



## Govt explores possibility of vaccinating schoolchildren Pfizer identified as leading vaccine candidate in this regard - Prof Jayasumana

Education Ministry had requested for vaccination of school children to reopen schools

BY KELUM BANDARA

While claiming that Sri Lanka is exploring the possibility of vaccinating school children, Pfizer is the leading Covid-19 vaccine candidate to be administered to children aged between 12 and 18, according to available data on studies in this regard, a Minister said yesterday.

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## MV X-Press Pearl: OVER 1500 METRIC TONS OF WASTE WASHED ASHORE

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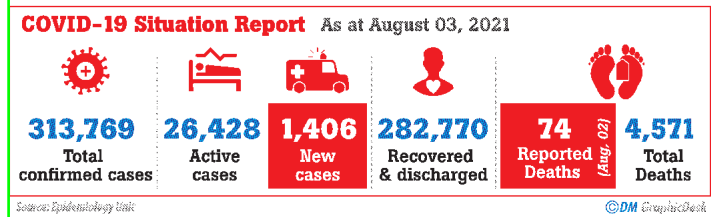
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## NEXT TWO WEEKS EXTREMELY CRUCIAL, WARNS SLMA

The low number of cases reported daily are due to limited number of PCR tests being conducted

BY SHEAIN FERNANDOPULLE

The next couple of weeks would be extremely crucial in terms of detecting more patients of the

highly contagious Delta variant in the country, the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA), warned yesterday.

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## Protest against KDU Act by university students

A tense situation was reported near the entrance road to Parliament in Battaramulla due to a protest march by university students. The protest march was staged demanding the abolishment of the Kotelawala Defense University Act.

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## Death of girl at MP's house: Police find note written on the wall

The Tamil meaning of the word read as "the cause of my death"

BY DARSHANA SANJEEWA BALASURIYA

Police have drawn special attention following the discovery of a writing on the wall of the room where the 16-year-old girl,

who died of burn injuries while serving as a domestic servant in the house of former minister Rishad Bathiudeen, was staying.

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## Brother responds to wording found in his sister's room

The brother of the 16-year-old girl who died due to burn injuries while serving as a domestic helper in

BY RANJITH RAJAPAKSA

the house of former minister Rishad Bathiudeen said that his sister did not have the level of education to write something in English letters.

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## Police probe continues with two more arrests

Despite allegations that the probe into the sexual exploitation case on a 15-year old girl from Mount Lavinia had been swept under the carpet, the police yesterday said investigations were continuing and two more arrests had been made.

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## Indictments served on ETI directors for Criminal misappropriation

Colombo High Court yesterday served indictments on former Directors of Edirisinghe Trust

BY T. FAROOK THAJUDEEN

Investment for running a Finance Company without a valid license.

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## The govt should reverse its decision to open up state offices : Sajith

Leader of Opposition Sajith Premadasa yesterday urged the government to reverse its

BY YOHAN PERERA AND AJITH SIRIWARDANA

decision to open up state offices considering the new situation with regard to COVID 19 pandemic.

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## COVID expenditure has accounted for one fourth of total expenditure: Rohitha

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BY YOHAN PERERA AND AJITH SIRIWARDANA

COVID related expenditure had accounted for one fourth of total expenditure since the pandemic hit Sri Lanka, a cabinet Minister said yesterday.

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## Increased compensation for victims of attacks by wild animals : Dr. Pathirana

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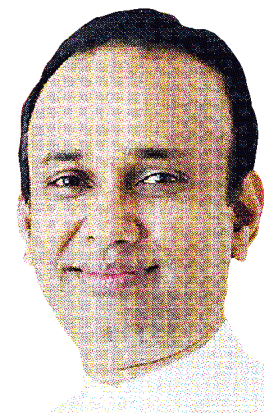
BY SANDUN A JAYASEKERA

The cabinet has decided to increase compensation paid to family members of those killed or severely maimed by wild animals and elephants, Cabinet spokesman, Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana said.

According to the cabinet memo submitted by Wild Life and Forest Conservation Minister and approved by the cabinet on Monday, the Wild Life and Forest Conservation Act

of 1980, would be amended to increase Compensation Payments for dying and completely or partially disabled persons, house and property damages due to attacks by Protected animals like Elephants, Leopards, Bears, Wild Buffalo and Crocodiles. Under the newly introduced amendments, compensation payment of Rs. 500,000 paid up to now for a loss of life to Rs. 1 million despite the gender or age limit.

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## Relaxing restrictions is like adding fuel to the fire: AMS President

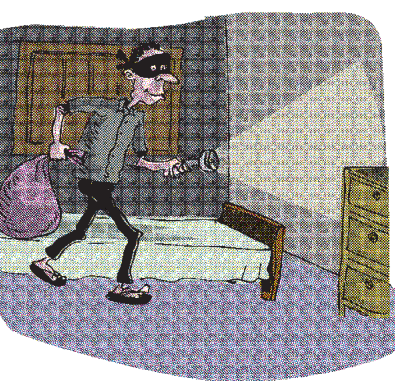
Relaxation should have commenced once we've achieved vaccination targets along with declining number of Covid 19 daily cases, may be in four to eight weeks from now

BY SHEAIN FERNANDOPULLE

With the Delta variant being commonly detected making the number of patients increase, the relaxation of Covid restrictions is like adding "fuel to the fire", the Association of Medical Specialists (AMS) said.

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## Thieves break into guest house closed due to COVID pandemic



The robbers had reportedly broken and entered the guest house through a window

The Ella Police launched an investigation after robbers broke into a tourist guest house on the Ella-Passara Road and stolen its properties. Police said the guest house had been closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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## Pfizer identified as leading vaccine candidate in this regard - Prof Jayasumana

State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals Prof. Channa Jayasumana told Daily Mirror that the Education Ministry had requested for vaccination of school children to reopen schools.

The Minister said the government was exploring the possibility of giving jabs to the children of this age group.

"We have not taken a final decision. We are studying the efficacy of each vaccine as far as children are concerned. We peruse available data in this regard. For us it appears that Pfizer is the leading candidate," he said.

## NEXT TWO WEEKS EXTREMELY CRUCIAL, WARNS SLMA

SLMA President Dr. Padma Gunaratne said there is a possible risk of things going from bad to worse.

"The low number of cases reported daily are due to limited number of PCR tests being conducted in a day. There are five times of active cases undetected in the community.

"We are heading to a crucial two weeks where a considerable number of Delta variant cases could be detected in the community," she stressed.

"The issue can't be taken lightly. There is a fair number of active Delta variant cases undetected, especially in the Western Province.

Dr. Gunaratne also said the number COVID-19 cases, deaths and symptomatic patients will definitely soar in future.

## OVER 1500 METRIC TONS OF WASTE WASHED ASHORE

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Issuing an update statement on the sequence of incidents after the fire at the vessel, the Government said the collected waste had been packed in 42 containers in a yard at Wattala.

"Similarly, another such amount of waste packed in about 1,200 jumbo bags has been stored in a storage facility at Pamunugama area under the control of the MEPA. This waste stored in the temporary storage facilities will be disposed of in an environment-friendly manner in accordance with the relevant regulations after the ongoing legal activities," the statement underlined.

The beach cleanup activities are done with the support of Sri Lanka Navy, Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Coast Guard and Civil Defense Force.

The statement also noted that the

beach areas in Gampaha, Puttalam and Matara districts have been polluted due to the plastic pellets released from the containers on board MV X-press pearl.

Considering the fishing activities in the affected areas, the Government said an offshore area of 457 sq. km. along 65km coast from Mahaoya river mouth in the North to Panadura in the South was determined by the NARA as the affected area and added the engagement of fishing in the area has been prohibited with effect from May 21, 2021, up to date.

However, the NARA has recommended extending the fishing ban. As a result of the Side Scan Sonar Survey conducted jointly by the NARA and Indian Navy, the fishing ban needs to be continued until the large debris is removed.

Meanwhile, the statement stated that Sri Lankan Government has made two interim claims and the final claim would be submitted by the Attorney General with the legal assistance of Arent Fox LLP from Washington, USA.

"The Government has received Rs. 720 million as a part of the first interim payment, out of which Rs. 420 million has been allocated to pay compensation for fishermen. This is being disbursed to affected persons through respective Divisional Secretariats," it added.

The MV X-Press Pearl, a Singapore-flagged cargo ship, caught fire while carrying 1,486 containers on May 20. The fire was doused after an extensive joint operation and subsequently the vessel sank off Sri Lanka's western coast.

## Relaxing restrictions is like adding fuel to the fire: AMS President

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AMS President Dr Lakkumar Fernando said relaxation should have commenced once we've achieved vaccination targets along with declining number of Covid 19 daily cases, may be in four to eight weeks from now.

"We, as a professional body feel it is our prime responsibility to alert and warn the decision makers of the current grim situation. With such relaxations reaching the general public, who are already complacent in obeying guidelines, they will invariably start behaving like 'free birds' aggravating the crisis further," he pointed out.

"Therefore, we are compelled to request the government to revisit their

Covid-19 restriction protocols in the wake of surging numbers, specially with this deadly delta variant," he added.

Moreover, Dr Fernando said due to the exponential rise in the number of oxygen dependent patients, the capacity to accommodate them has virtually reached its breaking point.

"With the increasing demand for oxygen, it will be a matter of few days to exceed the supply and hence resultant deaths due to lack of oxygen or more importantly due to the lack of oxygen delivery mechanism to the patient's bedside. This crisis will be equally applicable to both public and private sectors, he added.

## Police find note written on the wall

Police Spokesman SDIG Ajith Rohana said that investigators had re-visited the MP's residence on Monday and while inspecting the room where the girl was staying, they had discovered a note which had been written on the wall of the room in a way which gave a

Tamil meaning written in English.

He said the Tamil meaning of the word read as "the cause of my death". The Spokesman said that the investigation officers had taken photographs of the wall with the sentence for further investigations. In addition, the room had also been

inspected by handwriting experts from the Government Analyst's Department.

SDIG Rohana said that investigators had found several books used by the girl during her school days and are examining them to match whether the sentence on the wall was written by her.

## BROTHER RESPONDS TO WORDING FOUND IN HIS SISTER'S ROOM

Responding after the police found a note on the wall of the room where she was staying, her brother Thiruprasad said that though his sister had the ability to write something, as far he knew, she did not have the level of education to write something in English letters.

He said that she was educated till Grade 7 at the Puwakpitiya Tamil Maha Vidyalaya in Avissawella.

Police have found a note written on the wall of the room in a way that gives a Tamil meaning in English letters.

Police said the meaning of the word is "the cause of my death".

Thiruprasad said that he did not know anything about the wording found in English letters in the room where his sister was staying.



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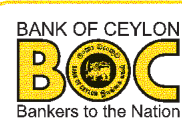
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## The govt should reverse its decision to open up state offices : Sajith

Raising a question under standing orders 27(2) Premadasa said the government should reconsider its decision to call all public servants to report to work as the country is about to go into another wave of COVID 19.

"Some medical experts such as Dr. Malim Periris who is well versed with the pandemic has stated that Sri Lanka is in for a worst wave of the pandemic.

"Government should take into notice these warnings and take steps to avoid a disaster," he said.

Also he said more children have been affected with COVID 19 lately and the Lady Ridgeway Hospital is running out of facilities.

"One wonders as to how the Deputy Director of Health Dr. Hemantha Herath states that health officials cannot be responsible for regulating COVID measures in public transport," Mr. Premadasa tabled pictures of COVID patients sleeping on the ground in hospitals.

## Police probe continues with two more arrests

Police Spokesman SDIG Ajith Rohana said that in total 43 suspects had been arrested as of Monday (August 2) including the arrest of a 42-year-old building contractor from Kalutara and an owner of a mobile shop in Moratuwa.

The Police are continuing investigating the case following the arrest of a 35-year old man on June 7. The investigation was initiated based on the revelations made by the 15-year-old victim and her mother who is also one of the suspects, and the main suspect, police said.

It was revealed that the main suspect had published numerous advertisements on websites luring people to sexually exploit the victim.

Then, the police widened its investigations into the case and at least seven police divisions were continuing their investigation into the rape and sexual abuse of the girl.

Since June 7 this year, Police have arrested several suspects including the Deputy Chairman of the Mihintale Pradeshiya Sabha, former State Minister of Maldives, gem merchants, a cardiologist from the Sri Lanka Navy Hospital, a Police officer, hotel managers and a former manager of a bank.

They were produced before the Court from time to time over allegedly sexually abusing the victim. Also, several website owners were arrested on charges of aiding and abetting the crime, by advertising to sell the girl for sexual purposes.

SDIG Rohana said investigations into the case is still ongoing and investigation officers will take further action to arrest all those who are involved in the case following the outcome of the investigations.

Police said that the investigation has been expanded to analyze all the phone records, websites, bank records, CCTV and other information that have been uncovered.

Police said that the case is still being heard in courts and on several occasions, the Attorney General had appointed several State Counsels, including an Additional Solicitor General to advise on the need to expedite investigations and to file evidence properly.

## INDICTMENTS SERVED ON ETI DIRECTORS FOR CRIMINAL MISAPPROPRIATION,

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The Directors of the Company Jeewaka Edirisinghe, Hemal Edirisinghe, Deepa Edirisinghe Anjali Edirisinghe, Asanka Edirisinghe and Nalaka Edirisinghe who served as directors of ETI Finance and Swamamahal Jewellers were indicted for committed the offenses of Criminal Misappropriation, cheating, money laundering etc by the ETI Finance and the Swamamahal Jewellers Ltd.

It is found that the directors of ETI Finance had used the deposits by the public with ETI in undisclosed accounts for personal gain and benefits.

The prosecution alleged that the ETI Directors had Persuaded the public to deposit with the ETI Finance by deluding the depositors that the ETI was a well-run financial institution while there was a severe liquidity crisis within the ETI henceforth by illegally obtaining billions in deposits by maintaining undisclosed accounts with the Central Bank

## COVID expenditure has accounted for one fourth of total expenditure: Rohitha

Minister of Ports Rohitha Abeygunawardene told Parliament yesterday that the government has spent Rs 250 billion for the pandemic since it broke out. "Spending such an amount has been a challenge. We have already taken up this challenge," the Minister said.

"It is essential to make vaccines available. Our government has taken this challenge and has seen to it that five kinds of vaccines are available in Sri Lanka. There are only two kinds of vaccines available in countries such as the USA," he added.

"Government hopes to provide vaccines to everyone who is 30 years and above by the end August," he said.

"We see that the teachers salary issue is politicized. Teachers have taken to the streets. We have seen the Peliyagoda cluster and then the Sinhala New Year cluster. We might see a Stalin cluster before long," he warned.

## Increased compensation for victims of attacks by wild animals : Dr. Pathirana

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## Thieves break into guest house closed due to COVID pandemic

The robbers had reportedly broken and entered the guest house through a window and stolen some items and also removed fittings from the bathrooms of two cottages.

The owner who is a resident of

Kandy claimed that the guest house had been closed for a few months due to the pandemic and one of his friends had been visiting the place once in a while.

Police are conducting investigations into the incident.

## Thalatha subject to verbal sexual slur in Parliament: Rohini Kavirathne

Some Government MPs hurled verbal sexual slurs at MP Athukorala during the no-confidence motion debate against Minister Udaya Gammanpila recently

The Speaker gave this assurance when SJB MP Rohini Kavirathne raised concerns that some Government MPs hurled verbal sexual slurs at MP Athukorala during the no-confidence motion debate against Minister Udaya Gammanpila recently.

She said it was a breach of privileges of the female MPs in parliament to subject them to verbal sexual harassment and pointed out that the House is not the place to

criticize female MPs and discuss personal matters but to address people's issues.

"There are only 12 female MPs in the House. It is highly regrettable to note that these female MPs are subject to this sort of embarrassment," she said.

Ms. Kavirathne said she was disappointed to see the Speaker, who was presiding over the House at the time of the incident, do nothing to stop the MPs going at MP Athukorala.

## Speaker denies presiding over House when Thalatha subject to verbal sexual harassment

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It said in a statement that the Speaker was not presiding over the House when that particular incident happened and that he was not anyway involved in the said incident.

The statement said that the Speaker regretted the making of such false statements disgracing the House and the Speaker and misleading the public without verifying the facts by checking the Hansard and video records.

The MP yesterday claimed that the Speaker was presiding over the House and did nothing when MP Athukorala was subject to verbal sexual harassment in Parliament.

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By **Zeenath Zakir**

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The discussion featured **Attorneys-at-Law practicing in the field of Intellectual Property Law: Mr. Thishya Weragoda is an independent legal counsel at Neelakandan & Neelakandan, a visiting lecturer at the Institute for the Development of Commercial Law and Practice and Ms. Aparajitha Ariyadasa is a visiting lecturer in Cyber Law at the University of Plymouth and at IJTS. She is also a senior consultant at Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and senior counsel, Chairperson of Lanka Intellectual Property Organisation.**



Ms. Aparajitha Ariyadasa

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**Q If a person wants to register his own creation or invention, what is the procedure?**

There are 2 methods of protection. The less stringent is the ‘industrial design’ scheme and the other is the most strenuous ‘patent’ scheme. They are two different regimes and the requirements are different. The Intellectual Property Act Chapter 3 covers Industrial designs. It is required to establish some form of novelty and a use in it. The registration is done at the National Intellectual Property office. There are 2 types of applications, one for industrial design and one for patents, decide which one applies to you. For patents, state your claim and give a full disclosure of your creation.

**Q Does a person require the assistance of an Attorney or can he do it on his own?**

Services of a patent drafter is necessary for the application of a patent. In Sri Lanka, they are Attorneys-at-law but if you look at countries like Singapore, US and UK, they are patent drafters.

**Q Is plagiarism when in written work, covered by IP law?**

This is considered as an ethical right. Where there is a substantial amount of information copied and amounts to unfair competition, it may amount to an infringement of IP laws. It may amount to a theft when the original writer is not mentioned.

