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SPREADING FALSEHOODS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ON 'ARAGALAYA' PROTESTS

VISA OF BRITISH WOMAN CANCELLED



SUBHASHINI SENANAYAKE

The Immigration and Emigration Department has taken action to cancel the visa of a British woman who is said to have supported the

Galle Face protesters by spreading falsehoods on social media saying that pistols would be pointed at the protesters' heads. She has been informed to leave the country on

or before August 15 as she had violated her visa conditions. Department sources said that the British woman in question had a medical visa.

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Mastermind behind recent underworld murders

Drug lord 'Harak Kata', wife arrested in Dubai

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

One of the main underworld gang leaders involved in drug trafficking in Sri Lanka, Nadun Chinthaka alias Harak Kata, was arrested yesterday (11) at the Dubai Airport as a

result of a joint operation conducted by the Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) and the Interpol. According to sources, he was about to board for Malaysia with a woman who is said to be his wife from Dubai.

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MILLIONS WORTH OF TRAIN CARRIAGES DUMPED IN PUTTALAM STATION

MINISTER DR. GUNAWARDENA ORDERS COMPREHENSIVE INQUIRY

J.A.H.P. JAYASINGHE, Puttalam special corr

Transport, Highways and Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena has directed the ministry officials to conduct an immediate investigation as to why millions worth of train carriages have been dumped in Puttalam railway station.

The railway unions have alleged that 10 Chinese built train carriages worth over several millions have been dumped in Puttalam. It is said that the Railways Department bought these train carriages from China in 2009 and 2010. These



The compartments idling at the Puttalam station.

Picture by J.A.H.P. Jayasinghe

train carriages had been dumped in Puttalam several months ago. It is said that these carriages had been imported

during the 2009, 2010 period.

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Final Randoli Perahera



The final Randoli Perahera of the Kandy Esala festival paraded the streets last night with the gaily decorated Sri Dalada Maligawa tusker Indi Raja carrying the golden casket of the sacred relics. Picture shows the Indi Raja tusker with sacred casket of relics leaving the Temple of the Tooth for the final day.

Picture by Sulochana Gamage

X-press Pearl disaster: Minister calls for quick legal action

SHAVINI MADHARA

Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms Minister Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakse and Attorney General Sanjay Rajaratnam held a discussion on the legal measures to be taken regarding the impact and damage caused to Sri Lanka by the fire on the MV-X-press Pearl ship. Attorney General Sanjay Rajaratnam presented facts regarding the legal measures that have already been taken in this regard.



President disappointed over NPP's boycott

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

President Ranil Wickremesinghe has expressed his disappointment over National People's Power (NPP) decision not to partake in the discussions on forming an All-Party Government.

President Wickremesinghe has made this observation in a reply letter sent to NPP leader Anura Kumara Disanayake.



President in Kandy for Perahera closing ceremony

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The official closing ceremony of the Kandy Esala Perahera will be held under the patronage of President Ranil Wickremesinghe at the President's House in Kandy today (12).

President Ranil Wickremesinghe viewed the final Randoli Perahera of historical Kandy Esala Festival last night.

Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms Minister Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakse,

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DEATH SENTENCE FOR RAPE, MURDER SUSPECT

DILSHAN THARAKA

A man who was found guilty for rape and killing his sister-in-law was on Wednesday (10) sentenced to death by the Colombo High Court.

DRUG TRAFFICKER'S PROPERTY, ASSETS SEIZED FROM PAMUNUGAMA

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The Illegal Assets Investigation Division of the Criminal Investigation Department has taken action to freeze the property worth over Rs. 40 million belonging to an underworld criminal who is engaged in drug trafficking.

TWO WHO STOLE WOMAN'S PURSE TRACKED FROM MESSAGE AFTER CARD PURCHASE

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Two persons who stole a purse from a female who had come to see the Dalada perahera were arrested by the police.

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Former President visits NHSL to see Anthony

Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday arrived at the Colombo National Hospital to inquire into the health of veteran actor Jackson Anthony who is receiving treatment at the hospital following an accident that

took place in Anuradhapura. Anthony and two others who were seriously injured when his vehicle crashed in to a wild elephant in Thalawa.

They were admitted to the Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital.



Former LTTE explosives expert arrested in Abu Dhabi, brought here by the CID

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

An expert on explosives and member of the intelligence unit of the LTTE, who had been issued a red notice by the Interpol, has been arrested by the local police in Abu Dhabi and handed over to Sri Lanka.

Social media destroyed my image - President Maithripala

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Social media was the deciding factor that elected me as the President and what ended my rule, former President Maithripala Sirisena said on Wednesday (10).



'Ella Odyssey' now operating from Colombo Fort from Saturday

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The latest tourist-oriented Intercity Express (ICE) train 'Ella Odyssey' (Train No.1041/1042) will re-operate from Colombo Fort and Badulla every weekend from Saturday 13.



ALERT FOR DENGUE, RAT FEVER

SANDYA KARUNARATNE

National Dengue Control Unit Chief Consultant Dr. Sudath Samaraweera yesterday said nearly 50,000 dengue patients

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Former President Gotabaya arrives in Thailand



Former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa arrived in Thailand on Thursday, as he seeks temporary shelter there after he left Sri Lanka last

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BOY RUN OVER BY AN 'L BOARD' DRIVER, DIES

SUMITH PREMATHILAKE and BIMAL JAYASINGHE



Hirana Police stated that a 14-year-old school boy who was on his way to a tuition class, died on the spot after being run over by a car driven by a woman with an 'L' board hanging on it.

SJB MPs brother arrested over attack on 'Carlton', Tangalle

Had absconded arrest for weeks

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Nihal Wedaarachchi, brother of Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Dilip Wedaarachchi was arrested by the Tangalle Police yesterday on the charge



Picture by Medamulana group corr.

CID arrests paedophile prowling on children in Unawatuna

Spends lavishly on appearing in television programmes

Goes around accompanied by security men

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

A man said to be engaged in religious work at a Devalaya in Metaramba, Unawatuna, Habaraduwa was arrested by a special CID team on Wednesday (10) over his involvement in befriending children and persuading them to engage in sexual activities, video recording them and selling them to foreigners.

Government has fulfilled four IMF conditions - NPP

UPALI KARUNARATNE

National People's Power (NPP) MP Vijitha Herath yesterday said that the government has fulfilled four out of five conditions laid down by the International Monetary

Fund. Herath said that the IMF had presented a document to the government laying down five conditions to be fulfilled and these conditions are tax increase, float the rupee,



Booster dose safe, no allergies, deaths reported

SANDYA KARUNARATNE

Chief Epidemiologist Dr. Samitha Ginige yesterday said that no incident of allergic reaction, deaths were reported

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Millions worth of Train Carriages... From page 01

The unions claim that during this period around 100 Chinese train compartments were imported to the country. The railway unions had highlighted the issue with the Chinese train carriages and their breaks system, but the minister at the time Dullas Alahapperuma had disregarded their warning and had gone ahead with the purchase.

The unions charge that while hundred such carriages were imported, only a few carriages are being out to use while the majority of these carriages have been discarded causing huge losses to the country.

By discarding these carriages, the public have been seriously inconvenienced and they have been done great harm and the unions allege that all those involved in importing these carriages should be held responsible for it. Among the carriages that are discarded at the Puttalam station there are two Second Class carriages as well. These carriages are still in a good usable condition and the public charge that this is a blatant waste of public money as most of these carriages are still new.

Commenting on the issue, Convenor of Railway Trade Union Alliance, S.P. Vithanage said, "By importing these train carriages they have wasted the country's money. The Railways Department imports train carriages with the aim of getting commissions. These carriages have no defect in them, but they are discarded. Similarly, even during the time, Nimal Siripala

de Silva was the transport minister, such train carriages were imported from India. The country does not need such a large amount of railway carriages. By importing so many carriages they have caused an unnecessary burden on the Railways Department.

"That is why we pointed out to them the issue with the brakes system of these carriages and told the minister that these brakes systems are not compatible with our system. Now these carriages have been bought at such a high cost and they are discarded," he added.

Railways General Manager W.A.D. S.Gunasinghe said he was not aware of this situation. "I took office only a few days ago and I am not aware of this situation. However, I will look into this matter and take appropriate action," he said.

When contacted Minister Dr.Bandula Gunawardena by the Daily News yesterday, he said that he has sought a comprehensive report over this revelation from the officials concerned. The Minister said that he has still been in charge of the Ministry for about two months and the incident related to the railway carriages revealed by media has not been reported to him so far.

He said that he will go to Puttalam with the officials to inspect these carriages within next few days. "We will find out whether it is possible to add them to the present fleet. "If so, we will take appropriate measures accordingly, he said

EU will partner with... From page 01

Secretariat on Wednesday, the envoys had reiterated that the European Union will be a partner of Sri Lanka during challenging times.

The EU envoys had stressed that protection of civil and human rights, freedom of expression and the right to dissent are of utmost importance,

"For us, protection of civil and human rights, above all, freedom of expression and right to dissent, is of utmost importance. We agree bringing back on track requires joint and inclusive action", the Del-

egation of EU to Sri Lanka tweeted. At this discussion, the envoys reiterated that the European Union will be a partner of Sri Lanka during challenging times.

The European Union encouraged President Wickremesinghe to devote special attention to three ongoing key processes, namely the GSP+, International Monetary Fund and the Human Rights Council. The envoys said the EU is hopeful that concrete steps will be taken by the Sri Lankan government to make these processes a success.

CID arrests paedophile prowling... From page 01

The man has been identified as Keerthi Kumara Batagoda.

The Criminal Investigation Department has received video footage of him allegedly engaging in sexual activities with children. The Criminal Investigation Department has received information regarding nine children from the investigation.

The investigation has revealed that the children to be between nine and 15 studying in several schools, including two public schools in the south. According to the Criminal Investigation Department, two children who live in Athurugiriya and Kesbewa are among them.

The Criminal Investigation Department said that this information is only some of the cases that have been revealed and that a large number of other children may have become his victims.

Investigations have revealed that he committed this crime on the children in several rooms in a one-story building behind the devalaya and other hotels. In addition, it is suspected that children have been victims of this crime at his house in Athurugiriya.

The CID team had also raided that house owned by him and they had recovered several items used for this purpose. It is believed that he had purchased this house to be used for such illegal purposes.

Investigation have also revealed that this suspect spends a lot of money on television channels to conduct programmes about himself and when he comes to Colombo to participate in those programmes, he stays at this house in Athurugiriya. Police also said that this person spends millions on an annual parade and is in close contact with powerful politicians as well as high-ranking police officials. A high-ranking police official said that he has about 10 men just for his pro-

tection, and that he travels in a convey. It is believed that children who come to his devalaya and even children in the neighborhood have fallen victim to this man and that he gets round the children by presenting them with TABS and mobile phones.

He takes pictures with these children and the expensive gifts he buys them and asks them to show it to their friends too. He entices these innocent children by gifting them these expensive gifts and children are easily cheated and bought over through such gifts.

Recently, a child at a leading boys school in the south was watching this video with another student on an iPhone when they were caught by a senior student. He had notified the IGP and the investigation was ordered by the IGP based on this information.

According to a senior police officer, investigations are underway to identify the websites and persons who he had been selling these videos overseas and the police is also in the process of obtaining the assistance of the Interpol.

This man is also said to have made several medals for underworld figures claiming that they would be protected from bullets. Such a prominent underworld figure who had paid him Rs. 3.7 million for such a medal was arrested by the Police in the Peliyagoda area. He is said to be an accomplice of Makandure Madush known as Kevuma. The police are also in the process of obtaining a statement from him too.

This man is married and a father of two.

This man is said to be performing his so called 'miracles' through the powers of his dead father. The father's grave is also on the property where his devalaya is situated and he is said to perform all his rituals upon that grave site.

X-press Pearl disaster... From page 01

Maritime Environment Protection Authority Chairperson Darshani Lahandapura explained the facts included in the report prepared regarding the damage to the environment and the cleaning of the sea-shore, the removal of the waste material that came to the sea-shore due to the fire of the ship.

The Minister gave instructions to the relevant officers to take the necessary legal actions without any delay regarding the incident.

The minister further stated that since this incident has caught the attention of the public and various parties, action needs to be taken fast.

Social media destroyed... From page 01

Sirisena made this observation at the opening ceremony of the media unit of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

"Sirisena said the 'Aragalaya' which ousted a strong president should be taken as an example to show how powerful the media, especially the social media is.

"I once was the Polonnaruwa correspondent to Lake House. The nature of media has gone through serious changes during these fifty years. It is fair to wonder who actually rules the world, politicians or media? If you look at international media such as BBC, CNN, Al-Jazeera, they fight against powerful countries. If we look at the 'Aragalaya', was there a political leader for people to gather around? No. There were about thirty five youth groups but no one to lead. Hundred thousand people took to the streets as the request to do so came into their mobile phones. Media can make or break a government. They can project a good government as a bad one, and a bad government as a good one," Sirisena observed.

"When I became the President in 2015, the main force behind me was social media. There were many organizations, political groups behind my election, however, social media played a vital role. Ironically, what broke me too was social media. It destroyed my image. It

made me an unworthy person in the eyes of people. So, when we rule, we need to have a good understanding of democracy and media freedom. In my political career, I have never pressured the media. During my term as the president, I have never used force against the media, despite how it criticized me," Sirisena pointed out.

The former President also pointed out that during his tenure no protesters were repressed or held at gunpoint or shot. "You already know how many journalists were killed, fled the country, disappeared, assaulted before the 2015 government. If someone vehemently criticized me, I would only inquire as to why they are doing it. I treated them with nothing but democracy. I remember when we had the SAITM issue, university students took to streets every day. The public was angered by the difficulties they had to face due to protests and they keep blaming me.

However, I ordered the IGP never to even take a gun to the protest sites. I never went beyond law. I never allowed even the underworld gang members in custody to be killed. I took a decision, as per the law, to give capital punishment to four underworld gang members who were drug dealing while being in the prison. My move was nothing but legal." Sirisena noted.

Former President visits... From page 01

Anthony was brought to the Colombo National Hospital for an urgent surgery.

Anthony also underwent surgery at the Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital following the accident.

Booster dose safe, no allergies... From page 01

from those who received the second booster vaccines against Covid-19. He said that 8,060,993 persons in the country have received first booster doses and 82,238 persons have received the second booster doses so far. "Over 8.2 million persons who received second booster

shots have not shown any allergic reaction so far," he said.

Dr. Ginige that nobody should be frightened to have the booster doses He said that the immunity against the Covid-19 develops for about a year after having booster doses.

Government has fulfilled... From page 01

restructuring of state owned ventures, increase of power tariff and minimising fraud and corruption.

He said that the government has succeeded in fulfilling four conditions except the reduction of fraud and corruption.

Herath said that the govern-

ment tried to deceive the public by reducing the prices of few essential items while increasing the electricity tariff to an unprecedented level.

He was of the view that prices of many goods will increase as the production cost goes up due to power tariff increases.

Visa of British woman... From page 01

The Department has issued this order following an inquiry conducted by the Department officials based on a complaint. As part of this investigation, her British passport was held by the officials on August 2. She had been ordered to be present at

the department premises within seven days. Investigations have also revealed that she had come to Sri Lanka under the medical resident visa category and has been staying in Negombo and Malambe areas since August 14, 2019 as a therapist.

'Ella Odyssey' now operating ... From page 01

It will be running to Badulla on Saturdays and returning to Colombo Fort on Sundays. Earlier, this train operated from Kandy to Ella on a one-day return trip.

The main line from Colombo Fort to Badulla is the most scenic train route in Sri Lanka which runs through the upcountry.

It has a great local and foreign tourist attraction throughout the year. The Railways Department has taken the decision to re-operate this train on the instructions of Transport and Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardane.

Under new schedule, the train will leave Colombo Fort at 5.30 a.m. and reach Badulla via Kandy at 3.55 p.m. on Saturday. It will

leave Badulla at 9.50 a.m. and reach Colombo Fort via Kandy at 7.20 p.m on Sunday.

During its journey to and from Badulla, the train will stop at several selected tourist attractions allowing passengers to alight for snaps at these stops.

The train will stop only at Gampaha, Veyangoda, Polgahawela, Rambukkana, Peradeniya, Kandy, Nawalapitiya, Nanu-Oya, Haputale, Diyatalawa, Bandarawela and Ella railway stations.

A first class reserved ticket between Colombo Fort and Badulla of this special train is Rs.5,000, a second class reserved ticket is Rs.4,000 and a third class reserved ticket is Rs.3,000.

Drug lord 'Harak Kata', ... From page 01

The PNB together with the Interpol has been conducting a covert operation for a month to arrest him based on the information of the passport used by him when leaving Sri Lanka for Dubai.

His passport had been prepared using the information of a dead person with the photo of Nadun Chinthaka alias Harak Kata.

Information has revealed that he had travelled to Malaysia, Singapore and many other countries from Dubai using this passport.

Police sources said that he had last travelled to the Maldives using this passport. Sources said that he had operated the drug smuggling and trafficking ring in many coun-

tries including Malaysia, Seychelles, Singapore and the Maldives while staying in Dubai. Officers of the Police Narcotics Bureau were busy last night in further ascertaining whether it was 'Harak Kata' who was arrested in Dubai. A Senior Police officer said action would be taken to bring him back to the country after his identity was ascertained by the PNB officials.

About 20 of the recent shootings and killings across the country were led by Harak Kata. Investigations have revealed that the killing of Kottikawatte PS member S. Rukshan and the shooting inside the Mount Magistrate's Court have been directed by him.

Two who stole woman's purse... From page 01

The suspects had used the victim's ATM card to make a purchase at a clothing store nearby.

The victim has informed the police about the purchase as she received an automated message following the transaction to her mobile phone.

The police team deployed to Perahera security purposes,

immediately surrounded the said clothing outlet and checked the CCTV footage.

The two suspects were taken into custody following the examination.

The police had taken only 30 minutes to arrest the suspects from the time the theft was reported. The arrested were handed over to Kandy police.

Boy run over by... From page 01

The deceased student was identified as Vihanga Sadew De Silva (14), a resident of Pinwala in Panadura. The boy studying in Grade 9 of Panadura Royal College was studying in a class that includes

more gifted students. The body is lying at the Pandura hospital.

The woman arrested by the Hirana Police was produced before Panadura Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Protester who attacked... From page 01

Police have also found a tear gas canister in his possession

The suspect who has been arrested at Maligawa road is a 40-year-old resident of Battaramulla. The police say that the suspect had sold this tear gas canister to another person for Rs.1000. The suspect has been arrested after the person who bought the tear gas canister from him informed the police about him.

During questioning, the suspect stated that he also participated in the protest held at the Polduwa junction on July 13. The suspect also said that he found the tear gas canister lying on the ground. The Welikada Police

investigating into stealing tear gas canisters, arrested a mason residing in Obeysekarapura along with 50 tear gas bullets on July 17.

Police arrested a resident of Kotte with five canisters a day later. Another person who was hiding a tear gas bomb was arrested by the same police team at Obeysekarapura.

Later, the Welikada Police managed to arrest another 28-year-old man with two tear gas canisters. Police have succeeded in arrested five persons who were involved in stealing tear gas canisters. Over 58 canisters have been found from their possession so far.

President disappointed... From page 01

Dissanayake had informed the Party's decision via a letter earlier. President Wickremesinghe has also expressed his hope that

the NPP would consider supporting an All-Party Government to revive the country from the prevailing economic crisis.

Alert for... From page 01

have been reported throughout the country since January this year.

Dr.Samaraweera said more than 2,700 Dengue patients were reported throughout the country during the course of this month alone.

Health officials said that the number of dengue and rat fever patients are on the increase. They said that there is an apparent increase in the rat fever cases with intermittent rains experiencing in several parts of the country.

President in Kandy... From page 01

Chief of Presidential Staff and Senior Advisor to the President Sagala Rathnayake and former Central Province Governor Sarath Ekanayake were present.

Following today's day perahera, Diyawadana Nilame of the Sri Dalada Maligawa Pradeep Nilanga Dela accompanied by the Basnayake Nilames of the Devalas will hand over the traditional Sannas Pathra to the President informing him that the Peahera festival was concluded successfully.

It will be followed by the presentation of cash prizes and certificates to the dancers and artistes who performed at the Peahera by the President.

The event to admire the performance of the artistes is held this year after a suspension of two years due to the global pandemic situation. Central Province Governor, Kandy Mayor and other invitees will participate.

Former LTTE explosives... From page 01

A police team headed by a Chief Inspector of the TID had gone to Abu Dhabi and brought the suspect back to the country yesterday (11) on a flight from Abu Dhabi under special security.

This is the first instance that a terrorist had been apprehended by the Abu Dhabi authorities and handed over to Sri Lanka.

The TID had gathered information to confirm that Rasanayagam Thavanesam was an LTTE member and an expert in explosives. He has been identified as a main suspect in many of the explosions that took place in and around Colombo during the war. He has been identified as a 48-year-old and is suspected to have fled the country with other terrorists.

The prominent LTTE intelligence wing member is currently detained at the TID and investigations are being carried out. The police said that he would be produced in court shortly.

SJB MPs brother... From page 01

of organizing a group to attack Carlton, the private residence of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa in Tangalle.

Nihal Wedaarachchi was arrested at his residence at Medaketiya in Tangalle. Police said that the suspect was absconding the police for weeks and tried to leave the house through the back door as police officers reached the house. However police have managed to arrest the suspect with much effort.

Former President... From page 01

month amid mass protests. He arrived in Bangkok's Don Mueang Airport around 8pm Bangkok time, via a charter plane from Singapore's Seletar Airport earlier in the evening. Rajapaksa's arrival in Bangkok comes as his visa in Singapore expires on the same day. (Agencies)

Death sentence for... From page 01

Considering the evidence transpired during the lengthy trial the High Court Judge observed that the prosecution has proved the charges beyond the reasonable doubts.

Accordingly, the accused was sentenced to death by the Colombo High Court.

The case was taken up before Colombo High court Judge Mahesh Weeraman. Accused Selvanayagam Mudis Kamal (30) was a resident of Kalmunai area.

The Attorney General was filed an indictment in the High Court against the accused for raping and killing his sister-in-law in 2011, under section 296 of the Penal code. State Counsel Lishan Rathnayake and his Junior Counsel Rasangi Thilakarathne appeared for the prosecution. Police Constable Madushan Premalal (92550) appeared for Wellampitiya Police.

Drug trafficker's... From page 01

The police said that the suspect had fled the country and is staying in Dubai.

This underworld gangster who was residing at Uswetakeiyawa in Pamunugama had fled the country when investigations against him were initiated. Police are investigating an exchange of Rs.15 million through his account. Police have also recovered a bus, a lorry, van and a three wheeler which had been purchased by the gangster using illegal using funds accrued from illegal means. Police said that they have also found a two storeyed fully furnished house belonging to him.

Police sources said that his mother is overseeing his assets.

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL
Examination for Registration to Practise Medicine
ERPM PARTS – B and C - September 2022

Applications are called for:

- ERPM Part B – (Clinicals)
- ERPM Part C – (Emergency Viva voce)

These examinations will be conducted at the Teaching Hospitals attached to the Medical Faculties of the State Universities in Sri Lanka.

The application should be handed over by the applicant in person at the SLMC Office on working days from 9.30 a.m to 1.00 p.m from **Friday, 12th August 2022 to Friday, 19th August 2022.** (Late applications deviating from the above dates and times will NOT be accepted)

Eligibility to sit ERPM Part B and ERPM Part C :

Candidates who have completed Part A of ERPM as Medical Track (Medicine, Paediatrics) and/or Surgical Track (Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology)

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2. ERPM Part C: Prospective candidates should apply trackwise as Medical and Surgical Track.
3. All candidates are instructed to sit all the subjects of ERPM part B and Track of ERPM part C if they are qualified to sit those Subjects/Tracks and have not yet passed. Failing to do so will be counted as an attempt at that Subject/Track in the calculation of the merit order.

