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### Ban lifted on six Tamil diaspora organisations, 316 persons

### **CAMELIA NATHANIEL**

The Defence Minisimposed on six Tamil ments with the Banned tions No.1 of 2012.

diaspora organizations LTTE. Accordingly, the diaspora organizations and 316 individuals.

The Sri Lankan government had imposed list of designated per- World Tamil Move- from August 1.

the ban on these organizations previously Regulation 4(7) of the tional Government izations previously

try has lifted the ban over various involve- United Nations Regula- Of Tamil Eelam, the National Council of Accordingly, the ban Canadian Tamil, and The Ministry said on the Tamil Coordi- two other organisathe amendment to the nating Committee, the tions have been lifted

### **President directs Govt institutions to limit expenditure**

On the instructions of President Ranil Wickremesinghe, President's Secretary Saman Ekanayake has informed all government institutions to strictly adhere to the Circular issued by

the Treasury

regarding the limitation of government expenditure. The President's Secretary has relayed this information to the

Ministry Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Provincial Secretaries, Corporation Presidents, Institutional Boards and Government-owned trading institutions.

This step has been taken based on the need to limit government expenditure as an aid to overcome the economic challenges facing the country.

The President has also advised that the approval of the Treasury should be obtained before the lease of new buildings for government offices or TO PAGE 02

'ELLA ODYSSEY'

### Ranjan signs affidavit apologising, lawyer positive of release

Former MP Ranjan Ramanayake signed the relevant papers for requesting a presidential pardon at the . Welikada Prison



on Saturday, Attorney Dinesh Vidanapathirana said. TO PAGE 02

### **Father held for** sending threatening video with child

### **MEVIRU DANAN,**

A man who of holding a knife to his five year old son's neck and threatening to kill

him unless his wife who is working abroad comes back home has been arrested by the Kuliyapitiya police. TO PAGE 02

### PAEDOPHILE OPERATING DEVALAYA IN UNAWATUNA

# POLICE TO PROBE UP OCCURRED

### **ABUSED MORE THAN 20 BOYS**

### GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Southern Province Senior Deputy Inspector General (SDIG) Ajith Rohana has initiated a special investigation with the approval of the Inspector General of Police to probe allegations that some police officers allegedly provided assistance to a person said to be a paedophile preying on young boys.

A man having a 'Deva-

**Get anti-COVID booster** 

jabs soon - Dr.Ginige

Over 6.4 mn have not got first booster still

SANDYA KARUNARATNE

(14) that out of the 60 deaths that have occurred in the past

12 days due to COVID, 48 are over 60 years. TOPAGE 02

**India provides Dornier maritime** 

surveillance aircraft today

**CAMELIA NATHANIEL** 

Dornier 228 Maritime Patrol Aircraft to Sri Lanka.

India will provide a maritime surveillance aircraft

Media reports suggested that during the Defence

Dialogue between India and Sri Lanka on January 9.

2018 in New Delhi, the Sri Lankan government had

sought the possibility of obtaining two Dornier Recon-

naissance Aircraft from India to enhance the maritime

As a sequel to the request of Sri Lankan govern-

ment, the Indian government has agreed to provide one

Dornier 228 Maritime Patrol Aircraft from Indian Naval

surveillance capabilities of Sri Lanka.

Fleet on gratis basis for initial two years

Chief Epidemiologist Dr.Samitha Ginige, stated yesterday

Habaraduwa has been arrested by the CID for allegedly sexually abusing minor boys.

It is also stated that before the Criminal Inves-Department tigation (CID) received the anonymous complaint about this person, a police station in Galle had received a complaint about this.

It is now being revealed that the complaint had not

laya' in Unawatuna, been investigated properly. Police information revealed that when an act of abuse done by him to a child was revealed, money had changed hands and a complaint was settled without even recording it in the police books.

