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Yuang Wang 5 vessel

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has communicated to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Colombo to defer the visit of the Yuang Wang 5 vessel to the Hambantota Port. TO PAGE 04

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Litro Gas prices reduced by Rs.246

Litro Gas Lanka Limited reduced the price of all categories of domestic LP Gas cylinders with effect from midnight yesterday (8).

Accordingly, the price of a 12.5Kg cylinder was reduced

by Rs.246, a 5Kg cylinder by Rs.99 and a 2.3Kg cylinder by Rs.45.

Following the price reduction, the new prices of 12.5Kg cylinder is Rs. 4,664, 5Kg cylinder is Rs. 1, 872 and 2.3Kg cylinder is Rs. 869.

The Cabinet Paper on the gas price revision was presented to the Cabinet of Ministers

A senior officer of the company on Sunday said that Litro has been making profits since last July and TOPAGE 02



President requests protesters to submit formal proposals

Proposes Floating Market for youth activities

President Ranil Wickremesinghe said with the support of the State, he would like to propose the Colombo Fort Floating Market and several other places to support the needs of the youth and requested the protest-

ers to prepare a formal proposal with the intervention of the majority of the strugglers and submit to him.

The President mentioned this when he met with a group of Galle Face protesters on Friday. TO PAGE 02



GOVT. TO ESTABLISH COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WIDE POWERS TO OVERCOME ECONOMIC CRISIS

JAYASIRI MUNASSINGHE

The Government is planning to establish a Committee on Economic Development with wide powers to intervene in policy decisions, planning, implementation and monitoring of the efforts to overcome the current economic

Business tycoon, Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian Dhammika Perera is likely to head the Committee, sources said.

A senior official of the Finance Ministry said that the committee will have wide powers to intervene in policy decisions, planning,

MP DHAMMIKA PERERA LIKELY TO HEAD COMMITTEE

implementation and monitoring of the programmes mooted to overcome the economic crisis. He said the monthly foreign rev-

– USD 900 has now come down to around USD 250 - USD 300. "One of the main tasks of the new Committee will be to come

enue which was around USD 800

up with proposals and monitor implementation of efforts to bring in as much foreign revenue as possible," he added.

He also said the Committee will be given wide powers and the chairperson of the Committee may have powers similar to that of a Cabinet Minister.

The first Randoli Perehera of the Kandy Esela Festival paraded the streets on

Sunday. Here, the ceremonial tusker Indi Raja carrying the Sacred Relics Casket exiting the Sri Dalada Maligawa to join the perehera. Picture by Asela Kuruluwansa

INDI RAJA CARRYING THE SACRED RELICS CASKET



The mountain leopard that died at Vanaraja Estate, Hatton after it was caught in a snare trap and had climbed a tree with the trap around its body. Picture by Chandana Jayaweera, Hatton Corr.

Minister orders immediate probe into mountain leopard's death

An investigation carried out by the Ministry of Wild-Life into the death of the

mountain leopard. TO PAGE 02

Adjournment Debate on President's Policy Statement commences today

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

The House will commence the three day Adjournment Debate on the President's Policy Statement from today (09). President Ranil Wickremesinghe TO PAGE 04



Budget Amendment Bill 2022 to be presented today

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Budget Amendment Bill 2022 will be presented to Parliament today (09).

The Amendment Bill with regard to the Appropriation Act No. 30 of 2021 for the year 2022 will accordingly TO PAGE 04

IOC

Egyptian, Czech Presidents congratulate President

The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and the President of the Czech Republic Milos Zeman have sent congratulatory messages to President Ranil Wickremesinghe. TO PAGE 02!



Milos Zeman

Abdel Fattah El-Sisi

Proposals on APG to be given to all political parties this week

Proposals to form an All-Party Government (APG) will be given to all political Parties that attended the discussions within this week,

Government sources said. Earlier, the President said the proposals will be given to political parties on Monday (8). TO PAGE 02

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

plans to dispense fuel for vehicles engaged

in public transportation and taxi services as

The Power and Energy Ministry has made



The Government has ranted approval to open 50 new Lanka IOC filling stations across the country, LIOC MD Manoj Gupta said While expressing his

Lanka IOC gratitude to the Sri Lankan Government, Gupta said the LIOC will release the detailed advertisement inviting applicants. TO PAGE 02

Police to arrest another two suspects for storming SLRC

SHAVINI MADHARA The Cinnamon Gardens Police yesterday informed the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court that investigations have been initiated to arrest another two suspects who had recently stormed into the national television channel, TO PAGE 02

Magistrate rejects request to issue order preventing today's protest

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Chief Magistrate Nandana Amarasinghe yesterday rejected a request to issue an order preventing the protest organised today (9) by political parties and various organisations at the Vihara Maha Devi Park in Colombo. TO PAGE 02

Tooth extraction lands man in trouble

ASELA KURULUWANSA

A man from Kandy who kept his extracted tooth in his pocket was in for a rude shock as the Police had

apprehended him TO PAGE 02

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Stalin granted bail

General Secretary

of the Ceylon Teachers Union Joseph Stalin has been granted bail. He was released on two surety bails of Rs.500,000 TO PAGE **04**



Kurunegala Hospital record room stolen

KURUNEGALA SUNIL S. PELLANDENIYA

A large number of documents stored in the record room of the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital have been stolen by a group of unidentified individuals. TO PAGE 04

Adaikkalanathan fears TNA split RASULA DILHARA, North Corr.

per the QR Code. TO PAGE 02

Tamil National Alliance

(TNA) Wanni District Member of Parliament Selvam Adaikkalanathan on Sunday said the party may split due to the activities TOPAGE 02

Investigation to apprehend sugar scam suspects **SIRANJANI KUMARI**

Plans to dispense fuel for buses,

taxi services under separate QR Code

The Criminal

Investigation Department (CID) yesterday informed Colombo Additional

Stop arresting 'Aragalaya' members - SJB P.K.BANDARA

The National

Organizer of Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), Member of Parliament TO PAGE 04

Millionaire businessman who forcibly entered President's House flees country

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

A millionaire businessman who was with those who forcibly entered the President's House has fled

the country after investigations were launched to arrest him.

A senior Police officer said that the TO PAGE 02

Rambukkana shooting: Writ Petition filed seeking annulment of Magistrate's order withdrawn

DILSHAN THARAKA

A Writ Petition which was filed by Senior Superintendent of Police K.B.Keerthiratne and three Police Constables seek-

ing an annulment of the order issued by the Kegalle Magistrate to remand them in connection with the shooting to death of a TO PAGE 02

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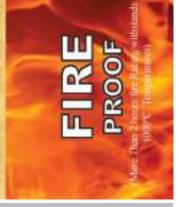
















 Sound Proof Heat Insulation



Proposes Floating... From page 01

The President said in that process, it should be made into a center where libraries for education, facilities for political studies, music, art, theater and other youth skills and needs can be fulfilled.

The President asked the protesters to form a main group representing all the strugglers and mentioned that the representation of all religions and women is also essential for that group.

Police to arrest... From page 01

Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC) and forcibly appeared on a live programme. Filing a motion before Court, the Police informed the Magistrate that a suspect wanted in connection with this incident has been remanded in connection with another case by the Fort Magistrate's Court.

The Police requested the Magistrate to issue an order directing the Prisons Authority to produce the suspect before Court in connection with this incident.

According to the CCTV footage, four individuals including Roshan Danish Ali and Chaminda Kalum Priyashantha have been identified as the protesters who had forcibly entered the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC).

The Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court had earlier issued a travel ban on Roshan Danish Ali and Chaminda Kelum Priya Amarasinghe.

The Police pleaded to issue a travel ban on Roshan Danish Ali, Chaminda Kelum Priya Amarasinghe and another suspect.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF POWER & ENERGY CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

BIDS FOR THE "FABRICATION & INSTALLATION OF CONDENSER FOR CHILLER NO.02 OF CENTRAL AC SYSTEM **OF CPC HEAD OFFICE"**

B/43/2022

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) invites sealed Bids from authorized interested bidders in Sri Lanka for the contract "Fabrication & Installation of Condenser for Chiller No. 02 of Central AC System of CPC Head Office".

To be eligible for awarding the contract, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have complied with the eligibility and qualification criteria stated in the Bidding Document.

Bidding documents can be obtained on working days between **0900 hrs and 1500 hrs up to 29.08.2022** from the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09, after payment of a nonrefundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 (Rs. 1,785.71 + 12% VAT) to CPC or download from CPC website. i.e. http:// ceypetco.gov.lk/public-tenders/. Bidders who download the documents should pay document fees to the Account No. 004100110208633 of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation of People's Bank (Head Office) and the payment receipt should be submitted along with the Bid.

All Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs on 31.08.2022 and opened at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation at the address given below, immediately after the closing time of the Bid. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the opening of the Bid.

Departmental Procurement Committee, C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores), Cevlon Petroleum Corporation.

No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09, Sri Lanka.

TENDER NOTICE

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CEYLON PETROLEUM

CORPORATION

INSPECTION AND HEALTH ASSESSMENT

OF 12 NOS. OF OIL STORAGE TANKS IN

CHINABAY UPPER TANK FARM

B/42/2022

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement

Committee (DPC) of Ceylon Petroleum

Corporation invites sealed bids from eligible

bidders for the Contract, "Mechanical

Inspection and Health Assessment of 12 Nos.

of Oil Storage Tanks in Chinabay Upper Tank

Bidding documents can be obtained on

working days between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs

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Interested bidders may obtain further information

from Mr M. Arawinthan Tele. No. 011-5455288 or

Departmental Procurement Committee,

No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha,

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submitted along with the Bid

Chairman



Magistrate N.Ilangasinghe that an investigation to apprehend the suspects involved in the 2020 sugar scam which allegedly caused a loss of Rs.15.9 billion to the state due to the reduction of taxes on imported sugar is under-

The Criminal Investigation Department stated before the Court that by reducing the Import Tax amount from Rs.50 to 25 cents per kilogramme of

sugar, the Sri Lankan Government lost a tax amount of Rs.15.9 billion.

"Several statements have already been recorded in relation to the incident," the CID reported.

The CID also informed investigations were underway to ascertain whether excessive profits have been made to any party without giving the benefit of this tax reduction to the con-

Adaikkalanathan fears... From page 01

of two TNA politicians who are trying to take advantage of the current political crisis.

However, the TNA member did not reveal the identities of the two persons he referred to.

Speaking to the media, the MP said that the Tamil National Alliance, an alliance of several parties should be registered as a single political party under the name TNA. He said services to the public too should be expanded.

He also said that although the Tamil National Alliance is not divided now, looking at the cur-

rent events, there are signs of a decline in the party in the mindset of the Tamil people

Selvam Adaikkalanathan said that the reason for this is the statements made by two members of the party with ulterior motives trying to gain petty advantage of the current situa-

He emphasised that the people who have broken away from the TNA for various reasons should forget everything and rejoin the party in order to make it a stronger political force.

Proposals on APG to be ... From page 01

President had requested the support of all political parties to form an APG as it is the hope of the people and the religious leaders. President has said that

he will conclude the discussions with Janatha Vimukkthi Peramuna today and will present the set of proposals to all political parties during this week.

Magistrate rejects request... From page 01

manner.

The Cinnamon Gardens Police informed the Magistrate that the aforesaid protest would obstruct the movement of the public.

Accordingly, the Cinnamon Gardens Police requested an order from the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court, preventing

TENDER NOTICE

CEYLON PETROLEUM

CORPORATION

MECHANICAL CLEANING OF

12 NOS. OF OIL STORAGE TANKS IN

CHINABAY TANK FARM IN TRINCOMALEE

B/44/2022

Committee (DPC) of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the

Contract, "Mechanical Cleaning of 12 Nos. of

Oil Storage Tanks in Chinabay Tank Farm in

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Chairman

Chairman, Departmental Procurement

the protest from being held in the area. However, the Magistrate denied the Police's request and instructed the Police to take action under the provisions of the Police Ordinance, if the protesters behaved in a violent

Litro Gas prices reduced... From page 01

the payment of overdue loans of the company have also commenced.

Meanwhile, Litro Gas Company Chairman Muditha Peiris on a previous occasion

said that the company has enough gas stocks to address the demand and orders have been placed to import LP Gas required until October this

Tooth extraction lands man... From page 01

as a treasure thief after finding the tooth inside his pock-

A businessman from the outskirts of Kandy had come to the town yesterday to see his dentist and buy some spare parts for his vehicle.

He had first gone to the dentist who had recommended the removal of a bad tooth. The businessman had reluctantly agreed but had asked the dentist to give his extracted tooth back to him. This he had wrapped in a small polythene cover and had put it inside his pocket.

Due to the Kandy Perahera there is heightened security in Kandy and the businessman had to face a thorough search by an alert policeman at the E.L.Senanayake Veediya. After the Police officer

found the tooth inside the businessman's pocket, he had been subjected to lengthy questioning. Later, the businessman had been referred to a higher officer by the said Police officer and further questioning had ensued.

The businessman said the police questioned him regarding the tooth suspecting it to be an elephant pearl. The Police also had found Rs.500,000 in his possession.

The businessman was released after a while when he produced documents from the doctor regarding the removal of his tooth.

The businessman although been able to achieve the first task for which he came to Kandy, that was to meet the dentist, could not attend to the second requirement, which was to buy spare parts as he had to face a lengthy interrogation by the police regarding his extracted tooth.

Millionaire businessman who ... From page 01

businessman is a top investor in a leading iron industry company in the country.

It is said that the businessman is currently staying in an African country.

The charge levelled against this businessman is forcibly entering the President's

The businessman after entering the President's house had taken selfies on his mobile phone and shared them on social media.

Police information stated that the photos shared on

social media have now become evidence against the businessman.

According to Police, 15 suspects have been arrested so far in connection with the trespassing of the presidential residence and property theft.

The Police have so far identified 45 people who are said to have forcibly entered and vandalised the Presidential residence.

The Colombo Central Division Criminal Investigation Bureau has launched operations to arrest those people.

Rambukkana shooting: Writ Petition... From page 01 man during a protest in Rambukkana allowed by the Court. Senior Superintenwas withdrawn yesterday at the Court of dent of Police K.B. Keerthiratne and three

Chaminda Lakshan, a father of two, was shot to death by Police during a protest rally in Rambukkana demanding for petrol on April 19.

Police Constables have filed the Writ Peti-

The Kegalle Magistrate on April 27 ordered the arrest of the suspects who ordered the shooting and carried out the

The petition states that the order issued by the Kegalle Magistrate's Court ordering the arrest of the suspects is legally

Therefore, the petitioners contend that the remand order issued against them after they were produced before the Court is also not in accordance with the law.

It also states that it is unfair to have been remanded for more than a month while the investigation into this incident has not been completed. Therefore, the petition seeks a Writ Order nullifying the order issued by the Magistrate's Court. President's Counsels Rienzie Arsakularatne and Upul Jayasuriya appeared for the aggrieved parties.

Plans to dispense fuel for buses... From page 01

programme will

be implemented

week to provide

the required fuel

engaged in pub-

by the coming

to the buses

lic passenger

The Ministry said plans were afoot to identify the volume of fuel required for Sri Lanka Transport (SLTB) buses, private transport buses and taxi services by assigning a separate QR Code.

This was stated when a petition filed

suspending the order given by the Kegalle

seeking the issuing of an Interim Order

Magistrate to remand the suspects was

The petition was taken up before the

Court of Appeal Bench comprising Justic-

The Court of Appeal previously fixed to

taken up before the Court yesterday.

es Sobitha Rajakaruna and Dhammika

announce the order on August 30 on

tion to the extent that the group was

ordered to be released on bail.

regarding the matter.

the petition.

whether to issue an interim order or not

However, the Kegalle High Court had

recently filed a motion related to this peti-

Accordingly, this petition was taken up

yesterday and President's Counsel Shavin-

Additional Solicitor General Vikum de

Abrew, appearing on behalf of the Attor-

object to it. Accordingly, the request was

ney General, stated that he would not

dra Fernando appearing for the petition-

ers sought from the Court to withdraw

This was decided at a meeting attended by Transport, Highways and Mass Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunewardena and Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera and officials of the two ministries. Accordingly, a issued by the CTB Depots and Makumbura and Bastion Mawatha filling stations until this programme is implemented. It was also discussed about preparing a necessary programme for identifying professional three-wheelers and

islandwide. Fuel for buses will be

taxis separately and giving them more fuel in addition to the general fuel quota given to them. It was decided to jointly regulate the vehicles with the Transport Com-

mission and the Provincial Councils and accordingly provide the information to the Power and Energy Minis-

Accordingly, it was decided to take the necessary steps in the coming week in this regard. The event was attended by repre-

sentatives of 15 major professional three-wheeler associations and taxi

transport from the CTB depot and fuel stations associations.

Minister orders immediate... From page 01

Agriculture, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera yesterday instructed the Secretary of the Ministry Chandra Herath to conduct an immediate investigation into the death of the mountain leopard that died in a tea garden at Summerhill Estate in Hatton.

This mountain leopard, who was caught in a hunter's snare, had climbed a nearby Eucalyptus tree. The animal has got entangled in the snare thus suffocating it. Eventhough there was an opportunity to save the life of the animal by cutting down the tree, the media had

reported that the mountain leopard died under it. Minister Amaraweera has

instructed the Secretary to conduct an immediate investigation in this regard and if confirmed that the animal died due to the carelessness of the concerned wildlife officials, that disciplinary action be taken against the said officials.

Meanwhile, Ministry Secretary Chandra Herath informed the Minister that a team consisting of an Additional Secretary was sent to Summerhill Estate in Hatton for a special investigation regarding this incident.

Obituaries

Approval to open 50... From page 01

Investment on tanks, distribution units and

dealers end and land to be owned or leased by

LIOC currently has 211 filling stations under

other equipment will be provided by LIOC

while land, infrastructure cost will be from

the applicant, Gupta said in a tweet. The

ANDREW JOSEPH MAHANAMA BASNAYAKE - Passed away on 07th August 2022. Beloved son of late Norbert and Benedicta Basnayake, loving brother Ranjini Amarasinghe, Naomal Basnayake and Nirmalee Weerasinghe, much loved brother-in-law of late Franklyn Amarasinghe, Sharmi Basnayake and Vernon Weerasinghe. Mortal remains lie at A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour, Borella. Cortege leaves Parlour at 3.00 p.m. on 09th August for Burial at St. Mary's Church Cemetery, Nayakakanda at 4.00

It is with great sorrow that we announce the

passing away of KOSALA EKANAYAKE (Ex Staff of Aitken Spence / Life Insurane - Union Assurance). Beloved husband of Nelum (Helpage Sri Lanka), loving father of Jayendra Yahasith (Brisbane) and Jayawinda Nimsith (Fair First Insurance), fahterin-law of Malika (Brisbane) and Dilakshi (Panasian Power PLC), beloved grandfather of baby Sayon, son of late Mr & Mrs M.H. Weerakoon, loving brother of Bisomenike, Dissanayake, Nandawathi Manike, Podi Manike and Kumari, beloved brotherin-law of Dr Manel Dias Wanigasekara (UK), late Malkanthi Mcshane and Yohan Rajapakshe, peacefully departed into the arms of Jesus. Funeral announcement -Viewed Saturday, 6th August from 12 noon to 9.30 p.m. Sunday, 7th August from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Service 7th August at 16.00 hrs at Jayarathna Parlour - Borella and cremated at the Angleian Section Borella Jayaratna Funeral Parlour.

KARUNARATNE - NILANTHIE, At Rest with Jesus. Beloved wife of late George, loving mother of Ravi and Premanie, mother-in-law of Shyama Karunaratne and Vajira Bogollagama, adored grandmother of Ashan, Sonalie and Tyler, daughter of late Sheldon and Gertie Fernando, loving sister of late Shiraz and sister-in-law of Premani. Cortege leaves residence No.11, P.M. Fernando Mawatha, Moratuwa at 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday 9th August, for Burial at General Cemetery, Borella (Kanatte) at 5.00

MATHANGAWEERA - GEORGE (Rtd. S.S.P.) Dearly beloved husband of late Neelendra, much loved father of Suresh, Rajiv and Nirupi, father-in-law of Menaka, Shenika and Prasann Leanage, darling grandfather of Sharini and Asela Mendis, Rishen, Seshan, Neisha and Pravish, beloved brother of the late Lida, the late Henrietta, the late Reggie and of Dula, Bandu and Neeliya, brother-in-law of the late Ranjan Gunasekara and Sriyani, Vinodhini and late Henry Perera and of Hiran Gunasekara, expired. Remains lie at A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour. Cortege leaves A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour at 11.00 a.m. on 10th August 2022 for Cremation at General Cemetery, Borella at 11.30 a.m. (New Crematorium). 046155

NOELINE ATTALE - It is with profound sadness that we inform the passing away of Noeline Attale, wife of (late) Percy, darling mother of Suresh and Madonna, motherin-law of Nalin and Annesta, much loved grandmother of Ranugi, Virun, Clive, Caven and Shanelle, sister of the late Iona, Ben, Clarice, Doreen, Gladys and Victor. Remains lie at 102, Alwis Town, Hendala, Wattala. Cortege leaves at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 10th of August for Burial at the General Cemetery, Kerawalapitiya. 046150

PERERA - NOELINE THERESE - Loving wife of the late Dr B.S. Perera (Bertie), precious mother of Sunil (Australia), Ranjan (U.K.), Srini and Nilanthi (Australia) and late Lalith, mother-in-law of Chitra (Australia), Anya (U.K.), Dudley Waas and Asoka Daswatte (Australia), much loved grandmother of Nishan and Nalinka, Rushika, Sharnel and Suren, Anushka, Marissa and Dominic, great-grandmother of Aiyanna and Nevaan, Arjuna and Druvik, loving sister of (late Dr L.H. Fernando, Dr Neville Fernando, Doreen, Celine, Clarice, Marie, Maurice, Leonie and Anton), Norma Cross and Dr Rita De Silva, sister-in-law of Jeswyn Gunawardene and Dr Mervyn De Silva, P.S: Due to Covid restrictions a private funeral was held. A Memorial Service will be held later when her children from overseas can travel to Sri Lanka.046151

RODRIGO **NORMA** WILLENBERG) (Retired Teacher). Dearly beloved wife of late Kingsley Rodrigo (Licensed Surveyor - Gampola), loving mother of Shamil (USA), Hiran (Canada), Renuka (USA) & Meneka (USA), mother-in-law of Natalie, Nadine & Indira, fond grandma of Quinn, Ian, Garrett, Gavin, Hanna, Nicole, Rochelle & Praveen, daughter of late Shelton and late Pearl Willenberg, sister of late Verna, late Travis, Cholmondeley (Australia), Monica (USA), late Eardley, late Darrel, late Shirley & late Ralph. Remains lie at 133, George E. de Silva Mawatha, Kandy on Tuesday, August 9, from 10.30 a.m. Funeral service will commence at 2 p.m. followed by the cortege leaving the residence at 3 p.m. for Burial at the Mahaiyawa Cemetery, Kandy.