**Q When it comes to music, we see different versions of an old song. How can upcoming musicians create their own version of the song, in doing so will they be infringing another’s rights?**

Reproducing a song will fall within the restrictions of economic rights of S.9 in the IP Act. The permission

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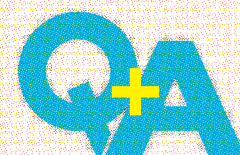
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Once a patent is registered, they get a 20 year period and after such period expires, it falls into public domain.

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Mr. Thishya Weragoda

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**Q When it comes to designer items, could you explain the A-grade category and how it affects IP rights?**

The A- grade or B- grade bags are not always replicas, they can be originals which were rejected by the original owner. These end up in the market. An original product can come to the market through unrecognised channels, this is called grey market imports. This cannot be stopped due to it being an original product, unless there is an exclusive territorial agreement with the agents.

A counterfeit product might look identical but it is not an original. Counterfeits are illegal.

**Q On instagram we see people selling replicas of branded items in Sri Lanka. Can replicas be sold at the price of the original item? Does a consumer who buys a replica at the original price have redress?**

If there is a local agent, it can be reported.

**Q Does infringing Intellectual Property law amount to criminal liability?**

A violation of IP can lead to a civil and criminal liability. Example – if someone copies the song X created and makes money out of selling it, X can go to the Magistrate’s Court for an Order to destroy these CDs and obtain an injunction order.

**Q What are the remedies available for an infringement of IP law?**

First check whether rights have been infringed. Next file a criminal and civil action. The person who infringing your rights can be arrested. An injunction order be obtained or seek damages.

**Q If someone uses a copyrighted picture without attributing rights to the owner, what legal action can be taken?**

According to Copyright law, by virtue of creation, irrespective of artistic merit, it is protected. The moment a photograph is taken, it is protected.

**Q If a self-portrait is used without that person’s permission, can that individual take any action under IP law?**

If the photograph was taken on behalf of the individual by the photographer, the individual would be the owner of the copyrights. The element of privacy ensures your profile picture cannot be taken for an advertisement. The permission of the individual in the picture is required.

**Q Can an individual repaint an ancient piece of art work, say the portrait of Mona Lisa, and profit out of it?**

Mona Lisa is Da Vinci’s creation. The copyright protection lifespan has expired due to the demise of the painter 500 years ago. The painting is part of the public domain, therefore considering drawing it will not be a problem. Copyrights will be active for new paintings.

**Q Does IP protection have a time limit?**

In general for expressions, for a writer it will be lifetime and 70 years. Trademarks have to be renewed every 10 years for an unlimited time.

The complete discussion is available on our YouTube channel ‘Law Students Association of Sri Lanka’, in all three languages.

- Copyright
- Trademark
- Patents
- Industrial designs
- Confidential information and trade secrets

Intellectual Property law protects literary, artistic and scientific work. People can benefit from what they create. Intellectual property splits into two categories; one is associated with trade such as industrial plans, scientific plans, patents, brand names and brand logos (industrial property). The other is intellectual properties with the right to publication such as literary works, artistic and scientific works, folklores, computer programmes, architectural plans, and maps. There are also related rights; these entail rights of actors, rights of broadcasters, rights of sound engineers.

**Q What is the importance of Intellectual Property law?**

This law helps protect new creations by providing economic rights to the inventors and the consumers by ensuring genuine products are bought.

**Q Can you elaborate on the 5 different classes of Intellectual Property?**

**Copyright** – The creations of the mind which are literal creations, artistic creations or scientific creations will be copyrightable creations. S.5 and S.6 of the Intellectual



### New Generation Awards 2021

# OPPORTUNITY AND RECOGNITION FOR YOUTH TO RISE AND SHINE

- The development of youth in Sri Lanka will contribute an amazingly high yield to the economic growth of the country
- Encouragement should be provided to these young men and women by guiding them
- The new generation has given priority to the wellbeing of humanity and nature

In the journey of finding hidden talents of Sri Lankan youth and their unsung contribution to the nation, Women in Management (WIM) in partnership with National Youth Services Council (NYSC) has organised the 'New Generation Awards' for the 2nd consecutive year with the ceremony scheduled to be held on August 28 at Galadari Hotel. The awards ceremony will be held under the theme 'Arise Shine'.

Youth make up almost a quarter of Sri Lanka's population: 4.64 million or 23.2 percent. Harnessing the power of youth in Sri Lanka in a sustainable development process will provide an inconceivable outcome in the long run. The development of youth in Sri Lanka will contribute an amazingly high yield to the economic growth of the country. By allowing these young adults to discover and develop skills-making them responsible and self-reliant and with proper mentoring-will not only make a flourishing future for them, but also ensure a long lasting and sustainable growth in the country.

Dr. Sulochana Segera, the founder of New Generation Awards, said "Today many complain and promote negative attitudes, which in return has caused actions of few youth leading them to a platform that neglects values. On the other hand the majority of youth who has values, positive attitudes and skills wrestle to discover a platform to brand themselves as Sri Lankan youth. Largely intelligent and creative Sri Lankan youth can easily be drawn into productive action by educating them about how meaningful and important their contribution is to the motherland," said Segera.

She also mentioned that 'Youth Empowerment' and the Private Sector contribution in Sri Lanka are of paramount importance as they are capable of providing immeasurable opportunities to youth than the Government.

NYSC Chairman Damitha Wickaramasinghe said, "This is not a daunting task if leadership is given by a committed, dedicated and adequately clued-in team of experienced professionals.

Youth empowerment consists of interdependent dimensions such as psychological, economical, organisational and social aspects. An appropriate and prudent programme will provide the required motivation and awareness to youth. As a result, NYSC collaborated with WIM New Generation (NG) will organise the awards for the second consecutive year," said Wickaramasinghe.

WIMNG Chapter Spokesman said "Judging of the nominees are ongoing. This time judges invited shortlisted nominees for physical and online interviews, so that nominees are able to explain their

stories, expectations, visions so judges



Representatives of Women in Management (WIM) National Youth Services Council (NYSC) who have come together to organise the 'New Generation Awards' pose for a photograph

are able to understand the attitudes of the nominees".

Prof. (Dr.) Ravi Dissanayake said "Providing Sri Lankan youngsters with necessary information and resources in order to analyse issues that affect their lives, will assist them to become strong in decision making. They should be given the tools to engage by supporting them with brainstorming sessions which lead to finding answers. Encouragement should be provided to these young men and women by guiding them to use their passions and creativity, to bring attention to find purpose in life. During the interviews we met some incredible, talented and humble youth who are having clear visions and are ready to contribute to the motherland".

Varuni Amunugama Fernando added, "For a young person to succeed, it is vital to instill a method as well as a purpose. Without a plan in place, achieving a task is near impossible and there must be a purpose beyond that task, to make any achievement meaningful".

Kasturi Chelleraja Wilson said, "During judging we noticed that youth are more focused on society impact than individual success. This is a positive value which our generation ignored yet the new generation has given priority to the wellbeing of humanity and nature".

Sri Lanka is a country teeming in youth literacy, with a staggering rate of 98.7%, which should be looked at by relevant authorities in the administration to devise techniques, to utilize this valuable factor to enhance gross productivity.

Prof. (Dr.) Suranga Silva said "The Sri Lankan system of education, does not provide guidance at the proper time to select their careers at this crucial phase. Therefore, these

**Largely intelligent and creative Sri Lankan youth can easily be drawn into productive action by educating them about how meaningful and important their contribution is to the motherland**

youngsters who are at peak mental and physical point in life are either unaware or realising what is to be expected in their future.

This type of platforms will open opportunities for youth to explore in Private, Public, and society opportunities."

This year's panel of judges, chaired by Damitha Wickaramasinghe - Chairman National Youth Service Council together with a diversified team including Varuni Amunugama Fernando

-Managing Director Triad Advertising Limited and the national TV channel Derana, Kasturi Chelleraja Wilson- Group CEO Hemas Holdings Plc, Director Zahara Ansary - Country Manager CIMA Sri Lanka, Dr. Ravi Dissanayake - Senior Lecturer, Department of Marketing Management, the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies of the University of Kelaniya, (Prof) Dr. Suranaga De Silva - Director of CERIPA and Act Director at CUCEC at University of Colombo and Yasas Hewage - Marketer, Innovator & Entrepreneur.

#### WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT -

Since 2010 Women in Management (WIM) works to empower Sri Lankan career women and women entrepreneurs by connecting as well as bonding them by providing leadership along with guidance in nurturing their knowledge, skills by inspiring them to achieve their goals, so that they can act as



Sri Lanka youth need more recognition conduits, to the transformation of the role of women incareer and business into a dynamic force.

[www.womeninmanagement.org](http://www.womeninmanagement.org)  
[www.womeninmanagementawards.org](http://www.womeninmanagementawards.org)

#### NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES COUNCIL -

The existence of a multitalented, discipline and dynamic youth population in a country is always considered a treasure which helps development of the particular country. As such every country gives a special recognition for the country's youth. Sri Lanka too places utmost importance on the country's youth to achieve their ambitious development targets in social and economic spheres. Hence, Youth of Sri Lanka are also having an undertaking for economic and social upliftment of the country. It is important to inculcate self-reliance in youth by directing them towards winning over those goals. The NYSC has been established with the aim of guiding the Sri Lankan youth in the proper direction to enable them to empower themselves to the fullest potential while contributing to nation's prosperity. The Youth Services Council was established by the Youth Services Council Act No.69 of 1979 giving the status of a fully pledged youth development organization. <https://www.nysc.lk>

Our family Wishes to extend our heartfelt gratitude and a warm thank you to all our relatives and friends, current and former staff of McCarthy Pvt Hospital and Sri Jayawardanapura Hospital, staff and former pupils of Museaus College for their kind thoughts, expressions of Sympathy, prayers and tributes during this time of great sadness and loss.



**Mr. Chandima De Silva**  
(26<sup>th</sup> September 1942 - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021)

May you attain the supreme bliss of Nibbana!

With love,

Lali, Udayi, Channa, Nadeesha, Prajapa, Revata together with loving grandchildren Ashane, Sahali, Sunari and Chanuli.

## MISSED BEYOND MEASURE

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**Those we love, don't go away  
They walk beside us everyday  
Unseen, unheard, but always near  
Still loved, still missed...so very dear  
Ever loving wife Vinitha, Daughters Shanika & Sermal  
& Seeya of Amrit**

# EDITORIAL

*"In the aftermath of any war or genocide, healing and reconciliation are ultimate aspirations."*  
- JANINE DI GIOVANNI

**OUR THOUGHT**

## EVICION OF PALESTINIANS -ETHNIC CLEANSING BY OTHER MEANS

The UN-created problem in Palestine -the arbitrary setting up of the state of Israel- on Palestinian land continues to fester to this day, with continued evictions of Palestinians and seizure of their homes and lands.

Approximately 750,000 Palestinians were displaced and became refugees as a result of the 1948 war, in the lead up to the founding of Israel. None of these displaced persons were ever allowed to return to the homes or communities from which they were displaced. The Palestinian refugee population has continued to grow ever since.

Today there are more than seven million Palestinian refugees -being, those Palestinians who fled, were expelled, or forced from their homes in the area of historic Palestine or who have been refused re-entry to their homes and now live scattered around the world. More than 5.6 million of these people are registered with UNRWA as refugees since 2019.

The continued Israeli expulsion of Palestinians based on their ethnicity and/or religion brings to mind 'Polenaktion' (Polish Action) carried out by Hitler and his fellow Nazis against Polish Jews and refers to the arrest and expulsion of about 17,000 Polish Jews living in Nazi Germany in October 1938. These deportations, displaced thousands of Polish Jews along the German-Polish border.

It raises the question as to how a people who went through the horrors inflicted on their forefathers under Hitler's genocidal campaigns, can today cold-bloodedly perpetrate those self-same strategies against another set of human beings based on differences of religion and ethnicity.

Even today Palestinians continue being expelled from their homes by Israeli occupation forces, and the Palestinian refugee issue is at the heart of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

On August 2, Israel's Supreme Court adjourned an appeal of four Palestinian families against their forced expulsion from the Sheikh Jarrah - a Palestinian neighbourhood in Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem, close to the Old City and its holy sites. The case involves Palestinians who face losing their homes in a part of Jerusalem they have lived in for decades.

Israel considers Jerusalem its capital, while to Palestinians East Jerusalem is the capital of the Palestinian state. The Israeli claim is not recognised by the UN nor is it part of the UN partition plan through which the State of Israel was founded.

After the 1948-49 Arab-Israeli war, Jerusalem, where Arabs and Jewish people had lived side by side, was divided between the state of Israel and the Kingdom of Jordan.

Jewish people were displaced from eastern Jerusalem and Palestinians from the western half of the city. In the aftermath of the war, the UN helped resettle displaced Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah.

War broke out again in June 1967 and, Israel occupied East Jerusalem and applied its own laws. In 1970, it introduced a law to process the competing ownership claims in places such as Sheikh Jarrah. Palestinians, however, have no power to recover property they lost in West Jerusalem, or elsewhere in Israel.

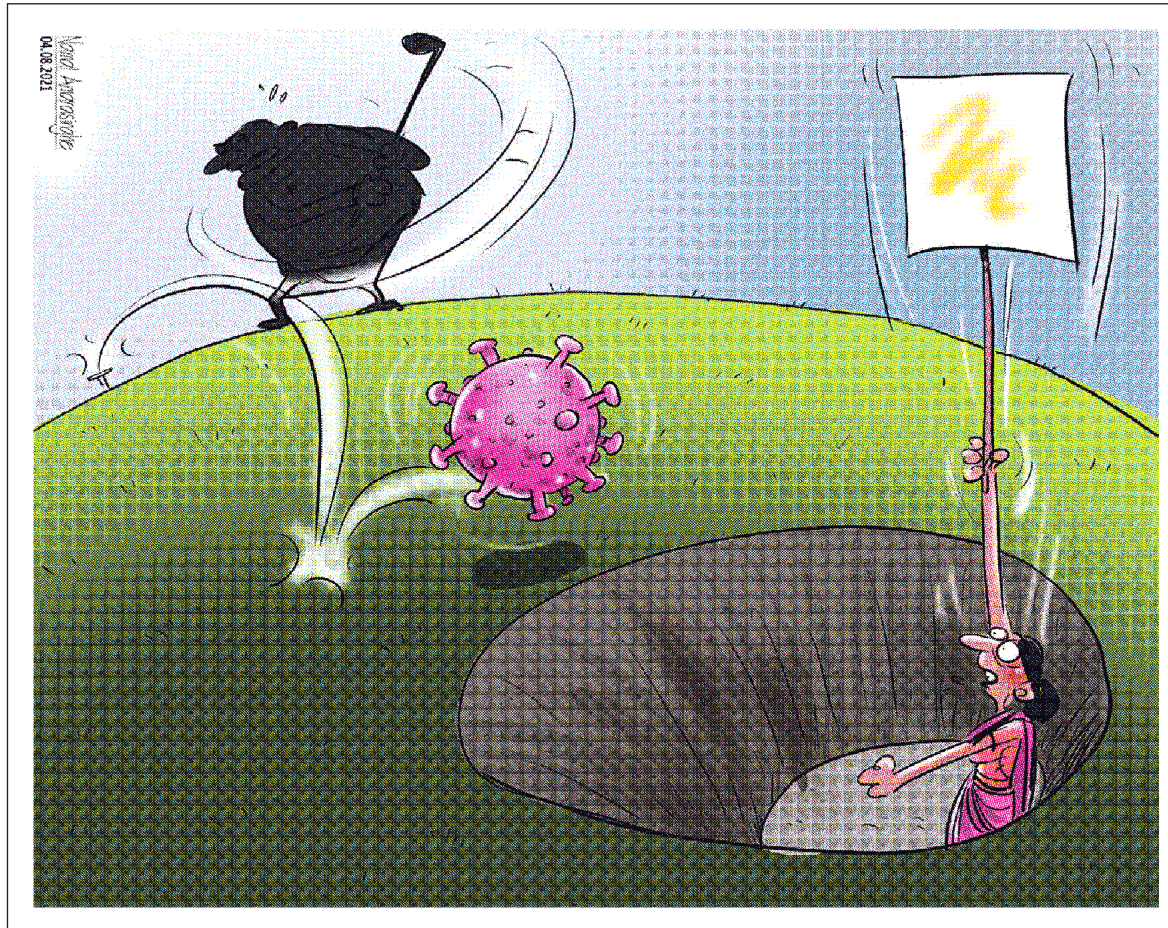
In Sheikh Jarrah Israel is attempting to evict Palestinians and hand the lands to Israeli settlers. In the conflict which arose in May this year over Israel's attempt to evict Palestinians from their homes, 138 Palestinians died. Over 1,800 housing units were demolished in Israel's airstrikes, while over 16,800 or more housing units were partially damaged. More than 120,000 Palestinians were displaced from their homes, while 66 schools were also damaged in Israeli bombardments.

The question that arises, is what makes the one-time victims of genocide, change into a nation hell-bent on ethnically cleansing and perpetrating actions described as 'crimes of war' against a long-suffering population, who had had been living in the region prior to the establishment of the newer state?

For too long the world watched the illegal actions of the State of Israel against the Palestinians. Faced with Israel's continued transgressions and in the aftermath of the recent actions -fighting in Gaza- of which Sheikh Jarrah is part of, the United Nations' top human rights body voted on May 27 to appoint a Commission of Inquiry with unusually broad latitude to investigate possible war crimes and other abuses committed in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

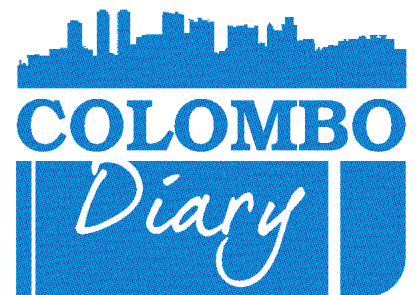
The Commission is not limited to looking just at hostilities in Gaza and the West Bank, but instead has been charged with examining "all underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict, including systematic discrimination and repression based on national, ethnic, racial or religious identity."

