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CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

President Ranil Wickremesinghe presenting the Government's policy statement in Parliament yesterday (3) stated that he would take measures to establish a People's Assembly in order to decide which social and political reforms should

be implemented. President Wickremesinghe said that a mechanism to obtain views of all interested parties is being prepared through the People's Assembly through the consultation of political parties, various organizations etc.

"I specially invite the youth engaged in activism and youth who

are not to provide their views," he added.

"People's Assembly is a fully independent body with the Government only providing the necessary resources. The Government has no influence on its functions or decisions. We decide in consultation with various parties, regarding the

composition of the People's Assembly," the President said.

President Wickremesinghe also said that he is willing to establish a National Assembly consisting of political party leaders. "For the next steps, we will be able to arrange a programme with a common minimum programme

with the consent of all, through the National Assembly." He also observed that measures are being taken to establish the Parliamentary Sectoral Oversight Committees immediately where all the political parties will have the opportunity to work together.

President Wickremesinghe reiterated

the importance of an All-Party Government be formed with the support of all the parties. President Wickremesinghe also said that he would implement a national policy to combat bribery and corruption. "New rules and regulations and orders in this regard are being prepared by the Ministry of Justice. **TO PAGE 02**



SLFP welcomes President's moderate statement - Dayasiri

NPP support only for a short term Interim Govt - AKD



Happy with stance taken by President - TPA



Policies in tune with Good Governance policies - SJB MP



CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI National People's Power (NPP) leader MP Anura Kumara Disanayake stated

that they are not ready to be a part of an All-Party Government without a specific time frame. Disanayake made this observation at **TO PAGE 02**

FOR INSTIGATING PROTESTORS

LAWSUITS AGAINST TRUMP

FIRST U.S. CAPITOL RIOT DEFENDANT GETS 87 MONTH SENTENCE



A federal judge on Tuesday rejected a motion from Donald Trump to dismiss three lawsuits brought by four police officers against the former president for their injuries suffered during the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol. **TO PAGE 02**

TNA, Welgama, Ven. Athuraliye Thera meet President

The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) conducted discussions on the formation of an All-Party Government with President Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**

SJB to meet President tomorrow

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The main Opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) and its alliance the Samagi Jana Movement yesterday accepted the invitation extended by President Ranil Wickremesinghe to attend the **TO PAGE 02**

Galle Face protesters told to move out

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Fort Police yesterday informed the protesters at Galle Face and the surrounding area to withdraw from the area before 5 p.m. tomorrow. **TO PAGE 02**

Positive speech, looking forward to work - Opposition Leader

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

President Ranil Wickremesinghe's policy statement, as admirable as it is, how it would be practically implemented is actually what matters, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa told **TO PAGE 02**



Payment made for another diesel shipment - Minister

One year agreement to buy jet fuel also signed

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera said all payments have been made for a ship that carried diesel to the Colombo port yesterday. The unloading of the diesel cargo will commence today, he said. **TO PAGE 02**

Applications called from those sitting GCE A/L 2022

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Examinations Department has called for applications from schools and private applicants hoping to sit this year's Advanced Level examination due to be held in November. Candidates are advised to apply online from August 1 to 19. **TO PAGE 02**

EIGHT DISTRICTS HIT BY LANDSLIDES, ROCK FALLS

ADVERSE WEATHER AFFECTS 12,289 PERSONS, 3,037 FAMILIES

MORE RAINFALLS IN CENTRAL HILLS EXPECTED DISNA MUDALIGE

A number of incidents of rock falls and falling of mounds of earth onto houses, roads and railway tracks were reported yesterday due to heavy rains. **TO PAGE 02**

DUTY FREE BONANZA FOR MIGRANT WORKERS SENDING USD THROUGH BANKS

AN ELECTRIC CAR FOR THOSE SENDING USD 20,000 TO 60,000

THOSE SENDING OVER USD 3,000 GET AN ELECTRIC MOBIKE

HIGHER DUTY FREE BENEFIT AT BIA

The Government has decided to grant duty relief to migrant workers at the airport to be increased from 1,750 US dollars to 6,550 US dollars. The import of an electric car is permitted for them if USD 20,000 to a maximum of USD 65,000 has been remitted by them.

The Cabinet of Ministers has granted consent to the proposal made by Labour and Foreign Employment Minister Manusha Nanayakkara to allow electric vehicles to be imported by migrant workers who remit foreign exchange via official banking channels. Speaking to the media on Tuesday at the weekly Cabinet media briefing held at the Government Information Department,

Minister Nanayakkara said that the Sri Lankan migrant workers who send dollars to the country and Sri Lankans living abroad are allowed to import electric vehicles. Minister Nanayakkara stated that this decision has been taken after considering the fact that with the money sent by foreign workers at this difficult time, the country was able to get dollars to make certain purchases. **TO PAGE 02**



Teacher's Union leader Stalin arrested

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Ceylon Teacher's Union Secretary Joseph Stalin was arrested by police yesterday evening for organizing a protest at Bank street in Fort in violation of court order prevented protests in the area. **TO PAGE 02**

Four held for attempt to sell diesel bowser load in Meegoda

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Meegoda Police on Tuesday night arrested four persons with a bowser, containing 6,600 litres of Diesel, for allegedly attempting to illegally sell the Diesel load. **TO PAGE 02**

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SLPP PS member's murder: Planned in Dubai

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

There has been suspicion that the murder of SLPP Kotikawatte - Mulleriyawa PS member Sumudu Rukshan, was a plan of the powerful underworld gangsters operating from Dubai.

It is based on the information revealed during the investigation regarding a house raid in Angoda Delgahawatte on October 26, 2021 and shooting at two people who were sleeping in that house.

Police information revealed that a special police team had informed the member that there was a threat to his life from the underworld criminal named Jile.

Although the police managed to arrest several people involved in the murder, they have not been able to arrest the main criminal named Jile.

Police investigations had revealed that

Jile was a close associate of the criminal named Harak Kata and he had fled to Dubai after the shooting in Delgahawatte. Jila had shot and killed an associate of Angoda Lokka in Delgahawatte. Police information revealed that after Angoda Lokka was killed in India, there is a competition between several underworld gangsters to grab power in the Angoda and the surrounding areas Jila was reportedly involved in demanding money from businessmen in the area by intimidating them.

Investigation teams have received information that this criminal had an argument with the victim while he was staying in this country. Later the victim (Councillor) had attacked him. The incident happened in front of the house where the councillor resided at Ambat-ale Junction.

PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY... From page 01

A consensus will be reached with the International Monetary Fund regarding combating corruption," the President observed.

President Wickremesinghe further said a Social Justice Commission will be established and a 25 year national policy framework to be formulated.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe also requested protesters to vacate illegally occupied areas and support to maintain law and order. He said that law will be applied equally to the people who attacked the peaceful protesters on May 9 and those who are engaging in violence and terrorism under the guise

of the struggle. President Wickremesinghe also observed that it is essential to provide a political solution to the issues faced by the Tamil community for a long time. They are suffering with many social and economic issues due to the hardships of war. (Please see full speech on pages 4 and 5)

SJB to meet... From page 01

National All-Party discussion scheduled to be held in Colombo on Friday August 5 (tomorrow).

SJB National Organizer Tissa Attanayaka said the objective of this meeting is to discuss important matters pertaining to the country's main issue of solving the existing economic crisis to bring a solutions to the escalating price increase of essential food and commodity

items affecting the country. SJB leader Sajith Premadasa is also expected to discuss with the President on the current shortage of fuel and gas as well.

He said the Opposition Leader is also expected to discuss with the President in regard to the severe hardships being faced by farmers, fisheries communities, goods transporters, plantation workers and workers in similar other

sectors. Attanayaka said the SJB is not expected to discuss about forming an All-party Government at this crucial discussion since its main objective is to speak with President Wickremesinghe regarding the existing unbearable cost-of-living and the immediate steps that should be taken by the Government to solve the burning economic issues for the benefit of people in the country.

SLFP welcomes President's... From page 01

a press brief held in Colombo on President Ranil Wickremesinghe's policy statement presented to the House yesterday (3). Dissanayake said that inviting to be a part of Wickremesinghe - Rajapaksa camp is not the essence of an All-Party Government.

Dissanayake pointed out that President Ranil Wickremesinghe has not announced a time frame for the all-party government he is calling to form.

Dissanayake noted that in all the proposals presented by the Mahanayaka Theras and the Bar Association requested to establish an Interim Government only for a short period of time.

Dissanayake further stated that the President has not stated the responsibility assigned to this interim government, the role of that government and how long the interim government will be limited to and thus, he noted that the NPP would not support such an all-party government.

Meanwhile, **Sri Lanka Freedom Party General Secretary MP Dayasiri Jayasekara** said that the Throne Speech delivered by President Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday is a moderate statement made by a President after a long time.

Jayasekara also stated that he believes that the contents included in it will not be limited to mere words.

"The President's speech included the issues faced by the public. I have known President Wickremesinghe over a long period and having been the Prime Minister of this country on several occasions, I believe that his policy statement included many ideas he had in his head for a long time that he would implement in the event he became President. However, it is easier said than done. Therefore, we sincerely hope as the SLFP, that the President would succeed in implementing the ideas that he has presented through his policy statement."

With regard to the formation of an All-Party Government, Jayasekara said that the SLFP believes that it will happen very soon.

"This is something that we have been saying over a long time. As a party, our party Leader Maithripala Sirisena and the rest of the party will discuss this matter and we will take a collective decision on whether or not we could join the government," he said.

Leader of the Tamil Progressive Alliance Mano Ganesan said in order to uplift the country, the national issue must be addressed first and foremost.

"What we need is to highlight our Sri Lankan nationality and not to highlight religion, race or divisions based on these divisions. This was highlighted in the President's speech and I am happy about it."

MP Ganesan said the speech highlighted the need to unite as Sri Lankans while the statement had nothing prompting divisions, which was a welcome sign.

However, MP Ganesan said that the most vital factor is that the contents of the policy statement should be implemented. He also said that as a party to the SJB led alliance, his party had the freedom to take decisions independently. However, he said that discussions were being continued with the SJB on supporting the President and his government. "We have urged the SJB leadership to look at this policy statement positively," he added.

SJB parliamentarian Dr. Rajith Senarathne said the Samagi Janabalawegaya will continue to discuss further on whether or not they would support President Ranil Wickremesinghe's government.

Speaking to the media subsequent to the parliamentary activities yesterday, he said that President Ranil Wickremesinghe had presented in his policy statement the same vision he had from the start of his political journey. He said that he had to face many obstacles as a result.

Senarathne noted that if the President can implement the policies that he presented in his policy statement, that would be an ideal situation.

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Galle Face protesters... From page 01

Making a special announcement using a Public Address system at the Galle Face, the police informed that all the temporary shelters and crop cultivations in the lands belonging to the government and the Urban Development Authority in the vicinity of the Galle Face should be removed with immediate effect.

It further said that those occupying the area should adhere to the country's law and behave in a manner that will not disrupt the general public.

The police also warned that legal action will be taken against the individuals who will not follow the given instructions.

Duty free bonanza for migrant... From page 01

"There was a decrease in the amount of money sent in the past, but there is an increase in July. We were able to buy oil, gas and medicine because of this money. That is why we made a request to give them the support you can to solve the problem in the country," he said. While some sent money through methods such as Undial Hawala, the people who love the country sent their Dollars, Yen and Dinars through banks themselves. The basic needs of the people of this country could be fulfilled with those dollar reserves. Therefore, with the full agreement of the Cabinet, our Ministry, the Finance Ministry and the Central Bank together

made a proposal to the Cabinet to increase the remittances.

A person who has been abroad for so long and stayed for less than 90 days was entitled to a duty relief of one hundred and eighty seven dollars and fifty cents upon his return to Sri Lanka. One year is six hundred and twenty five dollars. If more than one year, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. This relief is available whether dollars are sent to Sri Lanka or not.

While this duty concession remains as it is, if at least two thousand four hundred dollars have been sent to the country in less than ninety days, the duty concession will be increased by six hundred dollars to seven hundred and

eighty seven dollars under the silver category. If it is one year, one thousand two hundred and twenty five and if it is more than two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, the duty concession is entitled.

"If four thousand eight hundred dollars have been sent, it will be 1,175, 1,585 and 2,710. If 7,200 have been sent, it will increase to 1,627, 2,065, 3,190. If at least 12,000 dollars have been sent, under the Gold Plus category, you will get a duty relief of 2,587, 3,025 and 4,150 dollars. If you send 24,000 per year, it will increase by 20% and increase by 4,800 dollars. Accordingly, the duty relief will be at least 4,985, 5,425 and 6,550 dol-

lars. But the maximum ever found was only 1,750,"he added.

The second proposal is to send any foreign money to Sri Lanka through a bank and give a license to import vehicles to any Sri Lankan.

With the current situation in the country, vehicles are not allowed to be imported to Sri Lanka in any way. That is why a vehicle import licence is introduced for foreign workers as the second proposal.

Here, if you have sent more than 3,000 dollars to your own or a relative's account through a bank, they can buy an electric motorcycle for half of the money sent. US\$ 3,000 is the lowest value. This permission is not available for three-

wheelers. Accordingly, electric vehicles are allowed to be imported from USD 20,000 to a maximum of USD 65,000. These imported vehicles should be in the running range of 300- 500. It has to be charged by the solar power system and it has to be prepared or imported by oneself.

These vehicles are not allowed to be charged by the national system. This is expected to achieve the main objectives of increasing the import of dollars into the country and reducing the withdrawal of dollars abroad, without affecting the mainstream and protecting the environment. The cycle oil for that will be released in the near future.

Eight districts hit by... From page 01

Army personnel together with the Road Development Authority officers were engaged in removing soil and branches of trees, which had fallen onto roads, to clear them for vehicular traffic from yesterday morning.

Many areas in the Central Hills were still under water yesterday, and Nilwala Ganga had been overflowing and water levels of its stations 'Thalgahagoda' and 'Panadugama' indicated minor floods as at yesterday noon.

A mound of earth fell onto the Ginigathena-Nawalapitiya road and motorists have been requested not to use that road as there is a

risk of more such incidents. A house in Hatton had been severely damaged as a mound of earth fell onto it around 2.30am yesterday. More such incidents had been reported near the Woodland area in the Hatton-Colombo road. Several estate houses in Hatton had also been damaged when a tree fell on them.

Incidents of rock falls and falling of mounds of earth had been reported at 15 locations of the upcountry railroad. The Railway Department officers said the restoration of tracks could take a few days.

Two spill gates of the Upper

Kothmale Reservoir and six spill gates of the Polgolla Dam of the Mahaveli Reservoir had been opened and the people have been asked to be vigilant of the rising water levels. The volume of water in Ravana and Ella waterfalls have increased due to heavy rains, and the people, who travel on the roads in front of them, have also been asked to be vigilant.

According to the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) Situation Report yesterday morning, a total of 12,289 people belonging to 3,037 families in the Jaffna, Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Matale, Galle and Hambantota Districts have been affected due to heavy rains, high winds, floods, and landslides from Monday. About 2,374 people belonging to 485 families have been evacuated to safe locations. Three people had died and another four people were still missing. About 326 houses had been partially damaged.

The Meteorology Department said the maximum rainfall of 212mm was reported in Canyon, Nuwara Eliya in the 24 hours ended last morning.

"Showery and windy conditions are expected to continue in the western and southern sea areas and in the southwest quarter of the island due to the active Southwest Monsoon," the Department said.

Its weather forecast for today predicted that showers or thunderstorms would occur in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Central, and North-Western provinces and in the Galle and Matara districts. "Heavy rainfalls above 100 mm can be expected at some places in Sabaragamuwa province and in Kandy, Nuwara-Eliya, Galle and Matara districts. Several spells of showers may occur in Northern and North-Central provinces. Very strong winds about 60 kmph can be expected at times along the western slopes of the Central hills

while strong winds about 50 kmph can be expected at times in the Northern, North-central, Western, North-western and Southern provinces," the weather bulletin said.

It also advised against venturing into fishing and naval activities in the sea areas off the coast extending from Mannar to Pottuvil via Puttalam, Colombo, Galle and Hambantota until further notice.

"The sea areas off the coast extending from Mannar to Pottuvil via Puttalam, Colombo, Galle and Hambantota will be very rough at times. The sea areas off the coast extending Puttalam to Batticaloa via Mannar, Kankasanthurai and Trincomalee will be rough at times. The other sea areas around the island will be moderate. There is a possibility to increase swell waves (about 2.5 - 3.5 m) in the sea areas off the coast extending from Mannar to Pottuvil via Puttalam, Colombo, Galle and Hambantota," the Department added.

Positive speech, looking... From page 01

the media following the conclusion of the Ceremonial Opening of the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament yesterday (3).

Premadasa said that he genuinely hopes that the President's policy statement would become a reality.

Premadasa also said that the Opposition also seeks to support the program of rebuilding the country through an All-Party Government and the establishment of Parliamentary Committees.

"Looking at the entire speech of the President, it was a positive speech and the points of the speech should be practically implemented in the same way," the Opposition Leader observed.

The Opposition Leader said that he appreciates the clear cut manner the President presented the plan for an All-Party Govern-

ment that would base on a National Assembly and a People's Assembly. Premadasa also noted that it seems no chance would be given to opportunists in the guise of joining an All-Party Government.

The Opposition Leader said that he personally believes that the Parliamentary Oversight Committees should operate through a strong committee system that goes beyond the current powers.

He said that it would be more optimal if the National Assembly, the Party Leaders' National Assembly and the sectoral monitoring committees are all further strengthened.

Premadasa noted that Samagi Jana Balawegaya's support to the government will only be given through the Parliamentary Sectoral Committees.

TNA, Welgama, Ven. Athuraliye... From page 01

According to the President's Media Division (PMD), the discussion was held with participation of TNA MPs M.A.Sumanthiran, Dharmadasa, and Selvam Adaikalanathan at the President's Office. It was also taken into the discussion of the 22nd Amendment

to the Constitution and the interim budget to be presented to the Parliament soon by the new government, the PMD said.

Meanwhile, the New Lanka Freedom Party led by MP Kumara Welgama and MP Ven. Athuraliye Rathana Thera also met the Presi-

dent for a discussion yesterday. The discussions led by the President and held with the political parties began on August 2 and yesterday's discussions were held as the second phase. Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardane also participated. (LF)

Teacher's Union leader... From page 01

Stalin was arrested when he arrived at the Guru Gedara in Kollupitiya yesterday evening.

Police said that a Court order was also obtained preventing him from leaving the country earlier. He was

to be produced in Court yesterday evening.

Four held for attempt... From page 01

in the bowser for Rs.6 million in Watereka, Meegoda. The fuel bowser belongs to a reputed company. Police investigations revealed that the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) had hired it to transport fuel. Among the arrested were the driver of the fuel bowser and his assistant and they are employees of the relevant company. Two other individuals, who are sales managers of a reputed insurance and electronic items

company, have also been arrested for their involvement in the racket.

The fuel bowser had been released from the Muthurajawela Storage Complex documenting that it was to be sent to a factory in the Free Trade Zone in Katunayake. The raid was made following a tip-off received by the Police. The Police said the racket had been continuing for a long time and some corrupt officials of the CPC had also helped it.

Payment made for... From page 01

The Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) has entered into a one year agreement for the supply of jet fuel to the country. Under this agreement the first jet fuel shipment will reach Colombo on August 12.

CPC sources added that moves are under way to bring more petrol and diesel ship loads soon. An advanced payment for both these shipments has already been made, CPC sources said.

CPC trade unions however claimed that there was no need of importing jet fuel as it can be produced locally with the recommencing of the operations at the crude oil refinery, which has been inactive for certain period due to non-availability of crude oil. The government should implement a mechanism to supply crude oil continuously to the refinery, Union representatives noted.

Applications called from... From page 01

The Examinations Department has requested private applicants to access the website of the Examinations Department on www.doents.lk or www.onlineexams.gov.eic and complete the application form and keep a printed copy with them for submission in case of need. Passwords required to complete school applicant's applications have been given to the respective principals.

The Examinations Department has allowed the candidates who apply for second or third time for the examination to submit their applications after the release of the results of the 2021

Advanced Level Examination. Candidates eager to sit for the exam for the second or third time will be given the opportunity to apply for the examination once the Advanced Level 2021 results are out. Candidates can get more information about this through the 1911 Hotline number or dialling 0112784208 and 0112784537.

Lawsuits against... From page 01

The two-paragraph order from DC District Judge Amit Mehta rejects Trump's claim that he has immunity from these lawsuits because his actions fell within his presidential duties.

US Capitol Police officers Briana Kirkland and Marcus Moore, along with Washington, DC Metropolitan Police officers DeDivine K. Carter and Bobby Tabron, allege Trump is responsible for the Capitol attack.

Tuesday, Mehta cited his ruling from February in a similar case involving Capitol Police officers suing Trump for their injuries where he sided with the officers.

The court already rejected President Trump's assertion of immunity, Mehta said in the brief order. The court does so again.

In the previous order, Mehta wrote that Trump's alleged actions did not fall into the perimeter of official presiden-

tial responsibilities because they were entirely concern[ed] with his efforts to remain in office for a second term.

The first U.S. Capitol riot defendant convicted at trial was sentenced to more than seven years in prison Monday, the longest punishment handed down to date over the January 6, 2021, attack on Congress.

Guy Refitt, a recruiter for the right-wing Three Percenters movement in Texas, was convicted March

8 of five felony offenses, including obstruction of Congress as it met to certify the 2020 election result, interfering with police and carrying a firearm to a riot, and threatening his teenage son, who turned him into the FBI. Prosecutors said Refitt led a mob while armed at the Capitol and asked a judge to sentence him to 15 years after applying a terrorism sentencing penalty. (Agencies)



Robbery suspect arrested, firearm seized

Dehiwala Corr. **D.P. HERATH** and Colombo South Group **GAMINI RUPANANDA**

A suspect who shot and killed a person while trying to break-in to a house on Weerasena Silva Mawatha opposite the Ratmalana Economic Centre has been arrested by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Mt. Lavinia Police Division.

The 38-year-old suspect from Hokandara has been identified as an acquaintance of underworld kingpin "Petta", who is engaged in drug trafficking while in hiding in Dubai.

The Police also seized a foreign made firearm, a small lorry, 503 grams of heroin worth over Rs. 5 million, 6 front and rear mounting vehicle number plates and a stock of special wrapping papers used to parcel heroin along in the suspects custody.



The seized heroin stock, cash and other confiscated items being examined by the officers including Mt. Lavinia SSP Mangala Dehidenia and OIC of the Divisional Crime Unit Chief Inspector Gamage Nilantha, at the Mt Lavinia Police Station.

A married couple involved in this murder was arrested at the Katunayake International Airport on July 30 while they were about to flee to Dubai. Police also said that the brain-

child behind this crime to be "Petta". Further investigations are being carried out by the Mt. Lavinia Divisional Criminal Investigation Division.

FM to attend 29th ASEAN Regional Forum

Minister of Foreign Affairs, M.U.M. Ali Sabry, PC will travel to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to take part in the forthcoming 29th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Ministerial Meeting from August 4 to 5, 2022.

The ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) comprises of 27 members, consisting of 10 ASEAN member states, Dialogue Partners, Observers and includes Australia, Canada, China, the European Union (EU), India, Japan, New Zealand, the

Republic of Korea (ROK), Russia and the United States, Bangladesh, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. Sri Lanka has been a member of the Forum since 2007. The Forum is hosted by Cambodia, the current Chair of ASEAN under the theme "ASEAN A.C.T: Addressing Challenges Together".

The ARF is an important platform for consensus-based decision-making

and frank dialogue in the larger Asia Pacific region and provides a forum for members to discuss issues and develop cooperative measures, as well as pressing issues such as the post COVID-19 pandemic recovery and address global challenges collectively. This is the first time the Forum is meeting in person since the COVID pandemic.

Minister Sabry is expected to meet several counterparts on the sidelines of the Forum for bilateral discussions.

Kerala cannabis worth over Rs.14 mn seized

A special search operation conducted by the Navy on the Mannar Sand Banks on Tuesday evening led to the seizure of about 47kg and 240g (wet weight) of Kerala cannabis.

The detection made by SLNS

Thammanna in the North Central Naval Command included 19 packages that had been buried in the area by smugglers.

It is believed that the smugglers might have hidden this stock of Kerala Cannabis under-

ground due to Naval operations in the area.

The gross street value of seized Kerala cannabis is believed to be around Rs. 14 million and the stock has been kept in Naval custody pending further investigations.

Warning to families in earth slip prone areas

HATTON CENTRAL SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Hatton-Dickoya Municipal Council took steps to evacuate a family and close down three shops in the Samanalagama area which are vulnerable to landslides yesterday.

It was reported that the local authority took these precautionary measures as an earth slip had occurred in this area on Monday and was in active status even by yesterday.

Municipal Council Chairman S. Balachandran said the relevant authorities had requested several vulnerable families in the vicinity of the earth slip prone area about the impending dangers several years ago and to move to safer locations.

However, they had refused to leave



Sri Lanka Army personnel engaged in clearing the upcountry railway line after an earth slip following heavy rains experienced along the western slopes of the central mountains. Picture by Ranjith Rajapaksa, Hatton Correspondent

their homes despite the impending danger.

"It was also planned to provide these families with new lands and relocate them to the Ruwanpura area in Hatton," the Chairman further said.

NDC Research Symposium - 2022

The inaugural 'NDC Research Symposium - 2022' of the National Defence College will be held under the theme 'Exploring Multinodal Security Dynamics' on August 17 at the Auditorium of Faculty of Graduate Studies, General Sir John Kotelawela Defence University.



The event is exclusively designed to promote defence research culture and create an environment to explore research ideas related to the discipline of National Security and Strategic Studies.

Further, the symposium is a catalyst to foster networking among academia, senior military and Police officers to exchange and share academic notions related to contemporary security issues. The symposium would create a great platform for the scholars to improve, sharpen and share their wisdom and experiences in many academic fields, which are directly cooperated in their academic curriculum.

Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd) will be the Chief Guest while the keynote address will be delivered by former Secretary and Senior Advisor to the President Lalith Weerathunga.

Student beaten by teacher for not attending school

Northern Province Special **RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE**

A student was injured and admitted to the Kilinochchi hospital yesterday after being beaten by a teacher with a stick for not attending school for two days.

The 13-year-old student has not attended school for two days because his bicycle had been stolen from the school the previous day.

The teacher while inquiring about this incident had badly beaten the student

with a stick causing severe injuries to him.

The student's parents have complained to Kilinochchi Police, Human Rights Office and Kilinochchi Zonal Director of Education regarding the incident. Several voluntary organisations in Kilinochchi have come forward to give justice to the student. Representatives of voluntary organisations have also prepared to launch a protest in front of the school today.

Teenager dies after falling into well

Kegalle Special **CHAMINDA JAYALATH**

A 16-year-old schoolboy who was suffering from Epilepsy died after falling into an unprotected well in Dewalegama, Kegalle on Tuesday.

The deceased, Sachith Hansaka Dissanayake is a Grade 11 student of Sri Dhammajothi Junior College in Dedigama.

Sachith Hansaka was the second son in his family and he had died while his parents had

gone for a wedding in Kotiyakumbura. His younger brother and grandmother who were at home at the time of the incident had looked for the victim when did not return home even after an hour and had recovered the body inside the well later.

"The boy was pronounced dead on admission to the Kegalle Hospital," Police said. Dewalegama Police are investigating.

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Put aside the past and come together for the sake of the country – President

“I would not eat the fruit of the tree that I plant but tomorrow our children will enjoy the fruit.”

“The Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave us a breath of life.”