> It has now become a well-known secret among the police officers in Galle that the officer who took money and help from this person was the TO PAGE 02





launched according to the instructions of the Minister of Transport, Highways and Mass Media, Dr. Bandula Gunawarde-

na. The journey to Badulla, which is considered as one of the most scenic train journeys in the world, is a top tourist attraction in the country. Accordingly, the new luxury train 'Ella Odyssey' will leave Colombo Fort at 5.30 am every Saturday and is scheduled to reach Badulla at 3.55 pm. During the journey the train will stop at interesting sightseeing spots including St. Clair Falls, Great Western Railway Station, Elgin Falls, Pattipola Summit Level, Idalgashinna Railway Station, Demodara 9-Arch Bridge, and Demodara Bridge and tunnel. Minister Gunawardena also joined the maiden journey of the 'Ella Odyssey' on Saturday.

### Sapugaskanda oil refinery to resume operations

### Two crude oil shipments here between August 23, 29

The Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery will resume operations by mid this week, Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekara said.

He said the 100,000 MT Crude Oil cargo which arrived in Colombo on Saturday night was to undergo quality sampling yesterday. TOPAGE 02



Schools to function all

five days from this week

### **Power line kills** three elephants in Mihintale



Three elephants have been killed after coming into contact with an illegally drawn power line by a farmer in the Mihintale area. TO PAGE 02

### Two drown in **Meemure waterfall**

### **ASELA KURULUWANSA**

An eight-year-old boy and his 59 year old grandmother drowned while bathing in the Pusse Ella waterfall in Meemure. TO PAGE 02

### **Wives want heroin** addicted husbands sent for rehab

### TONI KARUNANAYAKE Minuwangoda Corr.

The Minuwangoda Magistrate T.Thenabadu recently ordered prison authorities to refer two men arrested for having heroin to the Pallansena rehabilitation centre for one vear.

This was made following a request by their wives to rehabilitate their heroin addicted husbands taken into custody for possession of the banned drug. TO PAGE 02

### **President should announce future development plans** - Dr. Harsha

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Dr. Harsha de Silva said if President Ranil Wickramesinghe needs to form a stable Government with all political parties in Parliament he should first reveal

**Mason arrested over loss** 

of ring in Yala camp site

Minister's daughter

finds Rs 2.5 mn worth

ring missing

**GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE** 

ed a mason who was present at

the construction site of a tourist

hotel near the Yala Park yes-

terday morning for stealing a

diamond-encrusted ring said to

be worth around Rs.2.5 million.

belonging to the daughter of a

The theft is said to have happened Saturday (13) while she was

staying at a resort near the Yala

National Park with her husband

and some family friends. TO PAGE 02

Cabinet Minister.

The Kirinda Police have arrest-

the details about his future development plans.

He said the exact time period to conduct a parliamentary election should be specified as people need a fresh election now to elect new members who TO PAGE 02



# President must uncover hidden

government approved schools

The

**DHARMA** 

**SRI ABEYRATNE** 

informed that

all government

Educa-

Ministry

will be conducted as usual on all five days of the week from today (15). TO PAGE 02

Anaesthetist was in fuel queue

**BUDDHIKA IMBULANA** 

investigators looking into the death of a

mountain leopard caught in the trap of a

hunter recently that in the TO PAGE 02

Wildlife officials have told a team of

### truth in Easter Attacks - Cardinal **Leopard's death probe:**

### **CAMELIA NATHANIEL**

Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith said that Sri Lanka will not achieve true freedom until political leaders themselves obey the law. The Cardinal said this during the sec-

ond financial donation given TO PAGE 02



### **Special police team to take over**

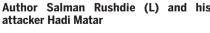
The Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) says there are unofficial reports that the drug trafficker named Harak Kata has been arrested by the Dubai security officials when he arrived at the TOPAGE 02

# drug lord from Dubai GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE



### **Author Salman Rushdie** 'off ventilator and talking'- Agent





US: Salman Rushdie has been taken off the ventilator and is able to talk, said his book agent Andrew Wylie, a day after The Satanic Verses author was stabbed at an event in New York. TO PAGE 02

### Chinese ship 'Yuan Wang 5' to dock in Hambantota from August 16

TO PAGE 02

The Foreign Affairs Ministry issuing a statement on the Chinese vessel 'Yuan Wang 5' on Saturday August 13, 2022 said clearance to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China was conveyed for the deferred arrival of the vessel from August 16 to 22. TO PAGE 02



### **Gotabaya to remain indoors in Thailand** for security reasons - Report

**Thailand:** For- police have advised mer President Gota- him to remain







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### POLICE TO PROBE WHETHER... From page 01

one who initiated the resolution of the complaint. The person had even allegedly provided a luxury vehicle for the use of the officer and it is said a close friendship had formed between the suspect and him while the officer was holding a high position in a police station in Galle.

