner or as an outsider.”

Science

“Nationalism is what is killing us. There are different kinds of Nationalism. All equally horrendous and tearing us apart. Otherwise intelligent people are not thinking clearly because of Nationalism. Whether something is local or foreign does not matter. The origin is important but not too important. There are local aspects which are terrible and local aspects which are wonderful. There are things that are foreign which are terrible and things that are foreign that are wonderful. We cannot say because it is foreign it is bad and because it is local it is good. Do not get misled by who brings the message. Whether it is local or foreign. It is our duty

to examine the content of the message and not blame the messenger,” said Prof. Parakrama.

He explained that this idea of saving the nation and national security is used in the US in order to curtail the freedom of American citizens. That won't do. The humanities imagination should see through that. Nationalism is not the greatest good in the world. Nationalism can be good or bad. Hermann Wilhelm Göring, at the Nuremberg trials, was asked how did you manage to get the Germans to come to war? He said, “It is very easy and in fact it will work in any country in the world. All you have to say is that our country is being invaded by a foreign power. All those who are patriots will defend the country. And all those who don't are traitors. It will work anywhere.”

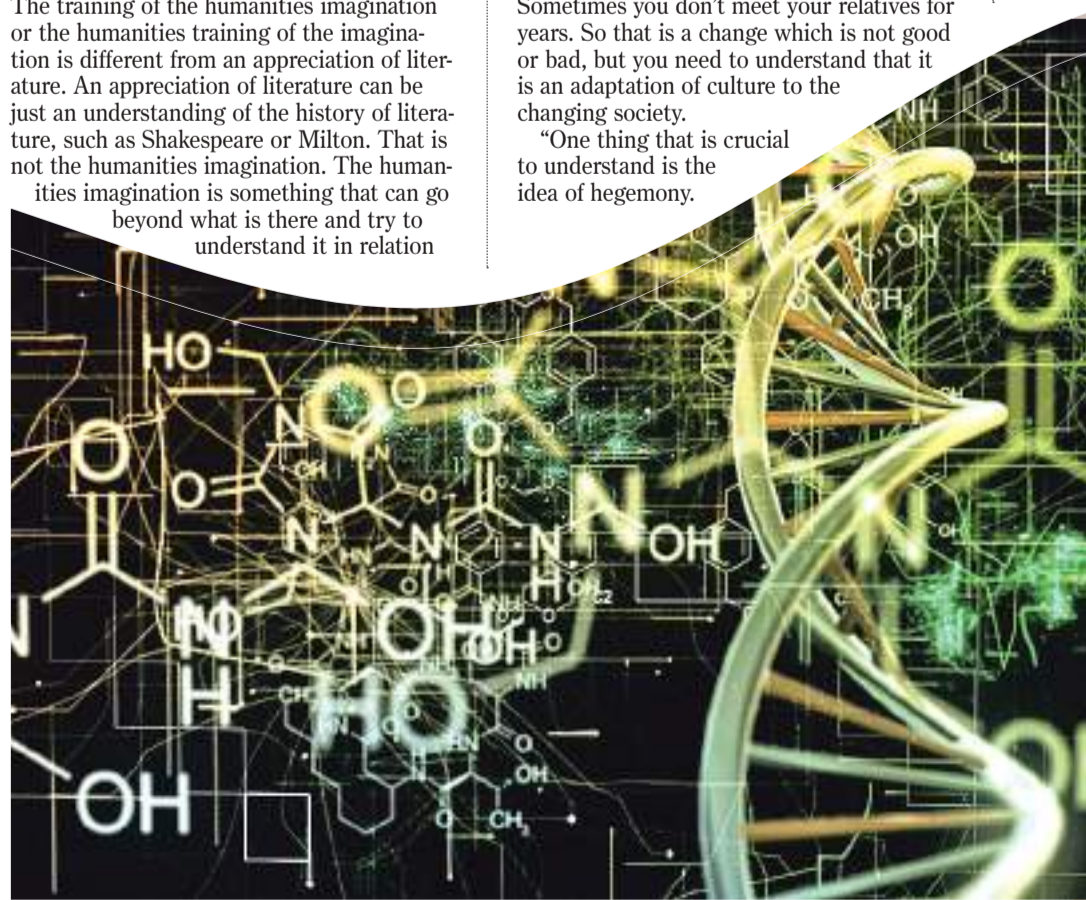
“Can you see how simple the formula is? All you have to say is that they are invading. No one will bother to ask, are they really invading or not? All you have to say is that they are invading. People make a mistake when they say that scientists can govern a country. This is because they think governing a country is based on facts. But when you are dealing with human beings you need more than facts. You need to understand society. You need to engage with society. And what you need is judgement and science cannot give you judgement, because there are no rules for judgement.”

He went on to say that sometimes as human beings we act in our best interests sometimes, we act in our worst interests, we do both at the same time and we are confused sometimes. So what is required is not really scientific people but people who can make judgement.

“Science is used in two senses. It is used to describe physics, biology and chemistry and other branches. Science was also used from the 14th century to the 19th century to mean evidence based. So when we say scientific we are not referring to those branches, we mean it is evidence based. This is a part of humanities as well. We can even argue that humanities are more scientific. If you take the idea of clarity, now we all think clarity is a universal good. We think that things must be clear.”

“So here I use the example of Mona Lisa. Leonardo Da Vinci took a lot of time on that picture. The hands are perfect and then he took about three months to blur the mouth. The power of the picture is that you do not know if she is smiling or not. Whether she is sad or whether she is not. The lack of clarity is its beauty. If somebody is clear about a thing like death then their work is viewed as simplistic or the work of a nutcase. Just think about the sunset. The beautiful colours are blurred into each other. If someone said the scene is not clear and he or she wants to see the colours separately, you would think to yourself – what a fool. The beauty is its lack of clarity. The beauty is in blurring it. Some of the nicest portraits I have seen are portraits which are blurred. This is because they capture something else. So even the model of clarity which we have inherited from science sometimes is right but

not always. It is the humanities imagination that can understand the limit of clarity as well as its possibilities,” said Prof. Parakrama.



COVID-19: The worldwide battle for Oxygen

The latest horror of the pandemic is that large numbers of people around the world are dying for lack of access to medical oxygen, especially in India. Each day, tens of thousands of people are admitted to hospitals with Covid-19, driving the demand for the oxygen far beyond the supply.

Oxygen makes up 21 percent of the atmosphere. A handful of companies capture and purify it in bulk, but they sell most of it to industry. Many poorer parts of the world lack the infrastructure needed to deliver or make use of the medical grade supplies those companies sell, which are designed to be delivered via pipes to hospital rooms.

Some hospitals and clinics have machines that produce purified oxygen at a much smaller scale, but they are in short supply. So many hospitals and patients in poor countries and in remote areas rely on the most expensive option: oxygen tanks that have become scarce in the countries hit hardest by the virus.

The shortages affect patients with every kind of respiratory ailment requiring oxygen, not just those with Covid.

The World Health Organization said in February that \$1.6 billion would be needed to remedy the oxygen shortage for a year; now that estimate is up to \$6.5 billion. Efforts to raise that money have faltered, though it is a small fraction of what has been spent on vaccines and financial support for businesses and workers.

Here are answers to some of the questions being asked about the oxygen crisis.

Given the enormous, and obvious, need for oxygen during a pandemic affecting the respiratory system, the crisis should not have come as a surprise. But in a year when policymakers lurched from one pandemic challenge to another — P.P.E. shortages, lockdowns, the threat of economic collapse, remote schooling, therapeutics, vaccines — oxygen supply never rose to the top of the list.

"Oxygen hasn't been sufficiently prioritized," said Robert Matiru, program director at Unitaid, one of the global public health groups working to address the shortage with the World Health Organization.

Even before the pandemic, some poorer regions were unable to ensure adequate supplies. But it was not until early this year, when lethal oxygen shortages hit northern Brazil, Mexico and elsewhere, that it became clear that what had been seen as a potential problem was becoming a dire emergency. The World Health Organization created an emergency task force on the oxygen shortage and called for money to address it.

Then the pandemic surged in India, where it had been relatively contained, pushing oxygen supplies to the center of the world's attention. India's official count of new coronavirus infections leapt from an average of about 11,000 a day in mid-February to a daily average of more than 370,000 in the past week — and experts say the true figure is far higher.

In the last two months, the unmet, global need for medical oxygen has more than tripled, from less than 9 million cubic meters a day to more than 28 million, according to a coalition of aid groups that are tracking the crisis.

About half of that unmet need is in India. And health advocates warn that the calamity there could be repeated in other countries.

In wealthy countries, hospitals generally rely on tanker trucks to make bulk deliveries of liquid oxygen, far denser than regular air, that is stored in large containers. A system of pipes draws out the gas, allows it to expand to ordinary density and delivers it to each bedside.

This is by far the most cost-effective way of supplying oxygen, and companies that supply bulk oxygen have enough production capacity to meet the global medical demand for it. In just the last few weeks, some of them have begun ramping up their production of medical gas by diverting some from industry, whose gas has somewhat different requirements.



India's government has ordered the producers there to temporarily direct all of their oxygen output to medical needs.

But many hospitals around the world are not equipped to make use of liquid oxygen, lacking the pipes to distribute it to patients, and there is no delivery system in place for many remote locations.

Oxygen can also be obtained in less dense gaseous form, in cylinders that need to be refilled more often. This is often the most expensive option — it can cost 10 times as much as bulk liquid oxygen — but it is the only one available to many parts of the developing world.

In many countries, people have scrambled to buy or refill such cylinders for their family members, but demand has far outstripped supply.

Some hospitals have their own plants to extract oxygen from the air, a technology known as pressure swing absorption, or P.S.A. But the systems are expensive, and a hospital that buys one would also have to install a system of pipes to deliver the oxygen to bedsides.

There are also small devices called oxygen concentrators that can serve a single patient or a few. Though one can cost several hundred dollars, a high hurdle in poorer countries, demand for them has soared faster than manufacturers can produce them.

Public health advocates say hospitals should have P.S.A. plants and the piping to go with them, but in poor countries that solution can be cost prohibitive, achievable only with international aid. India's government plans to install the equipment in hundreds of hospitals, but that could take months. Companies that make P.S.A. plants and oxygen concentrators are ramping up production around the world, but that, too, takes time.

Bulk oxygen producers and governments are still trying to adjust supply chains to get the lifesaving gas where it is needed most. In India, the government is using trains and even military transport planes to get oxygen to the sick.

If enough money were available, governments and international groups could have advance-purchase agreements with bulk suppliers, and emergency stores of oxygen could be stationed in various parts of the world and deployed as needed.

If nothing else, the last few months have made clear the difficulty of trying to increase oxygen supplies on short notice, amid a crisis.

Instead, Mr. Matiru said, the world should invest in preparation, "so that if there's a surge we can press 'Go.'"

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Pakistan begins nine-day lockdown



Pakistan on Saturday began a nine-day shutdown affecting travel and tourist hotspots in a bid to prevent a surge in COVID-19 cases during the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr.

Already battling a third wave of infections and increasingly nervous about the crisis across the border in India, the government has imposed the most severe restrictions since a one-month lockdown in April last year.

"From today all businesses across the country will be closed. People will not be allowed to go

into the markets to do their shopping for Eid," Al Jazeera's Kamal Hyder reported from the capital, Islamabad. Hyder said the Pakistani government feared that it will not be able to cope due to a possible lack of ventilators and oxygen if the "situation sees the likes of which India is confronting".

Asad Umar, the planning minister who is responsible for leading Pakistan's pandemic response, said Pakistan was facing a "dangerous situation".

"These measures have been necessitated by the extremely dan-

gerous situation which has been created in the region with the spread of virulent mutations of the virus," Umar said on Twitter, adding the country needed to "unite".

Eid, which comes at the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, usually sees the mass movement of people around the country and tourist spots crowded with Pakistanis. Last year the country saw a spike in cases in the weeks after the celebrations.

Businesses, hotels and restaurants, as well as markets and parks will be closed, while public trans-

port between provinces and within cities has been halted.

The military has been mobilised to monitor the restrictions.

Mosques, however, will remain open. Authorities fear curbs on places of worship could ignite confrontation in the deeply conservative Muslim republic.

Impoverished Pakistan has recorded more than 850,000 infections and 18,600 deaths, but with limited testing and a deprived healthcare sector, many fear the true extent of the disease is much worse. (Al Jazeera)



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Vaccine confidence rises

The US has an opportunity to get ahead in the Covid-19 pandemic by getting more people vaccinated - and three key things can help address ongoing concerns, one expert says.

"People were worried about safety, we now have hundreds of millions of doses out there, so we have great data on safety," emergency medical physician Dr. Anand Swaminathan told CNN on Saturday. "People were worried about efficacy," he said, adding there is now real-world data showing how effective the vaccines are.

And finally, Swaminathan said, some Americans were concerned that the vaccines didn't have approval from the Food and Drug Administration and had only received emergency use authorization. But Pfizer/BioNTech announced Friday they have initiated an application to the agency for full FDA approval of their vaccine for people 16 and older - making it the first Covid-19 vaccine in the US to be assessed for full approval from the FDA.

"What's the difference between FDA emergency use authorization and full approval? It's really time and money," infectious disease specialist and epidemiologist Dr. Céline Gounder told CNN on Saturday. "But for some people, seeing a full approval from the FDA will indeed give



them more confidence that these vaccines are safe and effective - and look, they are safe and effective," she added.

The FDA "will move as expeditiously as possible," without compromising its safety standards, to assess Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine for approval, White House Covid-19 response coordinator Jeff Zients said Friday.

More than 151 million Americans - roughly 45.6% of the US population - have received at least one Covid-19 vaccine dose, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More than 112 million Americans - nearly 34% are fully vaccinated. For officials across the country, getting more Americans vaccinated will now be an uphill battle, as experts say the US has reached the crowds who weren't as eager to get a shot or still have questions. (CNN)

COVID spreads through the air - CDC

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is finally acknowledging something that health experts have been saying for a while now: COVID-19 spreads through the air and can be inhaled by someone who is more than six feet away. The CDC said in a document published Friday that it has "repeatedly documented" instances of the virus spreading through the air to people who were more than six feet away "under certain preventable circumstances." This marks a change for the agency that previously said most infections took place through "close contact, not airborne transmission."

"COVID-19 spreads when an infected person breathes out droplets and very small particles that contain the virus. These droplets and particles can be breathed in by other people or land on their eyes, noses, or mouth. In some circumstances, they may contaminate surfaces they touch. People who are closer than 6 feet from the infected person are most likely to get infected," the CDC now says on its website.

This comes after months of infectious disease experts warning that the CDC and World Health Organization were focusing too much

on the risk of picking COVID-19 from surfaces and emphasizing that "close contact" was needed for infection. That was despite increasing evidence that tiny virus particles could remain suspended in the air even after the infected person left a location. "C.D.C. has now caught up to the latest scientific evidence, and they've gotten rid of some old problematic terms and thinking about how transmission occurs," Linsey Marr, an aerosol expert at Virginia Tech, tells the New York Times. Despite the change, some aerosol experts continue to say the CDC hasn't gone far enough because it continues to say that transmission from far away is "uncommon," which Marr said was "misleading and potentially harmful" because "if you're in a poorly ventilated environment, virus is going to build up in the air, and everyone who's in that room is going to be exposed." The CDC's wording "will lead people to continue to think that maintaining distance is sufficient to prevent transmission," reads an open letter signed by seven experts, including Marr. "We know that transmission at distances beyond 6 feet occurs because of superspreader events, careful studies of smaller outbreaks, and the physics of aerosols. It can easily happen indoors in a poorly ventilated environment, when people are not wearing masks."

The change in wording has important implications and illustrates how good ventilation in indoor spaces is key to prevent transmission of the virus and people can stop worrying about cleaning surfaces so much. But the basics remain the same. "Although how we understand transmission occurs has shifted, the ways to prevent infection with this virus have not," notes the CDC. "All prevention measures that CDC recommends remain effective for these forms of transmission." (State)





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Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the **Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 30 kVA 3 Phase UPS with 15 Minutes Battery Backup at Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Mattala.**

Bids should be submitted on Documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake on a cash payment of Rupees Three Thousand (Rs. 3,000.00) being a non-refundable Bidding Document Fee, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

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Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 15th of June 2021** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand **Bid Guarantee** equivalent to **Sri Lanka Rupees Forty Four Thousand (Rs. 44,000.00)** in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a Bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

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Ivermectin a potential cure for COVID

A peer-reviewed research has claimed that global ivermectin use can end the COVID-19 pandemic, as the medicine significantly reduces the risk of contracting the deadly respiratory disease when used regularly.

The common antiparasitic ivermectin is being touted as a miracle cure for COVID-19 by doctors and campaigners the world over.

Peer reviewed by medical experts that included three US government senior scientists and published in the *American Journal of Therapeutics*, the research is the most comprehensive review of the available data taken from clinical, in vitro, animal, and real-world studies.

Led by the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC), a group of medical and scientific experts reviewed published peer-reviewed studies, manuscripts, expert meta-analyses, and epidemiological analyses of regions with ivermectin distribution efforts all showing that ivermectin is an effective prophylaxis and treatment for COVID-19.

"We did the work that the medical authorities failed to do, we conducted the most comprehensive review of the available data on ivermectin," said Pierre Kory, MD, president and chief medical officer of the FLCCC. "We applied the gold standard to qualify the data reviewed



before concluding that ivermectin can end this pandemic."

A focus of the manuscript was on the 27 controlled trials available in January 2021, 15 of which were randomised controlled trials (RCTs).

Consistent with numerous meta-analyses of ivermectin RCTs since published by expert panels from the UK, Italy, Spain and Japan, they found a large, statistically significant reduction in mortality, time to recovery, and viral clearance in COVID-19 patients treated with ivermectin.

"Our latest research shows, once again, that when the totality of the evidence is examined, there is no doubt that ivermectin is highly effective as a safe prophylaxis and treatment for COVID-19," said Paul E. Marik, founding member of the FLCCC and Chief, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School. (Weather.com)

Kishan Musaffer the dashing CR and Sri Lanka winger

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Some yesteryear sportsmen are inspired by the players competing in the international arena. The game of rugby too has similar happenings where players in the international circuit are followed by certain local players who later blossom out as phenomenal players reaching the climax in the game.

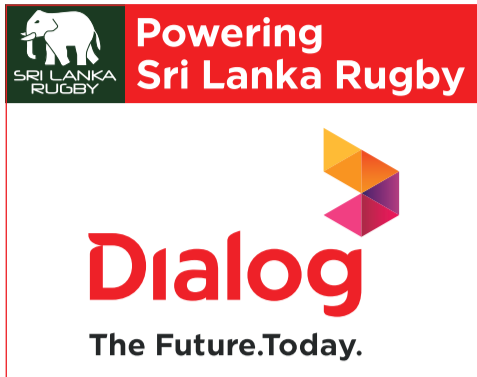
Kishan Musaffer was one of them whose rugby icon was an England player and had an illustrious career and finally ended up playing for the country. Kishan was born in 1974 in Colombo and his father is Nizam Musaffer a retired Naval Officer and Zarina his mother is a housewife.

He has two brothers Roshan and Shihan who played rugby at competitive level. Kishan is a stockily built player who had a lik-

ing for sports from his younger days. He was enrolled at Wesley College, Colombo where he completed his academic career.

He engaged in several sporting disciplines including soccer, hockey and athletics at college. But rugby had a prominent place in his sporting career due to love and passion of the game. He launched his rugby career at school when he was 13 years old.

The unique feature of his career was when he had the opportunity of representing his 'Alma Mater' in the first XV rugby team at the early age of 15 years, under the guidance of coach late Zubair Doray (former Sri Lanka and CR full back)



he was a great follower of Rory Underwood the Wing Three Quarter of England, who was one of the leading try scores in the international arena. This inspired him to play in his favorite position of winger.

During his tenure at college with the senior team he competed under the captaincy of Shalan Rupasinghe, Ali Noordeen, Hirosh Rupasinghe, Asela Hapugalle and Jeremy Daniel.

In 1994, he was selected to represent the Sri Lanka Schools Rugby team at the Pan Pacific Youth Rugby Championships which was held in Chinese Taipei, where Sri Lanka was placed sixth out of nine countries.

After an eventful tenure with his school, towards the end of 1994, he joined his favourite club CR and FC, under the leadership of Lasitha Gunaratne (Bonsa) and went on to represent them till 2004. During his career as a player was associated under the leadership of the following players Lasitha Gunaratne (1995), Viraj Prasantha (1996), Alfred Hensman, (1997), Champika Nishantha, (1998 and 1999) Savantha De Saram (2000), Asanga Rodrigo (2002) and Shamly Nawaz (2003).

He was appointed to lead the Longden Place club in 2001 and they won the Presidents Trophy defeating Police SC 25-16 in the final.

His rugby career spanned over a decade, played under several coaches such as C.P Abeygunawardena, Tavitha



Kishan Musaffer

Tulagaese (Laga), Tony Amit, Asanga Seneviratne, Ana Saranapala, Grant Dwyer and Chandrisan Perera who helped in the coaching arena.

While he was playing for CR in 1997, was called to don the National jersey and

represented Sri Lanka Rugby till 2004, both in XV a-side and seven-a-side tournaments in countries such as Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, England, Dubai and Australia. He also locked horns at the two Commonwealth Games held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 1998 and in Manchester, United Kingdom 2004 in the Sevens tournaments.

He had an unforgettable incident in his career playing against late All Blacks player Jonah Lomu at the Commonwealth Games in 1998 in Malaysia, which was a proud moment in his life.

During his presence with the Sri Lanka team played under the captaincy of Priyantha Ekanayake, Viraj Prasantha, Asoka Jayasena and Haris Omar, which was rated as the golden era of Sri Lanka

rugby. His first employment was at HNB and then joined the HSBC (Data processing unit), served at MAS Holdings and Thermo Plastics respectively.

Currently he is working at Amana Bank as a Relationship Manager at Prestige Banking Centre. While he was representing the former employers, he competed in the Mercantile Rugby Tournaments, and captained HNB and HSBC (HDPL) Rugby teams.

He holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Cardiff (UK), and also is a certified trainer holding an Advanced Diploma in Teaching and Training (City and Guilds UK). His wife is Sharmila and has two sons Shevaan and Seshaan schooling at St. Peter's College.

Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

Sprint specialist Dissanayake brought pride and glory to Sri Lanka

Sriyantha Subhashan Abeysekera Dissanayake, who represented Sri Lanka in the 100 metres and 200 metres events at the Barcelona Olympic Games, 1992 was born in Colombo on April 3, 1969.

He had his early education at D. S. Senanayake College and later joined Nalanda College, Colombo. He participated in athletic events since his young days and in 1979 at the All-Island Inter-Schools Sports Festival held in Badulla, he won the Under-11 Championship and was able to register his first major victory.

He did not look back thereafter and stepped into the international arena in 1986. His first international meet was the Junior Asian Athletics Championships held in Indonesia in 1986.

In 1987 he competed at the National Athletics Championship Meet for the first time and won the 100metres event registering a time of 10.9 seconds



Sriyantha Dissanayake

In the same year he represented Sri Lanka at the South Asian Federation (SAF) Games held in Kolkata, India and was placed fifth in the 200 metres event.

At the Nationals in 1988, he won the 100 metres event registering a time of 10.8 seconds and won the

200 metres event registering a new record time of 22.1 seconds.

In the same year he participated in the Malaysian National Athletics Championships, World Junior Athletics Championships held in Canada and the Asian Junior Athletics Championships held in Singapore.

At the SAF Games held in Islamabad, Pakistan, he won a Silver Medal in the 100 metres and a Bronze Medal in the 200 metres. He also participated in the Asian Athletics Championships held in New Delhi, India the same year.

He also set up a new national record for the 200 metres registering a time 21.1 seconds in 1990. At the Asian Games held in Beijing, China in 1990 Sriyantha won a Silver Medal in the 200 metres and a Bronze Medal in the 100 metres.

This was the first occasion that Sri Lankan athletes won medals at the Asian Games since the vic-

tories in 1974. At the 1991 SAF Games, Sriyantha won three Gold Medals in the 100 metres, 200 metres and the 4X100 metres relay events.

Sriyantha participated in the 100metres and 200metres events at the Barcelona Olympic Games. In the 200metres event he was able to qualify for the second round.

Thereafter, he participated in an invitation meet in Malaysia and won the Gold Medal in the 100metres and 200metres events.

Sriyantha's coaches were Lakshman de Alwis and S. M. G. Bandara. He served as a Cadet Officer in the Army for a short while and later joined Ceylincro Group as a Junior Executive.

He was awarded the Duncan White Trophy in 1990. In 1991, he was chosen as the Sports Star of the Year and the Most Popular Sports Star. Sriyantha was a member of the Sri Lak Athletic Club. (C.D)

Sylvestrian Maleesha Silva going great guns

(UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA - Kandy Sports Special Corr.)

19 year old Maleesha Silva, the present cricket captain of St.Sylvesters College, Kandy is an all-round cricketer, a left hand top order batsman and a left arm leg spinner. At present he is a Grade eleven student in the commerce stream and he has been playing cricket from Under 13,15,17 and Under 19 age groups with distinction.

Maleesha played in the Under 13 team for four years from 2014 to 2016 and he has scored 87 not out against Nalanda College and scored ten half-centuries in the under 13 level and his best bowling figures was capturing 6 for 34 against Kingswood College and he has three five wickets haul. At junior level he was coached by Krishantha Gunawardena and Julian Arnolda, an old boy of the school.



Maleesha Silva in action at a cricket match. (Pictures by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl.Corr)

In the Under 15 age group Maleesha represented the school in the year 2017 and in 2018 scoring a century (101 not out) against St.Anthony's College, Katugastota and in addition scored five half centuries in the same tournament. His best bowling feat was claiming five wick-

ets for 16 runs against Polonnaruwa Royal College and he scored 62 runs against St.Mary's College, Kegalle and scored another two half centuries as an Under 17 player. His best bowling feat was claiming 3 wickets for 12 runs against St.Peter's College, Colombo and in 2020 due

to Covid epidemic the cricket season was abandoned.

Maleesha played for five years since 2017 to 2021 and scored 12 half centuries with his highest score being scoring 87 against Mahanama College, Colombo.

His best bowling being capturing 5 for 45 against St.Joseph's College, Wenuppuwa and his 1st XI coach is Roshan Jayatissa, a distinguished old boy of St.Sylvesters' who brought fame to the school as an all-round cricketer. Maleesha Silva has played School Cricket, district level cricket and provincial level Cricket and his main intention is to play for the National team.

He is thankful to his coaches, especially Roshan Jayatissa who made him come up to this level, P.O.G., M.I.C. and the Principal of the School for the encouragement given to him.

CFSL Online Youth (Under 18 Years) Rapid Chess Championship 2021

Prasansa and Oneli in the lead

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Prasansa Premanath of Girls High School and Oneli Vithanawasam of Lyceum International School Wattala were in the lead with four points each out of possible four games in the CFSL Online Youth (Under 18Yrs) Rapid Chess Championship which now in progress at the Chess.com platform. Prasansa beat Esandi Newansa, Minuli Kumarasinghe, Deandi Hihansa Gamage and Sayumi Gamage while Oneli beat Hasandi Akuratiya, Miyuni Jayasinghe, Tenuli Dahanna Rathnayake and Nemindi Linaya Ramanayake in first four rounds and are meeting each other in the fifth round tomorrow.

Four players, Desandi Dihansa Gamage (Sirimavo Bandaranayake Vidyalaya), Sayumi Gamage (Musaeus College), Esandi Newansa (Dharmasoka Vidyalaya) and Piyumi Uthpala Amarathunga (JMC International School, Kalutara)



Oneli Vithanawasam



Prasansa Premanath

are in the second spot with three points each.

CFSL Online Youth (Under 18Yrs) Rapid Chess Championship 2021 is being conducted by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka (CFSL).

Standing after fourth round with their points

- 1 Prasansa Premanath - Girls High School 4.0 points
- 2 Oneli Vithanawasam - Lyceum International, Wattala 4.0 points
- 3 Desandi Dhihansa Gamage - Sirimavo Banadarayake V. 3.0 points
- 4 B K Sayumi Hasithma

Gamage - Musaeus College 3.0 points

5 M Esandi Newansa - Dharmasoka College 3.0 points

6 Piyumi Uthpala Amarathunga - JMC International, Kaluthara 3.0 points

7 J A K N T Indrajith - St. Joseph's BMV, Kegalle 3.0 points

8 A G Javindi Avarjana Akuratiya - Furguson High School 3.0 points

9 Minuli Kumarasinghe - Mahamaya College, Kandy 2.5 points

10 Nemindi Ramanayake - Bandaranayake Central, Veyangoda 2.5 points

Nethma Ashen Rodrigo a prolific run getter

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

Left hand opening batsman, off spinner, specialist close in safe fielder and third year coloursman Lokuge Nethma Ashen Rodrigo has brought honour and fame to his Alma Mater Piliyandala Central College.

He was born on 19th May 2004 and admitted to the Grade One of Somaweera Chandrasiri Primary School in 2010 and he was there since 2014 and there were no sports activities in that school and he joined his present school in 2015 and during this period Darshana Udawatte was at the helm of the school and his class teacher was Mrs. Digna Kumari.

Since his younger days he was keen on cricket and his parents Lasantha Rodrigo and Disna Kumari Rodrigo noticing his talents decided to admit their son to the school Cricket Academy and in 2015 he came under former Centralian cricketer Bimal Amarasinghe and in the same year under Mr. Vinoj in the under 13 Division Three team he passed the 200 run mark and in the following year captaining



Piliyandala Central First Eleven Cricket Pool 2019/20 with the officials. Nethma Ashen Rodrigo is standing in the middle row eighth from left. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

under 13 Division One team he scored more than 300 runs with a half century and bagged 15 scalps with a five wicket haul.

He was an unanimous choice for the under 15 Division One team in the following year and he collected 452 runs with three fifties and grabbed 22 wickets and played for the Prima Cup and in the next year captaining the team under Amal Senadeera with his previous performances under his belt he easily walked into the first



Ashen Rodrigo

eleven team and played in 10 matches and came under

former Cambrian Cricketer Eranga Gunaratne in 2018/19 season led by Malshan Gunathilake and showed his class and as an under 15 player he passed the 400 run mark with two fifties and played in the Big Match and the One Dayer versus their arch rivals Taxila Central Horana and his Master in Charge and Prefect of Games was Aruna Liyanage and Ashley Karunaratne respectively.

In the following season under Chamod Sandaru once again he passed 400

runs with two half centuries with two consecutive fifties in the Big Match and the Limited Over Match. This year playing in the Limited Over Division Two Cricket Tournament organized by Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association he scored 190 runs and notched up 75 runs against St. Peters College Negombo and Centralians reached the quarter finals. His Principal Darshana Udawatte is extending his fullest support to his school cricket.