“Currently, public debt is 140 percent of Gross Domestic Product. Our plan is to bring this down to less than 100 percent by the year 2032.”

“I do not allow violence and terrorism but will protect non-violence and democracy.”

“Legal action will be taken against individuals who intentionally violate the law and engage in violent and terrorist acts.”

President Ranil Wickremesinghe delivering his Policy Statement yesterday at the ceremonial opening of the third session of the ninth Parliament said, “I confidently invite you to put aside the past and come together for the sake of the country. I have already initiated discussions with political parties in forming an All-Party Government.”

Following is the full text of the President's speech:

“I was elected as the President on June 20, as having secured the trust of the majority of the Members of Parliament. Today I am addressing you for the first time as the President.”

“This House represents the various communities of Sri Lanka. Whether you are Sinhalese, Tamil, Muslim, Burgher or any other ethnic group, you are gathering here as the Parliament of Sri Lanka.”

“Representatives of the Parliament were elected by people belonging to the various ethnic groups. However we are all Sri Lankans, no matter which ethnic group we represent.”

“Today, I am addressing you as the President of every Sri Lankan citizen.”

“Our country consists of communities belonging to different cultures, following different religions and speaking different languages. I defend the right of all of you to maintain cultural practices, follow your religious beliefs and use your language.”

“I am also constitutionally bound to give Buddhism the foremost place and accordingly protect and foster the Buddhasasana, while assuring all other religions in the country their rights.”

“We have been blessed with an ancient legacy not only religiously, culturally and socially, but also economically. It has been nurtured by different cultures. That is how the concept of ‘Satharawaram Deviwaru’ is related to Buddhist culture. Today, we are entrusted with the responsibility of building the future based on these ancient legacies.”

“I took over a country that was in disaster. Severe economic crisis on one side, massive public opposition on the other. However, I decided to accept this critical challenge, on behalf of my people and the country, based on the premise that it is my duty to light even one lamp for the country rather than cursing the darkness.”

“Today we are facing an unprecedented situation that our country had never faced in recent history. We are in great danger. The country could extricate and be secured from that danger, only if we all face this challenge together as one people. It is vital that the Honorable Members of this Parliament as well as the entire populace contribute with their own strength towards the effort of nation building.”

‘Entire populace should contribute to nation building’

“The expectation of all the citizens of the country at this juncture is for all their representatives in the Parliament to work together in order to build the country. If we come together, we will be able to invigorate the nation. If we divide, it will not only harm the people's representatives but the entire nation.”

“Therefore, I once again request all parties representing the people in this Parliament to unite in the formation of an All-Party Government. I respectfully extend the hand of friendship to all of you. I confidently invite you to put aside the past and come together for the sake of the country. I have already initiated discussions with political parties in forming an All-Party Government.”

“Certain parties had declared that they would consider my programme and give their consent to form the All-Party Government. I wish to make my observations in this regard. An All-Party Government is not a government that acts on the sole opinion of one party. It is a government that comprises the views of all parties

within a common policy framework, and implemented after decisions are made.”

“I wish to reiterate to this House, the importance of an All-Party Government in order to resolve this crisis and establish stability in an expeditious manner.”

“Due to the collapse of the economy, our country also suffered a political crisis. Why did our economy collapse in this manner?”

“We have been debating for two or three decades on how our economic system should be. In 1977, a new economic regime was introduced to our country. However, we failed to modernize and adjust with time. Without focusing on modernization of the economy, we were engaged in competitive, short-sighted and destructive narrow politics. Unfavourable international economic factors brought about by the Ukraine war and the collapse of the world's major economies due to the Covid pandemic exacerbated and complicated our crisis.”

“Due to all these reasons, our country totally declined. The people have been suffering severe hardship. We have now initiated the process of revitalization.”

“We have now minimized power cuts; we are in the process of bringing fertilizer required for cultivation. There is no shortage of gas, and soon everyone would be able to obtain it without queuing. Safety measures have been taken to avoid food shortages. Bringing essential drugs and medical equipment to the hospitals have been initiated. Schools have been re-opened. Measures are being taken to overcome the impediments faced by the industries and export sectors.”

“I wish to specially mention the assistance provided by India, our closest neighbour, in our efforts economic revitalization. The Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given us a breath of life. On behalf of my people and that of my own, I convey our gratitude to Prime Minister Modi, the Government and people of India.”

“Presently, the immediate requirement before us is fuel. While appreciating the international assistance in addressing the fuel shortage, it is timely that we now initiate a system for such importation from our own export income and foreign remittances. We also have to limit selected imports in order to balance the payments for fuel. On the other hand, fuel supply has to be curtailed. These hardships would need to be borne until the end of this year.”

“Due to the economic crisis, we are facing various difficulties. I look forward to the support of the nation to rid the country of these troubles.”

“We need to move towards long-term solutions in order to overcome these difficulties. A strong foundation needs to be laid as not to repeat this kind of economic crisis in our country. The economy should be modernized. Economic stability should be established and transformed into a competitive export economy. In this context, we are now preparing the necessary reports, plans, rules and regulations, laws and programmes.”

“I now seek to explain the planning framework which will be the basis for the country's future journey. Within this framework, detailed information about the programmes we are implementing will be presented through the Interim Budget and the 2023 Budget to be presented to the Parliament.”

“As a preliminary step, we initiated negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a four year programme. We would continue those



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discussions from this month. It is our expectation to conclude the staff level negotiations expeditiously and successfully.”

“The finalization of the debt restructuring plan has commenced in collaboration with Lazard and Clifford Chance, who are international financial and legal experts. We would submit this plan to the International Monetary Fund in the near future, and negotiate with the countries who provided loan assistance. Subsequently negotiations with private creditors would also begin to arrive at a consensus.”

‘Sri Lanka known worldwide as a major economic hub’

“We are also looking at formulating necessary policies, rules and regulations, and programmes, to strengthen the export economy. Our economic legacy is based on foreign trade. From the ancient times, Sri Lanka was known worldwide as a major economic hub located on the Maritime Silk Road (MSR), and was identified as the ‘Granary of the East’. Sri Lanka was the centre that distributed rice from the entire region across the world.”

“Our ultimate goal is to re-establish that past legacy to create a strong and developed green economy. It has been recognized that climate change is a monumental issue facing the future world. We need to create a strong economy that can address climate change. As King Maha Parakramabahu said, we should ensure that we do not waste even a single drop of water that falls from the sky.”

“As a result of the economic crisis we are facing today, the income disparity in the society is widening. The middle class is shrinking. On the other hand, businesses and industries are facing serious challenges,

exacerbated by the loss of employment.”

“The amount of remittances sent by migrant workers to Sri Lanka through other means. Presently, this situation is gradually changing, and we are taking measures to encourage remittances to Sri Lanka through the banking system.”

“Tourists mostly come from the month of August. Necessary initiatives are being taken to attract more tourists to Sri Lanka.”

“We confirm the rights of the people. Freehold deeds are being granted to government licensed landholders. Ownership of the houses are granted to those who are living in government housing schemes. Programmes are being implemented to solve the issues of the upcountry Tamil Sri Lankan community.”

“In the effort of stabilizing the economy, we pay close attention towards the less privileged of the society. Avenues for the entrepreneurs of the country to come forward through their skills are being expanded.”

A Social Justice Commission

“I am committed to making effective changes for the future of the society. The foundation is being prepared to rekindle the middle class. Benefits are distributed fairly to the entire society, through a social market economy. I am taking measures to establish a Social Justice Commission for this purpose.”

“Four or five decades ago, there was an economic concept of state enterprise. However, it is now widely accepted that this concept is ineffective. Even

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initiative to offer us these projects. He sadly was killed recently. At this moment, I wish to transfer merit to Mr. Abe, according to our religious beliefs.”

“In order to strengthen our journey towards a developmental economy, we should examine the past. Why did our economy fall into such a low level? Why did we inherit negative results? Was it due to mistakes made by individuals? Or due to policy deficiencies? How were individuals allowed to manipulate the economy as they wished? Can the economic policy of a country vary from person to person? Is it favourable for the country or else harmful to change policies from time to time?”

‘A National Economic Policy for the next 25 years’

“We have examined this situation in depth. As a remedy, we are preparing a National Economic Policy for the next 25 years. It lays the foundation for a social market economic system, securing development for the poor and underprivileged groups and encouraging small and medium entrepreneurs.”

“Our aim is to create a surplus in the primary budget by the year 2025. Our effort is to raise the economic growth rate to a stable stage, in order to establish a solid economic foundation by the year 2026. Currently, public debt is 140 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Our plan is to bring this down to less than 100 percent by the year 2032.”

“If we build the country, the nation and the economy through the national economic policy, we would be able to become a fully developed country by the year 2048, when we celebrate the 100th anniversary of independence.”

“When I draw long-term plans in this manner some ridicule me. Yes, I am not like other politicians. I have long-term plans. My planning is not for my own betterment, but for the young generation of today. I clearly know that I would not eat the fruit of the tree that I plant. But tomorrow, our children of the future generations will enjoy the fruit.”

“I would also like to make special reference on the foreign policy of our country. Due to the instability of the foreign policy, we faced many disadvantages and setbacks in the international arena. I will change this situation. All countries of the world are our friends. We have no enemies. We do not belong to any group. I will ensure the adoption of a cordial and friendly foreign policy with all countries.”

“I have already emphasized that a number of social and political reforms should be made in parallel with the economic growth policies in order to build a prosperous Sri Lanka. The people of the country are looking forward to an extensive political reform process.”

“What has happened today? Reliance of people on the political system and politicians has broken. Expectations of the people regarding the state mechanism have been exhausted. This is the reason for the activists to demand a change in the system.”

“I will take measures to make the change required to build the Sri Lankan nation. I will implement social and political reforms requested by the nation, with the cooperation of all citizens.”

“The struggle that started all over Colombo expecting system change was later centralized in Galle Face. This was expanded to several major cities in the island. This struggle was conducted on a non-violent basis and creative manner. These activists did not commit any act of violence. Therefore, families joined the struggle to express their protests. Parents were not afraid to even bring children to the places of protest.”

“Protesters once digitally illuminated the walls of the Presidential Secretariat, without any harm. Although, later this non-violence was suppressed and violence emerged, with certain politicized groups that became stakeholders. By indulging in violence the protests turned towards terrorism.”

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An office to protect peaceful protesters

"I do not allow violence and terrorism. However will protect non-violence and democracy."

"Peaceful struggle is a fundamental right. I accept those rights."

"Some groups are trying to spread a huge propaganda through social media that I am hunting down the protesters. But it is not true. I will not allow any kind of prejudice to the peaceful activists. I will establish an office to protect the peaceful protesters and support them."

"If any injustice occurs to a peaceful activist, that person can call the 24 hour dedicated line and file a complaint. A Committee headed by a retired judge will examine the complaints and take necessary measures, accordingly."

"If there are individuals who have participated in such illegal activities either unknowingly or due to the influence of others, a plan will be prepared to act sympathetically towards them."

"However, if there are individuals who intentionally violate the law and engage in violent and terrorist acts, legal action will be taken against them. I will not allow anyone to act outside the law. The law is the same for you, me and everyone."

"The law will be applied equally to the people who attacked the peaceful protesters on May 9 and those who are engaging in violence and terrorism under the guise of the struggle. I will ensure that there is no political intervention in this process."

"There are groups spreading violence near fuel stations. Complaints are being received about people breaking the queue by force, without allowing the people who have been in the queue for days to obtain fuel. Such unruly conduct cannot be allowed. The limited amount of fuel that we can provide must be fairly distributed. I have directed the Inspector General of Police to strictly enforce the law against people who interfere with queues."

"A number of major Buddhist and Hindu religious festivals are held in the month of August. These festivals are one of the reasons for increasing the tourist arrivals in this month. Although, some groups are trying to disrupt these festivals by creating a turbulent background in the country. The security forces are keeping an eye on such behaviour. I request everyone not to fall into such traps that contribute to destroying the future of the country."

"Currently, places have been allocated by the Colombo and Kandy Municipal Councils for peaceful protests. Municipal councils are also acting in order to provide the necessary facilities for the activists who are protesting in those places. So I kindly request the people not to stay in unauthorized places anymore, and therefore, request the peaceful protesters to vacate the unauthorized places and assist to maintain law and order. We look forward to your support in building the Sri Lankan nation."

"A protest was held in Batticaloa in concurrence with the Galle Face Struggle. A walk to the Gandhi Statue was organized daily. A statement made by Tashi Chodap, a Tibetan Thera who joined this struggle, was quoted in an article written by a female activist in our country. I would like to quote that statement."

"You re-confirm your participation by joining this walk. Protest in a different way. Through the participation express your opinion about what is happening today. You have chosen to be alert in this moment of crisis. Not that suffering alone. We know that one crisis cannot be solved by another. The crisis can only be resolved through unity."

"As stated by Tashi Chodap Thero, I re-emphasize to this House that we all should solve this crisis together and in unity. Let's get together. Let's make the social, economic and political

changes needed for the 21st century."

"I would like to draw attention to several factors therein. How should we proceed forward by solving these crises? What are the responsibilities of political parties in that journey? Can we go on this journey, trapped in our traditional political thinking?"

"We have to think anew about the political party system. The activities of the parties should be reorganized in a manner that suits the future. Should we continue to think of politics today, in the same way, political education should be seriously considered."

'More youth should be elected to Parliament'

"In the year 1977, we were able to create a new economy that accomplished a number by our expectations and hopes as youths. Now, absolute contribution of our youth should provide to create a new economy appropriate for the future. Their skills should not be limited to a protest

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venue. We should create opportunities to utilize their creative skills for the future of the country. In the upcoming elections, more youth should come to this Parliament. The next election should be the term of the youth."

"I consider that the creation of a new Constitution with new attitudes in order to provide space for youth, is one of the main priority tasks."

"At present, the President has the full right to appoint the members of the Election Commission, Public Service Commission, Police Commission, Judicial Service Commission, etc. I directly say that it is not a favourable condition for democracy. We should change that condition. Presently, it has inherited more power to the President than a previous king of Sri Lanka. It should be changed immediately."

"The President of a country does not have to be a King or a God who is exalted above the people. He or she is one of the citizens. Therefore, separate flags, separate logos, separate honour awards should not be consecrated. I have already taken some necessary measures and will continue to do so."

"As an initiative of the political reform process, we wish to pass the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, including all the effective elements of the 19th Amendment. I expect the full support of this Honorable House in its adoption."

The Bill of the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution has now been presented to the Parliament. It is my view that discussing it and reaching a common consensus are most appropriate. We could not achieve everything we want through the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution. It is fundamental to a series of reforms. It would be a constructive step if we adopt the reforms in one voice."

"As I mentioned earlier, measures are being taken to establish the Parliamentary Sectoral Oversight Committees immediately. All the political parties will have the opportunity to work together, through those Committees. I have already submitted to this House the report forwarded by the National Movement for Social Justice in this regard."

A National Assembly

"Also, I am working to establish a National Assembly consisting of political party leaders. For the next steps, we will be able to arrange a programme with a common minimum programme with the consent of all, through the National Assembly."

"From the past our country suffered disputes due to disunity. We were divided into ethnic groups. Divided into languages. Divided into religions. Divided into parties. Divided into classes. Divided geographically. Divided by castes."

"Certain parties widened these divisions further. These divisions were used to gain power, and seek advantages from the distribution of power. They tried to maintain power by creating various divisions such as ethnic groups, religions, etc."

"Ever since I entered into politics, I wanted to create a society with a Sri Lankan identity without these divisions. To create a nation, where children of one mother can live in harmony. I suffered political defeats due to regular engagement in this exercise. It was criticized by extremists, because of my continued stand against racism and bigotry, some political parties slandered me as a racist."

"However, I did not deviate from my principle. I will not deviate from that policy."

"Today, the majority of the youth

have accepted that they want to continue my policies. They chant slogans against racism and bigotry. Protests are being carried out mentioning the necessity of peace among ethnic groups of Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim, Burgher, etc. Sinhalese youths say that all the ethnic groups including Tamils and Muslims should be treated equally. I am glad that the young generation understands the truth that I tried to explain to this society for about five decades."

"Now we have the opportunity to direct the entire country towards that policy with the collaboration of these youths. Space has been created to eliminate all kind of disunity in race, religion, party, caste, etc. Opportunity has been granted to end the sufferings faced by some community due to this disunity. Space has been arranged to ensure the basis of determining the advancement of an individual on talent and ability. The background has been created for an environment where every citizen can live in freedom."

"It is also essential to provide a political solution to the issues faced by the Tamil community for a long time. They are suffering with many social and economic issues due to the hardships of war. There are many land issues that need to be resolved. We have to think anew about the development tasks in the North. We expect to get the support of the Sri Lankan Tamils living abroad by closely working with them, on the programme of rebuilding Sri Lanka. We look forward to their visits and investments in their motherland."

"Similarly, women, who are the majority of the population, still face issues of harassment, violence and other discrimination and inadequacy. We have to take necessary measures to change this situation."

A national policy to combat bribery and corruption

"It is essential to completely eliminate bribery, corruption and fraud from our society. I will implement a national policy to combat bribery and corruption. New rules and regulations and orders in this regard are being prepared by the Ministry of Justice. A consensus will be reached with the International Monetary Fund regarding combating of corruption."

"A comprehensive series of political reforms are required to implement all these functions. I will carry out those reforms during my tenure. However, not based on my own opinion, but with the consent of the Parliament

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based on the views of the youth, women and other people."

The People's Assembly

"I am taking measures to establish a People's Assembly in order to decide which social and political reforms should be implemented. A mechanism to obtain views of all interested parties is being prepared through the People's Assembly through the consultation of political parties, various organizations, etc. I specially invite the youth engaged in activism and youth who are not to provide their views."

"All matters such as 'Should we continue to maintain the presidential system in our country? Which system is most appropriate for the country? How should the government system be reformed?' should be discussed by the People's Assembly, and ideas requested. After reaching a national consensus on the system that suits the country, it may be legalized and implemented."

"It is essential to reach such a national consensus, on which I would explain. The major commitment presented during the Presidential Election campaign in our country is the abolition of the executive presidential system. However, no one who came to power delivered on that commitment. On the other hand, even if someone abolishes the executive presidential system, the next party that comes to power has the ability to change it. That is the reason we require to reach a common national consensus through a body such as the People's Assembly."

"People's Assembly is a fully independent body with the Government only providing the necessary resources. The Government has no influence on its functions or decisions. We decide in consultation with various parties, regarding the composition of the People's Assembly."

"Views and proposals in this regard have already been made by the National Movement for Social Justice."

"The People's Assembly may seek from the nations in our neighbourhood and the wider Asian region together with the relevant international agencies their expertise in the respective areas."

"The responsibility of preparing a National Plan for social, economic and political reforms is assigned to the People's Assembly, by taking the opinions and advice of all stakeholders and

acting with full transparency. The Assembly may wish to prepare this plan."

"Friends, I came to Parliament as a young Member of Parliament in the year 1977, and held various positions in the country. I did what I thought was right for the country in the midst of honour-dishonour, grace-disgrace. In the past two or three years, I have experienced that the country has become unstable. Looking back at all of that, I remember the poem 'If' written by Rudyard Kipling, one of the world-famous literary scholars, which I memorised while studying at Royal College."

I will quote a part of it. "If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster And treat those two imposters just the same; If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken 'Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools, Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,

"And stood and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

"You'll be a Man, my son!" "So, let us embark on a new journey with sincere hearts and noble expectations. Let's plant the seeds of truth and freedom. Nowadays, many slanders and criticisms can be directed to us. However, one day in the future, we will be proven right, when the seeds of truth and freedom we planted sprout, grow, and bear fruit."

"Concluding my speech, I would like to remind you of a teaching preached by the Buddha. It is mentioned in the *Tripitaka* that the Buddha emphasised this fact on many occasions."

"Attadipa Viharatha..." "Be a light to yourself." "Let us be a light to ourselves. Let us illuminate Sri Lanka with that light."

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Farmer organizations urge Agriculture Ministry to lift ban on glyphosate

The Agriculture Ministry has made arrangements to start a comprehensive agricultural cultivation programme in Sri Lanka in the coming period. Each party is of the opinion that in order to get a proper harvest from the crops, the ban on the chemicals currently used for weed control should be removed. In order to get a successful harvest in crops like maize, tea, paddy, chillies, peas, green grams soybeans as well as potatoes and bananas, the ban of the powerful weed controller glypho-

sate should be removed. Scholars, farmers' representatives, farmers' organizations as well as seed and seedling producers' associations and maize importers' association have also submitted ideas and suggestions. Agriculture, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera, who expressed his opinion in this regard was speaking after receiving the opinions and suggestions of various parties regarding the lifting of the ban on glyphosate. Although glyphosate

is currently banned, some businessmen smuggle it from India and sell it at a high price of Rs. 12,500 for four litres. Therefore, the officials of the Agriculture Ministry confirmed that they have already consulted the experts on the subject of agriculture and they have submitted their ideas and suggestions regarding the lifting of the ban on glyphosate. According to the public opinion our aim is lift to the ban on glyphosate, said Minister Amaraweera.

STF nabs two suspects with over 2,500 litres of fuel

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Two individuals were arrested with 2,574 litres of fuel by the Police Special Task Force on Tuesday night in two separate raids in Mount Lavinia and Ambalantota. They have been arrested for illegal storage and unsafe transport of fuel. About 1,400 litres of diesel, 140 litres of petrol and 40 litres of kerosene had been seized in the first raid, which was carried out in the bus depot on Templar's Road, Mount Lavinia. The suspect (40) has been handed over to the Mount Lavinia Police together with the stock of fuel for further investigations. Five barrels containing 944 litres of diesel had been seized in the second raid when they were being transported in a lorry to a housing complex in Ambalantota. The suspect has been handed over to the Ambalantota Police.

Third Session of the Ninth Parliament

OPENING CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

President Ranil Wickremesinghe ceremonially declared open the third session of the Ninth Parliament yesterday morning.

On his arrival at the Parliament, President Wickremesinghe and the First Lady were received by the Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and the Secretary General of Parliament, Dhammika Dassanayake.

In accordance with the instructions of the President, arrangements were made to con-

duct the ceremony in a very simple manner without gun salutes or car parades.

Instead, the President was received in front of Parliament with a Tri-Force Guard of Honour. There was no President's flag being hoisted, only the National Flag was hoisted.

The arrival of the Members of Parliament took place prior to the arrival of the President, followed by the arrival of Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and finally President Ranil Wickremesinghe. Following the ceremo-

nial opening at 10 a.m. the President presented the government's policy statement at 10:30 a.m. in accordance with powers vested in him through Article 33 of the Constitution.

After entering the Chamber, the President presided over the sittings and the President's seat was marked with the State Emblem instead of the President's official emblem. During the President's 'Throne Speech', the speaker sat with the secretaries in the lower seat, where the speaker sits during the committee stage.

In his speech the President Wickremesinghe said he is the President of all Sri Lankans and assured to protect the rights of all segments of the society.

President Wickremesinghe also reiterated his request to all political parties and groups to support the establishment of an all-party government to solve the issues faced by the people. He also asserted that while he accepts the right to engage in peaceful protests according to the law of the country, he will not allow any harm come to the peaceful

protesters. However, he said he would take stern action against those, who purposely violate the law and perpetrate violence.

Following the presentation of the Government Policy Statement by the President, the House was adjourned until August 9.

The ceremonial opening was followed by a tea party organized for the Members of Parliament and invited guests.

A Guard of Honour was also presented, when the President and First Lady left the Parliament.



President Ranil Wickremesinghe arrives at the Parliamentary Complex. Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena is also in the picture.



Parliamentarian Kavinda Jayawardena greets the President. Former Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa was also present.



The President in conversation with Parliamentarian Shanakiyan Rasamanickam. Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa was also present.



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena arrives in Parliament.



The President meets religious dignitaries.



Foreign delegates



President with Parliamentarian Premanath C. Dolawatte.



Defence Secretary, Chief of Defence Staff, Service Chiefs and the IGP



SJB Parliamentarian Mujibur Rahman greets the President.

Storming PM's Office: Police seek assistance to identify them



GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is seeking the support of the public to identify several individuals who are said to have damaged the properties in the Prime Minister's Office in Flower Road, Colombo during the unlawful entry on July 13.

The Police Headquarters released the photographs of 17 such individuals to the media yesterday. According to the CID, it is conducting investigations into the mat-

ter based on the photos and video footage obtained during the tense situation at that premises on July 13.

Any person with verified information about the suspects are requested to contact the CID through the mobile numbers 071-859 49 50, 071-859 49 01 or 071-859 49 24 or WhatsApp that information to the same numbers. Police hotline 011-2 422 176 is also open for the public to provide such information, the Police Headquarters said.



Australia sending back 46 local immigrants by ship

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

A group of Sri Lankans arrested by the Australian Border Protection authorities during an attempt to illegally enter Australia are being brought back to Sri Lanka by a ship, it was reported.

The group includes 46 individuals

and they had been arrested en route to Australia by a multi-day fishing boat, authorities said. This is the first time the Australian Government is sending illegal Sri Lankan migrants back home by sea as the previously expelled escorted by Australian Police officers were sent back by air.

Australia has deported 137 Sri Lankans so far this year and they were sent back by five flights.

In addition, the Sri Lankan authorities have arrested 865 locals who attempted to illegally migrate to Australia via sea routes so far this year.

Seven arrested in connection with Vavuniya - Achchipuram youth massacre

Guns and swords recovered

VAVUNIYA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The police said yesterday (August 3), that 7 people, including 4 members of the same family, have been arrested in connection with the shooting and killing of a youth in Achchipuram area of Vavuniya.

A 30-year-old family man named Ranja N. Johnson, known as Ranja N, was shot dead with an Indian gun and cut with a sword last Sunday evening in Vavuniya, Achchipuram area, and the person's hand was cut off and taken away and dumped elsewhere.

Vavuniya Regional Crimes Squad Police along with the Chidambarapuram Police had conducted investigations in connection with the incident. After investigations, the Indian gun used in the attack was recovered by the Chidambarapuram Police.

Subsequent investigations by the Vavuniya Regional Crimes Squad have recovered 4 swords believed to have been used in the attack and



bloodstained clothes. Seven people, including 4 members of the same family, have been arrested on suspicion of being involved in the incident. One of the 7 persons is being treated at Vavuniya Hospital due to injuries and the other 6 persons have been detained at the police station

and further investigations have been carried out.

In the meantime, the police said that preliminary investigations have revealed that the attack occurred as a result of long-standing enmity between the two groups and the occasional clashes also due to it.

Restaurant chef arrested for stealing gas cylinders

PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA
Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

The chef, who had stolen six gas cylinders from a restaurant in Horana town where he works, was arrested by the Horana Police. The restaurant had been closed due to lack of gas, police said. The suspect (23) was a resident of Matugama, Pelawatta area. Accordingly, the police have found one 37.5kg gas cylinder and another five 12.5kg gas cylinders stolen by this person and he had already sold them to several places around Horana area. Horana police is further investigating.



The stolen gas cylinders



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The positives of an All Party Government

The repeated calls for the formation of an inclusive All-Party Government (APG) by the Maha Sangha, other religious leaders, the legal fraternity and civil society organisations if it comes to pass would be the best thing that has happened to this country since the dawn of Independence. What we have been witnessing down the decades is how power-hungry unprincipled politicians worked to their personal agendas through the use of political parties at a tremendous cost to the country.