It is said that after the arrest of the suspect by the officers of the Criminal Investigation Department,

the said officer made a strong effort to prevent the media from reporting about it and to keep the suspect on a bench instead of in the police cell.

Police information revealed that he was making calls to various officers at the Hikkaduwa Police Station, where the suspect was being held until he was brought before Court.

The Criminal Investigation Department suspects

that the person has abused more than 20 minors sexu-

ally.

The Criminal Investigation revealed tion Department revealed that the suspect's mobile phone and other computer devices are currently undergoing forensic investigation to identify the children who were allegedly abused by the suspect. He had also allegedly videotaped his acts and sold them to foreign websites.

### President should announce future...

could run the country at "Actually the President should reveal the political a stretch for at least five years. Addressing a press parties about the Governbriefing Dr. de Silva said ment's future economy although several leading political party members met ing the steps that he is the President during the last few weeks and discussed about the steps that dent's response in this he is going to introduce for the benefit of economically affected people there is no positive response so far

development plans includgoing to resolve the current economic crisis the Presiregard is not very clear," he

Dr.de Silva said Government should always find the basic requirements of peo-

ple and therefore the President should understand that people from all parts of the country at this moment need a new parliament with new members to bring a lasting solution to the country's present economic crisis, so that even President Ranil Wickremesinghe too will be able to work with them to prosper the country's economy and bring an economic relief to people.

### President directs Govt institutions... From page 01

the entering into of new lease or lease agreements be suspended until further notice and before extending the existing agreements for vehicles for government purposes. The President has also informed government

agencies to reduce the use of paper as much as possible and switch to electronic communication instead.

The President has also informed to impose strict controls on the use of services including fuel, electricity

and communication facilities in public institutions and has informed that the public sector should also set an example by making as many sacrifices as possible to provide relief for the people suffering from poverty in society.

### India provides Dornier maritime... From page 01

of the interim period since it would be required two years to manufacture new aircraft. Afterwards, the **Indian Government** expressed their assent to provide a brand new Dornier 228 Maritime Patrol Aircraft free of charge. Subsequently, another brand new Dornier 228 will be inducted to Sri Lanka Air Force through mutually agreed terms and conditions between both countries, the SLAF said.

The aircraft will be officially handed over to Sri Lanka at a ceremony today (15) under the patronage of President Ranil Wickremesinghe and High Commissioner of India Gopal Baglay.

The SLAF said the aircraft will be flown and maintained only by 15 SLAF crew who were specifically trained in India for a period of four months consist with pilots, observers, engineering officers and technicians along with the supervision by Indian technical team attached to SLAF comprising of engineering officers and technicians. The team would undertake comprehensive supervision of aircraft, airframe, Aircraft Support Equipment, Ground Support Equipment, relevant documents and would ascertain the serviceability of all the assets.

The SLAF stated that the Dornier aircraft will be specifically deployed to conduct Maritime and Coastal Surveillance Operations within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), Search and Rescue Operations (SAR), Casualty Evacuation (CASE-VAC) and Maritime Pollution Monitoring and Control within Sri Lankan Search and Rescue Region (SRR) to attain SLAF ultimate vision of "Ensuring the National Security through Effective Employment of Airpower" within Sri Lankan Airspace.

### yawa police handled the complaints.

Get anti-COVID... From page 01

the Minuwangoda Magistrate's Court.

He said that it has been found that the number of COVID deaths among those over 60 has increased rapidly and that not getting the anti-COVID booster vaccinations may be the cause of these deaths.