The champion team captain receiving the champions trophy from Army Commander General Shavendra Silva. Pictures by Priyangi Jayasinghe Godagama Group Correspondent

Sri Lanka Army Women's Brigade netball champions

PRIYANGI JAYASINGHE Godagama Group Correspondent and **NARAYANASAMY JAYARATNAM** Kalutara Roving correspondent

Sri Lanka Army Women's Brigade "A" netball Team recorded a thrilling victory over the Sri Lanka women's Brigade "B" team and were crowned as the overall champi-

ons in the Sri Lanka Army Inter Regiment Netball Tournament which was held recently at the Army Indoor Stadium Panagoda. This tournament was organised by the Army Netball Association.

K.B.Y. de Silva and J.M.A.S. Jayasundara won the Best Defender and the Best Shooter

titles respectively and six teams participated in this competition and they came from four women's regiments of the Sri Lanka Army. General Shavendra Silva was the Chief Guest at the final and awarded the champions trophies and medals to the winners and Major General Wijesinghe,

Commandant of the Army Women's Brigade centre L.P.W. Perera, President of the Army Netball Association Janaka Ratnayake President of the women's Brigade Seva Vanitha unit Padma Perera and other senior officials of the Sri Lanka Army graced the closing ceremony.



Runner up team captain (green colour t-shirt) receiving the runners-up trophy.

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(Spanish League):
Real Betis vs Granada
TENNIS (ATP, Outdoor, Clay)
Internazionali BNL d'Italia at
Foro Italico
CYCLING
Giro d'Italia in Italy (3rd stage)

ATHLETE USHAN THIWANKA INCHES CLOSER TO OLYMPIC DREAM



Ushan Thiwanka in action



Ushan Thiwanka celebrates

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
The US based Sri Lankan athlete Ushan Thiwanka Perera moved further closer towards Olympic Qualification when he set up a new South Asian and Sri Lanka high jump record at the 2021 Lone Star Conference Outdoor Track and Field Meet worked off in Texas yesterday. The 23-year-old athlete representing the Texas A and M University-Commerce, established the record with an effort of 2.30 meters and secured first place in the Men's high jump event at

this outdoor championships. Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa and Sri Lanka Athletic (SLA) President Major General (Retired) Palitha Fernando were the first to congratulate Thiwanka over the phone following his heroics. The Athletic Chief said, "Thiwanka is now more confident of reaching the Olympic standards after these performances. He has already started training for his next event and I am sure he will make it to the top 12." The World Athletics has set a

very high qualifying standard of 2.33m for the Tokyo Olympics. While 12 athletes will be selected from qualifying standards, 20 other athletes reaching top World Rankings will be eligible for the Olympics. Earlier, in March, Thiwanka shattered the long-standing Sri Lanka high jump record of 2.27m which was set by Manjula Kumara Wijesekera in 2004 and also had equalled the record in 2005. The former schoolboy of Maris Stella College set up this

record with a leap of 2.28m and now he has renewed his own record with this performance (2.30m). He had previously set a new Sri Lanka indoor high jump record of 2.26m. Thiwanka who left the country on a scholarship last year to Texas A and M University-Commerce, has also achieved Sri Lanka's Elite National Pool Qualification mark of 2.22m, which qualifies him to be included in the Elite National Pool as well as in the top high-performance pool

of the Sports Ministry. Thiwanka started his athletics career at Karunaratne Buddhist School in Ragama and was able to develop his skills at Maris Stella College under the guidance of his coach Sanarath Fernando. Thiwanka of course, had a difficult childhood while growing up as both his parents suffered from polio. However, that did not stop him from achieving great heights in his life, and he is now a step closer to his Olympic dream.



Jayaratne, Lakshan test positive for COVID-19

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Uncapped Dhananjaya Lakshan and Ishan Jayaratne, who are in the Sri Lanka Provisional Squad for the forthcoming England white-ball cricket series, have tested positive for COVID-19. Sri Lanka are scheduled to play three One Day Internationals and the same number of Twenty20 Internationals during their tour of England from June 23 to July 4. Meanwhile, opening batsman Avishka Fernando has been dropped from the Sri Lankan Squad for the tour of Bangladesh as he has been unable to face the fitness test since recovering from an injury. The 23-year old who was included in the 18-member squad for the ODI series will not travel to Bangladesh due to his failure to face a fitness test ahead of the series. Earlier, Fernando missed both ODI and T20I series against the West Indies three months ago as he could not attend the mandatory 2km fitness test due to an injury. **The Sri Lanka Provisional Squad for the tour of England:** Kusal Janith Perera, Danushka Gunathilaka, Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Dhananjaya de Silva, Ashen Bandara, Niroshan Dickwella, Avishka Fernando, Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Dasun Shanaka, Nuwan Pradeep, Isuru Udana, Chamika Karunaratne, Dananjaya Lakshan, Ishan Jayaratne, Wanidu Hasaranga, Ramesh Mendis, Dushantha Chameera, Shiran Fernando, Binura Fernando, Asitha Fernando, Lahiru Kumara, Kasun Rajitha, Akila Dananjaya, Lakshan Sandakan, Mahesh Theekshana, Lasith Embuldeniya, and Praveen Jayawickrama.



Action from an Under-19 cricket match. Picture by Hirantha Gunathilaka

Division Three U-19 Cricket Tournament put off

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
The quarter-finals of the Inter-Schools Under-19 Division Three Cricket Tournament has been called off due to the spread of COVID-19, according to an official of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association (SLSCA). The SLSCA had already completed its Under-19 Division One and Two competitions and were left with the Division Three Tournament, which was set to come to an end by the second week of May. "The schedule was on to complete the Division Three Tournament by mid-May. But the present situation prevailing in the country does not provide a safe environment for that as we have schoolchildren involved in this. Thus, we decided to call off the tournament indefinitely," the SLSCA official told the Daily News. The new dates for the remainders of the postponed quarter-finals will be planned according to the development and improvement of the pandemic situation and the SLSCA stated that it does not wish to take any risk until full clearance is given by the higher authorities to move forward with the competitions.

Eight schools advance to quarters

Eight schools have advanced to the quarter-finals of the Under-19 Inter-Schools Division Three Tier 'A' Cricket Tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association (SLSCA). 57 teams participated in the first round in 10 groups and 20 teams advanced to the second round. **The quarter-final line-up:**
● Methodist High School, Moratuwa vs C. W. W. Kannangara MMV, Matugama.
● Vidyaloka, Galle vs Ibbagamuwa Central.
● St. Joseph's, Wattala vs Jaffna Central. Rajasinghe Central, Hanwell vs St. Mary's, Matugama (YK)

Notts secure innings win over Essex

Nottinghamshire moved top of Group One of the English County Championship after sealing an innings victory over Essex with seven wickets before lunch at Trent Bridge yesterday. After Saturday's washout, Essex resumed on 129-3, 95 runs behind, hopeful of at least making Notts bat again to win. But once Nick Browne (64) was caught behind, the visitors soon crumbled, Lyndon James taking two wickets in three balls to leave them 165-6. And the Essex tail put up little resistance as the hosts finished the job in two hours at Trent Bridge. Notts all-rounder James finished with figures of 4-51 after a great session of bowling, dismissing Ryan ten Doeschate lbw, re-arranging Adam Wheeler's stumps and finding the edge of Paul Walter's bat. Defending champions Essex, meanwhile, could not build up any sort of head of steam, losing wickets at regular intervals through the morning session and have won just one of their five County Championship games this season. **Chief scores**
Essex: 99 and 194 (Browne 64, James 4/51, Paterson 3/41)
Nottinghamshire: 323 (Mullaney 117, James 51, Hameed 49, Snater 7/98). (BBC)

Niluka beaten in Portuguese Open semi-finals



Niluka Karunaratne in action

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Two-time Olympic shuttler Niluka Karunaratne lost the Men's Open Singles semi-finals of the 56th Portuguese International Badminton Championships 2021 in Portugal yesterday. Karunaratne who has a World Ranking of 119, lost to the German bottom seed Max Weiskirchen in straight sets 12-21, 10-21 in the semi-finals. Earlier, Karunaratne received a walk over in the first-round but in the second-round he defeated Denmark's Kim Bruun (World Rank 89) 7-21, 23-21, 21-15 to enter the quarter finals. In the quarter-finals, Karunaratne defeated Raul Must (World Rank 90) from Estonia in straight sets 21-18, 27-25. Karunaratne is currently ranked 41st in the Men's Single Olympic Qualification list, where the top 40 will qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games. Currently, New Zealand's Abhinav Manota with 16,347 points is in 40th place while Karunaratne is 287 points behind in 41st place with 16,060 points. According to Badminton World Federation (BWF) selection criteria, the 40 top-ranked shuttlers in the world will qualify for the Tokyo Olympics and compete in the Men's Singles. After this event, Karunaratne will compete in one more competition, trying to make up for lost time due to COVID-19. If he makes the Olympic Qualification, it will be his third Olympic Games, having represented the country at the 2012 London and 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Athletic Nationals only during weekends

BERNARD PERERA
The Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Athletics (SLA) decided to conduct the 99th National Athletic Championships only during weekends commencing from May 22, due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. All track and field events are to be held at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo. These events are to be held in



All track and field events will be held at the Sugathadasa Stadium



Lyndon James (left) celebrates a dismissal with teammates

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Port City to boost the economy, employ 100,000 - Cabraal

DINESH PERERA

The Colombo Port City and the enabling legal framework is expected to bring about an immediate boost to the economy and sustain a growth trajectory going forward. Construction within Port City alone is expected to bring about 100,000 jobs shortly. State Minister of Capital Markets Ajith Nivard Cabraal cited the project as a turning point in the economic history of Sri Lanka.

Cabraal said, "It will be a turning point. Once these developments take place we will be able to grow fast. Sri Lanka will change its course of history."

Cabraal was speaking on May 8 at an International Chamber of Commerce organised a webinar on Colombo Port City.

The Supreme Court has given its opinion and on the advice given by the Attorney General's Department, the law is expected to be passed in

parliament by May 19. Previously raised concerns by the religious clergy and other civil activists have been cleared by the government.

Cabraal was confident of the political and economic vision of the Port City. He said, "J R Jayewardene when he was President wanted to compress the Mahaweli project of 30 years into 6 they said it could not be done. When then-President Mahinda Rajapaksa said we are going to finish the war eve-

ryone thought it would not be possible."

Cabraal noted the development expertise of the current government with notable modern infrastructure projects. He said, "The infrastructure development that took place was a game-changer."

"With regards to our law, we decided that there should be a single window for all investors so that they would be very comfortable."

Cabraal underscored the importance of laws in line with other regional powerhouses. He said, "It is important for us to understand that this project is all about implementation. It has all the features of Dubai, Singapore, Malaysia, and Shenzhen. They will all be our competitors."

"The agency should be able to

ensure that they have the wherewithal to move forward. What happens in Singapore? In Singapore, it happens in one day. They are on top of the tables in terms of doing business. Any agency that we have to provide support to investors should have their matters dealt with in speed. They shouldn't have to wait in rusty corridors as has happened in the past in Sri Lanka."

Cabraal acknowledged the weakness of doing business ranking of the country. He said, "We know where we are. We are not flattered by our position. We are working on a separate venture to get there. We need some short term gains and we need a place in Sri Lanka where people can come in and do business."



Minister Ajith Cabraal



at Colombo Port City

MEET THE CHAIRMAN...
Chairman/ Managing Director
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Environment Minister stresses preventing dumping used PPE in ocean

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The non implementation of a proper disposal system for 1.5 million used face masks added to the environment everyday will definitely cause severe damage to marine life and also the marine environment around the ocean in Sri Lanka, Environmental Minister Mahinda

Amaraweera cautioned. Speaking to **Daily News Business** Amaraweera said that the usage of face masks will double in the near future and warned relevant authorities to immediately implement proper disposal methods to stop releasing these used face masks to the ocean through waterways and

tributaries all over the country.

"Unless urgent suitable steps are taken to rectify this situation it will be a big threat to the marine environment and to the fisheries industry. It will also have negative effects on other marine life including valuable corals in the ocean," he said.

Referring to reports Amaraweera said that during the first six months of 2020 nearly 800 tons of face masks were imported to the country. He asked authorities about what proper action was taken to dispose of them without causing any damage to the environment.

He said this situation should not be taken lightly by everybody considering the living beings in both the land and the ocean. He also cautioned that a mask worn by a COVID infected person if not properly disposed of could also result in transmitting the disease to several others.

Amaraweera also referred to the recent message he made to mark the March 8 'World Migratory Bird Day' and said when throwing away used face masks to the land environment, the birds die when the straps of the

masks get entangled around their necks and legs. He requested the general public to cut off the straps on either side of used face masks before disposing of them properly.

Amaraweera cautioned that even used polythene and plastics are harmful to the land and ocean environment unless people dump them without following proper disposal guidelines.

When contacted, an official from the Central Environmental Authority (CEA) said whatever precautionary measures introduced by them to stop dumping used polythene and plastic to the environment without using proper waste management disposal methods, people ignore them and continue their irresponsible habits. "We need to bring tougher laws like in developed countries to punish people who are acting irresponsibly in this regard."



Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera



World Bank strengthens engagement in Sri Lanka

The World Bank launched public consultations to update its Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) in Sri Lanka. This online platform will enable the Bank to engage with the Sri Lankan public and development partners and seek their views on the most pressing development opportunities and challenges for the country.

The SCD is a country-specific report compiled by the World Bank Group in close consultation with the respective national authorities, stakeholders and the public. This report forms the basis of the Country Partnership Framework, the strategy which outlines how the World Bank Group's engagement with the country can

best contribute towards achieving the goals of ending absolute poverty and boosting shared prosperity in a sustainable manner.

"We are keen to hear from a wide range of development stakeholders - the government, private sector, citizens from different provinces, think tanks and civil society groups," said Faris. H. Hadad-Zervos, World Bank Country Director for Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

"Their inputs will help the SCD to focus on areas that will have the maximum impact in fostering greener, resilient and inclusive recovery and growth for Sri Lanka."

The 2021 SCD will be an update on the previous SCD, tak-



World Bank Country Director Faris Hadad-Zervos

ing into account the new and pressing issues stemming from the unprecedented health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The online surveys are open from May 6, 2021 to May 20, 2021, and they are in Sinhala, Tamil and English. This process is complemented by focus group discussions with representation from public and private sectors, as well as civil society organizations. The findings of the consultations will be reflected in the next update of the SCD.

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

Swarnamahal Financial Services depositors get additional payments

Under Sri Lanka Deposit Insurance and Liquidity Support Scheme

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka informs the eligible depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries of eligible deposits of Swarnamahal Financial Services PLC (SFSP) that the payment of additional compensa-

tion under the Sri Lanka Deposit Insurance and Liquidity Support Scheme (SLDILSS) will commence from May 10 onwards.

Director, Resolution & Enforcement Department,

Central Bank says that accordingly, the eligible depositors/relevant legal beneficiaries of eligible deposits can collect their claims from any People's Bank branch commencing from May 10, by producing the relevant documents.

The eligible depositors/beneficiaries are advised to avoid gathering in large numbers at the People's Bank premises and to strictly comply with the health guidelines.

Further inquiries could be made from, Telephone: 0112 477 261 / 0112 398 788



Airport staff to get the second jab from today - Minister Chanaka

The Health Ministry decided to issue the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine from Monday onwards to the staff of Aviation and Airports who are among the most vulnerable in the current pandemic.

State Minister of Aviation and Investment Zone Development D. V. Chanaka said that this decision was taken after making a special request to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Minister of Health Pavitra Wanniarachchi, considering the special high-risk circumstances of the jobs of the airport staff.

The first dose of the vaccine was given to the airport staff in February this year and about 10,000 were vaccinated with the first dose. With the commencement of the second dose of vaccination on Monday, it will complete the full vaccination.

The second dose will be given to the staff of Bandaraneik International Airport, Mattala Mahinda Rajapaksa International Airport, Ratmalana Airport and also the staff of Sri Lankan Airlines.



ComBank wins 'European Quality Award' from the UK

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has been presented the 'European Quality Award' by the Europe Business Assembly of Oxford, UK, which is an international corporation that encourages economic and social development on a global level.

This prestigious international recognition is awarded to regional companies that demonstrate excellence in

their management of quality and their approach to total quality management that contribute to the satisfaction of their customers, employees, and other stakeholders.

Commercial Bank was honoured with the European Quality Award for the high quality of its products and services, and in receiving the award, the Bank gains a significant advan-

tage that will help raise its competitive capacity in the European and world markets, the Bank said.

Besides offering a competitive range of products and services that are continuously updated and subject to stringent quality control processes, the organisations that won the Award were also judged based on criteria including implementation of modern

quality management systems; operation, production, and marketing efficiency; national, regional, and international certificates, leniencies, patents and branch specifications; focus on the customer and positive customer opin-

ions; meeting requirements of the international quality systems (ISO, TUV); active participation in national and international quality and standard forums, fairs, and exhibitions; eco-friendly level of production processes; and faultless reputation in banking.



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'IMPROVING LONGER STORAGE KEY PILLAR FOR STRENGTHENING NATION'S FUEL SUPPLY'

Capacity in Kolonnawa storage facilities to increase by 30%

MEET THE CHAIRMAN...

**Chairman/ Managing Director
Ceylon Petroleum Storage
Terminal Limited, (CPSTL)
M. Uvais Mohamed**



SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE
For centuries Sri Lanka was set to be an energy hub with a storage facility of fuel for the entire South Asian region and this was well executed by the British during World War two.

During that time, the then Ceylon had stored ample fuel storage for many months to face any kind of emergency through fuel terminal storage facilities in Kolonnawa, Trincomalee and other regional depots. However, these positive sentiments were not maintained and carried on by successive governments since independence, so much so that the fuel storage facilities have now evaporated to just 22 days storage. The global average fuel buffer stock storage per country is a minimum of 60 days, although deferring from country to country.

Fuel is one of the key factors that keeps the economy going as it's used for power generation, transport, aviation, industries and many more areas, and a past industrial action in this sector almost brought the nation to a standstill with fuel queues in pump stations running into several kilometers. Not only the COVID pandemic, even wars and prolonged political unrest in fuel producing countries can halt the supply of fuel to Sri Lanka plunging the country into total lockdown.

"Hence improving the longer storage was identified as a key pillar towards strengthening

the nation's fuel supply and measures were taken to address this area," said the new Chairman/ Managing Director Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminal Limited, (CPSTL) M. Uvais Mohamed.

He identified that the storage was not improved to match the growing 5% average annual demand of the nation and swift action was initiated to add 9 storage tanks urgently. "This is task that had not been undertaken since the British colonial era."

"During the LTTE attacks, a storage tank was damaged in the terminal, this remained un-repaired to date. This is under repair currently. To build a new one it would have cost around Rs. 600 million. However now we are investing around Rs. 100 million to restore this and put it to use. Similarly the terminal is embarking on building 9 more storage tanks for which around Rs. 3.5 billion is allocated and is now in progress."

CPSTL is a profit making venture and part of the income will be used for this investment rather than going in for borrowings. With the completion of this project in 2023, the capacity in Kolonnawa storage facilities will increase by 30%."

This will result in an additional storage capacity of 75,000 metric tons, to the current total storage capacity of 475,000 tons across the country.

Muthurajawela facility to be world class

Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminal Limited has also focused their attention in adding more infrastructure and increasing efficiency for their storage terminal in Muthurajawela.

At present there are two unloading points known as Single Point Mooring (SPM) buoys, one off Colombo Harbour and other at Muthurajawela, which are both maintained by CPSTL.

The unloading process from 8 miles out of the sea, from the Single Point Mooring (SPM) buoy at Muthurajawela, took around 60 hours to complete and now the process is narrowing down to 30 hours making it one of the fastest fuel unloading facilities in the region.

"In-depth studies also found out that the SPM buoy that is used in the unloading process was not serviced for the past 10 years. The servicing of this buoy was undertaken and completed at a cost of Rs. 500 million".

Overhauling work was done at Colombo Dockyard under the supervision of Manufacturer IMEDCO. All other balance work (Removal and installation of buoy) was done by CPSTL employees saving Rs. 50 million to CPSTL, even during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

CPSTL and CPC had arranged fuel distribution of the country without any interruption during this non-operational servicing period between December 9, 2020 to January 27, 2021. "We will now carry out this process every five years as per international norms."

Sub Head: More storage to meet emerging demand

"We have noted that the biggest demand for fuel comes from the Western Province which is around 65% of total distribution. This is further



The servicing of this buoy before and after



One of the oil storage tanks damaged and left to idle for over 10 years



Capacity in Muthurajawela Storage Terminal to increase with Rs. 10 bn investment

LTTE damaged storage tank to be repaired spending Rs. 100 mn

Over Rs. 100 mn to install CCTV and use drones at Kolonnawa facility

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Chairman/ Managing Director CPSTL M. Uvais Mohamed. Pictures by Sudath Malaweera

expected to increase with the completion of the Colombo Port City."

As per the vision of Energy Ministry and the Minister of Energy, Udaya Gammanpila plans are underway to increase capacity in Muthurajawela.

CPSTL will now take 25 acres on lease from the government to build 20 new storage tanks in

Muthurajawela increasing the storage capacity by around 200,000 Metric Tons. Total investment including the lease rental would be around Rs. 10 billion and we will also look at borrowings for this venture.

"This is a historic project as similar investment was never done envisaging the demands of the future."

One of the other advantages of this project is that fuel bowlers load fuel and use the highway network for transport. The increase of storage capacity initiatives in both Kolonnawa and Muthurajawela terminals will increase island wide capacity by 15%.

Storage to further increase with KKS facility

In a bid to increase storage facilities the CPSTL has also embarked on a project to build eight more storage tanks at their Kankesanthurai (KKS) facility.

Four will store around 6,000 and the balance four 10,000 metric tons of fuel fulfilling the demand of North East for a week in case of emergency. The tanks would be built on 6 acre land and many other facilities would be introduced giving a major economic boost to the area creating new employment opportunities as well. Fuel would be transported from train to this venue.

The bowser cost of transporting fuel from Colombo will also drastically reduce from this venture. "When the KKS Port is fully operational we will also explore the possibility of unloading fuel from the sea."

Many firsts

"We will invest over Rs. 100 million to install CCTV and use drones at the Kolonnawa, institution mainly to enhance security and check on fraudulent activities. CPSTL has also moved towards solar adaptation on their rooftops. "We also hope to invest more towards this segment in the future."

For the first time in the history of the company, it adopted Internal Audit Standards of Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) recently. The Audit Committee expressed its keen interest to see the compliance with the manual in future in all internal audit activities.

The Company also encouraged bowsters to use the highway and the toll entry/exit toll was paid by the CPSTL. Another first was the manufacturing and presenting hand and floor sanitizers to the staff, health workers, tri forces and the public as a CSR initiative.



A train transporting fuel

Aruna Alwis new CEO of CFA Society Sri Lanka

Recently the CFA Society Sri Lanka (CFASL) announced the appointment of Aruna Alwis as its new Chief Executive Officer to help drive its vision forward. CFA Institute has earned an important reputation as a professional organization providing financial education to investment professionals.

Before joining CFASL, Aruna Alwis served as Chief Executive Officer/Secretary of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, Director Operations of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Sri Lanka, and CEO of the Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka. Aruna Alwis received his Executive Education from INSEAD, IIM Bangalore, Open University UK, and DCAAP Philippines. He is a professional member of the British Computer Society, UK and holds a Diploma in Business

Administration from the University of Colombo and an MBA from Warrington University, UK.

CFASL is set to play a more influential role locally under his Executive Leadership in the coming months, with a series of new programs helping to further strengthen the Finance and Investment industry. It is believed that these initiatives will help reinforce the industry locally and enhance its regional and international links further.

The Capital Market Awards, Research Challenge competition, Women in Finance initiatives, Candidates council events and 20th Anniversary Celebrations are some of the league events being organised by CFASL to support the enhancement of skills and competencies of the country's Finance and Investment professionals and the industry as a whole.



President of CFASL Dinesh Warusavitharana commented on the appointment of Aruna Alwis: "The appointment of the new CEO marks an exciting time for growth and development as CFASL celebrates its 20th Anniversary." He said, "Aruna is the right leader for CFASL due to his extensive corporate relationships spanning Finance, Accounting, ICT, Education, Media, and the Government. This ties together with his wide international exposure and proven business development skills. We do



CEO CFA Aruna Alwis

not doubt that his expertise will help CFASL strengthen its position both

locally and internationally, and develop strategic alliances, as well as foster the Finance and Investment industry in Sri Lanka."

CFA Institute's Senior Director of Society Relations, Asia Pacific, Brenda Hou said, "This senior executive appointment marks an important milestone in CFA Society Sri Lanka. Our CFA Societies primarily operate as volunteer-run, not-for-profit organizations.

This appointment allows CFA Society Sri Lanka to expand its engagement with members, candidates and the industry more broadly, to fulfil our shared mission of promoting the highest standards of ethics, education and professional excellence across the financial services industry."

Aruna Alwis said he is excited to join CFASL, which, he said, comes at a

very critical time, with the Investment industry rooting for development in leaps and bounds. "I am looking forward to working with all the stakeholders to develop a portfolio of services that attracts, retains and involves members at all stages and supports the Finance and Investment, and business community, including the Government of Sri Lanka," he said.

Founded in 2000, the CFA Society of Sri Lanka is a not-for-profit organization supporting the professional development and advancement of CFA charter holders and candidates in Sri Lanka. Our membership of over 240 members consists of CEOs, CFOs, portfolio managers, equity analysts, banking professionals, investment advisors and other senior-ranking financial practitioners and over 500 candidates, mainly in the financial sector.

Market upbeat - Acuity Stockbrokers

The Bourse ended the week on a positive note this week with ASPI increasing by 33.80 points (or 0.47%) to close at 7,242.00 points, while the S&P SL20 Index also increased by 6.39 points (or 0.22%) to close at 2,875.64 points.

Turnover & Market Capitalization

Browns Investments was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 2.68Bn or 25.40% of the total turnover value. HNB followed suit, accounting for 11.54% of turnover (value of LKR 1.22Bn) while JKH contributed LKR 0.80Bn to account for 7.56% of the week's turnover. Total turnover value amounted to LKR 10.54Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 7.79Bn), while the daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 2.11Bn (8.35% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 1.95Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, increased by 0.48% W-o-W (or LKR 15.26Bn) to LKR 3,194.06 Bn cf. LKR 3,178.80 Bn last week.

Liquidity (Value & Volume)

The Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 27.34% (or LKR 2.88Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by Browns Investments which accounted for 92.89% of the sector's total turnover. Banks Industry Group meanwhile accounted for 24.28% of the total turnover value while Capital Goods Group contributed 22.93% to the weekly turnover.

The Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 59.26% (or 408.40Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 2.88Bn. The Diversified Financials Industry Group followed suit, adding 11.39% to total volume (78.49Mn shares) while Materials Industry Group contributed 6.77% (46.66Mn shares) to the weekly share volume.

Dividend Announcements

Company, DPS(Rs.), Dividend Type, Date(XD); HARISCHANDRA MILLS PLC.

Asia Asset Finance to issue preference shares

DINESH PERERA

Asia Asset Finance is to issue convertible irredeemable five (05) year preference shares of the face value of rupees ten (Rs 10/-) per share at a fixed non-cumulative dividend of cents seventy (Rs 0.70) in any financial year, to raise a sum of Rs 413,985,110 to increase the core capital of the company.

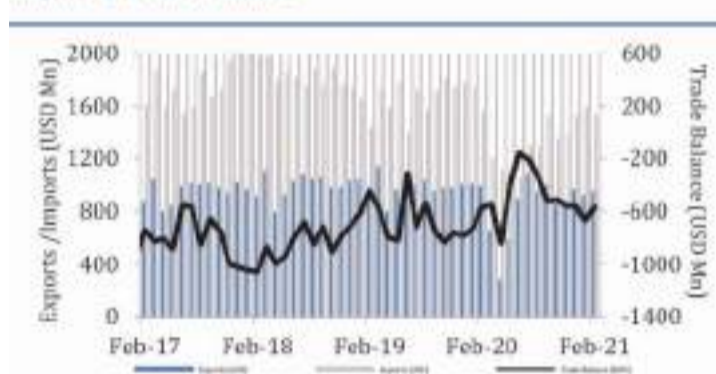
The move comes as the company needs to issue new capital to be in line with the core capital requirements set out by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

The preference shares can be converted into ordinary shares at a convertible price. The convertible price will be the average of the daily volume-weighted average price of the Ordinary Shares as published by the Colombo Stock Exchange over the 60 trading days immediately preceding the date of issue of the preference share.

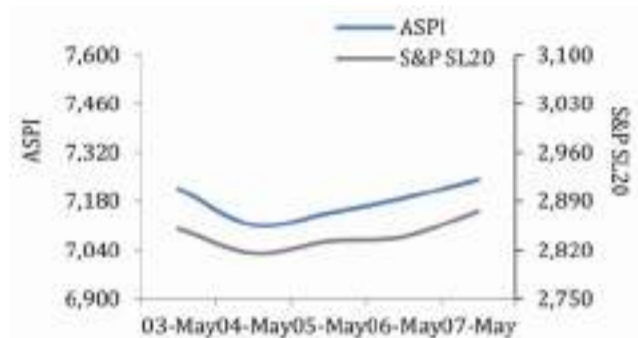
The convertible price shall be adjusted at the discretion of the Board, in the event of an increase or decrease in the total number of Ordinary Shares in issue.

The capital raised will be used to increase the gold loan portfolio as well as meet other likely commercial requirements. The rights are to be offered to current shareholders in the ratio of one preference share for every three ordinary shares held.

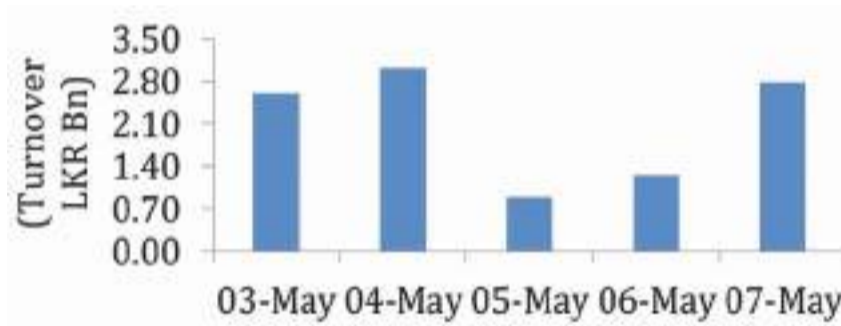
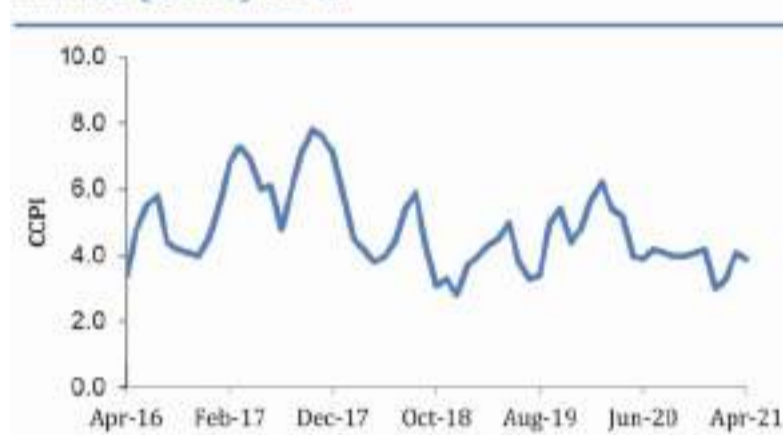
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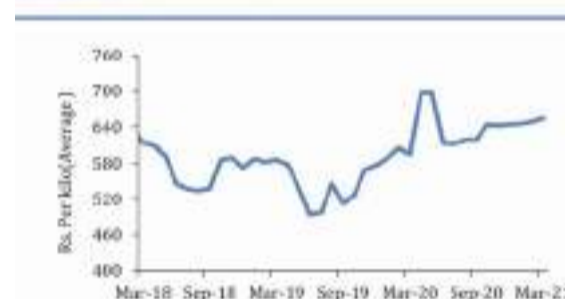
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Inflation (CCPI-N) YoY%



Tea Prices



20, First Interim, 12/5/2021; SANASA DEVELOPMENT BANK PLC. 2.25, First and Final dividend, 31/05/2021.