For further details refer to web site: <https://slmc.gov.lk/en/examinations/erpm>

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Positive feedback for President Wickremesinghe's Policy Statement across political divide - Minister Harin



CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

This is the first time in the history of Sri Lankan politics, that a President's Policy Statement has received so much positive feedback across all political divide, said Minister Harin Fernando in Parliament on Wednesday.

He said that some claim to be visionary leaders but I see Ranil Wickremesinghe's speech as that of a true visionary leader.

"The first challenge before Wickremesinghe was to identify

the crisis affecting the country and to find a short-term solution to the problem together with a long-term programme. That is where former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa went wrong. He had no idea as to what sort of a crisis the country was facing, no short-term solution and no long-term plan."

He said that the country's 'struggle' actually started in 2019 and that is where the youth of this country drew murals on walls and hoped for change. However, when they did not get the changes they

anticipated, that is when they came onto the streets again to correct the mistakes.

Fernando also said that in all the country's crisis situations, be it the communal riots, war or even the current economic crisis, the country has always been divided into factions.

He noted that there are two main factions that could be categorised as those who endure all criticism and continue to work and others who relentlessly criticise others but don't do an iota of work themselves. "That is why the people are

fed-up with all politicians because even when the country is facing such a huge crisis, what is the point if these politicians cannot unite to resolve this crisis."

However, he said that everyone in this country is responsible for this situation as those who voted for those elected as well as those seeking to be elected are all collectively responsible.

Minister Fernando also said that although huge protests were planned for Tuesday (09) it failed miserably because the

people have gained some hope that the crisis in the country is finally being resolved. However, he said that in the event President Ranil Wickremesinghe fails to fulfil what is expected of him, then action would have to be taken against him too. He also urged the Opposition to come forward and take the responsibility instead of side-stepping their responsibility and only resorting to criticism. "There is no point in giving major talks when this set are part of a group who simply cannot take on responsibility."

Police recover revolver, bullets

Police have recovered a revolver and 9mm bullets from the possession of an individual residing at Polwatte Grama Sanwardana Mawatha in Pannipitiya.

Preliminary investigations have revealed that he was a former Sub Inspector. Police arrested the suspect and further investigations are being conducted under the supervision of Maharagama OIC Chief Inspector R. Rathnasingham.

New Public Finance Committee Members appointed

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana announced to the House on Wednesday the names of Members who have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Finance.

Accordingly, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 121 of Parliament MPs Dr. Bandula Gunawardana, Vidura Wickramanayaka, Nalin Fernando, Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Vijitha Herath, Duminda Dissanayake, Shehan Semasinghe, Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, Indika Anuruddha Herath, Siripala Gamalath, Dr. Seetha Arambepola, Dr. Suren Raghavan, M.A. Sumanthiran, Dr. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana, Mujibur Rahuman, Harshana Rajakaruna, Chaminda Wijesiri, Isuru Dodangoda, Anupa Pasqual, (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara have been appointed to serve as Members in the Committee on Public Finance.

UAE promises all support to Sri Lanka



United Arab Emirates Ambassador to Sri Lanka Khaled Nasser Al-Ameri met Foreign Affairs Minister Ali Sabry, PC at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates Khaled Nasser Al-Ameri called on Minister of Foreign Affairs Ali Sabry, PC at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Foreign Minister Ali Sabry briefed the Ambassador on the current economic situation in Sri Lanka and the tangible action taken so far by the Government to increase the resilience of the Sri Lankan economy. The Foreign Minister further invited the UAE to engage in broader cooperation with Sri Lanka in the field of agriculture, trade and investment.

The Ambassador congratulated the Foreign Minister on his appointment as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, emphasized the importance of Sri Lanka - UAE bilateral relationship, and assured all possible support to Sri Lanka during these difficult times.

Release Tamil prisoners held under PTA - Wigneswaran

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE

A fresh request to free the Tamil prisoners detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) was made from President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Tamil Makkal Theesya Kuttani (TMTK) Leader MP C.V. Wigneswaran said.

Speaking to the media on Tuesday, he said that he made this request from the President when discussions on an All-Party Government came up.

He pointed out that it was unfair to detain the Tamil prisoners for many years without charges or a court case.

He said that the need to resolve the issue of prisoners detained under the PTA was emphasized by him to Wickremesinghe even before the Parliamentary Vote to elect a new President.

He pointed out that President Wickremesinghe could obtain the support of all Tamil Parties for an All-Party Government if the President resolves this issue.

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All-Party Government

EPDP issues 10 demands to President

NIMAL WIJESINGHE
Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

The EPDP headed by Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda has urged President Ranil Wickremesinghe to consider the inclusion of solutions socially and politically required such as resolution of longstanding land disputes and freeing of political prisoners, for the well-being of the Tamils in North.

Responding to the President's request to political parties including the EPDP leadership to participate actively to empower an all-party government, Devananda has submitted 10 demands in a memorandum,

while appreciating the President's work programme for activating and implementing a common agenda with the unconditional support of political parties, intelligentsia, civil activities, etc.

The 10 demands include holding of provincial council elections, establishment of a special committee for supervising and regulating the full empowerment of constitutional provisions related to 13th Amendment, freedom for prisoners detained in prisons under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, release of private lands occupied by the Security Forces in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, declaration

of archaeological sites by gazetting and reconsidering the gazette notification declaring land suitable for agriculture, aquatic cultivation and grasslands as forest reservations.

Also the EPDP has requested to consider proportional representation to be recognized in the recruitment of Security Forces and Police service on ethnicity basis.

Other requests are playing the national anthem at state ceremonies in both Sinhala and Tamil, and taking action to amend the Elections Ordinance enabling Sri Lankan migrant workers to exercise their franchise at the general elections.



President Ranil Wickremesinghe met European Union envoys at the Presidential Secretariat on Wednesday. Picture courtesy Delegation of European Union to Sri Lanka.

'SJB committed to its social service projects despite all obstacles'

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The ongoing two major social service projects 'Husma' and the 'Sakwala' conducted by the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) will be continued by the party without interruption despite all obstacles.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe too highly admired these health and educational programmes.

SJB National Organizer Tissa Attanayake made these remarks at a recent press briefing. He said these two programmes benefited both the health and educational sectors in the country and thousands of people and schoolchildren have so far reaped fruitful results from

them. Attanayake said the SJB will go down history as the country's only party that had conducted such programmes while being in the opposition.

He said in addition the SJB would be happy if the Government will bring a permanent solution to the end the current economic crisis and bring down the prices of essential commodities for the benefit of citizens.

Attanayake said even Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa has also proposed to the Government to form a Parliamentary Committee System (PCS) to enable every Parliamentarian to help the Government's endeavour of solving the current economic crisis.



Tissa Attanayake

He said the SJB would work with the Government amicably for future economy development programmes, while not accepting ministerial portfolios and requested all other opposition members also to follow suit.

He said all Parliamentarians in the Opposition should

forget their party differences and come forward to assist the Government to carry out its future economy development plans at this crucial juncture.

Attanayake said Parliamentarians should keep in their mind that accepting ministerial portfolios will be an additional burden on the Government.

He said when the country's economy has declined and the prices of essential goods have increased rapidly.

If Parliamentarians accept portfolios, it shows that such Parliamentarians are willing to achieve their own personal expectations.



The annual fire walking ceremony at the Eravur - Kaddumancholai, Paththirakaliyamman Temple was held yesterday (11). Thousands of devotees from all over the island came to fulfill their vows. Chief Priest Viswapparamsiri K. Vamadevan and assistant priests performed the rituals. Picture by Sivam Packiyannathan, Batticaloa Spl. Corr.

World Wild Elephant Day falls today

Every year August 12 is designated as World Wild Elephant Day in view of the conservation of the world's wild elephants.

World Wild Elephant Day was first named in 2012 in Thailand, when film director William Shatner announced it, after two documentaries were made about wild elephants, focusing on the

issues related to Asian elephants. Speaking to the media regarding World Wild Elephant Day, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera stated that the theme of this year's World Wild Elephant Day is 'Prehistoric Beauty, Theological Relevance and Environmental Importance'.

He also emphasized that the population of wild elephants in Sri Lanka exceeds 5,000 according to the last elephant census conducted in 2011, and that every year wild elephants as well as humans die due to human-elephant conflict.

Due to human encroachment of wild elephants' habitats, disregarding environ-

mental assessments, elephants and subsequently humans have become displaced.

Therefore, the Minister said that in the future, they will think twice when giving land for development projects and take strict decisions not to give land belonging to the habitats of wild elephants for development projects.

'Memories from the Margin'

CEPA portrays its work with photo exhibition

'Memories from the Margin', a photography exhibition will be open to public till today (August 12) from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm at the Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) 16, Jawatte Road, Colombo 5.

The opening of the exhibition and the launch of the policy brief for the 'Margins of War: The Post War Experience of the Palankudi Community', took place on August 08 at the CEPA premises.

'Memories from the Margin' is a project by the Social Cohesion thematic of the Centre for Poverty Analysis funded by the Think Tank Capacity Building grant implemented by University of South Carolina Rule of Law Collaborative.

The project is participatory research that involves community members throughout the research process to produce data that has meaning, is appropriate, and is authentic to their community experience.

The methodology aims

to empower the community to be co-researchers and co-owners of the research project. As such, all images taken are by the co-researchers from Verugal and Santhosapuram along with the narrative that anchors the image, says the CEPA's Shaneendra Amarasinghe.

A secondary layer of analysis is included by the CEPA researchers by triangulating existing literature to provide the theoretical and conceptual framework for the study. By adopting this methodology, the project is designed to facilitate the narration of the Palankudi story while preserving its authenticity.

Through this the research aims to include voices of marginalised communities in the post-war narrative of Sri Lanka. A digital repository of the findings is available through our social media platforms, says Amarasinghe.

The exhibition was co-curated by Natasha Palansuriya and Thamindri Aluvihare.

Environmental scientists urge Wildlife authorities to stop unproductive prevention measures

NIMAL WIJESINGHE
Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

Environmental scientists and environmentalists have pointed out that Wildlife Conservation authorities have been practising the same old strategies to thwart the Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC) such as electric fences, crackers and digging trenches which have proved unsuccessful during the last 70 years.

The HEC occurring at present is entirely outside the protected areas. The main approach to HEC mitigation by the Wildlife authorities for nearly seven decades has been to try and confine wild elephants in the protected areas.

However, after much fruitless effort, currently 70 percent of the elephant range is in residential areas and Sri Lanka has earned the position as the country where highest level of HEC occurs.

Although the Centre for Conservation and Research (CCR) as well as several donor-funded (World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)) projects have been promoting community-based electric fences in place of traditional HEC prevention strategies, mainly the linear electric fence system, the Wildlife authorities seem to still stick to primitive HEC prevention methodologies, which have helped to increase the conflict sometimes, the head of the CCR environ-

Human-Elephant conflict



A wild elephant skillfully tries to avoid an electric shock from a linear fence.

mental scientist Dr. Prithiviraj Fernando told the *Daily News*.

He said that the World Bank funded Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) and the WB funded Eco-Systems Services Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP) as well as the ADB-funded North West Canal Project (NWCP) and Upper Elahera Canal Project (UECP) have implemented the community-based permanent electric fences and community-based seasonal fences for the protection of habitations and cultivations respectively, having accepted the two models as the most

effective human-elephant co-existence methodologies.

In the meantime, the Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) has submitted a lengthy report to Parliament recently recommending to the Wildlife Conservation Department to abandon the old methodologies which have so far failed and implement the policy of substituting community-based electric fences in HEC prone areas.

According to the COPA, the policy of constructing an electric fence and trapping elephants is a failure when in fact only innocent female elephants and baby

elephants are being trapped by such measures. Also the report has emphasized that although the government has been allocating large sums from the Budget to prevent the menace it has only increased and is growing speedily.

As such, the old policy which resulted in costing the government large sums should be changed immediately, the COPA has insisted. It has pointed out the importance of the joint assistance of the Security Forces, Civil Defence Department, agrarian organizations and the villagers being affected as essential in the construction and maintenance of HEC preventive fences and other strategies.

Also a large number of linear fences out of the total length of 4,600 kilometres is dysfunctional as there is a lack of regular maintenance.

Wildlife experts have pointed out that the Wildlife Conservation Department has planned to increase the length of linear electric fences in the Anuradhapura district, which is the most affected district by HEC, by another 1,000 km of traditional electric fences, mainly in Medawachchiya, Kebithigollewa, Horrowpethana, Mahawilachchiya, Nochchiyagama, Palugasawewa, Ipologama and Galenbidunuwewa DS divisions, without shifting to village and paddy field electric fence models.

Drug peddler nabbed in Kalutara

H.L. SUNIL SHANTHA
Kalutara Central Special Corr.

Kalutara North Police Crimes OIC made a raid and arrested a man who was in possession of drugs in a deserted house in Jawatte, Kalutara North, on Wednesday night, Kalutara North Police OIC CI Damith Jayathilaka told the *Daily News* yesterday.

Police officers arrested the man along with seven grammes of heroin, while he was packing them for sale.

The suspect was identified as Wadampulige Ranga (25), police said. Kalutara North Police

Crimes OIC SI Gurusinghe under the instructions of his OIC CI Damith Jayathilaka made the raid with a special police team.

The suspect is due to be produced before the Kalutara Magistrate today.



Kalutara North Police OIC CI Damith Jayathilaka and his team including Kalutara North Police Crimes OIC SI Gurusinghe with the drugs they seized in the raid.

Committed to form an SLFP led government - Former President

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Former President Maithripala Sirisena said yesterday (11) that he is committed to establish a government led by the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

Sirisena noted that campaigns to weaken him, as the leader of the SLFP, will only cost the sta-

bility and the strength of the party.

Sirisena also said that the present government should take swift measures to resolve the matter related to the Chinese survey ship.

Sirisena made these observations while participating in the opening ceremony of the SLFP media unit.

The former President observed, "A government should be vigilant of its foreign policy. Sri Lanka needs countries like China, Russia, India, Japan, Pakistan. They have been there for us for centuries. I remember, during when the war was at its height, the Pakistan representa-

tive spoke on behalf of Sri Lanka so passionately before the UN Human Rights Council that it brought tears to my eyes. All these countries have been there for us when we were at its worst. So we need to secure the good faith of all these countries," Sirisena pointed out.

Protest site left with less than 20 persons now

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

The Galle Face protest site has been reduced to less than 20 activists as of yesterday evening after police informed them to vacate the

area by Wednesday midnight. Protesters in groups began vacating the site with the police informing them to vacate the area before August 10 or face legal action.

There were only six tents at the site by yesterday evening and four among them were very tiny tents in which only two persons can be accommodated.

Those who remained at the protest site said that they were the real strugglers.

They alleged those who left the area betrayed the struggle.



Ministry of Education Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education 17th CONVOCATION



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Message from the Minister



I have immense pleasure in sending this message at the auspicious occasion of the 17th Annual Convocation of Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE).

SLIATE has distinguished itself as a pre-eminent Institution for alternative higher education with high caliber in Sri Lanka. It is your hard work, devotion to quality, contributions of your illustrious alumni, dedication of your staff, and the vision of your administration which are responsible for this achievement. I am pleased to witness that SLIATE is maintaining an educational culture along with high standards of academic proficiency, appropriate

skills and positive attitudes. I am confident that the diploma holders entering the labour market after completing their education at SLIATE, would contribute effectively to the development of the country.

Dear graduating students, your hard work and perseverance are finally paid off. We congratulate you for your resilience in counterfeiting ahead despite the multiple socio-economic meltdown in the country in the post pandemic situation. I hope and trust that you all, passing out today as professionals and practical intellects in various subjects and disciplines will provide maximum benefit for the betterment not only for this country but also for the whole world by making use of the knowledge and skills that you all gained from this institute and work hard for the development of the society.

It is a moment of pride for you as much as it is for your lecturers, parents and those who had any role in shaping your life so far. You can recall that your mission for higher learning started here with great passion. The journey will not end here. It will not end until you feel fully confident of meeting uncertainties and challenges of the life's laboratory and dealing with successes and failures with an undisturbed attitude. I wish you all the best for your future endeavors and hope that you all will contribute significantly in bringing back the economic prosperity to our beloved country.

Dr. Susil Premajayantha
Ministry of Education

Message from the Secretary



I deem it a great pleasure and honour to pen this message at the greatest occasion of the 17th Annual Convocation of Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE).

SLIATE, being a state funded organization which is being guided under the purview of Ministry of Education, is securing a remarkable place among the alternative Higher Educational Institutions in the country. The current pedagogical methods at SLIATE coupled with the evaluation systems have contributed to bridge the gap between the outcome and the demand. I am assured that the students of SLIATE, will

enrich the human capital of the country with appropriate knowledge, skills and growth mindset.

Dear diploma holders, it is your uphill battle and determination are responsible for this achievement. I am delighted to note that SLIATE always strives to provide an education coupled together with appropriate knowledge, skills and positive attitude. I am certain that the diploma holders entering the labour force of the country after obtaining a skillful education through SLIATE, will undoubtedly create a perceptible impact on the economic prosperity of the mother nation.

Dear students, needless to mention that this is a moment of great satisfaction in your life. Your academic efforts have come to fruition. This marks the completion of one stage in your life and another is about to begin. Many of you will be moving out of the sheltered confines of an institute and entering the real world with full of opportunities and challenges.

The process of transition will pose some problems, however I am certain that the value system and training that you have instilled in you at this institution will definitely guide you to withstand all these obstacles. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you all and wish you all the very best for your future endeavors.

Mr. M. N. Ranasinghe
Secretary to the Ministry of Education

Message from the Director General



It is with great pleasure, I send this congratulatory message on the special occasion of the 17th Annual Convocation of our Institute. As the Director General of Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Institute, I am overwhelmed in sharing my joy with you today. The hardships that you underwent on the way of achieving your aim amidst of the deadly pandemic are praiseworthy.

You dreamed, you planned, you believed, you worked, you conquered, and achieved this first milestone in your journey of academia. This is just the beginning of your endless pursuits in education and career. Get ready to challenge yourself even harder for a whole set of new adventures laid before you in the world outside the safest precincts of your institutions.

The qualification you earned today, the fruitful harvest is just the beginning of a successful life that you truly deserve. Your future holds so many beautiful opportunities for you. You just have to reach there to get it all. I bet your boat is all set for this grand sail! You no longer have to study against your will but always remember that learning is a never-ending process. Therefore, learn as much as you can and be humble always. I am convinced that you are all set to face the world yourself, but remember that you always can count on your lecturers and the administration of SLIATE whenever you need.

On the occasion of the 17th convocation ceremony, I congratulate all the graduating students and their parents on this proud and momentous day in your lives as well as in the life of this Institute. I and all the members of SLIATE wish you all the very best in your future accomplishments. We urge you to remember that you will always have a very special place here as alumni and all your future endeavors will enrich the corporate life of this institution.

Prof. K. L. Jayaratne
Director General, SLIATE



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01 Hardy Advanced Technological Institute, Ampara.	Prof. Even A Hardy Mawatha, Ampara.	063-2222056 063-2223035	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDM, HNDIT (FT), HNDT (Agri), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDTHM,
02 Advanced Technological Institute, Anuradhapura.	Akkara 111, Anula Mw, Pandulagama, Anuradhapura.	025-2234417	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDIT(FT), HNDIT(PT), HNDTHM
03 Advanced Technological Institute, Badulla.	Greenland Drive, Badulla.	055-2230218 055-2223818	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDM, HNDIT (FT), HNDIT (PT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDTHM
04 Advanced Technological Institute, Batticaloa	Main Street, Kovil Kulam East, Arayampathy, Batticaloa.	065-2247519 065-2247470	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDIT (FT), HNDIT (PT), HNDTHM
05 Advanced Technological Institute, Colombo.	No. 42, Rodrigo Place, Colombo 15.	011-2521152 011-2521282	HNDE (CIVIL), HNDE (MECHANICAL), HNDE (ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC) HNDQS, HNDDBSE
06 Advanced Technological Institute, Dehiwala.	No 51, Waidya Rd, Dehiwala.	011-2738349	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDM, HNDDBA, HNDIT (FT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDDBF, HNDTHM
07 Advanced Technological Institute, Galle.	Siridamma Mw, Labuduwa, Akmeemana, Galle.	091-2246179	HNDE (CIVIL), HNDE (MECHANICAL), HNDE(ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC), HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDM, HNDTHM, HNDDBA, HNDIT (FT), HNDIT (PT), HNDT (Agri), HND in English (FT), HNDQS
08 Advanced Technological Institute, Gampaha.	Naiwala, Essalla, Veyangoda.	033-2287519 033-2292544	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDIT (FT), HNDIT (PT), HNDT (Agri), HNDFT, HNDCSPT
09 Advanced Technological Institute, Jaffna.	No. 665/2, Beach Rd., Guru Nagar, Jaffna.	021-2222595 021-2229803	HNDE (CIVIL), HNDE (ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC), HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDM, HNDIT (FT), HNDIT (PT), HND in English (PT), HND in English (FT), HNDTHM, HNDQS
10 Advanced Technological Institute, Kandy.	No. 16, Keppetipola Mawatha, Kandy.	081-2232097	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDM, HNDDBA, HNDIT (FT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDTHM (FT)
11 Advanced Technological Institute, Kegalle.	Bandaranayake Mawatha, Kegalle.	035-2221297 035-2221713	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDIT(FT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDPM
12 Advanced Technological Institute, Kurunegala.	No. 22/1, Wilgoda Rd, Kurunegala.	037-2229583 037-2224911	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDM (FT), HNDIT (FT), HNDIT (PT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDTHM
13 Advanced Technological Institute, Mannar.	No 201, Provincial English Support Centre (PESC), Thalaimannar Road, Mannar.	023-3122555	HND in English (FT), HNDTHM, HNDIT (FT)
14 Advanced Technological Institute, Nawalapitiya.	Old Urban Council Building, Nawalapitiya.	054-2050634	HNDTHM, HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDM
15 Advanced Technological Institute, Rathnapura.	New Town, Rathnapura.	045-2231492 045-2231493	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDIT (FT), HNDIT (PT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT),
16 Advanced Technological Institute, Sammanthurai.	ATI Avenue, Sammanthurai.	067-2261304	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDIT (FT)
17 Advanced Technological Institute, Tangalle.	Yayawaththa, Netolpitiya, Tangalle.	0472241845 0472241846	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDIT (FT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT)
18 Advanced Technological Institute, Trincomalee.	Kanniya Rd, Varothayanagar, Trincomalee.	0262223232 0262050617	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HNDIT (FT), HNDIT (PT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDTHM
19 Advanced Technological Institute, Vavuniya	Off A 9 Road, Veppankulam, Omanthal, Vavuniya.	0242052733	HNDA (FT), HNDA (PT), HND in English (FT), HND in English (PT), HNDIT (FT)

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- Higher National Diploma in Project Management (HNDPM)

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CAP. 460) AS AMENDED BY LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964

Reference No : KMB/LAN/ACQUI/3281
Land Ministry No : 03/J/79/E/462

It is intended to acquire the land described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2263/39 dated 21st January 2022 and No. 2288/11 dated 12th July 2022.

SCHEDULE

Province	- Southern
District	- Matara
Divisional Secretary's Division	- Kamburupitiya
Grama Niladhari Division	- 330-B, Magamure
Name of Village	- Magamure
Name of Land	- Kadawathagewatta
Plan No.	- P.P. No. 1873
Lot Nos.	- 1 and 2

Kusalaka Nanayakkara
Divisional Secretary
Kamburupitiya

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CAP. 460) AS AMENDED BY LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964

Reference No : KMB/LAN/ACQUI/02/59
Land Ministry No : LD/05/2006/PC/239

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SCHEDULE

Province	- Southern
District	- Matara
Divisional Secretary's Division	- Kamburupitiya
Grama Niladhari Division	- 320-A, Gathara East
Name of Village	- Gathara
Name of Land	- Ihalahirideniya alias Kadurugahadeniya
Plan No.	- FVP 182, Supplement No. 10, Sheet No. 10
Lot Nos.	- 1, 2 and 3

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Bidding document, which comprises the conditions of the Tender and the specifications is available on websites: www.ceypetco.gov.lk & www.dgmarket.com.