Wives want heroin... From page 01

The men aged 36 and 34, residing in Parago-

da and Walpita, were thus admitted to the reha-

Kotadeniyawa Police for having 100 mg and 85

wives of the two suspects through a sworn petition with the help of lawyers had made the

above request. Police Sergeants Chandrasekera

(34621) and Herath (19918) from the Kotadeni-

mg of heroin respectively and brought before

At the time the case was called, the two

The two suspects were arrested by the

bilitation centre in Pallansena.

He also emphasized that elderly people and people with chronic diseases should get booster shots as soon as possible. He stated that the Health Ministry has enough vaccine doses to provide booster vaccinations to the population of this country and that any person over the age of 20 can get these vaccine doses from the nearest medical health officer's office or hospital. The Epidemiology Department also said that 6,497,627 have not yet received the first booster dose of the anti-COVID booster vaccine.

### Two drown in... From page 01

This child, a resident of Gemunu Pura Kuda grandmother, the child had slipped and was swept away in the water. When the grandmother tried to save the child, she also had got swept away. Police say that the deceased are A. Ariyawathy (59) and her grandson

The bodies were recovered by officers with the help of the villagers, the police said.

Oya, had come to Meemure with his father to visit his grandmother. While bathing with the Thenuka Sathsara Mihiranga (8).

### Power line kills... From page 01

An elephant and two she-elephants had died after getting entangled in the illegally drawn power line from overhead cables by a farmer in Pudukkulama village to create a live wire fence around his farm to protect crops.

Although some farmers have built electric fences at their own expense to protect their farmlands, it is reported that many people who have economic difficulties are engaged in these unauthorized activities.

Chief Inspector Prasad Siriwardena said that after carrying out investigations, the person who responsible for the illegal power tapping will be arrested and legal proceedings will be taken.

### Special police... From page 01

Dubai airport to travel to Malaysia on a forign passport prepared under the name Herath Dissanayakage Roshan Isanka.

However, the Public Security Ministry states that neither the International Police nor the Dubai Government has officially informed Sri Lanka about this. Sources revealed that a request has already been made to the Dubai Police through the international police branch of Sri Lanka to provide official information regarding the alleged arrest of Harak Kata.

The police information also stated when the arrest of Harak Kata is officially notified to Sri Lanka, a special team is scheduled to go to Dubai.

At the time of Harak Kata's arrest, a woman said to be his wife and another person are said to have been with him. There is speculation that another underworld criminal named Jile was there as well.

### **In Memoriam**

ABEYESEKERA - Mr & Mrs J.V.A. Fondly remembered by daughters Raseeka, Preethi & Kumari.

### **Obituaries**

EKANAYAKE - LESLIE - formerly of Food Department, General Superintendent Company. Beloved husband of Amara, loving father of Dhammika, Thilak (Bunty), Milinda (Puncha), father-in-law of Bandu Abeysundera Milani and Smitha, expired. Cortege leaves residence 68, Chandra Wettasinghe Mawatha, Koswatte, Nawala on Monday 15th at 4 p.m. for cremation at the Nawala Cemetery at 5 p.m. Amara and Family.

NANDASENA - G.S. Retired Government Servant of Overseas Telecommunication Service (OTS). Beloved husband of Rani Perera, loving father of Dayanthi Galagama (National Audit Office) and Shiromi Adikary (Teacher-Holy Family Convent), father -in-law of Ex Commander SL Navy Anuradha Weerasinghe, Professor Upali Adikary (University of Moratuwa), beloved grandfather of Abilash Weerasinghe (Electrical Engineer), Surandi Adikary (medical student- USJP), Sulakni Adikary ( student- Visakha Vidyalaya), expired. Remains lie at Jayarathna Restpect Parlour, Borella from 8am on Monday 15th August 2022. Funeral will take place on 15th August 2022 at 5.00 p.m. at Borella Cemetery.

### Minister's daughter... From page 01

The manager and a room attendant of the hotel were taken into custody by the Kirinda police earlier and had questioned them extensively regarding the theft.

received from the President.

The minister's daughter along with her husband and close family members had come to Yala on Friday and only their group had stayed in the camping area belonging to that hotel. It is said that while the minister's daughter was taking a bath in the hotel's open bathroom, she had removed the ring and placed it on the short wall of the bathroom. However later a person who came with her staying in the room had knocked down the ring accidentally after being scared of an animal. However later the person had kept the ring which had fallen on the same place on the wall where the minister's daughter had kept the ring.