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

Net Foreign Position

Foreign investors were net sellers this week with a total net outflow amounting to

LKR 2.06Bn relative to last week's total net outflow of LKR 1.04Bn (-97.9% W-o-W). Total foreign purchases decreased by 19.3% W-o-W to LKR 0.31Bn from last week's value of LKR 0.38Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 2.37Bn relative to LKR 1.42Bn recorded last week (66.5% W-o-W).

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

ISSUE OF RS. 20,000 MILLION TREASURY BONDS

Rs. 10,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 09.00% 2025 'A', and Rs. 10,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 09.00% 2028 'B' are to be issued through an auction on May 12, 2021.

The details of these Treasury Bonds are as follows:

Series	09.00% 2025 'A'	09.00% 2028 'B'
ISIN*	LKB01225E019	LKB01528E016
Amount offered	Rs. 10,000 million	Rs. 10,000 million
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**	7.07	7.98
Coupon rate	09.00% per annum	09.00% per annum
Date of issue	01 May 2013	01 May 2013
Date of maturity	01 May 2025	01 May 2028
Dates of coupon payment	01 May & 01 November	01 May & 01 November
Accrued Interest amount	Rs. 0.3913 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 0.3913 per Rs. 100.00
Date of Auction	Wednesday, 12 May 2021	
Closing date and time of bid submission	Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at 11.00 a.m.	
Date of settlement	17 May 2021	
Minimum amount of bid	Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.	

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Treasury Bonds on the basis of clean prices (exclusive of accrued interest from the date of last coupon payment to the date of settlement). Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

With respect to each Series/ISIN, CBSL may accept any amount not exceeding the amount offered depending on the market conditions.

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bonds from the following Primary Dealers and any other Licensed Commercial Banks

Acuity Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries Ltd	2639883	Wealth Trust Securities Ltd	2675096

* International Securities Identification Number

**The rates specified may be subject to adjustment in the event of policy decisions and publicized accordingly in the CBSL web advertisement.

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FCCISL saddened by sudden death of past President Ajith Wathuhewa



Ajith Wathuhewa

On the sudden demise of Ajith Wathuhewa, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL) released the following note. "It is with the saddest regret that FCCISL announces the sudden death of Ajith Wathuhewa the past president of FCCISL, founder president of Uva Chamber of Commerce and Industry, former senior vice president of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a member of the advisory committee of FCCISL.

During his tenure (2014-2015) he introduced many new initiatives such as exploration of trade and investment opportunities in the Indian sub-continent and the Asia Pacific for Sri Lankan SMEs and setting up of SAARC Trade Promotion Network (SAARC TPN) for trade issues.

He was the founder of the Colombo Chamber of Commerce during his tenure as the president of FCCISL. At the time of his death, he was selected for Business World International Excellence Award by BWIO.

He created history by being elected as the first-ever president of FCCISL representing a regional chamber.

FCCISL will never forget his efforts for the progress of FCCISL by leaps and bounds. He was fondly called "Wathu" by his friends and was a compassionate human being who always believed in giving back to society. With his positive attitude and guidance, everything is worthy of our praise. Time can never fade the memory of this gentleman."

For messages of condolence please contact info@fccisl.lk



DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

Rs. 47,000 million Treasury Bills are to be issued through an auction on 11th May 2021

The Details of Treasury Bill issues are as follows :

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09121H131	LKA18221K124	LKA36422E137 ***	
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn.)	12,000	16,000	19,000	47,000
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**			5.18	

Date of Auction : 11th May 2021
Date of Settlement : 13th May 2021
Date of Issue : 14th May 2021
Closing date and time of bid submission : Tuesday 11th May 2021, at 11.00 a.m.
Minimum amount of a bid : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/=) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/=) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities.

Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

The CBSL may accept a higher or lower amount than the offered amounts for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed Commercial Banks

Acuity Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries PLC	2639883	WealthTrust Securities Ltd.	2675096

* International Securities Identification Number

** The yield rates of 91 day and 182 day maturities will be decided below the level of 364 day maturity at the auction.
*** New holiday treatment for Treasury Bill maturities applies, i.e. effective from 2022, in the event the maturity falls on a bank holiday, payments will be made on the immediate following business day.

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SEC to showcase Lanka as attractive destination for foreign portfolio investment

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) has performed exceptionally well in the past 12 months with the All Share Price Index (ASPI) appreciating more than 55% and the S&P SL 20 Index appreciating more than 44%. In 2021, the Average Daily Turnover of the CSE stands at Rs 4.8 Bn as against Rs. 1.8 Bn in 2020.

Even though the market has performed exceptionally well, foreign investor contribution to the total market turnover is not substantial due to the prevailing Covid 19 pandemic throughout the world. The Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) is of the view that every effort must be made to impress upon foreign investors/ fund managers and diaspora of the compelling value proposition of the Sri Lankan Capital Market. In this sense, the SEC believes capital flows



SEC Chairman
Viraj Dayaratne



CSE CEO
Rajeeva Bandaranaike



Additional Secretary
Foreign Ministry
P. M. Amza



SEC Director General
Chinthaka Mendis



High Commissioner to Singapore,
Sashikala Premawardhane



Ambassador to UAE
Malraj De Silva



Ambassador to Sweden
Dharshana M. Perera

will also act as a catalyst to economic growth and contribute towards increased wealth creation.

As an initial step, the SEC along with the Foreign Ministry and the CSE has commenced a series of virtual meetings to educate staff of Sri Lankan Missions overseas on the growth potential and investment opportunities available in the Capital Market of Sri Lanka. This initiative will enable the

respective staff of Missions overseas to promote portfolio investments to Sri Lanka among the investor community in the respective countries and assist the SEC and the CSE in organizing future overseas forums.

Foreign Ministry Additional Secretary P. M. Amza, SEC Chairman Viraj Dayaratne; SEC Director-General Chinthaka Mendis; CSE CEO Rajeeva Bandaranaike; SEC Direc-

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tor External Relations and Capital Market Education Tushara Jayaratne; SEC Director Surveillance and Capital Market Development Prabash Wanigatunge; CSE Head of Marketing Niroshan Wijesundere;

CSE Head of Research and Strategy Nishantha Hewavithana and senior officials of both the SEC and CSE participated in these initial virtual forums.

"Portfolio investment will act as a catalyst for

economic growth and is a top priority for the Government, particularly in the context of post-COVID economic recovery. These forums will offer the Sri Lankan diaspora the opportunity to understand the investment prospects available in the capital market of Sri Lanka as well"

remarked Dayaratne. The first in the series was conducted with the participation of Minister (Commercial) Dr Lakmini Men-

dis and other senior officials of the High Commission of Sri Lanka in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in Singapore Sashikala Premawardhane, Ambassador of Sri Lanka in Sweden Dharshana M. Perera, and Ambassador of Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Malraj De Silva, Consul General of Sri Lanka Dubai & Northern Emirates Nalinda

Wijerathna, Head of Chancery Embassy of Sri Lanka Abu Dhabi M.I.M. Rizvi, and other senior officials from the Foreign Ministry also participated in the virtual forums conducted with the respective Foreign Missions.

The SEC and the Foreign Ministry are in the process of organizing three more virtual presentations with the assistance of Foreign Missions in Tokyo, Washington and Beijing.

Construction Industry stakeholders of Sri Lanka, Nepal to strengthen collaboration

Sri Lankan Embassy in Nepal partnered with the Export Development Board of Sri Lanka (EDB) to connect construction industry stakeholders of the two countries in a webinar titled "Collaboration in the Construction Industry between Sri Lanka and Nepal" on Tuesday 04 May.

In his opening remarks, EDB Chairman Suresh de Mel described Nepal as an important market for joint ventures in the construction industry and elaborated the Sri Lankan industry's strengths and capabilities to cater to the international market. He mentioned in particular the expertise shown by Sri Lanka in green construction, urban infrastructure, soil and geology, hydropower and low cost housing. Ambassador Himalee Arunatilaka high-



EDB Chairman
Suresh de Mel

lighted the event as an opportunity to elevate the existing friendship between Sri Lanka and Nepal to a productive economic partnership. She expressed the hope that the interaction will go beyond business connections to include prospects for capacity building and training opportunities as well.

Federation of Contractor's Association of Nepal, Nepal Engineers' Association and Society for Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF) spoke



Ambassador
Himalee Arunatilaka

on behalf of the Nepal industry. They provided an overview of the Nepali market, elaborating on investment opportunities in road and transport development, highways and railways, physical infrastructure including water and sanitation and smart city projects.

The Sri Lankan industry was represented by the Major Constructors' Association of Sri Lanka (MCSL), Small Hydro Power Developers' Association, Sri Lanka Institutes of Archi-

ects as well as the Chamber of Construction Industries of Sri Lanka. They highlighted the achievements and success stories of Sri Lankan companies in international projects and the reach of Sri Lankan companies in Africa and Asia.

Both sides welcomed the opportunity to strengthen contacts, build partnerships and explore business and technical collaborations and joint ventures.

Around 100 participants representing industry associations, professional organizations and construction companies from both countries participated in the webinar. The discussion ended with both sides agreeing to establish collective and individual connections to continue the conversation on possible future collaborations.

Singer partners gaming giant MSI to support passionate gamers and creators

The gaming industry in Sri Lanka has witnessed exponential growth with casual gaming enthusiasts, professionals, game developers and graphic designers, all seeking cutting edge technology to fuel their passion and make the most of the growing opportunities.

As the pandemic resulted in most people working and learning from home, gaming has gained a stronger foothold and boosted the online entertainment industry.

Inspired by these customers' needs and helping them succeed, Singer the nation's premier consumer durables retailer has partnered with Taiwan-based gaming giant MSI (Micro-Star International) to usher in a new era for Sri Lanka's gaming and content creation communities.

MSI has been a consistent pioneer of the global gaming and creative communities and as a brand regarded by many as among one of the most trusted names in gaming and esports. MSI gaming laptops has been repeatedly honoured with a plethora of awards including the prestigious IF Design Award and Red dot winner of 2020, Taiwan Excellence Awards, and most recent recipient of 15 CES 2021

Innovation Awards Honorees for winning products at the Consumer Electronic Show 2021.

Together with MSI, Singer is now ideally placed to support Sri Lankan gamers and creators to make the gaming experience more competitive, personalised and accessible.

Shanil Perera, Marketing Director, Singer Sri Lanka PLC said, "We are extremely excited in partnering with MSI, recognised as a high-profile and well-respected brand name in the global gaming arena. By introducing MSI laptops with innovative technologies to the local market for the first time we aim to empower gamers and creators. Answering the call from our gaming community, the MSI range covers everyone from the casual gamer, to professional gamers, with groundbreaking products and next-gen software contributing to the PC gaming experience and helping to advance the industry."

Singer now offers MSI Gaming Laptops which are built with state-of-the-art gaming technology guaranteeing quality and performance with the promise of a truly enriching gaming experience. The GS Stealth series provides a combination of mobility,

performance and class. GF Thin series ensures both performance and value and the GL Leopard series is built for performance at any level of gaming.

MSI's Alpha and Bravo range of laptops are also now available offering high-end performance at attractive pricing levels and an affordable yet powerful gaming system, ideal for content creators and professionals.

Singer which has earned a reputation for building brands and developing market segments, as a large format retailer can meet the demand from the gaming market by supplying the MSI portfolio to consumers island-wide. Additionally, Singer can cater to smaller IT partners in selected locations throughout the network.

Recognised as the No. 1 computer seller in the country, Singer continues to maintain a strong track record of trusted excellence. Ensuring that PC gaming is even more accessible to those looking for high-performance at a cost they can appreciate, Singer offers customers a wide range of attractive payment schemes including credit card offers via leading banks, cash discounts and hire purchase facilities.

Laugfs Lubricants Lab accredited with ISO/IEC 17025:2017

The LAUGFS Lubricants state-of-the-art laboratory located in the Malwatta BOI Zone has recently been accredited with the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 certification, a recognition of compliance with international standards for laboratory testing, from the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB), a full member of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).

It is the first petroleum testing laboratory in Sri Lanka to receive this accreditation under the scope of oil and lubricants, marking a monumental achievement for LAUGFS Lubricants, being the only home-grown lubricant brand in Sri Lanka.

The ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation is an internationally recognized quality management system certification for testing/calibration laboratories, which demonstrates the technical competency and the accuracy of the test results of products manufactured by LAUGFS Lubricants. The certification provides customers with the assurance that results of product testing conducted by the laboratory are accurate and reliable.

Chief Executive Officer of LAUGFS Lubricants Ltd. and Director/Chief Executive Officer of LAUGFS Petroleum Ltd, Niroshan J. Pieries, said, "As a Sri Lankan lubricant brand, we at

LAUGFS Lubricants are constantly pushing for higher standards in quality for our customers, in all areas of our operations. We are proud to be accredited with the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 certification as an international benchmark of our laboratory's technical competence and uncompromising standards of excellence in our product testing results."

"We view this as a symbol of our commitment to providing our customers with innovative solutions that truly cater to the needs of their vehicles in their everyday lives. With this accreditation, we will continue to pursue enhancements to LAUGFS Lubricants product

quality as we strive towards further excellence."

LAUGFS Lubricants Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of LAUGFS Holdings, offers lubricant solutions to every class of motor vehicle since its inception in 2008. LAUGFS Lubricants offers a premier product range optimized to suit Sri Lanka's tropical climate, dust and road conditions while providing extended mileage for vehicles.

The LAUGFS Lubricants Tribology Park in the Malwatta BOI Zone utilizes cutting edge technology to blend engine oil locally in compliance with international industry standards, gaining the trust of all motorists.

EU and FAO call for the transformation of agri-food systems

The European Union (EU) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) have agreed to increase joint efforts to transform agri-food systems, in order to make them more inclusive, efficient, resilient and sustainable.

The FAO Director-General QU Dongyu and EU Commissioners for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen; for Health and Food Safety, Stella Kyriakides; and for Agriculture, Janusz Wojciechowski, spoke at the launch of the 2021 EU-FAO Strategic Dialogue.

They also exchanged views on global challenges related to the fight against hunger and all forms of malnutrition, the need to preserve biodiversity and natural resources, as well as the importance of food safety and the One-Health approach for the prevention of pandemics.

Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen said: "In the context of the global COVID-19 pandemic, more and more people are facing growing food insecurity. This is a complex issue and we will continue working on the world stage to tackle the root causes. Our long-standing partnership with



the FAO is critical to help us address global challenges. I welcome our continued close cooperation on agriculture, fisheries, forestry, biodiversity, food security, food crises and food safety."

Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Stella Kyriakides said: "The Farm to Fork Strategy, at the core of the Green Deal, sets a strategic vision to transform the way we produce, distribute and consume food. We need to act quickly and globally to make our food systems sustainable. The FAO will have a leading role in the international work to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Our joint priorities include the fight against antimicrobial resistance, the promotion of agricultural systems that are respectful of the environment and the prevention of food loss and waste."

Commissioner for Agriculture, Janusz Wojciechowski said: "I am convinced that the EU and FAO have a common priority to advance the global sustainability, climate and animal welfare agendas. The unprecedented crisis we

are living today has only reinforced the importance of working together.

As set in the Farm to fork strategy, the Commission is focusing on enabling the transition to sustainable food systems. For instance, the new Common Agricultural Policy will support European farmers throughout this transition. However, we cannot do this alone. The transformation of agri-food systems needs to happen at global level. I look forward to working together on such a crucial topic."

The meeting valued the bold steps the EU has taken with its Green Deal and especially towards sustainable food systems with the Farm-to-Fork Strategy, by keeping this essential transformation at the heart of its core policies.



GLOBAL

COVID vaccine patent waivers divide EU leaders

European leaders discussed a US proposal for a waiver on intellectual property protections for COVID-19 vaccines at an informal EU summit in Portugal on Friday.

Though Germany came out strongly against the idea, others in the European Union (EU), such as France, Italy and Poland initially signalled support.

What European leaders say about vaccine patent waivers

Still, French President Emmanuel Macron, said the most pressing obstacle to vaccine programs was actually distribution.

“What is the problem right now? It isn't really

intellectual property protection. Can we really entrust laboratories that don't know how to produce [these vaccines] with this intellectual property and expect them to be producing tomorrow?” Macron said.

Macron's words underscored comments made earlier on Friday by German Health Minister Jens Spahn, who said: “The main issue is not the question of patents. The main issue is the question of production capacity,” noting that more complex vaccines like the mRNA jabs produced by BioNTech-Pfizer “can't simply be produced anywhere at any factory awarded a license.”

Portuguese Foreign Minister Augusto Santos Silva

told DW: “We must first enlarge capacity of production of vaccines and then export them.”

He pointed out that Europe led the way in donating vaccines. “We are trying to influence all our partners and allies in our effort of donating vaccines,” he said.

Almost half the vaccines produced in the EU had been exported, according to Macron. Speaking to reporters, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen offered a strong rebuke of the US proposal, saying patent waivers would “not bring a single dose of vaccine in the short and medium term.”

Instead, she urged the US and other vaccine-producing countries to follow the EU's lead and export more

of what they make. Von der Leyen said increased production, the removal of export barriers and the sharing of existing doses would provide a more timely solution than a debate over intellectual property rights.

What does the World Trade Organization have to do with vaccines?

Although South Africa and India originally brought the case for vaccine waivers to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in October of last year, it was this week's surprising announcement of support for the move by US President Joe Biden that finally shook things up.



The WTO is key in this instance as it is the ultimate authority on intellectual property rights and international trade — still, unanimous consent would be needed for the measure to pass.

US Trade Representative Katherine Tai said she would argue President Biden's position at the organization immediately following his announcement Wednesday. (Deutsche Welle)



SINHAPUTHRA FINANCE PLC

Established in 1979, Licenced by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2020 (Published in accordance with Finance Company Guideline No 2 of 2006 of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka)

Sinhaputhra Finance PLC Statement of financial position

As at 31 st March	2020 Rs.	2019 Rs.
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	44,556,383	38,729,613
Repurchase agreements / Balances with Central Bank	209,611,431	437,160,580
Placements with Banks	834,858,702	219,040,701
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	9,060,915	21,567,643
Financial assets at amortised cost - Loans and advances	3,910,283,212	4,824,770,904
Financial assets measured at fair value through comprehensive income	449,293	3,876,029
Financial assets at amortized cost - other financial instruments	1,037,625	6,183,319
Current tax receivable	13,670,246	9,418,005
Other receivables	46,190,465	27,939,368
Other assets	33,006,840	24,542,573
Real estate stock	215,371,002	217,736,262
Property, plant and equipment	951,283,698	967,185,437
Right of Use Assets	10,755,891	-
Intangible assets	11,979,808	14,989,717
Total assets	6,292,115,511	6,813,140,151
Liabilities		
Deposits from customers	3,884,374,878	5,200,880,599
Other borrowings	115,158,886	89,666,666
Lease obligations	8,270,317	-
Deferred tax liabilities	127,564,680	146,153,156
Retirement benefit obligation	57,097,566	56,171,314
Contribution received from share allotment	600,000,000	-
Other liabilities	613,265,915	513,195,331
Total liabilities	5,405,732,242	6,006,067,066
Equity		
Stated capital	80,379,055	80,379,055
Statutory reserve fund	279,620,029	246,312,101
Revaluation reserve	543,827,345	534,254,017
General reserve	129,013,127	129,013,127
Fair Value Reserve through comprehensive income	-	326,302
Accumulated loss	(146,456,287)	(183,211,517)
Total equity	886,383,269	807,073,085
Total liabilities and equity	6,292,115,511	6,813,140,151

It is certified that the financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

Sgd.
Ms. H.A.I.M. Perera
Chief Financial Officer

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements.
Approved and signed for and on behalf of the Board,

Sgd.
Mr. K.G.D.S.J. De Alwis
Director
26th March 2021

Sgd.
Mrs. S.A. Wickramasinghe
Director / Chairman Audit - Committee

Sinhaputhra Finance PLC Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31st March	2020 Rs.	2019 Rs.
Gross income	1,102,024,421	1,179,835,465
Interest income	1,017,671,066	1,114,423,689
Interest expense	(655,263,870)	(754,412,767)
Net interest income	362,407,196	360,010,922
Fee and commission income	19,030,479	27,652,364
Fee and commission expenses	(1,563,131)	(1,782,059)
Net fee and commission income	17,467,348	25,870,305
Net (losses) / gains from financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	(1,109,770)	(5,168,936)
Other operating income	65,322,876	37,759,412
Total operating income	444,087,650	418,471,703
Impairment (charge) / reversal on loans and other losses	(20,801,984)	67,683,332
Net operating income	423,285,666	486,155,035
Less:		
Personnel expenses	(190,784,264)	(197,649,120)
Other expenses	(121,209,569)	(148,077,615)
Operating profit before tax and VAT on financial services	111,291,833	140,428,299
VAT on financial services and debt repayment levy	(42,512,541)	(45,537,605)
Profit before income tax	68,779,292	94,890,694
Income tax expenses	(2,163,435)	(63,839,854)
Profit for the year	66,615,857	31,050,840
Other comprehensive income		
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss		
Changes in fair value of investments in equity at fair value through other comprehensive income	(326,302)	139,815
Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss		
Actuarial loss on defined benefit plans	(4,941,817)	(12,399,007)
Deferred tax on actuarial loss	1,186,036	3,471,722
Other comprehensive (loss) / income for the year, net of tax	(4,082,083)	(8,787,470)
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	62,533,774	22,263,370
Basic earnings per share (Rs.Cts)	1.06	0.49

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SINHAPUTHRA FINANCE PLC

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sinhaputhra Finance PLC (the "Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2020, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information as set out on pages 06 to 63.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

Basic for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuds). Our responsibilities under these standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by CA Sri Lanka (Code of Ethics) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

MATERIAL UNCERTAINTY IN RELATION TO GOING CONCERN

We draw attention to Note 23.1 of the financial statements which indicates that the Company has not complied with the minimum regulatory core capital of 1,500m as required by the Minimum Core Capital Directive No 02 of 2017. Additionally, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has imposed restrictions on the Company's business activities until the regulatory requirements pertaining to the minimum core capital requirements are complied with in order to apply the going concern basis of accounting. The Company has to satisfy the regulatory requirements with the concurrence of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and generate positive cash flows and profits to reduce the amount of capital.

Therefore, the material uncertainty impacting the Company's ability to continue as a going concern depends on addressing the conditions set out by the regulatory requirements. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, we have provided a description of how our audit procedures addressed the matter in the context.

Key Audit Matter	How our audit procedures addressed the key audit matter
Impairment under SLFRS 9 for loans and advances The accounting policy relating to provisioning of impairment for loans and advances is described at note 4.4.3, the detail relating to impairment charges for the year ended 31 March 2020 is included in note 15 and details of provisions carried at 31 March 2020 are included in note 21, 23 and 25.	Our procedures included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We obtained an understanding of management's process and model controls over credit impairment, credit monitoring and credit deterioration. We assessed the appropriateness of the accounting policies and loan impairment methodologies applied by comparing those to the requirements of SLFRS 9 Financial Instruments.
The assessment of impairment of loans requires significant judgment by the Company and may have a significant impact on the financial statements. Given the subjectivity and nature of estimates and judgments inherent in the determination of the provision for impairment and historical losses is relevant to classifying loans as non-performing advances (NPAs) and ineffective provisioning, we determined this to be a matter of most significance to our audit.	When credit losses were calculated on a modelled basis, we performed the following audit procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically assessed the ECL model developed by management. This included our assessment of key judgments and assumptions applied in the calculation of individual and portfolio provisions. We re-performed model calculations to confirm the risk parameter input. Assessed the reasonableness of forward-looking information incorporated into the credit loss calculations considering multiple economic scenarios selected and the weighting applied in each scenario. We assessed whether the models and methodologies comply with SLFRS 9, whether inputs, calculations, assumptions and judgments used in these models are accurate and reasonable. For this purpose, we re-checked the underlying calculation and data.

Other information

Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Responsibilities of the Directors and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements (Continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors and those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SLAuds will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SLAuds, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during the audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with ethical requirements in accordance with the Code of Ethics regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and we describe the key audit matters. We describe those matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by section 163 (2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, we have obtained all the information and explanations that were required for the audit and, as far as appears from our examination, proper accounting records have been kept by the Company. However, the Company does not fulfil the requirements of the minimum core capital directive No 02 of 2017 as at 31 March 2020 issued by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

CA Sri Lanka membership number of the engagement partner responsible for signing this independent auditor's report is 0328.

Edinburg & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
Colombo
26th March 2021

Selected performance indicators	March 2020 Rs.'000 Audited	March 2019 Rs.'000 Audited
Assets quality		
Total accommodation	4,531,507	5,435,761
Net total accommodation		
(Net of impairment)	3,910,283	4,824,771
Non performing accommodation	1,459,626	1,155,536
Liquidity		
Required minimum amount of liquid assets	238,231	527,948
Available amount of liquid assets	912,658	637,004
Required minimum amount of Government securities	269,928	415,200
Available amount government Securities	209,611	437,161
Capital adequacy ratios		
Tier 1 capital Adequacy Ratio (minimum 6.5%)	3.22	1.76
Total capital Adequacy Ratio (minimum 10.5%)	3.18	5.88
Capital funds to total deposit liabilities ratio (minimum 10%)	22.82	17.98
Profitability		
Return on assets	1.06	0.46
Return on equity	7.52	3.85

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Terminal Management System at JCT/ECT upgraded to N4

The Navis Spars / Express version 3.7 being used as the TMS at JCT/ECT of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) at present, has been upgraded to N4 from 29.04.2021 to compete with National competitors as well as International competitors keep in line with the latest developments in the Port industry.

The state-owned JCT that competitively operates with SAGT and CICT at the Port of Colombo is one of the pioneers and oldest container operating terminals in the region.

The subject upgrade has been a necessity as the new modified inclusions in these TMSs are being already used in other Operating Terminals word wide and hence, there was a dire need in having a compatible operating system in SLPA as well to provide a world-class service qualitatively and effectively and efficiently.

The establishment of N-4 software at the JCT/ECT of SLPA will further enable efficient yard and ship planning and gate control that would elevate the SLPA's operational productivity. The Position

Detection System (PDS) and the Yard Automation that can be enacted with the N-4 software will also be introduced at the JCT/ECT in near future. Hence, this system will accurately locate all TEUs being operated at the terminal.

This new TMS N4 would enhance the capabilities of interactions between the Cargo Management System (CMS) improving the efficiency in clearing and export of local cargo facilitating the shippers and exporters through Community Access Portal (CAP).

The Prime Route option in the N4 version will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of all operational equipment being operated under the system. It will also increase the productivity levels of the Prime Movers operated between quay and yard operations of the terminal. The process directly affects the entire productivity of the terminal.

Expressing views of the latest upgrade, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman General Daya Ratnayake says that the establishment of the latest N4 system

at the JCT/ECT is a greater achievement especially given extending an efficient, effective, speedier and productive service to all domestic and international clients at SLPA. He also thanked all staffs of the Operations, Information Systems and Electrical & Electronics Engineering and other divisions who immensely assisted to make the N4 implementation successful with the least difficulty on our stakeholders with a recorded minimum duration for the transmigration compared to the same with other ports in the regions.



Staff who worked to establish the N4 software system at the JCT and ECT of SLPA.

CNN shines global spotlight on Sri Lanka Tourism

Sustaining the global spotlight on Sri Lanka as a 'safe and secure' holiday destination that has successfully opened up to the world, CNN's Asia Travel journalist, Lilit Marcus visited the island early last month to experience first-hand how Sri Lanka Tourism has managed to open up the country by implementing the globally recognized 'bio-bubble' concept.



Sri Lanka Tourism Chairperson Kimarli Fernando

The travel writer touched on her experience as a tourist quarantining in paradise where she chose two Level 1 certified hotels for her initial 14 days stay in quarantine. Adhering to strict safety guidelines and protocols issued by the SLTDA, tourists can travel with registered tour guides and drivers. The writer goes on to commend the painstaking measures taken to ensure safety and hygienic conditions and the warm welcome she received during her stay.

As part of CNN Travel's initiative to highlight Tourism Sri Lanka, in addition to the feature on the CNN Travel website, CNN Travel via its Instagram handle hosted a 'Sri Lanka Take-

person Kimarli Fernando on the country's reopening strategy, highlighting the salient features of the bio-bubble for tourists, as well as their stays in over 200 KPMG and Ernst and Young-certified 'Safe and Secure' hotels, and how tourists could safely visit 20 popular scenic sites in the country. Kimarli Fernando also touched on the benefits of the mandatory US\$12 health insurance, which offers US\$50,000 cover for a month, during the CNN interview.



Hello Again Logo

Sri Lanka Tourism is on an optimistic path to leverage the success of its innovative bio-bubble concept and reopening strategy which has seen a growing influx of tourists this year. Making Sri Lanka's reopening strategy into headline news is a massive confidence booster establishing Sri Lanka as a safe and secure yet beautiful destination; with much diversity, authenticity and serenity to be experienced by the 'new normal' traveller.

The Pharo Hotel opens at Nittambuwa

In a move to add more value to Nittambuwa, a star class luxury The Pharo Hotel was opened by Chairman of the British Way English Academy Dr M. Geethadewa.

The newly opened hotel, which is a subsidiary of the British Way English Academy, will provide a high standard of hospitality and comforts to all the guests.

The Pharo hotel is located at Nittambuwa town on the Colombo-Kandy road. It has well furnished, fully air-conditioned, luxury rooms with modern facilities including cable TV, tea/coffee maker, hot water, mini bar and many other amenities. Spacious family rooms and super deluxe rooms are also available.

There are two ballrooms. The Grand Ballroom and The Lavender Ballroom have a capacity of 350 guests each. These ballrooms are ideal for weddings, parties and other functions. The rooftop swimming pool and the sky lounge make the finest atmosphere for birthday parties and get together events.

The Pharo offers two spacious restaurants, The Let Berry and The Palm Court and the hotel also offers 'The Tavern Blue Bar' and 'Café Brew'.



Minister Wimal Weerawansa and Minister Lasantha Alagiyawanna at the opening.



The hotel also has a large parking area and provides a large garden and a terrace.

"Since our hotel has taken all precautionary steps to prevent COVID-19, guests can freely enjoy

themselves to the maximum luxury at The Pharo," said General Manager Janaka De Alwis.