Political parties were mainly used to sow division among the public and exploited by the rulers to enjoy power and privilege. In their quest for power they also identified their particular political parties with pseudo-nationalism, race and religions. As a result, we have a sharply divided nation which is the antithesis for progress.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe has been constantly inviting all political parties represented in Parliament to join in the formation of an APG. Yesterday in his address to Parliament, the President repeated his call in this regard. In fact the main thrust of his speech centred on the need to form an APG. The response so far has been positive with the SLPP, CWC and the National Congress already holding several rounds of talks to explore the possibility for an APG Government with the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), SLFP and TNA which initially rejected the proposal too now giving the green light. The stand of the JVP-led Jathika Jana Balawegaya is still being awaited with its leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake (AKD) sending mixed signals.

Needless to say, party politics has been the bane of this country retarding progress. The pattern all along had been for a new Government to halt all projects launched by its predecessor and start its own thing only for another incoming Government to repeat the process and the vicious cycle continued. The country became stagnant.

Hence the importance of forming an APG. This will not bring instant solutions to the country's burning problems or address its current economic woes, nor will it end the people's suffering instantly. But it will certainly lay the foundation for a fresh beginning sans the contentious and vituperative politics that the country has been witnessing down the decades that had sent the country careening downhill and ruined any chances of progress.

Besides, the country more than at any other time before, needs to show unity to the outside world which is a precursor for stability. Political stability will be a key factor for receiving economic assistance at this hour of dire need. Already, aid givers and lending agencies are watching the unfolding scenario and will decide on Sri Lanka only if there is a conducive climate in the country to manage our affairs competently. Political chaos and an anarchic state will certainly not help us win economic support from outside. President Wickremesinghe who has already sounded that there is light at the end of the tunnel and a positive response from the IMF is expected at the end of this month, is aware of the importance of political stability and unity at this crucial stage.

It is in this light that the comments made by Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka giving encouragement for mischief by the Aragalayites should be condemned by all patriotic citizens who put the country's interest before anything else. Fonseka is speaking in terms of another invasion of the Aragalaya crowds into the city on August 9 in line with the uprisings witnessed on the 9th of each month since May and that he would back such an invasion until the collapse of the regime.

Such sentiments are unacceptable given that the Army which Fonseka once commanded has no room for indiscipline and unruliness. The Field Marshal is also enjoining the members of the Security Forces not to arrest or act against any of the Aragalaya members. Is this not encouraging lawlessness which is a sure recipe for aid givers turning their backs on this country? Thankfully the SJB of which Fonseka is a member has distanced itself from his sentiments as those entertained by him in his personal capacity and not as the views of the SJB. Its General Secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara said the SJB itself had not organised any protest to be held on August 9.

This is as it should be. The formation of an APG could also be an effective countervailing force against certain disruptive elements whose aim is to drag this country further into the mire. The Aragalaya, no doubt, was born out of the suffering and oppression of the people weighed down by the soaring Cost of Living and chronic shortage of essential items.

Effective Resolution of the sufferings of the people would certainly take the winds off the sails of the Aragalaya campaigners. This hopefully would be forthcoming in the welfare budget that was declared by President Wickremesinghe to be unveiled sometime in August, when he was Prime Minister cum Finance Minister. We are now into August and sooner the welfare measures are announced the easier it will be for the people.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

All-Party Government is vital to bring economic and political stability.
- President Ranil Wickremesinghe

PRESIDENT REITERATES NEED FOR ALL-PARTY GOVERNMENT

Hindsight

LAKDEV LIYANAGAMA

President Ranil Wickremesinghe has spent the last week trying to consolidate his position at the apex of the Government where he will be relying on the support of a party which opposed him, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) which still commands a majority support in Parliament.

President Wickremesinghe's rapport with the SLPP is not recent. In the final days of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's Presidency, when protests were the order of the day and there was a clamour for an 'All-Party' or 'National' Government, the then President appointed him as the Prime Minister.

That was after former President Rajapaksa held talks with Opposition Leader and Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Leader Sajith Premadasa and the party's Chairman, Sarath Fonseka. Both were reluctant to take up the prime ministerial position, calling instead for Rajapaksa to step down.

The offer was then made to Wickremesinghe, who at the time was only the solitary MP from the United National Party (UNP) in Parliament. Having been the Prime Minister five times previously, Wickremesinghe accepted the position readily, without imposing any conditions or demands.

That decision stood President Wickremesinghe well because, within weeks, he was appointed Acting President when President Rajapaksa left the country on July 9. A few days later, when President Rajapaksa submitted his resignation, he became Acting President by virtue of being Prime Minister.

As Acting President, Ranil Wickremesinghe took early action to ensure that the chaos that ensued with former President Rajapaksa's resignation was quickly brought under control. He deployed the Armed Forces and Police to prevent a state of anarchy from developing in the days that followed.

Election of President

These actions and smart political negotiations with individual Parliamentarians ensured that, when a vote was held in Parliament to elect the next President, President Wickremesinghe won comfortably by 134 votes to 82 votes, a majority of 52, over his nearest rival, the SLPP's Dullas Alahapperuma.

This meant that a vast majority of SLPP MPs had voted for Wickremesinghe even though he was from a different political party instead of Alahapperuma who represented their own party. This even prompted an angry outburst from the Chairman of the SLPP, former Foreign Minister G. L. Peiris.

Since his appointment, President Wickremesinghe has appointed a Prime Minister from a constituent party of the SLPP, the Mahajana Eksath Peramuna (MEP). That is Dinesh Gunawardena, his former political rival and classmate from Royal College. The choice of Gunawardena has been welcomed.

President Wickremesinghe also swore in the new Cabinet of Ministers



President Ranil Wickremesinghe is moving towards a consensus on the political and economic fronts, though his party, the UNP has little support in Parliament. He has succeeded so far but he needs to sustain that in the months to come if Sri Lanka is to attain some degree of stability and growth.

which was the same Cabinet headed by former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with one exception: former Foreign Minister G. L. Peiris was replaced by Ali Sabry, PC who had previously held the key portfolios of Justice and Finance.

However, in doing so, President Wickremesinghe had made it clear that this Cabinet will function only for a very brief period. The President and his close political advisors are currently busy carrying out a dialogue with all opposition political parties regarding forming an 'All-Party' Government soon.

This is important for several reasons. The President commands the support of only one MP from the UNP in Parliament who is now Vajira Abeywardena, who filled the National List vacancy created when the President assumed office. As such, an All-Party Government provides him more credibility.

Secondly, the past few months have seen many changes in ministerial portfolios as then President Gotabaya Rajapaksa attempted to respond to the public protests against the downturn in the economy. This led to the kind of political instability that this country has rarely witnessed previously.

Since then, as the Government has attempted to resurrect the economy, donor agencies such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have indicated to Colombo that any talks with them would necessarily require some degree of political stability before tangible progress can be achieved.

For these reasons, President Wickremesinghe is very keen to form a Government that has representatives from all parties represented in Parliament. He has been spending much time and effort negotiating with the parties in the Opposition, both personally and collectively to make this a reality.

Economic Stability

The President has written individually to all 225 Members of Parliament, seeking their co-operation. "Initial plans required to implement a systematic economic programme are being formulated while preliminary measures are also being undertaken for the creation of economic stability," he has said.

The President has already met with a delegation from the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP). At these talks, the SLFP team, led by former President Maithripala Sirisena, noted that it was their party which first mooted the concept of an 'All-Party' Government when Gotabaya Rajapaksa was President.

General Secretary of the SLFP Dayasiri Jayasekera said the talks were a success. "We submitted a strategic plan that included holding a General Election when the country returns to normalcy, ending fuel and gas queues and ensuring a steady supply of food, drugs and other essentials," Jayasekera said.

Jayasekera was optimistic that a second round of talks between President Wickremesinghe and the SLFP could be held next week. That was after the return to the island of former President Sirisena who had left for South Korea to attend the 'World Summit for Peace 2022' in that country.

Jathika Hela Urumaya (JHU) Leader Patali Champika Ranawaka who recently opted to be independent from the SJB from which he was elected to Parliament, has also responded to President Ranil Wickremesinghe's initiative, requesting the President for clarifications regarding certain issues.

"We urge you to abolish the Cabinet which you have appointed, abolish some appointments of those involved in corruption, to reveal what you intend to follow when dealing with the IMF and what alternative steps are to be taken if Sri Lanka fails to strike a deal with the IMF," Ranawaka has said.

The President's request for an All-Party Government has drawn a mixed response from the main Opposition party, the SJB. It is now known that while SJB leader Sajith Premadasa remains steadfastly opposed to the idea of joining such a Government, some of his parliamentary colleagues disagree.

Some SJB stalwarts, known for their professional expertise in handling matters related to the economy have been approached by confidantes of President Wickremesinghe, urging them to disregard party politics and offer their services to the country in this time of crisis. Some are very likely to do so.

Former SJB frontliners, Harin Fernando and Manusha Nanayakkara are now members of President Wickremesinghe's Cabinet and have played a key role in trying to convince their former colleagues to join them. However, if they do, they may risk facing disciplinary action from the SJB leadership.

An initial challenge President Wickremesinghe was confronted with was obtaining approval from Parliament for the extension of the State of Emergency. There was a concerted effort from Opposition parties which held a series of talks among themselves, to defeat the vote on the State of Emergency.

However, the State of Emergency was approved by 120 votes to 63, a comfortable majority of 57 votes. In what is seen as a significant political development, the alliance of eleven political parties led by Wimal Weerawansa, Udaya Gammanpila and Vasudeva Nanayakkara voted with the Government.

It is worthwhile noting that this group voted for President Wickremesinghe's rival at the recent election in Parliament to elect a President, Dullas Alahapperuma. In fact, it was this alliance that took the lead in promoting Alahapperuma's candidature for President among the parties in Parliament.

Making a speech on their group's decision to support the extension of the State of Emergency, Wimal Weerawansa said that it was based on the belief that the country now required stability, not another series of protests that would lead to prolonged anarchy. This group is now likely to join the Cabinet.

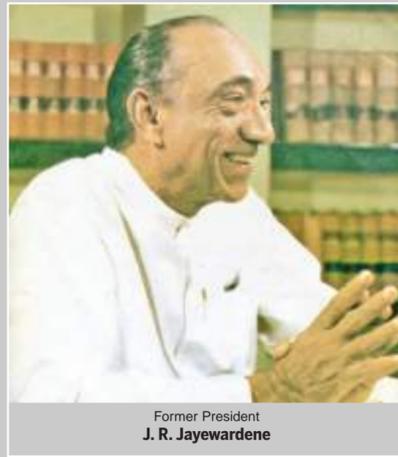
President Wickremesinghe last week also visited the hill capital, Kandy, paying his respects to the Dalada Maligawa and the Asgiriya and Malwatte temples. He also addressed a meeting attended by parliamentarians of the ruling SLPP and other representatives of both the SLPP and the UNP.

The President also issued a proclamation proroguing Parliament for a brief period. President Wickremesinghe formally opened the new session of Parliament yesterday, making a policy statement outlining his vision for a period of political stability while working together with all political parties.

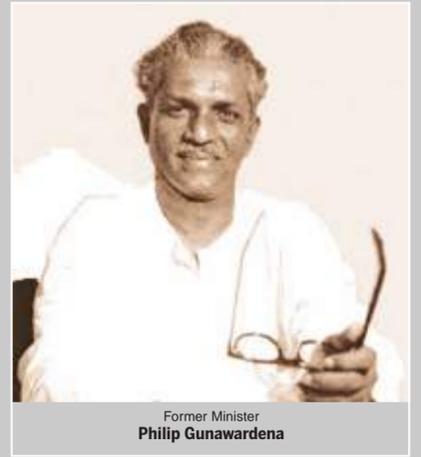
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EXTRAVAGANT LIFESTYLE, A RECIPE FOR DISASTER



Former President
J. R. Jayewardene



Former Minister
Philip Gunawardena

CHANDRA EDIRISURIYA

Living within one's means is the surest way to an individual's as well as a country's progress although loans are necessary to invest in productive ventures by an individual, business enterprise or a country as manifest in the present Sri Lankan context, the country being burdened with a heavy load of debt.

It would be appropriate to draw a parallel, mutatis mutandis, to the economic condition in pre-revolutionary France to that in Sri Lanka today though it has to be mentioned at the very outset that the concept of revolution is outdated today; the actors are entirely different and hardly match in sincerity their French counterparts and more because any fascistic tendency has to be stamped out root and branch.

Sir J.A.R. Marriott in his work *'The Evolution of Modern Europe 1453-1939'* says: "Born in 1638, Louis XIV came to the throne in 1643; he was declared to be of age in 1651; his personal rule began with the death of Mazarin in 1661; only his own death brought it to an end in 1715.

Richelieu and Louis XIV had completed the edifice of absolutism in France. The Crown had absorbed all the powers of the State, legislative and administrative. The States General was suppressed altogether; the Parliaments deprived of all power of remonstrance.

"Absolutism can be justified only by efficiency. Under Louis XV the monarchy ceased to be efficient. Of its failure to retain the pre-eminence of France among the nations, enough has been said. It was hopelessly inefficient also at home. During the Regency of Orleans (1715-23) there was a temporary reaction against the system of Louis XIV, but the period is chiefly remarkable for the efforts of John Law, a Scottish financier, to redeem France from the bankrupt condition to which it had been reduced by the extravagance of Louis XIV. Law was hardly judged by contem-



Office workers should be encouraged to use public transport instead of their private vehicles.

poraries: those who have witnessed the financial chaos of Europe may perhaps judge him more leniently. His principles were not entirely unsonorous; his application of them was disastrous. The condition of France was desperate. Crushed under a load of debt, committed to an annual expenditure double the annual revenue, the State was bankrupt; trade languished; people were reduced to dire poverty. Law proposed to redeem the debt, to balance the budget, and to restore prosperity to trade by a large issue of paper money, based not upon cash reserves but upon the credit of the State. He shared the belief of the day that money is wealth. Gold and silver are wealth. Paper may serve as money so long as people have faith in the credit of those responsible for putting it into circulation, but paper money is not in itself wealth, and may become worthless."

Louis XIV the Sun King or the Grand Monarch of France lost lustre barely half way through his reign and Marriott has said: "After 1683 the sun of prosperity was declin-

ing fast and finally set amidst lowering clouds which boded ill for the happiness of France..."

President J.R. Jayewardene who called himself the monarch next in line after Elizabeth II of Britain who ceased to be the sovereign with the promulgation of the Constitution of the Republic of Sri Lanka of May 22, 1972 proved that absolutism can be justified only by efficiency which flows from honesty.

President J.R. Jayewardene came to power riding on the wave of unpopularity of the former 1970 United Front Government after the two leftist parties, the Lanka Sama Samaja Party and the Communist Party of Sri Lanka were forced to leave it in 1975 with Feudalism raising its ugly head again in the person of one who when trying to be too talkative in Parliament drew the comment from the Father of Socialism Philip Gunawardena: "You are the people whose ancestors exercised the jus primae noctis," which made him virtually fall back in his chair.

It is hoped that President Ranil Wickremes-

inghe who has so far performed admirably well as Prime Minister, Finance Minister and President in bringing much needed relief to the people managing the grave economic crisis will continue to do so with greater efficiency that was President J.R. Jayewardene's forte ably assisted by Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena the son of the Lion of Boralu-goda.

A check on the unlimited use of fossil fuel which is an extravagance for a non-oil producing country as stated by transport specialists, by vastly improving public transport by bus and rail avoiding travel by car as far as possible thus also saving on building and maintaining roads and highways, is imperative at least until we develop to an adequate level if we are to live within our means both as individuals and a country.

It is best that luxury by the affluent few is sacrificed to bring happiness to the indigent many at least until happier times come making the country not live a whisky life with a toddy income, so to say.

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Was Aragalaya Productive?

Dr. TILAK S. FERNANDO

Sri Lankan youths commenced an *'Aragalaya'* or a mass protest against the Government in March 2022. The main theme behind the mass protest was to oust the incumbent President Gotabaya Rajapaksa from his position due to severe inflation and problems ranging from daily electricity outages, the non-availability of domestic gas and the skyrocketing prices of consumer goods and building materials. In other words, for mismanaging the country's economy. The current rate of inflation stands at over 60%, but it is expected to rise further according to the Central Bank.

The main demand of the protesters was the resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and other members of the Rajapaksa family from the Government. When the *'Aragalaya'* began, the protesters made use of a slogan called *'GotaGoHome'*. Many protesters comprised the public who suffered, mainly the youths who supported Gotabaya Rajapaksa to come to power expecting a change in Sri Lankan politics. They were hopelessly let down by the ex-President.

The youths celebrated the new President's victory with over 6.9 million votes that helped him secure a

two-thirds majority in Parliament. Who would have thought that his popularity would turn into hatred within two and a half years?

The general public was let down hopelessly when the ex-President failed to deliver what the public expected. He was regarded as a *'mere soldier'* but not as the former Defence Secretary when he took robust decisions and implemented them. He decided to go for a new group of advisors, superseding the *'Viyathmaga'* group whom the youth thought would help him to contribute to making the necessary changes and helping eradicate bribery and corruption. The protesters chose two places initially at the precincts of the Galle Face and the Presidential Secretariat to agitate holding placards such as *'GotaGoHome'*.

Initial Stages

Initially, the protest was composed of the general public who could not get petrol, gas, and milk powder and were fed up with the soaring food prices; breaking down the education system, health, and increasing unemployment. Later University Lecturers and the whole gamut of society joined with the protesters complaining because their lives became miserable during the past two years.

This *'Aragalaya'* or the protest cannot be compared with the unrest Sri Lankans experienced in 1971 because at that time it was organised by the JVP and went down in the political history of Sri Lanka. Neither can it be compared with the 1988/89 uncertainty because it had a tinge of politics concerning the North and East of Sri Lanka, and JVP was under the impression that the Sri Lanka Government wanted to give in to the LTTE and India. The Government used military and police power to bring the unrest to a settlement. What happened on July 9, 2022 was different. Everyone congregated with the protesters that included the rich, middle class, entertainers, the university students, ordinary youths and everyone having to stand in long queues for petrol and gas. There were no drugs in pharmacies and hospitals which exacerbated the peoples' misery.

The Aragalaya

The protests consisted of two aspects. Firstly, the lack of Foreign Reserves in the Government Coffers, and secondly the printing of money made inflation go haywire. The lack of foreign exchange was due to restrictions on exports and with the COVID-19 pandemic where the whole world faced a decline in every aspect. With particular reference to Sri Lanka, her exports were far less than the imports. Meanwhile, the rupee depreciated against the dollar making foreign debts impossible to manage. The Sri Lankan Government had no choice but to print money excessively to pay the salaries of the public servants. One of the imprudent decisions the Gotabaya Rajapaksa Government made was to cut taxes, particularly on sugar imports and ban toxic fertiliser overnight rather than gradually.

The only escape route to resolve the present economic crisis would be for citizens to join hands for short-term, medium and long-term programmes. A recent IMF statement said unless Sri Lanka shows solidarity and a conclusive plan on debt sustainability the programme under consideration would be withheld. With this in mind, President Ranil Wickremesinghe wrote on July 29, 2022 to all Legislators in Parliament for an All-Party Government with the sole objective of creating social

and economic stability in the country, which will help the IMF to release the funds necessary to recover the present crisis.

It is debatable how the Opposition will react to the President's request for an All-Party Government because the Samagi Jana Balawegaya, the JVP and the Peratugami Party insist on removing Ranil Wickremesinghe from the Presidency and holding a General Election to get a fresh peoples' mandate. It shows how the Opposition behaves in a senseless fashion without paying any heed to Sri Lanka's Constitution. They claim the *'Aragalaya'* was an agitation by the suffering masses, therefore a General Election is required to test the voter's pulse!

It was for the first time in Sri Lanka's political history that a President was elected by the MPs in Parliament. Ranil Wickremesinghe was elected the President of the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka with a majority of votes. One observes that the attempts by all Opposition parties show their lack of concern and patriotism for their Motherland, but purely on a political agenda! The election Commissioner on TV, on July 29, stated, *"this is not the correct environment to hold an election as the staff to supervise would have to go either to the Aragalaya crowd or visit the long queues for people to cast their votes!"*

Meanwhile COVID pandemic along with the latest *'Monkeypox'* plague is raising its head again as stated by WHO Chief Tedros Ghebreyesus. The virus is supposed to spread from person to person and health authorities in Sri Lanka warn the public to wear masks again! One is inclined to think, amidst all problems that Sri Lanka faces, it is the last thing the country needs!

In the initial stages of *'Aragalaya'*, it displayed signs as an extension of Che Guevara's movement because there was a hidden agenda amidst some elements amongst the protesters to startle the public, chase the Executive President and grab power. This became clear when some of them occupied the official residence of the ex-President and the Presidential Secretariat and *'Temple Trees'* (PM's official residence). Such manoeuvres created a completely volatile situation in the country. Protesters were



IMF Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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aware that once the 'President' left, then the Prime Minister should also resign and it would have created a condition where Cabinet decisions were impossible, thereby it would have led to an emergency situation where 'Emergency regulations and curfew' were warranted. When there was no Executive President and the Prime Minister, then it would help the Judiciary to take over compulsorily. Such a situation was avoided, fortunately.

It is up to everyone to concentrate on building up the nation. For such an effort political parties should join hands with the Government in building a temporary Government until Gotabaya Rajapaksa's term ends. It is ludicrous to think of a General Election right away concentrating purely on grabbing power. It is essential to strengthen the economy, as such, industrialists should be encouraged to produce more innovations and export to foreign countries to earn the much-needed dollars! Unfortunately, the majority of the people's representatives (MPs) have no clue or idea as to what the recovery plan is so

far. Still, they dabble in criticising each other in Parliament and wasting everyone's time and public money. It is very sad when politicians and professionals do not understand the gravity of the current situation or are also dumbfounded and leaving the politicians to settle the chaos!

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Foreign currencies in dire need.



China warns of 'severe impact' after Pelosi's Taiwan visit

Announces military drills in nearby waters

Summons US Ambassador over Pelosi's Taiwan trip

Taiwan trip 'in no way contradicts' longstanding US policy - Pelosi



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that U.S. politicians are "playing with fire" on the Taiwan issue.

CHINA, US: China's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday condemned U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to China, saying it seriously damages peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.

In a statement issued just after her arrival in Taipei late on Tuesday, China's Foreign Ministry said Pelosi's visit

severely impacts the political foundations of China-U.S. relations, and said it had lodged a strong protest with the United States.

Meanwhile, China's military said it would conduct drills that appeared to infringe on Taiwan's territorial waters, setting the stage for a potential showdown between China and the United States over the self-governed island.

Beijing announced plans for six zones encircling Taiwan where it said it would

carry out live-fire military drills from Thursday to Sunday, according to a statement released by the Xinhua news agency. Ships and aircraft were warned against trespassing in those areas — some of which overlap with the island's territorial waters — for "safety reasons," the statement said.

China also summoned the US Ambassador in Beijing Tuesday to rebuke him over House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's "egregious" trip to Taiwan, state media reported.



"The move is extremely egregious in nature and the consequences are extremely serious," Xie was quoted as saying by China's state news agency Xinhua. "China will not sit idly by."

The trip by Pelosi, the highest-profile elected US official to visit Taiwan in 25 years, sent tensions soaring between the world's two largest economies, with Beijing regarding it as a major provocation.

Meanwhile, US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said soon after touching down in Taiwan on Tuesday that her visit, marking the highest-level visit by a US official in more than two decades, was a sign of "America's unwavering" commitment to

US Speaker Nancy Pelosi speaking at a press conference in Taiwan yesterday.

supporting the island nation.

Pelosi, second in line to the Presidency, is the highest-profile elected US official to visit Taiwan in 25 years and Beijing has made clear that it regards her presence as a major provocation, setting the region on edge.

- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES, XINHUA

IN BRIEF

Pelosi Taiwan trip swamps plane tracker

US: Hundreds of thousands of people tuned in to a flight tracking website yesterday anxious to find out whether US official Nancy Pelosi was in fact going to Taiwan, in defiance of China's angry protests. Trouble was, there were so many of them — a site record of over 708,000 — that FlightRadar24 said it had to limit non-subscribers' access in order to keep the service online.
- THE MALAY MAIL

California's wildfire Death toll climbs to four

US: Search teams have found two more bodies in an area scorched by a forest fire raging for a fifth day in northern California near the Oregon border, bringing to four the number of lives lost in the state's biggest blaze this year, officials said yesterday.
- THE MALAY MAIL

Voting for next British PM delayed after hacking alert

UK: Voting by Britain's Conservative Party members to pick the next Prime Minister has been delayed after the GCHQ spy agency warned that cyber hackers could change people's ballots, The Telegraph reported on Tuesday. Former Finance Minister Rishi Sunak and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss are competing in the leadership contest to succeed Boris Johnson as the next British Prime Minister. - YAHOO NEWS

Nearly 700 migrants crossed British Channel on Monday in 2022 record

UK: Almost 700 migrants and asylum seekers crossed the Channel to Britain in a single day this week, a new record for the year, the UK government said Tuesday. The Defense Ministry said 696 migrants arrived on 14 small boats on Monday, the highest daily tally in 2022 and only the second time this year it has topped 600. - ARAB NEWS

Over 140,000 residential buildings damaged in Ukraine

UKRAINE: As the US investment in Ukraine's war effort grew to over US\$8 billion (S\$11 billion) on Monday (Aug 1), the devastation inside Ukraine continues to mount. Ukraine's Defence Ministry said on Tuesday that at least 140,000 residential buildings had been destroyed or damaged since Russia launched its full-scale invasion in February, leaving more than 3.5 million people homeless.
- THE STRAITS TIMES

US has no DNA on Zawahiri, confirmed death by other sources - White House



This image shows what appears to be the house in Kabul, Afghanistan, hit by a Hellfire missile drone strike that killed Al-Qaeda Leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, while he was on the balcony.

Taliban "grossly" violated Doha agreement by sheltering Al-Qaeda Chief - Blinken

9/11 groups, families cheer al-Zawahiri's death

US: The United States has no DNA confirmation of the death of al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in the heart of Kabul, a White House spokesman on Tuesday, but verified his identity through other sources.

"We do not have DNA confirmation. We're not going to get that confirmation. Quite frankly, based on based on multiple sources and methods that we've gathered information from, we don't need it," White House national security spokesman John Kirby said in an interview with CNN.

"We have visual confirmation, but we also have confirmation through other sources," Kirby also

said there was a small al-Qaeda presence remaining in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Monday that the Taliban has grossly violated the Doha Agreement by hosting and sheltering Al-Qaeda Chief Ayman al-Zawahiri.

The US and the Taliban signed the peace agreement in February 2020 under the Presidency of former US President Donald Trump. The deal stated the withdrawal of the US troops from Afghan soil and the Taliban would abate violence and guarantee that its soil will not be a safe haven for

the terrorists. Meanwhile, the family members of a 9/11 survivors group have expressed gratitude to US President Joe Biden for eliminating al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri saying it was a "significant step" in their years-long battle for justice and accountability.

The 9/11 Justice, a grassroots organisation comprising survivors, first responders, and family members who lost their loved ones in the September 11, 2011 terror attacks in the US that left 2,977 people dead, expressing joy over the terror group leader's death, said the step was particularly meaningful to the 9/11 community who continued their battle for justice.
- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES, ANI, PTI

Parts of the Moon may provide stable temperatures for humans, researchers find

US: In early human history, caves provided people with protection from the elements and a place to call home. Now, similar formations on the Moon could provide pioneering astronauts with a lunar safe haven, thanks to their Earth-like temperatures.

The Moon has pits with shaded areas that steadily hover around 63 degrees Fahrenheit (17 degrees Celsius), a temperate range that's stable for humans, found researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles. The journal Geophysical Research Letters published the study in July. These pit craters, which may potentially lead to caves that could also pro-

vide human shelter, have temperatures that could make lunar exploration and long-term human habitation on the moon safer, as scientists would be able to set up thermally stable base camps.