Northern Province

(Amendment) Act No. 22 of 2012

Northern Province by virtue of powers vested in me under Sub Section No. 66 (G) of Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act No.22 of 2012, hereby notify to convene the meeting for the election of new Chairmen for the following Local Authorities in Northern Province scheduled below according to the date, time and venue specified below.

S. No.	Name of Local Authority	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Valvettithurai Urban Council	23.08.2022	9.30 a.m.	Council Hall of the Valvettithurai Urban Council
2.	Karainagar Pradeshiya Sabha	25.06.2022	2.00 p.m.	Council Hall of the Karainagar Pradeshiya Sabha

Department of Local Government, Northern Province, **Elders Home Complex,** A9 Road, Kaithady, Jaffna.

08th August 2022

Department of Local Government

Mariyathas Patrick Diranjan, **Commissioner of Local Government,** Northern Province.

Fax: 0094-11-5455424

Notice of meeting under the Local Authorities Elections

I, Mariyathas Patrick Diranjan, Commissioner of Local Government,

Writ Petition filed against illegal activities

No road construction through Sinharaja Reserve-Forest Dept.

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Department of Forest Conservation yesterday made an undertaking to the Court of Appeal that a new road will not be constructed through the Sinharaja Reserve Forest and a reservoir will not be created in the forest area.

State Counsel Navodi de Soysa appearing for the Department of Forest Conservation made this undertaking when a Writ Petition filed seeking an immediate enforcement of the law against those engaged in illegal activities including clearing in the forest area, was taken up before the Court yesterday.

The petition was taken up before the Court of Appeal Bench comprising Justices Sobitha Rajakaruna and Dhammika Ganepola. Attorney-at-

Law Ravindranath Dabare appearing for the petitioners stated that he has received information that the existing road in the Sinharaja forest is being prepared to be expanded and modernised.

He also mentioned that information has been received that they are trying to build a reservoir in this forest area under the Ginganga pro-

However, the State Counsel who appeared for the Forest Conservation Department stated that a new road will not be constructed through this forest.

She made an undertaking that the existing road will not be renewed or widened and a reservoir will not be created in the forest area. After considering the facts, the Court of Appeal fixed the petition to be taken up again on September 8.

The petition was filed by the Environmental Justice Center and its Executive Director Hemantha Withanage.

The petition has cited the Minister of Wildlife, the Secretary of the Ministry, the Director General of Wildlife Conservation, the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and the Attorney General as respondents.

The petitioners say that various illegal constructions, cultivation activities and other illegal activities are taking place outside the reserve area adjacent to the Sinharaja Reserve Forest Zone, which is designated as a national

Therefore, this petition was filed saying that there is a serious prejudice to the biodiversity as well as the animals in the Sinharaja reserve

Therefore, the petition has also sought an order from the court to issue to the respondents to identify the illegal activities taking place in the respective reserved area and immediately implement the law against the persons responsible for

The petition has also requested that the Minister of Wildlife, the Secretary of the Ministry, the Director General of Wildlife Conservation and other authorities be ordered to prevent the construction of new roads and reservoirs in the forest

Police probe to arrest businessman over contract killing

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Police have launched an investigation to arrest a millionaire businessman on suspicion of ordering a contract killing of a funeral parlour owner in Middeniya.

The Police have uncovered that the businessman had allegedly

given the contract to an Army deserter for Rs.two million.

The murder took place last June 26 in Middeniya. Pratabhath Manju, the owner of the funeral parlour was shot and killed when he was opening his shop in the morning. Two people who came in a car had shot him with a T-56

Several special Police teams, including the Middeniya Police, who conducted investigations in this regard, discovered that the shooter had come to this attack in a Wagon R rented car from Tangalle.

The investigation also revealed that the shooter was an Army deserter who had gone into hiding after the incident. Investigations have revealed that the millionaire businessman has given the contract due to a personal dispute over his daughter.

Government to eradicate drug abuse, anti-social activities in urban areas - Minister

IRANGIKA RANGE

The Government has focused on preventing drug abuse and anti-social activities among children and adolescents in urban areas, "Urban Development and Housing Minister Prasanna Ranatunga yesterday said.

He also said that the Govnew laws to give authorities far. The Government is instructions to the Security

anti-social activities and drug use among children and adolescents.

Especially, children and youth from low-income families in urban areas are at increased risk for antisocial behaviour and drug use. Drug traffickers have suc-

greater powers to prevent working hard to save the Forces to implement strict low-income families in urban young generation from the drug menace, the Minister

"We have already implemented programmes to educate children and youth on the health and social consequences of drug addiction through relevant Police and ernment will not hesitate to cessfully introduced drugs to religious places. The Presichange lawsor formulate schoolchildren and youth so dent has already given direct Development Authority have been awarded certifi-

laws against drug traffickers. A special programme will be implemented in the future to prevent drug abuse and other anti-social activities in urban areas," he said.

The Minister was addressing the gathering at the certificate awarding ceremony organised by the Urban (UDA) for the children in

areas. The UDA in collaboration along with the Aquinas College of Higher Studies conducts a Certificate course in English for children in low-income families in Urban areas and the Authority bears Rs.15,000 per child studying the course. Thirty three children cates at the ceremony.

Chinese students sponsored for MFE programme

The Sri Lanka Embassy in China sponsored a batch of Chinese students for the Master of Financial Economics Programme (MFE) - 2022 at the University of Colombo on July 29. The first batch comprises 30 Chinese students. This followed after extensive efforts by the Embassy to encourage Chinese students to study in Sri Lanka. These students will pay the full course fees.

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Beijing, China-Asia Economic Development Association of the University of Colombo, Beautiful China Investment Company and the Tomorrow Technology **Education Services Centre** organised the event.

Ambassador Dr. Palitha Kohona, who is an alumnus of the University of Colombo, congratulated the students for selecting



Sri Lanka Ambassador to China Dr. Palitha Kohona and **CADEA President Wang Kejian along with the Chinese** students who were selected for the MFE degree programme at the University of Colombo.

the MFE Programme of the University and said that Sri Lanka warmly welcomes international students. He said that the Country's mission is to "delight" the students, industry, employees, and other stakeholders with the country's higher education system and that Sri Lanka will offer Degree programmes to fee paying foreign students.

Sri Lanka has produced a large number of outstanding luminaries who have contributed to the world in variety of fields such as science, law, ICT, biology and now work in institutions such as the NASA, the United Nations, the Boeing and Google.

The Ambassador encouraged more and more Chinese students to study in Sri Lanka. At the same time, he invited the family members of the students to visit Sri Lanka as tourists, and enjoy the beauty and the hospitality of Sri Lanka.

President of the International Academic Exchange Committee of China-Asian Economic Development Association (CADÉA) Wang Kejian requested the students to take full advantage of this opportunity to acquire knowledge, act as a bridge and as cultural messengers between China and Sri Lanka, and write a new chapter in the friendship between the two countries. He alsor said that the Beautiful China Investment Company together with the Tomorrow Technology Education Services Centre will send more Chinese students to study in Sri

Lanka. The event was attended by more than 80 participants including media, and concluded with a reception serving Ceylon Tea and king coconuts.

Rs.16.5 Mn robbery in Kotahena

BANDARAGAMA BIMAL JAYASINGHE

Two men entered the residence of a businessman at Benedict Mawatha in Kotahena and robbed gold jewellery worth Rs.15 million and Rs.1.5 million in cash around 9.00 a.m. yesterday, Police said.

"The victim runs a tile business," Police said.

According to Police, the suspects wearing white shirts had entered the residence with handcuffs and threatened the residents before committing the crime.

They had locked the businessman and his wife in a room and tied the hands of a female servant. The suspects had then escaped unharmed with the robbed jewellery and cash. Kotahena Police have assigned several police teams to arrest the culprits.

JVP to discuss All-Party **Government with President today**

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

A discussion will be held between the President and the Janath Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) today (9) on the All-Party Government, JVP politburo member Sunil Handunnetti said.

Handunnetti said that the President has already set up a government with the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP). Therefore, he said that there is no use of inviting other political parties to join that government. Handunnetti also said that the Government does not reflect people's mandate.

Handunnetti also said that they are meeting the President to inform him that the JVP will not be a part of an all party govern-

The JVP politburo member also said that the Government should explain its position on the Chinese ship, which is bound to Sri Lanka. India has expressed its concern over the Chinese ship. Handunnetti said that

the Government did not

clearly explain its stance

on the ship and this will push Sri Lanka into a serious international crisis. Handunnetti also said

that the Government should take necessary steps to resolve any conflict or tension relating to the arrival of the ship and either the President, the Prime Minister or the Foreign Minister should publicly make a statement in this regard.

Handunnetti was speaking at a press briefing at the JVP Headquarters vesterday (8) morning in Colombo. The JVP politburo member also said that if the Government does not make a clear stance on this matter, the future generation will have to bear the worst.

Two suspects arrested with T-56, magazine, heroin

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Police Special Task Force (STF) personnel of the Ambalantota and Udawalawe camps in a joint operation arrested two suspects along with a T-56 weapon, a magazine and 10 grams of heroin with eight live ammos in Modarawana, Embilipitiya

on Saturday night on a tip-

The suspects in the ages of 30 and 38 are residents of Kahawatta and Embilipitiya, police said.

Following the arrest, the STF had found two fake number plates of a vehicle during a search operation conducted in the house of one of the suspects.

The STF handed over the suspects to Embilipitiya police. They were remanded till August 17 after being produced before the Embilipitiya Magistrate on Sunday (7).

The investigations are continuing.

Misuse of QR code in Matale

INDIKA ARUNA, NAULA CORR.

Several incidents of misusing the QR code have been reported from Matale. Some vehicle owners had printed the QR code from bookstores and communi-

The QR code had also fallen into hands of fraudsters due to this reason.

Some people are pasting the QR code on their vehicle windshield. Then the fraudsters get pictures of them and use them to buy fuel.

'About 4.3 million fuel transactions during last seven days'

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

About 4.3 million transactions have been completed during the last seven days from August 1 midnight to August 8 midnight and issued 36,599,301 litres of fuel within the duration.

These transactions were carried out from 1,040 CPC filling stations and 206 LIOC filling stations - 1,246 filling stations. According to the CPC statistics, 3.843.142 vehicles were issued 23.540.778 litres of petrol whilst 457,096 vehicles Fuel Pass.

were issued diesel. Of the vehicles, the largest number was motor cycles (2,576,019) that were issued 10,078,212

Three wheelers which came the second (728,150) were issued 3,562,716 litres. Meanwhile, 537,220 motor cars were issued 9,325,985 litres of petrol.

The statistics further revealed that 5,533,054 motor vehicles have been registered for the QR system of the National

Several Kandy Perahera spectators arrested with narcotics

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The Anti-Corruption Unit of the Kandy Police has arrested 21 spectators of the

Kandy Esala Perahera along with narcotics. They have been arrested in a sudden search operation carried along the route

where the procession paraded; police said Police seized cannabis, heroin and narcotic pills with the suspects. They are residents of Colombo, Kandy, Katugastota, Peredaniya and Matale, Police said. Kandy Police are investigating.

Drunken trishaw driver who ran over police officer arrested

PRADEEP KUMARA, Kottawa Corr.

A drunken trishaw driver who ran over a Police officer on duty at a roadblock near the Deepangoda flyover on the Maharagama-Horana bus route has been arrested.

Police say that the constable who was injured in the accident had been admitted to the Homagama Base Hospital.

A police officer who was standing at the roadblock near the Deepangoda flyover near the Southern Expressway Sundriver had been arrested.

day night had signaled a three-wheeler that was travelling on the road to stop for inspection.

However, instead of stopping, the trishaw had struck the officer and tried to flee. When the other police officers chased the three-wheeler had toppled at a distance of two hundred metres from the place of the incident. Accordingly, the three-wheeler had

been taken into police custody and the

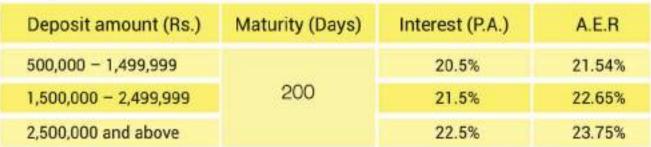


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MONKEYPOX

WHO donates PCR kits to Sri Lanka

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

World Health Organization (WHO) Sri Lanka recently handed over a consignment of Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test kits for monkeypox to Sri Lanka.

The kits may be used for diagnosis of up to 730 monkeypox cases. Strengthening surveillance and laboratory investigations for monkeypox is critical to rapidly identifying cases and clusters and ensuring timely isolation of cases to prevent further transmission.

The WHO shall further support implementation of recommended strategies for disease prevention and control: case finding, contact tracing, infection prevention and control measures, reaching the high-risk communities, clinical management and risk communica-

WHO Representative to Sri Lanka Dr. Alaka Singh officially handed over these test kits to Health Minister Keheliya Rambukwella at the Health Ministry.

According to the WHO, the multi-country outbreak of monkeypox represents a Public Health Emergency of International Con-



Health Minister Keheliya Rambukwella accepts the stock of PCR tests from WHO Representative to Sri Lanka Dr. Alaka Singh, at the Health Ministry, recently.

cern, the highest level of global public health alert. From January through July 2022, more than 19,000 probable and laboratory confirmed cases of monkeypox have been reported to WHO from at least 78 countries across all six WHO regions, including the South-East Asia Region.

Monkeypox can cause a range of signs and symptoms, including fever, rash, and swollen lymph nodes, which can be easily confused with symptoms of other illnesses, such as chickenpox, measles, and bacterial skin infections.

In most cases, symptoms subside within a few weeks. However, in some cases - particularly among newborn babies, children and peo-ple with underlying immune deficiencies - infection can lead to medical complications and even death. Since January, five deaths from monkeypox have been reported to WHO.

If you think you might have monkeypox, you can protect others by seeking medical advice and isolating yourself from others until you have been evaluated and tested. Anyone who has close contact

with someone who is infectious is at risk. As we learn more, additional cases may be identified in the broader community.

"Though the risk of monkeypox globally and in the region is moderate, the potential of further international spread is real. All countries of the region must therefore strengthen preparedness and response capacities, building on a series of priority actions, while WHO continues to coordinate and support global research and equitable access to key health tools such as vaccines and treatments, based on public health risks and needs," WHO sources said.

With the right strategies, this multi-country outbreak can be stopped - globally, and in the region. Towards that goal, the WHO will continue to support all countries of the region, ensuring a response that is coordinated, and which actively combats stigma and protects the vulnerable.

The WHO stressed that a coordinated response that actively combats stigma can stop transmission and protect vulnerable groups.

The Colombo Central Divisional Crimes Investigation Unit is seeking the support of the public to identify 32 individuals who had forcibly entered President's House in Fort during the mass anti-government protest on July 9. Police yesterday released the images

of those individuals to the media copied from social media and CCTV footage. Anyone with reliable information about them are requested to contact the mobile numbers 071 8591559, 071 8085 585, 011 2 391358 or the Police hotline





Forcibly entering

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Police on lookout for

these individuals

















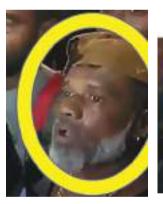
































Death of elephant Barana

Suspect constable released on bail

ANANDA KARUNADASA

Anuradhapura Cori

Kekirawa Acting Magistrate on Saturday ordered the constable who was charged as the main suspect in the death of elephant Bharana in an electrocution incident, to be released on bail of Rs. 250,000.

He was arrested and brought before the court in connection with the incident.

The Acting Magistrate further ordered suspect constable to appear before the Kekirawa Magistrate's Court again on September 1. Tusker

Bharana, giant tusker who attracted both local and foreign tourists to the Kalawewa National Park

was found dead in mysterious circumstances.

The deceased tusker regularly roamed the Kalawewa National Park and Namal National Park. This elephant was between 30 and 35 years old and had a pair of four-feet-long tusks.

Later it was revealed that the elephant had died of electrocution after getting entangled in



Tusker Bharana attracted both local and foreign tourists to the Kalawewa National Park. Picture by Ananda Karunadasa

Foreign Ministry clears doubts... From page 01

Diplomatic clearance for the Chinese vessel Yuang Wang 5 to make a port call at the Hambantota port 11-17 August, 2022 for replenishment purposes was conveyed by the Ministry to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Colombo on 12 July, 2022.

Subsequently in light of the need for further consultations, the Ministry has communicated to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Colombo to defer the visit of the said vessel to the Hambantota port.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to reaffirm the

enduring friendship and excellent relations between Sri Lanka and China which remain on a solid foundation, as reiterated most recently by the two Foreign Ministers Ali Sabry and Wang Yi at a bilateral meeting in Phonm Penh, Cambodia on 4 August, 2022.

At this first meeting between the two Foreign Ministers, Minister Sabry referred to Sri Lanka's firm commitment to the one-China policy which has been a consistent principle in the country's foreign policy, the ministry in a media communiqué said.

Stop arresting 'Aragalaya' ... From page 01

Tissa Attanayake yesterday said the SJB made a request to the President to stop arresting members of the 'Aragalaya'.

At a press conference held at the Opposition Leader's office, he said the activists engaged in the struggle with the primary purpose of creating a better political culture and solutions to the present crises.

Attanayake added that the SJB will support every effort to help the country recover from its fallen state.

Egyptian, Czech Presidents ... From page 01

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi has stated in a congratulatory message that the Egyptian Government has confidence in the ability of President Ranil Wickremesinghe to lead Sri Lanka to progress and prosperity.

The President of Egypt while extending his congratulations wished that every effort President Wickremesinghe makes to fulfill the hopes and expectations of the Sri Lankan people be successful.

The Egyptian President also said that he is eager to further strengthen the bilateral relations between the two countries to advance the common interests of the two countries and ensure a more

prosperous future for the friendly people of the two countries.

Meanwhile the President of the Czech Republic Milos Zeman in his congratulatory message says that under President Wickremesinghe, Sri Lanka will be able to successfully face the current challenges.

While stating that the Czech Republic and Sri Lanka have enjoyed a close friendship based on mutual understanding and cooperation the President of the Czech Republic also said he hoped that the good relations that exist traditionally will continue to be deeply developed for the benefit of the people of both countries.

Victims of the Kattankudy Mosque massacre remembered



The 32nd anniversary (Shohada Day) of the Kattankudy massacre was comemmorated at the Hussainiya Mosque. Picture by M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Group Corr

M.A. PHAKURDEEN

Addalaichenai Group Corr. Victims of the Kattankudy

Mosque Massacre were remembered on Tuesday, August 3, on the 32nd anniversary (Shohada Day), at the Hussainiya Mosque.

One hundred and three Muslims of Kattanakudy were brutally massacred by terrorists while they were conducting their *Esha* prayers, in the night, at the Kattankudy First Mosque and the Hussainiya

Mosque, on August 3, 1990. Respected Ulamaas, Moulavies, religious dignitaries and trustees of mosques under the patronage of Chief Trustee of the Mosque M. Sameem Hajee attended the commemoration.

Kattankudy Mohideen Metthaipperiya Jummah Mosque Chief Imam Moulavi A.J.M. Ameen conducted special recital of Thuwa while the proprietor of Rise Sri Division Meera Jumma Grand Lanka As-Sheikh A.B. Akram (Naleemi) delivered special Bayan.

WFP welcomes Norway's support to address rising food insecurity in Sri Lanka

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has welcomed a critical contribution of Rs. 189 million (US \$500,000) from the Government of Norway to support Sri Lankans struggling to feed

their families. WFP's emergency food and nutrition operation aims to assist 3.4 million of the Sri Lankans most at risk of food insecurity and malnutrition amid record food inflation, skyrocketing fuel prices and widespread shortages of essential commodities.

"We are deeply concerned about

the impact of the current economic and political crisis on the people of Sri Lanka. The food shortages and increasing prices have a particularly adverse effect on children and women. We consider it an urgent priority to address the immediate food and nutrition needs. Norway is now contributing NOK 5 million (approximately Rs. 189 million) to the efforts of the World Food Programme in assisting the most vulnerable groups in Sri Lanka," announced Norwegian Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Trine Jøranli Eskedal.

Budget Amendment Bill 2022... From page 01

be presented to the House during the morning session. Meanwhile, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution will be presented to the House on Wednesday (10).

Stalin granted bail ... From page 01

each by Colombo Fort Magistrate Thilina Gamage. Stalin was arrested last week for allegedly violating a court

order during a protest at the

Bank of Ceylon Mawatha on May 28. He was produced before the Colombo Fort Magistrate last week by the Fort Police and was remanded till August 12.