Jetwing Travels selects OKLO SmartTravel ERP Solution as technology partner

Jetwing Travels, one of the largest Destination Management Companies (DMC) in the country, has chosen OKLO - Sri Lanka's pioneering enterprise solutions provider - to run their entire front office and back-office operations.

Jetwing Travels is the latest addition to OKLO's prestigious list of clients who happen to be some of the largest and most renowned travel organisations in the country. Walkers Tours, Whittall Boustead Travel, Connaissance de Ceylan and Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts have been utilizing the OKLO platform for several years, greatly benefitting from the company's streamlined operation using the OKLO SmartTravel solution.

Commenting on the prestigious partnership, OKLO MD Thilanka Withanage stated: "We warmly welcome Jetwing Travels on board and are thrilled to be their preferred tech-



Shiromal Cooray and officials from Jetwing Travels with OKLO members.

nology partner in handling their core ERP requirements. We're highly confident in our ability to add great value to the company, as we help them navigate all their business operations with our advanced and futuristic travel solutions."

"Our integrated suite of applications and services has helped every client to

increase efficiency and control over their organizations. And with our advanced algorithms, automated processes, and approval engine, OKLO is a guaranteed one-stop hub for any small, medium or large travel organization," he added.

OKLO is an end-to-end ERP solution that is meticulously designed for travel

providers to efficiently address, manage, and streamline their back-office operations with an enhanced booking platform. The fully-hosted solution comes with multi-channel distribution, back-office automation and an option to tailor every business requirement via a configuration manager.

Ceylon Roots launches online logistic platform support the tourism industry

Ceylon Roots—the inbound tour arm of the LOLC Group—has launched a comprehensive online logistic platform dedicated to hoteliers and chauffeur guides to provide transport facilities for their guests.

The Ceylon Roots online transport portal has been specially introduced to support hoteliers and their transport suppliers in arranging transport facilities for their guests. Although Ceylon Roots is equipped with its own trained and certified drivers and a fleet of vehicles, the partnering parties are also allowed to sign up their chauffeur guides and drivers with Ceylon Roots.

The newly enrolled drivers/ individual transport suppliers will be given comprehensive training to ensure that they will be working in strict conformity with the guidelines implemented by the authorities. When you provide transport facilities to your guests through Ceylon Roots, your guests'



Ceylon Roots maintenance crews disinfect the vehicles regularly.

safety and comfort are taken seriously.

The online transport system introduced by Ceylon Roots is ideal for the hotels and travel agencies who are not able to integrate their transport management system to their respective websites as the Ceylon Roots system can be added as a white-labelled widget to any site free of charge. With this, guests can book their transport options at the time of making their hotel

booking, which also has been made mandatory by local authorities.

On the other hand, this initiative paves the way to formalize the tourism industry's logistic arm, which is a timely requirement. Most importantly, Ceylon Roots is determined to strengthen the tourism industry and its key players, significantly affected by the downturn in travel.

Browns Leisure CEO—Inbound/Outbound &

Chief Business Development officer Dishan Perera, stated, "Partnering with Ceylon Roots comes with a host of benefits, including a hassle-free transport management system without any cost. The partnering parties will be able to generate additional revenue by offering highly reliable hotel transfer options to their clients, under the current operating model. Also, Ceylon Roots welcomes onboard the hoteliers who wish to manage their travel counter using this technology, which will allow them to arrange all transport requirements remotely, with minimum staff involvement."

Ceylon Roots invites all industry stakeholders—Destination Management Companies, Travel Agents and Hoteliers—to partner with them in offering logistic facilities to their guests.

Ceylon Roots is one of the leading Destination Management Companies, which generally handles over 25,000 passengers in Sri Lanka annually.

Emirates SkyCargo completes one year of transporting urgently required cargo

On passenger seats and in overhead bins

Emirates SkyCargo is marking the first anniversary of loading urgently required PPE, related supplies and other vital cargo on the seats and inside the overhead bins of its Boeing 777-300ER passenger aircraft.

Responding to the pressing demand for transporting PPE during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in late April 2020, the freight division of Emirates adjusted its operating model to load select goods inside the aircraft cabin on passenger seats and in overhead bins to make additional room for urgent cargo on its flights.

Over the course of one year, the air cargo carrier has now operated more than 3,100 flights with cargo on seats and in the overhead bins transporting more than 11,000 tonnes of vital cargo, equivalent to cargo transport-



Emirates SkyCargo completes one year of seat and bin loading of cargo.

ed on 800,000 aircraft seats. Emirates SkyCargo continues to witness a significant demand for the transportation of PPE and other cargo inside the aircraft cabin.

In order to safely load cargo on the seats and inside overhead bins in a passenger aircraft, Emirates SkyCargo had to rapidly conduct a safety-risk assessment and devel-

op a set of processes and procedures to instruct both the team in Dubai as well as ground handling partners across Emirates SkyCargo's network outstations on the most efficient and safe way to load and secure cargo inside the passenger cabins. The team also developed a smart calculator application that allowed global teams to calcu-

late optimal loading capacity inside the cabin of the aircraft.

The procedures developed also specified the maximum weight and dimensions of individual packages as well as the types of cargo that could be permitted inside the cabin and additional safety instructions.

Emirates SkyCargo also introduced a special covering for the passenger seats in its Boeing 777-300ER aircraft in order to prevent any accidental damage to the interiors of the aircraft, such as personal entertainment screens.

PPE and other medical supplies tend to be the most common cargo transported on aircraft seats and inside the bins. The nature of these items allow for smaller individual boxes facilitating easier handling and loading inside the aircraft.



Vice Chancellor, Director - PIM and Deans



The main procession proceeding to the main stage



Commencement of the ceremony



Vice Chancellor, Director - PIM, Academics and Senior Admin Staff on the Stage



Prof. Ajantha S. Dharmasiri, Director, PIM.



Prof. Sudantha Liyanage, Vice Chancellor, declaring the opening of the convocation



Director, PIM, with Mr. Deepal Sooriarachchi



Graduands awaiting receipt of certificates



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Delivering the Convocation address by Mr. Deepal Sooriarachchi



Vice Chancellor and Faculty honouring the National Anthem



PhD graduates receiving certificates



Graduands receiving merit-awards



Gold-medalists receiving their honours



Vignettes of the event



School receives water after eight decades via AAT CSR

Though Water is an important resource in the daily life of the people, Ambala Junior School which provides education to around 230 students from grade one to ordinary level situated in the hill country of the Teldeniya Education Division in Medamahanuwara did not have the basic need of water for the last eight decades.

The school did not have a permanent water supply from the inception. The former principals who worked there, as well as the surrounding villagers, has helped students and teachers by supplying water to the school on their expense as there was no permanent solution for drinking water.

The Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka (AAT Sri Lanka) got to know the issue of unavailability of water at Ambala Junior School through Facebook and took the initiative to prove a permanent solution for this unfair situation the school was facing. AAT Sri Lanka immediately decided extend the hands of humanity and worked on this project under their corporate social responsibility (CSR) to implement a permanent solution.

This was the best news for the school as well as for the students &



teachers as they were seeking for a permanent solution through all official authorities which was not successful until AAT Sri Lanka visited the school and started on the project.

The school was purchasing water through bowlers time to tie in order to full fill their basic needs which was not a feasible option for this school and the students was bringing water from home for their own consumption which was not practical when it was a daily routine.

The present principal, Navaratne Banda, along with the principals who was appointed had tried to get the water supply by writing to the

divisional education department which was never successful.

Also, most importantly the priest of the Ambala Muslim mosque provided an excellent solution to provide a water source as they have found a large spring in their church premises which is located about 500 meters away from the school.

Despite the efforts of various individuals who try to create chaos between different religious groups, a Muslim Mosque volunteering to provide water to a school with a majority of Sinhala Buddhist children was reflecting in the ethnic harmony and was heart touching which



was motivating AAT Sri Lanka to go on with this project.

Within one and a half months, AAT Sri Lanka was able to complete the entire project with the help of the villagers and the Muslim Mosque and this project had given the students of Ambala Junior School a new beginning and new hope.

Sunil Wanigabadu, Vice President of AAT Sri Lanka and Tishanga Kumarasinghe, the Chief Executive Officer launched the project and principals of the surrounding schools, the zonal director of the education department as well as many guests attended this event.

Watawala Plantations improves livelihood of people in Southern Province



Minister Ramesh Pathirana unveiling the ceremonial plaque. Also pictured are MP Isuru Dodangoda, Vish Govindasamy, and Binesh Pananwala.

Further committing to its social and economic development initiatives in the Southern Province, Sri Lanka's diversified agribusiness company Watawala Plantations PLC (CSE: WATA) recently handed over a dispensary and a modern, fully equipped preschool with digital learning facilities and play area equipment to the people of Kotelawala Village, Udugama in Galle.

The official handing over ceremony of the dispensary and Montessori to the public was graced by Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana, MP Isuru Dodangoda, Watawala Plantations Director Vish Govindasamy, Watawala Plantations Chief Executive Officer Binesh Pananwala, Watawala Plantations Deputy General Manager - Galle District Dhanushka Daswatte, key government officials and WATA employees.

The donation, which is a part of WATA's ongoing social welfare programme titled 'Watawala Kalana Mithuru', will uplift 678 families and more than 2500 villagers in the area by offering free healthcare and education facilities. The total investment of the project was Rs. 10 million.

Pathirana said, "Watawala Plantations is one of the foremost companies in the country that actively engage in uplifting the livelihood of different stakeholders of the plantation community. Over the years, Watawala Plantations has always supported the government and its various development initiatives in this region and across Sri Lanka. The company annually allocates a huge amount of money to develop the plantation company which is why Watawala Plantations is recognised as one of the most valued plantation



companies among the 23 RPCs in Sri Lanka. For the measures taken to improve the lives of these innocent people from Kotelawala village, I thank the company from the bottom of my heart. I wish them nothing but the best to continue such great initiatives for a long time."

Watawala Plantations Chief Executive Officer Binesh Pananwala said, "As a responsible agribusiness company in the country, we always strive hard to uplift lives of our direct and indirect stakeholders of the plantation community through several social welfare initiatives. The request to build a new dispensary and a Montessori came at a district development committee meeting which was chaired by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. We took up his request passionately, and today, we are privileged to hand these donations to our beloved people in Kotelawala Village."

Watawala Plantations, under their social welfare programme, aims to develop and transform Kotelawala village into a model village in the Galle District under five key elements—education, healthcare, sports, life skills and guidance and livelihood.

SLIIT Nurtures School Children at 'Soft Skills + 2021'

The SLIIT Business School (SBS) organised 'Soft Skills+ 2021' concluded on an extremely successful note recently helping students engage, cooperate and thrive in building their talents towards personal development and career progression.

Over the years, the programme has garnered much popularity among schools and participants. Due to its tremendous success achieved in previous programmes, Soft Skills+ 2021 followed an upgraded structure. For the first time in the Soft Skills+ programme history, the event was held via online platforms, including a Soft Skills-based online quiz and an online workshop for students and teachers.

During the Grand Finale, Prof. Samantha Thelijagoda, Dean of SLIIT Business School welcomed the participants and distinguished guests. Prof. Lalith Gamage, Vice Chancellor, SLIIT also addressed the gathering. Munazza Rafeek, Senior Brand Manager, Unilever PLC, a former SBS Alumni was the Chief Guest and delivered a thought provoking speech. Dr. Nisha Jayasooriya, Senior Lecturer, SLIIT Business School concluded the event delivering the vote of thanks.

Commenting on the conclusion of 2021 programme Prof. Samantha Thelijagoda, Dean, SLIIT Business School said, "We are extremely pleased to have concluded Soft Skills+ 2021 on a successful note, especially since it was conducted via online platforms. The competitions encourage teams to come together to solve a problem or articulate an idea, challenge participants to combine disparate strengths and outlooks. Moreover, this programme recreates the world of work and presents students with opportunities to nurture vital soft skills."

The event comprised three rounds and during the Grand Finale the winners were presented their awards. In first place was Badulla Central College, Badulla, followed by St. Bridget's Convent Colombo 07 in second place and Musaeus College, Colombo 07 was placed third.

Winners of the Most Popular Category were first place Maliyadeva Balika Vidyalaya, Kurunegala, second place Yasodara Devi Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Gampaha and third place Maliyadeva Boys' College, Kurunegala.

The winners were selected based on a quiz competition and a creative video activity. Certificates were awarded to the winners.

Other attractive prizes including laptop, tabs, portable hard drives and pen drives, which are extremely helpful for students these days in their online and remote learning, were presented.

Several valuable workshops and sessions inculcating vital skills were conducted for the participants prior to the Grand Finale. These were conducted by experienced and knowledgeable resource persons.

Several workshops are organised by SBS.



SLIIT Vice - Chancellor Prof. Lalith Gamage



Unilever Brand Manager Munazza Rafeek

Vidullanka launches "We Manage" waste-management initiative

With a heavy waste flow in the Baduluoya River (river which runs in to the Dunhinda falls) and it's apparent to the Dunhinda Falls, Vidullanka PLC's Ridhepana Mini-Hydro Power Plant launched a river cleaning process under the waste-management initiative "We Manage" recently.

This program was in line with the "Surakimu Ganga" National Program on Conservation of Rivers in Sri Lanka. The program was successfully launched in Kailagoda, Badulla in the presence of Central Environment Authority (CEA) Director-Uva Province M. A. C. Najeeb, Divisional Secretary-Badulla Priyanga Dissanayake, CEA Assistant Director-Uva Province, M K J M Sadaath, Grama Niladhari Thilini Dissanayake and several



other related private and sector officials. CEA Director Najeeb complimented the program mentioning, "This is an innovative and unique waste collection method to be implemented in Sri Lanka."

The initiative spearheaded by

Roshan Siriwardena, Director Operations at Vidullanka stated, "We Manage" is a simple yet highly effective initiative stemming from the concept of public responsibility that has been bestowed on all Sri Lankans.

It is the newest green estimate program commenced by Vidullanka. Through this program, we intend to convey it is the duty of the public to collectively get together and take this initiative forward than awaiting

any other parties' intervention. Hence, Vidullanka has taken the first step."

"Further our aim of this project to add job opportunities, educate people, create awareness and promote the urgent need to protect the river and reverie environment for future generations."

He also mentioned that Vidullanka will be launching similar programs on other impacted streams throughout the country. To conduct this program efficiently, Vidullanka has implemented several innovative solutions (including installing a 'cleaning machine' for Rs. 7 million) and processes as well.

"We Manage" is part of Vidullanka's flagship CSR umbrella, "Vidu Saviya-Gamata Eliyak".

Allianz Lanka Women in Leadership launches ERG



Allianz Lanka Women in Leadership, Employee Resource Group committee with Allianz CEO Gany Subramaniam, Allianz Life CEO Jayalal Hewawasam, Shiroimal Cooray and Dr. Sulochana Segera

As part of its global initiative to advocate for greater diversity and inclusion, Allianz Lanka, one of Sri Lanka's leading insurance companies, recently launched the Allianz Lanka Women in Leadership, Employee Resource Group (WIL ERG).

The launch took place at Hilton Colombo Residences, with the participation of Regional Chief Executive Officer Life and Health for Asia Pacific and WIL ERG Regional Patron Anusha Thavarajah, Allianz Insurance Lanka Ltd and Allianz Life Insurance Lanka Ltd Director and WIL ERG Local Patron Shiroimal Cooray, Women in Management Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Canada Founder/Chairperson Dr. Sulochana Segera, Allianz Insurance Lanka Ltd CEO Gany Subramaniam and Allianz Life Insurance Lanka Ltd CEO Jayalal Hewawasam. The WIL ERG seeks to provide consistent support toward the careers, professional and personal development of all female employees of Allianz Lanka. This will be given by way of empowerment, learning, education and training.

In addition, this initiative will include monthly catch ups, company-wide education

events offering professional development and smaller-format collaboration opportunities, which will connect and offer leadership development opportunities. Reflecting its objective of creating an environment where people with diverse backgrounds can bring their whole self to work, the ERG committee consists of representatives from each department.

Subramaniam said, "WIL ERG is a global initiative and we are pleased to launch this in Sri Lanka, as we believe the best investment that can be made is in our own people. As a company that continuously seeks to support the community, in addition to the personal development work that will be carried out, the ERG will extend its support to selected CSR projects throughout the year. We are confident that this initiative will truly empower and further develop the women in leadership within Allianz while also positively impacting the community around us."

The WIL ERG is a further extension of Allianz International's goal to strengthen its commitment to diversity and inclusivity as part of the "One Allianz Culture" transformational journey.

Sun Match helps amputees walk again

Sri Lanka experiencing the impacts of COVID-19 is faced with the unfortunate reality that many people who are amputees not having health insurance and the financial means to cover the high cost of prosthetic needs.

Sun Match Company the producers of the leading brand 'Soorya' partnered the #helphemwalk again project way back 18 years ago to provide prosthetic care to amputees who are faced with livelihood challenges which is done with attention and a lot of love and care as per the vision of their founder TRR Rajan.

To mark the 18th death anniversary of the founder, on the 31st Jan the Sun Match donated prosthetic limbs to needy patients at the Centre for Handicapped in Kandy.

The selection of the beneficiaries were done where the amputees had been identified way before the event and all specifications obtained to ensure that each of the prosthetics were custom made.

Speaking at the event Founder's daughter Gowri Rajan, the Director of Sun Match and World bank/WIM award winning business personality said, "the goal was a simple one-to help people in need to walk again. Losing a limb is a tragic experience for anyone and is likely to cause significant disruption to many aspects of a person's life which can have an impact on one's occupation, relationships, and even leisure," said Rajan.



The late T.R.R. Rajan.

"The project so far has made an impact by 142 people gaining the opportunity to lead an independent and dignified life with the ability to walk again. This year as well, whilst the world fell into turmoil due to the pandemic, we ensured that we continued with our mission in supporting amputees who needed it the most, to gain the ability to once again participate in meaningful life activities" said the Chairman of the company Deshamanya Suri Rajan and the younger brother of the founder.

The Sun Match Company birthed by late T. R. R. Rajan nearly four decades ago, subsequently becoming a powerful household brand today is trusted by every home-maker.

The late TRR Rajan who was known for his philanthropy held the Chairmanship of the Centre for Handicapped for number of years during which time, globally reputed Agencies such as USAID and NORAD have partnered the Centre including the Government of Sri Lanka

TR Rajan together with others on the Board of Management of Centre for Handicapped gave the required foresight and leadership during this early period which has now resulted in this Centre being the premier Centre in the entire Island providing the full range of services and mobility devices to poor physically handicapped persons.



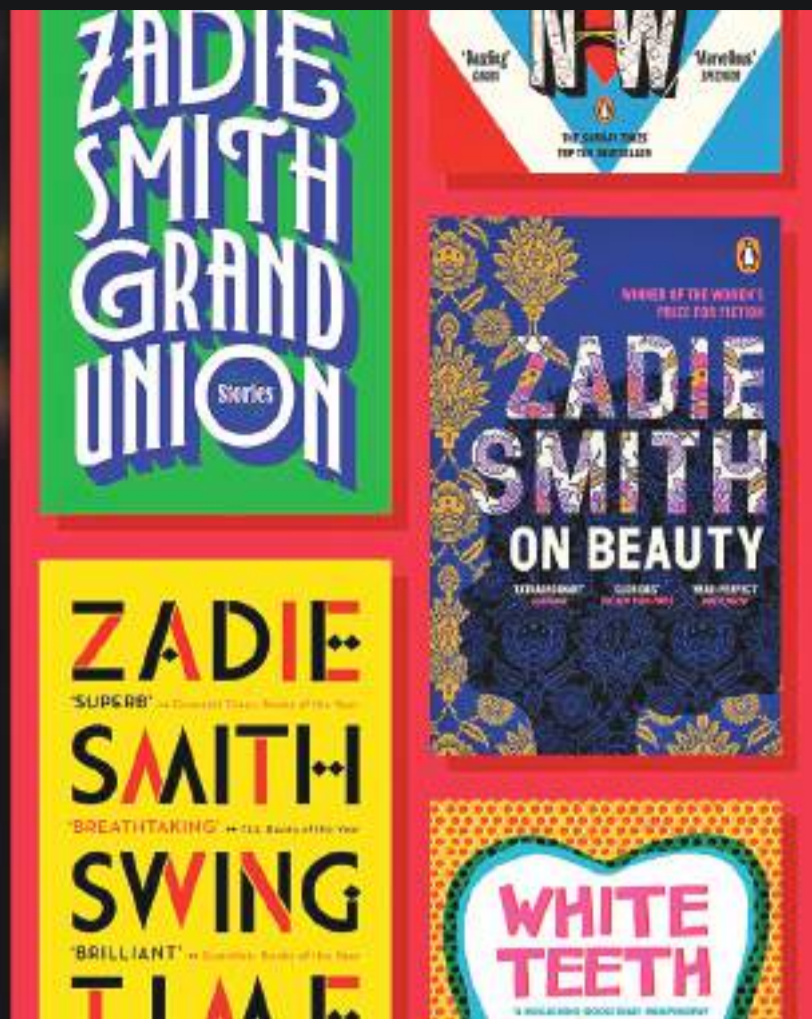
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WORDS ON WORDS

ADITHA DISSANAYAKE

Once upon a time, not many moons ago, when Corona was a town in Los Angeles and no one thought twice about jumping on a train to move from point X to point Y, I found myself travelling in a train heading from Bandarawela to Nanu Oya. But not for long. Suddenly somewhere at Pattipola the train came to a halt. It was then that I heard the 'ping' of an incoming text message on my phone. "Hello, this is X of the Book Awards Foundation. Am I writing to the author of '10:34'?" "I'm afraid so," I wrote back. (Book Awards Foundation? I wasn't sure I had ever heard of it). "I'm writing to let you know that your book has been selected as a finalist for the Super Book Award for Literature." "Oh. That's nice." I smiled and frowned at the same time. (Super Book Award for Literature? Was there such a thing?) Then came an even longer message saying the award ceremony will be held in New York graced by writers like Zadie Smith and Neil Gaiman and my publisher had agreed to fly me to New York to collect my award... Bang! I was jerked out of my seat. To my dismay the train was moving again, and I had not even had the time to decide what I would wear when I got to New York and to that ceremony...End of another daydream.

Admit it, if you belong to that somewhat bizarre segment of the human race who spend the best part of their lives sweating in front of a computer smiling and frowning, tearing your hair and typing as if the world depended on how fast you typed, until you have produced thousands of words about an event that happened only in your imagination, you simply have to be guilty of day-dreaming about the ever elusive book awards, too.

Remember how it all started? After several mishaps and delays your manuscript becomes a published book with an adorable cover and you feel you are about to reach the top of your world...except, something seems to be missing. Ah yes. You haven't received an award yet for this piece of 'sparkling word formulation' that in your eyes has surely enriched the whole universe. Nobel committee, judges of the Booker, wake up!

The bad news is that nothing ever seems to happen. The good news is, sometimes it does - to writers like Sinclair Lewis, Eugene O'Neill, Pearl S. Buck, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, Rudyard Kipling and in recent times Louise Glück and Peter Handke (to name a few) but

never to the hundred billion of us who also like to call ourselves writers. How do they do it? What kind of magic wands have they got that the rest of us do not have?

Ask Zadie Smith and she will tap her fingers on her desk, sway her head to imaginary music and say, for her, it's dancing. Dancing? Yes, she thinks her writing is connected to dancing. "One of the most solid pieces of writing advice I know is in fact intended for dancers - you can find it in the choreographer Martha Graham's biography. But it relaxes me in front of my laptop the same way I imagine it might induce a young dancer to breathe deeply and wiggle their fingers and toes."

To Orhan Pamuk, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, 2006, however, it is childhood memories that inspire him to write what he writes. "In my childhood, I felt happy, painted a lot, and all the grown ups were constantly smiling at me. Everybody was gentle, polite and tender. I wrote all about this in my autobiographical book, Istanbul. After the publication of Istanbul, some people asked me this question: Aren't you a bit young to write your autobiography? I kept my silence. Literature is about happiness, I wanted to say, about preserving your childishness all your life, keeping the child in you alive..."

For Alice Munro it was seclusion that brought out the best in her. "I think any life can be interesting, any surroundings can be interesting, I don't think I could have been so brave if I had been living in a town, competing with people on what can be called a generally higher cultural level. I didn't have to cope with that. I was the only person I knew who wrote stories, though I didn't tell them to anybody, and as far as I knew, at least for a while, I was the only person who could do this in the world."

Ernest Hemingway, however, when asked what makes an award-winning writer, refused to answer. Instead, he said, "I have spoken too long for a writer. A writer should write what he has to say and not speak it."

Yet, speak we must if we are to unearth the mantra

that transforms an ordinary writer to an award-winning legend on par with the likes of Neruda and Rushdie. And the best people to turn to, it seems are the writers who judge other writers. According to Michael Cunningham, the winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1999 and later a judge of the Pulitzer committee, if you want to win an award you must 'go big', be ambitious and write a national size story that deserves a national award. " [We agreed] we would tend to favor the grand, flawed effort over the exquisitely crafted miniature. We preferred visionary explorers to modest gardeners, and declared ourselves willing to forgive certain shortcomings or overreaching in a writer who was clearly attempting to accomplish more than can technically be done using only ink and paper," explains Cunningham.

It appears judges of book awards also look for stories where something "happened": they are drawn to writers who told a gripping and forceful story. They "wanted something to have happened by the time they reached the end, some sea change to have occurred, some new narrative continent discovered, or some ancient narrative civilization destroyed." In other words, good stories require change. Great stories require colossal transformation. Think about it when you are working on your writing. How much transformation do your characters go through from the beginning of your story to the end? How can you inflict more change upon them?

To win any kind of award, every sentence must be beautifully written too, says Cunningham: " I could forgive much in a book if it was written with force and beauty, if its story was told in a voice unlike anything I'd heard before, if the writer was finding new and mesmerizing ways to employ the same words that have been available to all ... writers for hundreds of years."

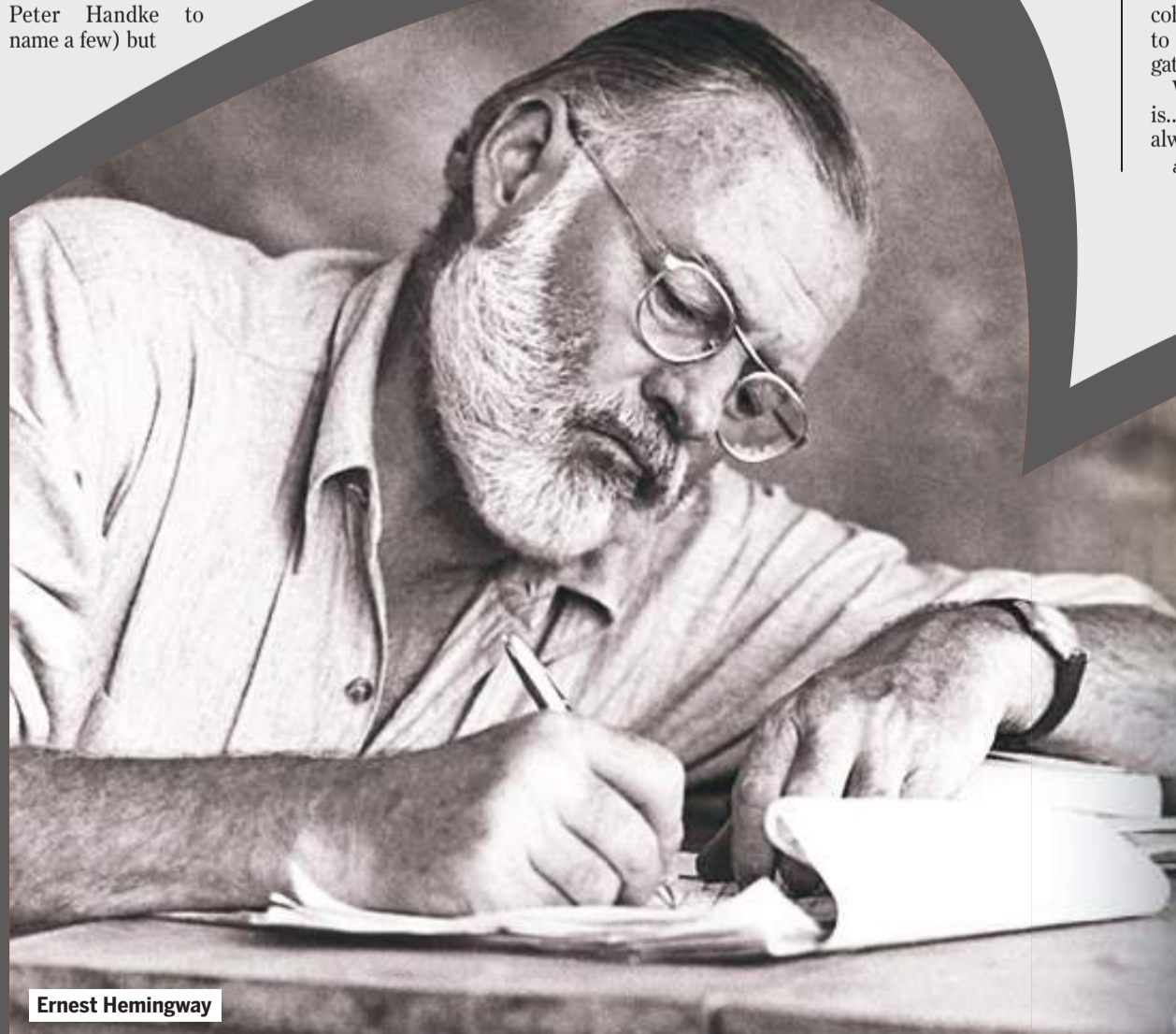
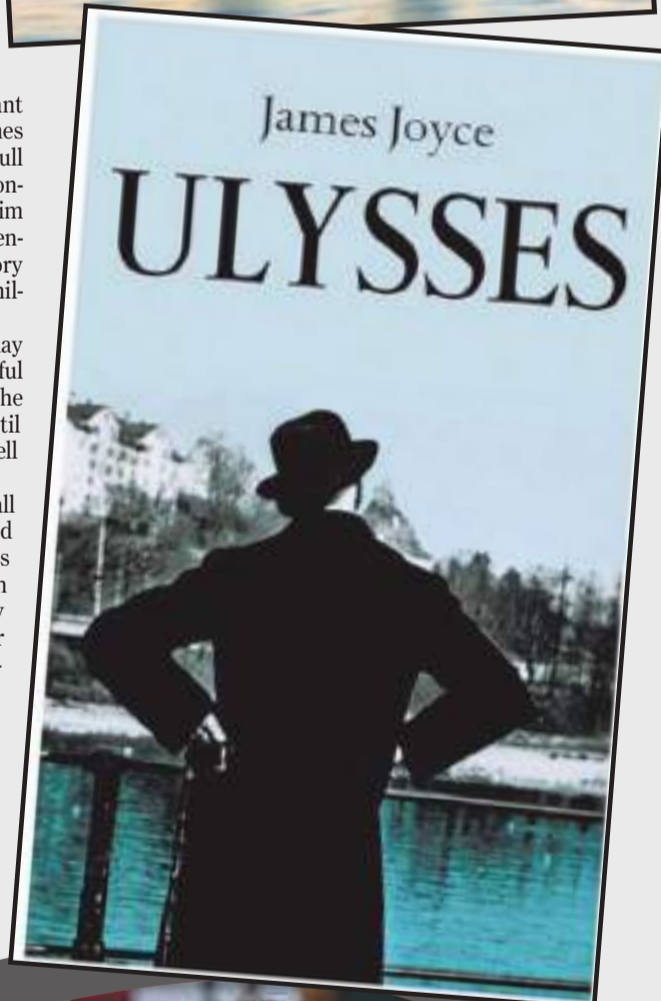
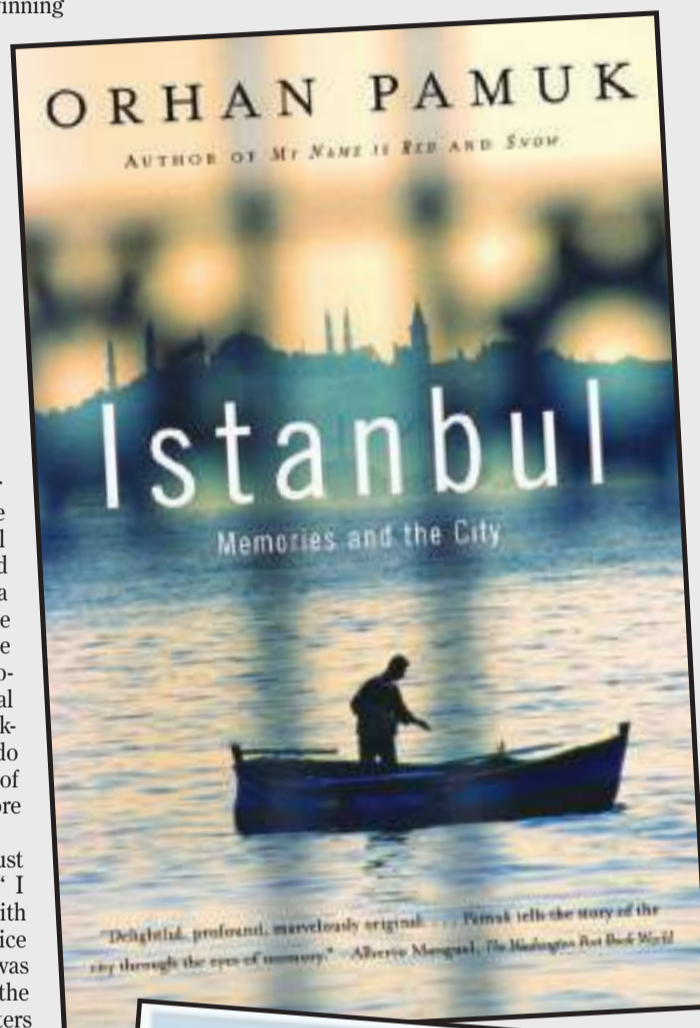
This could mean writing long sentences. Long sentences that make beautiful, complex prose you want to read again and again. Hemingway, Faulkner, James Joyce, were known for their long, run-on sentences, full of conjunctions and lacking "correct" punctuation. Contemporary writers, like Cormac McCarthy and Tim O'Brien, do the same. But remember to keep your sentences precise too, and if you can, include your story within a story the way Rushdie does in *Midnight's Children*, to enhance your plot.