Perhaps this latest action of the world body may help bring an end to the ethnic cleansing of the people of Palestine in their own lands by the people who suffered genocidal campaigns under Hitler's Nazi campaigns.



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By **P. K. Balachandran**



The Sri Lankan High Commissioner-designate to India, Milinda Moragoda, has communicated to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, that frequent, multifarious and systematized interactions with India from the top-most level to the bottom, are necessary to rid the India-Sri Lanka relationship of "distrust", which has plagued it for decades.

Moragoda, who is to take up his assignment in New Delhi later this month, said in his concept paper entitled: "Integrated Country Strategy: For Sri Lanka Diplomatic Missions in India," that lack of trust has made the relationship "transactional" (meaning a relationship based on bargaining, and therefore, lacking in warmth and a natural flow). Disturbingly, the transactional character has grown in recent times due to certain geo-political changes (presumably the growing China-factor in Sri Lanka).

However, this need not be so, says Moragoda. Given the millennia of multifarious and unbroken interactions between Sri Lanka and India, the relationship ought to be a "special one" marked by "inter-dependence, mutual respect and affection." But such a makeover can only come with increased, all round, frequent and structured interactions from the top-most level to the bottom, he submits.

Though there has been an improvement in the matter of top-level visits from India since Narendra Modi became Prime Minister in 2014 and declared his "Neighborhood First" policy, Sri Lankans have for long been bemoaning the lack of interest in the top Indian leadership in visiting Sri Lanka. To address this, Moragoda suggests annual visits by the Head of State/Head of Government. There should also be frequent visits by the Foreign Ministers. Line ministers too should make visits, if not physically, virtually. The India-Lanka Parliamentary Friendship Group should be re-activated with mutual visits encouraged.

Sri Lankan missions should engage Indian State governments which are of particular importance to Sri Lanka. Lankan Provincial Councils and local bodies should also be encouraged to interact with their equivalents in India while adhering to protocols. Chief Ministers of Indian States should be invited to visit Sri Lanka. People-to-people interaction should be encouraged by improving connectivity. Ferry services between Colombo and Tuticorin; Thalaimannar and Rameshwaram; and KKS and Karaikal should be launched/re-launched.

### RELIGIOUS BASE

India-Lanka relations rest on a sound foundation of the shared legacy of Buddhism "India's most precious gift to Sri Lanka." And

## ADDRESSING THE CORE ISSUE OF "TRUST DEFICIT" IN INDO-LANKA RELATIONS

High Commissioner-designate Milinda Moragoda presents concept paper to the President

Buddhism was brought to Sri Lanka by the son and daughter of the Buddhist King Dharmashoka. "Against this backdrop, any setbacks to our relationship, however intractable they may appear to be at any given point of time, can only be temporary," Moragoda argues.

Sri Lankan Missions should facilitate Indian scholars' study of Buddhism in Sri Lanka and Sri Lankans should be able to study Pali and Buddhism in India. Sri Lanka should be able to provide Ordination for Indian Buddhist monks and allocate places for them in its Pirivenas.

With the help of Ambassador Dr. V. K. Valsan, the document has identified areas of cooperation in Hinduism too. The promotion of the Ramayana Trail, the Murugan Trail and the Siva Sakthi Trail will increase religious tourism between the Hindus of Sri Lanka and India. Sri Lanka has officially sent a sacred stone from the Sita temple here to the Rama Temple in Ayodhya. The document urges the government to provide opportunities for Indian Hindu religious leaders and scholars to interact with their counterparts in Sri Lanka. And Sri Lankan diplomatic missions should actively participate in major Hindu religious ceremonies in India. The Lankan government should also facilitate Catholic devotees and scholars to visit the Velankanni church in Tamil Nadu, the document said.

### INVESTMENTS

To attract Indian investments to Sri Lanka, Moragoda has set up an Inter-Agency Committee on Trade, Investment and Tourism. The Lankan missions in India should draw up a list of high net-worth investors, hold meetings with them and organize seminars and field trips to Sri Lanka.

The Board of Investment has set out targets for an Indian investment of US\$ 300 million in 2021, and the Lankan Mission in India has set a goal of US\$ 256 million. Indian investments could be in auto parts, electric and electronic goods, the hospitality industry, IT services, infrastructure, manufacturing, pharmaceutical, textiles and renewable energy. The documents have urged follow-up action in existing Indian projects.

Sri Lanka's access to Indian markets is hampered by protectionism and also "challenging and changing regulatory mechanisms." Lankan Missions should interact with Indian governments to secure easier access to Lankan products. On its part, Sri Lanka should increase items in its export basket. The Export Development Board has set target of US\$ 621.9million for 2021 and the Lankan missions in India have proposed a target of US\$ 674.17 million for 2022. The products Sri Lanka could sell in India are: pepper, cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, vegan and vegetarian food, processed meat and fish, confectionary and beverages, paper desiccated coconut and related products, tiles and kitchenware, electrical conductors, switch boards and panels, various kinds of tea, men's trousers,

shirt and skirts. Sri Lanka should seek help from India in the field of technology innovation, capacity building and product development. Lankan trade associations and trade associations should participate in Indian trade fairs and invite Indian businessmen to Sri Lanka.

### TOURISM

There is immense potential in the Indian tourism sector. The Lankan Tourism Board has set a target of 63, 733 Indian arrivals in 2021 and 169, 955 in 2022. The areas which show potential are: MICE, weddings, film shooting, and the Ramayana, Murugan and Siva Sakthi Trails. Sri Lanka needs to be present in tourism fairs in India. Fully vaccinated Indian tourists should be encouraged to visit Sri Lanka.

The document also propagates the facilitation of grid connectivity between the two countries for Sri Lanka to get power from India in times of drought, and for Sri Lanka to sell power to India in case it has a surplus.

### DEFENCE COOPERATION

The document points out that Sri Lanka has not used the Indian Special Line of Credit of US\$ 50 million for countering terrorism. Ways of using it should be explored, especially since more Lines of Credit in the defence sector are in the pipeline. The document points out the importance of having "political level strategic cooperation in the field of defence and security." This could be built on the model of the war-time Indo-Lankan "Troika" of top functionaries from both Sri Lanka and India, which was very useful.

There should be India-Lanka and multilateral military exercises every year. Facilities in Sri Lanka should be created for training Indian military personnel. There should be closer and regular interaction between the police forces of the two countries with places in Indian paramilitary and police institutions for Sri Lankan personnel. The office of the Defence Advisor in the Sri Lanka High Commission ought to be strengthened.

### FISHING ISSUE

The Sri Lankan government is working out a proposal on the touchy fishing issue in the Palk Strait. The Moragoda document advocates a "humane approach" to the "genuine problems faced by fishermen on both sides of the maritime boundary." It also calls for joint research in fisheries and marine resources and cooperation to set up a mechanism for disaster management.

Stressing the need to bring back Sri Lankan displaced persons from Tamil Nadu (they have been denied Indian citizenship), the document suggests that Colombo announce a comprehensive package for their return, including customs duty waivers, settling-in expenses, housing, and economic rehabilitation.

### DM Poll

Do you agree with the Presidential Secretary PB Jayasundara's recent claim that Sri Lanka taking some painful structural adjustments including the shift in fertiliser and fuel price hike under a climate resilience and green economy initiative is for a healthy nation?

1) Yes 2) No 3) Don't know

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### LAST POLL

Should the Government work with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to restructure debt in restoring international confidence in debt repayment to avoid an economic crisis?

Yes 27.8% No 28.4% Don't know 43.8%

See web poll at [www.DailyMirror.lk](http://www.DailyMirror.lk)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Fools play where Angels fear to tread!

The present ghost issue saddled with the government is the chemical fertilizer cry from all over the country. The government is out to do without chemical fertilizers and has announced this effort to the world and received applause. Of course it is absolutely the need of the hour. We have learnt in the past how an honourable and honest Prime Minister got thrown out of office for banning imports and attempting to make the country self sufficient!

One may argue that if that attempt had continued even with difficulties, we would have achieved a lot, this is arguable. The health authorities all over the world keep on making improvements in world health and this prevented early deaths, and as a result, the world population keeps on growing, especially the aged population.

The basic need for the increasing mouths all over the world is undoubtedly food. To achieve this goal, chemical fertilizers became popular and got their due place. The Covid pandemic is of course was an unforeseen event drawn into this predicament. We remember how chemical fertilizers were imported using state funds and distributing free by past governments for reasons best known to them. Hats off to the Agriculture Department Dons and the staff who cried that unwanted quantities of chemicals applied to the soil would create chaos, and other health hazards to the consumers, but no one cared to listen to them. Now the question that left to be answered is, who created this stinking ghost which will have very many repercussions in the coming days such as shortage of food and poverty amongst the farmers.

RIENZIE DE LIVERA

### "Cash back" at supermarkets

In the UK, "cash back" commonly means that how much cash you need to the hand along with groceries at pay out counter in Supermarkets and total to be debited to the credit or debit card presented for the payment. But in Sri Lanka, "cash back" means discounts you get from special offers for items at supermarkets pay out counters. Good news is that now one popular supermarket chain has formulated the "cash back" system as in the UK exclusively for customers of the Bank that is run by that supermarket chain to those who carry their credit/debit cards - a great boon to customers during Covid days. If this system can be executed by that particular Bank for its customers, why other banks in SL cannot offer this service for the benefit of their clientele is a question.

SUMITH DE SILVA

### CID probe Aranthalawa massacre: AG informs SC

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A missing Belarusian activist has been found hanged in a park in the Ukrainian capital Kiev, police said on Tuesday, adding they had opened a murder probe.

Vitaly Shishov, 26, headed the Belarusian House in Ukraine, an NGO helping his compatriots flee repression in Belarus.

Belarus strongman Alexander Lukashenko has been cracking down on any form of dissent since mass protests erupted after last year's elections, deemed unfair by the West.

Many Belarusians have fled, often to neighbouring Ukraine, Poland and Lithuania.

"Belarusian citizen Vitaly Shishov, who had gone missing in Kiev yesterday, was today found hanged in one of the Kiev parks, not far from where he

# HEAD OF BELARUS EXILES FOUND DEAD IN UKRAINE

lived," police said in a statement.

Police said they had opened a murder probe and would pursue all leads including a possible "murder disguised as a suicide".

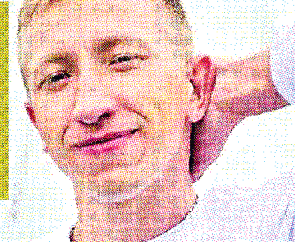
The Belarusian House in Ukraine accused the Lukashenko regime of being behind the murder of Shishov. The activist went jogging in Kiev

on Monday morning but did not return and could not be reached on his mobile phone.

Shishov moved to pro-Western Ukraine in the autumn of 2020, and helped establish the Belarusian House in Ukraine.

- KIEV, AFP Aug3, 2021

Vitaly Shishov, who ran a group in Ukraine helping Belarusians fleeing persecution, was found hanged in one of the city's parks (AFP)



## Blinken vows 'collective response' to tanker attack

US, (RT.COM), 2 AUGUST - US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has promised there will be a "collective response" to the attack on the Israeli-operated tanker off Oman, which Washington blames on Tehran, as Iran vowed a response of its own to any threat.



FILE PHOTO: An Iranian Coast Guard boat (rt.com)

Blinken once again blamed Iran for the incident, arguing that it "follows a pattern of similar attacks by Iran, including past incidents with explosive drones." However, he did not present any new evidence pointing to Iran. Tehran has repeatedly denied involvement, while slamming the US, British, and Israeli statements as "false"

and "contradictory" accusations and demanding that proof of its supposed involvement be presented to the public. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Saeed Khatibzadeh, said on Monday that his nation would not hesitate to protect its national security and interests should any threat arise, as he warned the three nations against any "adventures."

## Wuhan to test entire population as virus returns



People buy items at a supermarket in Wuhan, in China's central Hubei province on August 2, 2021 as authorities said they would test its entire population for Covid-19

BEIJING AFP AUG3, 2021 - Authorities in China's Wuhan said Tuesday they would test the city's entire population for Covid-19, as the virus returned to the place where it first emerged and the highly contagious Delta variant drove tightening lockdowns worldwide.

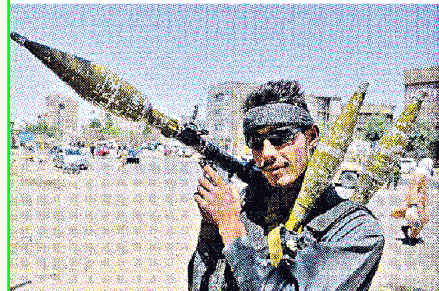
## China brought domestic cases down to virtually zero after the coronavirus first emerged in Wuhan, allowing the economy to rebound and life to return largely to normal

A resurgent virus has returned with a vengeance, buoyed by stalling vaccination rates and deadly new mutations even in places which had long touted their successes in overcoming the worst of the pandemic.

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In Wuhan -- where the virus first emerged in December 2019 and which faced a grueling lockdown in the early months of the pandemic -- authorities said they were launching a mass-testing programme for all 11 million residents.

## 'Indiscriminate' Afghan fighting hurting civilians: UN



The Taliban has seized control of much of rural Afghanistan since foreign forces began the last stage of their withdrawal in early May (AFP)

KANDAHAR AFP AUG3, 2021 - Afghan forces battled the Taliban for control of a key provincial capital Tuesday, as the United Nations warned "indiscriminate" gunfire and air strikes were hurting civilians the most.

## At least 40 civilians were killed and more than 100 wounded in the last 24 hours in Lashkar Gah, the UN Assistance Mission for Afghanistan said

Officials said insurgents had seized more than a dozen local radio and TV stations in Lashkar Gah -- capital of Helmand province and the scene of days of fierce fighting -- leaving only one pro-Taliban channel broadcasting Islamic programming.

At least 40 civilians were killed and more than 100 wounded in the last 24 hours in Lashkar Gah, the UN Assistance Mission for Afghanistan said Tuesday.

The hardline Islamist group has seized control of much of rural Afghanistan since foreign forces began the last stage of their withdrawal in early May, but are meeting resistance as they try to take provincial capitals.

That urban fighting, however, is taking its toll on civilians.

"Taliban ground offensive & ANA air strikes causing most harm," UNAMA said earlier Tuesday, referring to the Afghan national army.

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# POINT OF VIEW

By **Dr. Sandali N. L. Narathota**  
BAMS (Hons), IIM - UoC

**A non-communicable disease (NCD) is a disease that is not transmissible directly from one person to another. These are the result of a combination of genetic, physiological, environmental and behavioral factors.**

NCDs are also known as chronic diseases with long duration and said to kill 41 million people each year, equivalent to 71% of all deaths globally. 85% of these "premature" deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries. NCDs include Diabetes mellitus (DM), Hypertension (HT), Parkinson's disease, Strokes, Heart diseases, Cancers, Chronic Kidney Diseases (CKD) and others. Treatment modalities take a long time to cure these diseases and some of them are not curable.

Therefore an important way to control NCDs is to focus on reducing the risk factors associated with these diseases. Other than the medicines, mental status, behavioral and food patterns are also important in controlling and preventing from Non-Communicable Diseases.

Diabetes mellitus is one of the main NCDs which gives major long-term implications for individuals suffering from the disease as well as the health-care system as a whole. This disease is characterized by elevated blood glucose levels higher than the normal reference ranges. Diabetes mellitus has 2 types as Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. Type 1 or the Insulin dependent Diabetes/Juvenile Diabetes is a genetic disease and Type 2 Diabetes is mainly caused due to sedentary life style and bad food patterns. Diabetic neuropathy, Diabetic nephropathy, Diabetic retinopathy are few major complications of this chronic non-communicable disease. Resistance to Insulin hormone which helps in balancing the blood glucose level is the main cause for this disease. Signs and symptoms are increased urination, increased thirst, increased hunger, weight loss, blurred vision, excessive sleepiness. This chronic disease is diagnosed by analyzing signs, symptoms, clinical examination of the patient along with the results of investigations such as FBS, PPBS, RBS, HbA1C to check blood sugar level.

Ayurveda is one of the oldest holistic healing systems in world. Ayurveda means the "knowledge" or "the science of life". Ayurveda connects physical, spiritual and mental processes to promote a healthy relationship between the mind, body, and soul. The primary goal of Ayurveda is to maintain healthiness by being free from diseases and providing treatment modalities for the diseased. Each living being has a tendency toward disequilibrium of certain dōshas structurally or physiologically and such imbalances may lead to disease.

According to Ayurveda disease that causes excessive urination is known as Pramēha ["mēhathi mūthrayathi ithyārtha:"]. There are 20 Pramēha rōgās mentioned in Ayurveda. Pramēha rōga that is present for a long time without treatment can transform in to the disease stage called Madhumeha. Disease where the sweetness is present in urine and body fluids like sweat, mucus is known as Madhumeha and this can be correlated with Diabetes mellitus. Madhumeha is caused by intake of kapha vitiating food like curd, jaggery, river fish, excessive intake of cow's milk and inappropriate behaviors like physical inactivity, excessive sleep. According to Ayurveda this is one of the diseases that cannot be completely cured.

Unwholesome food in inappropriate quantity and untimely usage can lead



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## Way to avoid Non-Communicable Diseases

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to diseases or can aggravate already present disease conditions. Food which is essential for the sustenance of life can become a cause for some diseases if used in an improper way such as excess usage, mal usage and reduced usage. Ayurveda has given supreme importance to food we take and food is known as the best medicine (Mahaa bhesaja) among all the other medications. A balanced diet mentioned in Ayurveda has 10 components such as Shashtika, Shāli, Amla, Saindhava.