Adjournment Debate on President's... From page 01

presented his Policy Statement last Wednesday (03) during the Ceremonial Opening of the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament. The debate will continue on Wednesday (10) and Friday (12). The Adjournment Debate will

be moved by the Chief Organizer of the Opposition, MP Lakshman Kiriella. The Opposition requested a debate on the Policy Statement at the Party Leaders' Meeting. It was considered by the Speaker of the House.

Documents from Kurunegala... From page 01

"Among the stolen documents are those relating to the registration of patients admitted to the hospital and other important documents," hospital sources said.

Director of the Hospital Dr. Chandana Kendagamuwa has lodged a complaint with the Kurunegala Police in this regard after an officer in charge of the

record room reported the incident to the Director. Accordingly, the Kurunegala Police have commenced an inves-

tigation into the incident. Preliminary investigations have revealed that those documents have not been stolen in a single attempt and it has been continued for weeks. Police are investigating.

29th Edition of the ASEAN Regional Forum

International community reiterates support for Sri Lanka



Minister Ali Sabry with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.



Minister Ali Sabry in conversation with Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.



Minister Ali Sabry with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.



with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Jodep Borrell Fontelles.

The 29th Edition of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) took place on August 5 at Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. The forum was hosted by the current chair of ASEAN, Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Prak Sokhonn.

This year's forum addressed the importance of bilateral relations between the ARF member states with the theme of 'ARF A.C.T: Addressing Challenges Together'.

Whilst being congratulated by most delegations on his recent appointment, Foreign Affairs Minister

M.U.M. Ali Sabry, PC, had fruitful discussions on bilateral relations with some of the key members from the ARF.

The delegations from the European Union, China, India, and Japan reiterated their support for Sri Lanka in the path of economic recovery, whilst the delegation from the United States sharing the same sentiments emphasized on the opportunity that awaits Sri Lanka with this crisis to make something very positive out of a very difficult situation.

Minister Sabry in his statement addressed the importance of governments working closely, holistically, and together to curb global crisis, shocks and strains that have a devastating effect across the globe and in this region.

Speaking on the theme for this year's forum, the importance of achieving sustainable development goals, keeping markets open to rebuilding businesses affected by the pandemic, and the urgency to combat climate change were areas of importance as identified by Minister Sabry. He concluded his statement assuring that Sri Lanka is determined to work with the fellow member states of ARF to provide greater opportunity for the people of this region.



Minister Ali Sabry with Turkish Foreign Affairs Minister Meylut Cavusoglu.



Minister Ali Sabry with Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi.



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Army successfully growing seed maize in Kandakadu farm

The Sri Lanka Army has now planted 100 acres of seed maize in the Polonnaruwa Kandakadu farm to obtain maize seeds for the next Maha season cultivation.

Agriculture, and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera visited the Kandakadu farm last Saturday (06) and observed the cultivation of this seed maize cultivation. There, the Army officers expressed their opinion that urea fertilizer is necessary to get a successful harvest from that crop.

The Minister instructed the Secretary of the Ministry, Rohana Pushpakumara to provide solutions for that and immediately take steps to supply the urea fertilizer required for the cultivation.

There are about 10,000 acres in the Kandakadu farm, of which the Agriculture Ministry has decided to hand over 3,000 acres to the Sri Lankan Army for the cultivation of maize in the next season. In addition, the Rehabilitation Authority has provided 250 acres for maize cultivation by using the labour of the camp run near the Kandakadu farm.

The Kandakadu Army Camp has also started a successful chilli cultivation of about 100 agrees

of about 100 acres.

The Agriculture Ministry has planned to plant maize for animal feed on 60,000 hectares of land next Maha season. But the current problem is that there are not enough maize seeds. Currently, the amount of maize seed available is



Agriculture and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera visited the Kandakadu farm last Saturday

enough for 50,000 hectares. Therefore, the Minister expressed his gratitude to the officials regarding the cultivation of 100 acres of maize by the Sri Lanka Army to obtain the maize seeds required for the cultivation of the Maha season.

The shortage of animal feed products in the island has now severely affected the poultry, egg and liquid milk industry. According to the current situation, it is not possible to import the raw materials required for animal feed products such as maize and sorghum. The reason is the shortage of dollars. Therefore, by producing maize seeds in our country, the hope is to control the shortage of animal feed by taking steps to cultivate 60,000 hectares of maize in the next crop sea-

If the necessary measures to produce maize and other animal feed are not taken, next year the price of eggs

and chicken meat in the Sri Lankan market will rise. Therefore, our goal is to produce at least 75 percent of the four lakh tons of maize we need annually.

Therefore, all the lands owned by the government, including the Agriculture Ministry, will be given to the Army for cultivation of food crops. Many local private companies and individuals who want to cultivate are willing to get land. It was decided to give all those people land for cultivation.

The target is to locally produce all the food crops needed by our country in the next year. The Minister mentioned that the Government will also take steps to provide the necessary facilities for that.

Secretary of the Ministry Rohana Pushpakumara and senior military officers of Kandakadu Army Base and Rehabilitation Camp also participated in this event.

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RASULA DILHARA North Corr.

On Sunday (7) the Jaffna Police arrested six people who broke into a LP Gas shop in Ottumadam, Jaffna, and stole 52 gas cylinders. All the gas cylinders stolen by them have been found by the police from various places in Jaffna. The police have arrested the suspects from the Pommaveli area

of Navantura, Jaffna. They have estimated the value of the gas cylinders to be Rs. 790,000 and have taken steps to present the suspects to the court

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Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Security
\$/416/22	Supplying, Fabricating and Fixing of Weather Protection Curtains for Shops at "Eco Agro Park, Holuwagoda" at Galle	23 rd August, 2022 13.30 hts	Rs. 15,000.00

- 1. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from 09th August, 2022 up to 22th August, 2022 (working days) upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3rd Floor, New Building).
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1th Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before 23rd August 2022 at 13:30 hrs. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (D&R) of SLLDC Tel: +94 11 2862058 Fax: +94 11 2862058



Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation No.03, Sri Jayewardenepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya. Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk My Reference No.: BD/BD/LND/3/5/45

Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition Act (amendment) No. 28 of 1964

Notice Under Section 07

Acquisition of Land for the Construction of the playground of Dharmadutha National School - Badulla.

Please refer the Gazette Extraordinary bearing No. 2289/30 dated 20.07.2022 issued under Section (7) of the Land Acquisition Act as amended by the Land Acquisition Act (amendment) No. 28 of 1964.

Province : Uva District : Badulla Divisional Secretary's : Badulla Division

Grama Niladhari Division

Village where the

land is situated

: 78 C/ Badulla East.

Preliminary Plan No.: B 748 Number of blocks : 01 Total extent of Land : 0.9181 hectare

> : Kandalagama (Division No. 4), Badulla Municipal

> > Area.

D.M.L.H. Dissanayake Divisional Secretary, Badulla.

At the Divisional Secretariat of Badulla on 01st of August, 2022

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Vans

For sale

251-7794 Mazda, 1993, van for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel: 0714542958. 045783

59-6891 Nissan Serena, 1992, for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel: 0714542958. 045781



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62-7995 Toyota bus. 1989, for highest of fer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel: 0714542958. 045785

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Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Invitation For Bids (IFB)



Ministry of Plantation Development of Minor Export Crop Plantation Division

LANKA SUGAR COMPANY (PVT) LTD

International Competitive Bidding for the Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Turbo Alternator One to One Replacement - Pelwatte Sugar Factory - PR - 12205

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC) of the of Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd, hereby invites sealed bids from interested parties for the Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Turbo Alternator One to One Replacement for the factory located in Pelwatte, Sri Lanka.

. Bidders shall purchase a complete set of Bidding Documents on submission of a written

application to Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd, No 27, Melbourne Avenue, Colombo 04, Sri Lanka, from 9.00 hours to 15.00 hours of Sri Lankan standard time on working days up to 19th September 2022 upon payment of non-refundable fee of LKR 20,000.00 or US\$ 55.00 by way of direct remittance to below mentioned bank account. Bidding Documents can also be downloaded from the Lanka Sugar website (www.Lankasugar.lk) or Ministry of Plantation website (www.plantationindustries.gov.lk) or Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.mfa.gov.lk) and deposit slip or bank draft of non-refundable deposit should be submitted along with the

Description	LKR Bank Account
Name of the Bank	Bank Of Ceylon
Branch	Milagiriya
Account Name	Lanka Sugar Company(Pvt) Ltd
Account Number	73927950
Swift Code	BCEYLKLX

2. Required Items

1. Supply Installation & Commissioning of Turbo Alternator One to One Replacement

01 No.

Bidder shall attach the non - refundable deposit slip along with bid documents. If fail to attach such bid shall be rejected.

Bids must be submitted in a scaled envelope, either delivered by hand, couriered to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd, No 27, Melbourne Avenue, Colombo 04, Sri Lanka, Not later than 14.00 hours Sri Lankan standard time on 20th September 2022 and be clearly marked as "Tender for the Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Turbo Alternator One to One Replacement-Pelwatte Sugar Factory" on the top left hand corner of the envelope. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorized representatives may witness the opening of bids. Late bids will not be accepted. The decision of the Tender Board shall be the final.

5. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of irrevocable and unconditionally encashable of US \$ 3,665.00 or LKR 1,350,000.00 valid up to 06th December 2022.

6. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Procurement Manager - Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd (Tel. +94 11 2505558, Mobile + 94 77 010 3359, Fax +94 11 2500674, email: sapumal@lscl.lk)

Chairman-Department Procurement Committee Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd, No 27, Melbourne Avenue, Colombo 04. Sri Lanka

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

KARACHCHI PRADESHIYA SABHA, **KILINOCHCHI**

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP)

LOAN NUMBER: P163305

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of Local Development Support Project (LDSP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for Construction of Shopping Complex at Skanthapuram Market (Stage I)
- The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC) on behalf of the Karachchi Pradeshiya Sabha now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction of Shopping Complex at Skanthapuram Market (Stage I) as described below.

•	No	Contract No	Contract Name	Tentative Estimated Cost (Rs.Mn)	Required Minimum CIDA Grade	Contract Period
	01	LDSP/NP/KN/KPS/2022/03	Construction of Shopping Complex at Skanthapuram Market (Stage I)	8.37	C7	154 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 registered in the specialty of Building Construction for grade mentioned in the table above with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 5 (Bidding Data and Contract Data) of the Bidding
 - Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chairman, Karachchi Pradeshiya Sabha, A9 Road, Kilinochchi. (T.P No: 0212285761, Fax No: 0212285690) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 09th August 2022 until 05th September 2022 from 09:00 Hrs to **15:00 Hrs** on normal 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, Karachchi Pradeshiya Sabha, A9 Road, Kilinochchi from 09th August 2022 until 05th September 2022 from 09:00 Hrs to 15:00 Hrs on normal working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Rupees (Rs.2,000.00). The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below at Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee, Karachchi Pradeshiya Sabha, A9 Road, Kilinochchi at or before 14.00 Hrs on 06th September 2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 22nd November, 2022. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of Rs.100,000.00. Bid Security shall be valid up to 20th December, 2022.
- 10) A pre-bid meeting will be held on 30th August 2022 at 11.00 Hrs in Karachchi Pradeshiya Sabha, A9 Road, Kilinochchi.

Chairman,

Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC) Karachchi Pradeshiya Sabha, A9 Road. Kilinochchi

09.08.2022

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REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

Wanni Adipattu Mudiyanselage Lasantha Sampath Kumara Chandrasekara (NIC No. 830613390V) of Divulwewa Road, Mampitigama, Ambanpola (post), in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, wish to notify the Government of Democratic Socialsit Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Special Power of Attorney attested by Mrs. A.P.G. Rupika Wickramatilleka, Notary Public Kurunegala of No. 27 dated 10th October, 2019 granted by me to Mr. Malala Hettinayaka Mudiyanselage Ramesh Taraka Wijeratna (NIC No. 921041748V) of No. 111, Madatuwa Padeniya, Wariyapola, is hereby cancelled, revoked and made null and void and that I shall not be held responsible for any act or deed or transaction done or entered into under that Power of Attorney on my behalf by the said Attorney since the date hereof.

Wanni Adipattu Mudiyanselage Lasantha Sampath Kumara Chandrasekara 09th August, 2022

Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 9(2) of the Companies Act No.07 of 2007 that the name of the undermentioned Company has been changed effective 12th July 2022, pursuant to the provisional approval granted by the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in terms of Section 5(3)(b) of the Finance Business Act No.42 of 2011.

Former Name of Company: Assetline Leasing Company

Company Number

Registered Office : No.120, 120A, Pannipitiya Road,

New Name of Company

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> Battaramulla. : Assetline Finance Limited

By Order of the Board **Assetline Corporate Services (Private) Limited Company Secretaries**



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SPECIAL NOTICE

BANK OF CEYLON

Taking into consideration the economic conditions prevalent in the country, Bank of Ceylon has taken steps to offer relief to those adversely affected. Those adversely affected and facing hardship are often seen finding it difficult to make repayment in accordance with their commitments on various types of loans such as business loans, personal loans and leasing.

Consequently, customers who require loan relief on upcoming loan instalment repayment are encouraged to contact the loan officer or manager of the respective branch without delay.

Kindly forward your request to the relevant branch on or before 31/08/2022.







Sri Lanka Institute of Architects

NOTICE

Quarterly General Meeting

The Second Quarterly General Meeting of Session 2022 / 2023 of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects is scheduled for Friday the 26th August 2022 at 5.30p.m. It will be held as a Hybrid Meeting, via Zoom App. Seating accommodation at the SLIA Auditorium would be allocated subject to conditions prevailing at the time on a first-come-first-serve basis. The link to join the meeting will be provided in due course.

All Corporate and Registered Members are invited to join this meeting.

Archt. Nandaka Jayasinghe, AIA (SL) Hony. Secretary Sri Lanka Institute of Architects



Invitation for Bids

District Secretariat, Mannar

Regarding the time extension for issuing and calling of Bids for the Sprinkler **Irrigation System**

We have advertised a Bid Notice on 29.06.2022 in Daily News & Yarl Thinakural Newspapers for calling Sprinkler Irrigation System for Musali DS Division, which comes under the District Secretariat's World Food Programme. But, no one got the bid calling from till the closing date.

Thus, we decided to reprocess the above project with a time extension, for bid issuing duration extended until 3.00 p.m. on 23.08.2022 and bid opening duration extended until 3.00 p.m. on 29.08.2022.

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BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA (BOI)

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for Bids for the below mentioned procurement has been published on "Dinamina" on 09 August 2022 and on the official website of BOI (www.investsrilanka.com)

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR TAILORING OF UNIFORMS TO THE SECURITY STAFF OF BOI

CONTRACT NO: BOI/S&S/Q/79/2022

Bidding document pertaining to this procurement has been prepared in Sinhala language and interested bidders may act according to the advertisement published on "Dinamina" and on the official website of BOI: (www.investsrilanka.com)

Bidders may obtain further information from the Senior Deputy Director (Administration) on 011 2543041 / 074 1531432.

Board of Investment of Sri Lanka

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Total Value of Prizes Rs. 4,895,880/-

Winning Numbers

Draw Number: 3527 Colour: Purple

Date: 07-08-2022

Sagittarius

Next Super Jackpot Rs. 2,630,770.60

Draw No.: 3976

Colour: Pink



Sunday Date: 07.08.2022

Winning Numbers

Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,364,060/-

Tel: 0112 333 546/47 Hotline: 0114 824 824 Result Hotline: 0112 333 778

Next Super Jackpot Rs. 71,883,096.90

el: 0112 333 546-47 Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919

Winning tickets are valid only for six months



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Draw Date > 07.08.2022

Winning Numbers

Sunday **Total Value of Prizes**

Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners 07

Rs. 1,372,620/-



Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha,
Union Place, Colombo 02
Tel: 0112 333 546-47
Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
To buy tickets and check results download
sweep app from www.dbl.

The Indigo, Light Brown and Green tickets are respectively valid on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.



English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers 20 35 70 71

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Yellow Date: 07. 08. 2022 Sunday

Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,002,560/-

Next Super Jackpot Rs. 252, 187, 339/-



Development Lotteries Board 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Ma



Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919 SMS: DLB<space>LOT<space>KK & send to 1919
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Date: 07.08.2022 Draw No.: 1641 Colour: Green **Winning Numbers**

Sunday

Next Super Jackpot Rs. 56,420,664/-If the super prize has already bee the starting jackpot will be applic **Total Value of Prizes** Rs. 2,406,240/-

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Colour 1

Winning tickets are valid

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Sunday

Development Lotteries Board 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union P Tek 0112 333 546-47 Draw Number

only for six months



Total Value of Prizes Rs. 1,732,900/-

For Results

Development Lotteries Board Development Lotteries Dos.13
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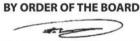
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF NATION LANKA FINANCE PLC WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY THE 25TH AUGUST 2022, AT 10 A.M. VIA ZOOM LINK, CONDUCTED FROM THE BOARD ROOM OF NAWALOKA COLLEGE OF HIGHER STUDIES (PVT) LTD SITUATED AT NO.546/3, GALLE ROAD, COLOMBO 03, TO CONSIDER AND IFTHOUGHT FITTO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION:

NOTICE OF MEETING

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Two Billion Eight Hundred & Seventy Million Forty Thousand Three Hundred & Twenty Five (2,870,040,325) Ordinary Voting Shares be offered to the existing Shareholders of the Company in the proportion of Two Hundred & Twelve (212) new Ordinary Shares for every One Hundred (100) Ordinary Shares held by the Shareholders as at end of trading on 30th August 2022 (record date), at a consideration of Rs.0.70 per share, to raise a sum of Rupees Two Billion Nine Million Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred & Twenty Seven and Fifty Cents (Rs.2,009,028,227.50), which consideration is in the opinion of the Board of Directors is fair and reasonable to the Entity and to all existing Shareholders and such offer be made by way of a Provisional Letter of Allotment with Provisions for Renunciation to CDS and the Shares not subscribed for as at the last date of acceptance and payments specified in the Provisional Letter of Allotment and shares for which payments have not been honoured be deemed to have been declined and such declined Shares be allotted at the same price to the existing Shareholders who may apply for additional Shares and any fractional shares (calculated as per the formula set out in the Circular item 17 to the Shareholders) arising from the Provisional Allotment be allotted at the same price to the Shareholders including Lanka Credit and Business Limited and Sinha Capital Investment Limited,

applying for additional shares.



CORPORATE ARCADE LTD COMPANY SECRETARIES

9th August 2022 Note:

A Shareholder is entitled to appoint a proxy to participate and vote (on-line) on his/her behalf. A Proxy Holder need not be a Shareholder of the Company. A Form of Proxy is uploaded to the website of the

Company and CSE The completed Form of Proxy should reach 48 hours before the time fixed for the Extraordinary General Meeting, either by:

(i) Post or hand delivered to the Company Secretaries, Corporate Arcade Ltd at No.9/4, 1 - B, Edmonton

Road, Colombo 06 (ii) Scanned and emailed to the email address: nationlankaegm@gmail.com

The Board of Directors, having taken into consideration the health and safety guidelines issued by the Health Authorities in view of the COVID - 19 pandemic and the guidelines issued by the Colombo Stock Exchange to Listed Entities to hold Shareholder Meetings virtually and also considering the current fuel crisis prevailing in the Country, has decided to hold the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) through Audio or Audio/ Visual means in conformity with the regulatory provisions of the Company.

Only registered Shareholders and registered Proxy Holders will be permitted to log in to participate at the EGM via on-line.

The Board of Directors of the Company decided not to print and post the Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting and other relevant documents such as Circular to Shareholders, Form of Proxy etc. for the purpose of convening an Extraordinary General Meeting to obtain shareholder approval for the proposed rights issue due to the

Shortage of papers in the country for printing purposes.

ii) Shortage of mailing labels for posting.

Due to the above reasons, the aforementioned documents will be hosted or uploaded on the website of the Colombo Stock Exchange (https://www.cse.lk) and the website of the Company (www.nationlanka.com), as permitted by Laws of the Land and Articles of Association of the Company.



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9th August 2022

Message From The Honorary Consul General of The Republic of Singapore in Sri Lanka



Once again it is opportune for me to issue this message on the occasion of the 57th National Day of Singapore and to convey my best wishes to HE Madam Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore, Hon. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, HE Mr. Chandra Das, Non-Resident High Commissioner of Singapore to Sri Lanka, all our colleagues at the MFA and ICA, the people of Singapore and all our Singaporean Colleagues in Sri Lanka as they celebrate this Historic Day today.

Sri Lanka and Singapore are continuing to maintain the bilateral relations in-spite of challenges faced by both countries due to ever changing circumstances. The Diplomatic ties and the bond between the two countries date back to over 51 years and it was only last year that both countries celebrated the 50 years of Diplomatic relations which was also marked by issuing a stamp at a simple ceremony. Prior to the Covid-19 there were frequent high level of exchanges and co-operation between the two countries. This also paved the way for development of many sectors such as agriculture, education, trade and investments. Singapore has also been in the forefront to assist Sri Lanka every time it faces crisis and has made a financial contribution to support the Singapore Red Cross in its public fundraising to assist with the urgently needed medical supplies and other basic necessities of the vulnerable communities and humanitarian crisis in Sri Lanka. Even during the peak of the Covid-19, In-spite of having their own setbacks and curtailments Singapore came

forward to extend valuable support to Sri Lanka to curb the pandemic by donating healthcare and medical equipment, including Test Kits, Ventilators and personal protective equipment etc. Themaseck Foundation of Singapore is one of the very first Foundation which came forward to assist Sri Lanka in their timely requirements.

It is my personal wish that our two countries should maintain this bilateral relationship unhindered and forge ahead in the future years as well.