Alternatively, Bidding documents could also be obtained from the undermentioned.

Bids will be received by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee until 1430 hours on 07-September-2022 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Refinery Training Centre Auditorium.

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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD
Electricity Tariff Revision 2022

The following Electricity Tariffs have been approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka with effect from 10th August, 2022 except Hotel category.

Changes made to the Tariff Structure:

- Existed Tariff Blocks for 91-120 kWh and 121- 180 kWh in Domestic consumer category have been merged.
- The volume differentiated monthly consumption band of 180 kWh per month has been introduced to Hotel 1 and Government 1 consumer categories.
- Existed volume differentiated monthly consumption band of General Purpose 1 consumer category has been decreased to 180 kWh per month.
- Time of Use(ToU) tariff has been introduced to the Government 2 and Government 3 consumer categories.

The following Tariff Structure and rates for 30 days billing period for all consumer categories will be implemented.

Electricity Tariff Revision - 2022					
EFFECTIVE FROM (for each 30 - day billing period)	2022-08-10 (All categories except Hotel category)				
	2022-08-10 (50% of increase for Hotel category)				
	2022-11-10 (Remaining 50% of increase for Hotel category)				
Consumer Category					
DOMESTIC					
Block	Energy Charge (Rs. /kWh)		Fixed Charge (Rs. /Month)		
<i>Consumption 0 - 60 kWh per month</i>					
Block 1 : 0 - 30 kWh	8.00		120.00		
Block 2 : 31 - 60 kWh	10.00		240.00		
<i>Consumption above 60 kWh per month</i>					
Block 1: 0 - 60	16.00		N/A		
Block 2: 61 - 90	16.00		360.00		
Block 3 : 91 - 120	50.00		960.00		
Block 4 : 121 - 180					
Block 5 : Above 180	75.00		1500.00		
Optional Time of Use Electricity Tariff for Dom. Consumers					
Day (05:30 - 18:30 hrs)	70.00		1500.00		
Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hrs)	90.00				
Off Peak (22:30 - 05:30 hrs)	30.00				
RELIGIOUS & CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS					
Block 1 : 0 - 30	8.00		90.00		
Block 2 : 31 - 90	15.00		120.00		
Block 3 : 91 - 120	20.00		120.00		
Block 4 : 121 - 180	30.00		450.00		
Block 5 : Above 180	65.00		1500.00		
OTHER CONSUMER CATEGORIES					
		Industrial		General Purpose / Hotel / Government	
		IP 1-1	IP 1-2	GP 1-1 / H 1-1 / GV 1-1	GP 1-2 / H 1-2 / GV 1-2
Rate 1 Supply at 400/230V Contract demand <= 42kVA	Volume differentiated monthly consumption	For ≤ 300 kWh/month	For > 300 kWh/month	For ≤ 180 kWh/month	For >180 kWh/month
	Energy Charge (Rs. /kWh)	20.00	20.00	25.00	32.00
	Fixed Charge (Rs. /Month)	960.00	1500.00	360.00	1500.00
Rate 2 Supply at 400/230V Contract demand > 42 kVA	Energy Charge (Rs. /kW)	Day (05:30 - 18:30 hrs)	29.00		
		Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hrs)	34.50		
		Off Peak (22:30 - 05:30 hrs)	15.00		
	Demand Charge (Rs. /kVA)	1500.00			
	Fixed Charge (Rs. /Month)	4000.00			
Rate 3 Supply at 11 kV & above	Energy Charge (Rs. /kW)	Day (05:30 - 18:30 hrs)	28.00		
		Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hrs)	34.00		
		Off Peak (22:30 - 05:30 hrs)	14.00		
	Demand Charge (Rs. /kVA)	1400.00			
	Fixed Charge (Rs. /Month)	4000.00			
STREET LIGHTING (Rs. /kWh)		22.00			
AGRICULTURE - Optional Time of Use Electricity Tariff					
Rate 1 Supply at 400/230V Contract demand <= 42 kVA	Energy Charge (Rs. /kWh)		Fixed Charge (Rs. /Month)		
	Day (05:30 - 18:30 hrs)		20.00		
	Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hrs)		35.00		
Off Peak (22:30 - 05:30 hrs)		15.00			

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Amendments to Procurement Notice

With reference to the advertisement published in the Daily News and Dinamina newspapers dated 01.08.2022 by this Office relevant to Procurement of Work, amendments are being made as shown below.

The last date for accepting Tenders at 10.00 a.m. on 21.08.2022 as mentioned in the First Para of this advertisement and opening of Tenders at 10.30 a.m. on the same day as mentioned therein should be amended to read as the last date for accepting tender is at 10.00 a.m. on 23.08.2022 and these will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day.

02. Further, issuing of Tender Forms mentioned in this advertisement under Para 02 as 02.00 p.m. on 20.08.2022 should be amended to read as Issuing of Tender Forms is up to 02.00 p.m. on 22.08.2022.

03. Due to an error in printing, Medical Officer of Health Office, Araliya should be amended to read as Medical Officer of Health Office, Athuraliya.

Office of the District Director of Health Services
District Director of Health Services
Paramulla, Matara.

Chairman (Procurements)

12.08.2022

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 For Results: www.dlb.lk

English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
 Draw No.: 994 Colour: Green
 Date: 10.08.2022 Wednesday
25 Super Number
12 19 20 22 40
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,953,760/-
Next Super Jackpot
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 Date: 10-08-2022
 Draw Number: 3530
 Colour: Green
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 7,454,560/-
Winning Numbers
01 03 28 42
Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 2,280,628.60
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REFINERY DIVISION
PUBLIC TENDER 4438T
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 The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka will receive sealed Bids from reputed manufacturers, their authorized export agents abroad or their authorized local agents (Manufacturers or Export Agents) for the Supply of above mentioned item conforming to the Terms & Conditions given under the Bidding Documents.
 Any bidder submitting a bid, shall pay a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 3,500.00 on a request letter to the Cashier, 5th Floor, CPC Head Office, No. 609, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo - 09 or to the Cashier, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya before 1500 hours on any working day up to 05-September-2022 and also payments can be made in cash to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation's People's Bank Account No. 004100110208633 referring tender number & bidder's name in short.
 Bidding document which comprises the conditions of the Tender and the specifications is available on websites: www.ceypetco.gov.lk & www.dgmarket.com.
 Alternatively, bidding documents could also be obtained from the undermentioned.
 Bids will be received by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee until 1430 hours on 07-September-2022 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Refinery Training Centre Auditorium.
MANAGER (MATERIALS)
CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION
REFINERY DIVISION,
SAPUGASKANDA, KELANIYA, SRI LANKA.
TEL. 0094-11-2400110
E-mail: ref.materials@ceypetco.gov.lk

Wednesday
 Date: 10.08.2022
 Draw No.: 1644
 Colour: Pink
Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 56,662,088/-
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,174,420/-
Winning Numbers
07 09 22 63
English Letter
Q
 Winning tickets are valid only for six months.
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 Tel: 0112 333 546-47
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SUPER BALL
 Draw Number: 1818 Colour: Orange
 Draw Date: 10.08.2022 Date: Wednesday
Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 69,749,540.40
Winning English Letter and Numbers
P 12 47 48 63
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,116,460/-
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Wednesday
 Date: 10.08.2022
 Draw No.: 3979
 Colour: Purple
Winning Numbers
05 19 38 64
English Letter
P
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,786,880/-
Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 72,215,822.40
 Winning tickets are valid only for six months.
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 Hotlines: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
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ජයෝද Jayoda
 Date: 10-08-2022
 Draw Number: 1843
 Colour: Orange
Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 34,540,304/-
Winning Numbers
19 30 49 53
ENGLISH LETTER
W
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 1,541,600/-
 Development Lotteries Board
 No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 2.
 Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Hotlines: 0114 824 824
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING
 N-70
 The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, Sri Lanka, invites bids from prospective suppliers in Sri Lanka for the supply of following Printing Inks.
 1. Bid Reference No - SCP02/ST/NCB35/INK/2022-6
 Machine Name - Xperjet 1682 SR - Large Format Digital Printing machine for Stickers Printing - Ink - 2022
 1. Black 23 kg
 2. Cyan 23 kg
 3. Magenta 23 kg
 4. Yellow 23 kg
 5. Orange 13 kg
 6. Green 13 kg
 7. Light Cyan 8 kg
 8. Light Magenta 9 kg
Closing Date of Bids: 30.08.2022 - 2.00 p.m.
 Bidding documents relevant to this notice will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, 118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08 on written application along with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/= per each Bid. Bidding documents will be issued by the Supplies Division itself at or before 2.00 pm on the day prior to the closing date given above.
 Further particulars could be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
 Gangani Liyanage
 Chairman, Procurement Committee
 Department of Government Printing,
 118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha,
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Procurement Notice
 01. National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (NAQDA) is a body corporate established under National Aquaculture Development Authority Act No. 53 of 1998 for the Development and management of aquatic resources and aquaculture industry.
 The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Provision of labour services (107 numbers of labourers) for field work at Aquaculture Development Centers (AQDC) for a period of one year.

Contract No and Name of Procurement	Bid Security (SLR) and Validity Period	Non Refundable Bid Fee (SLR)	Closing Date & Time of Issuing of Bidding Documents	Closing Date & Time of Receiving of Bid
NQ/DPC/2022/NCB/5/03 Procurement of Labour Services for field work at Aquaculture Development Centers (AQDC)	750,000.00 121 Days (05 th January 2023)	13,000.00	05.09.2022 at 3.00 p.m.	06.09.2022 at 2.00 p.m.

 02. Eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Officer (Tel.: 071-772 4430, 011-278 6544 / 6495, Fax: 011-278 6493 / 6575, Email: po@naqda.gov.lk) and website www.naqda.gov.lk
 Chairman,
 Department Procurement Committee (Major),
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka,
 41/1, New Parliament Road, Pelawatte, Battaramulla.
 12.08.2022.

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Inland Revenue Department
Year of Assessment 2022/2023
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A positive step

The decision taken by Labour and Foreign Employment Minister Manusha Nanayakkara to amend the labour laws to allow school students to take up part-time jobs in selected fields is a welcome move indeed, and will be a boon to families who are being weighed down by the soaring Cost of Living.

The extra income will come in handy in these dire times while also providing much needed pocket money to the youth who have a lot of expenses to contend with. The move could also go a long way in weaning the young from dangerous habits such as getting addicted to drugs and alcohol. Being gainfully occupied in a profession would certainly take their minds away from such temptations and focus entirely on earning an income.

Parents, especially the poor would also be greatly relieved. They will now have less to spend on the school needs such as books, clothing, shoes and other requirements with the children themselves coming to the rescue with their own money earned from doing a job. In that sense they too would be breadwinners of sorts.

The move will also stop the unhealthy practice of distinguishing between jobs based on their prestige and categories and make all beings equal in the same work environment. This will now make no one frown on a job however low it may seem in the eyes of some since all will be putting their shoulder to the grind irrespective of prestige and honour. It will not only ensure equality among all but also give an early inkling to the candidates about employer-employee relationship that would hold them in good stead in the future.

According to the Minister, the failure so far to get the young acclimatized to a working environment had led to many problems in the labour market. Like the Minister said, it will take a long time for those entering employment for the first time to find their feet in an alien work environment.

Giving them an early insight as to what to expect by exposing them to a work environment will certainly fit them well to face situations when they are selected for permanent jobs in the future. According to Minister Nanayakkara, schoolgoers between 16 and 20 will be made eligible to work in selected jobs for four or five days a week subjected to a maximum of 20 hours.

The jobs will mainly be in hotels, supermarkets, or those related to cleaning and washing, thus removing all stigmas attached to jobs making the rich and poor being treated alike as common hands. They will be excluded from the 72 types of job deemed risky and dangerous.

It will be up to the employer concerned to provide the young recruits with the necessary training for the jobs they are selected for and pay them their due wages. Along with this, steps will also be taken to ensure that EPF/ETF payments too are remitted. No candidate will be permitted to be employed on a permanent basis lest school work gets hampered.

The move certainly is a positive development affording the opportunity for schoolgoers to get a feeling of what a real job in the public or private sector is going to be like for them in the future. As mentioned, this way, schoolgoers coming from different backgrounds and financial positions would be made to mix freely in a common bond brought about by their work.

In Western countries students being employed while still at school is a common thing. There is absolutely no discrimination as far as the jobs are concerned. Children from rich homes work as dishwashers or as waiters alongside their less fortunate ones and take pride in the work. Famous movie stars and sports persons were among those who worked as dishwashers in their youth.

It is said that Sean Connery, the greatest Bond in the entire James Bond series, was at one time a milkman in Edinburgh. Harrison Ford of Indiana Jones fame was a carpenter. None of these stood in the way of them achieving fame and stardom in later years.

This is what we too should have been doing from the inception. It certainly would have brought down all social barriers and possibly even prevented the many class-based uprisings that took place here from time to time. It would also have changed the country's political complexion and halted the practice of the haves exploiting the have-nots, allowing for socialism in its true form to prevail. The practice should also have solved the unemployment problem in their early stages by allowing the young to get acclimatized with a profession from a very young age.

It would certainly have prevented the phenomenon of unemployable graduates whom we have been breeding by confining graduates in the Arts stream only to book knowledge which they regurgitate at exams but are in the dark where practical knowledge is concerned that would have equipped them to fit into the job market. More such progressive moves should be devised to sow equality among all segments which will certainly augur well for the country's future.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

At the end of the day, the true value proposition of education is employment. - Sebastian Thrun

Aragalaya Ends; Time to Rebuild Country

Sugeeswara Senadhira



The public protests that started on April 9 at the Galle Face in opposition to the then President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the then-Government gradually fizzled out after its third month. Initially the protest movement became an overnight success and it spread throughout the country within a month with the support of the masses. The protest reached its zenith on July 9, three months after its establishment and thousands of people gathered in Colombo and forced Gotabaya Rajapaksa to resign immediately.

Following his resignation, UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe, who was appointed by Gotabaya Rajapaksa as the Premier and Acting President, became the President through a Parliamentary vote. Subsequently experienced politician Dinesh Gunawardena was appointed Prime Minister and the early steps taken by the new Government to lessen the difficulties faced by the people succeeded in restoring the people's confidence in the Government.

Protests on the decline

With the gradual decline of the mass participation in the protests, the leadership of the *Aragalaya* became desperate and they found to their dismay the anti-social elements and political groups with ulterior designs were infiltrating into the movement. After the loss of its popular attraction, the *Aragalaya* lost its momentum and finally the remaining leaders and their handful of supporters decided to close shop, much to the relief of the law enforcement agencies and the commuters who were heavily inconvenienced due to continuous roadblocks and traffic snarls.

The Government held talks with *Aragalaya* representatives and ensured their proposals and suggestions could be taken into consideration when drafting constitutional and electoral reforms. President Wickremesinghe briefed them about establishing Parliamentary Committees to ensure participation, transparency and accountability.

One of the main demands of the youths was to increase the budget allocation for education sector to 6%. Another demand of the professionals was to allocate more funds to health sector. One of the salient features of the amended Budget Appropriation, presented for the first time by Prime Minister Gunawardena on Tuesday (9) was the increase of allocation for Health and Education sectors. Health Ministry allocation has been increased by Rs. 248,069,998,000 of both recurrent and capital expenditures for the remaining four months of this year. This will be a good start, though the 6% for education is yet to reach.

As Prime Minister Gunawardena often said in Parliament, the Government is ready to take the demands made by the youth protesters into consideration. However, violent acts cannot be condoned.



Protesters who had put up structures and tents at the Galle Face have disbanded them and moved out.
Picture by Wimal Karunathilake

The political groups and non-government organisations with agendas within agendas made use of the *Aragalaya* to take over the entire Galle Face stretch from the Presidential Secretariat to the Galle Face Hotel front. No self-respecting Government could allow such arrogant, illegal, unauthorized takeovers and constructions. Realizing this, law abiding citizens and welfare organisations who joined the *Aragalaya*, decided to quit the place.

President Wickremesinghe made a very tactful suggestion to the *Aragalaya* delegation that he could allocate them the Floating Market in Pettah as a protest site. He said the talented youths of the movement set up a library, arts and craft centres and use the place for their innovative and constructive creations. If properly used, the Floating Market could become an attractive tourist site like the Artists' Pavement near the Viharamahadevi Park, which is not only an eye-pleasing sight for the passers-by but also a place to earn an income for budding artists.

Allocation of a place for protesters will end the road demonstrations, a common sight in the recent past that inconvenienced the public. Vehicular traffic and daily life are largely affected as protesters select crowded public areas such as Lotus Road in Colombo, Galle Face Green, Town Hall and Lipton Roundabout to hold their demonstrations. The general public, along with protesters, become victims of anti-riot measures such as road closures, firing of water cannon and tear gas to disperse protesters. In this backdrop, a separate site for protests and demonstrations will be a welcome step.

Furthermore, the Galle Face Green, a place for evening walks for the middle-aged and elders and playground for small children from all walks of life in Colombo was taken over and turned into a campaign centre along different themes that have nothing to do with the current economic or political situation. The political groups and non-government organisations with agendas within agendas made use of the *Aragalaya*

to take over the entire Galle Face stretch from the Presidential Secretariat to the Galle Face Hotel front. No self-respecting Government could allow such arrogant, illegal, unauthorized takeovers and constructions.

Realizing this, law abiding citizens and welfare organisations who joined the *Aragalaya*, decided to quit the place. Only a few radical headline elements were present at the Galle Face in the last phase of the *Aragalaya*.

In the meanwhile the Government has taken several steps to hasten reforms. At the last Cabinet Meeting on Monday (8), a decision was taken to establish a Cabinet Sub-Committee on Public Expenditure Management and a Cabinet Sub-Committee on Institutional Affairs. The proposal to this effect submitted by President Ranil Wickremesinghe in his capacity as the Finance, Economic Stability, and National Policies Minister was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on Monday (8). The Cabinet Sub-Committee on Public Expenditure Management will be chaired by President Wickremesinghe to submit policy recommendations to the Cabinet on the proposals related to public expenditure such as the initiation of new projects and procurement activities, whilst the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Institutional Affairs will be chaired by Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena to study matters related to institutional affairs such as appointments, promotions, transfers and disciplinary actions in the public service and submit policy study matters related to public service appoint-

ments, promotions, transfers, and disciplinary actions and make policy recommendations to the Cabinet. This is a step in right direction as such accountability and transparency is a demand often made by the professional organisations.

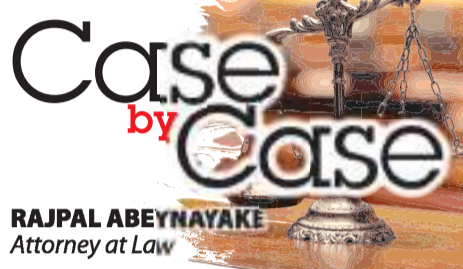
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In addition, the Cabinet also approved the establishment of the Sub Committee on Cost of Living and establishment of the Food Security Committee based on a proposal by President Wickremesinghe. It is tasked to provide recommendations on policy and practical solutions necessary to maintain the Cost of Living stable by ensuring that food and other essential materials are supplied to the market without shortage. The Food Security Committee to assist the work of the sub-committee on trade and commerce.

These efforts of the Government to resolve issues of shortages and to get the economy back on track will ensure that the *Aragalaya* in its first incarnation will not resurrect. The fall of *Aragalaya* was mainly due to lack of acceptable leadership. It wanted to demolish a governing structure without offering an alternative system to replace it. Of the youths who took part in *Aragalaya* will have choices now. Those who are innovative and creative can develop their talents and skills at the proposed youth center at the Floating Market and others with political ambitions could form a political party and enter the democratic mainstream.



Anoma Indrajith



OBVIOUS CASE FOR DIVORCE DENIED

In a divorce case filed in the District Court of Embilipitiya, the plaintiff asked that the marriage between him and his wife be declared a nullity — as if it did not happen at all — and a divorce be granted i.e. legal dissolution of the marriage.

However the District Judge neither upheld the plea of nullity, nor granted the divorce.

The plaintiff appealed the judgement in the Court of Appeal. (Ajith Kulatunga v. Shiromala - SLR - 108, Vol 2 of 2001 [2000] LKCA 62; (2001) 2 Sri LR 108 (October 31, 2000)).

The Appeal Court case began with a bid at settlement, but the Bench rejected the terms:

"On 19.06.2000 a settlement was reached between parties wherein the Plaintiff Appellant and Defendant-Respondent together with their respective Attorneys-at-Law signed a document containing terms of settlement consenting to a declaration of nullity and waiving costs of action ordered in the judgement dated 23.07.1998. This Court rejected the said settlement."

This case and the subsequent appeal is connected to issues that are rather common where divorce litigation is concerned in this country. Courts often seem preoccupied with legal issues, and misses the woods for the trees. In this case for instance, divorce was not granted despite the fact that divorce was asked for and there was no marriage in existence to speak of in the first place. The

refusal on the part of the District Court was ostensibly based on legal issues that prevented the granting of a divorce, despite the absurdity of inflicting marriage on the parties concerned, under the circumstances.

The Appeal Court judgement notes:

"Thereafter written submissions have been filed by the learned Counsel for Plaintiff-Appellant wherein he has submitted as follows:

(i) The learned District Judge had considered only prayer relating to nullity but not the application for dissolution of marriage.

(ii) The learned District Judge had failed to consider the complete breakdown of the marriage between parties.

(iii) The learned District Judge had failed to consider the fact that there had been no consummation of the marriage.

(iv) The Defendant did not give evidence and she did not contradict the fact of the breakdown of the marriage and non-consummation of the marriage.

(v) Court had discretion in cases of this nature to grant a divorce. (H. John Perera Vs. H. Mathupali, referred to.)"

In the prayer the plaintiff's Counsel had asked for a declaration of nullity and a divorce. Both elements were included in the prayer of the plaintiff. But the Court of Appeal judgement notes that this was misconceived

as a declaration of nullity would mean that the marriage was not in existence from the beginning — i.e. void ab initio — and therefore the granting of a divorce did not arise, if the marriage did not exist at all.

The judgement also noted:

"It is easy to brush the submissions of the learned Counsel for the Plaintiff-Appellant aside on the basis that no cause of action for divorce was pleaded in the amended plaint except for nullity.

But it is useful to remember the dictum of Justice de Kretser in H. John Perera vs. H. Mathupali (71 NLR 461) at 465 which reads as follows:

"It appears to me that when a Court is satisfied that the marriage between the parties is truly at an end it should exercise its discretion with a view to rehabilitate and not to punish."

The parties had not lived together and there was no consummation of marriage and a divorce should have been granted, despite the fact that no cause of action except 'nullity' had been relied on in the amended plaint.

The judgement notes:

"Added to these grounds, the parties, we find, are desirous to end their marital bond with no possibility of reconciliation whatsoever in sight.

Willmer L.J. said in Lawry Vs. Lawry

(1967 - 1 WLR789) at 791 referring to the order of the Original Court Judge, "He had to balance the consideration of respect for the sanctity of marriage (which is of particular importance in the present case in view of the wife's conscientious objections to divorce) against the public interest which is involved in the question whether it is right to keep in being, a marriage which has so obviously and so hopelessly and completely broken down."

In the case under review, though a cause of action has not been pleaded, on the evidence led that was not contradicted by the defendant, there was enough material to grant a divorce on the grounds of malicious desertion or constructive malicious desertion, the Appeal Court judgement notes. Desertion is one of the three grounds for granting a divorce in Sri Lanka, the other two being adultery, and impotence.

In the end the Court of Appeal took the correct course of action in concluding that the judge may have been correct on the technicality i.e. that there was no grounds established for nullity of marriage, but that the divorce should have been granted anyway.