For the control and prevention of Madhumeha (Type - 2 Diabetes) healthy food patterns are important. According to modern medicine, they have mentioned about the importance of consuming food articles with low glycemic index for the control of Type - 2 Diabetes. Intake of starchy food is bad for the patients with Diabetes. As Sri Lankans Rice is the main food we take for most of our main meals. Raktha shāli (Red/Brown rice) is the best type of rice that is mentioned in Shūka category (corns with bristles) of 12 food types mentioned in Ayurveda. Traditional rice varieties like Suwadala, Kalu hēnati, Rathu hēnati, Kuruluthuda also have low glycemic index and helps in reducing blood glucose levels. According to Ayurveda, pulses are collectively known as Shami dhānya. Whole grains like green gram (Phaseolus radiata), Kavupi (Vigna unguiculata), Black gram (Vigna mungo) [Undu / Māsha] and lentils like Dhal/Parippu (Lens culinaris) are also effective in supplying energy to body with reduced glycemic index.

Fruits and vegetables are low in fat, salt, sugar and they are a good source of dietary fibers. These contain many vitamins like vitamin A (beta-carotene), C, E, minerals such as Mg, Zn, P and folic acid which are good for health. Intake of fruits and vegetables can reduce the risk of Type 2 Diabetes mellitus and other NCDs like Hypertension, Heart disease, Cancers.

Karavila / Bitter melon (Mormodica charantia) is a cuisine commonly used in South-East Asian countries and consumed by cooking in the green or early yellowing stage.

Thembu (Costus speciosus) is a rhizomatous herb and leaves are prepared as curry or salads. This

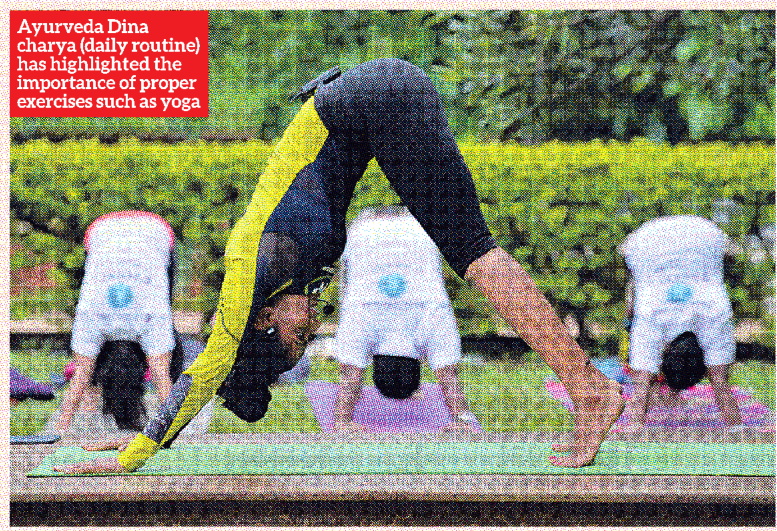
is said to be having anti-diabetic properties by stimulating β-cells in the pancreatic islets to release insulin, increasing the quantity of insulin receptors and fighting against free radicals by behaving as antioxidants and thereby, decreasing cell damage.

Kowakka (Coccinia grandis) is a perennial climber with single tendrils and glabrous leaves. This is claimed to be helpful in regulating blood sugar levels. Some researches support that compounds in this plant inhibit glucose-6-phosphatase, which is one of the key liver enzymes involved in regulating sugar metabolism. Green beans/ Bonchi (Phaseolus vulgaris) is a vegetable with many dietary fibers with low calories and contain no saturated fat. Dambala /Winged bean (Psophocarpus tetragonolobus) is rich not only with protein, but in tocopherols (antioxidants that facilitate vitamin A utilization in the body). Pathōla/Snake gourd (Trichosanthes cucumerina) is mentioned in Ayurveda as a vegetable with laghu guna (lightness) that helps in giving strength and energy. This is a vegetable with low carbohydrates similar to Wetakolu/Ridged gourd (Luffa acutangular). Both these vegetables help in increasing Insulin level and helps in maintaining blood glucose level in balanced state.

Amla/ Nelli (Phyllanthus emblica) is a fruit with many nutritional properties and this is one of the three ingredients mentioned in Triphala in Ayurveda. Triphala is included in many drug recipes. Star fruit/ Kaamarankaa (Averrhoa carambola) contains various essential nutrients including fiber, potassium, vitamin C, vitamin B5, folate and a small amount of protein. This fruit is also low in calories which supports weight loss. Lime (Citrus aurentifolia) is an acidic fruit with Vitamin C. This is rich with antioxidants such as flavonoids as well. Limes have a low glycemic index and help to regulate the way your body absorbs sugar into the bloodstream and helps in controlling blood sugar levels. Yellow vine/ Wenivelgata (Coscinium fenestratum) is a herbal drug which is used by Sri Lankans for curing body aches and pains very frequently. This is with bitter, astringent taste and light (laghu), rough (ruksha) properties.

Turmeric/ Kaha (Curcuma longa) which is used in cooking is said to be having many medicinal benefits including immune enhancing properties and strengthening the overall energy of the body. This culinary spice has digestive properties and used as a coloring agent as well. Turmeric which is known as Haridra or Nishā is one of the commonly used medicinal drugs used in Ayurveda drug recipes prescribed for treating Madhumeha.

Ayurveda Dina charyā (daily routine) has highlighted the importance of proper exercises such as yōga to maintain healthy life. Vyāyāma (Exercises/ activities that need physical effort) like walking, running, swimming (against the water flow) has been specially mentioned for Madhumeha patients in Ayurveda. Other than these awakening in morning (Brahma muhurtha), adequate sleep at night, avoiding day sleep, sufficient intake of water, avoid alcohol usage, meditation, spiritual and mental relaxing activities are also advisable to maintain a healthy life style. By following healthy behavioral patterns and adding these important food varieties with health benefits will be helpful in preventing and controlling from this dangerous non-communicable disease.



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# IMMUNITY TO PEOPLE AND A BOOSTER TO THE ECONOMY

By **Dr. Lohitha Samarawikrema**

COVID-19 has changed our lives introducing "new norms" at least for the next decade. During good old days, when we went to school and mingled with friends has now become a dream for our children. They are confined to their studies and to a computer or phone screen.

Physical activities have become bear minimum and the average health conditions are deteriorating and shortening the lifespan of the people. Thus the "Lock down" mentality has created new forms of psychological dilemma indirectly effecting the nation's growth.

Most of the global players and countries have identified these new trends and have adopted various concepts to face the new challenges.

New norms are being implemented in most of the countries and immunity passports (Green passes) are introduced for travellers who have been vaccinated already.

Countries like Singapore are facing the challenge already and have taken precautionary measures with a concept of Test, Trace, Vaccination (TTV).

Addressing the nation Prime minister of Singapore Lee stated that "In this new normal, the countries which are united, disciplined and (have) put in place sensible safeguards, will be able to reopen their economies, reconnect to the rest of the world (to) grow and prosper."

Hence, vaccination would play a major role in adopting the new norms the world over.

Totalling the numbers, it is a fact that the world needs at least twice the number of vaccines in comparison its population to cover the entire world population.

Even with such a demand, the drawbacks for manufacturing vaccines are common to the countries with the presence of political instability, poor infrastructure, dubious regulatory frameworks thus prevent new investments in the industry.

**Thus the "Lock down" mentality has created new forms of psychological dilemma indirectly effecting the nation's growth**

However, around the globe, several production plants have been manufacturing vaccines for decades. Most of these production plants still use immunological strategies that were developed decades ago. During the nineteenth century, scientists from United States, Great Britain, France, and Germany developed strategies for inactivating a whole bacterium and developed inactivated whole-cell vaccines against plague, typhoid, and cholera. Therefore, it is helpful to contemplate the past for having a great deal of forwarding gazing with new potential vaccine production strategies. For instance, the first influenza vaccine using attenuated virus was developed in 1936, while mRNA and viral-vector-based vaccine have been developed in more modern plants faster than ever before, as is the case of the latest COVID-19 vaccines.

Given the global scenario that the production of vaccines in smaller countries are limited. Some of the central / South American and Caribbean countries have extremely small markets, hence the production of biological medicines is not worth.

The United States of America, Canada, Brazil and Mexico are considered the top vaccine manufacturers and have the infrastructure for biological manufacturing.

Some Latin American countries are among the Top 20 ranked vaccine manufacturers with self-sufficiency up to about 72% in vaccine production.

### RAPID GROWTH

Nevertheless, over the past few decades, the world has experienced rapid growth in developing new vaccines, including recent novel coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine. It has added more than 200 new



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**Local pharma manufacturer to produce vaccines**

manufacturers to the production pipeline.

At present, vaccine development and manufacturing, requires specialised facilities, a robust economic situation, and significant investments.

Thus, Sri Lanka has got a rare opportunity which in reality could turn Lanka's economy to great heights by making us the centralized vaccine producer in the region of south East Asia. Sri Lanka can even reach out to many markets including Africa.

The National Chamber of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers of Sri Lanka (NCPM) affiliated to the biggest international network in the pharma manufacturing industry through Indian Drug Manufacturers Association (IDMA), Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industry (BAPI) and the Czech Republic chambers which covers entire European Union countries was lobbying for opportunities in the world markets linking its members and the local pharma manufactures to be part of the global network.

As such the opportunity to enter to vaccine production was explored by "Kelun Life sciences" also the first ever saline manufacturer in Sri Lanka with Sinovac Biotech Ltd one of the largest vaccine producer in China.

**With no exceptions, there're much controversy circulating in the local media these days relating to Sinovac production in Sri Lanka. Most we read is contradicting to one another and confuse the public as a whole**

It was a great achievement to be able to convince a large player like Sinovac Biotech Ltd to step into Sri Lanka. Certainly, it was an advantage that the state of the art manufacturing facility in palkelele - Kandy of "Kelun Life sciences" was timely built to "plug and play".

Adding colour to this noble cause the state manufacturer of Pharmaceuticals SPMC joining hands for this landmark project securing the stake of the Government of Sri Lanka and the discussions are still underway.

WHO inspectors are due to arrive in Sri Lanka shortly for the approval process while a foreign technical team finalizing and validating the latest machineries and equipment to start the production no sooner the relevant approvals are granted.

With no exceptions, there're much

controversy circulating in the local media these days relating to Sinovac production in Sri Lanka. Most we read is contradicting to one another and confuse the public as a whole.

This culture of commenting on private businesses without facts are detrimental not only to the industry, but globally for the investors at a juncture the government is inviting investors for the proposed pharma zones developing in Anuradapura and Hambantheta.

Professional businessmen understand that there're business ethics being practiced in genuine corporate world and even none-disclosure agreements are being signed to safeguard certain sensitive information shared.

This is not a question about transparency and doesn't mean that there're malpractices taking place. But any individual with concerns, have the right to find out details specially when public funds are being used to purchase vaccines. In a way it's fair by the public to suspect malpractices with the experiences they have had in the past, but discussing personal opinions beyond facts damage the image of our country and would block much needed genuine investments to the nation.

Then there're concerns raised whether Sinovac is being produced here in Sri Lanka or is packed locally. Information we have is that initially they will import bulk solution and pack it locally.

It is the fact that Sri Lanka is having a similar state of the art dry-powder plant in existence complying with world standards. So the concept is nothing new and no difference to one another.

Pharmaceutical packing is also a unique part of the pharma industry which involves lots of expertise and technology and large investments. Specialised equipments are needed to process the filling while sensitive testing methodologies are adopted to maintain stability and quality of the end product.

Hence, it's much more scientific and complex than what it's seems to be.

Economic advantages with Significant value addition will retain a considerable amount of foreign exchange in the country in addition to the foreign exchange earnings by exports to the neighbouring countries and to the other continents taking the benefit of the strategic location of mother Lanka. The list goes on as the employment we generate will give a steady income to employees and in return the earnings are circulating within the local economy, keeping all stake holders in the loop to prosper. The specialised knowledge shared and taught to the new generation is priceless.

The new generation will have different scopes in their carriers and a steady future to look forward to. Being produced locally, we have ready accessibility of the fresh stocks at our reach and freight advantage could be considerable. And the door will be open to the international players to consider Sri Lanka as a contract manufacturing hub in the region provided our regulators positively look at this as a new vista.

Although it appears that many countries have sufficient national vaccine production capacities, this differs significantly from reality. Hence Sri Lanka can see the bright light of opportunity end of the tunnel.

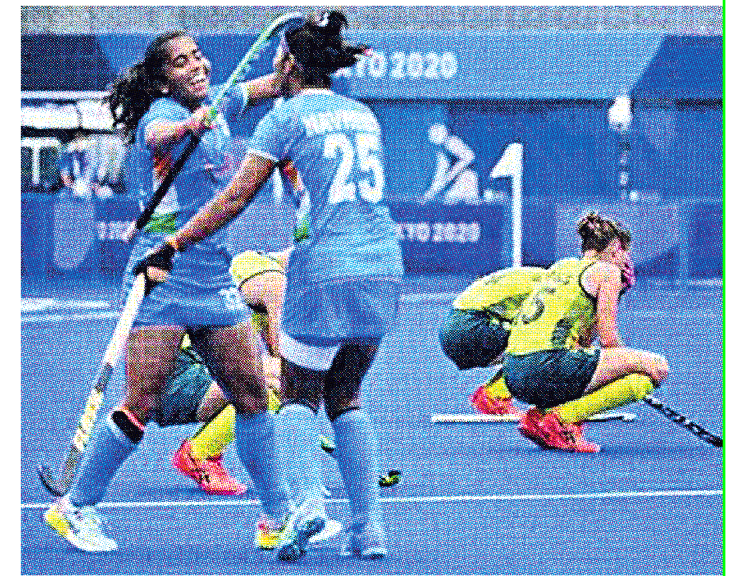
Vaccinations aim to save millions of lives by generating artificial and life-saving immunological responses world over, let's be part of that success story. And let's make the Mother Lanka a Medicinally self-sufficient Nation.

**(The writer is President of the National Chamber of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (NCPM) of Sri Lanka)**





File Photo



Australia's Kaitlin Nobbs (R) and Stephanie Anna Kershaw (back) react after losing 1-0 to India as India's Neha (L) and Navneet Kaur celebrate at the end of their women's quarter-final match of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

# SL TO FIELD WOMEN'S VB TEAM AT 2022 ASIAN GAMES

BY SUSIL PREMALAL

The Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation (SLVB) is planning to field a Women's Indoor Team at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China from September 10 to 25 next year. The SLVB has already written to the National Sports Council (NSC) and the Sports Ministry requesting permission

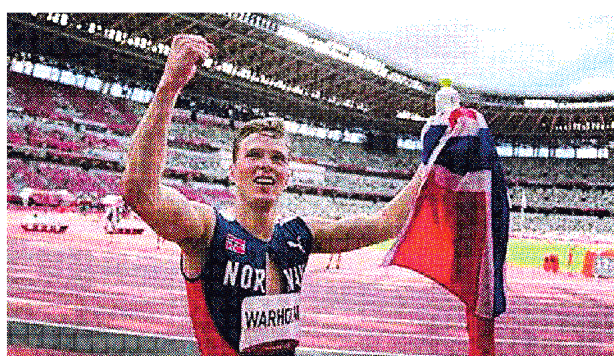
to field a Women's Team for the first time at an Asian Games. The Sri Lanka Men's Volleyball Team of course, participated at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games and at the Asian Beach Volleyball Games. The Sri Lanka Women's Volleyball Team has earlier won the Gold Medal at the South Asian Games. The Sri Lanka Men's Volleyball Team is currently placed 55th in the FIVB

Rankings and the Women's Team is placed in 67th place. Meanwhile, the SLVB is hoping to field a team at the 2021 Asian Central Zone Women's Tournament as preparation for the Asian Games. The Asian Central Zone Women's Volleyball Tournament, conducted by the Asian Volleyball Confederation will be held in December in New Delhi, India with the participation of ten countries. The SLVB is planning to form a

25-member National Pool targeting the event and a special selection trial will be held on August 7 and 8 at the Volleyball House in Galle. Those players who are registered with the SLVB and who are not registered should report to the venue at 8.30 a.m. Further details could be obtained from A. S. Nalaka, Secretary SLVB on telephone: 0112669344 or 0778074539.