DR. JAYANTHA DHARMADASA

Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Singapore in Sri Lanka





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Here's Why Singapore is The Most Welcoming Country in the World

espite being commonly referred to as the "Fine City", it might come as a surprise to many that Singapore was recently ranked as the most welcoming country in the world!

According to a study conducted by TravelBird (in conjunction with World Cities Day), Singapore ranked first out of the world's top 500 tourist destinations based on factors that make visitors feel welcomed. These factors include the quality of a country's entry points (airports, train stations etc.), language proficiency and the local's openness to hosting tourists.

First impressions count

Singapore was ranked highest when it came to ports of entry. With the recent opening of Changi Airport Terminal 4 and its host of entertainment and food options, it is no surprise that visitors feel right at home the moment they touchdown in Singapore.

You can always crash on a couch in Singapore

Singaporeans also ranked highly when it came to the number of hosts available on websites like couchsurfing. com, revealing just how open locals are to tourists. If visitors are lucky they might even land a host that can take them to local hangouts. In addition to personal hosts, the country also offers a wide variety of hotels, from luxury resorts to artsy boutique hotels.

Minimising language barriers

In Singapore, English is considered the country's main language, which is great news for many travelers from Western countries that are afraid of facing language barriers. So don't bother downloading that Google Translate app-Singapore's got you covered.

A lot of tourists tend to leave

Singapore with a rather convincing grasp on Singlish. This colloquial language borrows phrases and nuances mostly from Hokkien and Malay dialects, and then weaves them into English sentences. Stay long enough and you might just learn how to order a cup of coffee like a local.

Safety measures

With a low track record for street violence, along with strict laws on drug and alcohol consumption, Singapore is one of the safest countries to visit in the world. The city-state ranks 8.95 out of 10.00 for safety in the TravelBird study

With an excellent airport, vast accommodation options and a emphasis on safety-not to mention a rich cultural heritage-it's no wonder Singapore remains a top destination for tourists all over the world.

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Two Famous Landmarks in Singapore

Ultra-sophisticated Singapore is the only place in the world that is a city, a state, and an island. Its diversity of cultures - Malay, Chinese, Indian and Europeanmake Singapore richly varied in its heritage, cuisines, art, and architecture.

Thanks to a remarkable greening program that began in the 1960s, the city is known as Southeast Asia's "City in a Garden". Many skyscrapers are adorned with vertical gardens, and Singapore is home to an incredible number of parks and green spaces for its size.

Here are 2 of the most famous landmarks in Singapore to see when you next visit this vibrant tropical country.

Warm Greetings to the

Gardens by the Bay

Three huge, contemporary glass structures house more than a million plants from around the world at Gardens by the Bay, a horticultural and architectural wonder that covers about 250 acres of Singapore's Marina Bay waterfront.

The first one, the Flower Dome, is the largest cooled glass conservatory in the world and showcases a breath-taking array of plants and flowers from five continents in nine different gardens. Themed exhibitions such as the annual Tulipmania attract thousands of visitors and floral displays change seasonally.

Floral Fantasy, the second conservatory, is divided into four zones - Dance, Float, Waltz, and Drift - that feature garden artistry taken to a whole new level. Displays are inspired by fairy tales and the legendary Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the seven ancient Wonders of the World.

Cloud Forest, the third conservatory, is dominated by the 115-foot tall, jungle-clad Cloud Mountain and the world's tallest indoor waterfall. You can walk along the misty Cloud

Walk and Tree Top Walk for a closer inspection of cloud forest vegetation and great views of the Marina Bay waterfront.

The Gardens' 18 Supertrees are an instantly recognisable Singapore landmark. Varying in height from 82 to 164 feet, two are connected by the OCBC Skyway, a 420-foot aerial walkway. At night, the Supertrees are transformed into a spectacular light and sound show.

Merlion Park

The striking Merlion sculpture on the Merlion Park waterfront is one of Singapore's most famous landmarks. Its lion's head represents Singapore's original name (Singapura) which means "lion city", while its fish tail symbolizes the country's early history as a fishing village.

Visitors throng Merlion Park waterfront for photo opportunities with the mighty Merlion and its smaller "cub" and for panoramic views of Marina Bay and one of the best skylines in the world. It's a great spot to visit at sunset, when the massive, three-tower Marina Bay Sands, Singapore Flyer, and ArtScience building, which resembles a lotus flower, light up.

You can walk around the waterfront to Marina Bay Sands in about half an hour or join a 40-minute bumboat cruise along the Singapore River at the Merlion Park jetty.



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Message from President of Sri Lanka-Singapore Business Council



On behalf of the Sri Singapore Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber, I am delighted to congratulate and extend our best wishes

to the Government of Singapore and her People on their National Day.

With the close and cordial relations between our countries over many decades, I strongly believe that our existing bilateral relations will continue to deepen and further develop towards mutual prosperity for the benefit of our countries and people.

The Sri Lanka Business Singapore Council (SLSBC) was inaugurated on the 14th of August 1997 under the aegis of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and

today has a membership of 85 companies. Our vision remains to optimize on the prevalent opportunities for the mutual furtherance of bilateral trade, investment, joint ventures, services and tourism between our two nations and the Council functions as a vital link in their promotion.

unprecedented times SLSBC took initiative to promote bilateral trade and investment between the two countries. These efforts focused on areas such as the real estate, education and gem and industries, jewellery leveraging the particular strengths of the two countries in these industries, while promoting the startup and Fintech ecosystems in Sri Lanka

and facilitating digitization to ensure greater efficiency. For the year 2022/23, the Council will focus on agriculture, the food processing and sourcing sectors, FMCG imports and exports, and promoting startups and SMEs, based on consultations held with

counterparts in

Singapore. The Council

also plans to organize a reserves in Sri Lanka.

Singapore Business

Joint Stamp Launches in Sri Lanka & Singapore to **Commemorate 50 Years of Diplomatic Ties**

joint stamp release ceremony was held at the Foreign Ministry, Sri Lanka on 27th July to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties which took place on the same day in 1970. This

the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka, Dinesh Gunawardena, and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, joining virtually.

The two stamps were ceremonially unveiled at the event, were especially designed for the



occasion to depict the theme "Marine Conservation", and showcasing the restoration of Coral Eco System in Sri Lanka, and Mangroves in Singapore and reflects the shared interest and commitment of both countries in protecting the marine environment.

Speaking at the occasion, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena highlighted the long standing friendly relations between the two countries, nurtured by deep rooted linkages at community and societal levels. He recalled his meeting with Minister Balakrishnan when both were holding different portfolios and the discussions held on tackling challenges posed by climate change across the globe. The Minister said further that the unveiling of commemorative postage stamps to mark the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties, undoubtedly shows the great warmth and friendship that exist between the two

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore His Excellency Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, in his remarks spoke about the warm and long-standing nature of Singapore-Sri Lanka relations. He noted the close and meaningful cooperation between our two countries, including during this COVID-19 period.

The event was attended by the former Sri Lanka High Commissioners who served in Singapore, Chitranganee Wagiswara, Nimal Weerarathna, Ferial Ashraff, Hony. Consul of Singapore in Sri Lanka, Dr. Jayantha Dharmadasa, community in Sri Lanka, Secretary of the Ministry of Mass Media, Officials of the Foreign Ministry and the Department of

Posts. Meanwhile in Singapore a ceremony was held at the Shangri La a few hours prior to the Colombo event where High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Singapore, Sashikala Premawardhane and Non-Resident High Commissioner of Singapore Chandra Das unveiled the two stamps in the presence of Mr. Gilbert Oh, Director-General of the South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore. Ms. Ruth Wong, Deputy Director, Postal & Consumer Policy, Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore (IMDA), and Ms. Peggy Teo, Vice President, Philately & Stamps, together with several other officials of MFA, IMDB, SingPost and the High Commission of Sri Lanka.

The Foreign Ministry extends its appreciation and congratulations to the Government of Singapore, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore, SingPost, and the Department of Post of Sri Lanka and to the High Commission of Sri Lanka in Singapore for the successful issuance of the commemorative stamps marking 50 years of friendship between Sri Lanka and Singapore.

trade delegation to Singapore later this year, which will assist efforts to enhance foreign exchange

We commend the achievements of Singapore and wish the nation and its people prosperity. May the ties between our two countries keep growing from strength to strength.

Prajeeth Balasubramaniam President, Sri Lanka -

BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA SUPPLYING AND LAYING OF INTERNAL WATER DISTRIBUTION

NETWORK AT BINGIRIYA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO: BOI/TS/BgEPZ/2020/08/02.002

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- A complete set of Bidding Document in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the Actg. Executive Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, World Trade Centre - West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 from 08.08.2022 until 29.08.2022 between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs. upon a payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 + VAT. The method of payment will be in cash.
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A shameful episode

ri Lankan track and field athletes set a record of sorts at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England, by winning the largest medals tally by Sri Lanka in the Commonwealth Games' 78 year old history. But Sri Lanka also established an unwanted record when 10 of our athletes did the vanishing trick from the Games Village bringing shame and disgrace to their country, not to mention letting down the local Game's Governing body and the various sponsors which funded the trip. Of course athletes have done the bunk before while participating in international events abroad. But this is the first time such a large number did the disappearing act. What is more, there are media reports that more participants were planning to decamp. Surprisingly all ten athletes represented the Armed Forces- seven from the Army and three from the Navy which no doubt is a black mark cast on the hard won reputation of the Forces which were the toast of the country after winning the 30 year war and salvaging the sovereignty and independence of the country.

True, the country is in a miserable state with living made extremely difficult as a result of the economic crisis with soaring prices of essentials and chronic shortages oppressing the people from all walks of life. The long lines at the Passport Office too is a reflection of the sad state of affairs. Most want to leave the country at the first available opportunity and apparently this is what the Lankan athletes in Birmingham did.

However, no matter the circumstances, nothing would justify bringing the country to ridicule in this fashion. The upshot of this is that wealthy developed countries hosting sporting events in the future would think twice about extending an invitation to our athletes after the 10 participants had blotted the copybook of all our athletes and in the process bringing about a bleak future for our sportsmen and women. The authorities should take up this matter with the seriousness it deserves and map out strategies to preempt athletes opting to stay over without returning to the country after sporting competitions. Perhaps they should think of introducing strong deterrents such as the seizure of assets or the confiscation of bank accounts of runaway athletes (pun intended).

Adding to the shame is the fact that even a member of the managing team of the Lankan athletes in Birmingham vanished without trace which not only has set a bad example but also questions the wisdom of sending large contingents of team officials who on most occasions even outnumber the participants. This, though, is not the first time that a team official failed to return. As already mentioned, athletes have done the dirty even in the past. Not only athletes, but even human rights activists and journalists who were sent on official coverage to foreign countries have stayed on without returning. Added to the list are even diplomats who fail to return when their tour of duty is over bringing shame on the country when everything is being done at this end to build Sri Lanka's image among the outside world.

What would the standing of Sri Lanka be with other countries other than that we would be cast as a nation that had failed to support its citizens and provide for their needs? However, poverty alone is not the reason for Sri Lankans going abroad opting to stay back. Even medical students and Government doctors who owe their professional status to the public on whose money they received their education, when sent on study tours or scholarships opt to stay back. Perhaps it is the superior living conditions and opportunities available coupled with the freedom prevailing in those countries that has been the main attraction.

Whatever it is, Sri Lanka cannot be allowed to be shamed and humiliated in this way. Concrete action is called for to prevent a repetition of the episode that had taken place in Birmingham. The rogue athletes had not only brought shame on the country but also devalued the achievements of the medal winners among the Lankan contingent and dented the record set. Presently the topic among most will be not about the victories or the record medal tally won by the team but the disappearance of the athletes from the Games Village. Perhaps the poor rewards offered for participants in other sports compared to that being lavished on cricketers too may have prompted them to stay behind in the more affluent countries after sporting events. Not a single Lankan cricketer so far has failed to return to the country after tours that sometimes last for two to three months. Perhaps this is an area that the sports authorities should also examine. Cricketers are retained on lucrative contracts.

True, athletes who had done Lanka proud in the past had received houses and other gifts from the Government. But not every athlete is capable of such achievements and makes use of the first available opportunity to better his/her life. In the end though, it is the country that stands exposed making it the object of ridicule. Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe should move to study the whole issue of our sports persons staying put abroad when sent to take part in international sporting events and ensure such episodes do not take place in the

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The greatest truth is honesty, and the greatest falsehood is dishonesty. - Abu Bakr

What went wrong?

THE CONTINUING FAILURE TO SEEK RESTORATION

Prof. RAJIVA WIJESINHA

wrote in this series a number of articles about corruption, and given ■that this is no longer talked about actively with a view to remedies, I will sum up the various ways in which it occurs. The first area is through what I term active corruption, viz

1a) massive amounts made through commissions

1b) the concomitant losses through corruption that demanded commissions which were refused so investors went away

1c) the increased expenditure to the country when commissions led to increased cost for services (as when the fossil fuel lobby stymied the encouragement of renewable energy sources)

Then there is what might be described as passive cor-

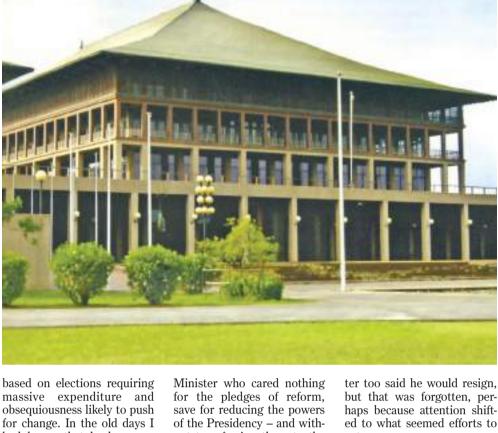
2a) overstaffing in public offices and corporations to win votes

2b) appointments of supporters and even just friends to adviser positions commanding not just excessive salaries but also perks

2c) continuing excessive perks and private staff to statutory positions including Ministers, Members of Parliament and military officers, including vehicles and fuel allowances

Related to this last is the increase in numbers, all sorts of Ministers as permitted by JR's Constitution, the understandable expansion of the forces during the war with nothing done afterwards despite an initial commitment by Mahinda Rajapaksa, and then the creation of new positions for public servants and military officers who want them, including appointment to corporation boards. In many cases such individuals do not contribute to the body to which they are elevat-

Remedies for all this are simple but obviously leaders who live through their underlings, and the more so when they feel they have no public support, are not at all likely to initiate changes. Nor is a Parliament which is



massive expenditure and obsequiousness likely to push for change. In the old days I had hopes that leaders concerned with the country would move forward, but except for Premadasa who tried, only to be halted in his tracks when vested interests moved against him, and then killed before he could move further with his development agenda, no one has shown interest in reform. Or rather, Mahinda Rajapaksa did, as did Maithripala Sirisena, as their manifestoes indicated, but the former fell prey to the rent seekers around him in his second term, and the lat-

ter had to cope with a Prime

out transferring them to the legislature as had been pledged.

But I believe there is another problem with regard to restorative justice, and that is the hysteria about retribution, which is much more difficult to achieve, and indeed will lead to desperate measures to circumvent it. The most obvious example of this occurred after the July 9th demonstrations, where focus was lost, with no concern about what would happen if indeed the President went. It is true that the Prime Minisbut that was forgotten, perhaps because attention shifted to what seemed efforts to get away.

Unfortunately for the demonstrators, and the country, preventing flight on Monday July 11th of an accomplished strategist led to the development of a strategy that has now left the demonstrators high and dry, with a new President. My taxi driver from the airport that day, who told me that we had been lucky to get through before the road was closed - he thought the President was trying to flee that evening – told me that his chosen successor would be much more difficult to get rid of, and so it has proved.

Even more unfortunately, the rallying round of the forces the demonstrators and the country wanted out means that there will be no question of restoration of what the country has lost. The Parliamentary majority on which the current Government depends will have none of that. Given that with such a majority the Opposition is not likely to be able to ensure any changes in policy, the great enemy then must be civil society, and peaceful demonstrators, which is why they are being discouraged with every mechanism the Government has at its dis-

This requires of course hiv-

ing off segments of civil society who had no objection to active demonstrations against what they have for years seen as the monsters, the Rajapaksas. Now they have gone underground as it were, the elite to which many such segments belong are content, even if it is clear that they will not compensate the country for what it suffered.

Those who engaged in violence against them, and who still talk of punishment, will play into the hands of the elite who seem happy enough with the current situation. It will require a leader with discrimination to turn the discourse back to what we more desperately require, which is the money back, including from the bond scam, and mechanisms to stop such outrageous peculation recurring.

But efforts to give COPE and COPA teeth have failed, and sadly Sumanthiran who had during the previous Parliament supported solid reforms, allowed the wool to be pulled over his eyes during the 2015 Parliament and felt he had achieved immortality when yet a third committee with no teeth was set up for him to preside over. There is no security of tenure for public servants, least of all for the Chief Accounting Officers of Ministries, the Secretaries. And appointments continue to be made at will, with many of those exercising power through personal influence able to browbeat public serv-

It beggars belief that the last President had over 200 advisers, who seems to have given him no advice at all of any value. The return now of familiar names who achieved nothing previously to such positions suggests the game will continue. It would be simple to specify in any constitutional amendment that such appointments, and others, should be accompanied by written reasons, with opportunity for these to be challenged before Parliament ratifies them – through perhaps the current High Posts Committee which has in its long existence rejected just a handful of nominees. But after I ceased to sit in Parliament, perhaps because no one else is willing to face the insults I did when my several amendments to the 19th Amendment were proposed, no one will propose any meaningful amendments.

So we will continue to be plundered, actively and passively, and a concept of professionalism, which we so sorely need, will continue a mirage.



Stringent measures needed to minimise bribery and corruption.



System Change - Way Forward to Overcome Crisis

Prof. TISSA VITARANA

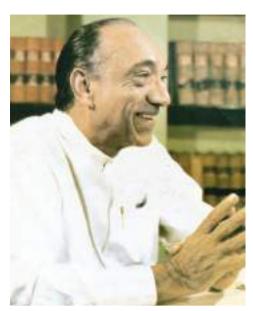
he massive crisis that has affected the lives of nearly all classes in our society, specially the poor and middle class in Sri Lanka is nothing new to us or to most other countries. It is an inherent cyclical feature, occurring at about seven year intervals, due to the 'boom and bust' nature of the global market driven capitalist economic system, brought on by over production. Periodically, it may get out of control, like the Asian financial crisis of 1997, when a whole region was badly affected.

The affected countries that overcame the crisis by their own effort have learned to tide over these crises with minimal disruption. At an international conference in Cairo I had the good fortune to have a lengthy chat with Dr. Mahathir Mohamed (facilitated by us both being doctors turned politicians). He advised against succumbing to IMF pressure at any cost. As it is committed to the Prof. Friedman neoliberal doctrine which facilitates the exploitation of our countries through an import dependent open economy that USAled Imperialism controls.

FOREIGN DEBT

The loans given lead to a debt trap which is the root cause of our situation. Sri Lanka's foreign debt has reached US\$ 52 billion and debt servicing last year was US\$ 6 billion and this year US\$ 7 billion. Thus the shortage of dollars and of essential imports like fuel, gas, chemical fertilizer, medicines and food items. To ensure that at least six months of these imports are obtained the Foreign Exchange Reserve (FOREX) has been maintained at US\$ 7 to US\$ 8 billion. Now it is down to zero, and thus causing this severe crisis.

The answer is the development of a national economy with maximum self-sufficiency which is Government regulated in the real interest of all the people, not a few super rich. This was done by Dr. N. M. Perera as Minister of Finance in the 1970/75, SLFP/ LSSP and CP Coalition Government. Since the neoliberal UNP Government led by J. R. Jaye-



Former President J.R. Jayewardene

wardene took power in 1977, the country has gone into a situation of economic crisis, while the rich have got richer, the poor have got

Now it is estimated by nutritionists that about 70% of all families are living below the poverty line and have inadequate food and other essentials. The level of malnutrition has gone up above 20%. It is with great difficulty that the adults of many of these families survive on one meal a day, and provide two meals for the children. Many go to bed at night

The productivity of the economy has gone down and due to the economic crisis the closure of factories and other workplaces has led to massive pay cuts and job losses. The farmers harvest outputs have dropped due to the shortage and high cost of fertilizer and other inputs. Due to the fall in the import of fuel the shortage and high price has disrupted the transport system, the operation of factories, and the use of machinery in agriculture and in the fishing industry. The economy is on the verge of total collapse.



In the midst of such a crisis where the system itself is collapsing clearly the country and the world requires a system change. Unfortunately, those in power are content to tinker with the existing system and make both minor and some major changes, but the outcome has not been adequate. It is my opinion that there needs to be total change of the system that benefits the whole of society and not the few who can manage with the limited but expensive tinkering process.

SOCIALIST PRINCIPLES

Society itself needs to be driven not by the profit motive which largely benefits the rich but also by being re-organised to provide the needs of everybody. This is a society based on socialist principles. For instance the high cost of food (due to the massive food inflation) is an outcome of the profit motivated production, distribution and marketing system that exists today. Further in Sri Lanka for instance due to the high cost of inputs the farmer has to take large loans to cover his cost. He gets

into debt and at the time of harvest he has to pay the capital cost along with the interest.

The farmer generally takes big loans from the trader or from institutions (like banks) that provide credit. Many poor farmers in this country find it easier to obtain credit from the traders thereby avoiding the red tape they have to face when they go to institutions that provide credit. But this leads to further problems as the trader often demands that the produce is sold only to him at an amount below the prevailing market price. At times this does not even cover the actual cost of production. And the farmer gets caught up in a cycle of debt from which he has no escape. A majority of the farmers in this country are deeply in debt. They are trapped in a situation of perpetual poverty.