Of all the criteria, surely these tips on technique may be the ones you can master the most. After all, beautiful writing can be achieved through dogged editing, the willingness to write and rewrite a thousand times until each sentence is perfect. Or if not perfect, at least well written.

If you are thinking, so what's the big deal? Is this all that you need to write an award-winning story, read Cunningham's last piece of advice. "Fiction involves elements of magic; it works for reasons we can explain and also for reasons we can't. If novels or short-story collections could be weighed strictly in terms of their components (fully developed characters,check; original voice,check; solidly crafted structure,check; serious theme,check) they might satisfy, but they would fail to enchant. A great work of fiction involves a certain frisson that occurs when its various components cohere and then ignite. The cause of the fire should, to some extent, elude the experts sent to investigate."

Which basically means one thing: all great writing is....a mystery. And I believe that's what it should always be...a mystery.

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Ernest Hemingway



Neil Gaiman

A Gift of Indulgence

The Kingsbury Colombo introduces online gift vouchers

With the introduction of e-vouchers on their Indulgence platform, The Kingsbury Colombo has stepped up to offer the choice of gifting some Kingsbury magic to your near and dear ones.

The gift voucher allows your loved ones to purchase goodies online or use it at any of The Kingsbury's restaurants. The cash vouchers have a validity period of three months. To purchase e-vouchers, simply visit indulgence.thekingsbury-hotel.com, click the menu at the top left, and choose "Gift Vouchers".

Bringing home deluxe dining, The Kingsbury's five-star food delivery website 'Indulgence' has been a trailblazer from the time it was launched a year ago. A popular choice among Colombo's discerning clientele, the food-ordering platform offers quality, value for money and timely delivery by dedicated hotel associates.

From scrumptious snacks to relaxed, luxury meals, to high tea spreads to desserts and everything in between, The Kingsbury Indulgence is the perfect solution. Birthdays, anniversaries, and family celebrations at home are all a breeze, thanks to the effective digital platform that is easy to use and its extensive offerings that are frequently updated.

The Kingsbury Colombo received the 'Safe and Secure Tourism' Compliance Certificate from the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority.

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A VERSATILE DINING EXPERIENCE AWAITS YOU AT CCC

Colombo City Centre (CCC) is the top choice for young people and families who wish to spend quality time together and engage in a variety of activities that guarantee fun and enjoyment. The dining facilities available there have been a standout attraction to all visitors, with a wide array of meal and beverage offerings ranging from Fast Food to Fine Dining. Catering to the local palate as well as international cuisines like Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, and Italian, along with the highly popular Playtix sports bar, CCC is the ideal place to visit if you're looking for a superb meal with friends or family.

The new addition to the proud repertoire of restaurants is Smoking Hearts BBQ, all-new low and slow smokehouse restaurant situated on the terrace of the Food Studio on the 3rd Floor. Smoking Hearts BBQ has delivered exceptionally well on their concept and a style of BBQ that is new to Colombo, taking inspiration from the classic low and slow style of BBQ cooking, marinat-

ing deep cuts of premium meats and smoking them with tender, loving care. All dishes are a labour of love; the outcome when love and heat collide. Combining this rich low and slow style of cooking with the best of street food from across the South American border, Smoking Hearts offers up BBQ trays, fresh tacos and churros for a feast that's hard to forget. With select cuts of brisket, chicken, lamb and prawns as well as pulled polos and smoked chilli beans, there are options for both vegetarians and meat lovers. The great American smokehouse experience is right here.

Jesse Aston (Big Mighty Deli), Amy Quickfall (Studio Nice One) and sibling duo, Ryan and Jonathan Wijeratne



(You're My Favourite), are the brains and skilled hands behind the brand, as they churn out these instant classics at what can be attested to as one of the best BBQ locations in Colombo. -UD

A birthday celebration with a difference



St. Joseph's Church, Chief Priest and patients lighting the traditional oil lamp before starting the Free Medical camp



Dinesh and Tharani Gunasekara at the medical camp.

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Birthdays are celebrated in numerous ways. Majority celebrate their birthdays by organizing parties and various entertaining programmes. Others would organize lavish birthday parties in hotels. Some youngsters are in the habit of organizing birthdays at tourist destinations.

At a time when people celebrate their birthdays in different styles, a unique birthday celebration was held at St. Joseph's Church, Payagala recently.

It was the birthday of Captain Dinesh Gunasekara, a young pilot of Sri Lankan Airlines. He celebrated his birthday with his wife Tharani by conducting a free Medical and Eye Camp for the less-privileged Senior Citizens who were in their late 60's and 80's.

The Camp was organized by HelpAge Sri Lanka, the

country's one of the oldest social service organizations that perform free cataract surgeries everyday for elderly citizens at HelpAge Eye Hospital, Wellawatta, Colombo 6. (Opposite Savoy Cinema).

An old Royalist Dinesh, and his wife, a Visakian had previously organized three similar Medical and Eye Camps with HelpAge to coincide with their wedding anniversary.

HelpAge Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge admired this gesture "Dinesh has never forgotten the plight of these poor elderly citizens", he said.

Liyanawaduge also mentioned that Dinesh and wife have set a fine example to all others who spend their hard earned money lavishly on various other unnecessary purposes rather than spending the same for a good cause.

The Camp in Payagala began at around 8.30 am and ended at 2.30 pm. Approximately 111 elders were present amidst the cold and windy weather.

Dinesh said it was their intention to celebrate his birthday in a different manner and finally they decided it would be ideal to conduct a Medical and Eye camp for the needy elders with HelpAge Sri Lanka

Eighty-seven year old Kumudini Sriyalatha, a mother of three children who visited the camp was full of praise for Dinesh and Tharani for conducting the Medical and Eye Camp. She said she has financial difficulties and is unable to get the surgery done in a private hospital.

Sriyalatha on behalf of everybody wished Dinesh and his wife good health, prosperity and long life.

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"Can you sniff out a Wi-Fi signal?"

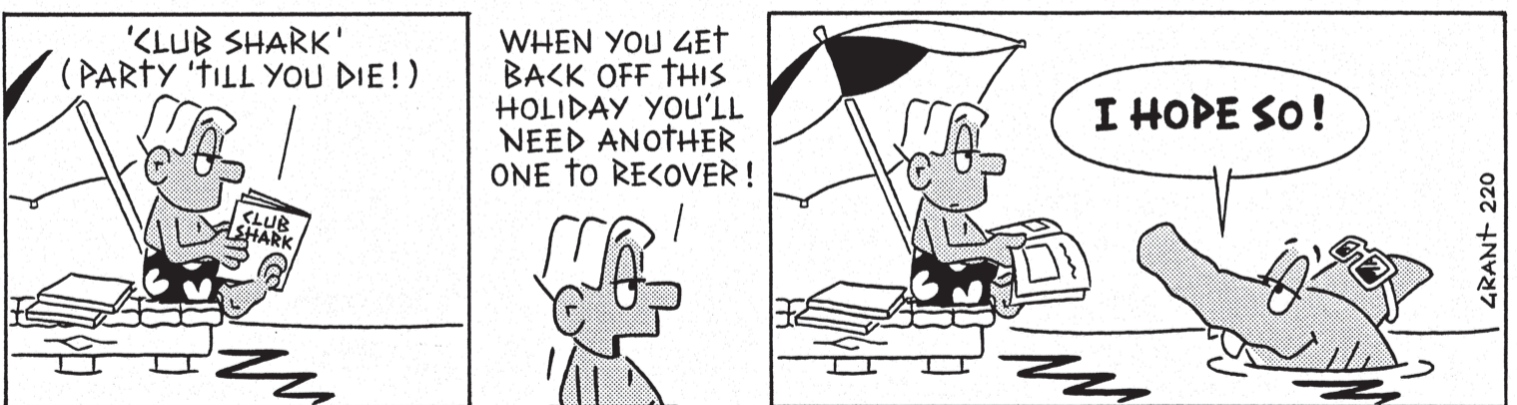
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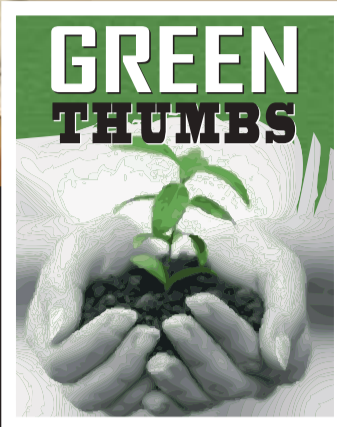
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UP & RUNNING



Phases of the Moon



ISHARA JAYAWARDANE
Ishara Karunanayaka is an experienced home gardener whose number one passion in life is home gardening which he has been practicing for almost 17 years now. When he is not carrying out his duties as General Manager Operations/Showtown Entertainment, he is doing what he does best, which is Home Gardening. Green Thumbs speaks to Karunanayaka on Successful cultivation by following the Lunar Cycle (pattern of the moon).

Karunanayaka points out that Home gardening has been an immemorial practice for Sri Lankans to cultivate as many crops as they could in their backyard to support their families as a socio-cultural activity. In the modern urban environment, due to lack of space, we have to resort to vertical cultivation rather than horizontal cultivation methods. However, the purpose of this article is to widen your knowledge about the scientific methods used by the ancients in gardening.

Three key factors

Karunanayaka went on to explain that our people have depended on the phase of the moon to carry out certain activities. This has become the norm as farmers have previously seen that every phase of the moon adversely affects their crops. So they began to observe the phases of the moon as an instruction manual. The calendar used in ancient Ceylon, based on the lunar calendar, seems to have been closely linked to almost every aspect of our people's lives. There are three things to consider in the lunar system.

- The inclination of the earth
- The properties of the corresponding solar flares
- The gentleness of the moon that changes from day to day

"From the above factors, it seems that the Sinhalese were aware of the pattern of recurring changes in the effects of air and water. The country's agriculture, medicine, industry, religion and customs have been adapted to the energy sources that are being shaped in this way. But the solar calendar developed by the Roman Empire in the Mediterranean region does not support such subtle observations made by our ancestors. It is designed with an average focus on 365 units (days). The Roman calendar does not support the calculation of specific environmental conditions from region to region, as in the case of the lunar calendar. In this way, the practice of using the world's standard calendar at the local level is aggressively destroying the local agriculture, industry, the knowledge and appraisals that have been built around them. Hence, the Roman calendar is not suitable for maintaining regional identities," explained Karunanayaka.

The lunar system consists of 30 units. The twelve months are further divided by the orbit of the earth. Therefore, it seems that the solar eclipse is also taken into account during the lunar month. Therefore, special attention is given to the seasonal changes that occur and how they affect the vegetation.

The two main cultivation seasons are the 'Yala' season which consists of 5 months namely Bak, Vesak, Poson, Esala, Nikini and

GARDENING BY THE MOON



the 'Maha' season which consists of the months of Binara, Vap, Il, Unduwap, Duruthu, Nawam and Madin which are based on the lunar calendar.

Karunanayaka has a few tips for our readers who want to maintain a successful and thriving home garden. First of all, he addresses the question - How do the lunar phases affect the plants in our home garden?

Lunar phases are a significant part of both plant growth. The moon's rays are strong or light depending on its phase and this can cause some kind of damage to the growth, germination or development of the plant. Hence, you need to know the phases of the moon to get a rich harvest. This happens during the new moon phase as the moon's rays are significantly reduced as it's positioned behind the sun.

New moon stage

"When you take the new moon stage, at this stage of the moon, the plants have a slow growth including their leaves and roots. During this process we are at the 'zero' level. The plants begin to pair up with the environment and does not cause any harm to itself.

So how do we take advantage of this lunar phase? At this stage you can do certain things. The sap of the roots of plants is concentrated. The land has enough water and moisture (Just as the Moon's gravitational pull creates the tides of the oceans, it also creates more moisture in the soil, which encourages



Steps to Grow Green Chilli from Seeds



Step 1: Choose The Right Growing Conditions

Temperature:

Chillies grow best in warm and humid conditions. The ideal temperature for growing green chilli is somewhere between 22-25°C.

Sunlight:

Grow your chillies in the area that receives 5-6 hours of sunlight every day. Your plants or pots should be placed in the area that receives partial shade.

Potting soil:

Nourish your seeds with the right kind of soil. You can get organic potting soil that is enriched with beneficial microbes and fosters the growth of the plant. It will stimulate the process by providing essential nutrients, protecting the seeds and healthily retaining moisture. Mix some vermicompost in the soil for even better results.

Irrigation:

Chillies do not require as much water as other plants, therefore, water only when the top layer of the soil looks dry. These plants may rot as they cannot withstand water for a very long time, so ensure that you maintain porous soil.

Fertilizers:

Feed your plants with organic fertilizers at regular intervals. You can use cow dung, tea compost, fruit peelings, etc to fertilize your soil. If the soil is rich in minerals, your plants will grow well. Read more to learn how to prepare Organic Fertilizer at home.

Step 2 - Start With A Seed Tray

For the seeds to germinate well, a seed tray (up to 3 inches deep) provides the most conducive environment. Fill the seed tray with soil and spread the chilli seeds on it. Add only a thin layer of soil above the seeds and then sprinkle some water. Keep the seeds warm and moist and they will start germinating in a week or two.

Step 3 - Move Germinated Seeds To A Pot

Choosing the right pot is an important element of growing a plant to its full capacity. A pot that is about 12" deep with proper drainage holes would be ideal for growing chillies. So, once the seeds have germinated in the seed tray, pick out the saplings and plant them separately in the pots or containers you have picked. Place the pot in a sunny location and water it whenever you feel that the top layer of the soil is dry.

That's it, you're done! In around two months (60-70 days) your chillies should be ready to be picked. Since you're likely to have more than you'll need, you can even dry some chillies and store for use throughout the year.

Growing chillies at home

Growing green chillies at home is pretty simple. In fact, India is one of the largest producers of chillies across the world. Whether you are a novice gardener or a gardening expert - either way growing chilli is perfect for every gardener. Although green chillies are easy to grow, make sure that you are providing an adequate amount of water, as both overwatering and underwatering can hamper the growth of the plant.

To ensure the purity of harvest, it is advisable to sow seeds that are not genetically modified. Furthermore, heritage also has a role to play in the quality and quantity of the produce. So, it's best to go for open-pollinated heirloom seeds.

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Nomadland

A touching nomadic endeavour

CHANNA BANDARA WIJEKOON
We are all Nomads in a way in this blue planet. Meeting with people, nurturing relationships, falling in love, finding better employment, changing residences in a short lifespan are part and parcel of people seeking greener pastures throughout their lives. But how many of us find solace in what we achieve before we bid adieu to our dear lives?

'Nomadland' the movie on drama genre written, edited, produced and directed by Asian directress Chloe Zhao is based on the book 'Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century' by Jessica Bruder.

The movie that won an Oscar in 2021 for the best movie revolves around lives of a community of nomads traveling from place to place finding fresh pastures. They are ageing middle-class people reduced to poverty who can't afford to retire or to maintain homes.

They neither feel workplace fatigue nor do they have an urge to secretly encroach into a neighbor's land to enhance periphery of their own land. They do not bother to maintain social status. They perceive the whole world as theirs and in a way they are like

socialists. Yet, each and every one of them have their own story to convey to others in this clan of likeminded people.

Award winning American actress Frances McDormand plays the main role as Fern who takes on a journey as a nomad on her husband's demise and losing her job at a US Gypsum plant. In the movie we see nomads' world through Fern's eyes.

A support system community for fellow nomads organized in Arizona as a desert gathering by a real-life nomad, Bob Wells is attended by Fern on one of her friend's request. On meeting with fellow nomads, Fern learns basic survival and self-sufficiency skills for the road dwellers.

Director Chloe Zhao has cast non-actors to portray characters as nomads. A number of real-life nomads appear as dramatized versions of themselves, including Linda May, Swankie, and Bob Wells. Bob Wells's character is of a facilitator of the broader nomad community who after surviving divorce and the death of his son, found solace in a life on the road. His philosophy in life and beyond touches upon Buddhist philosophy. The old man when Swankie dies of cancer says, "I will see you down the road". He never says 'goodbye' to a demised colleague. "I do not ever say goodbye. I believe we all meet again someday, down the road", he utters to Fern.

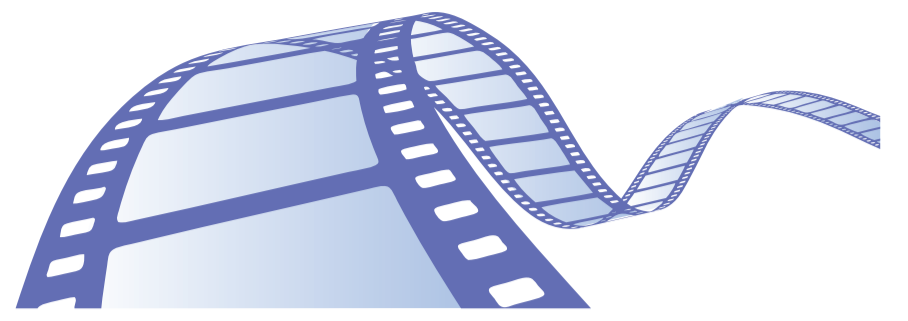
Fern's acquaintance with the middle aged Dave and eventually ignoring his sentiments towards her is agreed with, as we understand Fern's temperament as a lone traveler.

The movie depicts emotions at its best. Fern's brief encounter with a teenage boy on the roads is touching. Her meeting with this random teenage boy in a Neverland is depicted to arouse emotion of the viewer. Fern recites a poem to the boy as he offers a beer to her. As she sings to the boy, "Sometimes too hot... the eye of heaven shines...". The frame changes to the boy walking with his rucksack and we see him from afar.

One could perceive 'Nomadland' as the female version of the movie 'Forrest Gump' in which Tom Hanks keeps running on foot to places throughout the better half of his life. In Nomadland Fern (Frances McDormand) travels with fellow nomads to places in her van.

Once Fern tells a man outside the nomad clan, "I do have a home though I don't have a house. My home is my van". The movie stirs emotion with Fern's performance and dialogues. A soothing music though with a touch of repent perfectly blends with the tempo of the movie.

Nomadland is truly Oscar worthy. As Fern drives her van and fades away to the horizon, we hear the song, "Drifting away I go".



REEL REVIEWS

'Black Widow' is the movie Marvel fans have been waiting for



"It's time for Natasha Romanoff's story," says Scarlett Johansson in the new featurette for Marvel Studios' 'Black Widow'.

In celebration of National Super Hero Day, the makers dropped a new clip, this time featuring the leading lady promising to give us a good look into her character's origins from a former KGB assassin to an Agent of SHIELD and becoming an Avenger.

"When it was time to assemble the Avengers, who did S.H.I.E.L.D. call?" states Johansson, before diving into the illustrious career of the character and says, "You've been waiting for this."

'Black Widow' will be the first feature film on the famed character who made her first appearance in the MCU almost a decade ago in the Robert Downey Jr lead, 'Iron Man' franchise.

The upcoming action-packed spy thriller, which launches simultaneously in theatres and on OTT platforms, will see Natasha Romanoff trying hard to wipe away the red on her ledger when a dangerous conspiracy with ties to her past arises. Pursued by a force that will stop at nothing to bring her down, Natasha must deal with her history as a Russian spy and the broken relationships left in her wake long before she became an Avenger.

Joining Johansson kick butt in the film are Florence Pugh as Yelena Belova, David Harbour as Alexei/The Red Guardian, and Rachel Weisz as Melina Vostokoff.

'Black Widow' that is set between the events of 'Captain America: Civil War' and 'Avengers: Endgame' will be the first film in Phase Four of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

The film is slated for a July 9 release.
 PTI

Haasan wilts in Tamil Nadu



The era of film stars dominating TN's political scene may be over. While Rajinikanth, after a lot of hype, faded, Kamal Haasan, his rival, has barely made a mark.

With Vijayakant virtually retired, his party too is on life support. G Ramachandran (MGR), was the first to extend his popularity to the political arena. After launching ADMK (later AIADMK) in 1972, he won in 1977, formed the government and was in office till his death in 1987. Rajinikanth had a shot at grabbing a sizeable vote share if not power, but he chose to opt out, citing health issues.

Kamal was a surprise package. Until his

'Viswaroopam' outbursts, he was a nonaspirant, but the prospects of filling the vacuum created by the absence of Arunaidhi and Jayalalithaa and a possibility of outdoing Rajinikanth, at least in politics, drew him in.

His target was the woke urban voter. After managing a vote share of 3.7% in the 2019 LS

polls and despite perceptions of leading an alliance, his theatrics came crashing down along with those of another actor-politician Sarat Kumar, who himself was shunned by his traditional ally AIADMK.

Kamal lost by fewer than 1,800 votes to BJP national women's wing president Vanathi Srinivasan in Coimbatore South. Kamal's gamble of choosing the cosmopolitan constituency, away from Paramakudi, where he was born, and Chennai, where he lives, failed to pay off.

New stars could be on the horizon, but that's for another day. For now, it is curtains for Kollywood's King's.

ANI

Stepping into the digital world

Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut has floored the audience with her impeccable acting capable in films for over the years. The versatile actress is set to make her digital debut as a producer with the upcoming film 'Tiku Weds Sheru'. Yes, you heard that right!

Kangana Ranaut took to her, Twitter handle to inform that she will be foraying into web space as a producer. "Launching the logo of @ManikarnikaFP with the announcement of our debut in digital space with a quirky love story Tiku Weds Sheru Need your blessings Folded hands." Tweeted the actress.

Sharing more about the web film Kangana Ranaut, in a statement, said, "With 'Tiku Weds Sheru', Manikarnika Films is venturing into digital space. It's a love story and a satire with dark humour. In the digital space, we will do more edgy, new-age and niche content. We will also launch new talents and take risks with new concepts. We feel the digital audience is slightly more evolved than the regular cinema-going audience."

However, that actress has decided to keep details related to the upcoming film under wraps. On the work front, Kangana will be seen in 'Thalaivi', which is a biopic on actress-turned politician J. Jayalalithaa. The film was all set to hit the theatre screens on 23 April. However, it was postponed due to the surge in COVID-19 cases across India. Besides that, she will also be seen in 'Dhaakda', 'Manikarnika Returns: The Legend Of Didda'.
 Filmfare



'Joker' sequel still on the cards

J'oker' the film that won Joaquin Phoenix his first Oscar for Best Actor, is reportedly in the works. Buzz about the sequel hit a new high when a recent report had Warner Bros bosses confirming that the film is still in development.

According to a new report on The Hollywood Reporter, 'Joker 2' is still on the cards. Although the report focused mainly on an African-American taking on the role of Superman in an upcoming movie, there is a mention of "Joker and its planned sequel."

Phillips said at an event he is

"open" to reunite with Phoenix but nothing is final as of yet. Even if the project is a sequel to "Joker", Phillips said he will only direct if he believes the new film will be able to resonate with the audiences like the original.

"It would have to have a real thematic resonance the way this one did, ultimately being about childhood trauma and the lack of love, and the loss of empathy. All those things are really what made this movie work for us, so we'd have to have something that had an equal thematic resonance," he said.
 PTI

Shraddha in 'ChaalBaaz' remake



Bollywood is continuing its saga of remakes, be it adaptations of regional films, remixing old songs, or rehashing older movies. And quite honestly, none of it seems to receive critical acclaim.

After the reception of 'Coolie No 1', it is surprising to note that Bollywood is going ahead with more. Recently, it was announced that 'ChaalBaaz' will be remade. And starring as the lead is Shraddha Kapoor. The main issue with this is not re-casting Shraddha but the fact that Sridevi's performance in the movie is unmatched. The characters played by her were iconic, and it's difficult to fill her shoes. Rather than that, why not just spare classics the disaster of being remade?

At some level, even after remakes have received poor ratings, what convinces the film industry to produce the same kind of repackaged content?
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- For further details, please contact Director Procurement, RDA on Tel : 011-2046475 / 011-2884790
E mail : dirprda@gmail.com

Chairman,
RDA Procurement Committee,
Road Development Authority,
1st floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw,
Koswatta, Battaramulla.

LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PVT) LIMITED

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited
(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2021/242/T015)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers for supply & delivery of
Enclosure for 3 Phase Meter - 6,000 Nos.

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Procurement Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from 11th May, 2021 to 31st May, 2021.

Due to prevailing situation, suppliers are requestd to make an appointment to collect documents by contacting 011-2371640.

Draft bid document (Not for Bid) is available on www.promise.lk or www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than 2.00 p.m. on 01st June, 2021. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.



General Manager,
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,
411, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.

Tel: 011 2371660 / 2371637

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

STATE MINISTRY OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION, PROTECTIVE MEASURES INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF ELEPHANT FENCES AND TRENCHES AND REFORESTATION AND FOREST RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Department of National Zoological Gardens

PROCUREMENT NOTICE (National Competitive Bidding)

Dehiwala National Zoological Gardens,
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
Development Projects

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC), Department of National Zoological Gardens, invites sealed Bids under National Competitive Bidding procedure from eligible and qualified Bidders for the following Construction works.

Item No.	Contract No.	Description	Non-Refundable Tender Fee per set of a Bidding Documents (Rs.)	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	CIDA/ ICTAD Minimum Grade Field of Registration
01	DNZG/A/10/21/14	Renovation of Monkey Area at Dehiwala Zoo (Estimated value is Rs.39.5 Million excluding VAT)	10,000.00	520,000.00	Building Construction Work-Grade C4 and C5 only
02	DNZG/A/10/21/15	Construction of Emergency Gate at Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage (Estimated value is Rs.5.5 Million excluding VAT)	2,500.00	72,000.00	Building Construction Work-Grade C5,C6 and C7 only

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

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director General, Department of National Zoological Gardens, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala on normal working days from 09th May 2021 to 31st May 2021 from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on working days, on payment of a non-refundable tender fee as given above per set of Bidding Documents for each bid. Bidders are free to bid more than one tender but selection will be made according to the capacity limits of the bidders. The method of payment will be by cash.

Sealed bids with duplicate clearly marked the contract name and the number on the top left corner of the envelope shall be deposited in the Tender Box made available at the office of the Director General, Department of National Zoological Gardens, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala on or before 2.00 p.m. on 31st May 2021. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Sri Lankan Rupees, as mentioned in the above table, obtained from a commercial bank licensed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or from Construction Guarantee Fund to the Employer.

Pre-Bid meeting will be held on

Item No.	Contract No.	Description	Date	Time	Location
01	DNZG/A/10/21/14	Renovation of Monkey Area at Dehiwala Zoo	17/05/2021	10.00 a.m	Dehiwala Zoo
02	DNZG/A/10/21/15	Construction of Emergency Gate at Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	18/05/2021	10.30 a.m	Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

For further details, please contact Director General, Department of National Zoological Gardens, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala on Tel. 011-2896779, 011-2712752, Fax. 011-2731851

The Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC),
Department of National Zoological Gardens,
Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha,
Dehiwala.



Chief Secretary Office
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council



INVITATION FOR BIDS

Bids will be accepted until 2.30 p.m. on 02.06.2021 from the qualified bidders who are able to supply following services efficiently to the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Complex situated at New-Town, Ratnapura and other institutions related to it, for one year period starting from 01.07.2021.