## Brave Olympic bronze for Biles as Warholm sets jaw-dropping world record

Gymnastics superstar Simone Biles stared down the debilitating "twisties" to bravely win Olympic bronze on Tuesday as Norway's Karsten Warholm lit up the Tokyo athletics competition with a stunning hurdles world record. Biles pulled out of most of her finals as she battled the disorientating mental block, but she returned in medal-winning style to high excitement at the Ariake Gymnastics Centre. The American four-time gold-medallist, widely considered the (Greatest Of All Time) put in a solid routine including a double backward somersault and double pike dismount, smiling broadly as she was congratulated by her teammates. Biles was lying



Norway's Karsten Warholm reacts after winning and breaking the world record in the men's 400m hurdles final during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

in the silver medal position until the final competitor, Chinese 16-year-old Guan Chenchen, stepped up and scored 14.633 points to take first place, pushing teammate Tang Xijing into silver. China's Zou Jingyuan won the men's parallel bars

with 16.233 to add Olympic gold to his two world titles on the apparatus. Earlier, the Olympic Stadium witnessed one of the great races when Warholm shattered his own world record by nearly 0.8sec in an epic 400m hurdles final. (AFP)

## Lions make six changes for decisive third Test against Springboks

The British and Irish Lions announced six changes yesterday to their starting team for the decisive third Test against South Africa at the Cape Town Stadium on Saturday, bringing in Welshmen Liam Williams and Josh Adams. Williams and Adams will play at full-back and right wing respectively, with Stuart Hogg and Anthony Watson dropped from the match 23 as head coach Warren Gatland makes four changes in the backs and two in the forwards after a 27-9 hammering by the Springboks at the same venue last Saturday. Bundee Aki will team up with fellow Irishman Robbie

Henshaw at centre, with Chris Harris, who started last Saturday, left out of the squad. Scotland scrum-half Ali Price, who started in the first Test and was a replacement last Saturday, will change roles again with Ireland's Conor Murray, who drops to the bench from a starting role. Both forward changes are in the front row, with Welshmen Wyn Jones and Ken Owens coming in at loose-head prop and hooker respectively. Three players who have not yet appeared in the series, forwards Adam Beard and Sam Simmonds and fly-half Finn Russell are among the replacements. (AFP)

Prop Kyle Sinckler was named as a replacement subject to the outcome of a disciplinary hearing. "The match-day 23 have an incredibly special opportunity in front of them -- to seal a Lions series victory in South Africa," said Gatland. "It does not get much bigger than this and we're excited by the challenge that faces us on Saturday. "We've no excuses from last week, the Springboks put us under pressure in the second half and deserved the win. We have to be much better than that second half performance, and I believe we will be." (AFP)

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Branch: BORALESGAMUWA  
NAGALAMULLE GAMAGE LASANTHA SANATHCHANDRA  
At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Hatton National Bank PLC held on 28th May 2021 it was resolved specially and unanimously.  
Whereas NAGALAMULLE GAMAGE LASANTHA SANATHCHANDRA as the Obligor mortgaged and hypothecated property morefully described in the schedule here to by Mortgage Bond No. 2134 dated 06.11.2007 attested by K Senanayake, Notary Public of Colombo and instruments of Mortgage dated 24.10.2014, 05.06.2015, 22.11.2016 and 06.10.2016 all attested by A M D A K Adikary Notary Public of Colombo in Favour of Hatton National Bank PLC as security for repayment of a Development Loan of Rs. 8,185,000/00 granted by Hatton National Bank PLC to NAGALAMULLE GAMAGE LASANTHA SANATHCHANDRA.  
And whereas the said NAGALAMULLE GAMAGE LASANTHA SANATHCHANDRA has made default in payment of the sums due to Hatton National Bank PLC on the said Bonds and on the said Development Loan of Rs. 8,185,000/00 and there is now due and owing to Hatton National Bank PLC as at 08th March 2021 a sum of Rupees Ten Million One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Two and Cents Forty Nine Only (Rs. 10,175,972/49) on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Hatton National Bank PLC under the power vested by the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990 as amended do hereby resolve to sell the mortgaged property as described in the schedule hereto and mortgaged to Hatton National Bank PLC by the said Bond Nos. 3146, 1181, 1182 and 1183 be sold by public auction by ES Ramanayake Licensed Auctioneer of all island for recovery of the said sum of Rs. 10,175,972/49 together with further interest of 15.5% p.a from 09th March 2021 on the capital outstanding of Rs. 8,185,000/00 to date of sale together with costs of advertising and other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received.  
**THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO**  
All that divided and defined allotment of land marked parcel No. 0023 depicted in Block No. 6 of Cadastral Map No. 520018 authenticated by the surveyor General situated in the Village of Kirigampamuwa in the Grama Niladhari Division of Kirigampamuwa and in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Homagama in the District of Colombo Western Province and containing in extent Naught Decimal Naught Eight Five Naught Hectares (HA 0.0850) and registered under title Certificate No. 0031081 at the title registration Registry of Homagama.  
By order of the Board of Directors  
K A L T RANAWEEERA  
DGM (LEGAL)/BOARD SECRETARY

**HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC**  
Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Hatton National Bank PLC under section 4 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 04 of 1990  
Branch: HEAD OFFICE BRANCH  
WALKERS C M L PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT (PRIVATE) LIMITED  
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At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Hatton National Bank PLC held on 25th June 2021 it was resolved specially and unanimously.  
Whereas WALKERS C M L PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT (PRIVATE) LIMITED and WALKERS C M L PROPERTIES LANKA (PRIVATE) LIMITED as the Obligors have made default in payment due on Bond No. 3974 dated 30.07.2018 attested by S S Halloluwa, Notary Public of Colombo in Favour of Hatton National Bank PLC and there is now due and owing to the Hatton National Bank PLC as at 17th May 2021 a sum of Rs. 114,473,510/21 (Rupees One Hundred and Fourteen Million Four Hundred and Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred and Ten and Cents Twenty One Only) due on the Permanent Overdraft facility extended to you on the said Bond and the Board of Directors of Hatton National Bank PLC under the power vested by the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. of 1990, do hereby resolve that the property and premises morefully described in the Schedule, hereto and mortgaged to Hatton National Bank PLC by the said Bond No. 3974 be sold by Public Auction by K P N Silva Licensed Auctioneer of Colombo for recovery of the said sum of Rs. 114,473,510/21 together with further interest from 18th May 2021 to date of sale together with costs of advertising and other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received.  
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# SPORTS

**TODAY'S SPORTS SCHEDULE**

ARTISTIC SWIMMING	04.00 p.m. (SL time)	Tokyo Aquatics Centre
ATHLETICS	05.30 a.m.	Olympic Stadium
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	08.30 a.m.	Yokohama Baseball Stadium
BASKETBALL	06.30 a.m.	Saitama Super Arena
BEACH VOLLEYBALL	05.30 a.m.	Shiokaze Park
BOXING	10.30 a.m.	Kokugikan Arena
CANOE SPRINT	06.00 a.m.	Sea Forest Waterway
CYCLING TRACK	12.00 p.m.	Izu Velodrome
DIVING	11.30 a.m.	Tokyo Aquatics Centre
EQUESTRIAN	03.30 p.m.	Equestrian Park
GOLF	04.00 a.m.	Kasumigaseki Country Club
HANDBALL	06.00 a.m.	Yoyogi National Stadium
HOCKEY	07.00 a.m.	Qi Hockey Stadium
MARATHON SWIMMING	03.00 a.m.	Odaiba Marine Park
SAILING	11.03 a.m.	Enoshima
SKATEBOARDING	05.30 a.m.	Ariake Park Skateboarding
SPORT CLIMBING	01.30 p.m.	Aomi Urban Sports Park
TABLE TENNIS	06.30 a.m.	Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium
VOLLEYBALL	05.30 a.m.	Ariake Arena
WATER POLO	10.30 a.m.	Tatsumi Water Polo Centre
WEIGHTLIFTING	10.20 a.m.	Tokyo International Forum
WRESTLING	07.30 a.m.	Makuhari Messe Hall

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Mathilda Karlsson comforts her Horse Chopin VA, Equestrian Park (Credit - NOCSL)



# FINE MARGINS COST KARLSSON ON OLYMPIC DEBUT

BY SHEHAN DANIEL AT EQUESTRIAN PARK, TOKYO

For Sri Lanka's Mathilda Karlsson it was fine margins of the biggest stage that led to her elimination from the Equestrian Jumping Individual competition at the Equestrian Park in Tokyo yesterday.

In the flood-lit park, Karlsson and her horse Chopin VA had to navigate 14 obstacles on the event's course – 13 fences and a water jump, each obstacle depicting a piece of Japanese culture or bearing reference to the Olympic Games – with penalties for added time taken and the failure or refusal to clear jumps.

For Karlsson, it was the latter that ended her campaign early, even before she could complete her run, with her Stallion twice refusing to jump over obstacles which, in this sport, incurs automatic elimination for both rider and horse.

The Stallion cleared the first five obstacles, if not unconvincingly at least cleanly, but pulled out on approaching the sixth obstacle, depicting Goldfish, or Kingyo in Japanese, with the significance being that they are said to have been rare and strange pets to the aristocracy in the 16th century.

Despite having got the horse around to make the jump on the second attempt, and leading the horse over the seventh obstacle, the equine's refusal to leap over the eighth obstacle, a water jump with pictograms of the sports in the Olympic Games, meant that her run was over. Karlsson said that she was at blame for the mistakes that led to the horse's refusals, adding that she had expected more out of her debut at the Olympics. "For sure, we are very disappointed at this time. I just came out of the ring, and I was expecting much more. For me, I have one of the best horses in this competition. In this kind of big event, you're not allowed to make any mistakes, and it was definitely my mistake to put too much leg into the triple bar, before the first refusal. Because he went so high and he lost his balance, and I know that happens when you put too much leg. You get a little in the moment and you want to do the best you can," she said after her event. That mistake effectively compromised her run, she said.

"After that there was five strides, I should have done six, but it's a millisecond where you can decide what to do and I went with the five, because that is what it should be. I was too far away and after something like that happens, it's just impossible to get going again," Karlsson added.

However, she said, that the experience in Tokyo 2020, would hold her in good stead moving forward. "The experience that we got, I know now so many things that I would have done differently, if I could have had another chance. But I definitely know now that I counted on the right horse, because jumping a track like this, you definitely need a horse like I have. It was just really unlucky, and I would say, maybe a little bit of a lack of experience as well which now we will have for the future. I would definitely do something different," Karlsson opined. For Karlsson, the journey to Tokyo has been wrought with challenges, from having to make a madcap effort to qualify for the Olympics, only to have her points invalidated making her ineligible to participate.

"Our road was a little different, because I was in the Olympics and then the points were taken back, and mentally that is kind of hard to cope with when you don't know if you're going to go or not. My horse never doubted it would go to the Olympics. It's a good thing he never knew. It's fantastic to be in the Olympics, this is something I will remember for the rest of my life," she added.

**TOKYO 2020 OLYMPICS MEDAL TALLY - TOP 10**

RANK	COUNTRIES	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	China	32	21	16	69
2	USA	24	28	21	73
3	Japan	19	6	11	36
4	Australia	14	4	15	33
5	ROC	13	21	18	52
6	Great Britain	13	17	13	43
7	Germany	8	8	14	30
8	France	6	10	8	24
9	Netherlands	6	7	7	20
10	Korea	6	4	9	19

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## Roy-Tho given green light

BY HARSHA AMARASINGHE

The Ministry of Health has given the green light for the traditional big match between Royal College and S. Thomas' College to go ahead amid concerns of Covid-19.

Dr. Asela Gunawardena – Director General of Health

Services in a letter given the approval for the Battle of the Blues set to be worked off from September 9 to 11.

"Approval is hereby granted to conduct 'Big Match' Cricket Encounter on 9, 10 and 11 September," the letter reads.

However, the Ministry

of Health has made sure no spectators would be allowed inside the stadiums during the game.

"The safety and health of the players and officials should be the highest priority and no spectators are allowed when conducting the three-day event" the letter claims.

## SLC Invitational T20 League from August 12

BY M. SHAMILAMIT

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has finalised arrangements to conduct an Invitational T20 League cricket tournament which will be worked off from August 12 at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium.

The tournament will see the participation of national and first class cricketers and is

being conducted in preparation for the forthcoming South Africa tour of Sri Lanka and the ICC T20 World Cup 2021.

Four teams namely Blues, Reds, Greens and Greys comprising of 15 players in each team are billed to participate and each team will play six matches in the initial stages with the top two teams meeting in final to be played

on August 24.

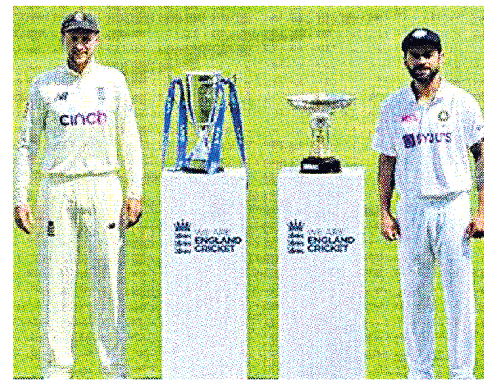
The tournament will give much needed match practice to the players ahead of their upcoming assignments and also provide a chance for players who did not get an opportunity to represent the national team in the recently concluded England and India series to push their case for selection.

## NSSF to strategise shooting sport with global appeal

BY SUSIL PREMALAL

Following its representation at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka (NSSF) is on the verge of grooming its community of shooting athletes to become internationally potential competitors. The NSSF's objective is precise in targeting the next Olympic Games to be held in Paris, France in 2024 but with straight qualification. Tehani Egodawela represented Sri Lanka in the Women's 10m air rifle event but her entry to the Tokyo Games was made possible through a Tripartite Invitation Quota, which was made available to the world by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) to only six athletes with credentials.

Egodawela's name was picked by the ISSF for the specified event, the Women's 10m air rifle, in which she was placed 49th among 50 participants. But this was an Olympic that international shooters would like to forget, given the overall outcome of the event, in particular Egodawela.



England's captain Joe Root (L) and India's captain Virat Kohli (R) pose with the Pataudi Trophy (CR) and the Test series trophy (CL) at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground in Nottingham, central England ahead of the first Test match between England and India

## Stokes will be given as long as he needs, says England captain Root

England captain Joe Root said Ben Stokes has the full support of his England team mates and should take all the time he wants after the all-rounder took an indefinite break from cricket last week to focus on his mental health.

Stokes, 29, withdrew from England's Test squad and will miss the five-match series against India, which begins today. "Ben has always put other people first, and now is an opportunity for him to put himself first... Cricket should be a secondary thought right now," Root told reporters on Monday.

"He has my full support... He should take as much time as he wants. For me, it's hard to see a friend like that. I'm just desperate for him to be okay, and I'll be there for him as much as I can be," Root added that while Stokes was a player like no other in world cricket and the heartbeat of this English side, his absence provides an opportunity for others to step up.

"In the past, the likes of Sam Curran and Chris Woakes have managed to come in. Both had a great series against India (at home) last time. We have managed without Ben before and, hopefully, we can do that again." India were already without Shubman Gill, Washington Sundar and Avesh Khan for the series after the trio returned home with injuries before opener Mayank Agarwal was ruled out of the first test after being hit on the helmet during practice on Monday. (Reuters)

## Messi talks progressing, while more FFP flexibility needed says Barca chief

Barcelona President Joan Laporta has said talks over a new deal are progressing well with forward Lionel Messi.

The Argentine's contract expired at the end of June and the forward is currently a free

agent. However, Barca have reportedly offered him a new five-year deal on a reduced salary which they hope will help them meet La Liga's financial fair play (FFP) requirements.

"We're doing everything

possible, and it's progressing well," Laporta told a news conference on Monday.

"It's going in the line we all believed it would, within the scope we've got.

(AFP)

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## Govt. does U-turn; to allow import of chemical fertiliser under licence regime

- Finance Minister issues new gazette with effect from July 31 allowing such imports
- Controller General of Imports and Exports instructs banks to facilitate such imports under ICL regime
- Customs has also been instructed to release imports of agrochemical items after ensuring importers are in possession of valid ICLs

**By Nishel Fernando**  
**F**urther relaxing the import restrictions initially imposed on agrochemicals, the Finance Ministry has allowed the importation of several previously banned chemical fertilisers under an import control licence (ICL) regime for plant nutrients, with effect from July 31, 2021, with the issuance of a fresh gazette notification.  
 "This department has brought chelated minerals and micro nutrients under the control of import licences for plant nutrients by Gazette Extraordinary No. 2238/45 dated July 31, 2021," Controller

General of Imports and Exports T.V.D. Damayanthi S. Karunaratne announced issuing a special notice.  
 According to the relevant gazette notification signed by Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa on July 30, several nitrogenous, phosphatic, potassic mineral or chemical fertilisers as well as mineral or chemical fertilisers containing two or three of the fertilising elements are brought under the ICL regime, with effect from July 31.  
 Accordingly, Karunaratne issued instructions to the importers to obtain licences and banks to facilitate imports of chemical

fertilisers under the ICL regime.  
 The importers are required to submit applications of their requirements along the recommendation of the Director of the National Fertiliser Secretariat.  
 The Finance Ministry in an earlier gazette notification issued on May 6 allowed several chemical fertiliser elements and other agro-chemicals, including several insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides and herbicides, under the same ICL regime after imposing a blanket ban on agrochemicals previously.  
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## July food prices up 0.70%, indicates Advocata's 'Bath Curry Index'

The food prices in the country continued to increase in July, according to Advocata's Bath Curry Indicator (BCI), which expanded by 0.70 percent from the previous month.  
 The BCI, established by Colombo-based policy think tank, tracks the monthly changes in food

prices. The latest analysis indicates that the month of July witnessed an increase in the food prices compared to June. However, the change was below one percent.  
 For the month of July 2021, the prices of pumpkin showed the largest increase of 66.4 percent, whereas

minor increases were observed in the prices of Samba rice, beans, dhal and fish (balaya).  
 The changes witnessed in July 2021 is a year-on-year (YoY) increase of 45 percent when compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.  
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## 65-acre plot allocated to SPMC to initiate Horana pharma investment zone

The Cabinet nod was granted this week to allocate a 65-acre land plot from the Horana Industrial City Development Project, located in Millewa, to State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation (SPMC) to kick-start the construction of the first phase of the Horana pharmaceutical investment zone.  
 Earlier, SPC signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Urban Development Authority (UDA) to acquire the relevant land plot.  
 Accordingly, with the concurrence of the management board of the UDA, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Monday, as Urban Development and Housing Minister, sought the

approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to transfer 65-acre and 17.66-perch land block to SPMC, from the Horana Industrial City Development Project in Millewa.  
 With an estimated Rs.8 billion investment, SPMC plans to produce orthopaedic and neurosurgical equipment, anti-cancer drugs, pills and capsules, surgical instruments and lenses.  
 As per the Government Information Department, the relevant land block is to be transferred to SPMC on a long-term lease basis and five production facilities are being planned on the land block.  
 The government aims to source up to 80 percent of the country's demand for medicine locally, within the next four years.