Unlike the Moon's surface, which heats up to 260 degrees Fahrenheit (127 degrees Celsius) during the day and drops to minus 280 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 173 degrees Celsius) at night, these lunar pits in the Mare Tranquillitatis region have a human-friendly, stable temperature.

The data comes from an analysis of images taken by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter spacecraft and computer modeling. - CNN

Tensions soar as rival protests take place near Iraqi Parliament

IRAQ: Iraqi Security Forces were on high alert in Baghdad as tensions soared after rivals of Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada Sadr, whose supporters are occupying the parliament, called for counter-demonstrations.

A political standoff 10 months after Iraqis went to the polls pits Sadr — a populist with a devoted following of millions among the country's majority Shiite population — against the powerful pro-Iran Coordination Framework, another Shiite alliance.

Sadr's supporters have been occupying Parli-

ment in the normally High-Security Green Zone — also home to government buildings and embassies — since Saturday.

They started their protest in response to the rival alliance's prime ministerial nomination.



Supporters of Iraqi populist leader Muqtada al-Sadr gather outside Parliament in Baghdad on Monday.

Large numbers of Security Forces set up roadblocks and checkpoints, ahead of calls by supporters of the Coordination Framework. The Coordination Framework includes lawmakers from the party of Sadr's longtime foe, ex-Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

It also represents the powerful pro-Iran former paramilitary alliance Hashed al-Shaabi, now integrated into the regular forces.

In multi-confessional and multi-ethnic Iraq, Government formation has involved complex negotiations since a 2003 US-led invasion toppled former President Saddam Hussein, but in this case 10 month of political deadlock have left the country without a Government, a new Prime Minister or a new President. - ALJAZEERA

South Korea's prices rise, inflation increases to near quarter-century high

SOUTH KOREA: South Korea's prices rose more than 6 percent in July compared with last year, the fastest jump in nearly a quarter century.

The East Asian economy's Consumer Price Index rose 6.3 percent last month, Statistics Korea data showed on Tuesday, up from 6 percent in June.

The gain, which was in line with market expectations, marks the highest rate of inflation since prices rose 6.8 percent in November 1998.

The heavy inflation data comes as the Bank of Korea (BOK) mulls further interest rate hikes at its next policy meeting on August 25.

The Central Bank is widely viewed as having more breathing space to raise rates after Asia's fourth-largest economy grew a faster-than-expected 2.9 percent year-on-year in the second quarter.

Central bank policymakers, who began raising interest rates before most of its peers, described the July hike as unusual, signalling that more modest increases were likely in future. - ALJAZEERA



South Koreans purchasing food items and trying to get value for money.

Mysterious sinkhole leaves Chilean officials puzzled

CHILE: Chilean authorities started investigating on Monday a mysterious sinkhole about 25 meters (82 feet) in diameter that



The giant sinkhole found north of the Chilean capital Santiago.

appeared over the weekend in a mining area in the north of the country.

Chilean media showed aerial images of the sinkhole on land operated by a Canadian Lundin Mining copper mine, about 665 kilometers (413 miles) north of capital Santiago.

The National Service of Geology and Mining (Sernageomin) became aware of the sinkhole on Saturday and has sent specialist personnel to the area, the agen-

cy's director David Montenegro said in a statement.

"There is a considerable distance, approximately 200 metres (656 feet), to the bottom," Montenegro said. "We haven't detected any material down there, but we have seen the presence of a lot of water."

"The closest home is more than 600 metres (1,969 feet) away while any populated area or public service are almost a kilometre away from the affected zone," the statement read.
- NDTV

Rare White Elephant born in Myanmar



The white elephant born in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

MYANMAR: A rare white elephant has been born in western Myanmar, state media said on Wednesday. Born last month in western Rakhine state, the baby weighs about 80 kilograms (180 pounds) and stands roughly 70 cm (two-and-a-half feet) tall, according to the Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

Footage released by state TV showed the tusker tot following his mother to a river and being washed by its keepers, and later feeding from her.

The mother — a 33-year-old called Zar Nan Hla — is kept by the Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Rakhine state, the Global New Light said, adding the baby possessed seven of the eight

characteristics associated with rare white elephants.

"Pearl-coloured eyes, plantain branch-shaped back, white hair, a distinctive tail, auspicious plot signs on the skin, five claws on the front legs and four on the back legs and big ears," the newspaper reported.

Social media users first posted about the birth of the elephant — which has not been named yet — late last month.

Historically, white elephants were considered extremely auspicious in Southeast Asian culture, and the region's ancient rulers acquired as many as they could to boost their fortunes. - NDTV

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SLIC should look to increase local insurance penetration

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Business community, politicians and others should all forget their differences and unite and try to help Sri Lanka to get out of this current 'mess', said President's Counsel Ronald Chithranjan Perera is after assuming office as the 26th Chairman of State-owned Sri Lanka Corporation (SLIC) yesterday.

He said that for the first time in the country's history Sri Lanka has a President (Ranil Wickremesinghe) whose political party has only one member and a Prime Minister who has only 3 members from his respective political party in Parliament. "However majority wants them to continue and others too should assist them to bring back economic stability to the country."

He said that this scenario of parliament is a classic example of 'modern day innovation' and this novel thinking pattern should be similarly grasped by Sri Lanka insurance staff's mindset. "The staff should think in new ways to maintain SLIC's position as the number one insurer in Sri Lanka competing among 26 foreign and local players."

Sri Lanka Insurance staff should look to increase the local insurance penetration which is only around 2%, the new Chairman said. "Since it is compulsory all vehicle owners have insurance, however in contrast insurance in the rural market is vir-



Ronald C Perera assuming duties as Chairman of SLIC
Picture by Thushara Fernando

tually untapped and this is an area that should be pursued."

He also said that due to lack of innovation and not moving with technology and new demands of the modern day world companies like Kodak, Polaroid and IBM computers perished but facebook which was founded by entrepreneurs less than 40 years old in 2004 has captured the world. "This was all because of innovation."

"Today when you go to a private hospital to be treated for a stomach ache when you get the bill you get a heart attack!" he quipped. Hence Sri Lanka insurance should try to introduce new and attractive packages for mainly health and also for houses. (Against burglaries, fires and other accidents)

Perera also said that banks have several savings packages for new

born and when they reach 18 years they get a 'lump sum' "SLIC too can come up with a similar innovative package where the child can get a 'lump sum' which can be used for higher education."

He also identified events insurance similar to insuring cricket matches as another area with opportunities and also a new attractive package for Sri Lanka expatriates towards providing a pension for them.

Finally he cautioned the staff to be very professional and friendly to customers as unlike previous times social media can play a huge role in damaging the credibility of the institution by posting incidents of this nature. Prior to this appointment, Perera was the Chairman of the Bank of Ceylon from January 2015 till November 2019.

Bulk of South Asian women exposed to informal employment

In South Asia, only 20 out of every hundred women actively participate in the labour market, while the labour force participation for men is 80%, far below the participation rates in other regions.

Between 80-90 percent of the workforce is stuck in unproductive informal sectors that have notoriously limited access to credit and sales markets. And South Asia lags behind other regions across the world except for the Middle East and North Africa in female labor force participation, according to the World Bank latest report.

In South Asia, more than 80 percent of women in non-agricultural jobs are in informal employment, and this leaves women often without any protection of labor laws, social benefits such as pension, health insurance, or paid sick leave.

The latest South Asia



Economic Focus zeroes in on a possible answer to this conundrum.

Using new data from 140 countries, the chapter on gender norms shows that in South Asia, perceptions about the role of women in society have not kept up with new economic opportunities as they have done in many regions of the world.

The analysis shows that these gender norms determine to a large extent, the participation

of women in the labor force.

"The paradox here is that in most countries, education of girls tends to increase female labour force participation as education increases potential wages, which makes it more attractive to participate in paid work."

However, in South Asia, whereas education of girls has improved significantly during these past decades, the participation

of women in the workforce has not kept up to speed.

If norms mandate that married women stay at home, then women are likely to withdraw from the labour market after marriage, irrespective of their education level."

The region's exports of goods traditionally a source of productivity growth is only one third of the size of exports when compared to other

countries around the world.

"It appears that most of South Asia's economic activity is concentrated in small pockets of societies, namely the formal workforce and male workers mostly employed by formal firms that have access to credit and are largely selling to domestic markets."

These segments can grow fast, but this is not the full throttle mode that is required to launch economies to their fullest potential.

Therefore, it's not a surprise that currently, per-capita income in South Asia is only one fifth of the per-capita income in East Asia, a region with a much larger female labor force participation, smaller informal sectors, and an export-led growth strategy. The report suggests that for South Asia to reach its full economic potential, it must explore untapped opportunities.

Three new reach stacker cranes for Sri Lanka Ports Authority

Three new Reach Stacker cranes required for the operational activities of the Sri Lanka Port Authority (SLPA), were purchased and handed over to its Logistics and Operation Divisions by the Chairman of SLPA Dr. Prasantha Jayamanna parallel to the 43rd anniversary of the Sri Lanka Port Authority.

The cranes had been first purchased by the SL Army and SLPA's purchasing of the three unused cranes through SL Army was made for a cost of approximately 165 million rupees via the approval of the Treasury that would otherwise cost approximately more than 600 million rupees according to the present market value, the Chairman of SLPA noted.

SLPA Chairman also noted



Reach Stacker cranes purchased for SLPA.

that successful utilization of these new machinery equipment purchased at a comparatively low rate of cost is expected to efficiently boost operational

activities of the SLPA at a time where there exists difficulties to purchase such machines and equipment at high prices. The Vice Chairman of SLPA

Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority Dr. Prasantha Jayamanna receiving the Reach Stacker cranes for SLPA.

G.U.K. Algewater, SLPA's Managing Director Mr. Upul Jayatissa, Chief Operating Officer (Services) Mr. P. A. R. D. Pathiraja and Chief Engineer (Mechanical Plants) M. S. A. Pathirage also participated in the occasion.

Vigorous market run continues, ASPI crosses 8,000 milestone, turnover to Rs. 2.7 bn

Colombo bourse continued its positive run yesterday whilst the ASPI went beyond another milestone of 8,000 levels, mainly driven by local investor appetite. Thus, All-Share Price Index increased by 172.6 points (+2.2%) to close at 8,080.1 for the day whilst S&P SL20 Index gained 84.3 points (+3.4%) to close at 2,586.1.

Expolanka Holdings, LOLC Holdings, LOLC Finance and Hayleys remained as the top positive contributors to the ASPI during the day. Further, the broader market's total turnover stood at Rs. 2,677.1 mn against the 12-month average daily turnover of Rs. 4,469.1 mn, whilst the volume traded for the day was 123,467.9k against the 12-month average daily volume of 216,852.8k. Capital Goods and Transportation remained as the core contributing sectors to yesterday's turnover.

The top turnover generators for yesterday were Expolanka Holdings Rs. 600.8 mn (+10.1%), Lanka IOC Rs.268.1 mn (-0.6%), ACL Cables Rs.202.2 mn (+13.1%), John Keells Holdings Rs.194.3 mn (-0.2%) and LOLC Finance Rs. 178.1 mn (+16.9%). Foreigners recorded a net outflow of Rs. 4.1 mn

yesterday. Foreign purchases stood at Rs. 64.0 mn whilst total foreign sales amounted to Rs.68.1 mn. Majority of foreign buying centered upon JKH LKR. 20.4 mn, EXPO LKR. 8.5 mn,

HAYL LKR. 7.9 mn, BIL LKR. 6.1 mn and RICH LKR. 3.1 mn whilst top foreign selling counters were MELS LKR. (22.6) mn, ACL LKR. (12.6) mn, TJL LKR. (6.0) mn, LWL LKR. (4.1) mn and TILE LKR. (1.5) mn. Further, off-board transactions were witnessed in John Keells Holdings (Rs.119.0 mn) yesterday.

Additionally, LOLC Finance, Browns Investments, SMB Leasing and ACL Cables were the most actively traded stocks yesterday. Furthermore, SMB Leasing (Voting and Non-Voting), Industrial Asphalts and Hunters and Company were the top price gainers yesterday whilst Asia Asset Finance, Namunukula Plantations, Dialog Finance and Galadari Hotels were the top price losers.

Further, Watawala Plantations released its interim results for the June ending quarter reporting a net profit of Rs. 733.7 mn (+1% YoY).

Courtesy Softlogic Stockbrokers

Adani buys 400 MHz airwaves for Rs 212 cr.

Adani Data Networks said it will use the 400 MHz spectrum in the 26 GHz millimeter wave band that it bought in the 5G auctions to create a unified digital platform to digitise the Adani Group's core infrastructure, primary industry and B2C business portfolio.

The group plans to use the airwaves for its data centres and the super app it is building to support businesses from electricity distribution to airports and gas retailing to ports.

"The acceleration of digi-

tal enablement will have material long-term improvement in the rate of return on assets. Acquiring 400MHz of spectrum is the group's first step in integrating its digital infrastructure portfolio, which includes data centres, terrestrial fibre and submarine cables, industrial cloud, AI innovation labs, cybersecurity and superApps," the company said in a statement on Tuesday.

The plan is to offer a suite of services across its consumer base of 400 million and establishing a

world-class AI centre of excellence.

The comments come a day after the government on Monday said Adani Data Networks, a unit of Adani Enterprises, had bought 400 MHz of spectrum in the 26 GHz mmWave band across 6 circles for ₹212 crore.

"5G solves our nation's connectivity needs in unprecedented ways and will be crucial in helping us prepare IT infra we need for the future," Adani group chairman Gautam Adani said. (www.economictimes.indiatimes.com)



Gautam Adani

EASL commits to support CBSL in ensuring compliance on repatriation of export proceeds

The Exporters' Association of Sri Lanka (EASL) welcomes the measures taken by the CBSL, as outlined in their communication of July 29, titled "Importance of Fair Play by all Stakeholders of the Economy in countering the current unprecedented economic crisis".

As a responsible association, the EASL supports the CBSL in its measures to "strictly monitor and measure ensure compliance with all regulations on foreign exchange transactions, including repatriation requirements of



export proceeds, conversions and mandatory sales to the CBSL"

"The EASL is committed to ensur-

ing that its members abide by the requirements of the law in respect of the repatriation of export proceeds and the surrender of residual earnings," Chairman, EASL, Talal Shums said.

"We have communicated this to our membership and are willing to support the CBSL in any way possible at this time."

It's important that exporters abiding by the regulations are recognized by the CBSL and agree that offending companies should be dealt with under the provisions of the law.

hSenid Business Solutions posts Rs 202.4 mn quarterly profits

hSenid Business Solutions (hBS) reported yet another favorable earnings result for the period ended June 30, 2022 with net profits for the quarter coming in at Rs 202.4 million, compared to a profit of Rs 7.3 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year, recording Rs 0.73 earnings per share.

Growth in the quarter was supported by its PeoplesHR Cloud solution, which recorded above-average

recurring revenues. The segment also accounted for over 50% of the new deals secured during the quarter. Growth was also supported by the Tracking Solutions and PeoplesHR On-Premise operations.

Regionally, both Sri Lanka and the APAC region contributed to quarterly earnings, particularly via the company's extensive global partner network. The company also utilized a further Rs 35 million of the growth

capital raised at the IPO in December 2021, primarily for product and market development.

CEO Sampath Jayasundara said that "FY23 started out on a positive note with our key segments, in particular the Cloud business, performing well. We also continue to reap benefits from our investments in the partner network and new product initiatives such as PeoplesHR Turbo, particularly in the APAC region. For

the remainder of FY23, we are committed to our long-term strategic objectives of carrying out product and market development initiatives".

Founder and Chairman Dinesh Saparamadu opined, "Our 1Q FY23 result is a clear indication that our business remains resilient, and that continued investments in our product portfolio and talent – both local and overseas – continue to reap benefits for our company".

With over 25 years of experience, hSenid Business Solutions PLC is a multinational Human Resource Information System (HRIS) based business solutions provider, operating in the Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) space. Operating from 6 countries, hBS is an indigenous multinational, serving over a million users in 1,400+ organizations, across 20+ diversified industries and 40 countries.



Dinesh Saparamadu



Sampath Jayasundara

NCE Export Awards, journey of stardom

The Annual Export Awards ceremony, organized by the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka serves to recognize and reward Sri Lankan Exporters of products and services and also service providers to exporters, on their performance in the international market.

The Chamber is celebrating the Pearl Anniversary of the Exports Awards this year, completing 30 years of success, under the chosen theme "Recognizing, Inspiring and Strengthening" - a 30 years of unbroken commitment to Sri Lankan Exporters on December 2, 2022 at Hotel Shangri-La, Colombo. This year too Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (Lake House) is the Print Media sponsor.

This prestigious event has achieved national significance over the years since its inception in 1992 and reached the stardom of its journey ever since, in view of its integrity, professionalism, transparency and high standards.

Sri Lankan Exporters have proven their resilience beyond all limits by performing remarkably well in international markets amidst numerous challenges. It was agreed without any debate that Exporters are the saving grace of our nation at this time of adversity.

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka has made it our duty to strengthen, support, inspire and celebrate those exporters who are playing a pivotal role for the benefit of the country.

At the beginning, the Founder President of the NCE, late Patrick Amarasinghe had stepped in on behalf of Exporters to recognize and reward them on their achievements to fill a void that had existed at that time.

The event had a humble beginning with the conferment of only a few Awards to achievers among Sri Lankan Exporters in the international market place, to motivate them in their journey to achieve excellence.



Late Rasa Weerasingham

During this time, late Dr. Saman Kelegama, a well-known Economist and an Academic who was the former Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies, played a pivotal role by advising and guiding the Chamber in organizing the event and also to attract publicity it required and participation of relevant stakeholders in the field of Exports to showcase their achievements, and attract prospective international buyers.

Thereafter late Rasa Weerasingham, the First Executive Director of the Chamber was instrumental in developing the event with continuous improvements, to achieve sustainability, and recognition. The support extended by the Sponsors of the event comprising leading Banks, as well as prominent State and Private Sector Service Providers to the Exports Sector, played a vital role with their generous contributions to ensure the High Standard of the conduct of the event, in view of its importance for the economic development of the Country.

In fact, the main Sponsor, SLTMobitel (Pvt) Ltd, has extended support to the event to the present day.

This event has been conducted over the past 29 years without a disruption maintaining its uninterrupted record of conduct to honor Sri Lankan Exporters even during the height of the C-19 pandemic, in keeping up with the then prevailing health and safety precautions in the country.

NCE Export Awards has



Late Dr. Saman Kelegama

over the years become the



Patrick Amarasinghe

many exporters to showcase their success and achievements. Since then each year the Sectors have been further refined, through the inclusion of specific sub sectors under the main Products and Services Sectors to provide opportunities to exporters of specific Products and Services in respect



of these sub sectors. As an added feature NCE confer Special Awards in respect of the overall sectoral awards. These special awards relate to Value Addition, Research and Development, Innovation, Branding as well as Highest Foreign Exchange Earners. Additionally, a special award is also conferred to the best Woman Exporter, the Best SME Exporter, as well as the enterprise which has engaged the skills of Disabled persons in their export activities to the best extent.

The awards this year will be in respect of Export Performance for the year 2021 and adding a special feature, NCE introduced the "NCE CHALLENGE TROPHY" last year under Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large Categories for organizations who perform ethical trading practices. The structure of the Applica-

tion Form related to the event is itself an 'evolving living document' which incorporates refinements, and improvements included each year to accommodate modern trends in International Trade. The Chamber has already conducted five online briefings sessions and proposes to conduct few more sessions depending on the demand from the prospective applicants. Applicants are also assisted by the Chamber with any difficulties encountered by them at the time of preparation of their Applications.

The Event is open for participation by Member Exporters of the Chamber as well as Non Member Exporters, and Service providers to Exporters. The main requirement for eligibility is that an Applicant should have been engaged in Export Business as a Registered Exporter for a period of 2 years, preceding the year of conduct of the Event.

The Application Form is a comprehensive document which captures all important aspects related to Exports in the modern context of International Trade.

The selection of Award Winners is carried out by an independent and professional Panel of Judges competent in the various aspects of exports. The Panel of Judges is assisted by a separate 'Technical Committee'.

The event confers Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards to achievers of the Standards determined by the Panel of Judges. The 'Most Outstanding Exporter of the Year' as well as the 'Most Outstanding Exporter Runner-up of the Year' are selected out of the Sectoral Award Winners. Additionally several Special Awards for specific aspects related to Exports, stated above, are conferred.

Winning an Award at this Event by an Exporter or a Service Provider to an Exporter is of immense benefit, since it enables the recipient of the Award to gain international

exposure, and recognition among prospective overseas buyers to enable the development and expansion of the export business.

The Chamber facilitates this process by providing wide publicity to the Winners of Awards related to their success stories in the field of exports, through the website of the Chamber, the 'Sri Lanka Exporter' magazine which is accessible at important Trade Points both overseas and locally online, and through the various events organized by the Chamber, as well as through the electronic and print media.

Of Special significance of the event this year is to provide an opportunity to exporters to convince buyers and consumers in overseas markets of their ability to supply demand without fail, even amidst the ongoing socio-economic calamity in the country.

Award Winners are also provided a 'Special Logo' which they are entitled to incorporate for a period of Three Years from the date of winning an Award, in all their promotional, and marketing material, along with other information, to highlight the winning of an Award.

Past Award Winners have generously endorsed this event, highlighting the fact that it has enabled to benchmark their achievements in the international market place which has provided them exposure among prospective buyers to attract business. They also state that the event has enabled them to motivate their employees by witnessing the end result of their hard work, and commitment to their enterprise which are highlighted through this special event.

They further state that the event has enabled them to aim for, and achieve higher goals year after year, by improving on deficient aspects, which enables them to be increasingly competitive in the international market place.



Pelwatta appoints Director Board

The Nation's leading dairy producer which sources 100% of its fresh milk from local dairy farmers, Pelwatta recently strengthened its administration and leadership.

Lasantha Silva who is a well-known veteran in the dairy industry armed with many years of experience and is equipped with a Masters degree in Manufacturing Services and a MBA from the University of Colombo as the new General Manager of Pelwatta Dairy.

"Brands that have their purpose as serving the country in some way are very honourable; Pelwatta Dairy is a very good example of helping the country not only at a macro level but also at a grass root level by helping farmers. I could not be prouder to serve as the general manager for an organization such as this" he added.

Darshana Perera, who is a chartered accountant and with a MBA from the University of Colombo is armed with 20 years of experience in a spread of different industries has been appointed to the board as a non-executive director.

"It gives me great pride and pleasure to be part of an organization whom I have always admired for their business practices and their ability to dream bigger. The future for Pelwatta is bright and I hope to contribute towards it."

one of the biggest names in the banking industry with a local and international career spanning more than 30 years, Thilak Piyadigama has been appointed as a non-executive director and will head the Board Risk Management Committee.

"Pelwatta Dairy is a brand that takes quality and food safety very seriously, and I admire that about a brand. The effort they put into ensuring that every drop of milk you consume, is truly commendable," he added.

It is also notable that both Darshana and Thilak have been appointed to the Board Audit Committee which is chaired by Herschel Gunawardene who is a long serving board member and a well-respected financial veteran.

These names, come with many years of experience in not just the dairy industry but also in corporate world locally and internationally and will help Pelwatta Dairy move closer and closer to one day fulfilling its mission of meeting the domestic milk dairy requirement.

John Keells introduces 100 days maternity, paternity leave as parental leave

In another significant step towards strengthening Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I), the John Keells Group introduced equal maternity and paternity leave days as Parental Leave commencing August 2022.

While the Group will continue to offer 100 days of maternity leave on the birth or adoption of a child, the 5-days of paternity leave will be enhanced to 100 days, ensuring equity, and recognising the importance of both parents' roles in early childcare. Further, as the Group understands that each family may have circumstances unique to them, during the birth of their child or children, there is flexibility built into how an employee can avail of the 100 days of Parental Leave.

John Keells Group Chairperson Krishan Balendra said; "One of the key objectives of offering equal number of maternity and paternity leave days is to eliminate discrimination associated with recruiting women, due to potential instances of maternity leave. With the Group's 5-year goal of achieving

40% women in the workforce, it is imperative that we address gender biases at every stage of a person's career within the John Keells Group."

With the enhancement of the number of paternity leave to 100 days at the birth or adoption of a child, the Group aims to provide support to partners in the workforce outside of John Keells. This flexible arrangement will enable working women to return to their respective workplaces after their maternity leave, thereby truly strengthening our commitments on DE&I to the wider society. The Group drives DE&I under the brand ONE JKH and works towards achieving gender parity by increasing female participation in the workforce and empowering women in the supply chain and communities, increasing career opportunities for persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusivity of the LGBTQIQ+ community.

John Keells Holdings PLC is Sri Lanka's premier diversified company on the Colombo Stock Exchange operating over 70 companies in seven diverse industry sectors, providing



Krishan Balendra

employment to over 14,000 persons.

The company has been ranked as Sri Lanka's 'Most Respected Entity' for 16 Years by LMD Magazine and ranked first in the Transparency in Corporate Reporting Assessment by Transparency International Sri Lanka for 2 consecutive years.

Whilst being a full member of the World Economic Forum and a Participant of the UN Global Compact, JKH drives its CSR vision of "Empowering the Nation for Tomorrow" through the John Keells Foundation and through the social entrepreneurship initiative, 'Plastic-cycle', which is a catalyst in significantly reducing plastic pollution in Sri Lanka.

Joining Microsoft, T-Mobile, Adobe, PayPal, and many others

Fast Company announced its fourth annual Best Workplaces for Innovators list, honouring organizations and businesses that demonstrate a steadfast commitment to encouraging innovation at all levels. Twinery, Innovations by MAS came in at No. 18 for its world class innovative culture and people.

Developed in collaboration with Accenture, the 2022 Best Workplaces for Innovators ranks 100 winners from a variety of industries, including computer science, biotech, consumer

packaged goods, nonprofit, education, financial services, cybersecurity, engineering, diversity, sustainability, B2B, and consumer products and services. Fast Company editors and Accenture researchers worked together to score nearly 1,500 applications, and a panel of eight eminent judges reviewed and endorsed the top 100 companies. The 2022 awards feature workplaces from around the world.

"We are thrilled to be recognized by Fast Company! Not only does this highlight the extensive work of our team, but it also highlights the fact that breakthrough



innovations can happen anywhere if collaboration and infrastructure are enabled", said Ranil Vitarana, Chief Innovation Officer at Twinery.

The head of HR at Twinery, Dineli Jayasekera said, "being recognized by Fast Company really validates the

effort we make to foster the right environment for our talent to thrive in by understanding how they operate not just on a professional level but a personal one as well, enabling them to perform at their peak."

"This year's list of the Best Workplaces for Inno-

vators recognizes organizations that have demonstrated a deep commitment to cultivating creativity across the board," says Brendan Vaughan, editor-in-chief of Fast Company. "In the face of powerful headwinds, these leaders and teams continue to spur innovation."

Fast Company's Best Workplaces for Innovators issue (September 2022) is available online now, and the print issue will be on newsstands beginning August 16, 2022. Join the Best Workplaces for Innovators conversation using #FCBestWorkplaces.

National Chamber hosts 'Meet the High Commissioner of Malaysia' on Aug. 16

The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka is organizing bilateral trade discussion between Sri Lanka and Malaysia on Tuesday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the National Chamber Auditorium, No. 450, D.R. Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10.