However, the minister's daughter after taking the bath had forgot about the ring and had gone out and when when she came to retrieve it she had not been able to locate it. The police had arrested the mason after perusing CCTV footage. The police are conducting further investigations.



Rex Lucien Gunasekara K Don Annesley Indra Suranganie Annesley

May they rest in peace. Fondly remembered by Mervyn, Nirmali, Suresh & Shyamila

Hettiarachchi

### **PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

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### B/45/2022

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Bidding documents can be obtained on working days between **0900 hrs and 1500 hrs up to 05.09.2022** from the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 01st Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 after payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 (Rs. 892.86 + 12% VAT) to CPC or download from CPC website i.e. http:// cevpetco.gov.lk/public-tenders/. Bidders who download the documents should pay document fees to the Account No. 004100110208633 of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation of People's Bank (Head Office) and the payment receipt should be submitted along with the Bid.

All Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security amounting to Rs. 10,000.00.

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs on 07.09.2022 and opened at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation at the address given below, immediately after the closing time of the Bid. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be sent at the opening of the Bid.

Chairman

**Departmental Procurement Committee.** C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores), Procurement & Stores Function, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha. Colombo 09.

### President must uncover ... From page 01

to victims of the Easter Sunday Attack, by Pope Francis. Speaking during a service held at St. Anthony's Shrine, Kochchikade, during which Euros 100,000 was donated by Pope Francis to the Easter Sunday victims, Cardinal Ranjith said the present government also must work towards finding the hidden truth with regards to the Easter Sunday attacks.

He noted that the incumbent President will be accepted only if he works towards uncovering the hidden truth on the Easter Sunday attacks. The Cardinal blamed generations of politicians for influencing the law, to obtain personal benefits and destroying the country in the process. He noted that all political leaders have contributed to destroying the independence of the judiciary, after coming to power. The Cardinal commented that Sri Lanka is not truly independent after 74 years, if Police continue to be influenced by political leaders and connected persons.

### Ranjan signs affidavit... From page 01

He said the relevant documents would be handed over to President Ranil Wickremesinghe, the Supreme Court and Justice Minister Dr.Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe for further actions. He hoped that the procedure for a presidential pardon of the former MP of the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) could be concluded within another month. The papers signed by Ramanayake include an affidavit to formally apologise over Contempt of Court for which he was convicted.

### Author Salman Rushdie... From page 01

Rushdie remained hospitalized with serious injuries, but fellow author Aatish Taseer had tweeted late evening that he was "off the ventilator and talking (and joking)."

Rushdie's agent confirmed the information to Associated Press without giving further details. The tweet has, however,

The 75-year-old Booker Prize winner suffered a damaged liver and severed nerves in an arm and an eye from about 10 to 15 stab wounds. Wylie had said Friday evening that he would "likely lose one eye".

Rushdie, 75, suffered a damaged liver and severed nerves in an arm and an eye, Wylie said Friday evening. He was likely to lose the injured eve.

A 24-year old New Jersey man charged with attempted murder and assault for attacking author Salman Rushdie has plead-

Rushdie's attacker Hadi Matar of Fairview, New Jersey was arraigned in centralised arraignment on Saturday and was remanded without bail at Chautauqua County Jail. Matar was born in the United States to parents who emigrated from Yaroun in southern Lebanon.

- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

### Father held for sending... From page 01

The man had sent the video to his wife and the employment agency who sent her abroad through WhatsApp. The Kuliyapitiya Police Children and Women's Bureau has taken the child into custody and the has arrested the man after the matter was brought to the notice of the police.

The knife that was used to make the threatening video was also found by the Police Division's Children and Women's Bureau. Police officers had taken action to immediately admit the child to the Kuliyapitiya Teaching Hospital due to the signs of injury marks on the child's neck area. Police say the man has done similar acts in the past as well. He is to be produced in

### Leopard's death probe... From page 01

efforts to save the animal which was trapped on a tree that it could not be anaesthetised because the relevant anaesthetist was in a 'fuel queue' to get fuel at that time. Also, the officials have informed the investigation team that they do not have the necessary equipment to act immediately in such a situation. An investigation was carried out by the Wildlife Ministry into the death of the mountain leopard.