Tender Number	Description	Tender Document fee	Bid Security
08/22/2021/2022/1	Security Service - to maintain security service at the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council and its related institutions.	Rs. 3,500.00	Rs. 60,000.00
08/22/2021/2022/2	Cleaning Service - to maintain cleaning service at the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council and its related institutions.	Rs. 3,500.00	Rs. 50,000.00

- Sealed bids should be submitted by using the forms obtainable from the Deputy Chief Secretary (Administration) Branch of the Chief Secretary Office.
- Forms and other relevant details could be obtained by paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3500.00 in favour of the Chief Secretary to the Deputy Chief Secretary (Finance) of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council.
- Bids should either be sent by registered post to "Chief Secretary, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, New Town, Ratnapura" to be received at or before 2.30 p.m. on 02.06.2021 or could be deposited in the tender box kept at the Chief Secretary's Office on the 2nd Floor.
- The bid security of the above value may be deposited by cash in favour of the Chief Secretary. Otherwise, it should be an "unconditional on demand" bid security taken from a bank accepted by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, valid from 02.06.2021 upto 01.09.2021.
- The bid security should be in the format attached to the bid documents and "Chief Secretary, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, New Town, Ratnapura" should be mentioned as the beneficiary, and the reason should be mentioned as "Submitting bids for the Security Service" or Submitting bids for the Cleaning Service, according to the relevant service. On the top left hand corner of the cover of submitting bids for Security Service, it should be mentioned as "Submitting bids for the Security Service" and for Cleaning Service, it should be mentioned as "Submitting bids for the Cleaning Service".
- Procurement documents will be issued on working days from 10.05.2021 to 01.06.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m and during this time period, procurement documents could be checked free of charge at the administration branch of the Chief Secretary Office. Bids should not be submitted by the blacklisted institutions.
- Bids will be accepted until 2.30 p.m. on 02.06.2021. Bids sent under registered cover should be received before 2.30 p.m. on 02.06.2021. Delayed bids will be rejected without opening. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids and the bidders or their authorized representatives could be participated to this occasion.
- Further details could be obtained through the Phone No. 045 2223080.

M.D. RANJANI JAYAKODY,
Chief Secretary,
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council

At the Chief Secretary Office of the
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council
On this 10th day of May, 2021.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for Bids

State Ministry of Rural & Regional Drinking Water Supply Project Development

Department of National Community Water Supply

The Chairman of the Department Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following works.

#	Description	Minimum ICTAD Registration & Experience	Value of Bid Security (Rs)	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid validity period (Days)	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contract Person and bid closing date	#	Description	Minimum ICTAD Registration & Experience	Value of Bid Security (Rs)	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid validity period (Days)	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contract Person and bid closing date	
Kurunegala District							Puttalam District							
1	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth Pumping well (RRM Wall), 30m ³ Ferro cement ground tank , 40m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, 3m x 3m Pump House in Yogamuwakanda, Polgahawela in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/04	C7 and above	70,000	3500	91	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contract Person Director (Procurement) Department of National Community Water Supply, No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda TP: 0112774927 Bid closing date and time 3rd of June 2021, 10.00 A.M.	25	Construction of 60m ³ capacity 12m height tank with plant room in Kaluchachchimulla, Dankotuwa in Puttalam District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/PU/14	C7 and above	70,000	3500			
2	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth concrete dug well, 80m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, 60m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 3m x 3m Pump House in Pothuwila 350, Polpithigama in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/05	C6 and above	130,000	5000			26	Construction of Weir intake, 20m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, Retain wall 2.1m height, Barbed wire fence and fixing gate in Seelathenna, Haldummulla in Badulla District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/BA/01	C8 and above	45,000	2500			
3	Construction of 80m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, 60m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 3m x 3m Pump House in Nallur, Panduwassuwaru East in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/06	C7 and above	100,000	3500			27	Construction of Weir intake, 20m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, Retain wall 2.1m height, Barbed wire fence and fixing gate in Murutahinne, Haldummulla in Badulla District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/BA/02	C8 and above	40,000	2500			
4	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth concrete dug well , 40m ³ Ferro cement ground tank ,50m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 3m x 3m Pump House in Nithogama 116, Ehetuwewa in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/07	C6 and above	110,000	3500			28	Construction of Weir intake, 20m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, Retain wall 2.1m height, Barbed wire fence and fixing gate in Nikapotha West, Haldummala in Badulla District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/BA/03	C8 and above	40,000	2500			
5	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth dug well, 80m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, 3m x 3m Pump House in Ranthetikanda/ Kandededara, Ridigama in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/08	C7 and above	65,000	3500			Ampara District							
6	Construction of 40m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, 40m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 3m x 3m Pump House in Kahatapiya 731, Mallawapitiya in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/09	C7 and above	75,000	3500			29	Construction of 40m ³ Ferro cement 12m Height elevated tank in Thalapitiya Right, Padiyathalawa in Ampara District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/AM/01	C7 and above	55,000	3500			
7	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth dug well, 3m x 3m Pump House, 2.5m x 2.5m Pump House in Diyadora, Kuliyaipitiya West in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/10	C8 and above	50,000	2500			30	Construction of 60m ³ Ferro cement 12m Height elevated tank in Marangala,Padiyathalawa in Ampara District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/AM/02	C7 and above	65,000	3500			
8	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth dug well, 3m x 3m Pump House, 2.5m x 2.5m Pump House, 60m ³ capacity 10m height Ferro cement elevated tank in Dahigamuwa, Maspotha in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/11	C6 and above	110,000	3500			31	Construction of 40m ³ Ferro cement 12m Height elevated tank in Thorathumbara, Padiyathalawa in Ampara District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/AM/03	C7 and above	55,000	3500			
9	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth dug well, 3m x 3m Pump House, 2.5m x 2.5m Pump House in Maddegama, Mallawapitiya in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/12	C7 and above	55,000	3500			Moneragla District							
10	Construction of 30m ³ Ferro cement Ground Water Tank,2.5x2.5m Pump House,3x3m Pump House in Kuliyaipitiya East, Bihalpola in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/13	C8 and above	35,000	2500			32	Construction of 3m x 3m Pump House, 100m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, Retain wall 2.1m height, Barbed wire fence and fixing gate in Guruhela, Moneragala in Moneragala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/MO/01	C8 and above	40,000	2500			
11	Construction of 8m depth 6m dia Dug well,2.5x2.5m Pump House, 3x3m Pump House in Bamunakotuwa, Henegedara in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/14	C8 and above	50,000	2500			Galle District							
12	Construction of 2.5x2.5m Pump House,3x3m Pump House,60m ³ -12m Height Ferro cement Elevated Water Tank in Bingiriya, Koshenagara in Kurunegala District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KN/15	C7 and above	80,000	3500			33	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth dug well, 2.5m x 2m Pump House, 20m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, security fence, Making, fixing & furnishing gate in Udugama South, Nagoda in Galle District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/GA/01	C7 and above	80,000	3500			
Polonnaruwa District							Kandy District							
13	Construction of 3mx3m Pump House, 2.5m x2.5m Pump House, 60m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 60m ³ capacity Ferro cement ground tank in Singhagama, Hingurakgoda in Polonnaruwa District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/PO/01	C7 and above	100,000	3500			34	Construction of 30m ³ Ferro cement ground tank, Pipe laying works in Bambarabedda East, Ududumbara in Kandy District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KA/01	C6 and above	100,000	3500			
14	Construction of 3mx3m Pump House, 50m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank in Hatharskotuwa, Hingurakgoda in Polonnaruwa District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/PO/02	C7 and above	65,000	3500			35	Construction of Roughing Filter (4m ³ /h), Pipe laying works in Bambarabedda West, Ududumbara in Kandy District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KA/02	C8 and above	40,000	2500			
15	Construction of 3mx3m Pump House , 2.5m x2.5m Pump House , 60m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 60m ³ capacity Ferro cement ground tank in Kegalgama , Lankapura in Polonnaruwa District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/PO/03	C7 and above	100,000	3500		36	Pipe Laying Works in Pussella and Udahenthenna in Kandy District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KA/03	C5 and above	300,000	10,000				
Anuradhapura District							37	Construction of 5m Height flat form,Concrete structure for weir, Pipe Laying Works in Navangala School in Kandy District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KA/04	C7 and above	80,000	3500			
16	Construction of 5m Dia 8m Depth Rubble Dug well, 2.5m x2.5m Pump House in Ralapanawagama, Nochchiyagama in Anuradhapura District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/AN/01	C8 and above	35,000	2500		38	Pipe Laying Works in Kukulpenda in Kandy District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KA/05	C8 and above	30,000	2500				
17	Construction of 3m x3m Pump House, 40m ³ capacity Ferro cement ground tank in 607 Keeriyagaswewa,Kekirawa in Anuradhapura District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/AN/02	C8 and above	25,000	2500		39	Costruction of 40m ³ Capacity Ferro cement Ground Reservoir, Pipe Laying works in Kaikawala in Kandy District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KA/06	C6 and above	100,000	3500				
18	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth Rubble Dug well, 3m x 3m Pump House in Hurulnikawewa, Galenbindunuwewa in Anuradhapura District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/AN/03	C8 and above	45,000	2500		Kalutara District								
Trincomalee District							40	Construction of Intake, 6m ² Roughing filter,12.5m ² Slow sand Filter,Chlorinator,Control Chamber,15m ³ Storage Tank in Kelinkanda, Palindanuwara in Kalutara District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KL/01	C8 and above	40,000	2500			
19	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth dug well in Kivulukadawala, Komarangadawala in Trincomalee District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/TR/01	C8 and above	30,000	2500		41	Construction of Intake I, Intake II,6m ² Roughing filter,12.5m ² Slow Sand Filter,Chlorinator,Control Chamber, 15m ³ storage Tank in Addaragoda, Palinda Nuwara in Kalurata District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KL/02	C8 and above	40,000	2500				
20	Construction of 60m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 3m x 3m Pump House, Valve chamber in Kandamalawa, Komarangadawala in Trincomalee District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/TR/02	C7 and above	75,000	3500		42	Construction of Intake,6m2 Roughing filter,15m ³ Storage Tank in Hedigalla, Palindanuwara in Kalutara District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KL/03	C8 and above	45,000	2500				
Batticaloa District							43	Construction of Intake, 6m ² Roughing filter, 12.5m ² Slow sand Filter,Chlorinator,Control Chamber, 15m ³ Storage Tank in Ranepuragoda, Walallavita in Kalutara District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KL/04	C8 and above	40,000	2500			
21	Construction of 6m Dia 8m Depth rubble dug well in Kayankerny 211A, Koralaipattu North in Batticaloa District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/BT/01	C8 and above	35,000	2500		44	Construction of Intake, 6m ² Roughing filter, 12.5m ² Slow sand Filter, Chlorinator, Control Chamber, 15m ³ Storage Tank in Mandagala, Walallavita in Kalutara District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KL/05	C8 and above	40,000	2500				
22	Construction of 30m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 3m x 3m Pump House, Valve chamber in Vakanery 210, Koralaipattu South in Batticaloa District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/BT/02	C7 and above	55,000	3500		45	Construction of Intake, 6m ² Roughing Filter, Pump House, 20m ³ Storage Tank in Kelinkanda Janapadaya, Palindanuwara in Kalutara District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/KL/06	C7 and above	60,000	3500				
23	Construction of 60m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 3m x 3m Pump House, Valve chamber in Veppaveduvan 186A, Eravurpattu in Batticaloa District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/BT/03	C7 and above	75,000	3500		Mannar District								
24	Construction of 50m ³ capacity 12m height Ferro cement elevated tank, 3m x 3m Pump House, Valve chamber in Priyapullumalai 146, Eravurpattu in Batticaloa District. DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/02/BT/04	C7 and above	70,000	3500		46	Construction of 60m ³ -12m height elevated tank, type 1 valve chamber in St. Joseph Rural Water Supply Society CBO, Achhankulam, Nanattan DNCWS/PRO/2021/CV/01/MN/01	C7 and above	70,000	3500				

General instructions and conditions for above subject Instructions

- Bidding Documents will be issued on submission of a written application on the applicant's letterhead and deposit slip of a non-refundable fees. (Director General, Department of National Community Water Supply, Account No:0007040440 BOC) to the Department of National Community Water Supply.
- Bidding Documents can be collected between 09.00 hours & 15.00 hours up to 31st of May 2021 on normal working days (please make an appointment to collect documents via telephone).
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Department of National Community Water Supply and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.
- Duly completed bids shall either be deposited in the Tender Box which is placed in the 2nd floor of the department or dispatched by registered post or courier to the address given below at or before 10.00 a.m. on 3rd of June 2021.
- Pre bid meeting will be held on 28/05/2021 at 10.00 am at the department.
- All bids will be opened at the same address on 3rd of June 2021 at 10.15 a.m. in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.
- Bid security should be addressed to Director General, Department of National Community Water Supply, No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda.

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Department of National Community Water Supply,
No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda
06.05.2021**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE**Invitation for Bids**

State Ministry of Rural & Regional Drinking Water Supply Project Development
Department of National Community Water Supply

1. Supply of PVC/GI Pipes and Fittings for CBO Water Supply Scheme

Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from PVC/GI Pipes manufacturers/Suppliers for described below.

Name of Contract	Qualifications	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security Requirement (Rs.) (Bank Guarantee or cash Deposit)	Place of Issuing of Document & Contact Person and Bid Closing Date
			Bank Guarantee	
1. Supply of PVC Pipes and Fittings Contract No: DNCWS/PRO/2021/PVC/01	PVC Pipe Manufacturers	3000/-	60,000/-	Place of Issuing of Document & Contact Person Director (Procurement) Department of National Community Water Supply, No.1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda TP 0112774927 0714457115 Bid closing date and time
2. Supply of GI Pipes and Fittings Contract No: DNCWS/PRO/2021/GI/01	GI Suppliers	3500/-	80,000/-	01 st of June 2021, 10.00 A.M.

- Bidding Documents will be issued on submission of a written application on the applicant's letterhead and deposit slip of non refundable fee(Director General, Department of National Community Water Supply, Account No : 0007040440-BOC Bank) to the Department of National Community Water Supply.
- Bidding Documents can be collected up to 14.00 hours on 31st of May 2021 on normal working days. (please make an appointment to collect documents via telephone)
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Department of National Community Water Supply and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.
- Duly completed bids shall be either deposited in the Tender Box which is placed in the 2nd floor of the department or dispatched by registered post or courier to the address given below on or before 10.00 a.m. on 01st of June 2021
- All bids will be opened at the same address on 01st of June 2021 at 10.15 a.m. in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. **Late bids will be returned unopened.**
- Bid validity period 91 days.
- Bid security should be valid up to 01.10.2021 and addressed to Director General, Department of National Community Water Supply, No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Department of National Community Water Supply,
No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda
07.05.2021

PROCUREMENT NOTICE**Chief Secretary's Office
North Central Province**

I, Chief Secretary, North Central Province and Chairman, Hon. Governor Appointed Procurement Committee invite sealed bids from eligible contractors for the undermentioned projects proposed to be constructed under the North Central Provincial Department of Ayurvedha.

Serial No.	Name and details of Project	Estimated Cost Rs. Mil-lion	Contract Period	Value of Bid Guarantee	Non refundable bid form fee Rs.	CIDA Registration Grade	Bid Guarantee validity period
01	Construction of Boundary Wall around the Provincial Ayurveda Hospital	16.1	210 Days	160,000.00	8,000.00	C6 and C5 (for Buildings)	105 Days (13.09.2021)
02	Construction of Quarters Complex (A) for the Department of Ayurveda - NCP (above second floor level)	22.6	280 Days	227,000.00	10,000.00	C5 and C4 (for Buildings)	119 Days (27.09.2021)
03	Construction of Quarters Complex - (B) for the Department of Ayurveda - NCP (above second floor level)	22.6	280 Days	227,000.00	10,000.00	C5 and C4 (for Buildings)	119 Days (27.09.2021)

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure. When submitting quotations for construction of buildings under National Competitive Bidding procedure, a regional preference and CIDA preference will be granted for constructions when the total cost estimate is less than 50 million in terms of Provincial Treasury Circular No. 2016/13(i).
- Contractors not blacklisted and having fulfilled the necessary qualifications could obtain bid documents from the North Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda on working days from 10.05.2021 up to 31.05.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. by submitting the receipt obtained after paying the non refundable bid form fee to the Ayurveda Commissioner, North Central Province.
- Duly completed bids prepared according to bid conditions should be sent by registered post addressed to "Chief Secretary / Chairman Hon. Governor Appointed Procurement Committee, Chief Secretary's Office, 4th Floor, Provincial Council's Administrative Building Complex, Harischandra Mawatha, Anuradhapura" to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 01.06.2021 or could be deposited in the procurement box kept in this office.
- An unconditional bid security obtained from a commercial bank registered at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or obtained through the Construction Guarantee Fund drawn in favour of the North Central Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda to the value and validity period mentioned in the relevant columns above should be submitted with every bid.
- Bids prepared in two copies mentioned as original copy and duplicate copy should be enclosed in separate envelopes and sealed and thereafter, they should be inserted in a single envelope and sealed and submitted. The name of the project should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing bids.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at 10.00 a.m. on 01.05.2021. Bidder or a representative with written approval could participate on this occasion.
- The decision of the Hon. Governor Appointed Procurement Committee will be final with regard to matters pertaining to this Procurement.

Chief Secretary / Chairman,
Hon. Governor Appointed Procurement Committee,
Chief Secretary's Office,
North Central Province.
10.05.2021

**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
THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF CEYLON LIMITED
No.35, Lake House, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.
For Details : 2429422, 2429454, 2429451

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)****DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS SRI LANKA****Supply of Black Leather Shoes for Senior Officers, Black Leather Shoes for Jailors, Black Leather Shoes for female Jailors, Black Leather Shoes for Prison Guards, Black Leather Shoes for female Guards, Sports Shoes & Shoe Polish Tins - 2021**

- Bids will be entertained up to **10.30 Hrs on 02.06.2021** by the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee of Department of Prisons for Supply of Black Leather Shoes for Senior Officers, Black Leather Shoes for Jailors, Black Leather Shoes for female Jailors, Black Leather Shoes for Prison Guards, Black Leather Shoes for female Guards, Sports Shoes & Shoe Polish Tins - 2021.

	Description	Quantity
A.	Pair of Black Leather Shoes for Senior Officers	102
B.	Pair of Black Leather Shoes for Jailors	1002
C.	Pair of Black Leather Shoes for Female Jailors	35
D.	Pair of Black Leather Shoes for Prison Guards	8637
E.	Pair of Black Leather Shoes for female Guards	983
F.	Pair of Sports Shoes	8144
G.	Shoe Polish Tins (36 g)	43,080

- Bidding documents and specifications may be obtained from the Commissioner of Prisons (Supplies), Supply & Services Division, Prisons Headquarters, 150, Baseline Road, Colombo 09, up to **15.00 hrs on 01.06.2021**. Complete set of bidding document in the English language may be purchased by bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 5000.00**. This Procurement will proceed according to National Competitive Bidding.
- Bidders shall request the bidding documents with covering letter of their company letterhead.
- Bidders must register under No. 03 of 1987 Public Contract Act.
- Bidding documents can be inspected free of charge and further information could be obtained at the Supply and Services Division of the Prisons Headquarters.
- Bidders must pay the quality test charges to the Shroff of Prison Headquarters as stated in the bid document and must handover the payment receipt along with the properly sealed required number of samples at the time of the bid submission.
- Bid Documents and other related documents and samples must be sent under registered cover to reach the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Prisons Headquarters, No.150, Baseline Road, Colombo 09 on or before **10.30 Hrs on 02.06.2021** or be deposited in the bidding box provided at the Supplies and Services Branch. On the top left-hand corner of envelopes containing tenders should be marked "**Supply of Black Leather Shoes for Senior Officers, Black Leather Shoes for Jailors, Black Leather Shoes for female Jailors, Black Leather Shoes for Prison Guards, Black Leather Shoes for female Guards, Sports Shoes & Shoe Polish Tins - 2021**".
- Bids will be closed at **10.30 Hrs on 02.06.2021** and will be opened immediately after the closing at the auditorium of the Prisons Headquarters. Bidders or their authorized Agents will be permitted to be present on the time of bid opening (valid authorized letter should be provided with NIC number). Bids received after the opening, incomplete, unclear and without samples will be rejected.
- Further information please contact the Supplies Branch of Prisons Headquarters. Tel :- 0114677148/ 011-4677178/ 0114677516

Commissioner General of Prisons,
Chairman,
Prison Department Procurement Committee,
Prisons Headquarters, No. 150, Baseline Road,
Colombo 09.

10.05.2021

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LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PVT) LIMITED

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2021/251/T016)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective contractors for

Test Department Ground Floor Renovation Work at Ekala Complex

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Procurement Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, from 11th May, 2021 to 24th May, 2021 (Free of Charge), or can be downloaded via www.promise.lk or www.leco.lk website.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than 2.00 p.m. on 25th May, 2021. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.



**General Manager,
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,
411, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.**

Tel: 011 2371660 / 2371637



**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF CENSUS AND
STATISTICS**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

PROCUREMENT OF 15,000 NOS. OF TABLET COMPUTERS FOR CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING - 2021 FOR DEPARTMENT OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

1. Please refer the notice on 21.04.2021 in the same newspaper
2. Last date of issuing of bid documents is extended up to 13.05.2021
3. Closing and opening date for inviting bids is extended up to 17.05.2021 at 11.00 a.m.

**Chairman,
Ministry Procurement Committee,
Department of Census and Statistics
No. 306/71,
Polduwa Road,
Battaramulla.**

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should only be sent by ordinary post.

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LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PVT) LIMITED

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited

(Ref. ERD/SDD/PROC/2021/217/T008)

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers for supply & delivery of

Metal Enclosure for Pole Mounted NMDs - 2,000 Nos.

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Procurement Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00. Bidding documents will be issued from 11th May, 2021 to 28th May, 2021.

Due to prevailing situation, suppliers are requestd to make an appointment by contacting 011-2371640 before collecting the documents.

Draft bid document (Not for Bid) is available on www.promise.lk or www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than 2.00 p.m. on 31st May, 2021. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.



**General Manager,
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited,
411, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.**

Tel: 011 2371660 / 2371637

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TEACHING HOSPITAL - KARAPITIYA

The Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee on behalf of the Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya invites sealed bids from qualified bidders for the Construction / supply works described in the table below. Bids should be delivered in Duplicate.

Tender No.	Work Item	Qualification Requirement of Bidder	Non Refundable Tender Fee	Bid Security value	Basic cost Estimate (Millions)
1	Proposed Link Corridor for Nephrology Unit	C6 & C7	3,500.00	56,000.00	5.6
2	Request for Quotation for 800 KVA Generator on rental basis	Generator supplier	3,500.00	40,000.00	

1. Bid should be made only on the forms provided by the Office of Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya.
2. Bidding documents can be obtained from the hospital office on payment of non refundable tender fee up to 24.05.2021 between 9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m on working days.
3. Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 25.05.2021 at the office of the Director, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya. Late bids will be rejected. Bids shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya.** Bidders and their authorized representatives can participate at the opening.
4. The **Name of bid and tender No.** should be mentioned on the left upper side of the bidding envelope.
5. Undermentioned requirements should be fulfilled by the Generator supplier.
 - i) Capacity of the Generator should be 800 KVA
 - ii) Minimum time period for the rental is 6 months.
 - iii) Fuel should be provided by the supplier.
 - iv) All the other necessary expenses (Except monthly rental) should be borne by the supplier.
6. The decision of the procurement committee with regard to acceptance or rejection of any or all bids or awarding of the tender is final.

Contact Nos. 091-2232250, 091-2232176

**Chairman,
Divisional Procurement Committee,
Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya.
Galle.**

5.5.2021



Invitation for Bids

**Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka
at Pelawatta, Battaramulla.**

Funding - Government of Sri Lanka

PROCUREMENT OF REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF HEIDELBERG (SM 74-1 - 620777) PRINTING MACHINE

4/2/8/2018

The Chairman Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for procurement of **Repair and Maintenance of Heidelberg (SM 74-1 - 620777) Printing Machine.**

1. Biding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
2. To be eligible for the contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have 3 years of experience in Printing Machine Services of above mentioned machinery in Sri Lanka.
3. Bidder should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Assistant Commissioner (Supplies), Supplies Division, 03rd Floor, Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka (Telephone/Fax 011-2784393 or 011-2785219) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m on working days until 28.05.2021.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Commissioner General of Examinations, Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, Pelawatta, Battaramulla from 10.05.2021 until 28.05.2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **LKR. 2000.00** for the document (The method of payment will be cash)
6. Bid hall be valid up to 77 days.
7. All -bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Sri Lankan Rupees Fifty Thousand (LKR. 50,000.00), unconditional bank guarantee from a reputed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka on the format attached to the Bidding Documents and should be valid upto 107 days (until 15.09.2021) from the date of closing of the bid.
8. Bids must be delivered to the Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla on or before 31.05.2020 at 2.30 p.m. Late bids will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened at the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given above after closing of bids.
9. Duly filled and sealed Bids marked "**Procurement of Repair and Maintenance of Heidelberg (SM 74-1-620777) Printing Machine**", Contract No: 4/2/8/2018 on top left hand corner of the envelope should be submitted.
10. The Department Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and reject all Bids at any time prior to awarding of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the Department Procurement Committee action.
11. A pre bid meeting will be held on 18.05.2021 at 10.00 a.m. at Department of Examinations Sri Lanka, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.

**Commissioner General of Examinations,
Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka,
Pelawatta,
Battaramulla.**

10.05.2021



National Gem and Jewellery Authority
State Ministry of Gem And Jewellery Related Industries



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Office Building with parking facility for Rent / Lease for a year

BID NO - NGJA/18/57/2020-02

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Gem And Jewellery Authority invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Supply of a building space between 600-1200 sqft facing a main road or closer to a main road, in Colombo 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07 or 08 city limits to be used as Hostel. Premises should have electricity, water supply, drainage facilities and parking space for two vehicles.

Conditions

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.

Description of the Procurement	Price & Date
Applicable non-refundable document fee	Rs. 3,500.00+VAT
Value of the Bid Bond to be submitted	Rs. 15,000.00
Last date & time of accepting Bid documents	01.06.2021 at 10.00 a.m.
Date & Time of Opening	01.06.2021 at 10.15 a.m.

- (i) Bid Documents could be obtained from the Assistant Director (Procurement), Supplies Division, National Gem & Jewellery Authority, No 25, Galle Face Terrace, Colombo 03 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00+VAT on normal working days between 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 11.05.2021 to 31.05.2021 the mode of payment will be in cash.
- (ii) Only the owners of the premises shall submit their offers. All offers should (certified copies) include full details including expected lease / rent amount, terms and conditions with copies of the title deed, survey plan and building plan approved by the Municipal council.
- (iii) Bids must be sent to the following address under registered post or deposited in the Tender Box available at Director General's Division not later than 10.00 a.m. on 01.06.2021. Please indicate "Rent / lease office building - 2021" on the top Left hand Corner of the Sealed Envelope.
- (iv) Perfected Bid Documents should be accompanied by bank guarantee / bid bond for the value relevant to the bid documents as indicated above and issued by any commercial bank and valid for a minimum period of 120 calendar days from the date of opening of bids (From 01.06.2021 to 29.09.2021)
- (v) Bids will be opened at 10.15 a.m. on 01.06.2021. The bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopened. The bidder or his representative may participate at the bid opening.

Further details:

- Technical Assistant (Civil) - 071 4 244 690

**Chairman - Department Procurement Committee
National Gem and Jewellery Authority**

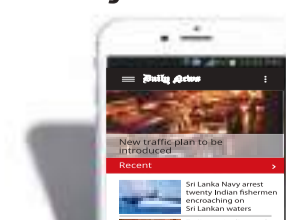
No.25 Galle Face Terrace, Colombo 03.

Tel: 011-2329295, 2325364, and 2390645-8 Fax: 011-2320758, 011-2332197

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NOTICE
 NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME OF THE COMPANY
 Notice is hereby given in Pursuant to Section 529(4) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
 Former name: **INDEPENDENCE HOLDINGS COMPANY (PVT) LTD.**
 New name: **INDEPENDENCE HOLDINGS (PVT) LTD.**
 Date of change: 31.10.2019
 Reg. Number: PV122223
 Reg. Address: Level 13, East Tower, World Trade Centre, Colombo 01.
 M.M. Management Services (Pvt) Ltd., Com. Secretaries

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by **NERALUYANA ESTATE (PRIVATE) LIMITED - PV 15534** situated at No.93, Maya Avenue, Colombo 06. Share Certificate No.02, Distinctive Nos. from 02 to 02 in the name of Mr. Pathikirikorale Gaya Nissanka has been reported lost/misplaced and an application has been made by him to the company for issue of duplicate share certificate.
 The company hereby invites claims or objections (in writing) for issuance of duplicate share certificate within the period of 14 (fourteen) days from the publication of this notice. If no claims/objections are received during this period the company shall be free to issue duplicate share certificate.
 For & on behalf of G R S Management & Secretarial Services (Pvt) Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by **Mc Currie Foods (Private) Limited - PV 70128**, situated at Nalanda Industrial Zone, Madawala, Ulupatha. Share Certificate No.01, Distinctive Nos. From 1 To 36,002 in the name of Mr. Nalin Gaminipathikirikorale has been reported lost/misplaced and an application has been made by him to the company for issue of duplicate share certificate.
 The company hereby invites claims or objections (in writing) for issuance of duplicate share certificate within the period of 14 (fourteen) days from the publication of this notice. If no claims/objections are received during this period the company shall be free to issue duplicate share certificate.
 For & on behalf of G R S Management & Secretarial Services (Pvt) Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by **M/S. Mc Currie Green Foods (Private) Limited - PV6357** situated at Nalanda Industrial Zone, Madawala, Ulupatha. Share Certificate No.01, Distinctive Nos. from 1 to 1 (01) in the name of Mr. Pathikirikorale Nalin Gaminianand Share Certificate No.02, Distinctive Nos. from 2 to 2 (02) in the name of M/S. Lanka Spice (Private) Limited and Share Certificate No.03, Distinctive Nos. from 3 to 3 (03) in the name of M/S. Lankpro (Ceylon) Private Limited has been reported lost/misplaced and an application has been made by him to the company for issue of duplicate share certificate.
 The company hereby invites claims or objections (in writing) for issuance of duplicate share certificate within the period of 14 (fourteen) days from the publication of this notice. If no claims/objections are received during this period the company shall be free to issue duplicate share certificate.
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CORRECTION NOTICE
 Provincial Department of Irrigation
NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE INVITATION FOR BIDS

This refers to the above titled advertisement Published on page No. 31 of Daily News on 03rd May 2021.

Please note that CIDA Grade mentioned under Ser. No. 8 Thirippane Divisional Secretary's Division "C8 and C7 Irrigation".

The other contents remain unchanged.

Chairman/Provincial Director of Irrigation
 Department Procurement Committee,
 Provincial Department of Irrigation,
 North Central Province.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION
SUPPLY OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS, LAPTOP COMPUTERS & TABLET COMPUTERS
 B/35/2021

- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply of Desktop Computers, Laptop Computers & Tablet Computers as described in the bidding document.
- The bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have complied with the eligibility and qualification criteria stated in the bidding document.
- The interested bidders may obtain further information from Manager (Procurement & Stores) Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 01st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09, Tele Nos. 5455331 or Fax No. 5455424, email: jayamanjula@ceypetco.gov.lk. The bidding document is available in the website <http://ceypetco.gov.lk/public-tenders/>.
- The complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs upto 28.05.2021 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 (Rs. 925.83 + 8% VAT) per set to the Manager (Procurement & Stores). The method of payment will be by cash. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the bidders can download the bidding document from CPC website, i.e. <http://ceypetco.gov.lk/public-tenders/>, and all the payment can be made to the Account No. 004100110208633 of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation of People's Bank (Head Office).
- The bid shall be delivered to the address given below at or before 1400 hrs. on 31.05.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of the bids in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- The bids shall be valid up to 77 days from date of closing of the bids (i.e. upto 15.08.2021). All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security guarantee valid up to hundred and seven days from the date of closing of bids. (i.e. up to 14.09.2021).