## IMF US \$ 650bn reserves distribution clears last hurdle, takes effect on Aug. 23

**REUTERS:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Monday its board of governors approved a US \$ 650 billion allocation of IMF Special Drawing Rights and said its largest-ever distribution of monetary reserves would become effective August 23.  
 The IMF member countries will receive SDRs -- the fund's unit of exchange backed by dollars, euros, yen, sterling and yuan -- in proportion with their existing quota shareholdings in the fund. Monday's approval by all 190 IMF member states was long expected.  
 "The SDR allocation will benefit all members, address the long-term global need for reserves, build confidence and foster the resilience and stability of the global economy," IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said in a statement.  
 "It will particularly help our most vulnerable countries struggling to cope with the impact of the COVID-19 crisis," she said, adding that about US \$ 275 billion of the allocation will go to emerging market and low-income countries.  
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Kristalina Georgieva

Georgieva said the IMF will continue to actively engage with members to identify viable options for rich countries that receive SDRs to channel them to poorer countries that need them more. A key option is for wealthier countries to contribute SDRs to the IMF's existing Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust for low-income countries, she said.  
 She added that the IMF was still considering a new trust for SDRs to facilitate sustainable growth in the medium term, indicating little change from discussions in July.

## Vijitha Herath assumes duties as Sri Lanka Insurance Chairman



Renowned engineering professional Eng. Vijitha Herath assumed duties as Chairman of state-owned Sri Lanka Insurance, yesterday.  
 Prior to being appointed to the current rank, Herath served as Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board since 2019.  
 He also serves as Chairman of

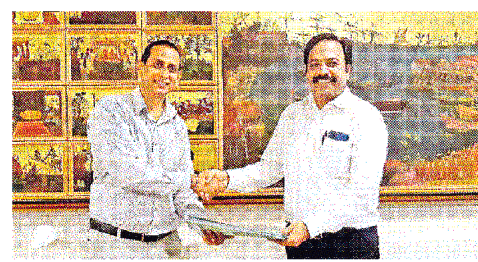
the Sri Lanka Podujana Engineers Front, a leading engineering body with more than 5000 members.  
 Having started his own successful construction company in Sri Lanka in 2012, Herath's corporate experience spans across local and overseas organisations in the field of engineering.  
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## Indian tech giant HCL to take up 80% of 'The Offices' at Cinnamon Life

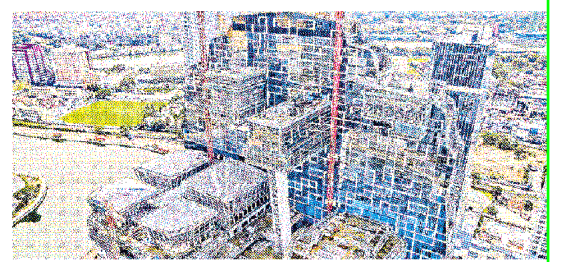
- HCL to make 'The Offices' its Sri Lankan hub
- Becomes first A-grade office tower in Colombo to attract a multinational to occupy majority of its space

Colombo's newest state-of-the-art office tower, 'The Offices' at Cinnamon Life, has been chosen as the hub for leading global technology company HCL Technologies' growth drive in Sri Lanka.  
 Cinnamon Life is the first A-grade office tower in Colombo to attract a leading multinational company to occupy a majority of available office spaces within its premises. HCL Technologies has entered into an agreement with John Keells Holdings (JKH) to occupy over 80 percent of the space in the 30-storey A-grade office building. HCL's commitment as the anchor

office tenant at Cinnamon Life adds immense value to the integrated mixed development project as a whole, as the office spaces are poised to attract a dynamic local and expatriate workforce.  
 The international company's commitment and growth drive in Sri Lanka are also reflective of the long-term business resilience of Colombo's ascent as a commercial hub in South Asia. For HCL, Cinnamon Life's prime location, wide-ranging facilities and emphasis on utmost quality, proved to be a winning combination.  
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From left: JKH Executive Vice President/Property Group Sector Head Nayana Mawilmada with HCL Technologies Lanka Resident Director Thothathri Vaikuntam at the signing



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# Swiss experts conduct knowledge-sharing session on organic agro ecosystem

A team of experts from Switzerland presently on a 10-day visit in the country conducted an experiential and insightful training session on organic agriculture and ecosystem, a need of the hour for Sri Lanka, as it bans chemical fertilisers and pesticides to make a transition from conventional to an organic approach.

The event was held at the Baur's Fertiliser Factory (CMW) in Kelaniya on August 2, in adherence to strict health and safety guidelines, with the presence of PHI officers onsite.

This knowledge-sharing session saw the participation of Baur's senior management, support staff, fertiliser and plant protection field staff, CMW lab and factory staff, feed millers, invitees from animal health, poultry and biochar segments, including INSEE Ecocycle and special guests from Sunshine Holdings PLC, including Watawala Plantations PLC CEO Binesh Pananwala.

The event is part of the expert team's diverse visit to study the country's agricultural landscape, an initiative of A. Baur & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd (Baur's). The team of experts is from two of the world's leading institutes on this topic, namely the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) and School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences (HAFL). They will meet with the stakeholders from various key institutions, converse with farmers and



Baur's team including Managing Director/CEO Rolf Blaser and Deputy MD/Director Agriculture Janaka Gunasekera with experts

other members and visit numerous sites and facilities across the island.

A. Baur & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd Managing Director/CEO Rolf Blaser in his welcome speech said, "We are proud to take a proactive stand on the organic fertiliser challenge. We established dialogue and started this initiative four months ago no sooner the country's announcement to ban chemical fertilisers and pesticides."

"We believe having such a world-class team of experts down here to study and exchange knowledge and resources on the holistic organic agriculture ecosystem is extremely beneficial to the country and sector. Together we will be visiting many sites and facilities in the coming days, including key officials, academics and professionals, to have an in-depth

understanding of the system."

According to the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), Sri Lanka currently has a 2.5 percent share of organic agriculture.

Prof. Dr. Christoph Studer, Professor of Natural Resources Management at HAFL, walked the audience through his presentation on the importance of having an agroecological approach. Prof. Studer highlighted the importance of soil fertility management, expressing that the objective is not only providing nutrients to crops but also nurture the soil to make it fit for its diverse tasks such as production and ecosystem services. He also stressed on organic matters, soil life, sustainable use of resources, diverse cropping patterns, nutrients, biofertilisers, among others.

Dr. Jacques G. Fuchs, Senior Scientist in Plant Pathology and Soil Quality at FiBL, shared insights on the basics of recycling organic residues, citing that everyone in Switzerland is individually involved with collecting and separating organic waste at home and that there is a wide range of waste categories. Dr. Fuchs also touched on improving soil fertility, numerous ways of composting practiced in Switzerland from farmers through to industrial plants, including systems for treating bio-waste, various waste that can be composted or treated by anaerobic fermentation, anaerobic degradation process, decomposition and maturation, entire cycle.

Dr. Fuchs shared the entire cycle of the process management from collection of green waste to utilisation of the final product, to include concept of organic waste collection, composting, anaerobic fermentation systems, mixture of raw materials, process management and storage of end products.

The event had an interactive Q&A session with all four members of the expert team, including Dr. Gurbir S. Bhullar, Senior Scientist in Tropical Agroecosystems at HAFL, Paul van den Berge, Senior Consultant at FiBL, followed by a vote thanks by A. Baur & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd Deputy Managing Director/Director Agriculture Janaka Gunasekera.

## Agri and livestock sector innovations virtual exhibition on Aug. 10

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) and Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Operation will be jointly organising a virtual exhibition to promote agri and livestock sector innovations ready for commercialisation on August 10, 2021.

Two similar virtual exhibitions were held to promote food in February 2021 and electric, electronic and IT sector in March 2021.

Funded by the World Bank, AHEAD is supporting universities in Sri Lanka to promote innovations to private sector through its University Business Linkage Cells. Thirteen universities, namely University of Ruhuna, Rajarata University, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, Uva Wellassa, University of Peradeniya, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, South Eastern University, University of Colombo, Sabaragamuwa University, University of Moratuwa, Open University, Sri Jayawardenepura University and CINEC will present a wide range of innovative products to private sector companies through the virtual exhibition on August 2021.

Those who are interested in joining the virtual exhibition could visit <https://chamber.lk/register/online>. Participation is free of cost. The AHEAD is an operation under the Education Ministry, financed by the World Bank, where the objective is to develop the higher education sector in the country. One area of improvement was recognised as the research, development, innovation and commercialisation. Lack of connection between universities and private sector was identified as a major gap in the Sri Lankan higher education system in this regard. Intellectual property generated in universities should be of benefit to society and university research should fit to the requirements of the industries in order to reap benefits from research conducted at universities.

As an initiative to address this gap, under Results area 3 of the AHEAD operation, University Business Linkage cells (UBLs) were established in all 15 state universities. These UBLs act as technology transfer offices and connect universities with outside parties to disseminate and commercialise research outcomes. The AHEAD also works with six non-state higher education institutions (HEIs) and contributed to establish Society Linkage cells (HEI-SL cells), which function similar to the UBLs.

These UBLs/HEI-SL cells now function as the central place, which links academics with the private sector. UBLs/HEI-SL Cells help university researchers to find suitable industry partners to commercialise the products/processes developed. Industries can also approach UBLs to get academic expertise to develop new products and processes. The final outcomes of all these commercialisation activities should bring win-win situations to both the university and the private party involved. The university can reinvest the revenue generated through commercialisation to further strengthen the research culture. Industries can save significant amounts of time, effort and money invested on R&D and to produce quality products to the local and international markets. These long-lasting and trustworthy connections eventually lead to the development of entire university system, the industries and ultimately the society.

The CCC joined hands with the AHEAD to support commercialisation of university research outcomes. The CCC was invited to the UBL/UGC standing committee meeting, which gathers every other month to address issues UBL/HEI-SL cells encounter and to make decisions required for the development of the UBL/HEI-SL cells.

## Pelwatte Dairy records 148% increase in profits before tax surmounting COVID challenges

Pelwatte Dairy, one of the leading dairy brands in Sri Lanka that locally produces a range of dairy products and saves foreign exchange for the country, has made a significant financial turnaround in 2020/21 recording a huge profits before tax (PBT) that year-on-year (YoY) surged by 148 percent.

In 2020/21 the company has made a profit falling short of the budgeted profit target. The company's gross profits grew by a strong 180 percent. In the same period, the profits before tax (PBT) increased by a huge 148 percent. This in fact is a major turnaround for Pelwatte since in FY 2019/20 the company recorded a PBT loss.

Significantly, amid COVID restraints, the company succeeded in YoY increasing the total farmers' base by 16 percent to 6500. The company also paid Rs.3.18 billion to the farmers in 2020/21, which is a 70 percent YoY increase.

Of the top 10 highest sold product lines, except for three, seven products have shown YoY growth in 2020/21.

The product line with the highest sale in 2020/21 was Pelwatte Full Cream Milk Powder, with a YoY growth of 76 percent. The product line with the second highest sale was butter, which showed a 42 percent YoY growth while the product line with the third highest sale was yoghurt,

indicating a 49 percent YoY growth.

Other product lines too indicated a YoY growth rate exceeding 100 percent. Ghee oil, though was at the sixth place among the largest product lines of sale, showed the highest growth among all products in 2020/21, growing by tenfold (a 1070 percent YoY increase).

Seen from an operational point of view, the company strengthened its automation by introducing SAP, the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution, which boosted its operational efficiencies thus strengthening its bottom line in 2020/21.

Having set up in 2006, Pelwatte Dairy, which specialises in milk processing, animal feed and dairy products, is one of the Sri Lankan brands that successfully saves the outflow of foreign exchange for dairy product imports from abroad. The company is ambitious to develop the dairy cattle husbandry in Sri Lanka with a view to establish a continuous and trustworthy flow of quality raw materials to the dairy industry.

An ISO 22000:2018 certified company, Pelwatte Dairy owns one of the most modern dairy factories (designed around Danish technology) that operates in Sri Lankan dairy sector at present.

## From battlefield to paddy field – A green revolution with ex-veterans



The Presidential Task Force for a Green Economy along with the Ranaviru Seva Authority that operates under the purview of the Defence Ministry has launched 'Ranabimben Govimbimata – Sarupase Peraliya', a programme to empower the military community to produce organic fertilisers and related products.

Beneficiary communities of the Ranaviru Sena Authority, retired military personnel and their close relatives, have been encouraged to get involved in this programme to ensure a fertiliser-free national economy, as envisioned by the President's 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' manifesto.

Even though there are around 47,000 beneficiary families of the Ranaviru Seva Authority, plans are underway to spread awareness on this project to families that are interested on a short-term basis. Attention has been given to military families in every district and preparations are

underway to provide initial technical training and awareness on the project to military personnel.

As an initial step around 500 military personnel from selected beneficiary families of the Ranaviru Seva Authority representing the seven districts have been identified to produce organic fertilisers as a mode of self-employment.

The main objective of the Presidential Taskforce for a Green Economy is to strengthen the organic fertiliser production programme initiated by the Agriculture Ministry, thereby presenting a fertiliser-free economy and a healthy generation to society. The process involves the contribution of ex-veterans, who served their motherland to further strengthen a fertiliser-free economic revolution. Following a message given by the President to the Agriculture Ministry, the Ranaviru Seva Authority made arrangements to extend its services to

the production of organic fertilisers and related products.

The project also aims to uplift the income status of ex-veterans, who have served their motherland by transforming them into small-scale entrepreneurs. Funds and facilities for the project will be provided by the National Enterprise Development Authority to empower beneficiary communities of the Ranaviru Seva Authority and engage in micro, small and medium-scale enterprises.

Loan schemes are being provided by Bank of Ceylon and preparations have been made to execute the programme targeting the military community at district level, with the collaboration of the Agriculture Ministry, NEDA and Small Enterprise Development Unit. The pilot project of this programme was initiated at a farm producing organic fertilisers and related products operated by a disabled soldier in Hakmana, Matara

on July 20, 2021. The military community in Matara participated in this programme.

The second programme was held at the government farm in Labuduwa, Galle, targeting retired military personnel on July 27, 2021. Around 50 differently-abled ex-veterans also participated in this programme and the Ranaviru Seva Authority aims to empower them as entrepreneurs.

The programme also aims to engage retired military personnel and close relatives of ex-veterans, who have sacrificed their lives in the battlefield, as means of strengthening the capacity of the Ranaviru Seva Authority officials at provincial and district level to make this project a success.

Future programmes will be held in the Gampaha, Kegalle, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Kandy districts during the next two weeks.

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### Govt. does...

Meanwhile, Karunaratne instructed commercial banks to proceed with the payments of importation of mentioned agrochemicals only with valid ICLs.

Similarly, Sri Lanka Customs has also been instructed to release imports of agrochemical items after ensuring that the importers are in possession of valid ICLs.

Opposition MP Harsha de Silva on his twitter account yesterday questioned whether the government has reversed the decision on banning import of chemical fertiliser, as announced by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

"Has Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa reversed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's decision on banning import of chemical fertiliser? I questioned this morning on order dated yesterday but no reply yet. Below docs clearly show import ban that was 'B' has been replaced with licence 'L,'" he stated.

### July food....

The increase shows that an average family of four that spent Rs.899.85 on this basket of goods for July 2020, paid Rs.1308.10 for the same amount of goods in a week in July 2021.

The BCI tracks the weekly retail prices in the Colombo market of the most commonly consumed food ingredients that might be used in a typical 'bath' curry meal. The prices are collected from the 'Weekly Indicators' published by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL). The CBSL data showed that the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) increased to 5.7 percent in June 2021, from 12 months ago. The increase was attributed to the monthly increase of prices of items in the non-food categories.

Meanwhile, non-food inflation decreased to 11 percent in July, from 11.3 percent in June.

### Vijitha Herath...

He possesses a BSc. degree in Engineering from the University of Peradeniya. Herath completed his primary and secondary education at Mawathagama Central College and Maliyadewa College, Kurunegala.

### IMF US\$...

The IMF's last SDR distribution came in 2009 when member countries received US \$ 250 billion in SDR reserves to help ease a global financial crisis.

To spend their SDRs, countries would first have to exchange them for underlying hard currencies, requiring them to find a willing exchange partner country.

### Indian tech...

"The state-of-the-art office space from Cinnamon Life is the perfect blend for HCL's growth plans in Sri Lanka," said HCL Technologies Corporate Vice President Srimathi Shivashankar.

"Being at the heart of Colombo, this iconic signature structure is a reflection of HCL as a next-generation global technology company that is constantly reimagining business for a digital age."

HCL Technologies Global Development Centre in Sri Lanka was officially inaugurated in September 2020. Since then, it continues to work to place Sri Lanka on the global map as the preferred delivery centre for Fortune 500 clients across diverse industry verticals.

Cinnamon Life, the much-anticipated iconic mixed development project by JKH,

is set to be a key feature in Colombo's skyline. It houses an 800-room five-star Cinnamon hotel, a retail and entertainment complex, unmatched conference venues, an A-grade office tower and two separate luxury residential towers ('The Residence' and 'The Suites' at Cinnamon Life).

"We are looking forward to hosting HCL, one of the world's leading technology companies, at Cinnamon Life and to providing them a platform for growth over the coming years."

HCL's commitment to anchor its offices at Cinnamon Life is a testament to the long-term vision we had when we launched this ambitious project. With the full development, including the hotel and mall, slated for opening next year, we expect that Cinnamon Life will position Colombo as the leisure, entertainment and retail epicentre of the South Asian region," reflected John Keells Holdings Chairman Krishan Balendra.

# BOC celebrates 82nd anniversary on an austere note

Bank of Ceylon (BOC), the 'Banker's to the Nation', completes 82 years of leading the Sri Lankan banking and finance landscape.

Taking pride in its unparalleled performance over these years, the bank has been able to provide a forward-thinking, resilient and advanced financial services to the nation while extending its penetration into overseas markets.

Reminiscing the glorious success of the bank over the years, BOC Chairman Kanchana Ratwatte said, "Fully conscious of the need to fulfil all aspects of its duties and obligations as a responsible corporate citizen, BOC has always rendered its fullest cooperation to the socio-economic development of the country for over the past 82 years. Winning the hearts and minds of the people and becoming one of their close-knit family members is not attained by merely catering to the financial needs of the people. Guided by a precise vision and mission, BOC has been able to get itself deeply rooted in the minds and souls of the Sri Lankan community and accepted without any reservations. The long history of the bank repeatedly brings out evidence in each decade as to how it became the preferred choice of the people. We cherish the love and patronage shown towards us by fellow Sri Lankans, which made us stand strong over these years. BOC's deep-rooted relationship with the stakeholders has been earned through its commitment to serving the public and the valour it has displayed in difficult times in assisting the people. This is our strength and it will continue to make us stronger year by year."