The same problem is faced by small and medium scale entrepreneurs. As a result, value added industries too do not develop in the rural sector. There must be a new system which gives the farmers and the entrepreneurs the necessary credit, if possible at no or very low interest at the time that he needs it. This will have to be done by the Government which should ensure that bureaucratic pressures such as taking of bribes is firmly eliminated.

The LSSP favours a truly cooperative system. There should be producer cooperatives and consumer cooperatives, and they should directly deal with each other, without any intermediaries. In the prevailing private enterprise system the producer is exploited by a series of middlemen who jack up the price, so that the consumer has to pay a far higher amount than what the producer gets.

This middleman system must be eliminated and the transaction should be directly between the producer cooperatives and the consumer cooperatives. Thus the consumer will only have to pay the cost incurred in taking the produce between the two, without any profit. Such a cooperative system is not a dream but it works in many countries abroad, specially those in Scandinavia. But this has already

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worked in Sri Lanka too, during the time that Dr. N. M. Perera was Finance Minister in the Government of Sirimavo Bandaranaike. Unfortunately the cooperatives that are still functioning in this country are cooperatives only in name operated by mudalalis. All the members of the producer and consumer cooperatives must meet and elect reliable officebearers who will function properly at all times. This system change is vital to bring down the Cost of Living and end hunger and

CIRCULAR LEAF SPOT DISEASE AND 'S IMPACT ON RUBBER PLANTATION

LALIN I DE SILVA

he current disease affecting the Rubber Plantations was suspected to be the Pestalotiopsis leaf disease at the beginning but it has now been positively identified as the Circular Leaf Spot Disease (CLSD) by the Rubber Research Institute of Sri

Therefore, the damage it can do to the industry is not to the extent it happened in Malaysia, India, Thailand, Cameroon and Papua New Guinea. The delay in identifying the leaf disease at RRISL could be due to the acute shortage of relevant scientists. It is reported that there are about 25% vacancies in addition to not having a Director to RRISL although the RRISL is the first rubber research institute in the world. The GDP contribution from the rubber industry was 0.2 in

This has led to poor or impossibility of undertaking succession planning which is a greater threat to the entire rubber industry, which is growing rapidly, and the rub-

ber-based industries are heavily dependent on natural rubber latex produced locally. Especially at a time when the

country is short of forex. The rate of spread of the CLSD is not well established. This is serious as no one could rule out a probability of reaching the levels of economic threshold without real time data on factorial effects. The impact on different clones, rainfall, relative humidity, health of the tree, soil nutritional levels, production statistics at regional level and the details of other threatening diseases such as white root disease have to be maintained using technically competent employees of different departments supporting the rubber development of Sri Lanka.

The claims such as a 30% crop loss from the national production due to CLSD in the previous season cannot be justified without real time data. The rubber prices are reaching all time high levels and more than 20,000 hectares that have been abandoned previously due to poor prices have been harvested since last season. It is difficult



A rubber estate

fallen on the ground due to

CLSD on a daily basis is

another shortcoming in the

system as the reality and the

scope of the problem is not

Disease triangle

(Host, Pathogen,

and Environment)

The scientists have been

doing their best even with limited resources, manpower

and due motivation to control

the leaf disease last season.

The scientists of the RRISL

identifiable by default.

to ascertain if there is an actual crop loss due to CLSD and the extra crop that was harvested from the abandoned areas have covered the deficit that may have been due to CLSD.

The absence of a permanent sampling method of the leaf

be closely monitored, identified and fixed at the earliest to thwart a national disaster in the rubber industry that can happen if there is a short supply of latex. Host

deserve a bouquet of flowers

for that. But the needs must

It has been recorded in Indonesia that the RRIC 100 is somewhat resistant to a similar leaf disease called Pestalotiopsis or commonly known as Pesta leaf disease. Similar studies have been undertaken in Sri Lanka as well, but conclusive decisions are yet to be made.

The national production of natural rubber latex is on a downward spiral as shown in the **Table 1.** This can decline further without a real time digital platform to detect factorial effects.

If arrangements have been made to install a digital platform and millions of Rupees have been paid to the contractor already, arrangements have to be made to get them to complete the job soon.

Pathogens

Two pathogens have been identified as the disease-causing fungi and inorganic fungicides to control the pathogen are in use. The large-scale rubber plantations use drones to undertake the aerial spraying effectively to control CLSD. The small holders who are the majority stakeholders of natural rubber farming in Sri Lanka need help as otherwise the possibility of them turning towards alternate short-term crops will not be able to stop.

It is interesting to note that the organic fungicides are being tested by small holders successfully already. Since the private labs may not disclose their herbal formulas it is important to the Ministry to interfere and do the justice without further delay as organic inputs don't cost us forex at this crucial juncture.

Environment

Number of climatic factors starting from rainfall patterns, relative humidity, wind speed, colder nights, warmer daytime, daylight duration and even soils seem to have an impact on the breeding of the pathogens. The data must be captured at the situation and analysed using modern software such as MS Power BI that's available for free to identify relationships that can be proactively used to minimise possible damages from leaf diseases.

The strains must be made stronger wherever bio fertilizers are used to improve plant immunity and tree health. The RRISL has already recommended methods to avoid high humidity that helps breeding of pathogens fast. Considering the looming threat of Climatic Change specially identified to be affecting Sri Lanka, improved agronomic actions are urgent to retain soil moisture, to protect biodiversity by moving away from mono cropping that encourages high cost on weeding as well.

With the rapid changes of environmental factors the country is in need of new Agriculture maps and it is ideally suitable for those who are growing rubber in large scale to move towards areas such as Monaragala and Ampara that have very less impacts on leaf diseases.

GDP contributions

The ultimate aim should be to produce 200,000 MT of natural rubber latex from our cultivation which is a jump of about 119,000 MT from the current production of 81,000 MT per year. The Ceylon Planters are always ready to shoulder the wheel. Let us put our best foot forward to regain Sri Lanka.

(Lalin I de Silva – Former Senior Planter/Agricultural Adviser and Consultant/Secretary General of the Ceylon Planters' Society. Free Lance *Journalist*)

Rubber Cultivation

Year	Area Under Rubber (HA)	Area Under Tapping (Ha)	Replanted Area (Ha)	New Planting Area (Ha)	Total Production MT.	Yield Kg/Ha
2016	136,132	96,771	1,586	615	79,100	908
2017	136,632	102,666	1,187	700	83,100	809
2018	137,106	107,196	861	350	82,600	774
2019	137,608	113,600	1,040	1,103	74,750	658
2020	137,828	120,530	956	720	78,200	608
2021	110,251	N/A				

Table 1

Plantation Sector Contribution to the GDP as a Percentage 2011-2021 Crops 2012 2013 2014 2016 2021 2015 2018 2020 0.9 0.9 0.7 0.7 0.7 Rubber 0.9 0.3 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.2 0.2 0.5 0.8 0.9 'econut 0.7

Table 2

MARKET/NEWS

SHARES - COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE

SHARES -	COLC)MBO	STO	CK	EXC		ket Statist
Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
Main Board							(0.40)
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	15,299	38.90	38.10	39.80	38.00	38.80	(0.10)
ABANS	40	146.75	160.00	160.00	151.00	146.75	0.00
ACCESS ENG SL	1,456,649	11.20	11.10	13.10	11.10	12.30	1.10
ACL	447,238	46.00	46.00	47.00	44.70	46.50	0.50
ACL PLASTICS	1,473	378.75	376.00	397.00	370.00	392.50	13.75
ACME	102,386	4.90	5.20	5.20	4.90	5.10	0.20
AGALAWATTE	135,487	35.50	34.80	36.90	34.50	36.20	0.70
AHOT PROPERTIES	1,163	34.30	34.90	34.90	31.20	31.20	(3.10)
AITKEN SPENCE	171,410	102.00	102.00	107.50	102.00	105.00	3.00
ALLIANCE	52,946	56.00	57.80	66.00	57.80	60.30	4.30
AMANA BANK ASIA ASSET ASIA CAPITAL	140,453 60,358	2.90 5.90 4.40	2.90 6.20 4.50	2.90 6.30 4.90	2.80 5.90 4.50	2.90 5.90 4.70	0.00 0.00 0.30
ASIA CAPITAL ASIRI ASIRI SURG	15,663 2,520 929	32.80 15.00	33.00 15.00	33.00 15.00	31.00 14.60	32.10 14.70	(0.70) (0.30)
BAIRAHA FARMS	198,929	152.50	151.50	163.75	151.50	162.25	9.75
BALANGODA	248,193	52.60	52.60	57.50	51.00	56.00	3.40
BUKIT DARAH XD	3	300.00	285.00	290.00	285.00	300.00	0.00
C M HOLDINGS	3	58.60	63.10	63.20	63.10	58.60	0.00
C T HOLDINGS XD	6	152.25	158.00	158.00	158.00	152.25	0.00
CARGILLS XD	461	159.75	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	1.25
CARGO BOAT	221	43.10	46.90	46.90	46.90	46.90	3.80
CARSONS CDB XD	5 19	287.50 174.75	279.75 184.75	279.75 189.00	279.75 184.75	287.50 174.75	0.00 0.00 1.00
CDB [CDB.X0000] XD CENTRAL FINANCE CENTRAL IND.	9,042 36,835 19,034	61.10 69.10 61.80	62.50 70.00 64.00	62.80 75.00 64.00	61.10 63.00 60.10	62.10 64.10 61.10	(5.00) (0.70)
CEYLINCO INS.	2	1,915.00	2,194.75	2,194.75	2,189.00	1,915.00	0.00
CEYLINCO INS. [CINS.X0000)] 165	998.00	950.00	995.00	950.00	982.75	(15.25)
CEYLON GUARDIAN	3,470	52.60	54.50	56.50	52.60	53.00	0.40
CEYLON INV.	10,546	27.00	27.90	28.30	27.90	28.00	1.00
CEYLON TOBACCO	673	565.75	575.00	575.00	564.00	565.25	(0.50)
CHEMANEX	4	58.50	62.00	62.00	62.00	58.50	0.00
CHEVRON	470,372	81.20	83.00	97.40	82.90	94.70	13.50
CIC	490,388	45.90	47.00	51.00	46.60	49.30	3.40
CIC [CIC.X0000]	513,625	36.30	38.00	40.00	36.00	38.10	1.80
CITRUS LEISURE	30,270	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.20	5.20	0.00
COLD STORES	20,648	30.50	31.10	31.10	29.00	29.40	(1.10)
COLOMBO LAND	37,918	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	18.00	0.00
COMMERCIAL BANK	143,820	53.00	53.50	53.50	52.50	53.00	0.00
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB	3.X0000]15,381	42.20	42.20	42.40	41.00	41.80	(0.40)
CONVENIENCE FOOD	2	1,152.00	1,194.75	1,194.75	1,194.75	1,152.00	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	23,167	14.20	14.00	14.70	14.00	14.20	0.00
DFCC BANK PLC	9,562	36.70	37.00	37.00	36.00	36.10	(0.60)
DIALOG DIMO	717,009 5.767	9.00 423.75	9.00 430.00	9.10	9.00	9.00 448.75	0.00 25.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS DOCKYARD DOLPHIN HOTELS XR	351,353 41 1,600	36.10 64.00 28.00	37.00 63.90 28.00	37.00 63.90	34.60 60.30 28.00	35.10 64.00 28.00	(1.00) 0.00 0.00
DURDANS E B CREASY		134.50 16.50	132.00 16.90	28.00 153.75 16.90	125.25 16.10	137.50	3.00 (0.30)
EAST WEST	14,320	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.90	7.00	0.00
EASTERN MERCHANT	114,864	6.50	6.50	6.80	6.40	6.60	0.10
EX-PACK EXPOLANKA FORT LAND	200,712 1,565,327 651,728	12.10 204.50 13.10	12.30 210.00	12.80 210.00	204 50	12.30 203.00 13.90	0.20 (1.50) 0.80
GALLE FACE CAP GESTETNER	7	18.40	13.20 18.50 50.30	50.30	12.60 18.50 50.10	18.40 50.30	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS HAYCARB		69.20	68.50	69.00 73.70	67.00 68.50	68.30 72.50	4.40
HAYLEYS HAYLEYS FABRIC HAYLEYS FIBRE	286,604 196,639 52,322	94.80 36.70 73.40	73.00	94.90 36.80 73.00	35.00	92.70 35.50 69.80	(2.10) (1.20) (3.60)
HAYLEYS LEISURE	3,233	18.90	16.70	16.70	16.60	16.60	(2.30)
HDFC	35		23.00	23.20	23.00	22.40	0.00
HELA HEMAS HOLDINGS HNB	184,668 33,032 43,624	13.10 49.30 90.00	13.10	13.20 51.10 90.10	48.10	13.10 50.80 89.50	0.00 1.50 (0.50)
HNB ASSURANCE	20,454	34.10	34.20	36.80	34.20	35.20	1.10
HNB [HNB.X0000]	14,859		77.00	77.00	76.40	76.40	(0.60)
HORANA	24,150	27.80	29.00	29.50	29.00	29.40	1.60
HOTEL SIGIRIYA XR	955	73.80	65.10	66.00	63.80	63.90	(9.90)
HOTELS CORP.	8,300	11.60	11.40	12.00	0.30	12.00	0.40
NDUSTRIAL ASPH.	312,797	0.40	0.40	0.40		0.30	(0.10)
JAT HOLDINGS	196,896	13.60	13.80	14.50		13.90	0.30
IKH KANDY HOTELS	1,672,870 10,121	7.10	119.00 7.20	7.30	7.20	119.00 7.20	0.00 0.10
KAPRUKA KEGALLE KELANI CABLES	73,537 3,366	9.00 165.00 228.75	9.30	9.30	9.00	9.10 165.00 227.75	0.10 0.00 (1.00)
KELANI CABLES KELANI TYRES KELANI VALLEY	20,086 161,612	52.50 86.50	52.00 86.50	53.90 91.00	83.00	53.40 88.80	0.90
KINGSBURY	55,869	8.10	8.10	8.40	8.00	8.10	0.00
KOTAGALA	1,951,046	5.60	5.60	6.30	5.50	6.00	0.40
_ O L C HOLDINGS _AKE HOUSE PRIN. _ANKA ALUMINIUM	235,057 145 28,241	507.00 164.50 16.20	198.25	198.25	196.00	583.50 196.00 15.90	76.50 31.50 (0.30)
LANKA ASHOK LANKA HOSPITALS	8 4,700	576.25 54.00	671.75 54.50	16.50 680.00 54.50	53.00	576.25 53.00	0.00 (1.00)
_ANKA IOC _ANKA REALTY _ANKA TILES	12,114,256 31,433 177,439	113.00 14.60 45.90	115.00	135.50 15.30	109.00 14.50	131.25 14.50 45.00	18.25 (0.10) (0.90)
LANKA MALLTILE LANKEM DEV.	242,381 4,658,407	48.10 10.80	51.50 10.70	46.00 51.50 12.10	47.00 10.50	47.50 11.90	(0.60) 1.10
_AUGFS GAS	26,557	21.10	21.90	24.00	21.50	22.90	0.90
_AUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	46,063	12.10	12.70	13.60	12.70	13.00	
_AXAPANA	105	16.40	16.90	16.90	16.80	16.90	0.50
_B FINANCE	31,056	43.00	44.00	44.10	41.00	42.00	(1.00)
_ION BREWERY	1	508.00	510.00	510.00	510.00	508.00	0.00
_MF XD	998	126.50	130.00	130.00	122.00	127.75	1.25
_VL ENERGY	33,729	7.90	8.00	8.00	7.90	8.00	0.10
MALWATTE	4,834	49.40	49.00	54.00	49.00	53.60	4.20
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000]	12,240	37.70	38.00	38.00	34.00	38.00	0.30
MELSTACORP	3,088,712	44.70	44.10	47.50	44.10	46.00	1.30
MERC. SHIPPING	131	169.50	175.00	175.00	166.00	169.50	0.00
MERCHANT BANK	352,513	3.50	3.50	4.30	3.50	4.00	0.50
MULLERS	238,860	1.10	1.10	1.10		1.00	(0.10)
NAMUNUKULA	5,696	435.25	440.00	488.00		456.50	21.25
NAT. DEV. BANK	60,529	32.90	32.90	33.00	32.00	32.40	(0.50)
NATIONS TRUST	21,429	33.30	33.50	33.60	33.00	33.40	0.10
NATIONS TRUST [NTB-X-000	00] 1,879	60.08	55.00	55.00	46.20	49.10	(10.98)
NAWALOKA	17,265	6.30	6.30	6.50	6.10	6.10	(0.20)
OVERSEAS REALTY	37,075		14.40	14.50	14.20	14.30	(0.10)
PAN ASIA PANASIAN POWER PEOPLE'S INS	25,837 26,800	9.50 3.60 19.90	9.80 3.60	3.80	9.10 3.50 19.90	9.20 3.70 19.90	(0.30) 0.10 0.00
PEOPLE'S INS PEOPLES LEASING PGP GLASS	21,915 68,637 118,096	6.10 12.10	20.00 6.30 12.90	20.00 6.40 12.90	6.20 12.20	6.30 12.40	0.20 0.30
PRINTCARE PLC	27,094	31.60	31.40	32.00	31.00	31.30	(0.30)
R I L PROPERTY	233,700	6.60	6.60	6.80	6.30	6.60	0.00
REGNIS	1,564	55.00	51.60	54.80	51.10	52.00	(3.00)
RENUKA AGRI	449,052	4.40	4.40	4.70	4.40	4.60	0.20
RENUKA CITY HOT.	13	305.00	343.75	343.75	334.50	305.00	0.00
RENUKA FOODS	38,625	19.80	20.00	20.50	19.00	19.80	0.00
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X00	0001 6.400	13.40	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	(0.40)
RENUKA HOLDINGS RENUKA HOLDINGS [RHL.X	2,723 (0000] 2,351	10.80 9.50	11.00 10.00	11.60 10.00	11.00 9.70	11.30 9.70 14.90	0.50 0.20
RESUS ENERGY	56,759	15.10	15.00	15.00	14.30	14.90	(0.20)
RICHARD PIERIS	213,793	19.60	19.50	20.20	18.00	19.90	0.30
ROYAL CERAMIC	1,528,047	32.00	32.00	32.30	30.50	31.90	(0.10)
S M B LEASING	1,562,865	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.60	0.60	0.00
S M B LEASING [SEMB.X000	00] 936,493	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.20	(0.10)
SAMPATH	582,812	32.60	32.40	32.70	31.80	32.10	(0.50)
SAMSON INTERNAT.	80	160.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	160.00	0.00
SANASA DEV. BANK	219	23.60	24.10	24.10	24.10	24.10	0.50
SARVODAYA DEVFIN	2,850	11.50	11.40	11.60	11.20	11.20	(0.30)
SEYLAN BANK	5,650	29.50	29.50	29.50	28.90	29.00	(0.50)
SEYLAN BANK (SEYB.X0000)] 148,486	15.70	15.80	15.90	14.60	15.00	(0.70)
SEYLAN DEVTS	5,213	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.50	12.60	(0.40)
SHAW WALLACE	45,872	7.00	7.00	7.40	6.90	7.10	0.10
SIERRA CABL	263,885	9.80	9.60	10.20	9.60	10.00	0.20
SIGIRIYA VILLAGE	100	40.90	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	1.10
SINGER FINANCE XD	86,005	10.30	10.30	10.40	10.10	10.30	0.00
SUNSHINE HOLDING	240,584	43.60	44.90	44.90	41.10	43.00	(0.60)
SWISSTEK TALAWAKELLE TEA SMALLHOLDER	254,578 137,142	16.10 76.70 41.20	16.40 77.10	16.50 87.90	15.00 74.00 41.00	16.10 80.20 41.20	0.00 3.50 0.00
ΓΕΑ SMALLHOLDER ΓΕΕJAY LANKA ΓHREE ACRE FARMS	1,562 55,175 6,495	47.40 160.00	41.00 47.50 162.00	42.80 47.50 162.00	41.00 43.00 160.00	41.20 46.50 160.00	(0.90) 0.00
TOKYO CEMENT	150,591	25.60	25.50	25.50	24.80	25.10	(0.50)
TOKYO CEMENT [TKYO.X00	00] 181,748	20.00	20.10	20.50	19.80	20.20	0.20
JNION BANK	49,605	6.40	6.40	6.70	6.40	6.50	0.10
JNISYST	68,025	5.10	5.30	5.30	4.90	5.20	0.10
JNITED MOTORS	2,031	54.80	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	0.20
VALLIBEL VALLIBEL FINANCE	2,031 332,970 100,528	54.80 7.00 25.40	7.00 25.50	7.00 26.00	6.90 25.00	7.00 25.10	0.20 0.00 (0.30)
VIDULLANKA	24,018	6.70	7.00	7.00	6.70	6.70	0.00
VIDULLANKA [VLL-X-0000]	5,627	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	0.00
WATAWALA	179,995	77.00	77.50	82.00	77.50	80.00	3.00
WINDFORCE	159,687	16.20	16.30	16.30	16.00	16.00	(0.20)
YORK ARCADE	312	139.00	141.00	146.00	141.00	143.00	4.00
hSENID BIZ SECOND BOAR D	101,825	21.10	21.10	21.40	20.70	21.00	(0.10)
ABANS FINANCIAL	1,475	21.40	21.30	21.30	21.00	21.00	(0.40)