High Commissioner of Malaysia to Sri Lanka, Tan Yang Thai will be the Special Guest Speaker at the session. The participants will get an

opportunity to have a close dialogue with the High Commissioner of Malaysia. Sri Lankan High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia is also expected to connect virtually during the event to greet the gathering & to speak briefly.

The overall purpose of this meeting is to discuss the current trade environment, investment opportunities/ services, policies and other important information with



the view to promote and strengthen bilateral trade and investment between Sri Lanka and Malaysia.

Sri Lanka's major export items to Malaysia are natural rubber, balata, articles of apparel and clothing accessories (including gloves), pre-



ciuous stones, semi-precious stones, tea, apparel, wheat or meslin flour, fuel oil, optical, photographic, instruments, other vegetable textile fibres, residues and waste from the food industries and prepared animal fodder.

Sri Lanka's major import

items from Malaysia are petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, palm oil and its fractions, coconut (copra), palm kernel or babassu oil and fractions, fuel oil, wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal, miscellaneous chemical products, plastics and articles thereof, automatic data processing machines, organic chemicals, synthetic rubber and factice derived from oils.

Rusiru Gunasena first Lankan to join US Clearing House

Rusiru Gunasena joins The Clearing House to lead the real-time payment network in the USA. He is the first Sri Lankan to achieve this highest level of responsibility.

Gunasena, payments and fintech leader with over 20 years of experience across multiple industries, joins TCH from Jack Henry, where he was Managing Director of JHA PayCenter, the faster payments hub that provides financial institutions

with seamless connections to the RTP network. As leader of Jack Henry's faster payments strategy, Gunasena oversaw the onboarding of over 170 banks and credit unions to the RTP network, more than any other third-party banking service provider.

In his role at TCH, Gunasena will oversee the ongoing growth of the RTP network, a modern platform for domestic real-time payments,

complete with rich data capabilities and immediate payment confirmation. The RTP network currently reaches 61% of U.S. demand deposit accounts and more than 260 financial institutions are live on network.

RTP network is expanding to cross border payments to enable global commerce. His knowledge and leadership will benefit Sri Lanka's payment echo system and fuel

the international trade with real-time settlement of funds.

Rusiru's humble beginnings from Nalanda College Colombo to the United Kingdom, and then to United States of America keeps him well rooted in his values. He holds an MBA from USA and a bachelors' degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom, where he was an honors recipient. He was a born

leader who led the troop of 180 prefects at the young age of 18 as the Head Prefect of his school.

"I'm extremely grateful to everyone who trusted in me, gave me opportunities, taught me valuable lessons, and did the hard work to make things happen," he said.

Rusiru is a strong advocate in digital payment innovation and influences the US Payment Ecosys-

tem by participating in various industry associations, workgroups, and committees. Recently he was elected to the Faster Payments Council Board of Directors where he also served as the Secretary/Treasurer.

The Clearing House operates U.S.-based payments networks that clear and settle more than \$2 trillion each day through wire, ACH, check image, and real-time payments.



Rusiru Gunasena

HNB joins SLT-MOBITEL in enhancing e-commerce capabilities for SMEs

Connecting local SMEs to new e-commerce markets and buyers, HNB PLC, partnered with SLT-MOBITEL to offer SMEs free access to the new online trading platform Cochchi.lk.

The partnership between the two industry giants will provide HNB SMEs additional benefits when onboarding to the new e-commerce platform. HNB Deputy General Manager- Retail & SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne, HNB Assistant General Manager SME, Kailaivasan Indravasan, HNB Head of SME Products & Partnerships, Niluka Amarasinghe, and SLT Chief Information and Digital Officer, Tilak Gamlath, SLT General Manager- Digital Transformation Pro-

jects, Ishari Siriwardane, SLT Deputy General Manager Digital Projects, Dinesh Perera and SLT Senior Manager (Marketing)-SME Product Development, Lalwin De Zoysa were present at a special ceremony held to commemorate the partnership.

HNB Assistant General Manager- SME, Kailaivasan Indravasan said: "Given the current economic crisis, there is no doubt that we as Sri Lankans have to look at new avenues and opportunities to revive our economy. Our focus on improving our exports and identifying new markets for our SMEs, who have always been the backbone of our economy, will generate new sources of cash flow that we desperately need. As a bank

that has always worked with SMEs, we believe that facilitating their transition online is essential. As such, we are delighted to partner with SLT-MOBITEL to provide our SME customers with this opportunity."

The partnership will offer HNB customers various benefits such as free advertising space, exclusion from initiation and subscription fees, and the ability to purchase extra value-added services. Moreover, the platform will provide customers with a wide variety of products spanning over 500 categories, including a separate "Made in Sri Lanka" category for locally manufactured products.

The proposed E-commerce platform will be hosted in Data

Centre of SLT-MOBITEL in a cloud environment. Furthermore, the platform will enable SME and Enterprise customers to create their online stores and e-shops while offering the users (end customers and storeowners), a flexible, feature-rich e-commerce platform that addresses a wide range of e-business needs.

SLT Chief Information and Digital Officer, Tilak Gamlath said: "SMEs have always been the lifeblood of the Sri Lankan economy, and we are working towards enhancing their e-commerce capabilities to enter global markets. We are honoured to partner with HNB who has a long history of working with and creating successful Sri Lankan SMEs."



HNB Deputy General Manager- Retail and SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne (fifth from right) exchanging the MoU with, SLT Chief Information and Digital Officer Tilak Gamlath, with HNB Undergraduate Trainee, Yashodhi Hanwella, HNB Head of Refinance Schemes & Special Lending Products, Bandara Rekogama, HNB Head of Cards, Gauthami Niranjana, HNB Head of Microfinance Vinod Fernando, HNB Head of SME Products and Partnerships, Niluka Amarasinghe, HNB Assistant General Manager, Digital Business, Chamika Weerasinghe, HNB Assistant General Manager, SME K. Indravasan, SLT General Manager Digital Transformation Projects, Ishari Siriwardane, SLT Senior Manager (Marketing) Lalwin De Zoysa and SLT Deputy General Manager Digital Projects Dinesh Perera.

Dialog Enterprise introduces 'Zero Worries on Data' solution

Dialog Enterprise, the corporate ICT solutions arm of Dialog Axiata PLC, announced the launch of its flagship Digital Education product 'Zero Worries on Data' (ZWOD) in a bid to help educational institutes digitize their offering.

With home study gaining increased popularity, most educational institutes are migrating online. This sought-after product is the ideal solution to all leading large and medium-scale academic institutions in the country, which cater to the educational requirements of a growing student community.

The new learning solution will enable academics to continue with their online education without facing any restrictions while also bringing about significant cost savings as part of its many benefits. This proposition allows educational institutes to provide convenient and equal access for students and teachers through its Learning Management Systems (LMS), website and



other resources without any additional charges.

"The education sector in the country has been deeply impacted and is faced with a multitude of challenges resulting from post-pandemic inflicted trends," observed Navin Pieris, Group Chief Officer Dialog Enterprise, Dialog Axiata PLC. "We are happy to present this unique learning solution which will enable academic institutions to deliver enhanced and

uninterrupted teacher-student digital engagement".

A comprehensive Business-to-Business (B2B) proposition with no administrative or infrastructure overhead for the institute, this solution calls for no separate packages for individual students/teachers who are the ultimate beneficiaries. With the minimal requirement of connecting to the Dialog network, all students and teachers will automatically be eligible to access online resources with no worries on data. Aggregate usage will be invoiced to the institute, enabling the students and teachers to take delight in a "worry-free data access".

All required configuration and administration will be handled by Dialog Enterprise, leaving the institute with zero worries about the technical know-how concerning the management and maintenance of the solution. The institution in turn reaps the benefit of concessional rates for overall data usage.

NDB Bank partners KCC Farmer's Market

NDB Bank recently partnered with the Kandy City Centre (KCC) Farmer's Market in an effort to uplift the Agri businesses in the central province.

The Bank was the main sponsor for this event which took place recently, creating a platform to benefit the village farmers to buy and sell fresh farm grown Agri products.

This initiative will allow the farmers to directly sell

to the customers without a middleman. The Farmer's Market at KCC consisted of stalls selling various Agri products such as fruits and vegetable, plants and seeds, Agri information Centre and fresh milk.

NDB offers innovative and inspiring financial solutions to all its customers. Initiatives such as NDB Jayagamu Sri Lanka - a timely solution that met and exceeded the needs of

its customers and the local economy are such examples. With a vision to build a financially empowered nation with booming businesses and dynamic trade activities, NDB has been a front runner and a pioneer in delivering efficient, effective and enhanced solutions, services and banking experiences to all its loyal patrons. Its deep-rooted core values drive constant excellence and its

longstanding clientele stands as a testament to the bank's determined growth and success over the years.

NDB Bank was recently named the Best Bank in Sri Lanka by Euromoney, making it the third major award received from the world's most prestigious publications in financial services, Euromoney, Global Finance and The Banker. This win for NDB comes in the light of being named the "Most Awarded Corporate 2021" as per LMD ranking. The Bank was also recently named one of the "Top 50 Best Workplaces in Sri Lanka 2022" by Great Place Work, USA.

NDB Group is uniquely positioned towards assisting the growth and development of the Sri Lankan financial market to provide its customers seamless access to the product and service offerings of all its group companies.



Industrial Association of Sri Lanka holds 31st AGM

Brahman Balaratnarajah appointed Chairman

The Industrial Association of Sri Lanka, part of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and the apex body for representing industries and manufacturing companies in Sri Lanka, held its 31st Annual General Meeting (AGM) on July 26, as a virtual meeting.

Brahman Balaratnarajah of Haycarb PLC was elected Chairman, while Kelum Kospelawatte of Singer Industries Ceylon PLC and Harini Rajadasa of Unilever Sri Lanka were appointed Senior Vice Chairman and Deputy Vice Chairman respectively. Other members elected



Brahman Balaratnarajah

to serve on the Executive Committee for 2022/23 were Ceylon Biscuits Ltd, Ceylon Tobacco Co PLC, Dipped Products PLC, Export Pack Corrugated Cartons

PLC Hettigoda Industries (Pvt) Ltd, Litro Gas Lanka Ltd, Nestle Lanka PLC, PGP Glass Ceylon PLC, Polypak Secco (Pvt) Ltd, Richard Pieris & Co PLC, The Lion Brewery Ceylon PLC, The Swadeshi Industrial Works PLC and Vision Fund Lanka.

The Industrial Association of Sri Lanka (IASL) was formed on March 13, 1991 to enhance industrial production in Sri Lanka.

Hemas Hospitals hosts community outreach in Wattala, Thalawathugoda

In a bid to support low-income communities battling the record rates of inflation within the country, a leading private healthcare provider Hemas Hospitals conducted a community outreach programme at its primary locations in Wattala and Thalawathugoda on July 13, Esala Full Moon Poya Day.

Evoking the blessings of the Esala Full Moon, the programme saw the Hospital's staff serving a nourishing meal of lunch to thousands of underprivileged community members at both locations.

The initiative sought to provide lunch to over 2000 low-income earners in the nearby communities, as well as to individuals in the fuel



queues. The day's activities took place under the auspices of Most Venerable Panditha Vijitha Ransi Thero of Thalawathugoda Sri Bauddharama Temple, Higgoda Chandima Thera and Rev.

Rajitha Liyanage of St. Anne's Church Wattala. Hemas Hospitals and Laboratories Managing Director Dr. Lakith Peiris stated, "With skyrocketing inflation rates, it is becoming more

and more challenging for Sri Lanka's underprivileged communities to access the three meals they need to survive. As a responsible corporate entity and a respected pillar in the private healthcare sector, this initiative was us acting on our duty to take care of these communities, especially those who live near our primary locations in Wattala and Thalawathugoda."

Steered by the Hospital chain's management, the noble initiative witnessed participation from a large number of hospital's employees and the leadership team, including Hemas Hospitals and Laboratories Managing Director Dr. Lakith Peiris.

BMICH powered by zero emission transport



The four E-Trikes donated by the Korean Energy Agency.

A fleet of four electric three wheelers powered by solar energy was deployed for use of the visitors of the BMICH which was donated by Korean Energy Agency as assistance to Sri Lanka through the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority. The project was

designed to utilize the existing solar PV installation at BMICH to operate an electric vehicle charging station.

The four E-trikes will be initially used to provide in-compound transport to visitors as BMICH is a facility which spans a large extent of land.

HUTCH offers FREE Talk Time relief to subscribers

HUTCH, a rapidly-growing choice for communication services has understood the great difficulties being faced by its customers during the present economic crisis with rapidly increasing costs.

To provide some relief to its valued subscribers, Hutch has introduced the 'HUTCH Relief Recharge Bonus' programme offering subscribers customers up to 100% bonus Talk Time on their recharges.

The programme is part of a number of other initiatives Hutch has been rolling out to support subscribers during these economically strained times.

HUTCH CEO Thirukumar Nadarasa stated, "Under the prevailing economic circumstances, people are facing difficulties both financially and in their mobility to access recharges for their phone. We have therefore rolled out this program to provide our customers more talk



time value for their money, and in turn also reduce the need to frequently visit recharge outlets to top up their account".

Hutch Prepaid customers will receive FREE Talk Time Bonuses up to 100% on specific denominated recharge offering upto 500 mins of Any-network Free Talk time valid upto 30 days.

Magicbit wins 'Startup of the Year Award' at SALSSCOM Integrity Awards 2022

Magicbits (Pvt) Ltd won the national level Startup of the Year Award at the SALSSCOM Ingenuity Awards 2022 organized by Sri Lanka Association for Software Services Companies (SLASSCOM).

Magicbit (www.magicbit.cc) is a Sri Lankan Ed-Tech solutions designing company. The signature product of the company is 'Magicbit,' a tiny computer that can be programmed to create different smart innovations with technologies like Internet of Things (IoT), robotics and electronics. For example,

even a 10 year old kid can develop an application in just 10 minutes using Magicbit. This is the "magic" of Magicbit.

The education systems are transforming worldwide to face industry 4.0 challenges by introducing a new stream combining Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The difficulty, complexity and cost of STEM tools make it harder for students, teachers and parents to follow this path.

Magicbit is a certified STEM tool for learning which is easy to use and affordable.

Magicbit was created by engineers from the University of Moratuwa. They have created free content to learn about these innovations on their website. Therefore, anybody could self-learn the latest technology in the world with Magicbit. This is a 'Made in Sri Lanka' product exported to 38 countries. Although it's primarily made for students above age 8, anyone interested in innovations can use Magicbit. Every Magicbit goes to students around the world with words printed on it as "Let's create Magic with Magicbit"



CEO of Magicbits (Pvt) Ltd Migara Amithodhana with the award

Singer SL continues efforts to locally manufacture refrigerators, washing machines

Singer (Sri Lanka) is well-known as a household name for its wide array of consumer essentials, some of which are 100% locally manufactured using the best possible technology at Singer's very own manufacturing facilities.

Singer's local manufacturing is a well engineered process to cater to the existing market gaps and unveil high quality products to the local market at reasonable prices. Starting from Singer sewing machines over 6 decades ago, Singer has strengthened its local manufacturing and the introduction of refrigerators and washing machines further stamped its local manufacturing footprint.

Regnis Lanka, a manufacturing subsidiary of Singer Sri Lanka is a leading manufacturer of high quality Singer/Sisil refrigerators and washing machines. Established in 1988, Regnis manufacturing facility from the very beginning was on par with the latest technology and introduced refrigerators and washing machine models to the market at various stages. The manufacturing facility continues to maintain



high standards in the entire manufacturing process and deploy highly skilled technicians and R&D to constantly innovate to keep up with the current consumer trends.

Singer has always been setting high standards in refrigerator manufacturing. The use of latest technology, high quality raw material and the focus on manufacturing 100% environmental friendly products are key attributes of the refrigerator manufacturing process. At a time when

there was much debate about CFC chemical related refrigerants, Singer became the first company to introduce CFC free refrigerators to South Asia, which is quite an achievement for Sri Lanka. Strengthening its local manufacturing process, Singer has so far produced over 1.5 million refrigerators in its three types of models- frost-free, direct cool and inverter.

The Regnis manufacturing facility caters to 45% of the total refrigerator demand and around



33% of the total washing machine demand in Sri Lanka.

Regnis Lanka Factory Director Kelum Kospelawatta said: "We believe that local manufacturing has the potential to drive the country's economy forward by contributing to our domestic economy. We hope to further encourage the local manufacturing process, help small businesses and local manufacturers to grow with us. As part of the local manufacturing expansion, we have taken steps to provide training

opportunities and necessary guidance for small business owners and self-employed people develop their businesses."

Even though, Singer has thrived in local manufacturing, it is indeed a complex process that cannot be handled by a company alone. It involves supply chains from various localities, raw material providers, technicians for factory operations, distribution and packaging processes.

Local manufacturing has not only helped Singer to expedite



the manufacturing process and introduce new products to the market, it has also opened up many opportunities for locals to set up their own businesses. The refrigerator and washing machine manufacturing business alone has generated over 400 direct and indirect employment opportunities and overall around 1000 families depend from this business.

Singer has identified the potential of local manufacturing to garner employment opportunities and taken steps to train small

business owners to develop their businesses to fend for themselves.

These training facilities have ensured that the business owners have a strong foundation to develop their businesses and secure a reliable income generating opportunity. Singer team continues to closely work with the local business owners, giving them the necessary guidance and support and encouraging more people to set up businesses of their own.

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Big match blues and a firebrand Joe who lit up school cricket

Dinesh Weerawansa



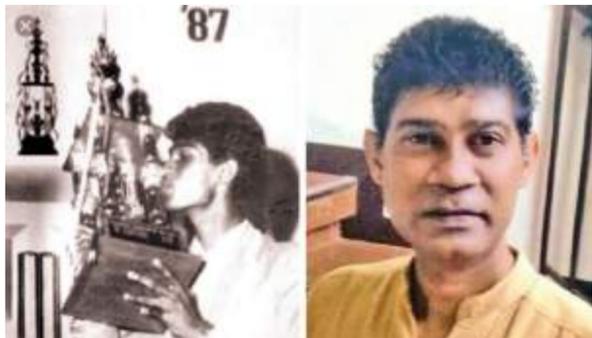
The Battle of the Blues' big match ended in a tame draw at the SSC ground while Royal College registered a convincing win over S. Thomas' College in their one day encounter last week.

Thus, all key big matches were concluded, but with only the Battle of the Maroons between Ananda and Nalanda producing a result.

S. Thomas' lost five early wickets but late fight backs by Senesh Hettiarachchi (55) and Charuka Peiris (51) helped them to make 242 in 106.2 overs. Gishan Balasooriya (3 for 56), Sandesh Ramanayake (2 for 16) and Ramiru Perera (2 for 36) shared the wickets for Royal.

Royal made 219 for 8 declared in 70.4 overs with Uvindu Weerasekera making a top score of 66. Kavindu Dias bagged four Royal wickets for 65 runs. Ryan Fernando cracked a fluent 74 as S. Thomas' played for a meaningless draw scoring 142 for 6 at stumps. Gishan Balasooriya (3 for 56) and Sadisha Rajapaksa (2 for 30) shared the bowling honours for Royal.

Last year's Most Popular Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year, Sadisha Raja-



Rohan Weerakkody who won the top award – Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year in 1987

pakse of Royal had an outstanding game to win the Best Fielder's award and the Best Bowler's award went to Kavindu Dias of S. Thomas'. The Best Batsman award went to Uvindu Weerasekera of Royal while the Man of the Match title went to Thomian Ryan Fernando.

When we look at the past winners of the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer awards, we cannot forget Rohan Weerakkody, who is perhaps the only schoolboy cricketer to win five titles in a single Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year. Yet, his 1987 glory was confined only to school cricket and failed to go beyond Sri Lanka youth level.

"It was an honour to win five titles including the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year in a single event," he said in an interview from Laguna, Lusiana in the Philippines.

But he said he has no regrets and was honoured to win those awards. "There is no point in talking about the past and what has been missed. But if I had held on to some more time, things would have been different," said Weerakkody, who played for NCC under Ranjan Madugalle.

Weerakkody, born on April 30,

1968 in Colombo, represented NCC and Air Force SC as a right-hand batsman and right-arm fast medium bowler. Prior to that, he led St. Joseph's College with distinction. But he could play only ten first class matches during the 1988/89 to 1994/95 seasons capturing 26 wickets with innings analysis of five wickets and above twice.

He made his debut for the Sri Lankan Young Cricketers side after captaining the side on seven occasions during the 1987/88 Youth World Cup, winning three matches. But his Sri Lanka Youth side failed to go beyond the qualifying round after losing four matches.

The Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year in 1987 brought the climax of Weerakkody's school career, being called for the honours on five occasions, including the top most one. He brought tremendous honour for the Darley Road school winning awards for the Best Bowler, Best All-rounder and Best Captain. After winning the runner up award for the Best Batsman, he was ultimately adjudged the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year for 1987.

But his fight for a place in the Joes team was an easy one. In his first season for the school in 1984, he was on the reserve list for the big match, only playing a single match against St. Benedict's. But within two years, he rose to lead his school, winning five awards at the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year awards ceremony in 1987. That included the most important one.

The Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year, ever since its inception in 1979, has always been producing top Sri Lanka and international cricketers beginning with two great Sri Lanka captains Madugalle and Arjuna Ranatunga.



Most Popular Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year 2021, Sadisha Rajapaksa of Royal won the best fielders award at Battle of the Blues 2022.

Madugalle who was the first-ever Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year in its inaugural year, went on to captain Sri Lanka and currently serves as the ICC's Chief Match Referee. Ranatunga who won the Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year twice in 1980 and 1982, became Sri Lanka's World Cup winning captain in 1996.

Former ICC Match Referee Roshan Mahanama, the Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year twice in 1983 and 1984, too went on to play for Sri Lanka and also lead the country in ODIs. Asanka Gurusinha became the next cricketing celebrity to win the Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year in 1985.

While the majority of past winners went on to represent Sri Lanka with distinction, there were a few top schoolboy cricketers who lost the grip after their teenage life. Last two weeks, we talked about two outstanding former Observer-Mobitel School Cricketer of the Year winners Rohan Bultjens and Roshan Jurangpathy who won the top awards in 1981 and 1986.

One of the few Observer-Mobitel School Cricketers of the Year award winners who was not fortunate to play for Sri Lanka was

wickets for only 18 runs. In his first two matches, he had 19 wickets for 91 runs.

Having represented St. Joseph's in 1985 under Jonathan Alles, 1986 under Rohitha Tillekeratne, Weerakkody was given the captaincy for the 1986-87 season as a fourth-year Coloursman. He became the first Joes player to win the Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year. It took another 27 years to see another cricketer from St. Joseph's win this glory - Sadheera Samarawickrema in 2014.

Weerakkody was picked to lead the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association President's XI in a two-day match against the visiting England Youth Cricket team. It was the first time that a Joe was selected to lead a school's XI against a foreign team since 1974.

Weerakkody was also made vice captain of the Sri Lanka Youth team against the England Youth team. He was an architect of Sri Lanka's victory over England in the first youth ODI, with a highly economical spell of 2 for 14 in 9 overs and scored 27 not out which earned him the man of the match award.

Under Weerakkody's captaincy in 1987, St. Joseph's remained unbeaten, enjoying a rich harvest with five outright wins - four of those by an innings. St. Joseph's beat Carey by an innings and 133 runs, beat Mahinda College by an innings and seven runs (Weerakkody 6 for 30 in second innings), beat Prince of Wales College by an innings and 41 runs (Weerakkody 4 for 25 and 5 for 31), beat St. Benedict's College by an innings and 30 runs and beat Isipatana by six wickets (Weerakkody 5 for 13 in the second innings).

In the 1987 Coca-Cola trophy limited over Knockouts, St. Joseph's College were declared as joint champs with DS Senanayake College after the final was washed out due to rain.



Weerakkody, who is now residing in the Philippines, with his wife Ethel Liberato.

Sri Lanka's medal hopes in T20 cricket end in a whimper



By Allaam Ousman

nals and medals in the eight-team competition.

Dulanjan Fernando will take part in the 1m Springboard Diving competition while rhythmic gymnast Anna-Marie Ondaatje will begin her campaign at Arena Birmingham today (Thursday).

Results JUDO

Men 73kg Round of 16: Tirolo Lekoko (Botswana) bt Chamara Nuwan Dharmawardhana (Sri Lanka) 1ppn after 4:14 minutes

WEIGHTLIFTING

Women 87kg Chathurika Priyanthi Balage ranked 7 out of 11

Total lift 192kg (86 + 111)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Men Pool A: Jawo/Jarra (Gambia) beat Malintha/Ashen (Sri Lanka) 2-1 (21-14 19-21 15-9)

Women Pool B: Constantinou/Constantopoulou (Cyprus) bt Deepika/Chathurika (Sri Lanka) 2-0 (21-10 21-10)

BOXING

Over 67kg-71kg (Light Middleweight) Round of 16: Marion Faustino Ah Tong (Samoa) beat Niklas Vittalís (Sri Lanka) WP 5:0

WOMEN CRICKET T20

Group B: New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by 45 runs

Scores: New Zealand 147 (20) (Sophie Devine 24, Suzie Bates 34, Brooke Halliday 22, Izzy Gaze 16, Lea Tahuhu 20no, Oshadi Ranasinghe 2-31, Inoka Ranaweera 3-30) Sri Lanka 102/8 (20) (Nilakshika Silva 36, Oshadi Ranasinghe 18, Hayley Jansen 3-4, Eden Carson 2-30)

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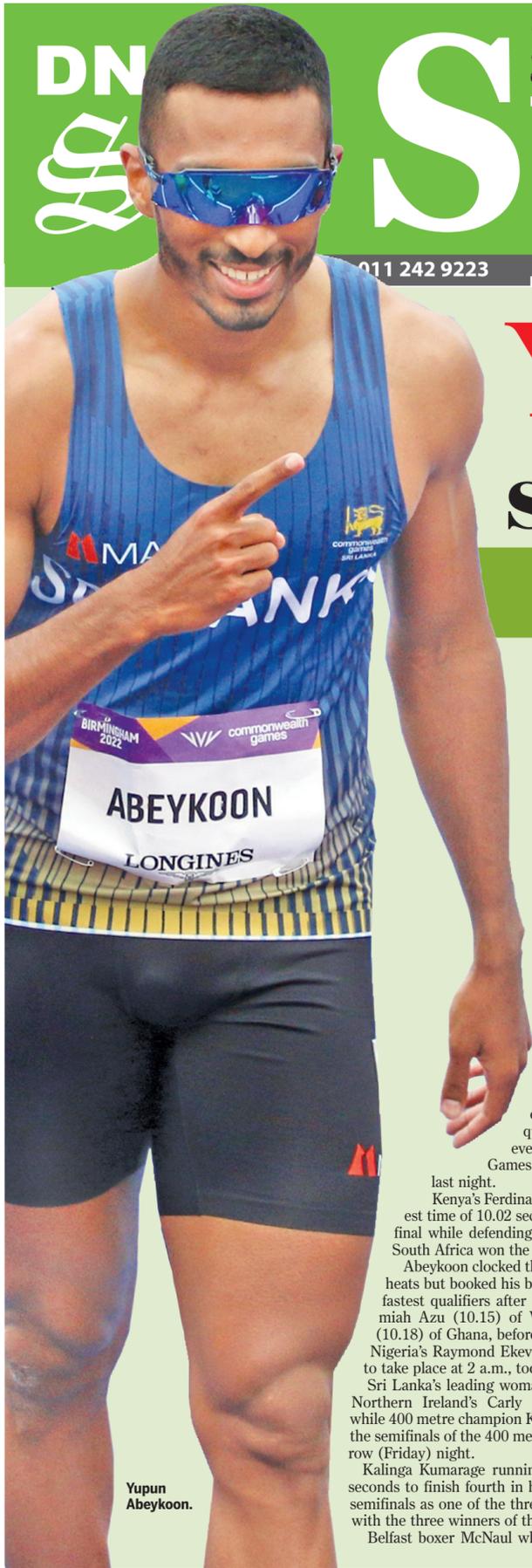
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Yupun Abeykoon storms into 100m final

Kumarage advances to 400m semis

Hansika no match for Belfast boxer McNaul



Yupun Abeykoon.