General Manager D.P.K. Gunasekera recalled the unblemished presence the bank has in the banking chronicles of the country.

He noted, "Reaching 82 years with an unblemished record itself proves the story behind the bank's success. Braving environmental and other unforeseen obstacles



Chairman Kanchana Ratwatte



GMD P.K. Gunasekera

and sailing undaunted across the troubled waters maintaining its balance it has been a voyage of success over the years. On this occasion, we recall with gratitude the initiative of the pioneers of the bank who realised the need to set up what would become the first Sri Lankan bank to serve the people of this country. They also had the vision to build it up as the best performing bank of the country and the trendsetter to the other banks. I am sure BOC will continue to play its leading role in contributing to the economic development process the government has embarked upon, as the leading state sector bank in the future as well."

For the past 82 years, BOC has established itself as a powerhouse that brightened the nation's hopes and aspirations by providing customer-centric banking solutions. BOC has reached over 2000 customer touch points across Sri Lanka and has established its branches in Chennai, Male, Hulhumale and the Seychelles. Further, BOC maintains a full-fledged banking subsidiary in London.

Reaching highest industry profits for the year 2020 of Rs.23.6 billion profit before

tax and Rs.3 trillion assets are some of its unparalleled feats. The bank's inward remittance grew over US \$ 2.8 billion in year 2020, which is yet another noteworthy achievement. Establishing the 'Business Rehabilitation and Revival unit' the task of which is to uplift and rehabilitate corporate sector businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitating importation of vaccine in support of the ongoing inoculation programme are other 'firsts' by the bank.

Creating significant economic value in the small and medium enterprises sector and thereby contributing to national economic development considerably, BOC's 'Divi Udana Loan Scheme' was extended as an opportunity for micro/SMEs to conveniently access specialised development loans from BOC, in furthering their entrepreneurial ambitions while boosting national economic growth. This facility was further enriched under the 'Saubagya' working capital loan scheme, which had offered facilities, worth over Rs.39 billion, while total moratorium facilities offered were valued at over Rs.800 billion.

# AIA ranked as # 45 in Best Workplaces Asia list

AIA Insurance is proud to be recognised in the Best Workplaces in Asia list - Large Category, making it the first time AIA Sri Lanka is recognised in this prestigious international list.

Awarded by the Great Place to Work, the internationally acclaimed list follows a strict criterion in acknowledging the best of the best in terms of workplaces in the Asia region.

The international recognition follows hot on the heels of AIA being recognised as a Best Workplace by Great Place to Work in Sri Lanka for the ninth consecutive year. AIA was inducted into the Great Place to Work Hall of Fame in 2017, in its fifth straight year of winning the award and has thereby been established as a leading employer in Sri Lanka. Apart from the main recognition of being a Best Workplace, AIA Sri Lanka has received many category awards from Great Place to Work institute over the years and has also been recognised as a Best Workplace for Women for three consecutive years.

AIA CEO Nikhil Advani said in this regard, "For us at AIA, employee's trust and pride towards the workplace are of primary importance - to that end we focus

on ensuring an equal opportunity, safe environment where people can enjoy a balance between personal well-being, career growth, sense of community and adding value to themselves and our shareholders. Being recognised as a Best Workplace for nine consecutive years is testament that we are doing this right."

He added, "To be recognised for the first time in the Best Workplaces in Asia list is an immense honour for us, especially amidst the current COVID-19 pandemic. As we work hard towards enabling high levels of staff engagement during work from home and ensuring a safe working environment for staff at office, this award is a tribute to all our employees for making us what we are today."

AIA Director HR Thushari Perera also commented, "We are delighted to add these world-class accolades to our credentials as we continue to prioritise employee happiness, care, development and well-being. Winning these prestigious awards, both locally and internationally, reaffirms AIA's success in differentiating itself as a great workplace for our employees, having established ourselves as a superlative employer of choice."



# ComBank offers discounts up to 25% for 'Anagi', 'Udara' account holders at Nawaloka

Commercial Bank of Ceylon has joined hands with Nawaloka Hospitals PLC, Sri Lanka's first premier multi-specialty hospital chain, to offer its 'Anagi' women's savings account holders and 'Udara' senior citizens account holders discounts of up to 25 percent on selected treatments and health screening packages.

These special discounts will be applicable until May 1, 2022, at Nawaloka hospitals located in Colombo, Negombo and Gampaha and can be enjoyed by account holders when they produce their Anagi or Udara-branded shopping debit cards or passbooks at the hospital counters, the bank said.

Anagi account holders are entitled to a 25 percent discount on mammograms, 10 percent discount on 3D Lipomed-Fat package, laser hair reduction treatments and dental treatments under this promotion.

Meanwhile, Udara account holders can enjoy 20 percent, 25 percent and 12.5 percent discounts on Gold, Silver and Bronze Health Screening Packages, respectively. The Gold package, at the discounted rate of Rs.20,000, includes 12 comprehensive tests, including Full Blood Count, Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR), Glucose Fasting & Plasma, Lipid



profile, Liver profile, Renal profile, Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH), Urine full report, ECG, Chest X-ray, Ultrasound scan and Echocardiograph in addition to an eye and physician consultation.

# LCB Finance gears for CSE listing

Lanka Credit and Business Finance Limited (LCB Finance) is preparing for the next milestone in its journey by listing its shares on the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) through an Initial public offering (IPO).

LCB Finance has already initiated and partly completed the listing process through its advisors to the listing, NDB Investment Bank.

Furthermore, it has already appointed law firm FJ & G de Saram as its legal advisors and Sampath Bank PLC as the banker to the IPO. LCB Finance is a unique financial institution in that it was born out of a grassroots level, which has spread its roots across the length and breadth of the island. LCB has been awarded Fastest Growing Non-Banking Financial Firm in Sri Lanka 2021, at Global Economics Awards 2021 in the UK. It is a unique financial institute committed to uplifting the standards of living for low-income earners with its range of microfinance products. It has also been recognised as Emerging Finance Company of the Year 2019. The clientele of the company, among others, consists of farmers, fisherman, vendors and labourers and



CEO and Executive Director K.G. Leelananda

small business owners, making it truly a people's development financial institution. Over the past three years LCB Finance has made of collective effort and a focus on overall betterment of communities. The signature of that trust is deeply ingrained in the business frame work of the firm.

LCB Finance caters to the needs of individuals across all categories of the economy, the overall logic of operations is strongly inspired by and flavoured with the idea that challenges are best met collectively and that such an approach adds value to individual effort. End of the financial year March 31, 2021, LCB Finance gained following financial highlights. Core capital Rs.2.16 billion, profit (PBT) Rs.100 million, operational profit Rs.122 million, total assets Rs.3,672 million, capital adequacy ratio 58 percent, credit portfolio Rs.2.56 billion.

ICRA Rating [SL] B+ Stable. The rating committee of ICRA Lanka Ltd, after due consideration of the latest and rapid development in the company, has revised it from [SL]B Stable Outlook to [SL]+ Stable.

# People's Bank refurbishes Polonnaruwa regional head office, Dehiattakandiya branch

People's Bank recently refurbished its Polonnaruwa regional head office and Dehiattakandiya branch, which were reopened under the auspices of People's Bank Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku.

The regional head office at the Polonnaruwa Divisional Secretariat now consists of a range of new facilities including an auditorium. The Dehiattakandiya branch also features a modern, comfortable and spacious premise to provide an enhanced banking experience to the people of Dehiattakandiya.

Gracing the opening ceremony were Polonnaruwa District Secretary W.A. Dharmasiri, Additional District Secretary A.D.S. Wanasinghe, Commander Front Maintenance Area East and Colonel Commandant of SLASC Major General Mahesh Abeyarathna,

government officials and businesspersons.

People's Bank Deputy General Manager Channel Management Mahinda Premanath, People's Bank Head of Marketing Nalaka Wijayawardena, Polonnaruwa Regional Manager Indumini Rathnayaka, Assistant Regional Manager Polonnaruwa H.G.N. Aarohana and People's Bank Dehiattakandiya Branch Branch Manager C.K. Wijesekera also attended.

The Banker Magazine in the UK recently recognised People's Bank as one of the Top 1000 Banks in the World for the fourth consecutive year. The bank operates 741 branches and service centres located islandwide, with a workforce of more than 8,000 staff serving more than 14 million customers, making it one of the largest commercial banks in Sri Lanka.



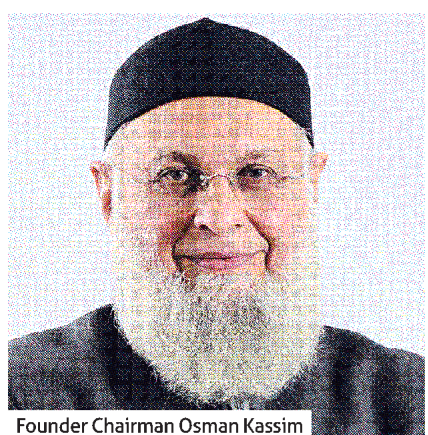
People's Bank Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku unveils the plaque at the opening ceremony of the Polonnaruwa regional head office

# Amāna Bank completes 10 years of people-friendly banking

Amāna Bank, Sri Lanka's one and only licensed commercial bank to fully operate on non-interest-based banking principles, has successfully completed 10 years of its people-friendly banking operations.

Having commenced its journey on August 1, 2011, Amāna Bank has witnessed strong progress, which was primarily fuelled by the growing support and confidence of its valued customers, which today counts over 380,000. Within these 10 years, the bank has reached Rs.100 billion in total assets, while growing its franchise to 32 branches, 19 self-banking centres, 5000+ ATMs and 850+ deposit points through collaborations with LankaPay and Pay&Go, offering a wide range of product and service solutions.

Over the years through performing constantly, the bank has built a strong track record of profitability and dividends, for which progress the bank has been recognised as the Best Up and Coming Islamic Bank of the World by Global Finance Magazine USA and the Fastest Growing Retail Bank in Sri Lanka by Global Banking and Finance Awards UK. Amāna Bank has predominantly served the SME sector, which is the



Founder Chairman Osman Kassim



Incumbent Chairman Asgi Akbarally



Chief Executive Officer Mohamed Azmeer

backbone of the Sri Lankan economy, where its people-friendly banking model forms a strong strategic fit. Going beyond numeric, the bank's core business operations and CSR activities are well aligned towards sustainable banking initiatives as advocated by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG).

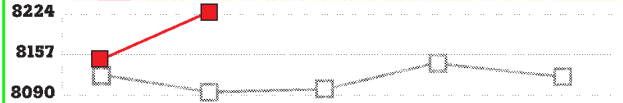
Stemming from UNSDG Goal No 10 on 'Reduced Inequalities', the bank's flagship CSR initiative OrphanCare has enrolled 3,000+ orphans from 80+

orphanages islandwide, providing financial independence once they reach the age of 18. All orphan enrolments are guided by Article 2 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which advocates against all forms of discrimination, including race, cast, religion, ethnicity, etc. Governed by an independent body of elite trustees of strong social repute, OrphanCare has already made seven rounds of fund disbursement while providing qualitative care for 18+ orphans. (www.amanabank.

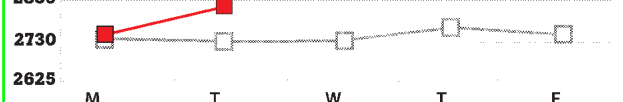
lk/orphan-care) The bank's mission towards enabling growth and enriching lives, led the bank to introduce its award-winning Gold Certificate Financing solution, which has served as a beacon of hope for over 50,000 customers, in their hour of need. Further, the teams passion, commitment and engagement towards upholding the principles of its universal value proposition, brought Amāna Bank the valued accolade of being recognised as one of Sri Lanka's Best Employer Brands by World HRD Congress.

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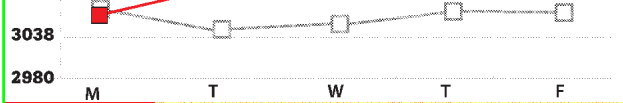
ALL SHARE	8,222.55	74.53	0.91%
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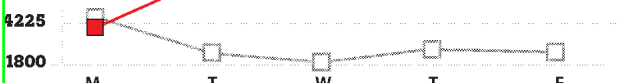
TOP 10	2,825.19	54.83	1.98%
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S & P SL 20	3,111.15	38.77	1.26%
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TURNOVER	6,647.54 Mn	2,553.01	62.35%
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TOP 10 PRICE MOVEMENTS			
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JKH	138.00	▲ 2.03%
DIAL	11.50	0.00%
COM	84.50	▼ -0.71%
HNB	128.00	▼ -0.58%
EXPO	79.60	▲ 8.45%
MELS	52.10	▲ -0.76%
LION	560.00	0.00%
CARG	241.00	▲ 0.21%
LOLC	485.50	▲ 2.48%
HHL	77.80	▼ -0.13%

Unit Trust Prices as on 02.08.2021

FUND NAME	UNIT SELLING PRICE	UNIT BUYING PRICE
ASTRUE ACTIVE INCOME FUND	103.9954	103.9954
ASTRUE ALPHA FUND	18.3141	17.3004
ASSETLINE INCOME FUND	17.2495	17.2495
ASSETLINE INCOME PLUS GROWTH FUND	17.5488	17.0804
SENFIN DIVIDEND FUND	10.4204	10.2229
SENFIN DYNAMIC INCOME FUND	9.4900	9.3375
SENFIN GROWTH FUND	15.5303	15.5303
SENFIN MONEY MARKET FUND	12.0300	11.6800
SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND	12.6192	12.6192
SENFIN SHARIAH INCOME FUND	11.7223	11.7223
CAL CORPORATE DEBT & GILT TRADING FUND	21.6746	21.6746
CAL CORPORATE TREASURY FUND	18.6236	18.6236
CAL GILT FUND	8.6646	8.6646
CAL GILT MONEY MARKET FUND	4.3708	4.3708
CAL GILT TRADING FUND	50.5085	50.5085
CAL HIGH YIELD FUND	25.3074	25.3074
CAL INCOME FUND	21.4007	21.4007
CAL INVESTMENT GRADE FUND	20.5683	20.5683
CAL MEDIUM RISK DEBT FUND	15.7774	15.7774
CAL QUANT EQUITY FUND	21.9057	22.2568
CEYBANK CENTURY GROWTH	80.0400	76.7700
CEYBANK GILT EDGE FUND (A SERIES)	14.7856	14.7856
CEYBANK GILT EDGE FUND (B SERIES)	12.4223	12.4223
CEYBANK HIGH YIELD FUND	14.2962	14.2962
CEYBANK SURA KUM FUND	12.5502	12.5502
CEYBANK UNIT TRUST	27.2500	25.5700
CEYLON DOLLAR BOND FUND (IN \$)	0.8014	0.7974
CEYLON FINANCIAL SECTOR FUND	7.4200	7.1300
CEYLON INCOME FUND	23.0283	23.0283
CEYLON INDEX FUND	60.4300	58.0700
CEYLON IPO FUND	5.7400	5.6200
CEYLON MONEY MARKET FUND	17.9869	17.9869
CEYLON TOURISM FUND	4.0200	3.8500
CEYLON TREASURY INCOME FUND	6.1300	6.1300
COMTRUST ADL MUDARABAH FUND	11.8159	11.8159
COMTRUST EQUITY FUND	19.0800	18.2100
COMTRUST GILT EDGE FUND	10.6457	10.6457
COMTRUST MONEY MARKET FUND	12.2176	12.2176
FIRST CAPITAL EQUITY FUND (CFEP)	1,369.6400	1,301.1600
FIRST CAPITAL FIXED INCOME FUND	1,929.1600	1,929.1100
FIRST CAPITAL GILT EDGE FUND	1,522.2600	1,522.2600
FIRST CAPITAL MONEY MARKET FUND	1,979.3200	1,979.3200
FIRST CAPITAL WEALTH FUND	1,167.4500	1,167.4200
GUARDIAN ACUTY EQUITY FUND	19.0091	18.6356
GUARDIAN ACUTY MONEY MARKET FUND	20.7801	20.7801
NAMAL BANK FUND	9.1488	8.8058
NAMAL GROWTH FUND	148.2534	139.4390
NAMAL HIGH YIELD FUND	25.4652	25.4652
NAMAL INCOME FUND	14.9392	14.9392
NATIONAL EQUITY FUND	35.9703	33.6605
NDB WEALTH GILT EDGE FUND	19.0805	19.0805
NDB WEALTH GROWTH & INCOME FUND	47.5900	46.3300
NDB WEALTH GROWTH FUND	11.0000	10.5700
NDB WEALTH INCOME FUND	16.6292	16.6292
NDB WEALTH INCOME PLUS FUND	17.5945	17.5945
NDB WEALTH ISLAMIC MONEY PLUS FUND	16.7190	16.7190
NDB WEALTH MONEY FUND	21.1535	21.1535
NDB WEALTH MONEY PLUS FUND	24.2262	24.2262
PREMIER GROWTH FUND	7.1900	6.8300
PREMIER MONEY MARKET FUND	19.3329	19.3329

Exchange Rates 03.08.2021

(1) The average rates of the following currencies quoted by commercial banks in Colombo for Telegraphic Transfers (TT) at 9.30 a.m. are as follows.	
CURRENCY	BUYING RATE ..... SELLING RATE
Australian Dollar	145.5674 ..... 150.0368
Canadian Dollar	157.9063 ..... 162.7509
Chinese Yuan (Renminbi)	29.8108 ..... 31.5789
Euro	234.0200 ..... 241.1650
Japanese Yen	1.8066 ..... 1.8585
Singapore Dollar	145.8967 ..... 150.3148
Sterling Pound	273.9725 ..... 282.1468
Swiss Franc	217.2911 ..... 224.7177
US Dollar	198.0983 ..... 202.8977

(2) The approximate exchange rates of GULF Currencies based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the US\$ are as follows.