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Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's	Change (Rs.)
		Close				Close	
AMBEON CAPITAL	841,284	8.20	8.50	8.50	7.10	8.30	0.10 (0.10)
BROWNS BEACH	2,079	10.10	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	
DIALOG FINANCE	100	70.10	74.70	74.70	74.70	74.70	4.60 (0.30)
DISTILLERIES	90,720	13.30	13.90	13.90	13.00	13.00	
KOTMALE HOLDINGS	255	350.00	435.00	436.00	434.50	435.00	85.00
LOLC DEV FINANCE	124	220.50	207.00	219.75	207.00	209.50	(11.00)
MADULSIMA	8,633	15.20	15.20	15.80	14.00	14.70	(0.50)
ODEL PLC	50	17.90	18.50	18.50	18.50	17.90	0.00
ON'ALLY	472	29.40	30.30	30.40	30.30	30.40	1.00
ORIENT FINANCE	27,122	8.10	8.40	10.00	8.30	8.70	0.60
SINGER SRI LANKA	62,171	10.00	10.20	10.20	9.80	9.90	(0.10)
SLT	68,467	35.30	36.50	36.90	32.00	33.30	(2.00)
TRANS ASIA	221	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	
EMPOWER BOARD							
CHRISSWORLD	25,150	11.20	11.50	12.40	11.50	12.00	0.80
EML CONSULTANTS	251,318	4.80	5.00	5.20	4.80	5.10	0.30
EXTERMINATORS DIRI SAVI BOARD	46,791	5.00	5.40	5.40	5.00	5.00	0.00
AGSTAR PLC 5	,770,667	9.10	9.40	11.00	9.00	10.60	1.50
ALUMEX PLC	150,160	7.10	7.00	7.20	6.80	7.00	(0.10)
AMANA LIFE AMANA TAKAFUL	6,736	26.30	27.90	27.90	27.90	27.90	1.60
AMBEON HOLDINGS	300	9.30	9.60	9.70	9.60	9.70	0.40
	10	40.90	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.90	0.00
AMF CO LTD	64,400	7.30	7.50	9.70	7.50	9.10	1.80
ARPICO INSURANCE	7	16.00	15.80	16.60	15.80	16.00	0.00
ASIA SIYAKA	39,767	3.40	3.70	3.70	3.40	3.60	0.20
BERUWALA RESORTS	76,563	1.20	1.30	1.30	1.10	1.20	0.00
DIRI SAVI BOARD							
BOGALA GRAPHITE	138,842	57.20	61.00	71.50	57.60	68.60	11.40
BOGAWANTALAWA	172,755	31.30	31.30	35.90	29.90	35.00	3.70
BPPL HOLDINGS	9,787	21.00	21.00	21.20	20.10	20.60	(0.40)
BROWNS	172,043	125.50	132.00	135.00	125.00	131.50	6.00
	,175,326 400,000	7.60 25.00	7.70 24.90	7.80 24.90	7.50 24.90	7.60 24.90	0.00
C.W.MACKIE XD	17,486	61.70	63.60	63.60	62.00	63.50	1.80
CALT	3,304	11.80	12.00	12.00	11.70	11.70	(0.10)
CEYLON BEVERAGE	21	772.75	740.00	740.00	740.00	772.75	0.00
CEYLON TEA BRKRS	16,711	3.80	3.90	3.90	3.80	3.80	0.00
CIT	51	92.00	76.50	91.00	76.50	92.00	
CITRUS HIKKADUWA	200	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
CITRUS WASKADUWA	174,241	2.00	2.00	2.10	2.00	2.00	
COM.CREDIT	346,486	26.60	28.00	29.90	27.50	28.60	2.00
COMMERCIAL DEV.	1,301	92.70	92.70	92.70	85.60	88.30	0.00
COOP INSURANCE	348,499	3.10	3.20	3.20	2.90	3.10	
DILMAH CEYLON	9	1,203.25	980.25	980.25	980.00	1,203.25	0.00 (0.40)
E - CHANNELLING	36,640	8.70	9.10	9.10	8.00	8.30	
EDEN HOTEL LANKA	87,990	13.90	14.20	14.20	13.50	13.60	(0.30)
ELPITIYA	64,120	91.70	91.60	92.00	80.10	83.50	(8.20)
FC TREASURIES	77,230	11.60	12.90	12.90	11.20	11.50	(0.10)
FIRST CAPITAL	299,406	10.30	10.50	11.30	10.30	10.30	0.00
FORTRESS RESORTS	1,100	12.00	12.10	12.10	12.00	12.00	
GALADARI	26,802	11.10	11.70	11.70	10.80	11.10	0.00
HAPUGASTENNE	1,009	35.70	38.50	38.50	36.10	36.20	0.50
HARISCHANDRA	1	4,168.75	4,241.25	4,241.25	4,241.25	4,168.75	0.00
HATTON XD	15,230	18.40	18.00	19.10	17.60	18.70	0.30
HNB FINANCE	14,564	7.30	6.70	8.00	6.50	6.80	(0.50)
HNB FINANCE [HNBF-X-0000]	10,559	6.30	6.40	6.40	5.90	6.00	(0.30)
HVA FOODS	2,311	3.70	3.80	3.80	3.60	3.70	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	7,316	21.40	21.30	21.30	21.00	21.10	(0.30)
JETWING SYMPHONY	5	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.00	
JOHN KEELLS	4	63.00	64.50	64.50	64.50	63.00	0.00 0.00
KAHAWATTE	13,503	26.30	26.10	27.00	26.00	26.40	0.10
KEELLS FOOD	3	170.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	170.00	0.00
KEELLS HOTELS	6,885	14.00	14.10	14.10	13.60	13.70	(0.30)
LANKA CERAMIC	3	118.00	126.00	126.50	126.00	118.00	0.00
LANKEM CEYLON	1,510	24.50	26.80	30.00	26.80	29.30	4.80
LAUGFS POWER	10,502	10.80	11.00		10.60	11.00	0.20
LAUGFS POWER [LPL-X-0000]	6,100	8.10	7.80	11.00 7.80	7.60	7.60	(0.50)
LCB FINANCE PLC XD	101,896	1.80	1.90	1.90	1.80	1.80	0.00
LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL	656	28.10	25.30	25.50	25.30	25.50	(2.60)
	,778,557	8.50	8.50	9.00	8.10	8.70	0.20
	,424,432	6.90	7.20	7.80	6.80	7.50	0.60
LOTUS HYDRO	3,581	8.50	9.00	9.00	8.90	9.00 7.60	0.50
LUMINEX	501	7.20	7.70	7.70	7.60	2.70	0.40
MACKWOODS ENERGY	61,876	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.60		0.10
MAHAWELI REACH	1,501	12.70	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.90	0.20
MARAWILA RESORTS	34,114	2.10	2.30	2.30	2.10	2.20	0.10
MASKELIYA DIRI SAVI BOARD	148,480	33.80	33.60	37.70	33.20	36.80	3.00
MILLENNIUM HOUSE	16,450	2.80	2.80	2.90	2.80	2.90	0.10
MYLAND	1,842	11.00	11.20	11.40	10.60	11.40	0.40
NESTLE	97	924.50	924.75	925.00	920.00	924.50	0.00
NUWARA ELIYA	1	1,213.50	1,219.00	1,219.00	1,219.00	1,213.50	0.00
PALM GARDEN HOTL	2,151	51.10	51.10	53.00	50.30	52.30	1.20
PEGASUS HOTELS XR	59	26.50	26.00	26.90	26.00	26.50	0.00
PEOPLE'S MERCH	35,750	4.60	4.60	4.70	4.50	4.50	
PRIMERESIDENCIES 4	,637,082	6.00	6.20	6.50	6.00	6.10	0.10
RAIGAM SALTERNS	13,567	5.10	5.50	5.50	5.10	5.30	0.20
RAMBODA FALLS	1,100	25.80	25.80	25.80	25.80	25.80	0.00
RENUKA HOTELS	134	50.60	54.90	59.00	54.70	54.90	4.30
RICH PIERIS EXP	6,287	841.00	850.00	880.00	815.00	873.25	32.25
ROYAL PALMS	1,694	20.00	20.10	21.00	18.00	18.90	(1.10)
SATHOSA MOTORS	43	178.75	181.25	181.25	180.25	178.75	
SERENDIB HOTELS	1,309	13.20	13.10	13.10	12.50	13.00	(0.20)
SERENDIB HOTELS [SHOT.X000	1,783	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.10	(0.40)
SINGER IND.		35.90	35.90	36.80	32.50	33.60	(2.30)
SINGHE HOSPITALS	82,985	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.60	2.70	0.10
SOFTLOGIC	62,981	24.30	24.00	26.30	23.30	23.70	(0.60)
	,971,798 9,308	6.40 7.20	6.50 7.90	6.50 8.10	6.00 7.00	6.30 7.70	(0.10)
Softlogic Life	269,926	66.60	65.00	66.50	63.10	64.80	(1.80)
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TESS AGRO [TESS.X0000]	397,592	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00
UDAPUSSELLAWA	278	54.10	57.00	57.70	56.10	57.20	3.10
UNION ASSURANCE VALLIBEL ONE	940	27.90	27.90	27.90	27.00	27.50	(0.40)
WATCH LIST	381,315	36.90	36.50	37.50	34.50	36.10	(0.80)
HUNAS HOLDINGS	401,658	24.30	24.90	26.00	20.00	21.60	(2.70)
MULTI FINANCE	21,089	12.00	12.80	14.30	11.60	13.10	1.10
NATION LANKA	98,584	0.60	0.70	0.70	0.60	0.70	0.10
RADIANT GEMS	20	16.00	19.80	19.80	19.60	16.00	0.00
SERENDIB ENG.GRP	6,254	5.80	6.30	6.30	5.70	5.80	0.00

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COCONUTS

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1. FRESH COCONUT	2022/5	LIADTI)
Market Price 27 May 2022 to 02 J	Wholesale	Retail
(a)Large Size Rs/Nut	74-75	85-110
Small Size Rs/Nut	62-65	70-80
(b)Coconut Development Authority	/ – Colombo Auct	ion 28/07/2022 (For
Industry Use) Average Price	64,115.55 T	
Offers	1,158.029	
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Next Auction on 04/08/2022 10.00 Authority (3rd Floor), No. 11, Duke		Development
(c)Coconut Development Authority (For Industry Use)	/ – Kuliyapitiya Au	uction 19.07.2021)
Average		
Nuts Offered Nuts Traded		
(d)Locally Traded (Farm-gate price	e)	
	Rs. 1000 NutsRs/	Mt (Husked Ex-Mill)
Kurunegala Dist. Puttalam Dist.	55,000-65,000	108,000-115,000 108,000-117,000 108,000-115,000
Gampaha Dist.	58.000-60.000	108,000-117,000
Hambantota Dist.	50,000-60,000	105,000-110,000
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Quality of Copra Sold		(Kg)
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3. DESICCATED COCONUT		
Fine Sri Lanka (Domestic)	(Rs/Kg)	570-580 T
Medium	(Rs/Kg)	580-590 T
COCONUT OIL Local Wholesale Price	(Dc/Mt)	675,000-720.000 N
Philippines (CIF-Rott)	(13/1011)	675,000-720.000 N
(Oil World) (23/06/2022)	(Rs/Mt)	519,771
5. POONAC	(Rs/Mt)	85,000 - 90,000 T
6. MATTRESS FIBRE 7. OMAT FIBRE (FAQ)	(Rs/50kg) (Rs. /50 Kg)	1000-1250 T 4000-5,500 T
8. MIX FIBRE	(Rs. /50 Kg)	1300-1500 T
9. BRISTLE FIBRE 1 TIE	(Rs. /50 Kg)	5.250-6,000 T
10. BRISTLE FIBRE 2 TIE	(Rs. /50 Kg)	8500-9,000 T
11. COCONUT HUSKS District Rs/	(01.04.2022) per 1,000 husks	
Puttalam	4500-5500	
Gampaha	4,000-4500	
Matara Kurunegala	5000-5,500 5,000-5,500	
Kurunegala	5,000-5,500	
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12. COCONUT SHELL	(Do /MT)	22 000 24 000 T
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14. COCONUT EKELS	(Rs/MT)	85,000-95,000 T

Courtesy: Coconut Development Authority

exchange rates

International Operations Department

(1)The average rates of the following currencies quoted by commercial banks in Colombo for Telegraphic Transfers (TT) at 9.30 a.m. are as fol-

Australian Dollar 245.6506 257.4015 Canadian Dollar 274.0987 287.2256 Chinese Yuan (Renminbi) 51.9007 55.1269 Euro 361.7440 376.7621 Japanese Yen 2.6263 2.7381 Singapore Dollar 256.7664 267.9270 Sterling Pound 429.1010 446.5802 Swiss Franc 368.9256 386.4675 US Dollar 357.1491 368.4698 (2)The approximate exchange rates of GULF Currencies based on vious day's market weighted average rate for the US\$ are as follows				
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(3)The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowes Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 05-Aug-2022, by all commer cial banks was 23.78 percent and 15.50 percent respectively. (4)The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of Jul-2022 was 9.56 percent.

UAE Dirham

MARKET STATISTICS

EQUITY DETAILS

Saudi Arabia

UAE

VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)	3,334,287,308.95	3,748,329,990.45
VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)		
TRADES(NO.)	28,802	30,441
MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.)	3,686,758,904,772.85	3,641,633,738,584.44
GOVT. SECURITIES	TODAY	
VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)		
VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.) TRADES(NO.)	-	-
MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.)	-	
CORPORATE DEBT	TODAY	PRV.DAY
	_	21-Jan-04
VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)	-	1,267,962.10
VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)	-	1,200,000
TRADES(NO.)		
EQUITY INDICES PRICE INDICES	TODAY	PRV.DAY
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CSE ALL SHARE INDEX S&P SL 20 INDEX	2,794.15	0,333.37
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TRI ON S&P SL 20 INDEX (S&P SL2	0 (TR)) 4,993.39	4,871.45

India among top three global... From Page 13

Commenting on the 5G rollout in the country, said Minister of State (Communication), Devusinh Chauhan said the government is promoting indigenously designed, developed and manufactured advanced telecom technology.

"As a result, India today has a strong home-grown 5G mobile communications ecosystem", he said, which includes a fully indigenous 5G testbed for private players to test 5G network elements. Chauhan said that the Indian telecommunications network is the second largest in the world, with the most cost-effective rates.

"We initiated a number of structural and process reforms in the telecom sector." (www.business-standard.com)

SMIB announces appointment of CEO

The State Mortgage and Investment Bank (SMIB), a leading stateowned bank in Sri Lanka with 90 years of history, announced the appointment of an experienced banker, Thushara Asuramanna, as the new CEO with effect from July 1, 2022.

Prior to his appointment as CEO SMIB, Asuramanna was the Vice President of Commercial Credit Management Unit of Nations Trust Bank (NTB). Starting his banking career in 1999 with National Development Bank Plc, Asuramanna continued working till 2011 in various capacities attached to SME and Retail segments. He joined NTB in 2011 with exposure to Senior Management, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) & Retail Credit Risk in its Integrated Risk Management

Department.

Chairman of SMIB Dr. Udayasri Kariyawasam stated: "Having recognised the importance of SMEs in expansion of our outreach, we are adopting an inclusive financing strategy to strengthen SMEs in various industries with cost-effective financ-

ing options and advisory services." "Appointment of Asuramanna as new CEO is expected to significantly strengthen the Bank's SME outreach. We are confident that he can drive the bank and the business to next levels by strategically diversifying the existing portfolio towards SMEs along with the introduction of new technology.

New CEO Thushara Asuramanna said: "Being a dominant banker in the housing loans segment, SMIB is

set to explore opportunities in SME sector in a targeted manner. While focusing on the development of core competency of the bank, I plan to introduce private sector attributes and knowledge to SMIB to enhance productivity in its working environment so that the Bank's service excellence is driven by customer centricity."

New CEO Asuramanna, who shared his experience and knowledge of financial sector by training many bankers to elevate to their top ranks while he was attached to the Institute of Bankers in Sri Lanka (IBSL), brings 22 years of SME & Retail Banking expertise, as well as experience in Credit Management, Credit Risk management, Profit Centre Management, and Branch operations.



Chairman Udayasri Kariyawasam and **CEO of Thushara Asuramanna**

He is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (ACMA), UK and a Member of Chartered Global Management Accountants (CGMA).

He is also a Member of the Institute of Engineering Technology (MIET), UKandan Associate Member of the Institute of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL). He is also a Certified Expert in SME Finance at Frankfurt School of Finance & Management.

UNION ASSURANCE WINS TOP ACCOLADES...

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Non availability of jet fuel causing SriLankan USD 7 mn monthly losses

Working with govt. authorities on restructuring the airline



Chairman SLTBP Chalaka Gajabahu, CCO SriLankan Richard Nuttall, President SLMHA Fauzul Hameed and Group GM Nippon Paints, Nemantha Abeysinghe at the event.

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Srilankan airlines losses around USD 7 million each month due to difficulties the airline faces in obtaining aviation fuel, said aviation industry specialist and current Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) SriLankan Richard

Speaking on the sidelines of a news briefing held on SriLankan being the official partner Sri Lankan Masters Hockey team bound for the 2022 World Cup in England at Sri Lanka Tourism yesterday he said that they had also encouraged in converting crude oil to jet fuel but this was now halted. The airline now has to re-fuel in other destinations and this has become an additional expense to the

Due to the aircraft belly 'being full' after refueling in other destinations

the aircraft cannot operate full cargo capacity and this too is affecting our revenue. "During the COVID pandemic some aircraft were not flying and now three engines have to be overhauled which are now sent overseas. We expect them to be ready soon and when they arrive the airline will be able to operate all our 24 air-

This airline engine overhaul issue is not only affecting Srilankan but is a global scenario."

Asked the reason for high air ticket cost he said it's due to several factors and this too is common to all airlines. "Lot of people did not fly during the C-19 pandemic and now they are all flying and this has increased the demand while globally many aircraft are being overhauled resulting in reduction of aircraft.

Asked to comment on the restricting process of SriLankan spelt out by President Ranil Wickremesinghe he said that they are looking at

options.

'We are working closely with the line Ministry in this regard." Commenting on their sponsorship he said that it's a good niche place to market Sri Lanka and tourism. "We see value in this partnership and the first time we are patterning the Masters Hockey team.'

Meanwhile asked if Sri Lanka would be able to host the World Masters Hockey Championship in Sri Lanka President Sri Lanka Masters Hockey Association Fauzul Hameed said that Sri Lanka needs to upgrade infrastructure and have at least two synthetic playing turfs before bidding

SLTPB optimistic of million arrivals for 2022

Sri Lanka Tourism is expecting close to one million tourists in 2022, Chairman Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, (SLTPB) Chalaka D. Gajabahu said.

He said that they see destinations like Spain moving to be among the top five destinations for Sri Lanka Tourism along with countries like India, UK, France and Germany. He also said that in a bid to promote tourism arrivals especially from the region they appointed cricketer Sanath Jayasuriya as their brand ambassador. "We hope to have more promotions with him firstly in India, Bangladesh and Pakistan and then move with him to New Zealand, Australia and UK who are all cricket playing countries."

He will be working with us on a completely voluntary basis.

"We also hope to promote sports tourism in a big way and this is one reason we got involved with the Masters Hockey team bound for the world cup in London. We are also the main sponsor of the Sri Lanka team bound for 2022 World Cup in England from August 12 to 22.

Nippon Paints Lanka Ltd is also a sponsor for the team.



Police - tourist petrol issue in Galle under probe

Chairman SLTBP Chalaka Gajabahu said that they are still following up on the incident regarding an incident involving a police officer and a tourist at a petrol filling station in Galle.

"We had lodged a complaint with the Inspector General of Police in this regard." This was subsequent to a video showing a senior police officer denying permission to a tourist on a motorcycle to get fuel from a shed

in Galle went viral on social media. This video clip has been circulated not only in Sri Lanka but also in most foreign countries reaching mil-



Bourse records over Rs. 3 bn turnover

Colombo bourse continued its upward trend recording over Rs. 3 bn turnover which LIOC contributed more than 45% of day's turnover after the announcement of Sri Lanka's Ministry of Power and Energy authorising the establishment of 50 new filling stations by Lanka IOC PLC, the local unit of the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).

Thus, All-Share Price Index increased by 89.6 points (+1.1%) to close at 8,422.9 for the day whilst S&P SL20 Index gained by 66.0 points (+2.4%) to close at 2,794.2. LOLC Holdings, Lanka IOC, Chevron Lubricants, Melstacorp and Aitken Spence remained as the top positive contributors to the ASPI during the day.

Further, the broader market's total turnover stood at Rs. 3,334.3 mn against the 12-month average daily turnover of Rs. 4,451.7 mn, whilst the volume traded for the day was 85,616.2k against the 12-month average daily volume of 215,152.8k. Energy and Capital Goods mostly contributed to yesterday's turnover.

HNB amongst top 1,000 World Banks again

the prestigious Banker Magazine. Based in the United Kingdom, The Banker

Magazine is a premier global banking and finance resource, renowned for its global financial intelligence since 1926. HNB Managing Director/CEO, Jonathan

Alles stated: "The recent economic shocks have thrown governments and financial bodies across

the globe into the deep end forcing them to navigate new challenges. Moreover, given the ongoing economic crisis in Sri Lanka, these challenges have relentlessly tested the mettle of local financial institutions. To have HNB ranked among the Top 1,000 global banks against this

backdrop is indeed a testament to our strength and stability, and further validates our efforts in supporting customers and the nation to revive and rebuild.'

Most recently, HNB sealed its reputation as Sri Lanka's undisputed leader in retail banking, having been crowned as the Best Retail Bank in Sri Lanka for the 12th occasion at the prestigious International Excellence in Retail Financial Services Awards 2022 hosted by the Asian Banker Magazine.

Global telecom gear makers say that they

expect India to account for about 15 per cent of

the worldwide market for the 3.5 GHz-based 5G

HNB PLC, was ranked among the Top 1,000 Showing excellence and resilience in the face World Banks for the sixth consecutive year by of crises, the bank has continued to progress on its ambitious journey in providing digitallyenabled products and services that provide customers with convenient, comprehensive and secure options to transact remotely.