By **Allaam Ousman**

South Asia's fastest man Yupun Priyadarshana Abeykoon created history by becoming the first Sri Lankan to feature in the men's 100 metre final in the history of the Commonwealth Games.

Abeykoon running from lane seven clocked 10.20 seconds in the third semifinal to qualify for the blue riband event at the XXI Commonwealth Games in the Alexander Stadium last night.

Kenya's Ferdinand Omanyala clocked the fastest time of 10.02 seconds to win the second semifinal while defending champion Akani Simbine of South Africa won the first semifinal in 10.07.

Abeykoon clocked the fastest time of 10.06 in the heats but booked his berth in the final as one of the fastest qualifiers after finishing fourth behind Jeremiah Azu (10.15) of Wales and Benjamin Azamati (10.18) of Ghana, before being pipped at the post by Nigeria's Raymond Ekevwu. The 100m final was due to take place at 2 a.m., today local time.

Sri Lanka's leading woman pugilist was no match for Northern Ireland's Carly McNaul yesterday morning while 400 metre champion Kalinga Kumarage qualified to the semifinals of the 400 metres which takes place tomorrow (Friday) night.

Kalinga Kumarage running in lane six clocked 46.53 seconds to finish fourth in heat one but advanced to the semifinals as one of the three fastest qualifiers (q) along with the three winners of the seven heats.

Belfast boxer McNaul who won the 52kg (flyweight)

silver at 2018 Gold Coast packed power in her punches to earn a unanimous decision against the lanky Sri Lankan making her third appearance at the Games.

McNaul shrugged off her split decision win over Australian Kristy Harris in the earlier round, to dominate from bell to bell cutting the distance with aggressive body blows forcing Hansika to defend passively for most of the contest. Hansika, 31, lacked sting in her punches when she tried to force the pace by fighting from the long range but failed to keep the pocket dynamo at bay.

Boxers are in with a chance of earning a medal when two of them Sajewani Cooray and Rukmal Prasanna feature in the quarter-finals today (August 4).

Six-time national champion Sajewani Cooray from Air Force who outclassed Pakistan's Mehreen in her opening bout, will face South Africa's Phiwokuhle Sbusisiew Mnguni in the women's over 54kg-57kg (featherweight) quarter-final at 1300 hours (5.30 p.m. Sri Lanka time). The South African received a bye into the quarter-finals.

Former Gamini Central College boxer Rukmal Prasanna will be in action in the evening at 1830 hours when he takes on Ghana's Abraham



Sri Lanka's Kalinga Kumarage (second left) finished fourth in the 400 metres heats at Alexander Stadium yesterday. (Pictures by Prince Gunasekera)

Mensah in the men's over 51kg-54kg (bantamweight) quarter-final. Southpaw Prasanna, 23, boxed with great composure to win by split decision against Kenya's Shaffi Bakari Hassan.

Results ATHLETICS

MEN:

400m

Heat 1

1 Anthony Cox (Jamaica) 45.51 seconds Q, 2 Steven Solomon (Australia) 45.98 Q, 3 Ivan Danny Geidenhuys (Namibia) 46.51 Q, 4 Kalinga Kumarage (Sri Lanka) 46.53 q

Heat 2

1 Nathan Allen (Jamaica) 45.18 Q, 2 Leungo Scotch (Botswana) 45.75 Q, 3 Asa Guevara (Trinidad & Tobago) 45.98 Q

Heat 3

1 Boniface Ontuga Mweresa (Kenya) 45.91 Q, 2 Samson Oghenewegba Nathaniel (Nigeria)

46.31 Q, 3 Michael Francois (Grenada) 46.35 Q, 4 Kyle Gale (Barbados) 46.66 q

Heat 4

1 Matthew Hudson-Smith (England) 46.26 Q, 2 Dubem Amene (Nigeria) 46.77 Q, 3 Joseph Brier (Wales) 46.84 Q

Heat 5

1 Muzala Samukonga (Zambia) 44.89 Q, 2 Jevaughn Powell (Jamaica) 46.14 Q, 3 Alonzo Russell (The Bahamas) 46.41 Q, 4 Sikiru Adewale Adeyemi (Nigeria) 46.63 q

Heat 6

1 Zibane Ngozi (Botswana) 46.34 Q, 2 Haron Adoli (Uganda) 46.38 Q, 3 Michael Joseph (St Lucia) 47.08 Q

Heat 7

1 Jonathan Jones (Barbados) 46.39 Q, 2 Anthony Pesela (Botswana) 46.55 Q, 3 Kennedy Luchembe (Zambia) 46.74 Q

BOXING

WOMEN

Over 48kg-50kg (Light Fly-

MEDAL TALLY AFTER DAY FOUR

Pos	Team	G	S	B	Total
1	Australia	42	32	32	106
2	England	31	34	21	86
3	New Zealand	13	7	6	26
4	Canada	11	16	19	46
5	South Africa	6	5	5	16
6	India	5	5	3	13
7	Scotland	3	8	15	26
8	Wales	3	2	8	13
9	Malaysia	3	2	3	8
10	Nigeria	3	1	4	8
11	Cyprus	2	1	4	7
12	Uganda	2	0	0	2
13	Singapore	1	3	1	5
14	Trinidad & Tobago	1	1	1	3
15	Samoa	1	1	0	2
16	Bermuda	1	0	0	1
17	Northern Ireland	0	2	3	5
18	Kenya	0	2	2	4
19	Fiji	0	2	1	3
20	Mauritius	0	1	1	2
26	SRI LANKA	0	0	1	1

weight) quarter-finals: Carly McNaul (Northern Ireland) beat Keshani Hansika (Sri Lanka) WP 5:0

JUDO

MEN

Under 73kg Repechage A/B: Joshua Green (Nigeria) beat Chamara Nuwan Dharmawardhana (Sri Lanka); Quarter-final: Faye Njie (Gambia) beat Chamara Nuwan Dharmawardhana (Sri Lanka); Round of 16: Chamara Nuwan Dharmawardhana (Sri Lanka) beat Tirelo Lekoko (Botswana)

Under 81kg Round of 16: Elliott Connolly (New Zealand) beat Rajitha Pushpakumara (Sri Lanka) 10-0

SQUASH

Mixed Doubles Round of 32: Zafar Faiza/Iqbal Nasir (Pakistan) beat Chanithma Sinaly/Shamil Wakeel (Sri Lanka) 2-0 (11-10 11-5). Joshua Chinappa / Harinder Pal Singh Sandu (India) beat Ravindu Lakshiri / Yeheni Kuruppu (Sri Lanka) 2-1 (8-11 11-4 11-3)

Sri Lanka's CDM disappointed with vanishing act of Judo president

ALLAAM OUSMAN

reporting from Birmingham
Sri Lanka's Chef-de-Mission at the XXII Commonwealth Games in Birmingham Maj. Gen. Dampath Fernando (rt) expressed disappointment that the manager of the judo team vanished along with a player from the Village on Monday.

"Actually I'm really disappointed about the official who is also president of the Sri Lanka Judo Association and a former Navy officer Lt Cdr Duminda Asela de Silva," said Maj. Gen. Fernando.

The manager and 21-year-old judoka Chamila Dilani Marappulige were found missing from the Village on



Monday. She lost her opening round of 16 clash in the women's under 48kg weight category against Ashleigh-Anne Barnikel of Wales by Ippon in a contest that lasted just 31 seconds. "She vanished after taking part in the match and returning to the Village," said Maj. Gen. Fernando.

"We have taken all the precautionary measures yet with all that only these people have vanished," said

Maj. Gen. Fernando, a former Army Chief of Staff who had formed a WhatsApp group with officials to keep a tab of the numbers and communicate other information related to the Games where a meeting of all CDMs (Chef-de-Mission) takes place every morning.

"We have reported them to the police and they are conducting investigations," he added.

Pathum Nissanka into Wisden's best U25 Test team

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The promising cricketer 23 year old Pathum Nissanka got the rare honour of nominating to the best under 25 test cricket team (world test X1) by the prominent cricket magazine, Wisden.

The stylish right hand top order batter is the most successful promising batter of the Sri Lanka in all three format while his current form enable to nominated to the best under 25 test team.

Wisden named this team considering up to the performance of last July 31st while Pathum Nissanka is named as the number three batter which is the best place of the batting order in the test team. Two Pakistan cricket-

ers, two Indians, two Caribbeans, one player each from Australia, Bangladesh, South Africa and England with the Sri Lankan Nissanka included in this under 25 World test team.

Following are the under 25 test cricket team (World Test X1) named by Wisden:

Abdullah Shafique (Pakistan), Shubman Gill (India), Pathum Nissanka (Sri Lanka), Ollie Pope (England), Cameron Green (Australia), Rishabh Pant (India), Joshua Da Silva (West Indies), Marco Jansen (South Africa), Mehidy Hasan Miraz (Bangladesh), Shaheen Afridi (Pakistan), Jayden Seales (West Indies).



Pathum Nissanka

We lost good opportunity to host Asia Cup, says SLC Secretary

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

"We lost good opportunity to host the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka but at the meantime we have to satisfied with hosting rights of this event belongs to us and finally awarded to the UAE," said Sri Lanka cricket Secretary Mohan de Silva yesterday at the press briefing held at the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) Board room.

The Secretary of the SLC further said we knew this is very unfortunate situation at the country. "We tried to host this event in Sri Lanka but most importantly at least we can get 2.5 million US dollars from Asian Cricket Council (ACC) as hosting fare while other revenue share with 2.5 USD million to altogether more than 6 million US dollars for the country at this hard period". ACC also plan to give money for each participating countries for this event and that countries are expecting full security. "However I am very happy we had finish very successful two series against Australia and Pakistan

and gave good message to all. Our President Shammi Silva made a good effort to get this chance and SLC was ready to conduct this event and all hopes are over now but we can satisfied as we can get more chance to host ICC and ACC tournaments in future".

"Actually until the last moment we had discussions with ACC officials as well as UAE board members to try hard to get this hosting rights to our country. However due to present country's situation and due to the postpone of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) third edition paved the way to miss this hosting opportunity," added Mohan de Silva the Secretary of SLC.

Actually now UAE cricket Board will conduct this event while broadcast right owned by ACC directly not happy to host this event due to security reasons. Our Present Government headed by President Ranil Wickramasinghe and Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe were given

their best effort to get this chance but during the last discussion at the ICC meeting held at Birmingham in last July 28 ACC officials given their final decision to give this event to the UAE.

"we tried to do our best to get this event to our country and if we get that chance we could easily get more dollars at this stage. However some media reports pointed out wrong picture about our country and very sad to say some section of the country pointed out wrong picture to ACC and ICC officials and these are very unfortunate issues at this moment".

"We had plans to conduct two T-20 matches against India before the Asia Cup and now we missed that chance due to change of the venue. If we will host India T 20 matches it could be very good income for SLC and the country," said Mohan de Silva.

The CEO of the SLC Ashley de Silva pointed out from the Asia Cup

revenue generated goes to ACC. They give 2.5 US million dollars to us while 1.5 US dollar million get from the ticket sales income.

Especially ACC is expected to get good income from ticket collection and that's why they are more concern to get good crowd and unfortunately our present situation in the country effected to missed this chance. Actually this Asia Cup originally planned to host in Pakistan and due to security reasons we got that chance.

Sri Lanka cricket is plan to conduct T-20 invitational cricket tournament at the R. Premadasa International cricket stadium from August 9 to 16 and that will be open gate for all spectators and hope to give live telecast from local TV channel and this is going to be good news for our spectators, said SLC CEO Ashley de Silva. Meanwhile both Secretary and CEO of SLC are expected to leave UAE today to discuss with UAE cricket board.

World junior Athletic championship

Tharushi Karunaratne enters 400m semis

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The promising athlete Tharushi Karunaratne of Ratnayaka Central, Walala competed in heat 3 of the Women's 400m and managed to secure automatic qualification for the semifinals of the world junior athletic championship which is now in progress in Cali Colombia. She took an impressive timing of 54.13s to clinch 4th place in the heat to qualify for the semi finals.

Karunaratne's personal best in the event is 53.85s which was produced earlier this year and she will probably need another personal best if she is to progress to the finals of the event. The semifinal of the event will be held today

(4) at 3.30 am Sri Lanka time. Karunaratne will be running in Semifinal number 1 (out of 3).

Previously, Karunaratne missed the 800m where she qualified with a personal best of 2:04.40mins as she couldn't make it to Colombia on time. Along with Karunaratne, Long Jumper Hirusha Hashen also missed his qualification event in the Men's Long Jump for the same reason.

Meanwhile Viharamahadevi Balika athlete Amesha Hettiarachchi also competed on Tuesday in the 400m hurdles Heat number 5 but she wasn't able to qualify for the next round as she completed her heat with a timing of 1.02.11mins in 7th place.

MARKET/NEWS

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BAIRAHA FARMS	45,206	150.00	151.00	154.00	150.00	152.00	2.00
BALANGODA	239,935	57.10	57.20	58.70	53.20	54.20	(2.90)
BUKIT DARAH XD	20	290.00	297.25	297.25	297.25	290.00	0.00
C M HOLDINGS	205	54.40	60.80	60.80	60.40	60.40	6.00
C T HOLDINGS XD	1	152.25	159.00	159.00	159.00	152.25	0.00
CARGILLS XD	6,316	155.25	160.00	160.00	156.00	156.00	0.75
CARSONS	308	264.75	279.50	279.75	255.25	258.25	(6.50)
CDB (CDB.X0000) XD	11,435	56.50	56.60	59.40	56.60	59.30	2.80
CENTRAL FINANCE	12,058	61.60	61.20	63.00	60.60	62.80	1.20
CENTRAL IND	109,303	56.40	56.00	63.90	56.00	59.70	3.30
CEYLINCO INS	2,433	1,900.00	1,901.25	1,901.25	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00
CEYLINCO INS. (CINS.X0000)	1	998.00	997.00	997.00	997.00	998.00	0.00
CEYLON GUARDIAN	1,671	53.90	56.80	56.80	54.50	56.00	2.10
CEYLON INV.	63,808	25.50	26.60	26.60	26.00	26.00	0.00
CEYLON TOBACCO	143	565.50	585.00	585.00	578.00	583.75	18.25
CHEMANEX	318	54.50	54.90	64.50	54.90	55.30	0.80
CHEVRON	38,904	77.90	80.00	81.50	78.00	80.10	2.20
CIC	573,384	41.30	41.90	42.00	40.00	41.40	0.10
CIC (CIC.X0000)	288,754	31.20	32.50	32.50	31.00	31.30	0.10
CITRUS LEISURE	59,646	5.60	6.00	6.00	5.20	5.30	(0.30)
COLD STORES	13,700	31.00	31.00	31.00	30.30	30.80	(0.20)
COLOMBO CITY	202	778.25	819.50	820.00	819.50	820.00	41.75
COLOMBO LAND	14,773	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.00	18.10	(0.10)
COMMERCIAL BANK	29,247	52.50	53.00	53.00	52.50	52.70	0.20
COMMERCIAL BANK (COMB.X0000)47.335	9,740	35.90	35.20	35.80	35.20	35.60	(0.30)
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	77,659	11.60	11.80	12.70	11.80	12.20	0.60
DFCC BANK PLC	9,740	35.90	35.20	35.80	35.20	35.60	(0.30)
DIALOG	718,847	9.00	9.00	9.20	9.00	9.10	0.10
DIMO	1,080	370.50	371.00	381.00	365.00	374.50	4.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	645,917	37.10	37.50	38.00	36.40	36.60	(0.50)
DOCKYARD	2,219	60.00	60.00	64.00	60.00	60.60	0.60
DOLPHIN HOTELS XR	515	28.80	28.10	28.10	28.00	28.00	(0.80)
DURDANS	81	136.00	124.00	136.00	124.00	136.00	0.00
DURDANS (CHL.X0000)	97	111.50	106.00	106.00	106.00	111.50	0.00
E B C REASY	621	15.60	16.90	16.90	16.70	16.80	1.20
EAST WEST	24,334	6.60	6.60	7.00	6.60	7.00	0.40
EASTERN MERCHANT	115,996	5.80	5.80	6.30	5.80	6.20	0.40
EX-PACK	1,643,075	13.20	14.50	14.50	13.30	13.50	0.30
EXPOLANKA	3,172,963	174.75	180.00	200.00	176.00	192.25	17.50
FORT LAND	256,784	11.30	11.50	12.00	11.50	11.50	0.20
GALLE FACE CAP	2,021	18.80	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	(0.30)
GESTETNER	16	50.30	56.90	56.90	56.50	50.30	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	13,794	68.70	69.90	69.90	67.70	69.80	1.10
HAYCARB	71,085	68.20	68.80	68.90	64.30	66.80	(1.40)
HAYLEYS	752,876	82.20	85.00	86.80	84.90	86.10	3.90
HAYLEYS FABRIC	974,788	38.20	37.90	38.70	36.50	37.10	(1.10)
HAYLEYS FIBRE	16,897	76.20	76.00	76.00	70.20	70.80	(5.40)
HAYLEYS LEISURE	3,178	16.60	16.80	17.90	16.80	17.90	1.30
HDFC	1,870	22.20	22.20	22.20	22.20	22.20	0.00
HELA	765,114	13.20	13.70	14.40	13.30	13.40	0.20
HEMAS HOLDINGS	56,347	45.70	46.80	46.90	45.00	45.20	(0.50)
HNB	111,028	85.80	86.00	87.00	86.00	86.10	0.30
HNB ASSURANCE	15,392	32.30	34.80	38.00	34.80	35.30	3.00
HNB (HNB.X0000)	3,018	73.00	74.00	75.00	73.90	75.00	2.00
HORANA	32,597	31.20	31.00	31.00	27.10	27.70	(3.50)
HOTELS CORP	18,025	11.00	12.90	12.90	11.50	11.70	0.70
HUNTERS	200	592.75	682.00	740.00	682.00	715.75	123.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	2,446,747	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.30	0.30	0.00
JAT HOLDINGS	424,403	12.90	12.90	13.50	12.90	13.00	0.10
KIH	1,630,892	119.50	120.00	120.00	119.00	119.25	(0.25)
KANDY HOTELS	5,200	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.00	7.00	(0.40)
KAPRUKA	9,987	9.00	9.10	9.40	9.10	9.20	0.20
KEGALLE	3,664	174.50	170.50	170.50	160.00	170.50	(4.00)
KELANI CABLES	103,284	201.25	215.25	237.50	215.25	232.50	31.25
KELANI TYRES	118,004	50.90	53.50	55.00	51.40	51.70	0.80
KELANI VALLEY	397,878	99.80	102.00	102.00	93.00	95.20	(4.00)
KINGSBURY	92,664	8.50	8.50	8.60	8.50	8.50	0.00
KOTAGALA	978,867	5.90	6.00	6.10	5.80	5.90	0.00
L O L C HOLDINGS	188,732	385.50	390.00	423.00	390.00	416.50	31.00
LAKE HOUSE PRIN.	21	164.50	169.00	169.00	169.00	164.50	0.00
LANKA ALUMINIUM	146,507	14.10	14.30	15.90	14.30	15.40	1.30
LANKA HOSPITALS	267,088	52.80	52.00	55.00	50.10	53.80	1.00
LANKA IOC	2,682,028	99.70	102.75	103.75	97.10	99.10	(0.60)
LANKA REALTY	34,053	14.70	13.70	13.50	13.70	14.40	(0.30)
LANKA TILES	189,284	38.80	40.90	44.70	40.90	43.60	4.80
LANKA WALLTILE	472,188	44.60	46.00	50.00	46.00	47.80	3.20
LANKEM DEV.	2,150,230	10.00	10.00	10.80	10.00	10.20	0.20
LAUGFS GAS	600	21.20	21.30	22.00	21.30	22.00	0.80
LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	2,500	12.00	12.00	12.90	12.00	12.90	0.90
LAXAPANA	12,656	17.00	17.20	17.40	17.10	17.10	0.10
LB FINANCE	22,991	40.80	41.00	41.70	40.30	41.40	0.60
LION BREWERY	188	510.00	505.00	505.00	505.00	505.00	(5.00)
LMF	73,668	117.25	115.00	119.75	102.00	109.25	(8.00)
LVL ENERGY	30,084	7.50	7.50	9.20	7.50	7.70	0.20
MALWATTE	35,492	53.90	50.00	55.00	49.00	52.80	(1.10)
MALWATTE (MAL.X0000)	5,050	40.50	40.00	41.00	39.70	40.10	(0.40)
MELSTACORP	766,461	41.00	41.00	42.90	40.90	42.50	1.50
MERC. SHIPPING	107	159.25	161.00	173.00	161.00	169.50	10.25
MERCHANT BANK	520,736	3.00	3.10	3.60	3.10	3.50	0.50
MULLERS	49,043	1.00	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	0.00
NAMUNUKULA	9,941	494.75	475.00	500.00	426.00	451.75	(43.00)
NAT. DEV. BANK	48,250	32.90	33.00	33.50	32.60	33.00	0.10
NATIONS TRUST	7,691	32.10	32.90	33.50	32.90	33.00	0.90
NAVALOKA	65,495	5.50	5.50	5.80	5.50	5.60	0.10
OVERSEAS REALTY	20,110	13.20	13.50	13.90	13.50	13.80	0.60
PAN ASIA	13,312	8.90	9.10	9.40	9.10	9.10	0.20
PANASIAN POWER	289,993	3.70	3.80	3.80	3.70	3.80	0.10
PEOPLE'S INS	16,942	19.50	19.70	21.00	19.70	20.80	1.30
PEOPLES LEASING	29,534	6.10	6.40	6.40	6.20	6.30	0.20
PGP GLASS	429,597	11.50	12.50	12.50	11.70	12.00	0.50
PRINTCARE PLC	9,350	31.20	31.50	31.50	31.40	31.40	0.20
R I L PROPERTY	344,304	6.60	6.80	6.90	6.50	6.80	0.20
REGNIS	1,805	50.00	56.00	56.00	50.10	50.50	0.50
RENUKA AGRI	727,645	4.40	4.50	4.80	4.50	4.70	0.30
RENUKA FOODS	2,811	17.50	18.00	18.00	17.90	18.00	0.50
RENUKA FOODS (COCO.X0000)	214	12.10	12.40	12.80	12.40	12.80	0.70
RENUKA HOLDINGS	9,135	11.10	11.60	11.60	11.20	11.40	0.30
RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL.X0000)	4,600	9.60	9.80	9.90	9.80	9.90	0.30
RESUS ENERGY	131,453	15.00	15.10	15.10	14.00	14.20	(0.80)
RICHARD PIERIS	1,312,062	19.20	19.20	20.30	19.00	20.00	0.80
ROYAL CERAMIC	1,554,318	27.20	28.00	29.70	28.00	29.30	2.10
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Invitation for Bids

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Ministry of Irrigation
Irrigation Department



Integrated Watershed and Water Resources Management Project (IWRMP)

Project No: P166865 Credit No:66210

National Competitive Bidding

- The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received financing from the International Development Association (World Bank) towards the cost of Integrated Watershed and Water Resources Management Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contract mentioned in the schedule below.
- The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of Ministry of Irrigation invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following Work.
- The work consists of **Providing of Rip-Rap Protection to Senanayaka Samudraya Bund and Improvements Bund Road**

Table 01

No	Contract No	Description of Work	CIDA Registration	Estimated Cost (excluding VAT) (LKR Mn)	Construction period (Days)	Non-Refundable Fee (LKR)	Value of Bid Security (LKR)
01	LK-MOM-DE-302734-CW-RFB	Providing of Rip-Rap Protection to Senanayaka Samudraya Bund and Improvements Bund Road	C2 or above	533.23	730	65,000.00	9,000,000.00

- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the requirements in Bidding Document. Further the successful bidder shall have valid registration Grade in Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) as mentioned in above Table: 01 under the **specialty of Irrigation & Drainage Canals.**
- The successful bidder shall have at least LKR 400 Million Average annual volume of construction work performed in last five years and at least LKR 74.7 Million of liquid assets and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Director of Irrigation (Contracts & Procurement), Contract and Procurement Branch, 2nd Floor, Irrigation Department, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7 and inspect the bidding documents at the same address given above from 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM between **08-08-2022 and 05-09-2022** (on working Days) by prior notification. (Contact No: 011-2582897/011-2583305)
- Bidding Document can be purchased after paying a non-refundable fee (Please refer Table: 01 for the amount) to the following bank account and submission of bank slip with written request made on a company letterhead (Original) via email (dictptirrigation2015@gmail.com)/ Fax : (011-2583305) to Director of Irrigation (Contract & Procurement), Irrigation Department, No: 230, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo - 07 from **08-08-2022 to 05-09-2022** on working days from 09.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Table 02

Bank Details	Bank Slip & Request Letter to be sent	
	Email Address	Fax No.
Bank Name : Bank Of Ceylon - Taprobane Branch Account No and Name: 7042385, Director General of Irrigation (Online transfer will not be accepted)	dictptirrigation2015@gmail.com	011-2583305

- Pre-bid meeting and Site Visit will be held as mentioned in the Table-3 below. Prospective bidders are requested to inspect the sites with the assistance of the relevant officer.

Description of Work	Divisional Irrigation Engineer Assisting the Site Visit	Date/Time and Commencing venue of the Site Visit	Date/Time and Venue of the Pre-Bid Meeting
Providing of Rip-Rap Protection to Senanayaka Samudraya Bund and Improvements Bund Road	Divisional Irrigation Engineer (Ampara) T.P. 063-2222055	15-08-2022 at 9.30 am at the Office of the Divisional Irrigation Engineer (Ampara)	17-08-2022 at 10.00. a.m. Auditorium, Irrigation Department, Head Office (4th Floor), No: 230, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo - 07.

Table 03

- Bids shall be valid up to **28-01-2023** (175 days from the date of closing of the bids). Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the value mentioned in Table-01 and valid up **25-02-2023**, days (203 days from the date of closing of the bids). Any Bid without a valid Bid Security will be considered as non-responsive and rejected without any query.
- All pages of the Bidding Documents shall be signed by the bidder and affixed his seal.
- Completed Bid with duplicate shall either be deposited in the **Tender Box** kept for this purpose in the **Additional Secretary (Technical & Procurement), 8th Floor, Ministry of Irrigation, No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo - 10** or sent under registered post to The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee of the above address to reach him on or before **06-09-2022 at 2.00 p.m.** Bids shall be closed at **2.00 p.m. on 06-09-2022** and opened immediately. Late bids will be rejected.
- Please write the Description of Work and Contract No. on top of left hand corner of the envelope.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who wish to attend.

Chairman
Ministry Procurement Committee,
Ministry of Irrigation,
No. 500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha,
Colombo - 10.

Date: 04-08-2022



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, Colombo 5 invites sealed quotations from registered and previous sources for following items and Bids will be closed at the respective times on the dates given below and will be opened immediately thereafter.
(E-mail/Fax offers as well as FOB offers are not acceptable)

Sealed bids may be sent by post under registered cover or may be personally deposited in the box available for this purpose at Administration Department of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation at "Mehewara Piyasa" 16th Floor, No. 41, Kirula Road, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka.

Bidders or their authorised representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Bids.