Chairman,
 Departmental Procurement Committee.,
 C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
 Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
 Procurement & Stores Function,
 1st Floor,
 No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
 Colombo 09.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION
SUPPLY OF PRINTERS, PHOTOCOPY MACHINES & SCANNERS
 B/34/2021

- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of Printers, Photocopy Machines & Scanners as described in the bidding document.
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- The bid shall be delivered in duplicate to the address given below at or before 1400 hrs. on 31.05.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of the bids in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- The bids shall be valid up to 63 days from date of closing of the bids (i.e. 01.08.2021). All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security guarantee valid up to ninety three (93) days. (i.e. 31.08.2021).

Chairman,
 Departmental Procurement Committee.,
 C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
 Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
 Procurement & Stores Function,
 1st Floor,
 No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
 Colombo 09.

LOLC FINANCE VEHICLES FOR SALE

AMBALANTHOTA

THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	SP	YD	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	SP	YC	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	SP	QJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	CP	QU	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	SP	QJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	145CC	2006	SP	QJ	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 102, MAIN STREET, AMBALANTHOTA
KAVINDU - 0475118080

AMPARA

FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR	MAHINDRA YUVO 375H	2979CC	2019	EP	RG	XXXX
LORRY	FOTON	2770CC	2012	EP	LK	XXXX

LOLC AUTO MART, NO 223, KANDY ROAD, AMPARA
SAMANTHA - 063-5780860/881

THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	EP	AAD	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	EP	YD	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	EP	OS	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	EP	QU	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2014	EP	AAT	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2014	EP	OK	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	EP	YK	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	EP	AAJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	EP	YK	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	EP	YK	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	EP	OT	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	EP	DX	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	EP	AAJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	EP	YB	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	EP	AAE	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	EP	AAR	XXXX
	BAJAJ	200CC	2011	EP	YU	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	EP	YJ	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	EP	YD	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 161 A, REPETIPOLA ROAD, BADULLA
LAHIRU - 0554549948

BADULLA

THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2015	CP	ABH	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2007	UP	QM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2008	CP	QR	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	CP	QU	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	CP	VA	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	CP	YL	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	UP	YT	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2011	UP	YW	XXXX
	PIAGGIO	395CC	2011	UP	YO	XXXX
TRUCK	MAHINDRA MAXIMO PLUS	909CC	2013	UP	PW	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 161 A, REPETIPOLA ROAD, BADULLA
LAHIRU - 0554549948

DAMBULLA

FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR	SONALIKA TAFE 450I	2893CC	2018	NWRF	XXXX	
MOTOR BIKE	DEMAK DZR	120CC	2017	NWBFS	XXXX	
	HERO ISMART	109CC	2017	EP	BGS	XXXX
	HONDA SHINE APDS	124CC	2020	NC	BIS	XXXX
	BAJAJ PULSAR	200CC	2019	EP	BIT	XXXX
	TVS APACHE	160CC	2019	NC	BIU	XXXX
	YAMAHA RAY-ZR	113CC	2020	NW	BIW	XXXX
LORRY	JAC HFC1048K	4324CC	2006	CP	LD	XXXX

THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	150CC	2003	HX	CP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2007	CM	NW	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2008	CM	CP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2008	CM	NW	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	OT	CP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	OT	CP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	CM	NW	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	CM	CP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2009	CM	NW	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	OZ	CP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	173CC	2010	OZ	NW	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	OZ	SG	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	YB	WP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	YF	CP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	200CC	2010	YF	EP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2010	YH	WP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	YU	NW	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	YX	NW	XXXX
TRUCK	MAHINDRA MAXIMO PLUS	909CC	2013	NW	PW	XXXX

LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, ETHABENDIWEWA ROAD, THALAKURYGAMA, DAMBULLA
CHAMINDA - 0665118161

KURUWITA

THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	SG	AAK	XXXX
	BAJAJ	150CC	2003	SG	HP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2007	SG	QM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2008	SG	QP	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	SG	QR	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2009	SG	QU	XXXX
	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	SG	QX	XXXX
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MATHUGAMA

MOTOR BIKE	DEMAK SKYLINE	225CC	2016	WP	BFB	XXXX
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LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NEAR THE PEOPLE'S BANK, WILMA MAWATHA, MATHUGAMA
PRAMODA - 0775634245

GOTHATUWA

THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	SP	AAC	XXXX
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NO. 42/5, GOTHATUWA GAMSABHA RD, GOTHATUWA
MAHESH - 0773493535

VAVUNIYA

MOTOR BIKE	YAMAHA FASCINO	113CC	2019	NP	BIP	XXXX
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2014	NP	AAT	XXXX
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	BAJAJ	174CC	2010	WP	QX	XXXX
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LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTER, NO 363, MANNAR ROAD, VEPPANKULAM, VAVUNIYA
THIMOTHY - 0766582329

WELLAMPITIYA

MOTOR BIKE	TVS METRO	99CC	2017	NW	BFI	XXXX
THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	200CC	2012	WP	AAC	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2012	WP	AAC	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013	WP	AAM	XXXX
	BAJAJ	198CC	2013			

BANDARAWELA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

LEASING OF ASSETS

Bids are hereby invited by me, Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Bandarawela Municipal Council from Sri Lankan citizens and institutions including registered companies for leasing of assets mentioned in the schedule below for a period of one and a half years (1 1/2 years) from 01.06.2021 up to 31.12.2022.

02. Bid documents for submitting bids could be obtained from the Health Division of the Municipal Council by submitting the receipt issued after payment of the fee as mentioned in the schedule below in cash in valid Sri Lankan Rupees to the Municipal Council and any individual or institution could inspect the bid documents free of charge during working days of the week between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

	Details of Assets to be leased	Minimum Procurement Bid (Monthly)	Refundable Deposit Amount	Non-refundable Bid Form Fee
01	Public toilet located at the Bandarawela Main Bus Stand	175,000.00	31,500.00	2,000.00

03. Issuing, accepting and opening of bids will take place on the dates and times as mentioned below at the Bandarawela Municipal Council.

- I. Issuing of Bid Documents : From 10.05.2021 up to 28.05.2021 (between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.)
- II. Accepting of Bids : Up to 10.00 a.m. on 31.05.2021
- III. Opening of Bids : Immediately after 10.00 a.m. on 31.05.2021

04. Payment of the total lease amount in full in cash by the successful bidder before signing the agreement should be considered as the main condition for granting of assets as mentioned in the schedule above. Should also agree to other relevant conditions stipulated in the bid documents when signing the agreement.

05. Further details regarding this bid invitation could be obtained by calling over at the Bandarawela Municipal Council or by contacting the Municipal Accountant on Tel. No. 057-2222275.

Sgd. Janaka Nishantha Ratnayaka,
Mayor/Procurement Committee Chairman

At the Bandarawela Municipal Council
05 May 2021



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS, SRI LANKA

Supply of Polyester Viscose Khaki Uniform Material, Banian, Ladies Vests & Khaki Socks - 2021

01. Bids will be entertained up to **14.30 Hrs on 02.06.2021** by the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee of Department of Prisons for Supply of Polyester Viscose Khaki Uniform Material, Banian, Ladies Vests & Khaki Socks -2021.

	Description	Quantity
A.	Polyester Viscose Khaki uniform material (60"width)	36,000 m
B.	Banian	23,200 Nos.
C.	Ladies Vest	2,600 Nos.
D.	Khaki Socks	27,000 Pairs

02. Bidding documents and specifications may be obtained from the Commissioner of Prisons (Supplies), Supplies & Services Division, Prisons Headquarters, 150, Baseline Road, Colombo 09, up to **15.00 hrs on 01.06.2021**. Complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 5000.00**. This Procurement will proceed according to national competitive bidding.

03. Bidders shall request the bidding documents with covering letter of their company letterhead.

04. Bidders must register under No. 03 of 1987 Public Contract Act.

05. Bidding documents can be inspected free of charge and further information could be obtained at the Supplies and Services Division of the Prisons Headquarters.

06. Bidders must pay the quality test charges to the Shroff of Prisons Headquarters as stated in the bid document and must handover the payment receipt along with the properly sealed required number of samples at the time of the bid submission.

07. Bid Documents and other related documents and samples must be sent under registered cover to reach the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Prisons Headquarters, No.150, Baseline Road, Colombo 09 at or before **14.30 Hrs on 02.06.2021** or be deposited in the Bid Box provided at the Supplies and Services Branch. On the top left-hand corner of envelopes containing tenders should be marked **"Supply of Polyester Viscose Khaki Uniform Material, Banian, Ladies Vests & Khaki Socks - 2021."**

08. Bids will be closed at **14.30 Hrs on 02.06.2021** and will be opened immediately after the closing at the auditorium of the Prisons Headquarters. Bidders or their authorized agents will be permitted to be present on the time of bid opening (valid authorized letter should be provided with NIC number). Bids received after the opening, incomplete, unclear and without samples will be rejected.

09. Further information please contact the Supply Branch in Prisons Headquarters. Tel :- 0114677148/ 011-4677178/ 0114677516

**Commissioner General of Prisons,
Chairman,
Prison Department Procurement Committee,
Prisons Headquarters, No. 150, Baseline Road,
Colombo 09.**

10.05.2021

PEOPLE'S BANK AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned at the undermentioned branches and service centres of the People's Bank in Matara Region, pawned up to 31.03.2020 and remain unredeemed as at date given in the schedule below will be sold by public Auction commencing from 9.00 a.m. on the dates and places given below.

Branch/Service Centre	Articles unredeemed up to	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Weligama Branch			
Mirissa Service Centre			
Devinuwara Branch			
Gandara Branch			
Kekanadura Service Centre	21.05.2021	22.05.2021	Devinuwara Branch
Kottagoda Service Centre			
Walasgala Branch			
Dickwella Branch			
Morawaka Branch			
Opatha Service Centre			
Pitabeddara Service Centre			
Akuressa Branch			
Thelijawila Service Centre	21.05.2021	23.05.2021	Morawaka Branch
Urubokka Branch			
Mawarala Service Centre			
Deniyaya Branch			
Pallegama Service Centre			
Matara Dharmapala Mawatha Branch			
Walgama Service Centre			
Matara Uyanwatta Branch			
Kotuwegoda Service Centre			
Yatiyana Service Centre			
Ruhunu University Unit	28.05.2021	29.05.2021	Matara Uyanwatta
Kamburupitiya Branch			
Makandura Service Centre			
Hakmana Branch			
Deiyandara Service Centre			
Kirinda Phulwella Service Centre			
Unsold Articles of Auction	-	30.05.2021	Regional Head Office, Matara

Please bring the National Identity Card.

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

**Regional Manager,
Regional Head Office,
No. 215, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha,
Matara.**

Regional Manager - Matara



INVITATION FOR BIDS (NCB)

TENDER NO: NSB/PT/ITE/2021/08

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING & MAINTENANCE OF 3 Nos. SERVERS FOR PRIVILEGED ACCESS MANAGEMENT (PAM) SOLUTION TO THE NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Principal Manufacturers/Suppliers or their Accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of Servers.

Description of the procurement	3 Nos. SERVERS FOR PRIVILEGED ACCESS MANAGEMENT (PAM) SOLUTION
Method of Procurement	National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
Applicable Non-refundable Tender Fee	Rs. 3,000.00
Value of Bid Bond to be submitted	Rs. 85,000.00
Last Date & Time of Issuing Bid Documents	01.06.2021 at 3.00 p.m.
Date & Time of Closing of Tender	02.06.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

- It is mandatory for any person who acts as an agent or sub agent, representative or nominee for and/or on behalf of any tenderer to register himself before applying for tender, and the contract after the tender is awarded.
- Bid Documents could be obtained from the Supplies Manager, Supplies Division, National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tender forms will be issued from 10.05.2021 between 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days till 01.06.2021 on submission of a written request.
- Perfected bidding documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond acceptable to National Savings Bank for the value relevant to the tender as indicated above and issued by a commercial bank and valid for a minimum period of 105 calendar days from the date of opening of the Tender.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 10.00 a.m. on the date and the bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.
- National Savings Bank reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adducing any reasons.

Further details could be obtained from the Senior Manager - Supplies

**Chairman - Corporate Procurement Committee - Minor,
National Savings Bank,
No. 255, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by M/S. Lanka Spice (Private) Limited-PV6508 situated at Nalanda Industrial Zone, Madawala, Ulupe, Share Certificate No. 08, Distinctive No. from 584,721 to 1,184,720 in the name of Mr. Nalin Gamini Pathikirikorale has been reported lost/misplaced and an application has been made by him to the company for issue of duplicate share certificate for the same.

The company hereby invites claims or objections (in writing) for issuance of duplicate share certificate within the period of 14 (fourteen) days from the publication of this notice. If no claims/objections are received during this period the company shall be free to issue duplicate share certificate.

For & on behalf of
G R S Management & Secretarial Services (Pvt) Ltd

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REVOCAION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **SAPPANI SOMASEKARAN (HOLDER OF NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD NO. 572573389X) OF NO. 77, Palliyawatta Road, Hendala, Wattala** do hereby inform the General Public that the **Special Power of Attorney No. 170 dated 20th June 2019 attested by M I F Jiffriya Notary Public of Colombo** together with all other Powers of Attorney if any have been given to **SUJITH LASAN SENEVIRATNE (HOLDER OF NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD NO. 942140878V) OF NO. 363/14, PANNIPITIYA ROAD, THALAWATHUGODA** is revoked cancelled and annulled with effect from 06.05.2021.

I shall not be responsible for any action committed under the said Power of Attorney hereafter.

SAPPANI SOMASEKARAN

REVISIONS TO INVITATION FOR BIDS

Revision - Tender for refurbishment & repairs to Washrooms of the OPA

The advertisement appeared in the Daily News dated 22nd April 2021 calling for tenders for the refurbishment and repairs to washrooms at the OPA had been rescheduled as given below :

The revised details are as follows:

- Documents could be collected up to 4.00 p.m. on 20.05.2021 upon a payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/- by cash.
- The pre bid meeting will be held at 4.00 p.m. on 25.05.2021.
- The bids will be closed at 4.00 p.m. on 31.05.2021. Bids will be opened soon after closing. All other conditions will remain unchanged.

General Secretary
THE ORGANISATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF SRI LANKA
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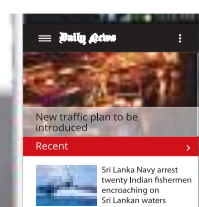


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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Southern Provincial Ministry of Education, Lands and Land Development, Highways and Information

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education from qualified bidders from 10.05.2021 up to 10.00 a.m. on 02.06.2021 for the following work proposals implemented under the Province Specific Development Grants Programme.

Ser. No.	Project No.	School	Work Description	Required CIDA Registration	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security Value (Rs.)
01	G/C/21/02	G/Magedera P.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Two Storey Building (Stage - 2)	C6 and C5	3500.00	105,000.00
02	G/C/21/03	G/Ampegama K.V.	Construction of Three Storey Building (Final Stage)	C7 and C6	1500.00	70,000.00
03	G/C/21/04	Elpitiya Zonal Education Office	Construction of 90'x25' Three Storey Building (Balance Work)	C7 and C6	2000.00	80,000.00
04	G/C/21/05	G/Amugoda Sudharaka P.V.	Construction of Three Storey Building (Stage 2)	C6 and C5	3800.00	140,000.00
05	G/C/21/06	G/Kobeiduwa P.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Three Storey Building (Stage 2)	C6 and C5	3800.00	130,000.00
06	G/C/21/07	G/All Saints Vidyalaya	Repairing the 60'x70' Old Building	C7 and C6	2500.00	85,000.00
07	M/C/21/05	Ma/Seevali Model School	Construction of 90'x25' Three Storey Building (Stage 2)	C7 and C6	2000.00	80,000.00
08	M/C/21/06	Ma/Ovitigamuwa P.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Three Storey Building (Stage 2)	C6 and C5	3800.00	124,000.00
09	M/C/21/07	Ma/Panatiyana Saddhatissa K.V.	Construction of 60'x30' Single Storey Building (Stage 2)	C8 and C7	1000.00	42,000.00
10	M/C/21/08	Ma/Porambaka V.	Construction of 90'x25' Three Storey Building (Stage II)	C7 and C6	2500.00	85,000.00
11	M/C/21/09	Ma/Mederipitiya K.V.	Completion of Two Storey Building	C8 and C7	1000.00	26,000.00
12	M/C/21/10	Matara Zonal Education Office	Construction of 90'x25' Three Storey Building (Stage IV)	C7 and C6	2500.00	100,000.00
13	M/C/21/11	Ma/Maliduwa K.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Three Storey Building (Completion)	C6 and C5	4000.00	161,000.00
14	H/C/21/04	Ha/Ranna Wadiyagoda K.V.	Construction of 58'x20' Two Storey Building	C7 and C6	2000.00	80,000.00
15	H/C/21/05	Ha/Kivula K.V.	Construction of 90'x25' Two Storey Building (Stage II)	C7 and C6	2500.00	90,000.00

- Contractors who are registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in the specific grades for the above works may submit bids.
- Further details regarding this, may be obtained from the Secretary, Southern Provincial Ministry of Education, Ground Floor, Dhakshinapaya, Labuduwa or by calling on Tel. No. 091-2242776. Bid documents may be inspected during office hours at the Accounts Division of this ministry.
- Bid documents may be obtained by submitting the receipt obtained from the Shroff of this office upon payment of the abovementioned non refundable fee or the receipt obtained from the bank upon crediting that amount in official account of this ministry bearing Account No. 0001587423 maintained at the Galle Fort Branch of the Bank of Ceylon to the Chief Accountant. Bid documents will be issued from 10.05.2021 up to 3.00 p.m. on 01.06.2021.
- Bids should be accompanied by a bid security as per the form given with the bid documents obtained from any reputed commercial bank registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to the specific amount. Bid security should be valid from 02.06.2021 until 31.08.2021. Bid security amount may also be made as a refundable cash deposit and if so, the amount mentioned against the item for which bid is submitted should be paid in cash to the Shroff of this office before 3.00 p.m. on 01.06.2021 and the receipt obtained should be submitted with the bid. Bids should be valid until 03.08.2021.
- Bids will be received up to 10.00 a.m. on 02.06.2021 and the bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day. Bids may either be sent by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Official Room of the Chief Accountant to receive before 10.00 a.m. on that date. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. Late bids will be rejected.
- Name of the work and the relevant No. should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. Bids should be submitted in duplicate as Original and Duplicate in separate sealed covers mentioning "Original" or "Duplicate" clearly. Those two envelopes should be reinserted in a single cover, sealed and submitted.
- Pre bid meeting for all works will be held at 10.30 a.m. on 24.05.2021 at the Auditorium of the Southern Provincial Ministry of Education, First Floor, Dhakshinapaya, Labuduwa, Galle.
- As inspection of the worksite is very important, you should make arrangements to inspect the worksite before submission of bids.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure. As the value of the works performed under this procurement is less than Rs. 50 million, regional preference and CIDA preference will be taken into consideration when evaluating the bids as per Public Finance Circular No. 4/2016 (iii).

Ranjith Yapa
Chairman, Procurement Committee
Southern Provincial Ministry of Education
First Floor, Dhakshinapaya, Labuduwa,
Galle

10.05.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - BATTICALOA

- The Chairman, Batticaloa Municipal Council Procurement Committee on behalf of the Municipal Council, Batticaloa invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following works as described in the table below.
- Bidding will be Conducted through **National Competitive Bidding Procedure**.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the field and grade mentioned in the table below with the **Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)**
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the Schedule (Section -5) of bidding document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Commissioner of the Municipal Council, Batticaloa. (Tel No: 065-222275, /Fax No: 065.2224783) (Email:- battimc@gmail.com)** and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Commissioner, Municipal Council, Batticaloa from **10.05.2021 until 31.05.2021 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** upon payment as mentioned in the table below. Method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids should be delivered in duplicate to the **Chairman, Procurement Committee, Municipal Council, Batticaloa. at or before 15.00 hrs on 01.06.2021**. Late Bids will be rejected & Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid for 77 days (seventy seven) up to **17.08.2021** after the deadline for bid submission.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the Table.
- Pre bid meeting will be held on **20.05.2021 at 10.00 hrs.** at the Municipal Council, Batticaloa. Interested Bidders may participate in this meeting on their own expense.

Contract No.	Description of works	Estimated Cost (Mn)	Contract Period	Field	Required Grade	Non refundable bid fee (Rs.)	Required Bid Security	
							Bid Security Amount	Validity Period
BMC/ENG/MCF/2021/03	Construction of Crematorium at Kalliyankadu - Batticaloa.	21.55 Mn	6 Months	Building Construction	C6 or C5	3,000.00	215,000.00	14.09.2021

M. Thayaparan
Municipal Commissioner,
Municipal Council,
Batticaloa.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION

IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

National Competitive Bidding

"Construction of Proposed Pump House at Pethiyagoda"

Contract No: ID/HO/CT/Pethiyagoda PH/NCB/2021/03

- The Chairman, Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (CAPC) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction of Proposed Pump House at Pethiyagoda as described below. The proposed project is situated near Kelani Riverbank at Pethiyagoda, Kelaniya. The work includes a construction of pumping station comprising of a pump house building and supplying and installing large sized gate mounted pumps in order to pump out storm water collected in land side around Pethiyagoda area to the Kelani River during floods. The construction period is 18 months.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Method.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have both valid registration Grade C2 & EMI or above in Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- Qualification requirements to be qualified for contract award include: The contractor shall prove the access for procuring gate mounted pumps and his capacity to install and commission those properly in position. In addition, the contractor shall prove his capability to train client's staff for operation and maintenance of the gate mounted pumps properly. In this case the contractor shall prove his previous experience in construction and commissioning of similar type pump house (pump house with gate mounted pumps). Alternatively, the contractor shall prove his agreement for getting necessary competence and support from a reputed pump manufacturer for the particular contract. In addition, the bidder shall have all the technical, financial, legal and other requirements stipulated in this document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Eng. G. Saravanabavan, Director of Irrigation (Contracts and Procurement), Contract and Procurement Branch, 2nd Floor, Irrigation Department, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7 and inspect the bidding documents at the same address given above during 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM from 11-05-2021 to 31-05-2021 (on working Days) by prior notification. (Contact Nos: 011-2582897/011-2583305)
- Due to Covid - 19 pandemic situation, Bidding Document can be purchased after paying a non refundable fee of Rs. 60,000.00 to following bank account and submission of bank slip with written request made on a company letterhead (Original) via email (dictptirrigation2015@gmail.com) / Fax (011-2583305) to Director of Irrigation (Contract & Procurement), Irrigation Department, No: 230, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 from 11.05.2021 to 31.05.2021 on working days from 09.00 am to 3.00 p.m.

Bank Details	Bank Slip & Request Letter to be sent		Issuing Bidding Document		
	Email Address	Fax No.	Time	Location	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)
Bank Name : BOC - Taprobane Branch	dictptirrigation2015@gmail.com	011-2583305	The day after the day of requesting bidding document 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon with original request letter.	Room No: 214, Contract Branch, 2nd Floor, Irrigation Department, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7.	Rs. 60,000/=
Account No and Name: 7042385					
Director General of Irrigation (Online transfer will not be accepted)				Please contact over the Phone to take over the Bidding Document. 011-2582897 011-2583305	

- The bidder shall seal the original & copy of the bid in two separate envelopes and one outer envelope which is to be clearly marked contract number and name of the work on top of the left corner and duly marking inner envelopes as " original and copy". Completed bids shall either be deposited in the Tender Box kept for this purpose in the Room of Additional Secretary (Technical & Procurement), 8th Floor, Ministry of Irrigation, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 or sent under registered post to the Chairman, Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee of the above address to reach him at or before 2.30 p.m. on 02-06-2021. Bids shall be closed at 2.30 p.m. on 02-06-2021 and opened immediately. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who wish to attend.
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 147 days from the date of bid opening and must be accompanied by a Bid security (Valid till 28 days beyond Bid validity period) of Rs. 6,000,000.00 in favour of Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation.
- Pre bid meeting will be held in-person on 18-05-2021 at Auditorium, Irrigation Department, No:230, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo - 07 and via zoom meeting for bidders or their representatives at 10.00 a.m.
- The employer will not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by bidder in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

Director General of Irrigation
On behalf of the Chairman of Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (CAPC)

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INVITATION FOR BIDS



SRI LANKA POLICE

PROCUREMENT OF GOODS & SERVICES

01. The Chairman Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Police now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the under mentioned Procurements

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS

Con No.	Item	Qty.	Tender Number	Last date of Issuing Bidding Documents & Bid Closing Date	Document Charges		Requirement with Public Contract Act (Yes / No)
					Registered Suppliers (Rs.)	Unregistered Suppliers (Rs.)	
Police Hospital Item							
01.	Raw Food for Police Hospital Narahenpita	As Per List	LA/S1/PMS/17/2021	31.05.2021	3500.00	4000.00	Yes
02.	Surgical Item for Dental Unit	As Per List	LA/S1/PMS/18/2021	31.05.2021	750.00	1000.00	No
03.	Medical Equipment for Microbiology Lab - (Narahenpita Police Hospital)	As Per List	LA/S1/PMS/19/2021	31.05.2021	1000.00	1500.00	No
Spare Parts & Accessories for Vehicle							
04.	Brake Pad Curing Oven	01 No	LA/S1/TPT/36/2021	31.05.2021	1000.00	1500.00	No
05.	Waste Oil Drainer	11 Nos	LA/S1/TPT/37/2021	01.06.2021	750.00	1000.00	No
06.	Injector Cleaning Machine	10 Nos	LA/S1/TPT/38/2021	01.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	No
07.	Automotive Parts Washing Machine	13 Nos	LA/S1/TPT/39/2021	01.06.2021	750.00	1000.00	No
08.	Tyres for Motor Car	As Per List	LA/S1/TPT/40/2021	01.06.2021	3500.00	4000.00	Yes
09.	Injector Pump Testing Machine (Heavy)	01 No	LA/S1/TPT/41/2021	02.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	Yes
10.	N2 Gas Inflator Machine	12 Nos	LA/S1/TPT/42/2021	02.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	Yes
11.	AC Gas Recovery Machine	05 Nos	LA/S1/TPT/43/2021	02.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	Yes
Communication Equipment, Generators & Generators Spare Parts							
12.	Hybrid Repeater (Analog/Digital VHF Drop Link Type Repeater & Analog/Digital VHF Drop Link Type Repeater Base)	06 Nos	LA/S1/COM/15/2021	02.06.2021	3500.00	4000.00	Yes
13.	Signal Generator	01 No	LA/S1/COM/16/2021	03.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	Yes
14.	VHF Analog /Digital Radio Transceivers for Mobile Applications (50 Channel minimum)	150 Nos	LA/S1/COM/17/2021	03.06.2021	3500.00	4000.00	Yes
15.	150 KVA Sound Proof Diesel Generator With Related Electrical Item	As Per List	LA/S1/COM/18/2021	03.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	Yes
16.	HYT TC 700/780 Battery	500 Nos	LA/S1/COM/19/2021	03.06.2021	750.00	1000.00	No
17.	HYT TC 3600 Battery	500 Nos	LA/S1/COM/20/2021	04.06.2021	750.00	1000.00	No
18.	Equipment for Generator Unit	As Per List	LA/S1/COM/21/2021	04.06.2021	750.00	1000.00	No
19.	Spares for Use Radio Installations & Breakdowns	As Per List	LA/S1/COM/22/2021	04.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	No
Other Items							
20.	Electronic Flash Gun	50 Nos	LA/S1/CRD/08/2021	04.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	No
21.	Equipment for Police Identity Card Printing	As Per List	LA/S1/CRD/09/2021	07.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	No
22.	Photographic Material	As Per List	LA/S1/CRD/10/2021	07.06.2021	3500.00	4000.00	Yes
23.	Interpretation System	As Per List	LA/S1/213/2021	07.06.2021	3500.00	4000.00	Yes
24.	UPS (24 KVA) for SAN Server	02 Nos	LA/S1/214/2021	08.06.2021	1000.00	1500.00	No
25.	Tablet Computer	1000 Nos	LA/SP/SUP/10/2021	08.06.2021	3500.00	4000.00	Yes
26.	Forage, Vitamin & Medicine for Horses	As Per List	LA/S1/215/2021	21.07.2021	3500.00	4000.00	Yes
Uniform Items & Stores Items							
27.	*Office Bag for Inspectorate	11500 Nos	LA/S1/216/2021	21.07.2021	12,500.00	13,500.00	Yes
28.	*Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Miniature)	5000 Nos	LA/S1/217/2021	21.07.2021	1000.00	1500.00	Yes
29.	Mosquito Nets (Single)	8000 Nos	LA/S1/218/2021	08.06.2021	3500.00	4000.00	Yes

02. National Competitive Bidding Procedure will be applied.
03. Interested Eligible Bidders are advised to purchase Standard Bidding Documents from "Director Supplies" by payment of nonrefundable amount which mentioned with publication for the items from 09.00 am to 03.00 pm on weekdays except public holidays.
04. Completed Bids accompany with the Bid Security shall be put in to the Tender Box at the Supplies Division, Police Headquarters, Colombo 01, on or before 02.00 p.m. on above mentioned dates. Delayed bids will not be accepted. Bidders or their representatives will be allowed to presence for the Bid Opening event.
05. Samples should be handed over to the Chief Clerk of the Supplies Division, Police Headquarters, Colombo 01 on or before 01.00 p.m. as per the date of Bid Opening. Delayed samples will not be accepted.
06. The model name should not be mentioned in the sample it will result in your bid being rejected.
07. Suppliers should be only online registered (eroc.drc.gov.lk & by the Government Public Contract Act, No 03 of 1987 which is mentioned as above in last column and Bids which applicable for over five million Rupees.
08. Only one bid Document will be Issued to each bidder.
09. Bid Submission Should be in Sri Lanka Rupees Only.
10. Pre - Bid meetings mentioned in the Table below will be held with regard the relevant Procurements.

No.	Items	Please	Date & Times
i.	* 11500 Nos Office Bag for Inspectorate	Police Headquarters - Ground floor Conference Hall	2021.05.18 10.00 am
ii.	* 5000 Nos Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Miniature)	Police Headquarters - Ground floor Conference Hall	2021.05.18 11.00 am

11. Interested eligible bidders may be obtained further information from following addresses and telephone numbers.

Director,
Supplies Division,
2nd Floor, Police Headquarters,
Colombo - 01.