> Notably, during the current year, the bank was awarded the 'Best IoT Initiative' at the Asian Digital Finance Forum and Awards for successfully implementing the HNB Fit bank-

ing product by the Asian FinTech Academy (AFTA).

HNB is also among Sri Lanka's most awarded banks, having been ranked among the Banker Magazine's Top 1,000 Global Banks for six consecutive years, as well as being adjudged Best Retail and SME Bank at the Interna-

tional Finance Awards 2021 and being ranked among Sri Lanka's Most Admired Companies for the fourth consecutive year.

The digitally-savvy bank further consolidated its position at the LankaPay Technnovation Awards 2022, where it bagged four top awards. HNB was awarded the prestigious Bank of the Year for Financial Inclusivity and Bank of the Year for Excellence in Customer Convenience

Since the Chinese market is off-

bounds, India will be a key market

for global telecom gear makers.

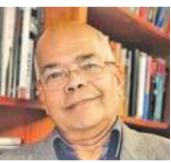
"SL should combine expenditure reducing by switching pol

INDUNIL HEWAGE

In an economy where anti-tradable bias has underpinned vulnerability to the present crisis by building up a massive debt overhang, it is necessary for Sri Lanka to combine expenditure reducing policies with policies aimed at expenditure switching from non tradable to tradable production in the economy, Professor Premachandra Athukorala (PICTURED) said.

Sri Lanka's incentive structure throughout the post independence period has favored non-tradable such as construction, utilities and all the other services and subsequently that anti tradable bias or pro non-tradable bias intensified during the last three decades, Prof. Athukorala told the Reform Now conference held under the theme 'Let's Reset Sri Lanka, hosted by The Advocata Institute in partnership with FNF Sri Lanka, Jetwing Hotels and the Atlas Institute.

Speaking on anti-tradable bias and how it made the country vul-



nerable to the present crisis, he stressed the need to restructure the economy to redress non-tradable bias just like Thailand did to make the economy resilient to future cri-

Moreover, Prof. Athukorala emphasised the need to compare Sri Lanka's own experience under the IMF programme with that of other East Asian countries. He noted that it is important to ascertain reasons as to why Sri Lanka has been a repetitive IMF client unlike other East Asia miracle countries like Thailand.

Speaking of IMF and crisis cally we are located in Asia, partly affected countries in Asia . he said we are an African country. All the none of the countries in East Asia have gone to the IMF after 1998. "India being a South Asian country had a massive reform in 1991 but India has not gone to the IMF after

Moreover, Bangladesh too has not gone to the IMF over the last three decades. The countries even helped

Sri Lanka to face the crisis. The real issue is why Sri Lanka has been a repetitive IMF client. "We have gone to the IMF 16 times and now we are getting ready to sign

the 17th agreement. In other words, when you look at financial history in the world, even though geographiAn alternative to

Athukorala added.

repetitive borrowers in the world

are in Africa. Our issue is we don't

try to learn lessons from history.

Let us hope this trip to Washington

is going to be our last trip and no

more IMF visits thereafter," Prof.

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★ Current Yield as at 29th July 2022

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Korean Envoy meets Northern Province Governor

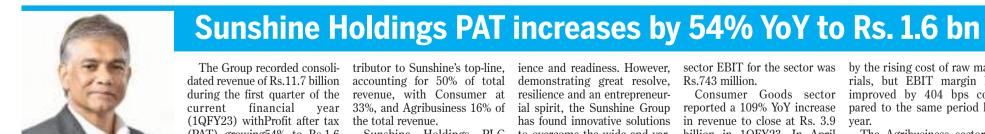


Korean Ambassador Santhush Woonjin JEONG met with the Governor of the Northern Province Jeevan Thiagarajah in Kilinochchi and discussed ways to promote cooperation between Korea and the Northern Province of Sri Lanka.

The Governor Thiagarajah deeply appreciated the magnificent contribution by the Korean government to enhance the education sector and improve the educational environment for the local community. Both parties engaged in a fruitful meeting on ways to promote Korea-Sri Lanka business ties including Korean language education for school students in the Northern Province.

radio and network. The vendors are assuming The long-awaited high-speed 5G services are that the telcos will be able to provide 5G coverage expected to be rolled out in about a month, Minister of State for Telecom Devusinh Chauhan said to over 50 per cent of the geographical area of the on Monday, 8 August. TO PAGE 12

India among top three global markets for 5G



country in the next two years.

Chairman Amal Cabraal

Diversified Sri Lankan conglomerate Sunshine Holdings PLC (CSE: SUN) continued to demonstrate resilience amidst prevailing macro-economic conditions, reporting an impressive top-line growth of 59% YoY.

dated revenue of Rs.11.7 billion during the first quarter of the financial year (1QFY23) withProfit after tax (PAT) growing 54% to Rs.1.6

billion. The revenue increase was mainly due to significant revenue growth in Healthcare and Agribusiness sectors together with the acquisition of a tea export business to strengthen its Consumer Sector.

The Group's Healthcare sector emerged as the largest con-

The Group recorded consolitributor to Sunshine's top-line, accounting for 50% of total revenue, with Consumer at 33%, and Agribusiness 16% of the total revenue.

> Sunshine Holdings PLC Chairman Amal Cabraal said, "The challenging macroeconomic conditions have impacted the country's economy in an unprecedented manner. For businesses in Sri Lanka, facing and overcoming the numerous challenges posed by the ongoing economic crisis has and will be an extreme test of resil-

ience and readiness. However, demonstrating great resolve, resilience and an entrepreneurial spirit, the Sunshine Group has found innovative solutions to overcome the wide and varied challenges."

During the period in review, Group's Healthcare sector posted revenue of Rs.5.8 billion during the first quarter, a significant increase of 46% YoY backed by the price increases to reflect the depreciation of the Rupee, despite volume contraction.Group's Healthcare sector EBIT for the sector was Rs.743 million.

Consumer Goods sector reported a 109% YoY increase in revenue to close at Rs. 3.9 billion in 1QFY23. In April 2022, Sunshine Tea (Pvt) Ltd, which is a tea export business, was acquired by the Group and its performance is consolidated under Consumer Goods sector with effect from 1stApril 2022.

Excluding the new addition, revenue growth stood at 8%. Gross margins were impacted

by the rising cost of raw materials, but EBIT margin has improved by 404 bps compared to the same period last

The Agribusiness sector of the Group, represented by Watawala Plantations PLC (WATA), saw a revenue increase of 32% during the first quarter compared to the same period last year. PAT of the Agri sector closed at Rs. 734 million for 1QFY23, up by Rs. 10 million compared to the same period last year.

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Union Assurance wins top accolades for 'Most Comprehensive health insurance solution Health 360'

Enhancing its legacy of excellence, Union Assurance has won top accolades for its comprehensive Health insurance solution – Health 360.

The awards recognised the Company's industry-leading role as an innovative trailblazer driving product quality to new heights.

The awards won by Union Assurance for Health 360 were Sri Lanka's Best Health Insurance Plan presented at the Insurance Alerts Excellence Awards 2021, and Health Insurance Initiative of the Year - Sri Lanka, presented at the Insurance Asia Awards 2021.

The Chief Executive Officer of Union Assurance, Jude Gomes, described the awards as a triumph for their strategy to offer the most innovative Health insurance solutions. He noted that Health 360 was a major breakthrough, providing comprehensive protection for the family across three generations, covering the policyholder's spouse, children, and par-



Technical Officer Rumesh

Modarage said that, Health

360 was designed as a one-

stop solution unique in its

range and scope. It offers ben-

efits across three generations

covering the policyholder's

spouse, children, and parents

with a wealth of benefits,

including hospital charges,

nity services.

surgery, dental and optical ser-

vices, medication, and mater-

He added, "Health 360 is

designed to help customers

health care, especially given

manage the rising cost of

According to Mr. Gomes, the accolades by two prestigious awarding bodies recognised their commitment to helping consumers manage the ever-increasing cost of healthcare. He said that Health 360 gives policyholders access to the best treatment for themselves and their loved ones, without having to worry about affordability. "It is a truly visionary safety net that ensures health and well-being in these challenging times," he added.

Union Assurance Chief

the unforeseen health needs. With a Health 360 solution, customers now have the liberty to obtain the best treatment without holding back owing to limitations in affordability.

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Prajeeth Balasubramaniam heads **SLSBC** of The Ceylon Chamber

eral Meeting of the Sri Lanka - Singapore Business Council (SLSBC) of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce was held

July 27 via Zoom. BOVCapital Ltd Managing Partner Prajeeth Balasubramaniam was re- elected as the President of the Council for the year 2022-2023. Janaka Gunasekara Deputy Managing Director, Agri Inputs, A Baur & Company Limited, Shiluka Gunawardena, Partner, KPMG and Jerome Brohier Vice President, Aitken Spence Cargo

Vice Presidents of the Council.

The President of SLSBC drew attention to the SLSBC's work during the past year, highlighting the Council's efforts to promote bilateral trade and investment between the two countries. These efforts focused on areas such as the real estate, education and gem and jewellery industries, leveraging the particular strengths of the two countries in these industries, while promoting the startup and Fintech

and facilitating digitization to ensure greater efficiency.

For the year 2022/23, the Council will focus on agriculture, the food processing and sourcing sectors, FMCG imports and exports, and promoting startups and SMEs, based on consultations held with the counterparts in Singapore. The Council also plans to organize a trade delegation to Singapore later this year, which will assist efforts to enhance foreign exchange reserves in Sri Lanka.

Ceylon Grain Elevators (Pvt) Ltd, Hemas Hospitals (Pvt) Ltd, Kalhari Enterprises, Overseas Realty (Ceylon) PLC, Spear International (Pvt) Ltd, Star Promotions (Pvt) Ltdwere elected from the membership to serve on the Executive Committee of the Coun-

Further details regarding membership of the Council could be obtained from the Secretariat of the Sri Lanka Singapore Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

CSE conducts 'Beyond Basics' Forum to focus on 'Climate Disclosure and Action'

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) will be conducting 'Beyond Basics' for the third time, titled 'Beyond Basics: Setting Standards for Climate Disclosure and Action'

The forum will offer participants an in-depth understanding of the fundamentals and best practices of climate reporting, delivered through a panel of renowned local and global Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)

The forum is set to take place on August 9, 2022 from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and will be conducted via Microsoft Teams to enable convenient access to participants. The platform anticipates bringing together listed and non-listed company Chairpersons, CEOs & CFOs, Executive and Non-Executive Directors, Senior Management, as well as ESG & Sustainability Leads and repre-

The half-day forum will comprise

insightful presentations on 'Connecting the Dots between Climate Action and Disclosure'; 'Assessing the Climate Impact of your Business & Setting Effective Standards'; 'The Corporate Approach to Transparency in Climate Reporting', and a moderated panel discussion on 'Climate Disclosure & Action - Why Greater Transparency is

The speakers for 'Beyond Basics' include Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri,

Country Representative for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Ms. Tiffany Grabski, Academy Head at UN Sustainable Stock Exchange Initiative, Sanith de S. Wijeyeratne, Director and CEO at The Climate and Conservation Consortium, Nishantha Hewavithana, Senior Vice President Research and Strategy at CSE, Vadakepatth Nandkumar, Advisor Sustainability Services at DNV Business Assurance India Pvt. Ltd.,

Paula Hermogenes Gomes, Circular Economy Manager at British American Tobacco, Ms. Anosha Koralage, Group Head of Sustainability, Enterprise Risk Management and Group Initiatives at John Keells Holdings, and Imanthi Perera, Corporate Affairs Manager at Ceylon Tobacco Company PLC.

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) operates the only stock market in Sri Lanka and is responsible for providing a transparent and regulated environ-

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Janaka Jayasuriya Assistant General Manager Branch Banking, Sampath Bank PLC hands over a sapling to school children who participated in the art exhibition. Kumanan Rasanayagam Regional Manager North, Sampath Bank PLC and Rajashanthan - Manager Jaffna Branch, Sampath Bank PLC is in the picture.

Sampath Bank sponsors 'Jaffna Poson Festival' at Sri Naga Vihara

Sampath Bank recently announced its sponsorship of the Jaffna Poson Festival at the Sri Naga Vihara International Buddhist Center on June 14 and 15.

Jaffna residents were treated to

an exhibition of ancient Buddhist relics. The highlight of this year's celebrations in Jaffna was expected to be not just the religious observances and good-fellowship, but the large and captivating collection of children's paintings on display at the Sri Naga Vihara.

The theme for this art exhibition was 'good habits and rituals,' and it elicited some charming submissions. These paintingswere submitted by 200 Tamil children of different age groups, ranged from engagingly childlike drawings to mature works of astonishing artis-

Perhaps what's most noteworthy about this art exhibit is that these budding young artists are the children of former LTTE cadres who have long since been rehabilitated and have assimilated themselves into the fabric of Sri Lankan society.The level of enthusiasm was so impressive that the Bank decided to award each and every young artistic participant a cash prize in the form of a Sampath Bank account

"Sampath Bank has had a presence in Jaffna peninsula since peace returned to the Peninsula,"

said Tharaka Ranwala Senior Deputy General Manager and Group Marketing, Deposit Mobilization and Digitalization, Sampath Bank PLC. "The Bank has proved to be one of the fastest growing private banks in the area, offering its customers a range of attractive financial products and services. Coming from a bank that is on the cutting edge technologically, the people of Jaffna embraced these progressive products and services and are being rewarded for it. They appreciate the value and benefits of these technologically advanced products and services.'

The festivities culminated on the evening with a number of events. In the age-old Sri Lankan tradition of religious tolerance, these events were graced by the attendance of members of the clergy of the Buddhist, Hindu and Catholic faiths. Brief sermons delivered by senior Buddhist prelates, followed by the Sampath Bank-sponsored prize giving for participants of different

Sampath Bank is a 100% local bank that has deeply rooted itself in the lives of the people of Sri Lanka. Established in 1987, the bank has become a state-of-the-art financial institution that continues to be a market leader today thanks to its constant innovation and customer focused approach to busi-

Seylan Bank partners Asiri Hospitals Group with Easy Payment Plan

Asiri Hospitals Group to make hospital bill payments easier for customers with a special Easy Payment Plan (EPP) facility. Understanding the stress caused by a loved one falling sick, the Bank with a Heart stepped forward to provide customers relief from bulk payments on hospital bills, giving them piece of mind through the essential card for essential needs, during these uncertain times.

Sevlan Credit Card Customers who make a payment using the essential Seylan Credit Card at any Asiri Hospital can avail the EPP with 0% instalment plans extended for a 6-month period.

Seylan Bank has partnered the This EPP facility with the no easier for customers to meet expenses gradually and will be available up to December 31. Through this facility, Seylan Bank assures cardholders continued relief on bulk payments, as they care for their loved ones during these difficult times.

> Asiri Hospitals is a leading Health Care provider in Sri Lanka, with one of the most dedicated, skilled, and experienced teams of healthcare providers and medical experts in the country. Using many of the most cutting-edge medical equipment and technology in the industry, Asiri Hospitals rigorously main-



Gamika De Silva

tain continuous compliance with internationally recognized standards providing safe and effective patient care. Affirming the hosand patient care. Asiri Central Hospital is a recipient of the Joint Commission International's Gold Seal of Approval for Hospital Accreditation while Asiri Surgical Hospital, Asiri Medical Hospital, Asiri Hospital Galle, and Asiri Hospital Matara, are all recipients of the Australian Health Care Accreditation (ACHS).

Seylan Bank Assistant General Manager Marketing and Sales Gamika De Silva said, "We are pleased to partner with a leading health care group such as the Asiri Group of Hospitals to provide this payment plan to our cardholdpeople find it increasingly challenging to meet the expenses of healthcare needs. As the essential card for essential needs, we hope that we can ease the burden of our customers through strategic partnerships such as this. Seylan card holders continu-

ously benefit from a variety of offers throughout the year as financial relief on day-to-day purchases are increasingly becoming important to the public. As such, Seylan card holders have the option to convert any transaction into an easy payment plan by paying a minimal handling fee.

Asia Young Designer Awards winners felicitated

The Asia Young Designer Awards Sri Lanka 2021/2022 winners were felicitated recently at a colourful ceremony at the Water's Edge, Battaramulla. AYDA which was

launched in 2008 is aimed at inspiring Architectural and Interior Design students to develop their skills through cross-learning opportunities and networking with key industry players as well as fellow Architectural and Interior Design peers in the region. AYDA is organised by Nippon Paint Lanka in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA).

Dihan Dhamika Inshan became the Gold Winner in the Architectural Category with his project titled, 'Waste Upcycling Park and Wetland Awareness Center' while W.D.Iwanthi Dharmapala won the Silver Award in the Interior Design Category with the project titled, 'Major Design Project-

Timber Craft Center'. "The awards have grown in terms of reach



Bandara Herath SVP, SLIA; Architect, Planner, Deshamanya Dr. Surath Wickramasinghe; Architect Russell Dandeniya President, SLIA: Nemantha Abevsinghe General Manager (NPLK); Niranjala Sendanayake Head of Business Planning and Sales Administration (NPLK) and Dihan Dhamika Inshan (Gold Award AR Category).

and stature since they were introduced in 2008 and have now been established as one of Asia's premier design awards," said Nemantha Abeysinghe, General Manager, Nippon Paint Lanka. "More than 35,000 entries from over 1,200 tertiary education institutions across 16 different geographical locations in Asia have been received to date. Third- and fourth-year students from the City School of Architecture (CSA), University of Moratuwa (UOM), General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU), and the Sri

Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLITT) compete for the awards in the architectural and interior design categories. Gold winners from both categories are eligible to participate in the international competition." The occasion also saw the launch of the theme for the 2022/2023 AYDA Awards along with the launch of the AYDA website.

Renowned Architect and Planner, Deshamanya Dr. Surath Wickremasinghe was the Chief Guest at the AYDA 2021/2022 Awards Ceremony. Other distinguished guests included

Nemantha Abeysinghe, General Manager, Nippon Paint Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. Architect Russell Dandeniya, President SLIA, Architect Rohana Bandara Herath, Senior Vice President SLIA, the Official Jury Panel for AYDA Sri Lanka 2021/2022, and the Heads of participating universities.

SLIA President Architect Russell Dandeniya said, "Young architects are our future. They are the people who are envisioning new ideas, new thoughts, and adding new and innovative design initiatives with technology."

Daraz Buy1Give1 reaches out to vulnerable communities together to figure out new

"Buy1Give1" programme in May 2022. The aim of Buy1Give1 was to provide some relief to vulnerable communities, while enabling consumers to transform everyday activities like buying groceries into highimpact, meaningful actions.

Daraz is committed to creating a world full of giving, and to further strengthen this effort, Daraz partnered with the Foundation of Goodness to identify families in need and distribute goods collected through this initiative.

Daraz Sri Lanka Managing Director Rakhil Fernando said; "Sri Lanka is facing an unprecedented crisis, and we need to work

ways of empowering each other and lifting each other up. The Buy1Give1 model is practiced in other parts of the world, as a means of transforming everyday actions into something meaningful, and that is what we are trying to do in Sri Lanka during this time. We also did not want to put any unnecessary pressure on our consumers and developed a way for them to be part of our initiative while meeting their own daily needs. We are also delighted to partner with the Foundation of Goodness on the distribution, because it enables us to ensure that the items collected goes to families who

need them the most.'



Rakhil Fernando, Managing Director of Daraz Sri Lanka, hands over essentials to Gunasekera, Founder and Chief Trustee of Foundation of Goodness.

Australia beat India to win T20 Cricket gold, New Zealand claim bronze



Australia clinched the first Commonwealth Games gold medal in women's cricket after a thrilling nine-run win over India at Edgbaston.

Tahlia McGrath - who had mild symptoms before testing positive for Covid-19 - made two with the bat as Australia amassed 161 for eight and leaked 24 in her two



overs as India, needing 13 from

the final 10 balls with three wick-

ets in hand, collapsed to 152 all

McGrath pointedly warned her

team-mates not to come near her

after taking the catch to dismiss

Shafali Verma, while the sides

avoided shaking hands as is cus-

tomary at the end of a contest but

McGrath was at the presentation

ceremony, wearing a facemask as

she was awarded her gold medal.

She did not shake hands with

Commonwealth Games Federa-

tion president Dame Louise Mar-

tin after accepting the gong

around her neck amid a range of

measures approved by health

experts and team and match offi-

out in 19.3 overs.





cials that allowed the 26-year-old to feature in this gold medal

Australia, holders of both limited-overs World Cups and the Ashes, once again proved invincible, winning all their matches in Birmingham. Beth Mooney top-scored for

Australia with a superb 61 from 41 balls but departed following Deepti Sharma's outstanding onehanded catch, with the opener one of five wickets to

addition of just 36 runs. India slipped to 22 for two in response but captain Harmanpreet Kaur skilfully led the recov-

ery alongside Jemimah Rodri-

fall in the last five overs for the

gues. The pair put on 96 before Rodrigues was castled for 33 after missing a swipe at Megan Schutt. In the next over, Harmanpreet departed for 65 off 43 deliveries as an attempted scoop bobbled off her helmet and into wicketkeeper Alyssa Healy's gloves.

Harmanpreet was one of three wickets to fall to off-spinner Ashleigh Gardner, who conceded just 16 runs from her three overs. India, who had won six of their previous 24 T20s against Australia, needed 11 off the final over but Meghna Singh was needlessly run out coming back for a second before Jess Jonassen gained an lbw verdict over Yastika Bhatia,



Players of Team Australia celebrate as Jess Jonassen takes the wicket of Taniya Bhatia of Team India to win the gold medal match

Meg Lanning's side started to 110 for nine proved no match for celebrate. Earlier, New Zealand clinched the bronze medal following an eight-wicket victory over Team England.