PHARMACEUTICAL ITEMS

Bid Number	Closing Date	Closing Time	Item	Quantity
DHS/RP/299/2021	16.08.2022	2.30 P.M	Digoxin injection 500mcg/2ml vial	8,750 Amps.
DHS/RP/300/2021	16.08.2022	2.30 P.M	Ofloxacin Tablet 200mg	350,000 Tabs.
DHS/RP/NP/O/146/2022	10.08.2022	10.00 A.M	Tretinoin capsule 10mg	6,120 caps.
DHS/RP/NP/B/147/2022	10.08.2022	10.00 A.M	Carnitine Tab/cap. 500mg	2,286 Tabs.
DHS/RP/NP/B/585/2021	10.08.2022	10.00 A.M	Carnitine Tab/cap.500mg	275 Tabs.

Bids should be prepared as per particulars given in the Bidding Documents available at the Head Office of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, "Mehewara Piyasa", 16th Floor, No. 41, Kirula Road, Colombo 5.

Wherever necessary potential bidder/bidders should get registered in terms of the Public Contracts Act No.3 of 1987 before collecting the Bidding Documents and also should get the contract registered after the tender is awarded.

CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENTAL PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA
"Mehewara Piyasa" 16th Floor,
No. 41, Kirula Road,
Colombo 5, SRI LANKA.

FAX : 00 94-11- 2582496
TELEPHONE : 00 94-11- 2326227
E-MAIL : pharma.manager@spc.lk



COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

INVITATION TO BID

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed tenders for the following supply of services and works from eligible and qualified bidders.

Serial No.	Tender No.	Description	Non-Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)	Eligibility of Tenderers / Bidders	Contact person for further details
01	ME/ME/ML/23/2022	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Traffic signals in George. R. De Silva Mw./ K.Cyril C.Perera Mawatha Junction	5,600.00	2% of the total Bid price Unconditional on demand Guarantee	Successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have experience of at least 9 months of projects of similar nature within past 5 years	Dir. Eng. (TDRS) Phone: 011-2694593

Bidding documents (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by **two methods.**

Method 01 - Download from the CMC website (www.colombo.mc.gov.lk).

- Non-refundable bidding document fee as mentioned above can be paid by following method.
 - Any People's Bank branch to credit **People's Bank, Town Hall Branch, Acc. No: 167-1-001-6-3169425.**
 - Payment counters of following Municipal premises of Colombo city limits from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.

> District Office 04 > Drainage & Water Supply Division,

No. 147, High Level Road, Kirulapone, Colombo 06. Maligakanda, Colombo 10.

II. It is mandatory to attach the original receipt / slip with the bidding document.

III. Bidders who collect the bidding documents from the web site shall inform following details by e mail to the dirproj@Colombo.mc.gov.lk

- Name and address of the Company.
- Contact telephone number and e mail address

Method 02 - Collect from Town Hall Premises.

a. Bidding documents could be obtained from the office of **Project Management Division of Municipal Engineer's Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and till 10.00 a.m. on 24/08/2022, upon payment of a non-refundable bidding document fee as stated in the tender notice for each bid** to the Shroff counters of Town Hall Premises.

- Bidding documents will not be available on the website / issued after 10.00 a.m. on **24/08/2022.**
- Value of unconditional on demand bid bond / security should be valid till **210 days** from the date of closing bids. **Bid Bond / Security shall be valid till 23/03/2023. Offer should be valid till 21/02/2023. Security deposit in cash will not be accepted.**
- The ORIGINAL duly filled sealed bidding documents with the DUPLICATE should be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 25.08.2022.**
- Tenders will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 25.08.2022** and bids received after closing time will be rejected and bids will be opened immediately thereafter. If this day is declared as a Public Holiday, bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs. on the following working day. Bidders or their authorized representatives are allowed to be present at the opening.
- Detailed invitation for bids will be issued with the bidding documents. Bidders whose bids are over Rs. 5.0 Million should submit PCA 3 after registration with the Public Contracts Registrar.

J.M. Bhadrane Jayawardhana
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES - WESTERN PROVINCE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, TESTING, MAINTAINING AND COMMISSIONING OF 30KVA GENERATOR FOR OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES (WESTERN PROVINCE)

1. The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Office of PDHS, Maligawatta Secretariat Building, Colombo 10, will receive sealed bids for the following items and bids will be closed at **1030 a.m. on 25/08/2022.**

Bid Ref No.	Name of the Bid	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)	Pre Bid Date & Time
WP/PD/PRO/1/11/2022	Procurement of supply, delivery, installation, testing, maintaining and commissioning of 30kva generator for office of the Provincial Director of Health Services - (Western Province)	2000/=	18.08.2022 (10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.)

2. Bids should be submitted on the forms obtained from the Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services, P.O. Box 876, Maligawatta, Colombo 10 from **05/08/2022 up to 24/08/2022**, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on routine working days at the PDHS Office.

3. Bids will be opened immediately after the Scheduled closing time on **25/08/2022**, at the Office of Provincial Director of Health Services (W.P), P.O.Box 876, Maligawatta, Colombo 10. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.

4. Bidding documents will be issued only to the sole nominated representative / accredited agent of manufacturers of the equipment. Documents supporting this claim shall be submitted at the time of requesting for bidding documents.

5. For further details, please contact the Office of Provincial Director of Health Services (W.P)
Contact No. 011-2437154 / 011-2434852

6. Please Visit our website for more information <http://www.healthdept.wv.gov.lk>

7. Procurement entity has the authority to cancel whole procurement activity or the part of the procurement activity.

Dr. Dammika Jayalath,
Chairman-Departmental Procurement Committee,
Provincial Director of Health Services (W.P),
Maligawatta,
Colombo 10.

WAGES BOARDS ORDINANCE

The rates of wages applicable to workers covered by the decisions of the following Wages Board for the month of June 2022 are given below.

B.K. Prabath
Chandrasekethi
Commissioner General of
Labour

Department of Labour,
Colombo 05.
01.08.2022

**Cocoa, Cardamom and
Pepper Growing &
Manufacturing Trade** } **Worker Daily Rs. 1446.46**

❖ In addition, the allowance payable in terms of the Budgetary Relief Allowance Act No. 36 of 2005 and the Budgetary Relief Allowance Act No. 04 of 2016 should be paid to the workers by the employer.

NOTICE

LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 262)

Notice under Section 66C to be read with the 66G of the Local Authority Elections Ordinance, as amended by the Local Authority Elections (Amendments) Act No. 22 of 2012.

I, Nupe Hewage Roy Nishantha, the Commissioner of Local Government, North Central Province, do hereby notify that in terms of the Powers vested in me, under the Provisions of Section 66C to be read with 66G of the Local Authority Elections (Amendments) Act No. 22 of 2012 as amended by the Local Authority Elections Act (Chapter 262) the meeting for the purpose of election of a Vice Chairman to the position of the Vice Chairman of the Rambewa Pradeshiya Sabha in the District of Anuradhapura of the North Central Province, which is lying vacant, will be called to be held at **10.00 a.m. on 22.08.2022 at the Assembly Hall of Rambewa Pradeshiya Sabha.**

N.H.R. Nishantha
Commissioner of Local Government
North Central Province.

Department of Local Government
North Central Province
Anuradhapura
02.08.2022

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

VAVUNIYA SOUTH SINHALA PRADESHIYA SABHA, VAVUNIYA DISTRICT

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) – PROJECT ID: P 163305

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project (LDSP). Part of this loan will be used for payments under the contracts named below.
- The Chairman Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC), on behalf of Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, Vavuniya District now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works listed in the table below.

S. No	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Estimated Civil Cost (Rs. Mn)	ICTAD Minimum Grade Required	Required Bid Security		Contract period
					Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	
01	LDSP/NP/VA/VSSPS/2022/01	Construction of Multipurpose shops at Mamaduwa and Pavatkulam	2.953	C8 or above	30,000.00	07.12.2022	91 Days
02	LDSP/NP/VA/VSSPS/2022/02	Construction of common toilets at Kalasiyampalawa,	0.945	C8 or above	10,000.00	07.12.2022	91 Days

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been required valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award is given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, Irattaperiyakulam, Vavuniya** [Telephone No: 024-2221427 Fax No: 024-2221427] and inspect the bidding documents at the address **Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, Irattaperiyakulam, Vavuniya from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working Days.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, Irattaperiyakulam, Vavuniya from 04.08.2022 until 24.08.2022 from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working Days** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Two thousand Rupees. (Rs.2, 000.00) for each work.** The method of payment will be **by cash.**
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address of **Chairman, Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, Irattaperiyakulam, Vavuniya on or before 25th August 2022 at 10.30 Hrs.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at above place soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **11th of November 2022**
- All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid-Security", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid upto the date mentioned in the table above.
- The pre-bid meeting will be held **on 15.08.2022 at 10.00 Hrs at the Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha, Irattaperiyakulam, Vavuniya.**

The address (es) referred to above is (are):

Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC),
Vavuniya South Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha,
Irattaperiyakulam,
Vavuniya.

[Fax No: 024-2221427]

Correction : The Word, "import" in the 3rd line of the first paragraph has been deleted and at the end of No. 6 the word, "web site has been inserted"

Government Notifications

Direction No : 85

CONSUMER AFFAIRS AUTHORITY ACT NO. 09 OF 2003 (Amended)

Direction under Section 10(1)(a)

ACTING under the powers vested in it by Section 10 (1)(a) of the Consumer Affairs Authority Act No. 09 of 2003, the Consumer Affairs Authority directs all Importers, Producers, Manufacturers, Store-Owners, Distributors, Packers, Online Traders and Traders shall not Import, Produce, Manufacture, Store, Distribute, Pack, Repack, Sell or Display for sale, Expose for sale or Offer for sale unless the following details are legibly printed or non-removable, labeled in a conspicuous place of the pack, wrapper or container of the end product of the commercial goods purchased by the consumer at the retail price.

- Maximum Retail Price
- Weight or Volume
- Date of Manufacture and Date of Packing if re-packing
- Date of Expiry / Best before use / Active period (except for the goods which do not expire)
- Batch / Code Number
- Name, Registered Address and Contact Number of Manufacturer
- If it is imported, name of country, name, address, contact number / website of issuer or importer

This Direction shall come into effect from 28th July 2022.

By Order of the Consumer Affairs Authority

Shantha Niriella
Chairman

Colombo
29th June 2022

NOTICE OF APPLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

In the matter of an application under Section 554U of Chapter XXXVIII B of the Civil Procedure Code for re-sealing of Probate granted on 27th January 2021 to Michelle France-Mabiletsa by the High Court of Republic of Botswana in respect of the Last Will and Testament of the late Peter David Stevenson (deceased) of P.O. Box 1616, Gaborone, Botswana.

Case No.: 00164/2022/DTS

Procedure: Summary

Nature: Testamentary

Value: LKR 39,311,369.47

Michelle France-Mabiletsa
C/o First National Bank Botswana
Private Clients Division
P.O. Box 1552, Gaborone,
Botswana.

Appearing by her Power of Attorney Holder
Atulya Darshane De Silva
Villa Atulya,
Muhudu Mawatha,
Kamburugamuwa,
Matara.

PETITIONER

Notice is hereby given that after the expiry of 28 days from the date of Publication hereof, an application will be made to the District Court of Colombo under Section 554U of Chapter XXXVIII B of the Civil Procedure Code for the re-sealing of Probate granted on 27th January 2021 by the High Court of Republic of Botswana to Michelle France - Mabiletsa, the Executrix of the late Peter David Stevenson (deceased) of P.O. Box 1616, Gaborone, Botswana.

On this 29th day of July 2022.

F.J. & G. De Saram
Attorneys-at-Law for the Petitioner
216, De Saram Place, Colombo 10.

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GAMPAHA WICKRAMARACHCHI UNIVERSITY OF INDIGENOUS MEDICINE

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for bids under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure

Sealed bids are invited from eligible institutions for the supply of services mentioned below of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine for the year 2022/2023.

Procurement No.	Details	Bid Bond	Validity Period
GWUIM/GA/PROC/2022/05/CLN	Supply of Cleaning Services	Rs. 100,000.00	Up to 08.12.2022 or beyond

The undermentioned eligibilities should be fulfilled for submitting bids.

- Should possess a Business Registration Certificate.
- Should have executed a minimum of 03 contracts within the last 05 years with an annual value of not less than 08 million.
- The institution should not have been blacklisted.

A refundable Bid Bond with a validity period and to the value as mentioned above obtained from a commercial bank registered in Sri Lanka in favour of the "Vice Chancellor, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine" or the original copy of the receipt obtained upon payment of this amount in cash to the Shroff of the University should be submitted along with every bid.

Further details regarding this matter could be obtained from the Deputy Registrar - General Administration (033-2223784 or 033-2222748/740, Services Extension No. 136) and bid documents could be inspected free of charge at the General Admin. Section of this University.

A site inspection relevant to the provision of this services could be carried out **during working days from 15.08.2022 up to 19.08.2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.** A pre-bid meeting relevant to this matter will be held at **10.00 a.m. on 16.08.2022 at the Committee Meeting Hall on the Second Floor of the University Administration Building** and all bidders wishing to submit bids are expected to participate at this meeting.

All bid documents could be obtained in Sinhala language only and these documents could be obtained during working days **from 10.08.2022 up to 24.08.2022 from 09.00 a.m. up to 2.00 p.m.** from the Deputy Registrar - General Admin. by submitting a hand-written letter of request on a company letterhead along with the receipt received for payment of the non-refundable fee of **Rs. 5,000.00** to the Shroff of the University.

Duly completed bids in two copies indicated as original and duplicate should be inserted in separate envelopes and sealed and thereafter, these should be enclosed in a single envelope and sealed and clearly marked with the words "Supply of Cleaning Services in the Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine - 2022/2023" on the top left-hand corner of this envelope and inserted in the relevant Tender Box for supply of cleaning services 2022/2023 kept near the Registrar's Office on the 2nd Floor of the Admin. Building.

Tenders received late will be rejected.

Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids and bidder or an authorized representative could be present on this occasion.

The decision of the Departmental Procurement Committee is deemed final. Further details relevant to this matter are included in the bid documents.

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine,
Kandy Road, Yakkala.
04.08.2022

INVITATION FOR BIDS



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Division and Branch Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing Date & Time	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents & Contact TP. Nos.	Price of Bid Document (LKR)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
MATERIALS					
Generation (AMHE)	AMHE/Elec/003/2022/08 Supply and Delivery of a Portable Partial Discharge Monitoring System for Power Transformers for Asset Management-Hydro Electrical Branch	25/08/2022 10.30 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (Assets Management Hydro Electrical), Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy T.P.: 0812224424, Email: dgmamhe@ceb.lk	1000.00	ICB
Generation (TC)	KCCP/EE(HVP)/IND/2022/01 Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 02 Nos. Battery Chargers for Kelanitissa Combined Cycle Power Station	14/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex) Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation, Headquarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600, Sri Lanka. Tel: 011 2423897	8,000.00	ICB
Generation (TC)	KCCPS/CHEM/NCB/22/02/R Supply and delivery of Sulphuric Acid to Kelanitissa Combined Cycle Power Station	25/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (Thermal Complex), Generation Headquarters Ceylon Electricity Board, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa 10600. Tel: 011-2400422, 2400356 Fax: 011- 2400584	3,000.00	NCB
Generation (TC)	KCCPS/CHEM/NCB/22/03 Supply and delivery of Water treatment chemicals to Kelanitissa Combined Cycle Power Station	25/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	3,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NWP 1)	DGM/NWP1/CEECM/T/2022/217 Supply & Delivery of Stay Assembly Complete LT Galvanized 1.8m x 16mm	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) Branch, CEB, Narammala Road, Kuliyapitiya. 037 - 2281892	5,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (CC)	DGM (CC)/EE (MM)/PPC/2022/017 Cable Cu. PVC Insulated - Single (7/1.70) 16mm ² / Cable Cu. PVC Insulated - Single (19/1.53) 35 mm ² / Cable Cu. PVC Insulated - Single (7/0.67) 2.5 mm ² - Earth Wire / Cable Cu. PVC Insulated - Single (7/1.35) 10 mm ² - / Cable Cu. PVC Insulated (7/1.04) 6 mm ² Twin Flat	24/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 23.08.2022 011-2575930.	1,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (CC)	DGM(CC)/EE(MM)/PPC/2022/018 Supply & Delivery of Straight Through Jointing Kits	24/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
Projects (TCP)	CEB/TCP/GSCP/RPR/2022/01 Supply and Delivery of 06 Nos. of Energy Metering Panels for Grid substation L, M & N	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Transmission Construction Projects), Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 55/1-1, Thalapatipitiya Road, Embuldeniya, Nugegoda 10250, Sri Lanka. TP: +94 (11) 2836051/2 Fax: +94 (11) 2836053	3,500.00	NCB
AM (W&AS)	CEPP/BID/G/2022/66 Supply of Radiator for 500kVA Cummins KTA19 G4 Generator at Temple Trees	24/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Chief Engineer, Power Plants Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, Meethotamulla Road, Kolonnawa. 0112572411	1,000.00	NCB
AM (Training)	DGM(TR)/Goods/T/2022-01 Enhancement of the Installed Capacity of Solar Power Plant CEB Training Centre - Piliyandala by 90 kW AC (from 160 kW AC to 250 kW AC)	24/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager, Training Branch, Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Devananda Road, Piliyandala. 011 2614468	1,000.00	NCB
SERVICES					
Generation (GP)	DGM(GP)/BID/IND/2022/01 Selecting a Courier Service Provider for Generation Division for the year 2022/2023	18/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Indents), Generation Projects Branch, Ceylon Electricity Board, Generation Headquarters Building, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa, 10600. 011-2472820	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (MC)	MC/UKU/BIDS/2022/004 Hiring of a 12 seater passenger van for Army unit attached to Ukuwela Power Station for a period of one year. (Driver and fuel shall be supplied by the Contractor)	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer, Ukuwela Power Station, C.E.B., Ukuwela. T.P. 066 224 3054 / 066 224 4229 Fax: 066 224 4351	1,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NCP)	DGM/NCP/COM/C1/HV/2022/031 Hiring of a Car for Chief Engineer (Constructions) for 02 Years Period.	18/08/2022 15.00 hrs.	Office of the DGM (NCP), Ceylon Electricity Board, Maitreepala Senanayaka Mawatha, Anuradhapura. TP. 025 - 2222552	500.00	NCB
DD 01 (NCP)	DGM/NCP/COM/C1/HV/2022/032 Hiring of a Car for Electrical Engineer (Distribution Control Center) for 02 Years Period.	18/08/2022 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 01 (NWP 2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/SV/22/0120 Provision of Maintenance and Cleaning Services to Maho Area Office and Consumer Service Centres	25/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (NWP -2), Ceylon Electricity Board, No.25, Rajapihilla Road, Kurunegala. T.No: 037- 2065498/ 070- 6430400 Fax : 037- 2065497	2,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NWP 2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/HV/22/0135 Hiring of a Van for Galgamuwa Consumer Service Centre	25/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NWP 2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/HV/22/0136 Hiring of a Van for the Official use of Staff Coordinator (Loss Reduction Sub Unit) of Wariyapola Area Office.	25/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NWP 2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/HV/22/0142 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Wariyapola Maintenance Sub Unit of Distribution Maintenance Unit	25/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NWP 2)	CEB/NWP2/NCB/HV/22/0145 Hiring of a Van for the Official Use of ES (Commercial - II) of CE Commercial Unit.	25/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (CC)	DGM(CC)/CE(CW)/PPC/2022/002 Hiring of Three vans / Crew Cabs for Chief Engineer (Colombo West) Consumer Service Center 02 (For 02 years)	24/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 23.08.2022 011-2575930.	1,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (CC)	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/EE(C&CS)/PPC/2022/001 Lease of a Building for DGM Colombo City Office for 02 years.	24/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/215 Hiring of a Motor Car for Accountant (Revenue - CP2) for a Period of 02 Years.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, No.431, Colombo Road, Pilimathalawa. T.P 081-2270070	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/217 Rent/Lease of Land for Use as Pole Yard Hemmathagama belonging to Mawanelle Area for a period of 02 Years.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, No.431, Colombo Road, Pilimathalawa. T.P 035-2224902 / 081-2270070	-	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/218 Rent/Lease of Building for Use as Site Office Peradeniya to CE(Distribution Maintenance) Unit-CP for a Period of 02 Years.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, No.431, Colombo Road, Pilimathalawa. T.P 081-2386450 / 081-2270070	-	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/219 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Sub ECSC at Algama in Kegalle Area for a Period of 02 Years.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, No.431, Colombo Road, Pilimathalawa. T.P 081-2270070	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/220 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for GPS Programme in Nawalapitiya Area for a Period of 01 Year.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/221 Hiring of a Crew Cab for Electricity Breakdown Services Supply & Maintenance at ECSC Moronthota in Kegalle Area for a Period of 02 Years.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/222 Hiring of a Crew Cab for ECSC at Kegalle in Kegalle Area for a Period of 02 Years.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/223 Rent/Lease of Land for Use as Pole Yard belonging to ECSC Walapane in Hanguranketha Area for a Period of 02 Years.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/Kirindi/EC1/Ten/Building/2022/07 Leasing/ Rent out a building for a period of 02 years for the Area Electrical Engineer Office -Kirindiwela	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	EE(Kirindiwela) Office, No. 74/25, Rajaweediya, Kirindiwela. T.P. No. : 0332253357 / 0332253358	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/J-V95/2022/22 Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office - Jaela	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel.011-2911071/72	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/N-V43/2022/50 Hiring of a Van for Consumer Service Centre - Katunayake	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/P&D-V107/2022/81 Hiring of a Motor Car for Chief Engineer - (Planning & Development)	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/V-V141/2022/122 Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office - Veyangoda	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/V-V108/2022/124 Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office - Veyangoda	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V128/2022/126 Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office - Gampaha	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/P&D-V06/2022/127 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Planning & Development) Unit - WPN	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/N-V45/2022/130 Hiring of a Van for Consumer Service Center - Minuwangoda	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/N-V44/2022/131 Hiring of a 2WD Crew Cab for Consumer Service Centre - Minuwangoda	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/J-V145/2022/132 Hiring of a Van for Consumer Service Center - Wattala	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB

Division and Branch Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents & Contact TP. Nos.	Price of Bid Document (LKR)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V127/2022/134 Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office - Gampaha	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V155/2022/137 Hiring of a Van for Consumer Service Center - Ganemulla	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/D-V92/2022/141 Hiring of a 2WD Crew Cab for Area Maintenance Unit - Divulapitiya	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/D-V81/T/2022/142 Hiring of a Van for Consumer Service Center - Divulapitiya	17/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 03 (SAB)	SAB/RUW/EE/BUILDING/BULATHKOHUPITIYA C.S.C./2022 Renting a Building with Land to be used as the Bulathkohupitiya c.s.c. for 02 Years withing 2km distance from Bulathkohupitiya Town. Building Size above 2000 Sqft.	18/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Electrical Engineer's Office (Ruwanwella), Ceylon Electricity Board, E 184/1, Atulugama, Dehiowita.	1,000.00	NCB
Projects (MWPP)	CEB/MFS/Ph.III/2022/05 Contract for Surveying of Lands and Roads for proposed construction of Mannar Wind Power Project - Phase III at Mullikulam area in Mannar mainland.	18/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Project Director, Mannar Wind Power Project - Ph. III & Ph. I Ext, Ceylon Electricity Board, No.754, New Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla T.P-0112889640	1,500.00	NCB
AM (AFM)	CEB/AFM(AM)/HV/2022/01 Hiring of a car on wet lease basis for Addl.FM (AM) Branch (With fuel and driver)	30/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Office of the Additional Finance Manager (Assets Management) 2nd Floor, CEB Headquarters, Colombo 02. 011 239 5725	500.00	NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International /National competitive bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidders or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary they should get registered in terms of the Public Contracts Act No.03 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agents on submission of a written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 5 of the above table for each set of Bid Documents, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working day till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions / Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of a written request. Bidding Documents may be inspected by the prospective bidder or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE free of charge.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in column 4. Late bids shall be rejected.

All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the bidding Documents.

* ICB - International Competitive Bidding, NCB - National Competitive Bidding.

General Manager

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The Information copy of the Bid document may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website www.ceb.lk



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1 The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT) (Rs.)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/06/PT/6356(MP)	04 Nos. Wire Ropes of Size Ø22.4MM X 408M	55,000.00	1,000.00	01/09/2022 10.00hrs
CES/FP/02/PT/6358(MP)	Spares for UD Nissan Engines Fitted with UD Nissan Prime Movers	25,000.00	1,000.00	01/09/2022 10.00hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/16/055	1000 Metre 16MM ² CU/PVC/PVC/Two Core Cable	45,000.00	1,000.00	25/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/17/053	1500 Mtrs. of Cloth Drill for Year 2022	24,000.00	1,000.00	25/08/2022 13.30hrs

2 Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 are applicable to tenders total Cost exceeding Rs.5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his bid documents.

3 Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last Five (5) years.

4 Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.

5 A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 04 from 08th August 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m on working days up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.

6 Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned bid Security.

Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No.45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.

Telephone Nos. : 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2483024, 2482638
Fax Nos :- 2381652, 2470443



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1 The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document fee (Inclusive of VAT) (Rs.)	Closing Date & Time
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/036	Marine Paints	30,000.00	1,000.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/037	ZN Al Roofing Sheet and ZN Al Ridge Cap	50,000.00	1,000.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/038	GI Thread Bar and GI Nut, Bolt and Washer	30,000.00	1,000.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/039	GI Lipped Channel and GI Pipe HD	100,000.00	3,500.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/040	MS I Beam and MS Plates	145,000.00	3,500.00	22/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/20/010	02 Nos. 40KVA Sound Proof Generator	80,000.00	1,000.00	25/08/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/052	2100 Ltr SAE 15W - 40 Multi Grade Engine Oil	19,000.00	1,000.00	25/08/2022 13.30hrs

2 Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No.3 of 1987 are applicable to tenders total Cost exceeding Rs.5 million. Accordingly all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his bid documents.

3 Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last Five (5) years.

4 Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.

5 A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 04 from 8th August 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.

6 Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned bid Security.

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REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **Dr (Mrs) Dineshi Liyanage** (Holder of Sri Lankan Passport bearing No. M 2207514) presently of **No. 5332, North Van Ness Blvd, Fresno, CA 93711 in the United States of America**, do hereby wish to inform the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Special Power of Attorney dated 31st October 2011 attested by Elise S. Moeck, Notary Public of California, Fresno County, USA granted by me to **Dr Anisha Buddhika Molligoda Liyanage** (holder of National Identity Card No. 731970025V) of No. 22/8, Subadra Mawatha, Madiwela, Kotte is hereby revoked, cancelled and nullified and it shall not be valid in law with immediate effect.

Dr (Mrs) Dineshi Liyanage

Auction Sale of Unredeemed Pawned Articles

Gold articles pawned with Citizens Development Business Finance PLC at the under mentioned branches and not redeemed, will be sold at No.123, Orabipasha Mw. Colombo 10 at 9.30 a.m - 2.00 p.m each day under mentioned.