The judgement states:

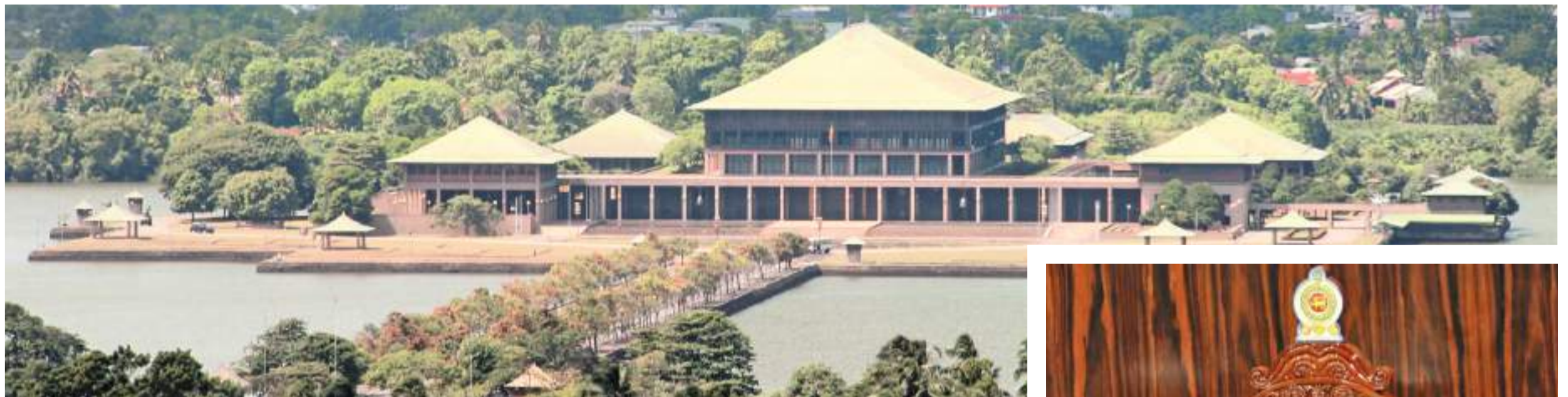
"We therefore confirm the judgement of the learned District Judge in coming to a finding that there were no grounds estab-

Courts often seem preoccupied with legal issues, and misses the woods for the trees. In this case for instance, divorce was not granted despite the fact that divorce was asked for and there was no marriage in existence to speak of in the first place. The refusal on the part of the District Court was ostensibly based on legal issues that prevented the granting of a divorce, despite the absurdity of inflicting marriage on the parties concerned, under the circumstances.

lished for nullity but set aside his order dismissing the Plaintiff Appellant's action and granting costs in a sum of Rs. 2,500 to the Defendant-Respondent. Instead we order that adequate grounds having been adduced the marriage entered upon between the parties on 23.01.1992 be set aside and decree nisi be entered by the learned District Judge, Embilipitiya, granting the Plaintiff-Appellant a divorce from the Defendant-Respondent on the ground of constructive malicious desertion."

The plaintiff's appeal succeeded. Judgement that there were no grounds established for nullity was confirmed. But the order dismissing Plaintiff's action was set aside. Decree nisi was to be entered granting the plaintiff Appellant a divorce.

In effect, Appeal was allowed, and divorce granted.



PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT

RESTORING SRI LANKA TO ITS PRISTINE GLORY

CHANDRA EDIRISURIYA

President Ranil Wickremesinghe's statement in Parliament on August 3, 2022 is one of the most comprehensive speeches ever delivered by a Head of State either as the Throne Speech in the dominion days or as an Address to the House after the country became a Republic, thereafter.

He by inference expressed high hopes of restoring Sri Lanka to its pristine glory by making it not only self-sufficient in rice like what it was during the reign of King Parakramabahu the Great but also the Granary of the East by being the hub of international trade in that commodity, and touched on vital issues such as managing loss making State enterprises, modernizing the economy opened in the time of President J.R. Jayewardene, stopping selected imports to pay for fossil fuel imports and limiting the use of it till year end etc.

He lamented the cancellation of the Japanese Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Container Terminal pro-

jects. He noted with concern the shrinking of the middle class in the country and emphasized that it should be re-kindled.

Ever since agriculture, especially rice cultivation began on irrigated fields after the advent of the Aryan settlers, land of which the sole owner was the king had been equitably distributed among farmers imposing a tax of one-sixth of the produce but large extents of which had been given to the king's favourite officials thus creating the feudal aristocracy.

Feudalism exists to this day represented by the new rich with wealth accumulated by fair or foul means in spite of a large number of farmers being given land ownership in colonization schemes, by the

Paddy Lands Act, under Land Reform and the Mahaweli programme.

Quite strangely, there are striking similarities between concepts, events and even the dates of the French Revolution of 1789 and what is happening in Sri Lanka today, although taken mutatis mutandis of the times, institutions, actors, functions and the locale.

Historian Sir J.A.R. Marriott in his work 'The Evolution of Modern Europe 1453-1939' says: "On 4th August the National Assembly at Versailles, in a frenzy of excitement and self-renunciation, adopted a series of resolutions abolishing the last relics of feudalism: all men were hence forward to be equal before the law; offices to be open to all;

justice to be administered gratuitously and impartially; the last traces ... of feudalism abolished. ..."

It is up to President Ranil Wickremesinghe to completely eliminate the new rich in Parliament if they have amassed wealth in an irregular manner without fear or favour as a first step by strictly enforcing the declaration of assets of which no honest Member of Parliament need be alarmed, so that he will be left with really clean and trim people's representatives!

There is no reason why State institutions which have been a liability should not be privatized when even Communist countries such as China and Vietnam are relying on private enterprise to boost economic development not to mention Rus-



President Ranil Wickremesinghe delivering his policy statement in Parliament. Picture courtesy: President's Media Division

sia which had become the largest economy in the world after the 1917 Revolution but crashed due to mismanagement proving that humans are by nature fickle and for that matter even profit making institutions which when given to the private sector perform better.

The open economy registered an economic growth rate of over 6 per cent in 1978 but fell below 2 per cent by 1986 and although it reverted to the former on almost five years until it plunged to nearly -2 per cent in 2002 from which the country was rescued by President Ranil Wickremesinghe as Premier then making the economy soar to over 8 per cent by 2011 and the slump thereafter continues to this day the economy falling to a minus

growth again ironically to be rescued by the same person, President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

So, it is natural that those jealous of him casting aspersions unable to stomach his achievements the Opposition Leader saying when he became Prime Minister this time that he accepted the post because he cannot become President having to bite the dust when he became President not long afterwards and two of his top party officials scoffing at President Ranil Wickremesinghe for him dropping the official use of the honorific 'His Excellency' and not using the Presidential Flag very correctly saying that there should be only one flag for a country all in very bad taste bringing disgrace upon their alma maters.

IN BRIEF

LONDON CHILDREN UNDER NINE TO GET POLIO VACCINE

UK: Britain is launching a polio vaccine booster campaign for nearly a million children in London aged 9 and under, after confirming that the virus is spreading in the capital for the first time since the 1980s. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has identified 116 polioviruses from 19 sewage samples this year in London.

- EURONEWS

JAPAN'S POPULATION RECORDS LARGEST DROP SINCE 1950

JAPAN: Japan's population totaled 125.93 million as of January 1, 2022, representing the largest drop in the overall number and by percentage since comparable data were recorded in 1950, the latest government data revealed on Wednesday. Japan's overall population fell to 125,927,902, down by 726,342 or 0.57 per cent from the previous year.

- IANS

42 MALIAN SOLDIERS KILLED

MALI: Forty-two Malian soldiers were killed and 22 injured in an attack near the town of Tessit on Sunday, Mali's Government said on Wednesday, blaming an Islamic State affiliate. The Malian Army has been battling a decade-long insurgency by militant groups that have spread across West Africa's Sahel region.

- INDIA TODAY

50 MISSING AS MIGRANT BOAT SINKS OFF GREECE

GREECE: Around 50 people are missing after a boat carrying migrants sank off the Greek island of Karpathos in the Aegean Sea, a coastguard official said on Wednesday. "According to the statements of 29 rescued people, there were 80 people on the boat, so up to 50 people are missing," he said.

- NDTV

OVER 200 MAJOR GLACIERS DISAPPEAR IN ITALY

ITALY: More than 200 major Alpine glaciers have disappeared in Italy since record-keeping began in 1895, Italy's environmental lobby group Legambiente said in a report released on Wednesday. In its third "Caravan of the Glaciers" report, Legambiente said the latest findings verified "the dramatic regression of glaciers due to the climate crisis."

- NDTV

NORTH KOREA DECLARES 'VICTORY' OVER COVID, KIM SUFFERED FROM FEVER

NORTH KOREA: North Korea's Kim Jong Un declared victory in the battle against COVID-19 on Thursday, with the leader's sister revealing he had suffered from fever. North Korea has reported daily numbers of fever patients totaling 4.77 million, but has registered no new such cases since July 29.

- INDIAN EXPRESS

NEPAL BATTLES 'TWINDEMIC'

NEPAL: Amid soaring COVID-19 infections in Nepal, numerous cases of H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu virus infection, have been reported from many places as health experts call for strict surveillance measures across the country.

At least 57 cases of H1N1 known as swine flu have been reported in the last two months and especially at a time health authorities throughout the country have been dealing with the fourth wave of Covid, the *Kathmandu Post* reported.

The chances of misdiagnosis and negligence could be high during this time, which could lead to delayed treatment and even deaths, the health experts said.

Several Public health experts have warned that the H1N1 virus along with COVID-19 could cause



a "twindemic" in the Himalayan country. According to the World Health Organisation's Global Influenza Surveillance, at least 57 cases of H1N1 infection have been reported since June 6 and the infection of 55 cases of AH3 virus also known as Hong Kong flu have been also reported in the same period.

The symptoms of the H1N1 virus and Omicron variant of

coronavirus overlap with each other, which can lead to misdiagnosis and cause confusions. However, in both the infections, the patients suffer from fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, vomiting and diarrhoea, and others.

- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

HEAVIEST RAINFALL IN 115 YEARS WREAKS HAVOC ON GREATER SEOUL

SOUTH KOREA: Record-setting heavy rain hit Seoul and surrounding areas Monday night and Tuesday morning, wreaking havoc across the region. The rainfall — the highest amount recorded in Seoul in 115 years — left several dead and displaced hundreds. Severe flooding occurred in many parts of the capital, leading to significant infrastructure and property damage.

Heavy rain is expected to continue until Friday in Seoul and throughout the capital region, the Korea Meteorological Administration said Tuesday.

The rainfall on Monday was the highest in 115 years since weather observations began in Seoul

in 1907. The daily and hourly precipitation both broke previous records. The peak one-hour rainfall recorded in Dongjak-gu, southern Seoul, on Monday night was 141.5 millimeters, dwarfing the districts previous record of 118.6 millimeters in 1942. The daily rainfall recorded was 381.5 millimetres, also higher than the previous record for Dongjak-gu of 332.8 millimeters in 1998.

This heavy rain was accompanied by lightning, which struck the metropolitan area more than 2,000 times, the previous night. A total of 741 houses and shopping

were flooded while retaining walls collapsed in three places in Seoul, Incheon, Gangwon Province and Gyeonggi Province.

More than 1,000 cases of vehicle flooding have been reported as of Tuesday morning, according to figures from the insurance industry. Trains were halted across the city as rainwater flooded subway stations and tracks.

- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES



The Han River in the South Korean capitol Seoul burst its banks, flooding a wide area.

WORLD'S BIGGEST ICE SHEET COULD CAUSE MASSIVE SEA RISE - STUDY

UK: The world's biggest ice sheet could cause "several metres" of sea-level rise over centuries if the global temperature rises more than 2°C, according to a British study published Wednesday.

Researchers at Durham University concluded that if global greenhouse emissions remain high, the melting East Antarctic Ice Sheet (EAIS) could cause nearly half a metre of sea-level rise by 2100. Their analysis was published in the scientific journal *Nature*.

If emissions remain high beyond that, the EAIS could contribute around one to three metres to global sea levels by 2300, and two to five metres by 2500, they said. However, if emissions were dramatically reduced, EAIS could contribute around two centime-

tres of sea level rise by 2100, according to the assessment. This would represent far less than the ice loss expected from Greenland and West Antarctica.

"A key conclusion from our analysis is that the fate of the East Antarctic Ice Sheet remains very much in our hands," said lead author Chris Stokes, from Durham University's Department of Geography.

"This ice sheet is by far the largest on the planet, containing the equivalent of 52 metres of sea level and it's really important that we do not awaken this sleeping giant."

- FRANCE 24

TRUMP INVOKES FIFTH AMENDMENT IN NEW YORK AG'S PROBE



Donald Trump

US: Donald Trump invoked his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination as he testified under oath Wednesday in the New York Attorney General's long-running civil investigation into his business dealings, the former president said in a statement.

About an hour after arriving at Attorney General Letitia James' Manhattan offices, Trump announced that he "declined to answer the questions under the rights and privileges afforded to every citizen under the United States Constitution."

"I once asked, 'If you're

innocent, why are you taking the Fifth Amendment? Now I know the answer to that question," the statement said.

"When your family, your company, and all the people in your orbit have become the targets of an unfounded politically motivated Witch-Hunt supported by lawyers, prosecutors and the Fake

News Media, you have no choice."

Wednesday's events unfolded two days after FBI agents searched Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida as part of an unrelated federal probe into whether he took classified records when he left the White House.

- JAPAN TODAY

TALIBAN FIGHTERS SWAP ARMS FOR BOOKS

AFGHANISTAN: Gul Agha Jalali used to spend his nights planting bombs - hoping to target an Afghan government soldier or, better still, a foreign serviceman.

These days, the 23-year-old Taliban member is studying English and has enrolled in a computer science course in the capital, Kabul.

"When our country was occupied by infidels, we needed bombs, mortars and guns," says Mr Jalali, an employee at the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation. Now there is a greater need for education, he said.

Since the Taliban swept back to power in August last year, hundreds of fighters have returned to school - either on their own or pushed by their commanders.

The word "Taliban" actually means "students" in Arabic, and the hardline Islamist movement's name stems from the religious schools in southern Afghanistan it emerged from in the 1990s.

Most Taliban fighters were educated in these madrasahs, where studies are



Taliban member Gul Agha Jalali (L) is one of many fighters who have traded combat for the classroom following the group's return to power.

largely limited to the Koran and other Islamic themes.

Many conservative Afghan clerics - particularly among the Taliban - are sceptical of more modern education, apart from subjects that can be applied practically, such as engineering or medicine.

"The world is evolving, we need technology and development," said Jalali, who planted bombs for five years but is now among a dozen Taliban studying computers at the Transport Ministry.

- THE STRAITS TIMES

METEORITE STRIKES CREATED EARTH'S CONTINENTS, SAY SCIENTISTS

US: A series of massive meteorite strikes was responsible for the formation of the Earth's continents, a study suggests.

Researchers said on Wednesday that they had found the strongest evidence yet that the continents were held together by ancient geological structures created when vast pieces of space rock ploughed into our planet.

The largest of these meteors were likely to have been more than 100 kilometres in diameter. They would have collided with Earth when it was still relatively young, about 3.5 billion years ago.

The evidence comes in the form of tiny grains of the mineral zircon. An analysis published in the journal



Meteorites are mostly fragments of asteroids which were separated from the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter a long time ago before reaching Earth.

Nature suggests that samples recovered from a key region of Western Australia carry the signs of a large meteorite strike. "Meteorite impacts do everything required to make continents," Tim Johnson, who led the study at Curtin University in Perth, said. "We are extremely excited by these findings." Over the 4.5 billion years that our planet has existed its appear-

ance has altered dramatically. Roughly 335 million years ago, for instance, three masses of land - known as Gondwana, Euramerica and Siberia - are thought to have come together to form the supercontinent of Pangea. About 200 million years ago Pangea broke apart, ultimately leading to the continents we know today.

- THE TIMES OF LONDON

MONKEYS UNDER ATTACK IN BRAZIL AMID RISING MONKEYPOX FEARS

BRAZIL: The World Health Organisation expressed sorrow on Tuesday for the killing of monkeys in Brazil amid fears of Monkeypox contagion.

Brazilian news website G1 reported on Sunday that 10 monkeys had been poisoned in less than a week in the city of Sao Jose do Rio Preto, in Sao Paulo state. Similar incidents

were reported in other cities. "People have to know that the transmission we see now is among humans," said Margaret Harris, a WHO spokeswoman, during a press conference in Geneva.

Brazil counts more than 1,700 cases of Monkeypox, according to the WHO.

The country's health ministry

confirmed one death related to the disease on July 29. The victim was a man who had low immunity and comorbidities.

Contagion can take place from animals to humans, but the recent outbreak is related to human only contacts, according to Harris.

"People certainly should not attack the animals," she said.

Brazil has a long register of attacks on monkeys during yellow fever outbreaks too. Since May, nearly 90 countries have reported more than 29,000 cases of Monkeypox.

The WHO classified the outbreak of the once-rare disease as an international emergency in July.

- ABC NEWS



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Abans, EWIS combine to assemble Lanka's first 4G Smartphone

Also to lump UHD TV, Laptops

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

For the first time, Abans PLC, partnered with EWIS Colombo Limited (ECL), to produce and market locally assembled smartphones. These would be 4G enabled and would be available in the market this year.

In addition, this partnership will also assemble smart UHD TVs from 32 inch to 55 inch and also engage in the assembly and manufacture of laptops.

ECL Chairman and CEO, Sanjeeva Wickramanayaka said all products assembled in will have a minimum local value addition of 35% and will move up to increase it.

"No country in the world produces any electronic product with 100% locally and even China imports material when manufacturing products. Sri Lanka too can manufacture locally and even look at imports but the government must maintain long term policy with regard to raw material import regulations and other rules."

If policy is maintained there will be a lot of Original Device Manufacturing (ODM) companies which will firstly help to reduce unwanted imports, create high paying jobs and even engage in exports.

"Abans PLC, is a leading retail brand in the country with a 40-strong brand portfolio and

is the sole agent in Sri Lanka for numerous world-leading electronic and home appliance brands and this is why we decided to join with them."

Chief Marketing Officer Abans PLC Buddhika Dharmawardane said, "This agreement comes into play at a very crucial time in the country's economy where the government wants to minimise the dollar drain to purchase electronic items of this nature."

"We are happy that through this partnership we will be able to help towards this initiative in some way and save the country a considerable amount of foreign exchange in the process by reducing imports."

"Import ban reduces sub standard electronics item inflow"

Some of the sub standard electronics items that were imported before the government introduced an import ban on non essential items have resulted in almost reducing low quality electronic item imports to Sri Lanka.

ECL Chairman and CEO, Sanjeeva Wickramanayaka said that before the ban 'smartphones could be even

found for less than Rs. 20,000 but these products are hardly evident today.

"The mobile devices were mainly manufactured using parts extracted from used phones and hence their performance was low after a specified period of time. These mobile smartphones were imported from China and today they have drastically reduced." (SS)

Abans and ECL hope to validate the 'Made in Sri Lanka' tag enabling local consumers, who have been deprived of the privilege of imported electronic and electrical goods, to buy locally.

"Abans have already taken the lead to promote local manufacturing in a bid to revamp the struggling economy and commenced the assembly of 5 types of washing machines with 60% value addition, coolers and refrigerators both over 50%

local value addition from our plant in Melleniya boosting the country's declining economy."

ECL is Sri Lanka's first and only local ODM with a proven track record of 9 years from their manufacturing Hambantota and manufacture computers, laptops, tablet computers, televisions, smart boards, mobile phones, and other consumer electronic products from their facility in Sooriyawewa where, over 80% of employees are women.



ECL Chairman, CEO Sanjeeva Wickramanayaka exchanges the MoU with COO, Abans Buddhika Dharmawardane

'Corporates in ICU could be resuscitated with robust framework'

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Sri Lanka's economy is in a critical state of health and the fact remains that many corporate bodies and even individuals will be bankrupt at the end of this crisis.

The current economic crisis has revealed the need to recognise businesses that are likely to be rendered insolvent and highlight the need for Sri Lanka to implement a robust framework to resuscitate businesses, says Dilshani Wijayawardana-Attorney at law and the Board Member at Union Bank PLC and Former Commissioner - Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka said.

"Many corporates as we speak remain in the proverbial ICU state fighting to survive. Some amongst them will certainly die while some others with some external help can be resuscitated," Wijayawardana told the 'Reform now Conference' at the BMICH.

An efficient, reliable and transparent regime is needed for a robust financial system and plays a key role in the reallocation of productive resources, investor confidence and forward-looking Cooperative structure.

"Under our legal system when a company is insolvent it can be wound up under the Company's Act of 2007. In the case of an individual or a partnership they would be declared insolvent under the Insolvency's Ordinance of 1884. The law on bankruptcy is essentially procedural in nature."

However, under the present act alternative legal mechanisms are available to resuscitate a company. I like to flag that there are certain fundamental duties when a company is facing insolvency and I'm sure many companies as we speak now are in this state but unaware of these legal obligations."

She further said that under Section 219 of the Company's Act, there's a duty cast in law and each and every single director whose company is facing insolvency and unable to pay its debts to forthwith call a meeting of the board of directors to consider one whether you should file a petition to wind up the company or to appoint an administrator to run the business of the company.

"Failure to do so will expose the board of directors and each and every single director to personal liability. Most directors are completely unaware of these legal obligations or duties," Wijayawardana noted that as Sri Lanka steps into its darkest decade with the current economic crisis, many businesses will struggle to survive.

"The question remains are there provisions in law to resuscitate them or should we let them.

Accordingly, it is extremely important for the corporate sector that you be cognizant of your legal duties where a company is not viable. The main thrust of law should be for a swift and efficient liquidation due to the time constraint to die."



Excise Dept. targets USD 50 mn from liquor exports

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Sri Lanka hopes to get around USD 50 million export revenue from locally made liquor sales in 2023, Commissioner General of Excise Department of Sri Lanka, **M.J. Gunasiri** said.

He said that last year Sri Lanka got around USD 25 million by selling Sri Lankan produced liquor overseas. "However this year due to several local and global issues the foreign sales would not reach a high amount but we expect this to pick up next year."

He said the Department has also decided to intro-



duce local quality contrails to coconut and Palmyrah toddy which in turn will help to include these two products to the local export basket as well. "Today there is no proper standardization for toddy and exporting them under current quality standards is not viable.

"This is why we decided to introduce some standards for these two products starting from this year."

He also disclosed that the department has already commenced work on building a testing and a quality control laboratory which will also enable the department to enhance quality of today. With these in place we hope to woo around USD 50 million revenue, from locally made spirit sales from next year.

Currently Sri Lankan liquor is exported to 34 countries and main revenue comes from sale of beer.

Small, medium livestock, poultry farms affected worse by current crisis

'Chicken, egg prices could hype further if issues go unaddressed'

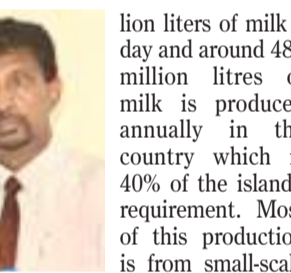
FIZEL JABIR

Small and medium scale livestock, poultry farms face the brunt of the current crisis confronting the shortage of feed material, high prices of feed material, veterinary drugs, vaccines and even fuel shortages, opined **Ajith Gunasekera**, Chairman, All Island Poultry Producers Association and President-Sri Lanka Association of Animal Production.

Gunasekera said the poultry industry has large scale

companies, medium scale farms and small-scale farmers and has been the main and unique income source for a huge number of small-scale farmers, especially in the layer sector and even for a considerable number of 'broiler and dairy farmers'.

The cattle population of the country is around 1.3 million and produces around 1.2 mil-



lion liters of milk a day and around 480 million litres of milk is produced annually in the country which is 40% of the island's requirement. Most of this production is from small-scale and medium scale farms which represent 65% dairy farms.

Gunasekera said they were the group which has been affected largely due to the cur-

rent crisis. Shortage of feed material, veterinary drugs, vaccines and even fuel shortage have very badly affected their operations. This has led to a marked drop in dairy production increasing demand for foreign currency for importation of milk powder.