The home nation won the toss

their opponents as captain Sophie Devine recorded an unbeaten half-century - including six fours and one maximum with Hayley Jensen taking three England

	MEDAL TALLY A	FTE	R D	AY 1	0
Pos	Team	G	S	В	Total
1	Australia	66	55	53	174
2	England	55	59	52	166
3	Canada	26	31	34	91
4	New Zealand	19	12	17	48
5	India	18	15	22	55
6	Scotland	12	11	26	49
7	Nigeria	12	9	13	35
8	Wales	8	6	13	27
9	South Africa	7	9	11	27
10	Northern Ireland	7	7	4	18
11	Malaysia	6	7	6	19
12	Jamaica	6	6	3	15
13	Kenya	6	5	10	21
14	Trinidad & Tobago	3	2	1	6
15	Uganda	3	0	2	5
16	Singapore	2	4	4	10
17	Cyprus	2	3	6	11
18	Pakistan	2	3	3	8
19	Samoa	1	4	0	5
20	Barbados	1	1	1	3
20	Cameroon	1	1	1	3
20	Zambia	1	1	1	3
31	SRI LANKA	0	1	3	4

Royal and Isipathana clear initial hurdle in Rugby Super Round

Royal College and Isipathana College have cleared their initial hurdle in the Super Round of the 2022 Inter-Schools Under-20 'A' Division League Rugby Tournament.

Last week, the defending champions Royal came from behind to beat Wesley College 21-16 at Longden Place while the former champions Isipathana pulled off an exciting 16-13 victory over St. Joseph's College at Havelock Park.

Both Royal and Isipathana have now emerged as the only contenders for the 'A' Division league title and their confrontation this weekend will certainly decide the league champions for this year.



An Isipathana player tries to break off in the face of opposition from St. Joseph's. Pix by Wasitha Patabendige

league title, came under trailing 0-9 at one stage raratne.

Royal, who are chasing a before they reduced the unique fourth successive margin to 7-9 at half time, courtesy of a superb try early pressure and were from hooker Danuja Sama-

In fact, Samararatne turned out to be the toast of all Royal fans as he went on to add two more tries in the second half to complete a

Rugby Super Round Points Table

Team	P	W	L	D	Т	C	P	DG	PF	PA	ВP	TOTA
Isipathana	6	6	0	0	17	8	7	0	124	74	2	32
Royal	6	5	1	0	23	13	4	0	153	60	3	28
St. Joseph's	6	4	2	0	20	7	7	0	135	96	4	24
Wesley	6	3	2	1	20	12	4	0	140	77	4	22

a spirited St. Joseph's outfit

in another Super Round fix-

ture played at Havelock

Park. Both teams managed

to score a try each but even-

tually it was the kicking

prowess of Rinesh Silva

that helped the team from

Havelock Park to emerge

victorious in a tense

unique hat-trick of tries and to give his side a crucial victory in the end.

Wesley, of course, produced a late try through their dynamic fly half Shaveen Jayawardena, who also put over the three penalties, but his efforts alone failed to change the outcome of this encoun-

Meanwhile, Isipathana rallied around magnificently to record a thrilling 16-13 victory against

encounter. The way both Isipathana and St. Joseph's played this high-profile game was quite admirable as both teams lived up to expectations as top contenders to clinch the league The contest became even

more exciting when the Joes reduced the margin to just three points (13-16) late in the second half, having been completely outplayed during the initial stages

The loss of two of their key players early in the game due to injuries certainly forced St. Joseph's to make some changes in the line-up as they struggled to get their act together well.

But Isipathana failed to capitalise on their opponents' setback and made some basic mistakes despite enjoying a great amount of possession during the first 35 minutes of the game.

St. Joseph's eventually came out of their shell to play their natural game late in the second half, but it turned out to be too late as Isipathana held on determinedly to register a close

Madushan and Nadeeka best powerlifters of Kalutara



Best player in the men's categories Madushan Fernando. pictures by Narayanaswamy Jayaratnam

NARAYANASWAMY JAYARATNAM

amya Viharaya under the guidance of the viharadhipathi Dhammawansa Thero. The popular lawyer and pilot Mishara Kethaka Fernando participated in the awards ceremony

The competition was held at Karunaratne memorial Bodybuilding and fitness centre, Bandaragama on July 23 and was organized by the Sak-

as the Chief Guest and present-

ed certificates, medals and tro-

thi Powerlifting Club under the guidance of coach and Power-The award ceremony of the lifting Instructor I.P. Nandase-Kalutara district powerlifting na with the aim of promoting competition was held on July 30 and uplifting powerlifting at the Wadduwa Sri Lankar- among the youngsters of Kalut-

ara district. During these competitions M.T.I. Madushan(490kgs) was adjudged the best player in the men's categories and H.N.H. Nadeeka Amarasri(235kgs) was chosen as the best player in the women's categories meanwhile

Fernando(52kgs) and E.A.D. Nawothya Epitawala (352.5) were the highest weight lifters in the men's and women's categories respectively.



Best player in the women's categories Nadeeka Amarasri

Epic knock of 275 by Nikil Abilash



St. Anthony's College's under 17 batsman Nikil Abilash scored a double ton and bowler Kisal Imantha took 7 for 40 in a Division III cricket match against Gateway International College played at Katugastota recently. They helped the Antonians to win the game by 355 runs. Nikhil Abilash was in imperious form, smashing 25 fours and 14 sixes and faced 175 balls. His knock helped St. Anthony's College post 443 runs for 5 wickets and their bowler Sisal Imantha bowled to a line and length to pocket 7 for 40.

It was the Gateway International College who won the toss and invited St. Anthony's College to bat first, and they were able to smash the bowlers to score 443 runs for the loss of 5 wickets in 50 overs.

Where Nikhil Abilash thrashed the bowling to score 275, Kavindu Chamod also did well with the bat to score 60 runs. and bowled out the opponents for 88 runs in 30.4 over's thanks to Kisal Imantha taking 7 for 40.

St. Anthony's College - 443 for 5 in 50 overs - Nikil Abilash 275, Kavindu Chamod 60, Dillion Wijetunge 21

International Gateway School 88 all out in 30.4 over's -N.G.Ashkam 26, M.Babel Ahemed 20. Kisal Imantha 7 for 40

Samarasinghe Trinity's Swimming captain

Trinity College has named L.S.C.Samarasinghe a top class swimmer as the captain of the swimming team for 2022. Trinity College gives a big backing for swimming and has produced some top swimmers.

Kandy SC - AGM

The only club out of Colombo playing top division rugby, Kandy Sports Club, will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on August 13 Saturday at the club house; Kick-off will be at10.30 a.m. Mahesh Weerasinghe who has been president for nearly four years is tipped to continue with Sujeewa Liyanage as Secretary and senior vice president will be Lasantha Wijesuriya who is also the Rugby Chairman and has been in the game for years doing good

Men's and Women's **Hockey tourney**

The Men's and Women's hockey tournament of the 47thNational Sports Festival of Kandy District organized by the Central Province Sports Ministry will take place on August12 at Digana Sports Complex, where some of the top hockey players will be seen in action. In this National Sports festival the other sports activities are Volleyball, Football, Kabaddi, Cricket, TableTennis, Basketball, Netball and Athletics for men and women.



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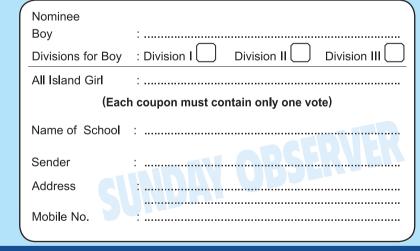
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Unprecedented number of athletes go missing

Sri Lanka's athletic campaign fizzles out



Sri Lanka's campaign in the XXII Commonwealth Games fizzled out as athletes Sarangi Silva (women's long jump) and Olympian Sumedha Ranasinghe (men's javelin throw) performed below par on the penultimate day of the competition in Birmingham on Sunday night.

Turkey-based Sarangi Silva finished in 13th place with a best effort of 6.07 metres in her third attempt after a no-jump in the first one and clearing 6.00 metres in the second one. Nigeria's Ese Brume won the gold setting a Games Record of 7.00m.

Ranasinghe clinched 10th position with his best effort being 70.77m in his second attempt after clearing distances of 69.22m and 70.45m way below his season best of 82.18m. Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem By Anna-Marie a Ondnatje

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After securing four medals in the Games, Sri Lanka were still reeling from disappearances of members from the Village which rose

to double figures as of Sun-Officials disturbed by the

unprecedented number of people decamping were still counting the number of missing persons ahead of the contingent's return to Sri Lanka following the closing ceremony.

Having assembled the biggest contingent of 160 in the history of the Games, the numbers had whittled down after a total of 10 were reported absent.

Three men pugilists, two men beach volleyball players and a wrestler were the latest to perform the vanishing act. Significantly, the deserters comprise seven Army and three Navy per-

Australia retained their men's Beach Volleyball title with victory over Canada in

won the gold with a Games a thrilling battle at Smith-Record of 90.18m. field.

Chris McHugh, who won gold four years ago, and his new partner Paul Burnett came through 2-1 against Canada's Sam Schachter who also won silver at Gold Coast 2018 - and Daniel Dearing.

Canada's Sarah Pavan and Melissa Humana-Paredes successfully defended their Commonwealth women's Beach Volleyball title with a 2-1 comeback victory over Australia.

The final, which was a replay of the one played at Gold Coast 2018, saw the Canadian duo get the better of rivals Mariafe Artacho del Solar and Taliqua Clancy for their secondsuccessive Commonwealth

Australia celebrated a hard-fought 55-51 victory over Jamaica to clinch the Commonwealth Netball

The Gold Coast 2018 beaten finalists, who defeated defending champions England 60-51 in the semi-finals, were made to fight for the gold after Jamaica made sure the scores were level at 29-29 the midway stage.

Australia, who have won gold in four previous Games, won the penultimate quarter 16-12 and that deficit proved too much for their opponents, who could only hit back 12-10 in the final quarter to lose by four points.

Northern Ireland won three gold medals in the boxing afternoon session as they close in on the most medals ever won at a single Commonwealth Games.

They won 15 medals in Edinburgh in 1986 and three golds and a silver in the session saw them draw level with that total.

Aidan Walsh won gold in the men's light middleweight with a unanimous points win over Tiago Osorio Muxanga of Mozam-

Dylan Eagleson was also a unanimous points winner after he took gold with victory over Ghana's Abraham Mensah who defeated Sri Lanka's Rukmal Prasanna in the men's bantamweight.

Amy Broadhurst scored a comprehensive points win over Gemma Richardson of England.

Carly McNaul, who beat Sri Lanka's Keshani Hansika, was the fourth Northern Irish medal winner of session when she took home silver after a points defeat to India's world champions Nikhat Zareen in the women's light flyweight.

England won Commonwealth Games hockey gold for the first time as Australia were beaten 2-1 at Birmingham 2022.

Having assembled the biggest contingent of 160 in the history of the Games. the numbers had whittled down after a total of 10 were reported absent. Two men pugilists Vimukthi Kumara, and Sanjeewa Bandara Rajakaruna, two men beach volleyball play-



Carly Mc Naul (red) of Northern Ireland competes against Zareen Nikhat (blue) of India 48kg-50kg (Light Flyweight) gold medal bout. Women Over

ers Ashen Rashmika, and Malintha Yapa, and wrestlers Suresh Chanaka Fernando and Sriyanthika Niroshini were the latest to perform the Houdini act. The others were judoka Chamila Dilani and manager Lt Cdr Asela de Silva, wrestler Shanith Chathuranga, and boxer Niklas Vittalis. Significantly, the deserters comprise seven Army and three Navy personnel.

Results Women's Long Jump -

1 Ese Brume (Nigeria) 7.00 metres GR, 2 Brooke

Bushchkuehl (Australia) 6.95, 3 Deborah Acquah (Ghana) 6.94, 4 Jazmin Sawyers (England) 6.84, 5 Lorraine Ugen (England) 6.60, 6 Ruth Usoro (Nigeria) 6.56, 7 Ackelia Smith (Jamaica) 6.55, 8 Filippa Fotopoulou (Cyprus) 6.47, 9 Christabel Nettey (Canada) 6.41, 10 Samantha Dale (Australia) 6.32, 11 Tyra Gittens (Trinidad & Tobago) 6.27, 12 Abigail Irozuru (England) 6.19, 13 Lakshini Sarangi Silva (Sri Lanka) 6.07

Men's Javelin Throw -Final

1 Arshad Nadeem (Paki-

stan) 90.18m GR, 2 Anderson Peters (Grenada) 88.64, 3 Julius Yego (Kenya) 85.70, 4 Keshorn Walcott (Trinidad & Tobago) 82.61, 5 D.P Manu (India) 82.28, 6 Rohit Yadav (India) 82.22, 7 Cameron McEntyre (Australia) 79.89, 8 Alex Toroitich Kiprotich (Kenya) 77.93, 9 Chinecherem Nnamdi (Nigeria) 76.46, 10 Sumedha Ranasinghe (Sri Lanka) 70.77, 11 Joe Harris (Isle of Man) 67.91, 12 Lakona Gerega (Papua New Guinea) 63.46, 13 Donny Tuimaseve (Samoa) 63.14

I was able to create wrestling history despite hardships, says bronze medallist Nethmi

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The 18-year-old Nethmi Ahinsa Poruthotage bagged the first medal on offer in Wrestling last week, as the youngster grabbed Bronze in the Women's Freestyle 57kg event. The student of Welpalla Sangarathana Masha Vidyalaya, in Giriulla, Kurunegala returned home yesterday with her coach last morning from the Katunayake Airport where sports Ministry officials and Sri Lanka Wrestling Federation officials gathered to give her a warm welcome.

Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando Poruthotage speaking to the Daily News said she was able to create Sri Lankan Wrestling history by taking the first ever Commonwealth Games medal as well as becoming the youngest Sri Lankan athlete to win a Commonwealth medal in his-

She further said winning a medal at this Commonwealth Games gave her immense happiness. I couldn't win the gold but I am determined to



The voungest Sri Lankan Commonwealth Games medalist wrestler Nethmi Ahinsa Polruthotage with her parents and sister at the Katunayake Airport. (pix courtesy Sports Ministry

future. If I am to win an Olympic medal I have to correct my mistakes as well as train hard to reach my target. Actually if I am to go to Olympics I have to take part International rankings tournaments to improve my world rankings. My coach

get an Olympic medal in Suranga Kumara gave me good support to come to this level and looking forward to do well under his guidance. National Olympic Committee (NOC) and Sports Ministry as well as my school and coach and Wrestling Federation gave me maximum support to get this medal.

Actually my father is a nutritional foods. Dilith profession had financial problems but he gave me everything while my mother who is a housewife always backed me.

We had lot of difficulties but my parents provided me all the facilities.

Especially they gave all nutritious food but that was not luxury while jak fruit, manioc, and other nutritional foods and my coach helped to train me in a small way at his home despite limited facilities. I am very happy to bring honour to my country.

This medal is for all people of Sri Lanka and not for me hope to get their blessings in future to achieve success added Nethmi Ahinsa.

Meanwhile Derana Group Chairman Dilith Jayaweera has already promised to give a new house to Nethmi in the Kurunegala through the 'Manusath Derana programme.

Dilith Jayaweera also promised to give monthly Rs. 50 000 allowance for

Jayaweera also said we are very keen to look after Nethmi's coach Suranga Kumara who gave fine support with limited facilities. We are discussing to make arrangements for the coach to fulfill his coaching qualifications and this type of athletes and coaches have to be supported to get more results in future, said Jayaweera.

The Sport Ministry Secretary Dr Amal Harsha de Silva said they have discussed with Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe to felicitate Commonwealth Games medal winners end of this week and to give cash awards from the Ministry. The Sports Ministry will continue to support the medal win-

Nethmi Ahinsa' s parents and family members, Sport Director General Amal Edirisooriya, and the senior officials of the Sports Ministry were present to welcome Nethmi Ahinsa' and her coach yesterday morning.

Prabath takes home ICC Player of the Month award

Sri Lankan spinner Prabath Jayasuriya's sensational start to international cricket has been capped off by winning the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for July 2022.

Javasuriva beat England batter and June's Player of the Month winner Jonny Bairstow, and French sensation Gustav McKeon for the coveted monthly award, after a brilliant start to international cricket in the longest format.

The 30-year-old was thrilled to have won the monthly award.

"I am delighted with this announcement, and wish to thank the fans for voting



Prabath Jayasuriya, the champion leg spinner

me as the ICC Men's Player of the Month," Jayasuriya said. "Certainly it has been an incredible month for me, as I made the Test debut, and also got the opportunity to contribute for my team to level the Test series played against Australia and Pakistan.

mates, coaches, family and friends for helping my journey, and thrilled with what I am experiencing at this moment in my life.' Jayasuriya emerged as a new spin hero for Sri

"I take this opportunity

to thank my fans, team-

Lanka, having one of the most memorable debut Test matches. The spinner registered

figures of 6/118 and 6/59 as Sri Lanka roared back against Australia in Galle to level the two-match Test

His exploits helped the hosts beat the visitors by an innings and 39 runs.

(ICC media release)

Group IV Davis Cup Ruketon Tennis tournament

Harshana and Yasitha in easy wins



DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA Harshana Godamanna and Yasitha de Silva two experienced Sri Lankan tennis players recorded an easy victories in their singles matches when they beat Bangladesh opponents respectively at the opening day of the Group IV Davis Cup Ruketon tournament played at SLTA courts yesterday.

the game while the National champion Yesitha de Silva outclassed Ranjan Ram 6/3, 6/0.

Meanwhile the Sri Lankan doubles pair Chathurya Nilaweera and Thehan Wijemanne beat Bangladesh pair Kawsar Ali and Joel Rana with an easy two sets 6/1, 6/0 to win the game.

Meanwhile Iraq players defeated Godamanna defeated Moham- Brunai players $\hat{3/0}$ while Yeman mad Rubei Hussain 6/1,6/3 to win beat Maldives 2/1 in their group



Harshana Godamanna in action

matches yesterday. The tournament will be continued today from 10am onwards

Suneetha receives Outstanding Game Changer Award

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Suneetha Wijesuriya well known Chess promoter, Gold medalist at the 30th FIDE World Chess Olympiad In 1992 was awarded the **Outstanding Game Changer** of Chess in Asia last week.

The International Chess Federation has named 2022 as the year of Women Chess and this awards ceremony was held to recognize the strength of Women Chess players and related activists.

The awards was made in 13 categories as Best Players, Best Performing Countries, Educators, Trainers, Organizers, Arbiters, Administrators, Politicians, Media, Photographers, Disable Performance.

Suneetha Wijesuriya the former President of the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka (CFSL) and present Chairman of the Anatoly Karpov Chess Club doing her best to promote this sport from the grassroot level. The school chess play-



Chess Olympiard Gold medal winner Suneetha

ers, club players are training under Suneetha Wijesuriya while Russian Embassy and the Russian Center always closely work together with Suneetha Wijesuriya and her husband Bandula

Vithanage. In fact former Nation champion Vineetha who is based in Melbourne and present CFSL President Luxman the brother of Suneetha are also part of the chess promotion activities in Sri

National champion Suneetha has brought honour to the country with this award presented by World Chess Federation. Since the award was presented at the last minute

Suneetha could not be pre-

sent physically to accept the

time Chess

award. Suneetha Wijesuriya started her Chess in 1979 and she won the second place at the Inaugural Women's National Chess Champi-

onship in the same year. Later on she won the Sri Lanka Women's National Chess Championship for 10 years until she stopped her active Chess journey in 1996. She won a Gold Medal at the 30th FIDE World Chess Olympiad 2022 which was held in Manila, Philip-

She is the 1st Women FIDE master of Sri Lanka. Suneetha was the Secretary of the Chess Federation

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Openers Lasith Croospulle (54 in 44 balls with 8 fours) and skipper Kusal Mendis (34 in 30 balls with 3 sixes) with paceman Asitha Fernando had a super bowling figures of 4 for 22 in 4 over spell as SLC Reds recorded six wickets win over SLC Greys in their opening game of the SLC invitational T 20 league cricket tournament fixture played at R. Premadasa Inter-

SLC Reds in six-wicket win over SLC Greys

national cricket stadium yesterday. The tournament conducted by SLC focusing on Asia Cup and T 20 World Cup while SLC Greys led by Ashan Priyanjan managed to score 120 for 9 wickets in their allotted 20 overs.

Movin Subasinghe top scored 32 while the right arm medium paceman Asitha Fernando was the pick of the of the Match for his fine bowling

bowlers for SLC Reds taking 4 for 22. SLC Reds led by Kusal Mendis chasing a target of 121 while Mendis himself and Lasith Croospulle added 88 runs open stand to lay good foundation which paved the way to record win with 3.1 overs to spare.

Asitha Fernando was named Man

performance. The match between SLC Blues and SLC Greens scheduled to played yesterday night at the

same venue. Meanwhile the SLC made few changes of this teams yesterday while all rounder Janith Liyanage was included in the 'Greens' squad. At the meantime Dilshan Madushanka the

to the 'Blues'. Lahiru Kumara and Dushmantha

Chameera will not take part in the League, owing to injuries and all other players who were performed well during the recently concluded Major clubs limited over cricket tournament included for the four teams.

paceman was shifted from the 'Greens'

Chief scores

pines.

SLC Greys 120 for 9 wickets in 20 overs Ashan Randika 20, Muditha Lakshan 24, Movin Subasinghe 32,Pulina Tharanga 16*, Maheesh Theekshana 2/16, Asitha Fernando 4/22, Matheesha Pathirana 2/16,

SLC Reds 121 for 4 wickets in 16.5 overs Lasith Croospulle 54, Kusal Mendis 34, Kamindu Mendis 15, Akila Dananjaya 2/36, Pulina Tharanga 1/18

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