Pawned upto	Not Redeemed prior to	Auction Date
02/04/2022	03/05/2022	29/08/2022 & 01/09/2022

Branches - Aluthgama, Ambalangoda, Anpara, Anuradhapura, Arisawa, Badulla, Bandarawela, Battaramulla, Batticaloa, Boraliegama, Chikaw, Dambulla, Dehiwala, Ehaliyagoda, Elakanda, Embilipitiya, Galle, Gampaha, Gintala, Head Office, Horana, Ja-ela, Jaffna, Kaduruwela, Kataruwa, Kalutara, Kandana, Kandy, Katugastota, Kegalle, Kelaniya, Kochchikade, Koolahera, Kottawa, Kuliya, Kurunegala, Kuruvita, Mahara, Maharagama, Maliyanganaya, Malabe, Marawila, Metake, Matara, Mahipala, Nawathogama, Minuwangoda, Moritawa, Naranimala, Negombo, Nikawarajaya, Nilambur, Nugegoda, Nuwara Eriya, Panadura, Palamadula, Piliyandala, Rajagama, Rajagiriya, Ratmalana, Ratnapara, Thalangoda, Tissamaharama, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Wankapola, Wariyapola, Welisara, Weliswala, Wernagapum

Citizens Development Business Finance PLC reserves the right to cancel, postpone and/or amend the auctions or change the venue of the above auction without any further notice.

Bid Articles to be paid and release on the same day

Citizens Development Business finance PLC, No. 123, Orabipasha Mawatha, Colombo 10. Tel - 0117 388 388

Notice under Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964

ACQUISITION OF THE LAND WHERE POLICE STATION - PANADURA NORTH IS LOCATED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Action has been taken to divest the Lot No. A of the Advance Tracing No. Ka/PND/16/582 under Section 39(a)(1) of the Act. Please see the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2268/5 dated 21st of February 2022 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for more details.

Schedule

District	: Kalutara
Divisional Secretary's Division	: Panadura
Village	: Keselwatte
Grama Niladhari Division	: 672 Keselwatte
Location	: Henamulla, Keselwatte
Extent	: 0.0860 Hectare
Advance Tracing No.	: Ka/PND/16/582
Lot No.	: A

Irangani Weerasinghe
Divisional Secretary
Panadura

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964 (CORRIGENDA)

Ref. No. AKU/LAN/06/LA101
Land Ministry Ref. No. 4-3/15/2018/VE/168

The Government intends to acquire the land/lands described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 2283/37 dated 09.06.2022 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District	: Matara
D.R.O.S. Division	: Akuressa
G.S. Division	: Diganahena
Name of Village	: Diganahena
Name of Land	: Aluthhena
Plan No.	: F.V.P. 535 S.P. 26
Lot Nos.	: 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924

K.G.D. Anoja
Divisional Secretary / Akuressa
22.07.2022

NOTICE TO UNIT HOLDERS OF ASSETLINE MUTUAL FUNDS
Annual Report is Available Online

The unit holders of the following unit trust funds managed by Assetline Capital (Private) Limited are hereby notified that the Annual Report for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 is available on our website.

<http://assetline.lk/product/mutual-funds/>

1. Assetline Income Fund
2. Assetline Income Plus Growth Fund



Assetline Capital (Private) Limited

120, 120A, Pannipitiya Road, Battaramulla.
Company Reg. No. PV 121
Tel: 0114 700 100 Fax: 0114 700 114
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Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited

INVITATION FOR BIDS

LECO/22/ICB/GD3/211

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers to supply & delivery of

POLE TOP COVERS

Bidding documents for this procurement could be obtained as a soft copy version from the Procurement Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 20,000.00. Bid Documents will be issued online (by email) for this Bid.

Bidders who wish to collect the Bid Documents are requested to forward an official request by email to procurement@leco.lk. Payment method and other details on collecting the Bid Documents will be replied via email. Upon successful confirmation of payment, Bidding Documents will be issued.

Bidding documents will be issued from 04th August, 2022 to 14th September, 2022.

Draft bidding document (Not for Bidding) is available on www.promise.lk and www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose only.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than the date and time of Bid Closing.

Date and time of Bid closing is 02.00 P.m. on 15th September, 2022.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE
www.leco.lk

General Manager
Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Ltd.,
E.H. Cooray Building
411, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

CLEARING & TRANSPORTATION OF NEWSPRINT CONTAINERS AND CONSIGNMENTS

IMP/ADV/2022/13

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL) invites quotations from registered custom house clearing agents for providing Clearing & Transportation of Newsprint Containers and Consignments.

Mainly, the imports comprise of Newsprint, Printing Materials & Press related items which are to be delivered to ANCL warehouse from Colombo Port/ Colombo Bandaranayake International Airport in very good condition in a timely manner. Hence, we look forward to service providers who possess a minimum track record of three years in the business and currently provide similar service for reputed companies. Your bid must accompany the reference list together with the contact details and should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Clearing and Transportation of Newsprint Containers and Consignments".

This contract is for a period of one year and the successful bidder shall provide a Bank Guarantee for Rs. 300,000/- for the successful completion of the contract in accordance with the bidding conditions.

Bidding documents comprising general conditions, bidding conditions & Offer Sheet could be collected on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 01 August 2022 to 12 August 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. from Head of Procurement upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/- in cash.

Bids should be sent to Head of Procurement to reach on or before 15 August 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



Head of Procurement
THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF
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No. 35, Lake House,
D.R. Wijewardene Mw.,
Colombo 10.

For Details — 2429422/ 2429451



State Mortgage and Investment Bank

Invitation for Bids

Review and update of IT Policies, Procedures and Manuals of the State Mortgage and Investment Bank

Description of the Procurement	Request for proposals for review and update of IT Policies, Procedures and Manuals
Applicable Non-refundable Tender Fee	Rs. 1000/-
Dates for issuing bidding documents	04-08-2022 to 16-08-2022 – 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Date & Time of closing Tender	18/08/2022 – 10.00 am
Value of the Bid Bond to be submitted	Rs : 20,000/-

RFP Documents could be obtained from the Chief Manager, Logistics Division (4th Floor), State Mortgage & Investment Bank, No.269, Galle Road, Colombo-03. Forms will be issued from 04/08/2022 up to 16/08/2022 from 9.00 am till 3.00 pm on working days on submission of a written request.

2. Eligibility Criteria:

Bidder can be a professional or professional body having the following eligibility criteria :

- a. Bidder should be well aware of regulatory requirements, governance and IT policies, procedures and practices in the finance and banking sector.
- b. Bidder should have been engaged in similar activities for at least 3 years
- c. Bidder should have done IT policy reviews for at least 3 financial organizations and should submit evidence

3. Perfected RFP should be accompanied by a Bid bond acceptable to State Mortgage and Investment Bank for the values relevant to the tender as indicated above and issued by a commercial bank and valid for a minimum period from 18-08-2022 to 14-12-2022.

4. Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 10.00 am on 18-08-2022 and bids received after 10.00 am will be rejected and returned unopened.

5. Further details could be obtained from the Chief Manager, Logistics Division, State Mortgage and Investment Bank via contact number 0117722879.

CEO/General Manager
State Mortgage and Investment Bank,
No.269, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE
FIRST CLASS WEB OFFSET NEWSPRINT

IMP/ADV/2022/14

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL), hereby invites sealed Bids from Manufacturers, Representatives or their Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of First Class Web Offset Newsprint conforming to the undermentioned basic specifications.

ITEM	: FIRST CLASS WEB OFFSET NEWSPRINT
SUBSTANCE & QUANTITY	: 45 GSM - 200 MT
REEL DIAMETER	: 1016 - 1066 mm (MAXIMUM)
REEL WIDTH	: 700 mm
CORE INNER	: 76 mm

Expected Time of Arrival (ETA) : From September onwards

Packing : Extra Seaworthy Export packing with moisture barrier.

Foreign Offers

Bidders should quote for both FOB and CIF Colombo prices (on at sight as well as 180 days usance). CIF offers should clearly detail Cost, Freight & Insurance charges separately. ANCL reserves the right to place the order on FOB or on CIF term.

Offers with samples and specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Bids for 45 GSM Standard Newsprint" on the top left-hand corner.

Local Offers

Ex-stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with samples should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Offers should be sent to the Head of Procurement to reach on or before 19th August 2022 at 2.30 p.m. and which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc. to be clearly indicated on the offers.

Acceptance of new sources / product is subjected to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 05% with a validity period of 90 days.

Bidders or their accredited representatives will be allowed to be present at the opening. However, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Chairman - Procurement Committee,
The Associated Newspapers of
Ceylon Ltd.,

"Lake House", No 35, D.R. Wijewardene Mw.,
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WAGES BOARDS ORDINANCE NOTIFICATION

WAGES BOARD FOR THE BEEDI MANUFACTURING TRADE

By virtue of powers vested in me by an order made by Minister of Labour under Section 33(1)(a) of the Wages Boards Ordinance (Chapter 136), published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1916/13 of 27th May, 2015, I, B.K. Prabath Chandrakerthi, Commissioner of Labour do hereby notify under Section 28 of the Wages Boards Ordinance that I intend to determine under Section 33 (2) of the Wages Boards Ordinance that I intend to determine under Section 33(2) of the said ordinance the minimum rates of Wages for piece work for the workers engaged in Beedi Manufacturing Trade, as set out in the schedule attached hereto.

Objections to the proposed decision will be received by me until 12.00 noon on 19.08.2022.

Every such objection must be made in writing and must contain a statement of the grounds upon which such objection is made.

B.K. Prabath Chandrakerthi
Chairman,
Wages Board for the Beedi Manufacturing Trade

Department of Labour,
Colombo 05.
27.07.2022

SCHEDULE

The decisions made by the Wages Board for the Beedi Manufacturing Trade and set out in the schedule to notification published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 11208 of November 29, 1957, as varied from time to time and last varied by the notification published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 2138/3 of 01st September 2019, shall be further varied by the substitution for Part II of that schedule of the following new part.

Part II

The minimum rates of wages for piece work for Beedi Rolling (Inclusive of the preparation of wrappers for rolling, cutting, wrapping, leaves, filling wrappers with "Beedi Tobacco", Beedi Rolling and Tying rolled Beedies) shall be :

- (a) For 1000 beedies not more than 2 inches long - Rs. 500.00
- (b) For 1000 beedies not more than 2 inches long but less than 3 inches - Rs. 562.00
- (c) For 1000 beedies not more than 2 inches long - Rs. 612.00

The minimum rates of wages for piece work for Beedi Rolling (inclusive of filling wrappers with "Beedi Tobacco", Beedi Rolling and tying rolled Beedies but exclusive of the preparation of wrappers for rolling and cutting wrapping leaves) shall be :

- (a) For 1000 beedies not more than 2 inches long - Rs. 375.00
- (b) For 1000 beedies not more than 2 inches long but less than 3 inches - Rs. 425.00
- (c) For 1000 beedies not more than 2 inches long - Rs. 468.00

The minimum rates of wages for piece work for cutting, wrapping, leaves (inclusive of the preparation of wrappers for rolling) shall be :

- (a) For 1000 beedies not more than 2 inches long - Rs. 250.00
- (b) For 1000 beedies not more than 2 inches long but less than 3 inches - Rs. 275.00
- (c) For 1000 beedies not more than 2 inches long - Rs. 287.00

The minimum rates of wages for piece work for fixing ring labels round rolled Beedies shall be Rs. 62.50 per 1000 Beedies.

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Temporary Demonstrator	Rs. 40,920/- p.m. (Fixed)

In addition to the above salary, the allowances approved by the University Grants Commission applicable to the posts will also be paid.

Application forms and other details will be available in the website: www.maco.jfn.ac.lk. Downloaded application forms should be accompanied with the paid Bank Slip for the deposit of a sum of Rs. 100/- credited to the People's Bank Reference No: 97000090000387 of Bursar, University of Jaffna.

Duly completed application forms along with payment receipt and relevant educational certificates to be posted to the below mentioned address: Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, 10th Lane, Kalasalai Road, Thirunelveli, Jaffna.

Those who wish to apply for more than one post should submit separate application for each post.

Applicants from the University System/Government Departments/Corporations and Statutory Boards should channel their applications through the Heads of respective Institutions. Illegible, incomplete and late applications will be rejected without intimation. Only short-listed applicants will be called for an interview.

Registrar,
University of Jaffna.
03.08.2022

INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDS

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION (REFINERY DIVISION)

PUBLIC TENDER 4422 T

SUPPLY OF BENTONITE MEMBRANE

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka will receive sealed Bids from reputed Manufacturers, their authorized export Agents abroad or their authorized local Agents (Manufacturers or Export Agents) for the supply of or above mentioned item conforming to the Terms & Conditions given under the Bidding Document.

Any bidder submitting a bid, shall pay a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 1,000.00 on a request letter to the Cashier, 5th Floor, CPC Head Office, No. 609, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo - 09 or to the Cashier, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya before 1500 hours on any working day up to 22-August-2022 and also payments can be made in cash to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation's People's Bank Account No. 004100110208633 referring tender number & bidder's name in short.

Bidding document which comprises the conditions of the Tender and the specifications is available on websites : www.ceypetco.gov.lk & www.dgmarket.com

Alternatively, bidding documents could also be obtained from the undermentioned.

Bids will be received by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee until 1430 hours on 24-August-2022 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Refinery Training Centre Auditorium.

MANAGER (MATERIALS)
CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION
REFINERY DIVISION,
SAPUGASKANDA, KELANIYA,
SRI LANKA.
Tel.: 0094-11-2400110
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Tender Notice

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Lanka Education and Research Network hereby requests quotations for the construction of a New Fire Exit, New Staircase and New Entrance for Library Building and Space Allocated for LEARN Office, Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya.

Compulsory Site Visit is scheduled on 13th August 2022.

The detailed bid document with requirements can be obtained by sending an email to admin@ops.learn.ac.lk with the subject of the email as "PRO/LEARN/CONS/22/07".

Sealed Quotations/Bid responses should be sent by registered post or hand delivered to the Chairman, LEARN Procurement Committee, Lanka Education and Research Network, Information Technology Centre, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya at or before **12.00 noon of 05th September 2022**. Tenders will be opened at the same time on the same day at the same address.

Consultant
Lanka Education and Research Network
www.learn.ac.lk

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply of Cooked Meals and Dry Firewood - 2022/2023

Uva Provincial Department of Ayurveda

- 1) Bids will be received for the supply of Cooked Meals and Dry Firewood for the Year 2022/2023 to Ayurvedic Hospitals, Rural Ayurvedic Hospitals, Ayurvedic Central Dispensaries and the Drugs Manufactory, administered under the Uva Provincial Department of Ayurveda.
- 2) Quotations should be submitted on Bid Invitation Forms issued from this Department. Relevant bid documents can be obtained from the Office of the Uva Provincial Department of Ayurveda, on weekly working days from 03.08.2022 up to 23.08.2022, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submission of the official receipts received on payment of the refundable and non-refundable monies by cash, made to this Department, as stated below, along with a request letter.
- 3) **Further, to obtain bid documents, it is compulsory to submit the original of the Worth Certificate (Form General 170) issued by the Divisional Secretary.**

Supply of Cooked Meals (From 01.09.2022 up to 31.08.2023)				
	Institution	Refundable Deposit - Rs. -	Non-Refundable Bid Document Fee - Rs. -	Worth Certificate issued by the Divisional Secretary after 30.05.2022 - Rs.
01.	Diyathalawa Ayurvedic General Hospital	195,000.00	2,000.00	250,000.00
02.	Medagama District Ayurvedic Hospital	125,000.00	2,000.00	200,000.00
03.	Kiriibbanwewa Ayurvedic Hospital	90,000.00	2,000.00	100,000.00
04.	Ballaketuwa Rural Ayurvedic Hospital	70,000.00	2,000.00	100,000.00
05.	Maspanna Rural Ayurvedic Hospital	40,000.00	2,000.00	50,000.00
06.	Bathalayaya Rural Ayurvedic Hospital	30,000.00	2,000.00	50,000.00
07.	Oluganthota Rural Ayurvedic Hospital	42,000.00	2,000.00	50,000.00
08.	Buttala Rural Ayurvedic Hospital	40,000.00	2,000.00	50,000.00
09.	Weliyaya Rural Ayurvedic Hospital	36,000.00	2,000.00	50,000.00
10.	Lunugala Rural Ayurvedic Hospital	22,000.00	2,000.00	50,000.00
11.	Bathalayaya Kidney Diseases Research and Prevention Ayurvedic Hospital	70,000.00	2,000.00	100,000.00

Supply of Dry Firewood (From 01.10.2022 up to 30.09.2023)				
	Institution	Refundable Bid Deposit - Rs. -	Non-Refundable Bid Form Fee - Rs. -	Worth Certificate issued by the Divisional Secretary after 30.05.2022 - Rs.
	Miriswatta Drugs Manufactory	25,000.00	1,000.00	100,000.00
	Diyathalawa Ayurvedic General Hospital, Medagama District Ayurvedic Hospital	15,000.00	1,000.00	50,000.00
	Ballaketuwa Rural Ayurvedic Hospital and Dambawinna Ayurvedic Central Dispensary	7,500.00	1,000.00	25,000.00
	Oluganthota Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Kiriibbanwewa Ayurvedic Hospital, Maspanna Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Ambagasdowa Ayurvedic Central Dispensary	5,000.00	1,000.00	25,000.00
	Bathalayaya Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Bathalayaya Kidney Diseases Research and Prevention Ayurvedic Hospital, Buttala Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Weliyaya Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Lunugala Rural Ayurvedic Hospital	3,000.00	1,000.00	25,000.00

- 4) Estimated Food requirements relevant to each Hospital will be issued with Bid Documents.
- 5) Separate Bids should be submitted for Cooked Meals and Dry Firewood. Bids in two copies as original and duplicate placed in separate sealed covers and the two covers then be placed in a single sealed cover marked the name of the relevant contract (Supply of Cooked Meals / Dry Firewood) and the name of the Ayurvedic Hospital / Rural Ayurvedic Hospital / Drugs Manufactory / Ayurvedic Central Dispensary at the left-side top corner and the name and address of the applicant below that. Bids could either be sent by Registered Post addressed to, Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Uva Provincial Department of Ayurveda, Diyathalawa or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Uva Provincial Department of Ayurveda, to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 24.08.2022. Bids received after the closing of acceptance will be rejected. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of Bids at 2.00 p.m. on 24.08.2022 and Bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the opening.
- 6) Bidders are required to possess at least two years experience in providing cooked meals to Ayurvedic Hospitals when submitting Bids for Diyathalawa, Medagama, Kiriibbanwewa, Buttala, Ballaketuwa Rural Hospitals and Bathalayaya Kidney Diseases Research and Prevention Hospital. A written document in proof of the above fact should be submitted either when obtaining the bid documents or could be attached with the bids and it is compulsory.
- 7) As the Provisions of Meals to patients is a very responsible work, bids of those bidders who breach Bid Conditions will be rejected. The Procurement Board retains the right to the final decision with regard to acceptance or rejection of bids received in its entirety or part thereof. Selected Bidder should deposit the Agreement Security in cash or by Bank Security as on the day of intimation of his selection and arrive at an agreement.
- 8) Bidders who require further details or any clarifications can do so from the Office of the Uva Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda. (Tel. Nos. 057-2229199 / 057-2229173).

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Uva Provincial Department of Ayurveda,
Diyathalawa.

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INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDS

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION (REFINERY DIVISION)
PUBLIC TENDER 4431 T

SUPPLY OF CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka will receive sealed bids from reputed Manufacturers, their authorized export Agents abroad or their authorized local Agents (Manufacturers or Export Agents) for the supply of above mentioned item conforming to the Terms & Conditions given under the Bidding Document.

Any bidder submitting a bid, shall pay a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 3,500.00 on a request letter to the Cashier, 5th Floor, CPC Head Office, No. 609, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo - 09 or to the Cashier, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya before 1500 hours on any working day up to 29-August-2022 and also payments can be made in cash to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation's People's Bank Account No. 004100110208633 referring tender number & bidder's name in short.

Bidding document which comprises the conditions of the Tender and the specifications is available on websites : www.ceypetco.gov.lk & www.dgmarket.com

Alternatively bidding documents could also be obtained from the undermentioned.

Bids will be received by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee until 1430 hours on 31-August-2022 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Refinery Training Centre Auditorium.

MANAGER (MATERIALS)
CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION
REFINERY DIVISION,
SAPUGASKANDA, KELANIYA,
SRI LANKA.
Tel.: 0094-11-2400110
Email: ref.materials@ceypetco.gov.lk

INVITATION FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDS

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION (REFINERY DIVISION)
PUBLIC TENDER 4423 T

DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING & TEST RUN OF 110V DC UPS SYSTEM

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka will receive sealed bids from local suppliers for Design, Supply, Install, Commission & Test Run of above mentioned item conforming to the Terms & Conditions given under the Bidding Document.

Any bidder submitting a bid, shall pay a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 1,000.00 on a request letter to the Cashier, 5th Floor, CPC Head Office, No. 609, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo - 09 or to the Cashier, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya before 1500 hours on any working day up to 29-August-2022 and also payments can be made in cash to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation's People's Bank Account No. 004100110208633 referring tender number & bidder's name in short.

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INVITATION FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDS

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION (REFINERY DIVISION)
PUBLIC TENDER 4439 T

SUPPLY OF PRE-FABRICATED SANDWICH PANEL CABIN

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka will receive sealed bids from local suppliers for the supply of above mentioned item conforming to the Terms & Conditions given under the Bidding Document.

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INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDS

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION (REFINERY DIVISION)
PUBLIC TENDER 4425 T

SUPPLY OF FIELD MOUNTING TYPE HYDROGEN ANALYZER

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka will receive sealed bids from reputed Manufacturers, their authorized export Agents abroad or their authorized local Agents (Manufacturers or Export Agents) for the supply of above mentioned item conforming to the Terms & Conditions given under the Bidding Document.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 21(2) OF THE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY ACT, NO. 20 OF 2009

INTENTION TO GRANT EXEMPTION - MONARCH RESIDENCIES

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka ("the Commission") hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 21(2) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No.20 of 2009 that the Commission intends to grant exemption to the applicant identified below for the purpose of distributing and supply of electricity only within the specified/respective premises as it has a limited distribution network within their premises and the quantum of energy distribution is low.

Application Ref. No.	Applicant	Premises	Nature of consumers
E/AE-D/22/05	Management Corporation Condominium Plan No.6562 - Monarch Residencies	No.89,Galle Road, Colombo 03	Residential

Representations (if any) may be made in writing to the Commission with respect to the above proposal, within twenty-eight (28) days of this notice. Please quote the Application No. when making representations.

Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
Level 06, BoC Merchant Tower, 28,
St. Michael's Road,
Colombo 03.

Telephone: (011) 2392608
Fax: (011) 2392641
E-mail: licensing@pucls.gov.lk
Website: www.pucls.gov.lk

Date: 04.08.2022

PROCUREMENT NOTICE (AMENDMENT)

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF AYURVEDA

SUPPLY OF LABOUR FOR SWEEPING / CLEANING SERVICES - YEAR 2022/2023

With reference to the newspaper advertisements published in the Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran newspapers dated 22.07.2022, the details as shown under 02 in the above advertisement is being amended as indicated below.

Serial No.	Institution	Required Service	Fees and documents to be submitted		
			Value of the unconditional Bid valid for 91 days (up to 10.11.2022) obtained from a commercial bank recognized by the Central Bank to be submitted with the Bid (Rs.)	Assets Certificate as per Form General 170 (Rs.)	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)
02	Base Ayurvedic Hospital, Minneriya and Panchakarma Centre	Supply of Labour for Sweeping / Cleaning Services	48,000.00	150,000.00	1000.00

02. Other conditions will remain unchanged.

Chairman
Procurement Committee of the Provincial Department of Ayurveda,
Provincial Department of Ayurveda,
North Central Province, Anuradhapura.
02.08.2022

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB III)

Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha

Local Development Support Project - CREDIT NUMBER - P 163305

Construction of Pre School at Velanai North East
LDSP/NP/JAF/VPS/2021/ (05)(R)

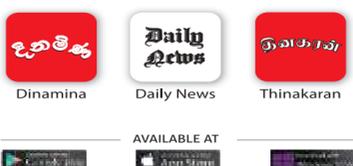
Construction of Public Toilet at Vankalavady - Velanai
LDSP/NP/JAF/VPS/2022/PT 01/02

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a credit from the World Bank towards the cost of the Local Development Support Project and intends to apply part of the proceed of this Credit to payments under the contract for **Construction of Pre School at Velanai North East and Construction of Public Toilet at Vankalavady - Velanai.**
- The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee on behalf of **Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha, Velanai, Jaffna, Northern Province,** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction work described in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee, Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha, Velanai (Tel. No. 021-2211505 / Fax No. 021-2211506, e-mail - velanaips@gmail.com)** and inspect the bidding documents at the same address on any working day between 09:00 hrs and 15:00 hrs from **04th August 2022 until 25th August 2022.**
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the Section 5 of the Bidding document.
- To be eligible for contract award the successful bidders shall not have been blacklisted by Ministry of Finance or World Bank or any other acceptable Institution and Domestic Contractors shall have been registered in the field of **Building Construction** for grade mentioned in the table below with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha, Velanai from 04th August 2022 until 25th August 2022 from 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs** on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee as per the table below. The method of payment Should be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in Original & Duplicate to the address below **at or before 10.30 hrs on 26th August 2022.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security as per the information given in the table below.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on **15th Aug 2022 at 11:00 hrs** at Conference Hall, Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha, Velanai. Interested bidders may attend the pre-bid meeting at their own expenses.

No	Contract No.	Description of Work	Estimated Civil Cost Rs. (Million)	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Validity Period of Bid from the last date of the Bid submission	Required Bid Security	
								Security Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period
01	LDSP/NP /JAF/VPS /2021/ (05)(R)	Construction of Pre School at Velanai North East.	10.49	3500.00	120 Days	C6 or above (Building)	77 Days	105,000.00	09.12.2022
02	LDSP/NP / JAF/VPS /2022/PT 1/02	Construction of Public Toilet at Vankalavady - Velanai	2.39	2500.00	60 Days	C8 or above (Building)	63 Days	23,900.00	25.11.2022

Chairman,
Divisional Procurement Committee
Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha, Velanai, Jaffna, Northern Province.
04.08.2022

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for bids for the Supply of Dry Drugs to the Uva Provincial Department of Ayurveda - 2022

Bids should be submitted only on bid documents issued by this Department. The official receipt issued upon payment of the non-refundable fee in cash as mentioned above to this department should be submitted for obtaining bid forms.

Duly completed bids along with the original copy of the Worth Certificate (Form Gen. 170) issued by the Divisional Secretary and also having paid the refundable bid guarantee is mandatory for obtaining bid forms.

Nature of Supply	Refundable Bid Guarantee (Rs.)	Non-refundable Bid Form Fee (Rs.)	Worth Certificate Issued after 31.12.2021 (Rs.)
Supply of Dry Drugs to the Uva Provincial Ayurveda Central Stores	If paying in cash - 100,000.00	2,000.00	500,000.00
	If paying as a Bank Guarantee - 200,000.00 (This guarantee should be valid for 120 days from the date of bid opening)		

Bid documents could be obtained on Government working days from **04.08.2022** up to 2.00 p.m. on **24.08.2022.**

Sealed bids should be prepared in two copies as original and duplicate and enclosed in separate envelopes, marked with the words, "Supply of Dry Drugs - 2022, Department of Ayurveda, Diyathalawa" on the top left-hand corner of these envelopes containing bids and submitted by registered post addressed to Chairman, Procurement Board, Uva Provincial Department of Ayurveda, Diyathalawa to be received before 2.00 p.m. on **25.08.2022** or could be inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Procurement Board Chairman's Room.

Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids and bidders or authorized representatives could be present on this occasion.

Procurement Board retains the right of accepting bids submitted in entirety or rejecting same or accepting a part of same. Further details regarding this matter could be obtained by contacting Mr. Bandara on Telephone No. 057-2229173.

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Board,
Uva Provincial Department of Ayurveda,
Diyathalawa.