Tender Section - 011-2013116/ 3117
ASP/Supplies - 011-2324915
Sample Unit - 011-2013711/0112013124
Fax Number - 011-2320729
e-mail - dir.supplies@police.lk

Inspector General of Police
10.05.2021

AMENDMENT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

DESIGN, SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF MICROWAVE RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS FOR STRATEGIC DEFENCE COMMUNICATION NETWORK (SDCN) PROJECT

IFB No: MOD/SDCN/01/2021

1. This refers to the Invitation for Bids published in Sunday Observer on 14 March 2021 in respect of the above contract.
2. Following amendments are made to the above referred Invitation for Bids.
 - The Bid opening/closing time has been extended up to 1100 hrs on 25.05.2021.
 - Bids shall be valid up to 21 September 2021.
 - Bid Security shall be valid up to 18 October 2021.
3. All other terms and conditions of the previous Invitation for Bids remain unchanged.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Project Director, Project Management Unit, Strategic Defence Communication Networks Project, Headquarters, Centre for Defence Research and Development Mahenawaththa, Moragahena Road, Pitipana, Homagama (Tel: (+94)112421357/ Fax:(+94)112437923/ e-mail: dg@crd.lk from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm on working days until 24.05.2021.

The Chairman,
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Defence,
Defence Headquarters Complex,
Akuregoda Road,
Pelawatta, Battaramulla,
Sri Lanka.

Tel : 0094-11-2390719
Fax : 0094-11-2390720
Email : procurement@defence.lk

PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 28.02.2020 at the undermentioned Branches/Savings and Service Centres of the People's Bank which remain unredeemed as at dates indicated against them will be sold by Public Auction on the dates given below.

Auction will be commenced at 9.00 a.m. on relevant dates.

Name of Bank/Savings & Service Centre	Unredeemed As at	Auction Date and the Place
Puttalam Branch Savings & Service Centre Madurankuliya	21.05.2021	22.05.2021 & 23.05.2021 Puttalam Branch Premises
Kalpitiya Branch Savings & Service Centre Norochcholle		
Anamadawa Branch Savings & Service Centre Andigama		
Chilaw Branch Savings & Service Centres Chilaw Fisheries Arachchikattuwa Udappuwa	21.05.2021	22.05.2021 & 23.05.2021 Chilaw Branch Premises
Madampe Branch		
Mahawewa Branch Savings & Service Centre Thoduwawa		
Marawila Branch	21.05.2021	22.05.2021 & 23.05.2021 Nattandiya Branch Premises
Wennappuwa Branch Savings & Service Centres Bolawatta Lunuwila Ulhitiyawa		
Nattandiya Branch Savings & Service Centres Kottaramulla Welipennaghamulla Narawila		
Dankotuwa Branch		

Participants at the Auction should bring their personal identity cards and the Bank reserves the right to cancel, hold it jointly with another Branch or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

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Teaching Hospital – Ratnapura

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee of Teaching Hospital – Ratnapura invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following procurements.

Bid No.	Item / Description	Qty	Non-refundable fee per document (Rs.)
Laboratory Equipment			
THR / E15 / 06 / 2021	Purchasing 01 No. of Refrigerated Centrifuge	01	2,000.00
Orthopaedic Implant			
THR / E15 / 11 / 2021	Purchasing Left Knee Tumor Prosthesis	01	2,000.00

Tender documents could be obtained with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/= (per document) at the undermentioned address. Tender documents are issued till 29th May 2021 on working days (Monday to Friday except public holidays) from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

You may submit any number of bids, but each quotation should have a separate tender application.

Sealed tenders should be sent by Registered post to the undermentioned address or deposited in to the tender box which will be kept at the Director's Office.

The tender will be closed on 31st of May 2021 by 10.30 a.m. and any tender received after closing time will be cancelled. At the time the tenders are to be opened, the bidder or any other authorized person will be allowed to participate. (Mobile phones are strictly forbidden while tender opening)

You are hereby instructed to indicate on the top left-hand corner of the envelope as mentioned below.

"Tender for (Tender Name) – (Bid No.)"

Eg : "Tender for 01 No. of Refrigerated Centrifuge – THR / E15 / 06 / 2021"

The Divisional Procurement Committee reserves the right to reject or accept any portion of tenders without assigning any reasons. Please contact The Accountant (045 2222261) prior to collect bid documents to prevent unnecessary delays.

**Chairman,
Divisional Procurement Committee,
Teaching Hospital,
Ratnapura.**



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED SUPPLY OF 01 NO. 15" MOORING HAWSER WITH THIMBLES

TENDER REF NO: KPR/17/2021

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL), Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka hereby invites sealed bids from Manufacturers or their Accredited Export Agents abroad or Accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for the Supply of 01 No. 15" Mooring Hawser with Thimbles.

Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Bidding procedure.

Interested parties may refer the bidding document (only for viewing purpose) and obtain necessary information through the websites www.cpstl.lk or www.dgmarket.com and the original bidding documents in English language (full set) could be obtained on submission of a written request (the request letter shall be on the company letter head and signed by an authorized person) via an email to procure@cpstl.lk during working days between 0900 hrs. and 1400 hrs. Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5:30) up to Monday, 21st June 2021. Considering bidder's request, Manager Procurement, CPSTL may issue the consent via email for depositing the non-refundable bidding document fee of Sri Lankan Rupees One thousand five hundred (LKR 1,500.00), if appropriate. Bidders are requested to inspect the bidding document, which is available on the above-mentioned websites, prior to purchase and once it is purchased, bidding document fee is not refundable for any reason whatsoever.

On receipt of non-refundable bidding document fee to CPSTL account, bidding documents (full set) will be issued by Procurement Function via email.

Bids shall be submitted on the bidding document issued by the Procurement Function-CPSTL and the original of the duly filled bids may be sent by post/courier under registered cover or sealed cover to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Manager Procurement, Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Procurement Function, 01st Floor, New Building, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka or could be deposited in the tender box kept at the main entrance of CPSTL, at or before 1400 hrs. Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5:30) on Tuesday, 22nd June 2021. Late bids will be rejected.

In case, the bidders are unable to submit the original bids as above, they could submit the scanned copy of the duly filled bids in PDF format via email to tenders@cpstl.lk to reach at or before 1400 hrs. Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5:30) on Tuesday, 22nd June 2021, at their own discretion. However, the original bids shall be securely kept to be submitted to the Manager Procurement-CPSTL, when requested.

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs. Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5:30) on Tuesday, 22nd June 2021 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the office of Manager (Procurement). Due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation in the country, the authorized representatives of the bidders may allow to participate/witness the tender opening procedure via video conferencing method.

Bids shall be valid up to 24th August 2021, from the date of opening of the bid.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of Sri Lankan Rupees Thirty-five thousand (LKR 35,000.00) or United States Dollars One hundred seventy-five (USD 175.00), which shall be valid until 21st September 2021, from the date of opening of the bid.

Bidders shall register themselves at the Department of Registrar of Companies www.drc.gov.lk (e-ROC) in accordance with the Public Contracts Act, No 3 of 1987, only if the total contract value exceeds Sri Lankan Rupees Five million (LKR 5,000,000.00).

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Manager Procurement on Tel: +94-11-2572156/ +94-11-5750764, Fax: +94-11-2572155, Email: procure@cpstl.lk.

**The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
C/o Manager Procurement
Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited
Procurement Function
01st Floor, New Building
Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya
Sri Lanka.**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

North Western Provincial Department of Health Services

Supply and Installation of Medical Equipment under the Province Specific Development Grants and Rural Hospitals Development Project - Year 2021

Sealed bids are invited from 9.00 a.m. on 10th May 2021 up to 10.00 a.m. on 04th June 2021 for the supply and installation and maintenance of the under-mentioned medical equipment.

02. Bid documents may be obtained upon payment of a non refundable fee mentioned below between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on government working days from 10th May 2021 until 03rd June 2021 to the cashier of the Office of the North Western Provincial Director of Health Services, Negombo Road, Kurunegala and the bid documents may be inspected free of charge during the government working days and times mentioned above.

File No.	Description of Medical Equipment	Qty.	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non refundable Bid Document Fee (Rs)
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/1	Suction Apparatus	15	37,500.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/2	Endo venous Laser Ablation System	3	165,000.00	3,500.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/3	OT Table	3	120,000.00	3,500.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/4	Rigid Cystoscopy Unit	1	15,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/5	OT Lamp	1	25,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/6	High pressure sterilizer	2	405,000.00	3,500.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/7	High End Laparoscopic System	2	500,000.00	3,500.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/8	High End ultrasound scan Machine	1	40,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/9	X- Ray Illuminators	6	720.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/10	Flat Panel Detector	2	60,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/11	High flow oxygen machine (Pediatric)	2	24,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/12	High flow oxygen machine (Adult)	10	120,000.00	3,500.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/13	Infant warmer	3	25,200.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/14	Incubator	2	100,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/15	Transport Incubator	1	50,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/16	Phototherapy Unit (Single)	1	2,500.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/17	Neonatal Transport Ventilator	1	45,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/18	Neonatal Ventilator	1	55,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/19	BP Apparatus (Android)	200	40,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/20	BP Apparatus (Digital)	80	16,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/21	Nebulizer (Heavy Duty)	80	32,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/22	ECG Recorder (Single channel)	50	87,500.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/23	Mini Autoclave	10	35,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/24	5Part Hematology Analyzer	4	100,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/25	Fluid warmer	3	9,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/26	Incubator	2	30,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/27	Centrifuge	8	32,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/28	Microbiological Autoclave	2	16,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/29	Fully Automated Bio Chemistry Analyzer	12	600,000.00	3,500.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/30	Hysteroscope	1	30,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/31	Delivery Bed	4	20,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/32	Fetal Doppler	3	3,600.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/33	Dressing Trolley	20	4,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/34	Drug Trolley	20	4,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/35	Injection Trolley	20	4,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/36	Patient Trolley	20	6,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/37	Instrument Trolley	2	240.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/38	Spinal Board	2	1,600.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/39	Adjustable stools	2	220.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/40	Emergency Trolley	3	600.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/41	Medicine Trolley	4	800.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/42	Dental Unit	7	45,500.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/43	Ultra Sonic Scalar Machine	16	6,400.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/44	Dialysis Machine	6	210,000.00	3,500.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/45	RO Plant	1	60,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/46	CRRT machine	1	40,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/47	Infusion pumps	9	18,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/48	Defibrillator	15	60,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/49	Pulse Oxymeter	50	60,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/50	Syringe pump	15	22,500.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/51	ICU Ventilator	2	90,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/52	Transport Ventilator	3	105,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/53	Video Laryngoscope	2	20,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/54	Multi Para Monitor	60	240,000.00	3,500.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/55	ENT Operating Laryngoscope	1	80,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/56	ENT Work Station	1	50,000.00	1,000.00
NWP/PDHS/FN08/ME/01/2021/57	Infant Weighing Scales	5	500.00	1,000.00

03. Sealed bids mentioning "Supply of Medical Equipment 2021 and the File No." on the left hand top corner of the envelope may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chief Accountant, Office of the North Western Provincial Director of Health Services, Negombo Road, Puwakgasa Handiya, Kurunegala" or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Room of the Chief Accountant at the above said address or hand delivered to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 04th June 2021.

06. Bids will be opened at 10.15 a.m. on 04th June 2021 at the Office of the North Western Provincial Director of Health Services and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

07. For further details and clarifications regarding this bid invitation, please contact the Chief Accountant of the Office of the North Western Provincial Director of Health Services on Tel. Nos. 037-2223231, 037-2223479, 037-7393390.

**Chairman
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Provincial Department of Health Services
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GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date:	10.05.2021
Loan/Grant No. and Title	Loan 3727/G0618-SRI: Health System Enhancement Project
Contract No. and Title	HSEP/PIU/NCP/W16/01/2020 Procurement of Works - Round 2 - Stage-1 (4 PMCU & 1 DHC) Anuradhapura District
Lots	(W16) LOT A. Ethakada PMCU 1 (W16) LOT B. Katiyawa PMCU 2 (W16) LOT C. Labunoruwa PMCU 3 (W16) LOT D. Andiyagala DHC 1 (W16) LOT E. Mahasenpura PMCU 4
Deadline for Submission of Bids	09.06.2021

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Health System Enhancement Project. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contracts named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
- Project Director, Health System Enhancement Project, No.3/19, Kynsey Road, Colombo 08**, under the Office of the Secretary, Ministry of Health ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the construction and completion of the Works which includes rehabilitation and renovation of the existing buildings and facilities and also some new construction of four Primary Medical Healthcare Units (PMCU) as described below.

Names of the Health Centers	Renovation / OPD - Area (Sq. ft)	New construction / OPD Area (Sq. ft)	Total Area (Sq. ft)
(W16) LOT A. Ethakada PMCU 1	1670	4810	6480
(W16) LOT B. Katiyawa PMCU 2	1720	2150	3870
(W16) LOT C. Labunoruwa PMCU 3	-	4809	4809
(W16) LOT D. Andiyagala DHC 1	1870	2460	4330
(W16) LOT E. Mahasenpura PMCU 4	5225	1870	7095

- Open competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: One-Envelope procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
- Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:

A. Financial

- Historical Financial Performance** - Submission of audited financial statements for the last three years (2017/2018, 2018/2019, and 2019/2020) to demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidder's financial position.
- Average Annual Construction Turnover** - The Bidder (including Joint Venture and Partnership) must have minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover (see table below) calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last 3 years (requirements stated below is applicable for each Lot separately);

Names of the Health Centers-Lots	LKR (Mn)
(W16) LOT A. Ethakada PMCU 1	62.67
(W16) LOT B. Katiyawa PMCU 2	47.65
(W16) LOT C. Labunoruwa PMCU 3	59.77
(W16) LOT D. Andiyagala DHC 1	37.15
(W16) LOT E. Mahasenpura PMCU 4	44.53

- Financial Resources** - The Bidder (including Joint Venture and Partnership, if applicable) must demonstrate that its financial resources, less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments, meet or exceed the total requirement for the subject Contracts (Lots) stated below (requirements stated below is applicable for each Lot separately).

Names of the Health Centers	(Lot Nos.)	LKR Mn.
(W16) LOT A. Ethakada PMCU 1	PMCU 1	10.15
(W16) LOT B. Katiyawa PMCU 2	PMCU 2	7.72
(W16) LOT C. Labunoruwa PMCU 3	PMCU 3	9.68
(W16) LOT D. Andiyagala DHC 1	DHC 1	6.02
(W16) LOT E. Mahasenpura PMCU 4	PMCU 4	7.21

B. Experience

- Contracts of Similar Size and Nature** - The Bidder (including Joint Venture and Partnership, if applicable) must have participated as a contractor, Joint Venture partner, or Subcontractor, in at least one contract that have been successfully or substantially completed within the last 5 years and that are similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation under each contract exceeds for;

Names of the Health Centers	(Lot Nos.)	LKR Mn.
(W16) LOT A. Ethakada PMCU 1	PMCU 1	25.07
(W16) LOT B. Katiyawa PMCU 2	PMCU 2	19.06
(W16) LOT C. Labunoruwa PMCU 3	PMCU 3	23.91
(W16) LOT D. Andiyagala DHC 1	DHC 1	14.86
(W16) LOT E. Mahasenpura PMCU 4	PMCU 4	17.81

- If a Bidder submits several successful (lowest evaluated substantially responsive) bids, the bid evaluation will also include an assessment of the Bidder's capacity to meet the following aggregated requirements as presented in the bid:

- Average annual construction turnover,
- Financial resources,
- Equipment to be allocated, and
- Personnel to be fielded.

The qualification criteria are more fully described in the Bidding Document.

- To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents free of charge, the bidders should contact during office hours (08.30 Hrs. to 16.15 Hrs.) on working days:

Project Engineer,
Health System Enhancement Project Office,
Old MOH Building,
Provincial Health Services Department,
Bandaranayake Mawatha, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka.

Email: hsep.piu.ncp@gmail.com
Tel: 0777-457814 and Fax: 025-2227308

- To purchase the Bidding Documents in English, eligible bidders should;

- Write to address above requesting the bidding documents for W-16: Procurement of Works - Round 2 Stage -1 - (4 PMCU & 1 DHC) Anuradhapura District.
- Pay a non-refundable fee as stated in the table under item No. 08 (**Sri Lankan Rupees**) on or before 08.06.2021 15.00 Hrs.
- The method of payment will be in the form of a bank draft in favour of the "Deputy Project Director, Health System Enhancement Project- A/C 84149856" or in cash, from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working days or pay by direct deposit to the bank account number 84149856 at Bank of Ceylon

- A pre bid meeting will be held on 31.05.2021 at 10.30 Hrs. at the address given in Para 5 conducted by the Employer. All bidders are strongly advised to attend this pre-bid meeting.

- Deliver your bid; to the address;

Deputy Project Director,
Health System Enhancement Project Office,
Old MOH Building,
Provincial Health Services Department,
Bandaranayake Mawatha, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka.

on or before 09.06.2021 at 14.30 Hrs together with a Bid Security as specified in the bidding document. If the Bid Security is submitted in a form of a Bank Guarantee, it shall be issued using the format given in the Section 4 of Bidding forms by a commercial bank approved by Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favour of "The Project Director - Health System Enhancement Project".

Names of the Health Centers (Lot)	Bid Security LKR	Non-Refundable Fee / LKR
(W16) LOT A. Ethakada PMCU 1	627,000.00	5,000.00
(W16) LOT B. Katiyawa PMCU 2	476,000.00	5,000.00
(W16) LOT C. Labunoruwa PMCU 3	598,000.00	5,000.00
(W16) LOT D. Andiyagala DHC 1	371,000.00	5,000.00
(W16) LOT E. Mahasenpura PMCU 4	445,000.00	5,000.00

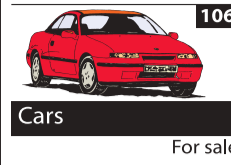
- Late Bids will be rejected and returned unopened. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

- The Bids shall be valid for 90 days from the date of bid opening. The Bid Security shall be valid for 118 days from the date of bid opening.

- The Health System Enhancement Project of the Ministry of Health or the Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services of North Central Provincial Council will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

Chairman/Project Director,
Project Procurement Committee,
Health System Enhancement Project,
No. 3/19, Kynsey Road,
Colombo 08, Sri Lanka.

Date: 10.05.2021



WPKR-7335 Tata
 Nano Car. For Highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 034600



64-2004 Nissan
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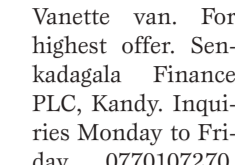
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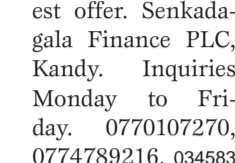
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 Vanette van. For highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 034550



NCNA-2087 Tata
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CP-BIU-9698 Honda
 APDDS-3. For Highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 034568

EPBIT-6925 Hero
 HF-Deluxe. For Highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 034568

EPBIZ-1593 Honda
 CB 160X APDS. For Highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 034572

NCBIW-3498 Hero
 HF Deluxe Motor Bike. For Highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 034575

WPAAU-7199 Bajaj
 Three Wheeler. For Highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 034587

WPBIW-6478 Yamaha
 FZ S V3 Bike. For Highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 034593



CPRC-4804 John
 Deerer Tractor. For Highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 034562

PEOPLE'S BANK
AUCTION SALE OF PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.03.2020 subject to renewal within 12 months at undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centres and not redeemed at the date given against will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. on days and the places stated below.

Branch	Service Centre	Articles Unredeemed upto	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Borella	Suduwella	21.05.2021	22.05.2021	Golden Jubilee
Golden Jubilee				
Narahenpita				
Suduwella				
Liberty Plaza				
Lucky Plaza				
Head Quarters	Havelock Town	22.05.2021	23.05.2021	Thimbrigasyaya
Maradana				
Bambalapatiya				
Majestic city				
Kirulapone				
Wellawatta				
Kol. Co-op House	Colombo University	22.05.2021	23.05.2021	Thimbrigasyaya
Thimbrigasyaya				
Hyde Park Corner				
Town Hall				
Union Place				
	Treasury Unit/ Inland Revenue Department			

Participants are requested to bring their NIC. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

People's Bank
Regional Head Office (Colombo South)
No. 11, Duke Street, Colombo 01
TP - 0112-327847 / 0112-327848

N.K. Wimalasiri
Regional Manager
Colombo South.



PEOPLE'S BANK
AUCTION SALE OF PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned upto 31.01.2020 subject to renewal within 12 months at undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centres and not redeemed at the date given against will be sold by Public Auction at 9.00 a.m. under dates and the places stated below:

Branch	Service Centre	Articles unredeemed upto	Date of Auction	Place of Auction
Central Road	Grandpass St. Joseph Street	21.05.2021	22.05.2021	Grandpass
Grandpass				
Kehelwatta				
Sea Street	Dematagoda S.C.	21.05.2021	22.05.2021	Dematagoda
Pettah				
Dematagoda				
Malwatta Road				
Duke Street				
Olcott Mawatha				
Sri Sangaraja Mw	Maligawatta	21.05.2021	23.05.2021	Kotahena
Kotahena				
Dam Street				
Mid City	Mihindu Mawatha	21.05.2021	23.05.2021	Mutwal
Mutwal				
First City	Harbour Premises			

Participants are requested to bring their NIC. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

People's Bank,
Regional Head Office (Colombo North)
No. 11, Duke Street, Colombo 01.
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S.L.M.A.S. Samarathunga
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- ANGODA** 011 3069404
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- ATHURUGIRIYA** 011 2760479, 011 4874968
267, Godagama Road,
- BATHTHARAMULLA** 011 2866705, 077 0736770
West Town, Bake House, Sweet House,
- BORALES GAMUWA** 071 6505533, 011 2519954
No. 17, Wewa Rd,
- HANWELLA** 011 4967962, 011 4967960
Sithumina Newspaper Agency, 144, High Level Rd, Pahalgama,
- HOKANDARA** 071 8685437
No. 501, North Hokandara,
- HOMAGAMA** 011 2892262, 077 7304046
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- KADUWELA** 011 2579609
Nayana Bake House
- KADUWELA** 011 2412291, 011 4443566
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- KALUBOWILA** 077 3551145, 011 2767259
No 195, Hospital Road,
- KESBEWA** 011 2703415
Seedevi Newspaper Office, 19, Horana Rd,
- KIRULAPONE** 071 5439396, 011 2514166
Ramani Book Shop, 27-A High Level Rd,
- KOTTAWA** 011 2842569, 071 2510950
Srisara Groceries, No. 101/2,
- MAHARAGAMA** 077 7686683, 011 2896373
Supermarket Complex, 88, High Level Rd,
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Nandana Stores, No. 635/3, Padukka Rd.,
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Wijesekara Stores,
- MORATUWA** 0112 657326, 0114 212989
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- PILLYANDALA** 011 2619967, 072 8069487
No. 05, Seeko Gardens, Gedabuwana,
- PITAKOTTE** 011 2823960, 077 0858585
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Ministry of Power
State Ministry of Solar Power, Wind & Hydro Power Generation, Projects Development

SRI LANKA ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD

Procurement Notice
Purchase of Greenhouse System

Sealed Bids are invited from National suppliers for,
01. Design, Fabrication, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Smart Greenhouse System

Complete information of the procurement is in SLAEB webpage www.aeb.gov.lk

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board
60/460, Baseline Road,
Orugodawatta, Wellampitiya.
Telephone: 0112 533 427 Fax: 0112 533 448

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COAST CONSERVATION, WASTE DISPOSAL AND COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS
SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SOLAR POWERED NET METERING SYSTEMS FOR PROPOSED LINEAR PARK FOR ATHURUGIRIYA

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following contracts.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Security	Non-refundable fee
S/156/21	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintaining of 03 Nos of Solar Powered Net Metering Systems for Proposed Linear Park for Athurugiriya.	02 nd June, 2021 13.30 hrs	Rs. 700,000.00	Rs. 15,000.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from 10th May, 2021 up to 01st June, 2021 (working days) upon payment of non-refundable fee as mentioned above. The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3rd Floor, New Building).
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1st Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before 02nd June, 2021 at 13:30 hrs. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted on 26th May 2021 at 10.00 a.m at SLDC Board Room.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (Drainage & Reclamation) of SLDC Tel: +94 11 2862058 Fax: +94 11 22862058

Chairman
Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation
No.03, Sri Jayewardanepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.
Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

District Secretariat - Anuradhapura
Hiring Vehicles, Motor Bicycles and Machineries for Construction of 11 Nos. of Electric Fences in Anuradhapura District

ANU/DST/2/15/1/B/21

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, District Secretariat, Anuradhapura invites sealed bids for the Hiring Vehicles, Motor Bicycles and Machineries for Construction of 11 Nos. Electrical Fences in Anuradhapura District.
Hiring period is one year based on extensions in 3 months intervals.
Hiring item details are as follows.

S/N	Description	Quantity
01	4WD Double Cab	01
02	Crew Cab	01
03	150CC Motor Bicycles	05
04	Tractor with Trailer	05
05	Tractor with Water Bowser	05
06	Tractor (only machine) with facilities of fixing earth Auger machine	05
07	Earth Auger (6 inches and with facilities to fixing tractor)	05
08	Dozer (220 HP - 250 HP)	05

Bidding documents can be obtained between 09.00 hrs. and 15.00 hrs on working days up to 24.05.2021 from the Accounts Branch, District Secretariat, Anuradhapura on submission of a written request and on payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 per set.

Bid will be closed at 11.00 hrs. on 25.05.2021 and opened at the Accounts Branch, District Secretariat, Anuradhapura, immediately after closing time of the Bid. Bidders or their authorized representatives may present at the opening of the bid.

The amount of the bid security is Rs. 30,000.00 and shall be addressed to District Secretary, Anuradhapura and validity period is given in the Bidding Document.

Bids may be sent by post under registered cover or deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Office of the Chief Accountant, District Secretariat, Anuradhapura. Bidding documents may be inspected up to 15.00 hrs. on 24.05.2021 at the Accounts Branch, District Secretariat, Anuradhapura.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from Chief Accountant over Tele / Fax. 025-2222706 or 071-8145148.

R.M. Wanninayaka,
Government Agent / District Secretary,
Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee
District Secretariat, Anuradhapura.
07.05.2021

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Employment Opportunities

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
COVID 19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Project

Applications are called for the following posts (Contract Basis - Full Time) as per the Provisions in Management Circular 1/2019

No.	Designation	No. of Positions	Application Closing Date	Date of Duty Assumption
01	Project Director	01	17 th May 2021	1 st June 2021
02	Deputy Project Director	01	21 st May 2021	1 st July 2021
03	Finance Manager	01	21 st May 2021	15 th June 2021
04	Senior Medical Coordinator	01	21 st May 2021	15 th June 2021
05	Procurement Specialist	01	21 st May 2021	1 st July 2021
06	Senior M & E Specialist	01	21 st May 2021	1 st July 2021
07	Senior Social Safeguard Officer	01	21 st May 2021	1 st July 2021
08	Senior Environmental Officer	01	21 st May 2021	1 st July 2021
09	Technical Officer	01	21 st May 2021	1 st July 2021
10	Project Officer	03	17 th May 2021	15 th June 2021
11	Procurement Officer	03	17 th May 2021	1 st June 2021
12	Project Secretary	01	21 st May 2021	1 st July 2021
13	Driver	01	21 st May 2021	Will be notified
Total		17		

For more information and downloading the application
log on to the website - <http://www.health.gov.lk/>
(Please refer Ministry of Finance web site to refer above mentioned circular)

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS
NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS

This is an opportunity for you to serve as a Chinese / Japanese Language Instructor under the Language Training Programme to the Youth of our Country

Chinese and Japanese language Instructors who fulfill the following qualifications and possessing the experience may apply for this subject to obtaining the services on daily hour basis.

Chinese Language

- Should be below 60 years.
- Should have obtained a degree / diploma of not less than 1 year for Chinese language from a recognized university / institution or Should have passed level 4 or above of the Chinese language proficiency Test (HSK).
- Experience regarding teaching Chinese language of not less than minimum 2 years will be considered as a special qualification.
- Learning Chinese language in China will also be considered as an additional qualification.

Japanese Language

- Should be below 60 years.
- Should have obtained a degree / diploma of not less than 1 year for Japanese language from a recognized university / institution or Should have passed level 3 or above of the Japanese language proficiency Test (JLPT/NAT 3).
- Experience regarding teaching Japanese language of not less than minimum 2 years will be considered as a special qualification.
- Learning Japanese language in Japan will also be considered as an additional qualification.

Services will be obtained only for the National Youth Corps Training Centres mentioned in the following table.

Province	District	Training Centre
North Central Province	1) Anuradhapura	1) Kalawewa
	2) Polonnaruwa	2) Medirigiriya
North Western Province	3) Puttalam	3) Wennappuwa
	4) Kurunegala	4) Wariyapola
Northern Province	5) Vavuniya	5) Vavuniya
	6) Mannar	6) Mannar
Uva Province	7) Badulla	7) Bandarawela
	8) Monaragala	8) Monaragala
Western Province	9) Kalutara	9) Bulathsinhala
	10) Gampaha	10) Attanagalla
Eastern Province	11) Trincomalee	11) Trincomalee
	12) Batticaloa	12) Valachchenai
Sabaragamuwa Province	13) Kegalle	13) Kegalle
	14) Ratnapura	14) Embilipitiya
Central Province	15) Kandy	15) Gampola
	16) Matale	16) Dambulla
Southern Province	17) Galle	17) Neluwa
	18) Hambantota	18) Sooriyawewa
		19) Weeraketiya
	19) Matara	20) Akuesssa
		21) Dickwella

Allowances:
An allowance of Rs. 900.00 will be paid per hour of service rendered.
You may prepare an application as per any suitable specimen, mentioning "Post of Japanese / Chinese Instructor" on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application and may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or via email to training@youthcorps.lk to receive on or before 24.05.2021 along with the Bio Data and photocopies of relevant certificates. There is a possibility of conducting the interviews via online owing to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Applications that are Incomplete, not fulfilling the relevant qualifications and late applications will be rejected.

Chairman / Director
National Youth Corps Headquarters
No. 420, Baudhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07.

Chairman/Director
National Youth Corps
10.05.2021

Province	District	Training Centre
North Central Province	1) Anuradhapura	1) Kalawewa
	2) Polonnaruwa	2) Medirigiriya
North Western Province	3) Puttalam	3) Wennappuwa
	4) Kurunegala	4) Wariyapola
Northern Province	5) Vavuniya	5) Vavuniya
	6) Mannar	6) Mannar
Uva Province	7) Badulla	7) Bandarawela
	8) Monaragala	8) Monaragala
Western Province	9) Kalutara	9) Bulathsinhala
	10) Gampaha	10) Attanagalla
Eastern Province	11) Trincomalee	11) Trincomalee
	12) Batticaloa	12) Valachchenai
Sabaragamuwa Province	13) Kegalle	13) Kegalle
	14) Ratnapura	14) Embilipitiya
Central Province	15) Kandy	15) Gampola
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	19) Matara	20) Akuesssa
		21) Dickwella



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3 ශ්‍රේණිය	Grade 3 English
4 ශ්‍රේණිය	Grade 4 English
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- පාසල් විෂයය නිර්දේශය මුළුමනින් ම ආවරණය කෙරෙන භාෂාමය නිපුන් ලේඛක මණ්ඩලයකින් සම්පාදිතය
- රජයේ මාධ්‍ය ආයතනයකින් නිකුත් කරන එකම ඉංග්‍රීසි අධ්‍යාපනික මාසිකය



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