Already importation of milk powder has been reduced due to lack of foreign currency attributing to the shortage of milk in the market. Prices of imported milk powder have

increased three times so far and locally produced liquid milk price also has increased due to shortage and high price of animal feeds, low production, high price of other inputs like packing's, fuel and the power crises.

Further, the poultry sector also has been affected immensely due to the crisis, a number of small and medium scale farms have been closed due to the lack of feed and high costs involved. **▶ PAGE 13**



Minister meets High Commissioner

Minister of Tourism, Harin Fernando met British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Sarah Hulton in Colombo and briefed her on the current Sri Lankan political crisis and also on some of the adverse travel advisories against Sri Lanka.

The Minister in a Tweet said "Had a successful meeting with (Ambassador) Sarah Hulton regarding the current political climate in SL, lifting of travel advisories of UK travelers to SL, promotion of tourism and the security and safety of tourists."

Dialog Axiata records Rs. 81.6 bn for 1H 2022

Total taxes paid to Govt is Rs. 16.9 bn

Dialog Axiata PLC (Dialog Axiata PLC and Dialog Axiata Group) announced its consolidated financial results for the six months ended June 30, 2022 recording a consolidated revenue of Rs. 81.6 billion for 1H 2022 and Rs. 43.3 billion for Q2 2022.

Despite the challenging environment witnessed in Q2 2022, the Group sustained its consistent performance to record strong revenue growth across all business segments, namely, mobile, fixed line, digital pay television, international and tele-infrastructure, relative to prior periods, namely, year-to-date and quarter-on-quarter ("QoQ").

However, driven by higher network spend and escalation in the cost base, Group Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation ("EBITDA") declined to Rs. 27.5 billion for 1H 2022 down by a moderate 1% YTD.

On a QoQ basis EBITDA declined 14% to record Rs. 12.7 billion for Q2 2022. The Group Net Profit After Tax ("NPAT") was impacted by the forex losses amid continued depreciation of the Rs against the USD. The resulting forex losses reached Rs. 14.2 billion for Q2 2022 and Rs. 34.3 billion for 1H 2022. Public Group NPAT recorded a loss of Rs. 28.3 billion for

1H 2022 and a loss of Rs. 12.5 billion for Q2 2022 amid forex losses.

Dialog Group continued to be a significant contributor to state revenues, remitting a total of Rs. 16.9 billion to the Government during the first six months of 2022. Total remittances included Direct Taxes and Levies amounting to Rs. 9.2 billion and Rs. 7.7 billion in Consumption Taxes collected on behalf of the GoSL. The total taxes paid increased 46% YTD and 56% QoQ. The Direct Taxes included Rs. 3.8 billion paid during the quarter in lieu of one-off Surcharge Tax of 25% applicable on PAT of FY2020.

The Group continued to support critical investments in 1H 2022 and the Capital expenditure reached Rs. 22.4 billion for 1H 2022. Capital expenditure was directed towards investments in High-Speed Broadband infrastructure to further expand Dialog's leadership in Sri Lanka's Broadband sector. In line with the above Capex, the Group Operating Free Cash Flow ("OFCF") declined to Rs. 2.8 billion for 1H 2022.

At an entity level, Dialog Axiata PLC continued to contribute a major share of Group Revenue (60%) and Group EBITDA (69%). Com-



pany revenue was recorded at Rs. 49.1 Bn for 1H 2022 up 11% YTD and Rs. 25.1 billion for Q2 2022 up 4% QoQ, resulting from growth in the data segment.

Profitability continued to be impacted due to higher network spend and rise in operating expenses and Company EBITDA was recorded at Rs. 19 billion for 1H 2022 down 5% and Rs. 9 billion for Q2 2022 down 11%. **▶ PAGE 13**

Teejay knits Q1 revenue doubles to Rs. 23.9 bn

Teejay Lanka PLC has made a positive start to 2022-23 posting Group revenue of Rs 23.9 billion for the three months ending June 30, 2022.

The Group achieved nearly half its full-year revenue of 2021-22 in just the first quarter of the new financial year as a result of the low base of the previous financial year due to the impacts of COVID, the depreciation of the Rupee and the passing on of yarn price increases during the last quarter. In a filing with the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), Sri Lanka's largest textile man-

ufacturer said it had also recorded significant growth in pre-tax and net profit at both Group and Company level in the quarter reviewed.

According to interim financial statements, Group profit before tax for the three months grew by more than Rs 1 billion or 291% to Rs 1.5 billion, while Group net profit for the period was up 301% to Rs 1.2 billion. At Company level, revenue improved by 108% in the quarter under review to Rs 12.9 billion, while profit before tax grew by 323% to Rs 1.5 billion, and net profit

increased by 311% to Rs 1.3 billion. Teejay Lanka PLC has notified the CSE that its Board of Directors has proposed the payment of a final dividend of Rs 1.50 per share to the Company's shareholders for the year ended March 31, 2022.

Teejay Lanka Chairman Ajit Gunewardene said: "Our performance in the first quarter is extremely encouraging for all stakeholders, especially in the context of the continuing local and global challenges." "The Group completed a US\$ 26 million expansion project at Teejay India, add-

ing 20 tons a day to capacity. At the same time, India is viewed as an important strategic location positioning Teejay to gain from the anticipated growth in the apparel industries of countries like Bangladesh and Indonesia."

Teejay Lanka CEO Pubudu De Silva added: "With the global increase in yarn prices coinciding with the depreciation of the Rupee, Teejay had an opportunity to strategically capitalise on its status as a preferred supplier to several international markets to increase sales income. We also embarked



Chairman, Gunewardene



CEO, Pubudu De Silva

on several strategic initiatives to expedite progress.

Pakistan has avoided a Lankan like default crisis - FM

Pakistan's finance minister said the government has taken steps that will put the country on the right track and help the South Asian nation avoid an economic collapse. But that will cause pain for its people, he added.

The country is desperately fighting for its survival as the recent rise in commodity and energy prices have exacerbated its debt problems. It has been struggling to pay for its imports as its official liquid foreign exchange reserves shrank by \$754 million to \$8.57 billion in the week ended July 22, according to the country's central bank data.

"There were serious worries about Pakistan heading Sri Lanka's way, Pakistan getting into a default-like situation, but thankfully, we've made some significant changes. (www.cnb.com)

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Union Bank wins 'Most Campaign Partnership Award' from Daraz

Union Bank for the second consecutive year was recognized at the Daraz Payment Partner Performance Awards and received the 'Most Campaign Partnerships' award this year in an event held on July 28, at Uga Residencies, Colombo.

The award once again re-affirms Union Bank's continuous efforts to enhance credit card usage on e-commerce platforms and its efforts in developing new campaigns which contributed to developing the most number of campaigns on the Daraz platform by a Bank for the year 2021-2022.

The Daraz Payment Partner Performance Awards is an annual event for payment partners and rewards and



The Union Bank team Winu de Silva Manager Business Development and Marketing Cards, Chamara Gomis Chief Manager, Retail Assets and Cards, Manuri Rodrigo Assistant Manager Business Development Cards receives the award from Rakhil Fernando CEO and Managing Director, Dulika Jayamanne Head of Payments and Partnerships of Daraz.

recognizes the contribution of bank partners towards the success of the platform's business growth.

Since the inception of its partnership with Daraz, the Bank has continuously introduced innovative campaigns to

enhance the online shopping experience. An array of offers have been launched along with Daraz including,

weekly discounts, offers on utility payments and partnering for special campaigns and extended payment plans such as the 11.11, Black Friday, Avurudu and Christmas Sales, to reward the Bank's cardholder base with an on-line shopping experience.

Union Bank Credit Cards are available in Gold, Platinum and Signature variants based on pre-set eligibility criteria and are offered via the Bank's Islandwide branch network while those interested in applying for a credit card could simply send an inquiry online or via the Bank's contact centre hotline, to avail personalised assistance by dedicated service personnel.

Home Lands Constructions awarded highest status standard of CS1 by CIDA

Home Lands Constructions, the construction arm of Home Lands Group was awarded the highest status standard of CS1 by Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).

Now the company has upgraded their strengths to Sri Lanka's first and one and only real estate company with a strong construction arm. This is another remarkable achievement for Real Estate industry.

Home Lands Constructions which was started 2013 has a remarkable journey of transforming and elevating the residential landscape of Sri Lanka.

In recognition of the company's accomplishment in developing residential condominium and housing projects, mixed development projects, commercial dwellings reflecting the high construction stand-



Home Lands Constructions Chairman Nalin Herath

ards, industry experience, trade expertise and its unparalleled strength in the local construction industry.

As the front-runner in the real estate industry across the island, the advancement status to the top-tier in a short period of time, marks a key milestone in the company's successful journey.

The noteworthy accomplishment also stands as a testament to the futuristic vision and the pioneering construction efforts taken by Home Lands Con-

structions to deliver exceptional construction projects in the country. Home Lands Construction take part in building not only condo projects and housing projects but also infrastructures including roads, drains and STP.

Further Home Lands Construction (Pvt) Ltd has been awarded several ISO Certifications to prove their excellence in Construction Safety and Occupational Health

From creating perfect living environments with well-designed spaces and luxurious facilities that ensure high ROI and value for money for each homeowner, Home Lands Constructions deliver quality construction beyond customer expectations. Each residential project offers world-class standards and superior facilities with novel living con-

cepts that mark new history in the local construction sphere.

As a leading and trendsetting property developer in Sri Lanka Home Lands Group has been at the forefront of Sri Lanka's real estate industry since 2013. As a construction arm of the group, Home Lands Constructions takes pride to have developed many spectacular residential apartments including low rise condominium, middle rise condominium, high rise condominium and residency projects of Home Lands group that exemplify luxury, opulence and timeless elegance. With an unbeatable success story over the years, Home Lands has garnered the trust and goodwill of several hundreds of homeowners across the nation for its proven excellence in constructions and its credibility.

HNBGI holds series of 'Mini Award Ceremonies'

HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI) held a series of Mini Award Ceremonies in Galle, Kandy and Colombo recently. This series of Mini Award Ceremonies were held with the participation of the senior management of HNBGI and its Chief Executive Officer, Sithumina Jayasundara.

Sithumina Jayasundara stated, "Themed 'Celebrating Excellence', this series of events were held to applaud all the hard work, commitment and dedication of our champs across all the business channels over the last two years. HNBGI has

reached a number of milestones during the year as well and our Sales Teams together with the Corporate Sales Division, Bancassurance & Broker Divisions contributed towards achieving an outstanding performance thus far. As we have started to witness the aftermath impact of a global pandemic coupled with an economic crisis, it is vital to inculcate team spirit, togetherness and a sense of guidance across every team in the organization."

Jayasundara further added, "Whilst appreciating the Agency & Sales Channels for their relentless

commitment, dedication and all the hard work, I'm confident that as one team with a common goal driven by shared values, we will be able to take the business to the next level in terms of service excellence, operational excellence and product excellence".

HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI) was incorporated in January 2015 and specializes in Motor and Non-Motor Insurance Solutions and is presently one of the fast-growing General Insurance Companies in Sri Lanka, with a network of 56 branches



Highlights from the Series of Mini Award Ceremonies of HNBGI

PIM signs agreement with PBSS as corporate platinum partner for 2022/23

The Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) Sri Lanka's premier institute of post-graduate studies signed an agreement with PBSS Group as its corporate platinum partner for the year 2022-2023.

This Partnership will strengthen the PIM in the coming year for enhancing the impact through several key PIM events such as the PIM Annual Research Conference and key publications including the Professional Manager magazine.

PIM is a self-financed and semi-autonomous body affiliated to the University of Sri Jayawardenepura. It aims to promote advanced education and professionalism in management in Sri Lanka through the provision of postgraduate instruction, training, research and development in the various



branches of management and administrative studies.

PBSS Group is one of the leading software providers and the Gold Partner for SAP Business One ERP system in Sri Lanka with over 750 customers' altogether. PBSS currently holds the Top Partner status for SAP Business One, SAP Business By Design, SAP S4/HANA and Perfect People (HR System) together with a range of other giant strides in transforming

businesses, boosting productivity and enhancing value of enterprises and organizations.

With its 20 years of experience in multiple industries and operational functions, PBSS aspires to serve many such scaled up customers in the future with the help of SAP Business One, SAP Business By Design, SAP S4/HANA and Perfect People (HR System) together with a range of other industry and functional soft-

ware verticals. PBSS has branched out to Maldives, UAE, Australia and USA and is running their operations in those countries.

Since recently, Perfect Business Academy, the business education arm of the PBSS Group has commenced its programs around Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) to improve the standard of ERP selection and implementation process in Sri Lanka.

Seylan empowers 'Cycle to Work' movement with easy payment plans

Standing as a reflection of its commitment to swiftly adapt to the changing requirements of its valued clientele, Seylan Bank, has partnered with several of the nation's leading bicycle suppliers to offer easy payment plans to its Seylan Credit Card Holders.

Addressing the need of the hour, the agile financial institution was quick to analyse the sky-rocketing demand for bicycles, as Sri Lanka braves through the current unprecedented crisis. Along with the rise in demand, the cost of acquiring a bicycle has also increased drastically, making it a challenge for consumers to make

these essential purchases.

Seylan CreditCard Holders may walk into any Tomahawk or Velo By City stores to make their purchases. For Cardholders who would prefer to shop online for spare parts and bike accessories, the Bank has partnered with E-commerce giant Daraz. In order to cater to customers who require electric bicycles, Seylan Bank has also partnered with Fono Technologies.

Cardholders may perform purchases from any of these vendors and avail 0% installment options for a 12 month period as a Call and Convert option within



Ruchith Liyanage

seven working days after the transaction. Transaction limits have been set at a minimum of Rs. 10,000 and maximum of Rs. 1 million.

Seylan Bank Head of Cards Ruchith Liyanage said, "We at Seylan Bank believe in enabling our Cardholders to make the best out of the current situation by giving

them the opportunity to purchase these bicycles without causing much financial burden during these trying times. As a responsible corporate entity, we will continue to do our part for our community as Sri Lanka stands resilient through these trying times."

Seylan Bank is hopeful that more customers will use this incentive to purchase bicycles, therefore creating a healthier society and cleaner environment in the process. As an investment in the long run, Cardholders will also be able to reap the benefits of saving on high fuel costs, all while enriching their health with an active lifestyle.



People's Bank main sponsor for Kandy Esela Perahera

People's Bank has yet again come forward as the main sponsor for the Kandy Esela Perahera.

The sponsorship cheque was handed over to Pradeep Nilanga Dela, Diyawadane Nilame of Sri Dalada Maligawa by D.M. Kapila Dissnayaka Kandy Regional Manager of People's Bank. Kandy Branch Senior Manager Janaka

Jayasinghe and Business Promotion Officer Thusitha Wathulanda were present at the occasion.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela, Diyawadane Nilame of Sri Dalada Maligawa expressed his appreciation to People's Bank for offering this sponsorship towards the iconic cultural pageant culminating perennial customs and traditional dances.

SLA Training School Quarantine Centre completes first phase, with Rs. 10 mn. finance from CDB

An accommodation facility and quarantine centre complex which was supported by Citizens Development Business Finance PLC (CDB) completed its first phase of construction at the Sri Lanka Army Maduru Oya Training School recently.

Responding to Sri Lanka's national pandemic response efforts, CDB presented LKR ten million to the National Operations Center for the Prevention of C-19 outbreak (NOCPCO) for the construction of this complex.

In its quest to augment its corporate stewardship, CDB embarked on this project during the height of the pandemic in 2020 to assist the country in combating the deadly impacts of C-19. Given the requirements of the time, the facility was initially planned as a quarantine centre but will now be an accommodation facility for students enrolled at the Maduru

Oya Training School. However, given the incorporated facilities within the complex, it can be speedily transformed into a quarantine centre for the North Central Province if and when required.

The completed first phase could house 64 personnel, while the entire complex is disabled-friendly. The ground floor of the complex was opened by Commandant of the Training Centre Brigadier Najeewa Edirisinghe RWP RSP pscHdmc in the presence of army personnels.

CDB Executive Director/ Deputy CEO/CFO Damith Tennekoon said, "This complex has been designed as a national asset, to be of assistance to the people of Sri Lanka in the event of another national need. It affirms the testament of CDB's commitment to uplift the wellbeing of the people of Sri Lanka."



Commandant of the Training Centre Brigadier Najeewa Edirisinghe opens the centre in the presence of army personnels.

Commandant Brigadier Edirisinghe stated, "Even though the purpose of this building has changed during the course of time, one thing that should

be always remembered is CDB's commitment to the cause. I am confident that during times where an infectious disease is not a cause for con-

cern, this facility will be a warm and welcoming home for the future soldiers of Sri Lanka as they go through their course of study."

NEWS

LMD ranks ComBank the Most Respected Bank for 18th year

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has been declared the Most Respected Bank in Sri Lanka for the 18th consecutive year and has retained its ranking as the fourth Most Respected corporate entity in the country overall, in the 2022 'Most Respected Entities in Sri Lanka' rankings published by the LMD magazine.

The Bank was also ranked second overall for Financial Performance, Honesty, and Vision which are three of the twelve attributes covered by the survey commissioned by the magazine. Additionally, it was placed among the Top Five corporate entities in Sri Lanka in

2022 in seven of the attributes and was the highest-ranked bank for nine attributes including Financial Performance, Quality Consciousness, Management Profile, Honesty, Corporate Culture, CSR & Sustainability, Vision, HR & People Management, and Crisis Management.

Commercial Bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Sanath Manatunge said: "The respect Commercial Bank enjoys has been earned and enhanced through decades of dedication, demonstrated integrity and best practices, rigorous quality control and commitment to do the right thing.

Despite the difficult socioeconomic conditions we currently operate in, the Bank was also ranked fourth overall in 'National Perspective.' This is a testament to the Bank's commitment to the highest standards including sustainable business practices and a deep understanding of customer needs."

LMD noted that Commercial Bank of Ceylon demonstrated remarkable operating resilience throughout the pandemic through customer focus, digital engagement, and operational excellence. The Bank also takes pride of place of being among the Top Five Most Respected entities in the country in

every one of the 18 years since the magazine launched the ranking in 2005.

The methodology, sample composition, questionnaire and method of ranking for 2022 remain the same as the previous year when LMD shifted to a weighted ranking system based on the opinions of surveyed respondents. The ranking system operates by weighting three nominations for each company by assigning a weight of five points for the first mention, a weight of three for the second, and one for the third mention. The final rankings were based on the total sum value of the weighted scores for each company.

This latest survey commissioned and conceptualised by LMD and conducted by NielsenIQ, covered a sample of 800 respondents who are managers and above in companies listed in the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), the LMD 100 (2020/2021) and Brands Annual 2021.

Sri Lanka's first 100% carbon neutral bank, the first Sri Lankan bank to be listed among the Top 1000 Banks of the World and the only Sri Lankan bank to be so listed for 12 years consecutively, Commercial Bank operates a network of 268 branches and 940 automated machines in Sri Lanka.



Sanath Manatunge

HNB SOLO partners Lanka Hospitals for LANKAQR payment solutions

HNB SOLO partnered with Lanka Hospitals for LANKAQR payment solutions enabling access to timely medical assistance while strengthening the country's cashless and contactless payment sphere.

Sri Lanka's leading private sector bank HNB PLC recently partnered with Lanka Hospitals, one of the country's largest private hospitals, to launch the LANKAQR payment facility.

The partnership offers customers the option of completing a transaction by scanning the Dynamic QR code, a unique QR code generated for the transaction. This allows customers using an app linked with the LANKAQR initiative to make contactless purchases at stores by simply scanning the Dynamic QR, which appears on the display screen of the Point of Sale (PoS) machine.

HNB SOLO is available at all twenty cashier touch points in Lanka Hospitals in addition to 23 pharmacy outlets operated by Lanka Hospitals that are located in 19 Keells Supermarkets countrywide, at One Galle Face Mall in Colombo, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation (SLIC) main branch, Central Bank and Premasiri Supermarket in Colpetty.

Customers who wish to make their purchases via HNB SOLO will be eligible for a range of benefits including a 20% discount on health checkups such as executive healthcare packages, full-body packages, senior citizens' health checkups and mammogram. Customers also have the option of completing their transactions through various methods of payments such as VISA, Master Card or JustPay with just the press of a button and the swipe of a screen.

HNB AGM, Digital Busi-

ness, Chamika Weerasinghe said, "The pandemic may have driven the initial conversion to QR-based payments, but we are now seeing a new wave of customers using the facility for convenience and reliability across QR-enabled platforms like HNB SOLO. Our tech infrastructure positions us to lead this expansion and we are delighted to partner Lanka Hospitals in driving digital Payments."

Lanka Hospitals Group CEO, Deepthi Lokuarachchi said, "Lanka Hospitals is pleased to partner with HNB, one of Sri Lanka's leading banks by offering its clientele a range of exclusive benefits which we believe will enable us to expand our loyalty base. Additionally, in these times it is necessary to provide additional incentives where possible to relieve the burdens of the people in the form of healthcare benefits that are easy to access and



Lanka Hospitals Group CEO, Deepthi Lokuarachchi, exchange the LANKAQR with HNB Assistant General Manager, Digital Business, Chamika Weerasinghe, in the presence of Lanka Hospitals' Senior Manager Finance, Harsha Deeptha, Lanka Hospitals' Chief Marketing Officer, Nimal Ratnayake, Lanka Hospitals' Chief Financial Officer, Badrajith Siriwardena HNB Executive, SOLO Promotions and Activations Reeza Jaleel and HNB Executive Digital Pay Products Ishan Karannagoda.

utilize at a discounted rate. We hope that these benefits will provide comfort and convenience to HNB SOLO app users who choose to seek care and treatment at Lanka Hospitals."

The facility is beneficial to the hospital as integrating HNB's system with their cash PoS results in real time

payment confirmation to their account. Moreover, having linked LANKAQR to HNB SOLO, the bank was among the first financial institutions and telecommunication partners to join the CBSL in promoting digital payments as the standard day-to-day transactions island-wide.

Allianz Lanka steps up strategic expansion drive with focus on Business Development Network

Allianz Insurance Lanka Ltd, a member of the Global Allianz SE Group, is supporting its future growth and market penetration objectives through investments into its islandwide network of Business Development Offices (BDOs), alongside its wider branch network.

Allianz Lanka is in the process of opening new BDOs in strategic locations across the Island, including Naula and Kalawanchchikudi, with future offices proposed to be set up in Godagama and Digana. These new locations will help to consolidate Allianz Lanka's existing network of BDOs located in Maharagama, Mahawewa, Padukka, Kelaniya, Meegoda and Wattala.

BDOs help to study a business's products, services and operations and then develop new strategies and ideas to increase the reach and throughput

of the business, while creating value for customers.

National, Allianz Insurance Lanka Ltd Chief Sales Officer Dennis Hewagama said, "In spite of the challenging economic conditions, we have been able to guide the business towards sustainable growth. To keep this momentum and maintain our growth trajectory, we have implemented a comprehensive strategic expansion drive, to expand our islandwide network. One focus area in this is increasing our BDO presence, which will help to provide more-convenient access points for customers, while also providing a base for our business development teams to increase our presence and market penetration in these regions."

"Having functional BDOs at strategic locations across the island also increases our opportunities to work together with experienced insur-

ance agents who are looking to carry out their business under a globally recognized brand. Together, these initiatives will not only help our customers, but also help to create new employment and economic opportunities for local communities."

Along with these initiatives, Allianz Lanka's strategic expansion drive is witnessing the Company invest heavily in strengthening its islandwide network, while making insurance more easily accessible to all Sri Lankans. As the Company grows and emerges as one of the most significant players in Sri Lanka's insurance industry, and the preferred protector of life's most precious things, Allianz Lanka has resolved to grow existing relationships, while building new ones and creating new economic and social development opportunities for all.