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	INDICATIVE RATE
Bahrain	Bahrain Dinar	530.2387
Kuwait	Kuwait Dinar	665.4461
Oman	Oman Rial	519.2343
Qatar	Qatar Riyal	54.5727
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian Riyal	53.2910
UAE	UAE Dirham	54.4219

Market Indicators 03.08.2021

PRICE INDICES	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY
CSE ALL SHARE INDEX	8,222.55	8,148.02
S&P SL 20 INDEX	3,111.15	3,072.38
TRI ON ALL SHARES	5,279.10	5,213.31
TRI ON S&P SL SHARES	5,279.10	5,213.31

EQUITIES	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY
VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)	6,647,536,850	4,094,529,836
DOMESTIC PURCHASE	6,510,942,041	3,995,119,973
DOMESTIC SALES	6,020,026,307	3,741,528,216
FOREIGN PURCHASE	136,594,809	99,409,863
FOREIGN SALES	627,510,543	353,001,620
VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)	282,302,176	311,260,653
DOMESTIC	275,686,367	303,551,401
FOREIGN	6,615,809	7,090,697
TRADES (NO.)	38,325	29,998
DOMESTIC	37,799	29,306
FOREIGN	526	692
LISTED COMPANIES (NO.)	285	285
TRADED COMPANIES (NO.)	268	262
MARKET PRICE EARNINGS RATIO(PER)	10.5792	10.522
MARKET PRICE TO BOOK VALUE (PBV)	1.1589	1.1491
MARKET DIVIDEND YIELD (DY)	2.6	2.7
MARKET CAPITALIZATION (RS.)	3,643,841,603,369	3,610,814,663,664

Interbank -Interest Rates -Mid Rates 03.08.2021

	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	12 MONTH
US DOLLARS	0.0905	0.1175	0.15313	0.23513
STERLING	0.05275	0.074	0.08925	0.18625
EUR	-0.57743	-0.55414	-0.526	-0.49729
SWISS FRANC	-0.796	-0.7594	-0.7158	-0.5956

CSE Price List

SECURITY	VOLUME	V.W.A	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	V.W.A	CHANGE
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD	3,341	32.50	32.80	32.80	31.50	31.60	(0.90)
ABANS	1,523	174.50	174.50	179.25	173.00	179.25	4.75
ACCESS ENG SL	651,186	23.10	23.00	23.30	22.80	22.90	(0.20)
ACL	1,674,223	41.90	41.50	42.40	40.80	42.10	0.20
ACL PLASTICS	3,689	268.75	275.00	275.00	258.00	263.50	(5.25)
ACME	13,858	6.40	6.40	6.50	6.40	6.40	-
AGALAWATTE	2,300	26.10	25.60	26.20	25.60	26.20	0.10
AHOT PROPERTIES	1,166	41.20	41.00	41.00	39.20	40.20	(1.00)
AITKEN SPENCE	45,374	68.00	66.00	68.70	65.50	67.90	(0.10)
ALLIANCE	18,218	70.10	71.90	72.50	70.20	71.30	1.20
AMANA BANK	608,541	3.10	3.10	3.30	3.10	3.20	0.10
AMAYA LEISURE	124,696	20.00	20.00	20.50	20.00	20.00	-
ASIA ASSET	20,504	7.70	7.70	7.80	7.70	7.70	-
ASIRI	2,796	29.00	29.20	29.50	28.90	29.00	-
ASIRI SURG	5,747	14.90	14.90	14.90	14.80	14.90	-
AUTODROME	14	81.20	77.60	77.60	77.60	81.20	-
BAIRAHA FARMS	74,203	165.50	165.75	167.00	162.00	164.00	(1.50)
BALANGODA	697	14.90	15.00	16.50	15.00	15.80	0.90
BUKIT DARAH	1,940	299.00	299.00	304.00	296.00	301.75	2.75
C M HOLDINGS	5,365	98.70	101.75	104.00	99.00	103.50	4.80
C T HOLDINGS	2,900	185.00	185.00	185.00	185.00	185.00	-
CARGILLS	1,453	240.50	243.75	243.75	240.50	241.00	0.50
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### TV AUDIENCES TUNING OUT THE TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES?

Analysis-Why TV audiences are tuning out the Tokyo Olympic Games. Broadcasters will not be taking home any gold medals for how many people have watched the Tokyo Olympic Games so far. In several major markets around the world, the TV audience has fallen since 2016, as viewing becomes more fragmented and athletes compete in Japan when audiences are mostly asleep in the United States and Europe. Reuters



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**EMPLOYMENT OF UNDER AGE CHILDREN**

Recent incidents have brought to the surface issues which have been permitted to continue unabated through many decades. Most of us are deeply concerned about the employment of under age children. It's bad enough that some employ them but infinitely worse and an unforgivable offence when they are badly treated and unprotected by their employers. Something has to be done without delay to stop these young girls and boys being employed. Probably, the cause for parents allowing this is for reasons of poverty beyond their control and debts which they have incurred due to their circumstances. Young girls even over 18 who are employed must be protected by their employers, who must ensure that they sleep in a safe place, are not sent out alone and keep a watchful, caring eye on them. They must have food which is nutritious, kept clean, taught good habits as if she was one's own child. It's so sad to hear of cases of abuse, rape etc of young girls, who have no escape from their perpetrators. This is a problems that is of concern to us all, especially parents and grandparents and we must do what we can to protect these innocent victims of circumstance.

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## HONOUR TO OUR COUNTRY

Farah Rummy who created history by being the first Sri Lankan to be elected to a Swiss Cantonal Parliament, the Solothurn Parliament brought honour to our country with her achievement. She also organised many projects to help the elderly and the lonely in her hometown. We have many lonely elders here whose children live abroad, they are suffering more than ever now as the places which organised weekly get together are closed due to the pandemic. They looked forward to these outings to meet others with similar problems. One of the things Farah did was to organise groups of young people to talk to these elders, send them birthday cards and show them that they care about them. It would be good if younger ones among us, who have more time on their hands now with no leisure activities could reach out in some way to those they know who live on their own and have no children here. Reaching out to others in need is a good philosophy for life.

## A LEGEND IN HER OWN LIFETIME

A legend in her own lifetime is Irangani Serasinghe nee Meedeniya, undisputed Queen of our stage and screen. I'm proud that we share the same Alma Mater, although she left school soon after I entered its hallowed portals. A lively, bubbly personality, Irangani is an icon of our time and it's always a joy to meet her. It was through her interest in drama that she met her late husband Winston Serasinghe. She has won many awards, is a mother of two sons and a grandmother and in later life has played the role of



Irangani Serasinghe

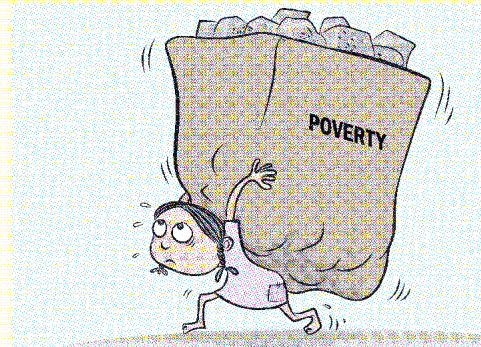
a Matriarch often which is her forte at the moment. Among popular television shows she has appeared in, which were instant hits were Doo daruwo, Salsapuna and Aluthgedera. She was also very interested in environmental issues and devoted time to Ruk Rakaganno, to save trees. We wish her more years as an icon in all her roles in life. A woman of substance and an inspiration. Photo from the book 'Irangani' as told to Kumar de Silva with photorecredit to the original photographers.



### CHATS ON THE PHONE

It's good to have Lala back on vacation. She left just before the pandemic hit us last year and her family and freinds all missed her very much. I enjoy being back to my daily chats with her on the phone and to visit her briefly for a chat. She comes mainly to see her sister who she loves

dearly and spends most of her time with her. Our lives have all been changed drastically but it's always a comfort to know that there are good friends around that we can talk to and share our thoughts with at the end of a phone although meetings are curtailed at the moment.



## BHARUCHI SCRAMBLED EGGS

### Ingredients

- 8 eggs
- 400gms potatoes peeled and julienned
- salt to taste
- 6 tbsp butter or ghee
- 4 B onions chopped
- 4 green chillies seeded and chopped
- 2 tsp coriander leaves chopped
- 5 cloves garlic
- 1 inch piece ginger.

### Method

Heat fat and fry potatoes till pale golden and crisp. Remove from flame and drain well. Add chopped onions and fry till golden brown. Add chopped ginger and garlic and sauté for a few mins. Add coriander leaves. Salt to taste and well beaten eggs. Cook till just done. Remove from flame and add fried potatoes.



## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Mala my neighbour and friend hosted lunch just for the two of us. I always learn many cooking tips from her and her Indian food is out of this world with unusual combinations. She served kadala cooked with mushroom. Chicken and tomatoes. Also paneer made into minute roti's

and taught me to make a delicious muringa soup which I tried a few days later with a drumstick she sent me which was four feet in length. I had never seen one like this before. I am blessed to have good neighbours like Mala and Yamuna for which I thank God daily.

ROMANCE

THE LAST LETTER FROM YOUR LOVER (MOVIE TIE-IN)

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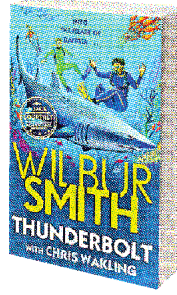
ADVENTURE FICTION

THUNDERBOLT

BY WILBUR SMITH

Jack and his friends Amelia and Xander are in Zanzibar diving for lost treasure to support Jack's mother's coral protection project. Going further than usual on their last day, their dive boat is lured into a trap and captured by Somali pirates. Determined that his mother shouldn't pay a ransom for their release, Jack won't give up his attempts to escape.

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Natalie SOYSA

Today on the Buzz I speak to a very strong individual. Natalie's talents are limitless from Photography to Writing to Designer, Natalie has done it all and continues to do so. Natalie also took the time to come on my show Date with Danu and speak about the journey of fighting cancer and it was a very powerful interview. Many request came my way for a print interview on this fighter so here is me sitting with Natalie for a quick chat on the Buzz.

WHAT HAS CANCER TAUGHT YOU?

I would say that at every part of this harrowing process, the lessons have been different. For example, right now the lesson is learning to let go. As morbid as it sounds, I have been asking myself if I am ready to die. When you're this terminal, you can't help but ask yourself questions like this.

A friend asked me recently if I am not worried about the afterlife and coming to some sense of inner peace with myself before I have to go. But the afterlife isn't on my mind. Every religion has tried to give us some sense of interpretation of the up and down and I feel little need to worry about the unknown. My concern was more about how I would leave this life. Would I die in excruciating pain? Would the morphine stop working? I don't fear death, I fear pain. And I fear an incomplete life; leaving before my purpose is fulfilled, as a mother, activist, partner and friend.

WHERE ARE THE CRACKS IN THE SYSTEM?

The cracks are everywhere, but I think it begins with a lack of allocation of adequate state funding for public healthcare overall. This in turn leads to insufficient staffing and resources—and room for far too much negligence. When negligence exists in a space where you're meant to save lives—the opposite happens.

I walked into the Maharagama Hospital as a breast cancer patient in May 2020 and by the time I had had it with the hospital and walked out in February this year, I had multiple metastases spread throughout my body and organs which went undetected due to negligence.

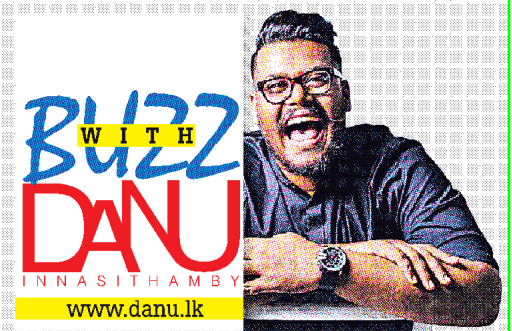
So what was at first considered curable, has now become lethal. They may not know that I am no longer a patient there, but someone has to care enough in there to make sure patients come in for treatment with adequate follow up. You put your cancer and your life in what are the best hands for the job. You're not supposed to do the work—your job is to find the willpower to go on.

There is also a massive amount of information missing that should be essential knowledge for patients. So much is left unsaid by many medical practitioners in the system because they know they can get away with it. So long as we continue to reverse doctors to an almost godlike status and accept their diagnoses and prognoses without question, then the system will continue to kill people unnecessarily.

Another big concern is how deeply embedded our social ideologies are within the healthcare system. In a space of healing, patients have to often battle social norms just as hard as their illnesses. It is why we expect women cancer patients to wear wigs, ski caps, uncomfortable padded bras so as to preserve a sense of gender that the world expects from you. It is why surgeons opt to offer complimentary breast reconstruction surgeries to younger women to help preserve their marriageability while it is assumed that older women have passed their "sell by date."

I am also deeply concerned about how many patients a doctor can keep track of. Most consultant doctors work the first half of the day in government institutions where they will encounter more cases and in turn a larger number of rare cases they could attach their names to. Then the second half of the day is spent in two or even three private hospitals where they see some 20 to 30 patients at each establishment. Patients pay an average of Rs. 3000 for a channeling session which often lasts a maximum of 5 to 7 minutes. Some, less than 3. To be able to fill their personal quota of patients, doctors rush through the process because there are only so many hours in a day and so many patients to see. Do you think the specialist has sufficient time to assess a complex illness like cancer in under 3 minutes? Things slip through the cracks this way. And I am proof.

As a starting point, I ask that the Ministry of Health look into imposing a quota on the number of patients a doctor is able to channel privately. My current oncologist, who was in fact the woman who first diagnosed me with cancer has a self-imposed quota. She allows only 8–10 patients to channel her a day and spends a minimum of 30 minutes with them. She has the time to do this without another 22 patients



waiting in line to see her for 3 minutes. Shouldn't this be the way that all consultations go?

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST WORRY WHEN YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

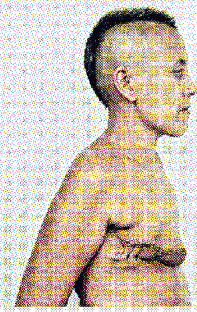
My son. As a single parent who has raised my kid for almost 9 years by myself, his wellbeing was foremost on my mind. But it has also given me the strength to fight. I want to continue raising the son I brought into this world—I want to see him grow up. To bear witness to his life, I have to keep fighting for mine.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR MASTECTOMY SURGERY?

Firstly, I wouldn't call it a surgery. Butchery is a more appropriate term.

Since the hospital and surgical team were not very communicative, I opted to do my own research on mastectomies. I discovered there were multiple types of surgical cuts and procedures—some that could save your nipples and breast skin which would in turn leave you with less scarring and make breast reconstruction easier. I sat in my hospital bed and waited for days before surgery to have a pre-op conversation with my surgical team, but this was not to happen.

Not getting to have anyone from your surgical team talk to you before surgery is not on. A few days later, I found out that not only was the senior surgeon who was to perform the surgery not in the theatre where I was being operated on, he wasn't even in the hospital that day, opting to perform a more lucrative surgery at a private hospital instead. The result was that a bunch of residents and a SR collectively scarred me badly, without supervision in the OR.



WHAT DO YOU DO TO STAY POSITIVE?

I remind myself that I am more than the bad things that have happened to me. I remind myself of how full my life is—I have a partner that loves me beyond words, a son like my twin, 2 beautiful canines and a wealth of the most amazing friends I could have asked for. I also find deep meaning in my work, confronting the things we would rather ignore: our complex relationship with ourselves and one another in the context of gender, race and religion in post-Colonial and postwar Sri Lanka. I know I am a fighter, I just needed to learn how to fight for myself this time.

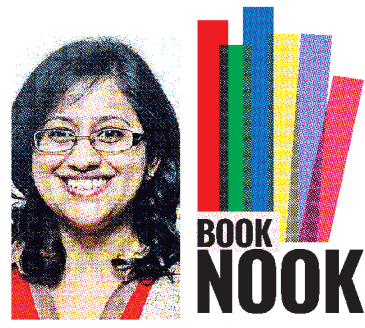
WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

To continue to be a fighter against all the things that drag the human race to its knees. To make more photographs and to celebrate the life I have been blessed with—bad things and all.

ARE YOU HOPING TO STOP TREATMENTS, AND WHY?

It's a daily battle. There are days I feel this battle is too hard and I long to get back to the life I used to have before Cancer and Corona struck together. Cancer medications take as much of a toll on you as the cancer itself. Having watched my father disintegrate into a shadow of himself during his own battle with cancer and starting to see that disintegration in myself when I look in the mirror now has been difficult to say the least. On days like that, I want to give up.

But then there are other days that remind me of what I have to live for: the work I am so proud of, the love I have to live for and my rage against the machines of power. These things make me want to apply that bravery to my own life. It is a reminder that I am still here.



BY RIHAAB MOWLANA

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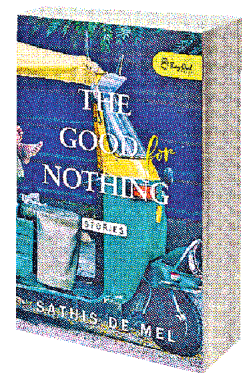
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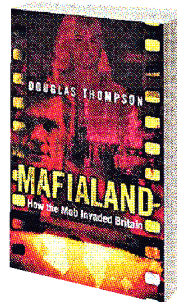
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- 23 Skiing race (6)
- 24 Small earthquake (6)

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- 12 Idiot (8)
- 14 Kit consisting of a complete outfit (clothing and accessories) for a new baby (7)
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