SLID, ICCSL organise webinar on 'The Company Secretary in the Digital Age'

The Board Secretaries Forum of The Sri Lanka Institute of Directors (SLID) together with their strategic partner, the Institute of Chartered Corporate Secretaries of Sri Lanka (ICCSL) recently organized a webinar on "The Company Secretary in the Digital Age" to share experiences on how digital innovation is helping the Company Secretary to be more efficient and effective.

The webinar was moderated by S. Sudarshan Chair of the SLID Board Secretaries Forum and Deputy President of the ICCSL while the keynote was

delivered by Nisha Najumdeen Former Company Secretary of Seylan Bank PLC. Naomal Goonawardena Precedent partner of Nithya Partners together with Sunil G. Wijesinha Director of BizEX Consulting and Chairman of many public companies were the expert panellists.

Introducing the topic, S. Sudarshan said that the Company Secretary's work related to administrative responsibilities used to consume a significant amount of time which reduced the capability to focus on important areas such as strategy, research, problem

solving and representation and coordination of company matters. "The opening represented by technological advancements offers the opportunity to manage the ever-increasing governance challenges and compliance requirements faced by all organizations. Through digitalization I believe that the company secretary can discontinue certain traditional office work mechanisms and implement digital services. Digitalization has undoubtedly changed the way Corporate Secretaries work, both in scope and execution. As Boards go digital,

corporate secretaries must work closely and ensure a seamless transition."

Nisha Najumdeen in her keynote address said, "Individuals like me who began our careers in the '80s have seen how the work that we have been doing has evolved beyond recognition over the three decades due to technological development and rapid digitalization. Automation enabled me to perform my duties with ease. Technology has become pervasive, and digitalization is an indispensable element for any professional and compa-

ny secretaries are no exception. In the good old days, company secretarial functions were predominantly manual, laborious and the processes were paper based. Before the onset of lockdowns, all meetings were held physically and forms were typed and filed with the Registrar of Companies (ROC). The availability of the eROC portal to submit forms online and automation of the share trading process of the CSE with the establishment of the CDS provided great relief for all listed entities which are some of the benefits of digitalization."

Sunil Wijesinha stated, "The Company Secretary in his/her role should be the champion in taking forward, encouraging, initiating, and training, making sure that these tools are used to make Board meetings and scheduling meetings and evaluations more productive. This process is also important since documentation is a critical matter and the meeting minutes must be absolutely accurate and unambiguous."

Naomal Goonawardena discussing the legal aspects of the new initiatives being carried out by company secretaries in rela-

tion to their functions said that there could be certain documents such as the articles or even the Companies Act which says that certain things need to be done in writing. "In such situations you would need to rely on Section 4 of the Electronic Transactions Act (ETA) which says that notwithstanding anything in any other written law, if by some chance that there is a data message or electronic document or record or other communication in electronic form, then in such a case the requirement to be in writing is complied with."

SLT-MOBITEL extends National Tree Planting Programme to Kundasale, Meerigama

SLT-MOBITEL the National ICT Solutions Provider organised two more 'Mee' Tree planting programmes in Kundasale and Meerigama recently.

The project, which commenced in January 2022 has to-date completed five tree planting programmes in locations such as Moneragala, Melsiripura, Anuradhapura, Colombo and at the SLT head office in Colombo.

The Kundasale initiative was organized by the SLT-MOBITEL Kandy Customer Club, with the participation of SLT-MOBITEL staff and customers. Two hundred and fifty 'Mee' and 'Kumbuk' saplings were planted across approximately two hectares close to the Victoria Reservoir at Kundasale. Notably, these saplings were planted after removing Giant Mimosa (Yoda Nidikumba) trees present in the area, which has been identified as an invasive plant.

Central and Uva Region General Manager Anuruddha Rathnayake and Anuruddha Suriarachchi, General Manager, Marketing Services represented SLT while Romesh John, Regional Head Sales of Mobitel participated at the event.

The Kandy Customer Club was represented by Buddika Samarasinghe, Chairman, Jayampathi Jayakody, Secretary and Daya Thisera, Treasurer along with



Highlights of the event

senior officials of the club and their family members. Officials from the Divisional Secretary, Kundasale were also present.

Another tree planting programme was held at Seth Sewana Elders home, Meerigama where over 150 'Mee' saplings and other fruit trees were planted in partnership with Hirdaramani Industries Private Limited, Kuruwita.

The Meerigama Tree planting programme was attended by Anuruddha Suriarachchi, General Manager, Marketing Services, Anne Fernando, Deputy General Manager, Marketing Services and Pubudu Samarasinghe, Manager,

OPMC, Nittabuwu representing SLT. Rasika Kakulawala, Regional Manager, Mobitel, Duminda Jayasanka, Maintenance Manager, Hirdaramani Industries, Kuruwita together with staff members, the Manager and Members of the Seth Sewana Elders home and staff members of the Meerigama Pradeshiya Saba. The National 'Mee' Tree Planting Program is being held under the theme 'Let's nourish the country with clean air and fertilizer' in a bid to improve air quality and mitigate the effects of climate change for a sustainable future. Over 1,200 trees have been planted across six locations in the country.

Kitchen & Bedroom Group CEO conferred with 'Doctorate in Interior Designing'

Kitchen & Bedroom's Dr. Mohammed Rushmi Sacquaff was conferred with the title of Doctorate in Interior Designing by the American National Business University, Delaware, USA.

The University awarded Dr. Sacquaffa Honoris Causa Doctorate based on his past experiences and knowledge through the route of Accreditation of Prior Learning. This achievement reflects the continued passion and dedication of Dr. Sacquaff in being updated with emerging and contemporary themes in the interior space, further strengthening his capabilities and competencies together with his academic rigor. Dr. Sacquaff was instrumental in the success and growth of Kitchen & Bedroom, steering it to be one of the most sought-after interior planning and designing outfits that brings out the perfect blend of luxury, comfort and functionality complementing today's living spaces.

"I am very delighted to be awarded a Doctorate. I firmly believe that learning is a never-ending journey and the more you have an aptitude to gain knowledge with



Senthil Thondaman presents the award to Dr. Mohammed Rushmi Sacquaff. Dr. Dexter Fernando, Prof Rohan De Silva and Dr. Tharindu Wijenayake.

an open mind, the more you are able to take on risks and challenges and explore new horizons. Sri Lanka has an incredible pool of creative and talented designers and I am committed to doing the best I can to uplift our potential in the global arena," said Dr. Sacquaff.

In his capacity as the Group CEO, Dr. Sacquaff continues to mentor and lead a diverse team of highly qualified and talented interior designers, inspiring them with refined artistry and craftsmanship and reinstating the values and cus-

tommer-centric approach to every project, together with his wife Fathima Zuhara who is also a Director of Kitchen & Bedroom. Last year, Dr. Sacquaff was named 'Best CEO of the Year' under the Platinum-Medium Category at BIO Awards, was recently conferred as Master Project Manager (MPM) and designated as Fellow of the American Academy of Project Management (FAAPM). Dr. Sacquaff was also named an Ambassador for Peace by the Centre for Peace Studies (CPS).

'Chicken, egg prices... From page 11

Around 80% of eggs come to the market from these medium small-scale farms, therefore one can observe a huge price increase in eggs and shortage of eggs in retail

shops. "Also due to this crisis situation, a number of parent bird producing companies have reduced their production. If this situation continues further, the market would

starve, sans products and one could observe a huge price increase. If parent and parent bird producing companies reduce or stop their operations, the industry will not

have day-old chicks for layers and broilers to get chicken meat and eggs. Under such a situation, even if the economy returns to normalcy, it will take more than a year to supply eggs and chicken to the market."

Dialog Axiata records Rs 81.6 bn... From page 11

Dialog Television ("DTV"), was driven by strong uptake in the prepaid segment and DTV revenue was recorded at Rs. 5.6 Bn for 1H 2022 albeit on a QoQ basis revenue declined 2% to reach Rs. 2.8 Bn for Q2 2022. DTV EBITDA declined

24% to reach Rs. 1.1 Bn for 1H 2022 due to escalation in cost base stemming from unfavorable forex movement. Consequently, DTV Net Loss increased to Rs. 2.9 Bn in 1H 2022. Dialog Broadband Networks (DBN) featuring the Group's Fixed

Telecommunications, Broadband and International Businesses recorded strong revenue growth of 42% YTD to reach Rs.28.8 Bn for 1H 2022 and Rs. 16.2 Bn for Q2 2022, due to growth in wholesale revenue coupled with Fixed Broadband revenue.

FOREIGN LIQUOR TAVERN RENT SALES

Nuwara Eliya Divisional Secretariat's Division for the year 2022/2023

Tender for the above rent sales will be accepted until 16.09.2022 as per the notice published in the 2291 Government Gazette on 29th of July 2022.

SCHEDULE

Name & number of tavern	Local area within which the tavern should be located	Date of closing tender	Time of closing tender	Tender deposit (Rs.)
No. 01 Nuwara Eliya	within Ward No. 06 of Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council	16.09.2022	10.30 a.m.	5,000/-

Further details could be obtained from the Divisional Secretariat, Nuwara Eliya.

A.A. Vidura Sampath,
Divisional Secretary,
Nuwara Eliya.

Divisional Secretariat,
Nuwara Eliya.
11.08.2022



University Grants Commission Notice

Please note that the National Identity Card of the applicant is a mandatory requirement when applying for university admission based on the results of the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination from 2021/2022 academic year onwards.

Chairman
University Grants Commission
No 20, Ward Place,
Colombo 07.
10.08.2022



KOLONNAWA URBAN COUNCIL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Bids are invited by the Procurement Board Chairman of the Kolonnawa Urban Council from eligible Contractors for the relevant construction work mentioned below for the Year 2022.

Item No.	Details	Value of Engineers Estimate (without VAT)	CIDA Registration	Non Refundable Application Fee (Rs.)	Value of Bid Security
01	Reconstruction of the Kolonnawa Urban Council Office Building (KUC/WS/E2/REN/01/2022)	40 Million	C5 (Buildings)	3500.00	Rs. 350,000.00 Valid up to 13.12.2022

- Bidding will be conducted under National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Bidders interested in this matter could obtain bid documents on office days from 12.08.2022 up to 31.08.2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. by submitting a letter of request written on a company letterhead of the relevant Institution, the CIDA Registration Book in proof of Registration along with the receipt obtained upon payment of the non-refundable application form fee to the Shroff of the Kolonnawa Urban Council.
- Duly completed bid documents prepared as original and duplicate should be enclosed in separate envelopes and thereafter, these should be inserted in a sealed single envelope and deposited in the Tender Box kept in charge of the Urban Council Chairman to receive before 11.00 a.m. on 01.09.2022 or should be sent by Registered Post to be received before the specified time.
- Bids will be opened at 11.00 a.m. on 01.09.2022 and the Procurement Board of this Council retains the right of accepting or rejecting the bids submitted.
- Further details could be obtained by contacting the Superintendent on Office Telephone No. 0112-572542. Bidder or his representative could be present at the opening of Bids.
- A Pre-Bid Meeting relevant to the above Project will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 24.08.2022 at the Kolonnawa Urban Council Meeting Hall.

Chairman
Procurement Committee,
Kolonnawa Urban Council.

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NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the land described in Column 2 there of which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.
- The provisional folio will be open for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands Delkanda from 19.08.2022 to 02.09.2022 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
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BANDARA PROVIDES SILVER LINING



By Allaam Ousman

Sri Lanka's para-athletes continue to be treated poorly despite the world record-breaking effort of Dinesh Priyantha Herath to clinch a historic gold medal in the mens F42 javelin throw at the Tokyo Paralympics last year. Coming close on the heels of Sri Lanka's nine-member team at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics failing to make any lasting impression, a country reeling from the global pandemic embraced the deeds of a war hero which was arguably akin to the Olympic medals won by Duncan White and Susanthika Jayasinghe. His monumental feat was no flash in the pan, having won a bronze in Rio Paralympics 2016. Samitha Dulan Kodithuw-

akku won Sri Lanka's fourth Paralympic medal in Tokyo when he secured the bronze medal in the men's F64 javelin throw. Sri Lanka's first Paralympic medal came at London 2012 when Pradeep Sanjaya won bronze in the men's T46 400 metres.

The XXII Commonwealth Games provided an opportunity to showcase the talents and medal-winning potential of para-athletes in Birmingham which included Para Swimming, Athletics, Track Cycling, Lawn Bowls, Powerlifting, Table Tennis and Triathlon, among the 19 disciplines at the Games. The National Paralympic Committee (NPC) is equivalent to the National Olympic Committee (NOC) when it comes to selecting participants for the Asian Para Games and Paralympics, but had to request the NOC to send athletes for the Commonwealth Games. Para athletes have represented Sri Lanka at 2010 Delhi and 2014 Glasgow but there was not a single para-athlete in 2018 Gold Coast. This



Palitha Bandara disparity may have continued in Birmingham 2022 if Palitha Bandara had not qualified in the F42-44 discus throw event during a competition in Britain in May. He also had the good fortune to participate in the GAPS programme, the sport for social purpose initiative developed by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and Griffith University, that brought together over 120

para-athletes, coaches and experts from 21 Commonwealth nations to Birmingham. GAPS is a unique programme focused on supporting the development of emerging para athletes and coaches from the Commonwealth. It provides opportunities that empower coaches to support their athletes and the development of sport pathways across the Commonwealth.

But NPC officials were sent from pillar to post when they made an official request as far back as December to include more para-athletes with potential of winning medals in the long list of the Sri Lanka contingent for the Games. They were aiming to get International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Bipartite Commission invitations or wild cards but even until the eleventh hour there was no positive feedback from the NOC or the Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) of Sri Lanka.

As a result, did Sri Lanka miss out on more medals in para sports had sprinters Pradeep Somasiri and Saman Maduranga Subasinghe, and Dinesh Deshapriya (table tennis) been given the opportunity to showcase their skills in Birmingham? Since they could not participate in international competitions because of the pandemic and the

economic crisis in the country to achieve the MQS (Minimum Qualifying Standard) by December 31, the IPC would have looked at Sri Lanka's situation favourably because of extenuating circumstances.

Bandara, a silver medallist in shot put at the 2018 Para Asian Games, confounded all and sundry by winning a silver medal in discus at Birmingham after switching to this discipline just eight months ago. Even the Sri Lankan media obsessed with the feat of Sri Lanka's athletic poster boy Yupun Abeykoon featuring in the mens 100m final seemed oblivious to the fact that Bandara had created history by becoming the first para-athlete to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games. His name was glistening on the giant screen at the Alexander Stadium long before Abeykoon began his epoch-making run. But there are hardly any images of Bandara hurling the discus and his magnanimous gesture of rushing to congratulate Abeykoon after he finished third in the 100 metres.

The attitude of the Sri Lanka public to Para sports has been abysmal to say the least. Despite having thousands of war wounded after a debilitating 30-year war, Sri Lanka is yet to have public utilities for the benefit of

the disabled in the country unlike in cities like Dubai or London who really care for those with special needs.

Sri Lanka was placed 31st out of 40 in the medals table not because of Abeykoon's bronze medal but thanks to Bandar's silver medal. Sri Lanka even ranks above India who sent six para-athletes to the Games.

In the men's discus throw F42-44/61-64, India's Devendra Gahlot (F42) had a personal best of 42.13 in his second attempt but after two foul throws could manage only 41.94 in his final attempt as Bandara retained second position with his fifth throw of 44.20m. In the women's F55-57 shot put, Poonam Sharma (F56) missed out on a medal being placed fourth with her mark of 7.07 being a Games Record while Sharmila (F57) achieved a personal best of 8.43.

Sri Lanka has the potential to win medals at international level not only in athletics but rowing, table tennis, archery and tennis. It is time all stakeholders concerned including the media remove their blinkered vision when it comes to Para sports which is on par with any other at the Commonwealth Games, said a leading NPC official.

Sudeena scores 194 as Christ King JaEla enter quarter finals

Christ King College JaEla advanced to the quarter final of the Under 17 division two inter schools cricket tournament on Wednesday by beating Karadeniya Central by 221 runs in the pre quarter final at Jaela on Wednesday.

Sharith Sudeena, left hand top order batter of Christ King College JaEla made third century in this season. He scored 194 runs in 114 balls with 16 boundaries and 16 sixes. Right hand opener Ryan Sachintha scored

his second century this season. He scored 110 runs in 75 deliveries with 17 boundaries and 4 sixes.

This tournament is being conducted by Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association with the collaboration of Sri Lanka Cricket.

Christ King College JaEla won the toss and elected to bat first. Christ King JaEla scored 422 runs in 49.1 overs.

***At Ja Ela (Christ King College Ja-Ela won by 221 runs) Christ**

King 422 (49.1) (Sharith Sudeena 194, Ryan Sachintha 110, Avishka Nirmal 53, Navindu Rathanjana 23, Ravindu Senevirathna 3/56, Supun Samaranyaka 2/93, Matheesha Pradeeptha 2/45, Ashen Rasindu 2/94) ***Karadeniya Central:** 201/9 (50) (Supun Samaranyaka 52, Sandaru Samaraweera 42, Dinuka Dhanaanjaya 29, Shamila Samarawickrama 21, Ryan Sachintha 3/21, Sharith Sudeena 2/42, Avishka Nirmal 2/63) **(YK)**



Sharith Sudeena



Ryan Sachintha

Danindu Chirath sets unique record in schools cricket

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Latest batting sensation Danindu Chirath Sellapperuma of St. Joseph's College, Anuradhapura set an unblemished record by compiling the highest individual score in an Inter-Schools Cricket Tournament match in Sri Lanka on Monday.

The 15-year-old aggressive left-hand batsman rewrote Sri Lanka's cricketing history with an epic unbeaten knock of 553 in their Under-15 Division Three Tournament fixture against Lyceum College, Anuradhapura played at the Salgado Grounds in Anuradhapura.

His trailblazing innings had a great amount of significance as he became the first cricketer to score over 500 runs in an innings in any age group of Inter-Schools Cricket Tournament encounter played in Sri Lanka.

Danindu easily overcame the previous highest score of 409 runs compiled by the Captain of Mahinda College Navod Paranavithana in an Under-19 encounter against Dharmasoka College played at Galle on March 11, 2020. In fact, on that occasion the

former Sri Lanka Under-19 World Cup opening batsman had the honour of becoming the first schoolboy cricketer to reach 400 runs in any Inter-Schools Cricket Tournament fixture.

Paranavithana, of course, went past S. Thomas' College, Kotte middle order batsman Michael van Hoff's epic 356 scored against Lalith Athulathmudali MV in February 2009 at Kotte.

Thereafter in February 2020, Avishka Tharindu of St. Anthony's College, Wattala hammered a massive 350 in an Under-19 encounter against Lumbini MV at Wattala. But the honour of scoring the first 300 plus score in an Under-19 match went to Indika de Saram, who smashed a brilliant 304 runs in 1993 from just 149 deliveries inclusive of 25 sixes and 19 fours against Sri Devananda College, Ambalangoda at the Uyanwatta Stadium in Matara.

Thereafter, Dhammika Vaas Gunawardena of Maris Stella College also joined the 300-club in schools' cricket by scoring a magnificent 310 against St. Peter's College, Negombo.

Earlier, former Sri Lanka Captain, Arjuna Ranatunga scored an unbeaten 315 for Ananda College against St. Mary's College Negombo at the Negombo Esplanade in 1976 in an Under-15 match.

This was also the first triple-century in junior cricket. His record shattering performance came in 195 minutes with 12 sixes and 48 fours.

Meanwhile, two junior cricketers, Manoj Perera of Science College Mount Lavinia and Rehan de Silva of P. de S. Kularatne MV, Ambalangoda also made triple-centuries.



Danindu Chirath Sellapperuma

Boxing coaches workshop at Kundasale

HAFIZ MARIKAR

The Schools Boxing Association of Sri Lanka will be organizing a two-day residential coaching workshop for boxing coaches on 18th and 19th in Kundasale. According to secretary of the Sri Lanka Schools Boxing Association T.B. Jamitha Gayan Bandara over 100 coaches will participate. This course is conducted by the Sri Lanka Schools Boxing Association.

All arrangements have been finalized and the date is 18th Thursday and 19th Friday. The coaching course advisor will be well known boxing coach Wasantha Kumara Olympic coach, who

is a former top coach and has coached Sevali MMV, Ratnapura. This coach is best known for producing a boxer to represent Sri Lanka at the Olympics after more than four decades in Anuruddha Ratnayake at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Wasantha Kumara a three star AIBA qualified coach has followed an Advance Management course conducted by the IOC (International Olympic Committee) during his tenure as Sri Lanka coach.

The Technical advisor will be RukmanWekadapola three star international referee and judge in the game. He has officiated at man boxing meets as a leading referee. And the coaching course coordinators are T.B. Jamitha Gayan Bandara Secretary Schools boxing and Samantha Weerasinghe ex secretary.

Celebrations to mark world Wushu Kung Fu day on August 13

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka Wushu Federation will conduct World Wushu Kung Fu day on August 13 at the Torrington Square said Wushu Federation President Manel Dharmakeerthi.

Four years ago World Wushu Kung Fu day is named and this time Sri Lanka Wushu Federation and 155 member countries are expected to celebrate this day. On August 13at 8.30am the exhibition games of ancient martial arts of

Guandao, Tomcheichuan, Dithanchuan will be displayed at this celebrations while international events like chanchuan, Nanchuan, Thaigichuan and Thaolu and Sanda will be displayed by the National Wushu players.

The Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe and the officials of the Wushu Federation will grace this celebrations while the event is open to all Wushu lovers said President Manel Dharmakeerthi.

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Nalandian Raveen leads SL under-19 team to England

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

All rounder Raveen de Silva of Nalanda College Colombo will lead the Sri Lanka under 19 team for the England tour which will commence on August 14. The one month duration tour consists of two Youth Test Matches and three Youth ODIs and they will play one and only three day practice game before the four day test match which will commence on August 16.

The Sri Lanka team will land in England after making good preparations under the head coach Jehan Mubarak and his supporting staff. The junior selection committee headed by its chairman former National off spinner Ranjith Madurasinghe and his team has selected the best team for this UK tour.

The prolific stroke maker and useful leg spinner Raveen de Silva is leading the National side for the first time taking over from all rounder Dunith Welalage who is not named in this team along with senior players Matheesha

Pathirana, Yasiru Rodrigo who had previous England tour experience.

St Joseph's college skipper Shevon Daniel is named as the vice captain while Trinity College cricketers Pawan Pathiraja, Ranuda Somaratne, Antonian Trevin Mathews the off spinner are included in the 18 member squad. The Royal College all rounder Sadeesha Rajapaksa is also a senior player of the side while St Peters Bambalapitiya skipper Wanuja Sahana Kumara the leg spinner and his teammate Lahiru Dawatage the wicket keeper are also included. All rounder Vinuja Ranpula of Nalanda is also in the squad.

Anjala Bandara the wicket keeper batter from Mahanama and his teammate Dunindu Ranatunga the right arm medium paceman are in the team. The 17 year old promising paceman hails from Ratnapura really performed well during the training while left arm medium paceman Dulaj Samuditha



Raveen de Silva (Captain)



Shevon Daniel (V. captain)

from Rajapaksa Central Weeraketiya is also included.

Meanwhile St John's Panadura right arm medium paceman Sahana Mihira who has ability to bowl over 135kmph speed got a chance to make the tour. Caniston Gunaratnam of S.Thomas Mt Lavinia the right arm medium paceman is also included.

The middle order batter Asitha

Wanninayake of St Anthony's Kandy and Abhishek Liyanarachchi of D.S Senanayake Vidyalaya Colombo will strengthen the middle order.

The spin department comprises Malsha Tharupathi the 17 year old Richmond leg spinner, Hasitha Amarasinghe of St Servatius Matara who also can contribute with the bat. Wanuja Sahana, Raveen de Silva and Trevin Mathew. The new pacemen like Sahana Mihira, Duvinidu Ranathunga have good chance to get experience in English conditions.

"This tour will provide our youngsters an opportunity to experience English conditions, and prepare themselves for bigger international challenges," said Jehan Mubarak the head Coach of the U19s.

The tour will also be the final U19 tour for most of the youngsters, as they will very

soon graduate to the Emerging Category. Former National paceman Chamika Gamage is named Assistant coach and bowling coach while Gayan Wijekoon the former Gurukula all rounder is the fielding coach.

The former National player and veteran coach Jayantha Seneviratne will be the Manager.

Meanwhile SLC already plan to send under 19 team for the Asia Cup and this UK tour will give good exposure for the youngsters.

Sri Lanka under 19 team for the England tour: (subjected to approval from the Sports Minister)

Raveen de Silva (Capt) (Nalanda),

Shevon Daniel (V.Capt)(St Joseph's), Sadeesha Rajapaksa (Royal), Vinuja Ranpula (Nalanda), Wanuja Sahana Kumara (St Peters), Lahiru Dawatage (St Peters), Anjala Bandara (WK) (Mahanama), Trevin Mathews (St. Anthony's), Malsha Tharupathi (Richmond), Pawan Pathiraja (Trinity), Ranuda Somaratne (Trinity), Abhishek Liyanarachchi (D.S Senanayake, Colombo), Asitha Wanninayake (St Anthony's Kandy) Caniston Gunaratnam (S.Thomas Mt Lavinia), Dulaj Samuditha (Rajapaksa Central Weeraketiya), Duvinidu Ranathunga (Mahanama), Hasitha Amarasinghe (St Servatius Matara), Sahana

Mihira (St John's Panadura), Jehan Mubarak (Head coach), Chamila Gamage (Assistant coach and bowling coach), Gayan Wijekoon (fielding coach), Buddhika Herath (Trainer), Priyantha Wickramasinghe (Physiotherapist), Jayantha Seneviratne (Manager)

The match schedule

August 16-18 - Three day Warm Up game against Young Lions International XI at ECB Performance Center, Loughborough
August 21-24 - First Test Vs England U19 at Chelmsford (Essex CCC)
August 28-31 - 2nd Test Vs England U19 Derby (Derbyshire CCC)
September 5th - 01st ODI England U19 at Worcester (Worcestershire CCC)
September 8th 02nd ODI England U19 Worcester (Worcestershire CCC)
September 10th 03rd ODI England U19 at Leicester (Leicestershire CCC)

Sri Lanka women's team arrive in England for Masters WC Hockey

ALLAAM OUSMAN

The Sri Lanka women's over 40 hockey arrived in Nottingham to participate in the second Masters World Cup Hockey tournament from August 12 to 21 in England.

The 21-member squad led by former Army and national player Manoji Pradeepika received approval from the Sports Ministry and were sponsored by Hirdaramani Group. The players were accompanied by four officials.

Manager of the team Ruwaiza Sela expressed her gratitude to Dr Amal Harsha

de Silva, Secretary, Ministry of Sports, for his encouragement, and Rakhil Hirdaramani, Group Director of Hirdaramani Group for producing a fantastic line of attire for the team. This is the second time they are participating in the World Cup having made their debut in 2018 Barcelona.

Sri Lanka are drawn in pool B with England, Germany, USA, Scotland, and Ghana in this 13-team competition. Argentina, Ireland, Spain, Wales, France, Czech Republic, and China.



Rakhil Hirdaramani (right) Group Director of Hirdaramani Group presenting the sponsorship to the Dr Amal Harsha de Silva (left), secretary of the Sports Ministry in the presence of Sri Lanka team captain Manoji Pradeepika (left) and Ruwaiza Sela (manager) and the tour squad.

Singer Sri Lanka wins double c'ships in Mercantile Hockey

Formidable Singer (Sri Lanka) PLC Hockey team managed to secure a double championship in Division C during the mercantile hockey season 2022.

Firstly Singer (Sri Lanka) PLC became unbeaten champions at the Mercantile League Hockey tournament (Division C) after beating HNB (2-0), John Keells Holdings (3-1) and managed to secure two Nil-all draws versus Seylan Bank and Brown and Company PLC.

Later Singer hockey team managed to clinch the Mercantile Knockout Championship (Division C) after getting the better of Brown and Company PLC (4-1) at the semi finals and thrashed John Keells Holdings (5-1) at the finals.



Champion Singer Sri Lanka hockey team: Standing from left: Dilanthe Dassanayake, Laknath Guruge, Jeyandran Praveendran, Mohamed Hanas, Chathura Makolage, Wenura Perera, Shalitha Jayawardana, Nandana Wijesundara, Vimukthi Rajapaksha. Squatting (from left): Dilakshan Sivayoganayagam, Ishan Ismail, Ravindu Fernando, Janitha Arandara, Chamikara Nilaweera, Pramod Lankeshwarage, Thilina Gomaz.

Davis cup Rakuten Tennis 2022

Sri Lanka beat Kyrgyzstan 3/0 to enter final with Iraq

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lankan Tennis players dominated at the Group IV Davis Cup Rakuten Tennis tournament when they beat Kyrgyzstan by 3/0 to enter the final yesterday at the SLTA courts.

The National champion Yasitha de Silva

beat Ilgaz kamchibekov (Kyrgyzstan) 7/6 (5)6/0 while experienced Harshana Godamanna outclassed Mirgiaz Mirdzhaliev (Kyrgyzstan,) 6/4 6/2

At the doubles game Chathurya Nilaweera and Thehan Wijemanne recorded two sets win 6/4 6/2 over Mirgiaz Mirdzhaliev and Evgeniy Babak.

Sri Lanka the Group A leaders will meet Group B top team Iraq in the Group iv final tomorrow at SLTA courts.

Seven countries are taking part this tournament which conducted by SLTA and winner of this tournament will promoted to group 111 Davis Cup tennis tournament.



Yasitha de Silva in action



Harshana Godamanna

All seeded players through to semi finals in Sri Lanka Junior Open Golf Tourney

HERBERT PERERA

The Junior Match-Play Golf Championship for the Rukmini Kodagoda Trophy Sponsored by Perera & Sons Bakers Ltd teed-off on Tuesday is the only Match-play Tournament for the junior golfers. The Match-play format is a test of character, skill and temperament which are unique features for a top professional golfer.

The British Amateur Championship is the oldest in the Match-play format first played in 1881 and is followed by the Ceylon Amateur Golf Championship which is the second oldest Match-play tournament in the world. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of P & S Bakers the Junior Match-play Golf Championship is being played for the seventh year attracting over 70 entries in five age group categories.

The Junior Golf Match Play Championship is played in the memory of the Late Rukmini Kodagoda, a member of the P&S Bakers family business and a revered double international representing Sri Lanka in Tennis and Golf.

Haron Aslam fired a 4 under par 67 to claim the top seed position in the Match-play draw in the Gold Division for the Rukmini Kodagoda Trophy. Yannik Kumara and K. Danushan of Nuwara Eliya Golf Club carded even par 71 to gain the 2nd and 3rd seed in the Match-play draw of the top eight qualifiers. Kaya Daluwatte returned a 1 over par 73 in the Girls Gold Division to be seeded No. 1 whilst Sherin Mithara is seeded No. 2 with the second-best card in the Girls Age Category of 15 - 18.

Reshan Algama secured the top seed position with a 76 in the Silver Division from Jacob Norton and Adithya Weerasinghe from (Anuradhapura) who shared second with a card of 80. The Bronze Division had a clear Top Seed with Thejas Rathis Kanth on 61 from 2nd placed Mohamed Saqeer Zuhar on 91.

In the Boys and Girls age group 9+ & under for the Copper Division, played over 9 holes, Danik Daluwatte led the seeding with 50, closely followed by Jaeden Sathasivam 54, Yuva Rathis Kanth 54, Anuja Methsara 56 and Talia Silva the only girl in the field with 57, promising to be a closely fought out battle for the Copper Division winner.

The P&S Sri Lanka Junior Golf Match-play championship, sponsored by P&S Bakers



group, entered the knock-out stage, with the quarter final matches worked off with the seeded players moving through comfortably bar the thrilling cliff-hanger match between Jacob Norton Seeded 3 in the Silver Division and Varun Fernando (6thSeed) who fought all the way to take the match to the 20th Hole, where Jacob prevailed.

Jacob Norton meets 2nd Seeded H.D. Adithya Weerasinghe (Anuradhapura) who beat T. Deshan 6 & 4 comfortably. The Top Seeded Reshan Algama beat Kaiyan Johmpillai convincingly 7 & 6, and faces 5th Seeded Jeshav Sathasivam who defeated 4th Seeded Keshav Algama with an easy 7 & 6 victory. In the Gold Division, second seeded Yannik

Kumara withdrew after the qualifying round as he is scheduled to play in a tournament overseas and was not included in the match-play draw.

The top seed Haroon Aslam breezed through to the Semi-final pulverizing W.G. Isurur Shimal 9 & 7 and will meet Pranav Muralidharan the 4th seed who handsomely beat experienced T. Vikash 7 & 6. In the bottom half of the Junior Champion Draw, 2nd Seeded K. Danushansmahed The-nuk Sathnidu 8 & 7. He will play third seed Vinuka Weerasinghe who beat YehanKenthula6 & 4.

In the Girls Gold Division Seed # 1 Kaya Daluwatte meets Yehani Perera who received a Walk Over from Dhanushi Wanasinghe. 3rd Seed Dhavinka Kanag-Isvaran beat R.M. Dinumi Sanjana 7 & 6 to set-up the second Semi-final against 2nd Seed Sherin Balasuriya who also received a Walk Over from Sanduni Wanasinghe.

The Bronze Division Semi-Final clash between top seed Thejas Rathis Kanth and Keya Abhayaratne on Thursday will be the feature battle. Keya Abhayaratne defeated Kaitlyn Norton 6 & 5 to set-up the Semi-final match versus the top seed Thejas. In the bottom half of the draw Seed 2 Mohamed Saqeer Zuhar meets 3rd seeded Yehansa Senananayake.

The Copper Division played over nine-holes, Yuva Rathis Kanth beat L.G. Anuja Methsara 6 & 4 to meet the 2nd Seed Jaeden Sathasivam in one Semi-final whilst in the top half of the draw top seed Danik Daluwatte faces Taalia Silva.

The Semi-final Matches in all five age group categories, Teed-off early morning yesterday at the Ridgeways in Colombo.

CFSL in hot water over non payment of rent

FAWZ MOHOMED

The Carrom Federation of Sri Lanka (CFSL) is in hot water as they are unable to redeem some of their valuable goods worth over Rs. 5 million due to the non-payment of rental fees for several months at a private residence in Delkanda, Nugegoda.

Among this equipment stored at the third floor of this building are over 60 carrom boards, benches, carrom discs, lighting equipment and covers, stools and many other instruments in addition to the valuable documents belonging to the CFSL.

This building at Delkanda was utilised as the Headquarters of the CFSL for some time but following the non-payment of monthly rental fees for a lengthy period, the owners have refused to release the carrom and other equipment. In July last year, the Sports Ministry took over the CFSL following their mismanagement of funds and had written to the CFSL officially to hand over all equipment and goods before August 11, 2021.

This situation created troubles to carrom players who are practicing for the next Carrom World Cup which is to be held in Malaysia in October.



CFSL headquarters building at Dekanda

76TH BRADBY SHIELD ENCOUNTER 2022

FIRST LEG - 20TH OF AUGUST 2022 AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE SPORTS COMPLEX

SUMITHTHRARACHCHI TROPHY - 2.45 PM
BRADBY SHIELD - 4.00 PM

(1) Sale of Tickets to Royal College Union Members:

- Ticket Draw - Sunday, 14th August 2022 at the College Main Hall.
- RCU Membership Card & NJC is mandatory.
- Only 2 Nos Reserved Tickets per RCU Membership Card.
- Registration Desk for the Draw will open at 7.00 am & the gates will be closed for Registration at 8.00 am

(2) Sale of Tickets for Non RCU Members / Public:

- Royal College Union Office (RCU) - From 15th August 2022 from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm
- Only 2 Nos Reserved Tickets per person subject to availability

(3) Tickets will be sold at the gates subject to availability on the day of the match from 11.00 am onwards.

TICKETS:

Grand Stand - Block G2, G3, G8, G9	- Reserved Seats - Rs. 2,800/=
Grand Stand - Block G1 & G10	- Reserved Seats - Rs. 3,300/=
Grand Stand - Bradby Enclosure (Block G7)	- Reserved Seats - Rs. 5,000/=
Grand Stand - NDB Enclosure (Block G4)	- Reserved Seats - Rs. 5,000/=
Sky Pavilion - Sky Upper	- Reserved Seats - Rs. 2,400/=
Sky Pavilion - Sky Lower	- Standing - Rs. 300/=

Secretary - Royal Rugby Match Organizing Committee



Invitation for Bids

District General Hospital, Vavuniya Procurement of Goods, Services



The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, District General Hospital, Vavuniya invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works described in the table given below.

Medical Equipment

S. No.	Bid No.	Source of Fund	Description of Item	Delivery Period	Bid Bond/ Validity	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)
01	NP/04/43/03/DGHV/ME/PSSP/2022/03	PSSP	Supply & Installation of Video Laparoscopy System - 01 No.	02-04 Weeks	250,000.00 15.12.2022	4,000.00
02	NP/04/43/03/DGHV/ME/PSSP/2022/04	PSSP	Supply & Installation of Labour Room Bed - 02 Nos.	02-06 Weeks	24,000.00 01.12.2022	4,000.00
03	NP/04/43/03/DGHV/ME/PSDG/2022/05	PSDG	Supply & Installation of Medical Devices 1. DR System - 01 No. 2. Illuminator - 01 No.	02-04 Weeks	71,500.00 15.12.2022	4,000.00
04	NP/04/43/03/DGHVME/PSDG/2022/06	PSDG	Supply & Installation of Hospital Crash Cart - 06 Nos.	02-04 Weeks	9,000.00 18.11.2022	4,000.00

- Bidding procedure will be conducted separately through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)**.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application from 12.08.2022 to 01.09.2022 from 0900 Hrs to 1500 Hrs upon payment of a non-refundable cash payment mentioned above.
- Bids shall be submitted to Director, District General Hospital, Vavuniya at or before 1030Hrs on 02.09.2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from District General Hospital, Vavuniya (Accounts Branch) and inspect the bidding documents at the same address from 0900 Hrs to 1500 Hrs on working days.
- Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at District General Hospital - A9 Road - Vavuniya commencing at 10.00am on 18.08.2022. (Thursday).
- Bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security** as per the information given in the table.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.

Dr. J.M. Nilakshan
Chairman - Regional Procurement Committee
District General Hospital
Vavuniya

024-2222715, 024-2228094, Fax: 024-2222262. Email: acctghv@gmail.com

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

DE SOYSA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN - COLOMBO 08

Bids are hereby invited from Contractors registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) for carrying out following works at De Soysa Hospital for Women under the Provisions of the Government from 12.08.2022 up to 10.00 a.m. on 26.08.2022.

Bidding documents could be obtained by interested bidders on production of the receipt issued by the Shroff of De Soysa Hospital for Women for payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 to the Administration Branch of the Hospital from 12.08.2022 to 25.08.2022 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week.

Duly completed bids in duplicate marked as 'original' and 'duplicate' enclosed in two separate sealed covers together with the documentary evidence for the proof of their qualifications and eligibility should either be sent by Registered Post, addressed to the **Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, De Soysa Hospital for Women, Colombo 08** or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of Accountant of the Hospital to be received before the closing time. **The Name of the Procurement** should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, enclosing bids. Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 26.08.2022 in the presence of the bidders or their accredited agents, who choose to attend on this occasion.

No.	Procurement No.	Name of the Procurement	Grade	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security Bond (Rs.)
01	DMH/AB/1/2022	Repairing Water Leak in Balconies of Ward 03 and Ward 16	C7 or above	5,497,680.20	85,000.00

Bids should be valid for a period of 91 days and Bid Security Bond should be valid for a period of 119 days.

For further details, please contact the Hospital's Office over Telephone No. 011-2662619-23 Ext. 400. The Regional Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. Late bids will be rejected.

Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee,
De Soysa Hospital for Women,
Colombo 08.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

INVITATION FOR HIRING OF VEHICLES ON WET LEASE BASIS FOR EXTENSION OF SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY (FROM GODAGAMA TO MATTALA) OF EXPRESSWAY OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR ONE YEAR PERIOD-2022/2023

CONTRACT NO: RDA/EOM&M/Beli/Pro/Bid/2022/48 & 49

- The Chairman, Expressway Operations Maintenance & Management Division's Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the above procurement under **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedure.
- The total requirement of the supply under the above procurement is as follows for the vehicles on wet lease basis (with Driver and Fuel).

Vehicle / Machine	Quantity	Location	Contract No.	Amount of Bid Security
Bus for Labour Transport (2000km per month)	1 No.	Angunakolapelessa	RDA/EOM&M/Beli/Pro/Bid/2022/48	Rs.35,000.00 for one Bus
Lorry for Labour Transport (2000km per month)	3 Nos.	Aparekka, Angunakolapelessa & Sooriyawewa	RDA/EOM&M/Beli/Pro/Bid/2022/49	Rs.35,000.00 for one Lorry

- Bids must be accompanied by a bid security for each vehicle as given in above table valid up to 06/01/2023. Bid Security shall be in the form of unconditional guarantee obtained from a reputed organization approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favor of the Director General, Road Development Authority, No. 216, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla. Any bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders from the Office of **Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama or Additional Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahawatta, Beliatta** on submission of a written application until 08/09/2022 during 09:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on weekdays except mercantile holidays upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 + 120 (VAT). The method of payment for document fee shall be in cash. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the above offices during office hours.
- Sealed Bids may be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered to the **Additional Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahawatta, Beliatta**. The bids will be closed at 2.30 pm on 09/09/2022. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be allowed to be present at the Bid Opening event.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Section, Expressway Operations, Maintenance & Management Division, Road Development Authority, Kahawatta, Beliatta (Telephone: 047-2251892, 0766265264, 0763179185, Fax: 047-2251891, E-Mail: prceleom.rda@gmail.com).

Chairman,
Expressway Operations, Maintenance & Management Division's Procurement Committee,
Road Development Authority
12th August 2022

SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & time
CES/FP/05/PT/6178(MW)	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Manual Vertical Turning & Boring Machine	800,000.00	12,500.00	08/09/2022 10.00hrs
CES/FP/03/PT/6295(HM)	01 No. Hydro Pen System with CO2/DCP Application	80,000.00	1,000.00	13/09/2022 10.00hrs
CES/FP/05/PT/6361(MP)	3008KG Wire Rope Lubricant for Container Cranes	130,000.00	3,500.00	13/09/2022 10.00hrs
CES/FP/05/PT/6287(EL)	Fan Coils for Chilled Water Air Conditioning System of Pilot Station	40,000.00	1,000.00	13/09/2022 10.00hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/04/013	Exhaust Fans & Ceiling Fans	40,000.00	1,000.00	06/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/12/009	Vegetable Cutters - 03 Nos	17,500.00	1,000.00	06/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/04/054	Speaker Horns for the Cranes at JCT	20,000.00	1,000.00	06/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/04/055	Led Street Lamp Fittings	20,000.00	1,000.00	07/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/051	30 Nos. of 825 X 15 14 - 18PR Tyres for 3.5T & 6T Fork Lift Trucks	42,000.00	1,000.00	07/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/04/057	Gold Coins - 22KT with SLPA Logo	1,489,000.00	20,000.00	07/09/2022 13.30hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No.3 of 1987 are applicable to tenders total Cost exceeding Rs.5million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
- Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last Five (5) years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 15th August 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days, up today prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be in cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned Bid Security.

Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No.45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.

Telephone Nos. :- 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2483024, 2482638
Fax Nos :- 2381652, 2470443

COLOMBO LOTUS TOWER MANAGEMENT COMPANY (PVT.) LTD

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

SUPPLY, INSTALL, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND MAINTAIN LED SCREENS

We hereby inform you that Major Procurement Committee on behalf Chief Executive Officer, Colombo Lotus Tower Management Company (Pvt) Ltd has pre-qualified you for bidding for the above-cited contract.

- Bids should be submitted on the forms available from **12-08-2022** up to **19-08-2022 @ 14.00** on a payment of non-refundable tender fee of **Rupees 5,000/-**.
- The eligible bidders shall comply with the following qualification criteria.
- You may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the bidding documents at, **Chief Executive Officer, Colombo Lotus Tower Management Company (Pvt) Ltd Sri Lanka 320, D R Wijewardana Mawatha, Colombo 10.**
- Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at **Finance Division, Colombo Lotus Tower Management Company (Pvt) Ltd Sri Lanka 320, D R Wijewardana Mawatha, Colombo 10.**
- Bids shall be valid up to **60 days**.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **Rs. 50,000/-**.
- Sealed bids may be delivered to the **Chief Executive Officer, Colombo Lotus Tower Management Company (Pvt) Ltd Sri Lanka 320, D R Wijewardana Mawatha, Colombo 10.**
- The construction period is **One Months**.
- The deadline for submission of bids will be on **19-08-2022 14.00 Hrs** and will be opened soon after the closing.
- Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COLOMBO LOTUS TOWER MANAGEMENT PVT LTD**

**DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COLOMBO LOTUS TOWER MANAGEMENT CO. (PVT) LTD,
320, D.R. Wijewardana Mawatha,
Colombo 10.**

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

Name of the Procurement Entity : Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd.
Name of the Project : Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Training of Laboratory Equipment.
Title of the Contract No. : Procurement of Laboratory Equipment.
Bid No: 2022/CFC/LE/01.

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) of the Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd., invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Training of the following **Laboratory Equipment**.

Bid No.	Item	Quantity (No.)	Delivery	Bid Security (Rs.)
2022/CFC/LE/01	1. PH & Conductivity Meter	01	Immediately or within 3 months from the purchase order	7,500.00
	2. Hot Plate	02		15,000.00
	3. Muffle Furnace	01		45,000.00
	4. Kjeldhal unit with accessories	01		112,500.00
	5. Flame photometer (with software)	01		60,000.00
	6. Fume Hood	01		60,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Eligible criteria for the supply of **Laboratory Equipment** :- reputed suppliers, manufacturers sole agents Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Actg. Manager (Procurement & Imports), Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd. (Telephone No: +94-11-2947765/ Mobile: 077-2069981, Fax: +94-11-2930423) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below:
**Actg. Manager (Procurement & Imports),
Procurement Division
Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd.
Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha, Hunupitiya,
Wattala, Sri Lanka.**
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees 3,500/= on any working day, **between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. from 12.08.2022 up to 3.30 p.m. on 01.09.2022.** The method of payment will be in cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **2.30 p.m. on 02.09.2022** or deposited in the bid box in the Procurement Division of the above address. Bids will be closed on **02.09.2022** at 2.30 p.m. and will be opened immediately. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the above address at the opening. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security Guarantee for the above amounts.
- Pre bid meeting will be held on **24.08.2022** at **10.30 a.m.** in the Procurement Division of Ceylon Fertilizer Company.



**Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Procurement Division
Ceylon Fertilizer Co.Ltd.
Lakpohora Swarna Jayanthi Mawatha,
Hunupitiya, Wattala, Sri Lanka.**



Date: 12.08.2022

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Department of Examinations

Procurement of Supplying Twine Threads Balls & Answer Script Tying Pieces of Strings for a Period of One Year

Contract No: 04/03/15/2022

The Chairman of the Procurement Committee of the Department of Examinations on behalf of the Commissioner General of Examinations, Department of Examinations now invites sealed bids for Procurement of Twine thread balls & Answer script tying pieces of strings as per the given table below, from eligible and qualified bidders possessing a minimum laid down experience. Detailed information is included in the bidding document.

Se. No.	Bid Name	Quantity	Amount of Bid Security (Rs)
01	Procurement of Twine Thread Balls & Answer Script Tying Pieces of Strings [04/03/15/2022]	3,200 Kg 2,500 Kg	300,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted adhering to the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder must not have been blacklisted and should have three years' experience in supplying similar stationery items.
- Bidder should possess a valid certificate issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts in accordance with Section 06 of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Supply Division, 03rd Floor, Department of Examinations (Telephone: **011-2786200-238** or **011-2785219**) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm on working days until **31/08/2022**.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the Supply Division upon submission of a written application with business registration letter's copy on or before 3.00 p.m on **31/08/2022** and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.8,000/= for each document. (The method of payment will be by cash only).
- Bids shall be valid up to 90 days.(until **01/12/2022**)
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Sri Lankan Rupees Three Hundred Thousand (LKR 300,000.00), unconditional bank guarantee from a reputed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka on the format attached to the bidding document and should be valid up to 120 days(until **01/01/2023**) from the date of closing of bids.
- Bids must be delivered to the Supply Division, 03rd Floor, Department of Examinations, Pelawatte, Battaramulla on or before **01/09/2022 at 2.30 p.m.** Late bids will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given above after closing of bids.
- Duly filled and sealed bids marked, "**Procurement of Supplying Twine Thread Balls & Answer Script Tying Pieces of Strings**", Contract No: 04/03/15/2022 on top left-hand corner of the envelope should be submitted.
- Procurement Committee of the Department of Examinations reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the Department Procurement Committee's action.

**Commissioner General of Examinations,
Department of Examinations,
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.**

12/08/2022

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

State Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government Affairs

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT - PROJECT ID :P 163305

EASTERN PROVINCE, TRINCOMALEE

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the World Bank towards the cost of **Local Development Support Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Credit to payment for Work given in the table below.
- The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee on behalf of Muthur Pradeshiya Sabha invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the work as described in table below.
- 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 grade and speciality mentioned in the table below with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section-4 of the bidding document. Additional details are provided in the schedule (Section-5) of the bidding document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chairman/Secretary of the **Muthur Pradeshiya Sabha** and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 09.00 hours to 16.00 hrs.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Muthur Pradeshiya Sabha** from **12.08.2022** until **31.08.2022** from **09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.**
- Bids shall be delivered to the **Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee, Muthur Pradeshiya Sabha** at or before **15.00 hrs on 01.09.2022**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the table below.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at Muthur Pradeshiya Sabha on 23rd August 2022 at 10.30 hrs. Interested bidders may participate in this meeting on their own expense.

Name of the Local Authority	Description of works & Contract No.	Tenderable Bid Amount (Excluding VAT) (Mn)	Contract Period	Required Grade & Speciality	Name of Procurement Entity	Place of Purchase of Bidding Document & T.P. No.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs.)	Required Bid Security		Bid validity Period up to
								Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Validity period	
Pradeshiya Sabha Muthur	Improvement and Construction of Common Hall 2022-1-EP-Tri-Muthur PS	19.12	180 days	C5 and C6 Building Construction	Chairman Pradeshiya Sabha, Muthur	Pradeshiya Sabha, Muthur 026-2238376	7,500.00	192,000.00	Till 15.12.2022	17.11.2022

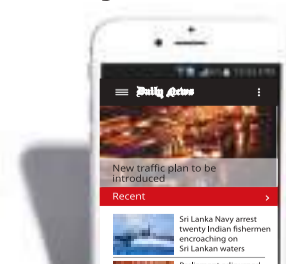
**Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee
Muthur Pradeshiya Sabha.**
10.08.2022

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PEOPLE'S BANK**AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES
Kalutara Region**

Articles pawned up to 31.12.2020 at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centers of the People's Bank in Kalutara Region and will not be redeemed up to the dates given below.

The Auction will commence at 9.00 a.m. each day.

No.	Name of the Branch/ Service Center	Articles not redeemed up to	Auction Date and Place
01	Kalutara, Aluthgama, Neboda, Kalutara North, Central Junction, Bombuwala, Katukurunda, Nagoda, Darga Town	16.09.2022	17.09.2022 / 18.09.2022 Kalutara Branch
02	Horana, Bulathsinhala, Ingiriya, Millaniya, Moragahahena, Gonapola, Pokunuwita, Handapangoda	16.09.2022	17.09.2022 / 18.09.2022 Horana Branch
03	Mathugama, Baduraliya, Pelawatta, Agalawatta, Dodangoda, Meegahatenna	23.09.2022	24.09.2022 / 25.09.2022 Matugama Branch
04	Wadduwa, Maggona, Beruwala, Moronthuduwa	09.09.2022	11.09.2022 Wadduwa Branch
05	Panadura, Bandaragama, Panadura Town Keselwatta, Eluwila, Alubomulla, Modarawila	23 09 2022	24.09.2022 / 25.09.2022 Panadura Branch

The Bank reserves the right to change the place, cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice to the Public.

**Regional Manager (Kalutara)
Regional Head Office,
People's Bank,
No. 341, Galle Road, Panadura.**

**Tel : 038-2232438/2241596/4283182
Fax : 038-2232727**

**PEOPLE'S BANK****AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES**

Articles pawned up to 31.12.2020 subject to renewal within 12 months at undermentioned People's Bank Branches and Service Centres of Colombo South Region and will not be redeemed up to 16.09.2022, will be sold at Public Auction on the dates and premises given below.

Auctions will commence at 9.00 a.m. each day.

Dates of Auction	2022.09.17	2022.09.18
Branches Pawned	Borella, Golden Jubilee, Narahenpita, Suduwella, Liberty Plaza, Lucky Plaza, Headquarters, Queens, Maradana.	Bambalapitiya, Majestic City Kirulapone, Wellawatte, Kol - Co-op House, Thimbrigasyaya, Hyde Park Corner, Town Hall, Union Place.
Service Centre Pawned	Suduwella NLB	Havelock Town, Colombo University, Slave Island, Medical College, Treasury Unit / Inland Revenue Department
Place of Auction	Borella Golden Jubilee Branch	Thimbrigasyaya Branch

Participants are requested to bring their NIC. The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

**Regional Manager, People's Bank,
Regional Head Office (Colombo South),
No. 11, Duke Street, Colombo 01.**

TP - 011-2327847 / 011-2327848

**Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460)
(Notice under Section 7)**

My Ref. No : 4-3/16/2020/UD/241

Sec. Ref. No : 11/9/2/Kanaththa Ela/C7

A notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act calling for the inquiries on ownership and compensations under Section 9 of the Act, in respect of the following land which is acquired for a public purpose has been published in the Gazette No. 2284/43 dated 16.06.2022 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

01. Province : North Central
02. District : Anuradhapura
03. Divisional Secretariat : Nuwaragampalatha East
04. Grama Niladhari Division : No. 251 - Stage II - Part I
05. Village : Anuradhapura Town
06. Cadastral Map No. : Sheet No. 308, Supplement No. 308 of the Final Village Plan No. A.3 dated 03.03.2022
07. Number of Allotments : Fourteen (4302, 4303, 4305, 4306, 4307, 4308, 4309, 4310, 4311, 4312, 4313, 4314, 4316, 4317)
08. Total Extent : 0.1808 Hectare

Please see the Gazette for further details.

**E.M.R.P.B. Ekanayake
Divisional Secretary
Divisional Secretary's Division -
Nuwaragampalatha East**

**Divisional Secretariat,
Nuwaragampalatha East,
Anuradhapura.**

09.08.2022

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)****Department of Labour – Colombo 05****Selection of a Service Provider for
Provision of Janitorial Services -
2022**

CONTRACT No: FG/TB/37/2022

Commissioner General of Labour now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to provide Janitorial services for Labour Secretariat building located at Narahenpita, Colombo 05. Complete details are included in the bidding document.

2. To be eligible for the contract award, the successful bidder shall have at least 30 Nos. of employees employed in the institute & 5 Years' experience in providing Janitorial Services. Priority will be given to the compliance with labour rules & regulations, and for compliance with existing rates of payments. The Department of Labour examines whether the selected organization has adhered to the labour rules and regulations during the last five years.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Accountant, Department of Labour, 9th Floor, Mehwara Piyasa, Narahenpita, Colombo 05 (Telephone 011-2104837) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the same address from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days from 12th August 2022 until 01st of September 2022.
5. A complete set of Bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the Finance Division, Department of Labour, 9th Floor, Mehwara Piyasa, Narahenpita, Colombo 05 from 12th August 2022 until 01st of September 2022 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during working days upon submission of a written application at or before 3.00 p.m. on 01st of September 2022 and upon payment of a **non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Sri Lankan Rupees (LKR 2,000.00)**. The method of payment will be in cash.
6. Bids shall be delivered to the above address or shall be deposited in the Tender Box placed at the address above on or before **02nd of September 2022 at 2.00 p.m.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
7. Bids shall be valid up to 4th of November 2022.
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid-Security", of Sri Lankan Rupees **Fifty Thousand (LKR 50,000.00)** obtained from a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in the form of an unconditional and on demand guarantee and shall be valid upto 18th November 2022.

**Commissioner General of Labour
Department of Labour,
Narahenpita,
Colombo 05.**

Telephone: 011-2104825 / 011-2104837

Fax number: 011-2581393

Electronic mail address: dol.fin.procurement@gmail.com

**Dehiwala - Mount Lavinia Municipal Council
Procurement Notice****Invitation for Quotations from Buyers of
Recyclable Material**

Quotations are invited from Buyers of Recyclable material mentioned below collected at the Badowita Recycling Centre of Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council.

● Pet Bottles	● Coconut Shells
● Glass Bottle Fragments (Colourless)	● Plastic
● Glass Bottle Fragments (Coloured)	● Polythene
● Glass Bottles (Colourless)	● Separated Toys
● Glass Bottles (Coloured)	● Beer Cans
● Ornamental Glass Sheets	● Yoghurt Cups
● Colourless Glass Sheets	● All categories of electrical waste
● Coloured Glass Sheets	● Ball Point Pens
● Tempered Plates	● Disposable Tooth Brushes
● CFL Bulbs	● Rubber related products
● Paper	● Aluminium Foil
● Cardboard	● Aluminium Boxes
● Parts of tree branches, logs	● Used old tyres
● Planed Timber parts	● Plastic Toppers
● Steel/Iron	

Basic requirements (Mandatory) :

01. Should be a registered institute and a copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be attached.
02. Buyer should organize own transport for the material sold.

Tender Forms for this purpose could be obtained from the Department of Public Health & Solid Waste Management of the Dehiwala - Mount Lavinia Municipal Council on Government working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. by submitting a letter of request on a business letterhead and upon payment of a Tender Form Fee of Rs. 1000.00 (Contact Tel. No. 0112735438 for details).

Sealed Tenders should be sent by Registered Post addressed to "**Municipal Commissioner, Dehiwala - Mount Lavinia Municipal Council, Dehiwala**" or may be deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Municipal Commissioner's Office.

The words, "**Invitation for Bids for Recyclable Material - 2022**" should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the Bid and submitted in two copies as original and duplicate. (These two copies should be enclosed in separate envelopes and the envelope containing the duplicate should be appropriately marked as duplicate.

Issuing of Tender Forms will close at 3.00 p.m. on 02.09.2022 and accepting of Tenders will close at 3.00 p.m. on 05.09.2022. Tenders will be opened immediately after closing of accepting Bids and the owner of the Institution or his representative could be present on this occasion.

Dehiwala - Mount Lavinia Municipal Council retains the right of rejecting any Tender or all Tenders without showing any reason.

**M.M.C.K.K. Mannapperuma
Municipal Commissioner
Dehiwala - Mount Lavinia Municipal Council.**

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**Manager front office
+94 112429341
Hotline 1949**

VEHICLES FOR SALE

Vehicle No.	Make	Model	Year
VAN			
PB -5XXX	MAZDA	BRONY SR2AV	2000
LORRY			
043 -3XXX	MITSUBISHI	CANTER FE300B	1988
THREE WHEELER			
QC -3XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
QA -2XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
QE -8XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
QK -8XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR4S	2007
OK -4XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR4S	2007
AAE -1XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2012
AAW-3XXX	BAJAJ	RE	2015

Vehicle Inspection:

Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC
Vehicle Yard - No: 176, Lake Road, Maharagama
Tel - 0112 088 505

Dates for Inspection of Vehicles

12th, 15th, 16th & 17th August 2022 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the above address (Acceptance of tenders will be closed at 5.00 pm 17th August 2022)

Tender forms could be obtained from the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC Vehicle Yards at the above addresses upon making a non-refundable payment of Rs.200/- Successful bidders will be notified over the telephone, and they should remove the relevant vehicles within 7 days from the date of notification. The company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle from the tender without stating any reason. While the successful bidders shall accept the relevant vehicles in the existing condition, any outstanding payment in relation to revenue license and government taxes etc shall have to borne by such bidders.

Decision of the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC pertaining to this tender shall be final.

Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC

Head Office
236, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Tel No. 3343720 - 7 EXT: 210

Contact:
Janaka - 071 1624559 / Moditha - 071 9530350

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Department of Examinations

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Invitation for Bids for Provision of Janitorial Services - year 2022/2023

Bid No. (4/6/2/2022)

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Commissioner General of Examinations, Department of Examinations now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supplying Janitorial Services for Department of Examinations for a period of one year possessing a minimum 03 years experience in supplying similar services.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures.
- The Bidder should possess a valid certificate issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts in accordance with the Section 06 of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Commissioner (Supplies), Supply Branch, 3rd Floor, Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla (Contact Tel: 011-2784393).
- A complete set of bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders from the Supply Division from 12.08.2022 till 31.08.2022 (including both days) on the submission of a written application to the Assistant Commissioner (Supplies), 3rd Floor, Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla with Business Registration Letter's copy upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,200/- to the Shroff of this Department from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days.
- Pre bid meeting will be held on 25.08.2022 at 10.30 a.m. at Department of Examinations.
- Bids shall be valid up to 90 days (30.11.2022).
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 175,000/-, an unconditional Bank Guarantee from a reputed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka on the format attached to the bidding document and should be valid up to 120 days from the date of submission of the bid (30.12.2022).
- Bids must be delivered to the Supply Division, 03rd Floor, Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla at or before 2.30 p.m. on 01.09.2022. Late bids will be rejected unopened. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given above after closing of bids.
- Duly filled and sealed bids marked "Provision of Janitorial Services - 2022/2023", Contract No. 4/6/2/2022 on top left-hand corner of the envelope should be submitted.
- The Department Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the Department Procurement Committee's action.

The Commissioner General of Examinations,
Department of Examinations,
Pelawatta,
Battaramulla.
12.08.2022



MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Development Lotteries Board

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR Re-Branding & Re-Fabrication of Existing Lottery Outlets

Bid No.: DLB/PRO/2022/15

Chairman, Minor Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Development Lotteries Board invites sealed bids from interested eligible bidders for Re-branding & Re-fabrication of existing lottery outlets located islandwide.

- Bidding will be conducted according to the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language could be inspected free of charge and purchased upon submission of the written request by the supplier to the Procurement Division of Development Lotteries Board, No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mw., Union Place, Colombo 02, from 12.08.2022 to 26.08.2022 (during working days) between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. upon payment of the non-refundable document fee of Rs. 2,240.00 (with VAT 12%). The method of payment will be in cash.
- Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security as per the bidding documents.
- Bidders should furnish all the detailed information as required in the Bidding documents.
- As per the bid conditions, Bids shall be delivered in duplicate marked on top left-hand corner of the envelopes, "Re-branding & Re-fabrication of Existing Lottery Outlets" to reach the Chairman, Minor Procurement Committee, Development Lotteries Board, 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 02, Sri Lanka, not later than 2.30 p.m. on 29.08.2022 and no bids will be accepted thereafter.
- Bids should be forwarded by registered post or deposited in the Box provided at the Procurement Division of the Development Lotteries Board, Chairman, Minor Procurement Committee, Development Lotteries Board, No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 02 at or before at 2.30 p.m. on 29.08.2022. Bids will be closed at 2.30 p.m. on 29.08.2022 and bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of bidders' representatives.
- Bidding documents could be referred from the DLB website: www.dlb.lk

Chairman,
Minor Procurement Committee,
Development Lotteries Board,
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 02.

Tel: 011-4824824
www.dlb.lk
12.08.2022



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REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, HETTIYA MERENNA ANUSHA HIMALI KUMARASINGHE (NIC 695583079V) OF "ROSARY" IHALA THAMBOWA, NATTANDIYA hereby revoke the POWER OF ATTORNEY NO. 1255 dated 22.04.2021 attested by G.G.P.K. Senarathne of Colombo, Notary Public, which appointed KUMARASINGHELAGE GAMINI KUMARASINGHE (NIC 562452494V) of No. 54/5, Hansagiri Road, Gampaha as my Attorney. No Longer has the authority to act on my behalf and any authority previously conferred by the said Power of Attorney is revoked, cancelled and terminated on this 03rd August 2022.

HETTIYA MERENNA ANUSHA HIMALI KUMARASINGHE

Notice

This is to notice that MAC Media (Private) Limited has changed its name to MAC Digital (Private) Limited with effect from 09th August 2022 under Section 9(2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

Former Name of the Company - **MAC Media (Private) Limited**
New Name of the Company - **MAC Digital (Private) Limited**
No. of the Company - **PV 00222821**
Registered Address of the Company : "The Wavertree", 141/9, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02.

By Order of the Board,
Nimalie Kariawasam,
Company Secretary.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 9 (2) of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007, that the name of under noted Company has been changed with effect from 27th July 2022.

Former Name of the Company: **THRIVIDHA MEDIA NETWORK (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
Company Registration Number: **PV 00247746**
Address of the Registered Office of the Company: **No. 63/6, Maliban Street, Colombo 11.**

New Name of the Company: **VIBE MEDIA NETWORK (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
Company Secretary **VIBE MEDIA NETWORK (PRIVATE) LIMITED**

Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha

Invitation for Quotations

Provision of Security Services

Quotations are hereby invited from experienced and reputed Security Services providing Institutions registered with the Ministry of Defence for the Provision of Security Services to the **Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha** for the period from **01.10.2022 to 01.10.2024**.

The time period for providing Security Service : **6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.**

12 hour shift of service

No. of Shifts required per day - 08

Terms and Conditions :

- Documentary evidence should be provided in proof of the requirement that relevant Security Firm in an experienced Security Services providing Institution, registered with the Ministry of Defence and a statement of declaration giving detailed information about the Institution should be submitted.
- The Security Officers to be deployed should be personnel in sound health and good physique and personality.
- Should be aged below 62 years.
- A list of the Institutions for which Security Services are provided and Certificates from those Institutions for verification should be submitted.
- In case not agreeable to the above conditions and terms, they should be subjected to the Rules and Regulations of the Pradeshiya Sabha.
- When the Quotations of Bids are accepted, the selected Service Provider should have to deposit a **Guarantee Bond of Rs. 100,000.00** and enter into an agreement with the Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha.

Bid documents could be obtained from the Head Office of the Pradeshiya Sabha only up to 30.08.2022 except on Saturdays and Sundays on submission of the receipts for payments of **Rs. 1,000.00 as Tender Form Fee and Rs. 10,000.00** as Bid Security, paid to the Shroff of the Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha.

Quotations to be submitted should either be sent by Registered Post addressed to the Secretary, Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha, Bulugaha Handiya Junction, Kelaniya or deposited (if hand delivered) in the Tender Box kept at this office during office hours to be received at or before **10.00 a.m. on 31.08.2022**. Tender Box will be sealed at **10.00 a.m.** on that day and tenders will be opened at **10.05 a.m.** on the same day. Late Bids / Quotations will be rejected. Bids / Quotations should be submitted in duplicate marked as 'Original' and 'Duplicate' and the caption to the effect "**Provision of Security Services**" should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing quotations.

Bidder or his authorized Agent may be present on the occasion of opening of Bids and the decision of the Tender Committee of the Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha, Kelaniya will be the final with regard to the matters, pertaining to bids/quotations.

W.D. Shanthi Kumudunie
Chairperson
Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha, Kelaniya.

12.08.2022

INSTITUTE OF CENTRAL PROVINCIAL ZONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUSTAINABLE DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE CENTRAL PROVINCE

Bids are invited by the Procurement Committee Chairman of the Institute of Central Provincial Zonal Economic Development from eligible bidders for the preparation and installing of Three Display Boards under the Sustainable Destination Development Program.

Location for installing the Display Boards

- Near Kandy Railway Station
- Matale Town
- Sigiriya

- Contract period - From 02 up to 12 September 2022
- The complete dimensions of a Display Board - Height 10 feet, width 20 feet
- No. of Panels - 5
- The Size of one Panel - Height 7 feet, Width 4 feet (Inclusive of Photo and details)
- Structure of each of the Panels - Total height - 13 feet (From the standing ground support level including depth of 3 feet)
- The height from standing ground up to the Display Board - 3 feet
- The depth from standing ground support level - 3 feet (Method of fixing should be G 20 concrete base 1x1x1 1/2 feet)
- Should be of high quality Box Bar (ISO Certified) with powder coated black paint (Matt) finishing with 10 years guarantee
- The printed words and photos should not be faded and should have a 2 mm thickness plastic covering for transparency from the panel
- The photos for the panel and locations for obtaining same and details to be included will be provided by our Institution and these photos should be of the highest quality.

Bidders possessing experience and eligibilities in the preparation of Display Boards could obtain further details from the Director, Institute of Zonal Economic Development, Second Floor, New Provincial Council Building, 109, Yatinuwara Street, Kandy or by contacting Tel. Nos. 081-2232447 / 2232465 during working days of the week from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. You may obtain the forms containing the relevant details.

All bids should be sent by Registered Post to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 02nd September 2022 or could be hand delivered to this Institution.

Chairman,
Procurement Board,
Institute of Zonal Economic Development
Second Floor, New Provincial Council Building,
109, Yatinuwara Street,
Kandy.



MINISTRY OF POWER & ENERGY

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

EXTENSION NOTICE

DESIGN & SUPPLY OF 02 NOS. OF 15,000 LTRS. CAPACITY AIRCRAFT REFUELLERS FOR JAFFNA AIRPORT

B/25/2022

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) hereby invites the attention of prospective bidders who have already collected the bidding documents and those who are interested in participating in the Bidding process with reference to the advertisements appeared in this newspaper under the above headings.

The deadline for submission of bids which was determined to close at 1400 hrs. on 15.08.2022 has now been extended up to 1400 hrs. on 31.08.2022.

Also note that the Bid validity period should be 91 days from the date of closing of bids (i.e. 30.11.2022) and the bid security should be valid for 119 days from the date of closing of bids (i.e. 28.12.2022).

All other conditions appeared in the previous advertisement remain unchanged.

Manager (Procurement & Stores),
Procurement & Stores Function
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
1st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 09.
Tele: 0094 11 5455331 / Fax: 0094 11 5455424



INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDS

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

REFINERY DIVISION

PUBLIC TENDER 4437 T

SUPPLY OF SPARES FOR HEAT EXCHANGER

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka will receive sealed Bids from reputed manufacturers, their authorized export agents abroad or their authorized local agents (Manufacturers or Export Agents) for the Supply of above mentioned item conforming to the Terms & Conditions given under the Bidding Documents.

Any bidder submitting a bid, shall pay a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 3,500.00 on a request letter to the Cashier, 5th Floor, CPC Head Office, No. 609, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo - 09 or to the Cashier, Refinery Division, Sapugaskanda, Kelaniya before 1500 hours on any working day up to 05-September-2022 and also payments can be made in cash to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation's People's Bank Account No. 004100110208633 referring tender number & bidder's name in short.

Bidding document which comprises the conditions of the Tender and the specifications is available on websites: www.ceypetco.gov.lk & www.dgmarket.com.

Alternatively, bidding documents could also be obtained from the undermentioned.

Bids will be received by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee until 1430 hours on 07-September-2022 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Refinery Training Centre Auditorium.

MANAGER (MATERIALS)
CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION
REFINERY DIVISION,
SAPUGASKANDA, KELANIYA, SRI LANKA.
TEL 0094-11-2400110
E-mail: ref.materials@ceypetco.gov.lk



INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDS

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

REFINERY DIVISION

PUBLIC TENDER 4414T

SUPPLY OF CARBON STEEL PLATES

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