Agriculture, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera instructed the Secretary of the Ministry to conduct an immediate investigation into the death of the mountain leopard that died in a tea garden at Summerhill Estate in Hatton. This mountain leopard, who was caught in a hunter's snare, had climbed a nearby Eucalyptus tree. The animal had got entangled in the snare thus suffocating it.

### Schools to function all five days... From page 01

All schools in the country will begin at 7.30 am in the morning and continue until 1.30pm in the as usual.

Until last Friday, schools were held only three days a week, but from this week, the Ministry has decided to hold all schools five days a week.

Instructions have been given to all the provincial authorities to prepare suitable transport arrangements for principals, teachers and students in areas with transport difficulties.

During the school week starting today, the principals should provide appropriate transport arrangements for the teachers and students affected by transportation difficulties. The provincial education directors have informed the principals about the methods to provide those concessions.

During the next three months, school time should be used only for teaching activities. Principals have also been advised to conduct co-curricular and extra-curricular activities outside school hours. Further instructions have also been given to limit

the festivals held in schools.

### Chinese ship 'Yuan Wang 5' to dock... From page 01

On 28 June, 2022, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Colombo informed the Ministry via Diplomatic Note that the Chinese Scientific Research Ship 'Yuan Wang 5' is scheduled to pay a port call in Hambantota from August 11 to 17, 2022 for replenishment purposes. While no rotation of personnel were to take place during the call, the Government of Sri Lanka was requested to provide necessary assistance and positive consideration to the request by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. The Ministry, as per

accepted practice related to such requests for 'diplomatic clearance', circulated the said request among relevant stakeholders the Ministry of Defence, the Sri Lanka Navy and the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) for approval.

Following receipt on 7 July, 2022 of security clearance from the Defence Ministry for the visit of the vessel for replenishment purposes during the stipulated period, as well as a No Objection Letter from the TRCSL for the use of frequencies and communica-

and non-protection basis, diplomatic clearance was conveyed to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China by the Ministry on 12 July, 2022 for the said vessel to make a port call at the port of Hambantota for replenishment purposes. The following conditions highlighted by the Ministry of Defence were also stated - keeping the Automatic Identification System (AIS) switched on within the EEZ of Sri Lanka and no scientific research to be conducted in Sri Lankan waters.

tion equipment subject to non-interference

### Two crude oil shipments here... From page 01

"A second Crude Oil Cargo of 120,000 MT is scheduled to arrive between August 23 and 29. Both cargos are Russian Urals Crude Oil," he tweeted.

Meanwhile, the Minister said the Government institutions, organizations and businesses could register multiple vehicles with one mobile number or multiple mobile numbers under 'Business Registration Number' (BRN) from yesterday. The Government institutions will be given guidelines on BRNs assigned to

"Visit 'http://fuelpass.gov.lk' and register the first vehicle under the BRN category. Thereafter log into the profile with

the registered mobile, click 'add' button for multiple vehicles. Create a unique code for your institution (numeric or alphabetical) under NIC number and this should be consistent for every vehicle profile," the Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA)

### Gotabaya to remain indoors in Thailand... From page 01

Rajapaksa arrived in Thailand with three other people on a chartered flight from Singapore at Wing 6 of the military airport adjacent to Don Mueang International Airport around 8 pm local time on Thursday.

The group had planned to land in Phuket but concerns about a possible information leak resulted in the flight being redirected to the military airport in Bangkok, the Bangkok Post newspaper reported, citing a

At the hotel, the location of which was not disclosed, plainclothes police officers from the Special Branch Bureau have been deployed to ensure safety of Rajapaksa. Officials have asked Rajapaksa to remain within the hotel during his stay in the country, the report said.

Rajapaksa arrived in Bangkok on the same day that his visa in Singapore expired. He arrived here for a temporary stay before seeking permanent asylum in another country.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha on Wednesday confirmed a temporary visit to Thailand by the 73-year-old Sri Lankan leader for humanitarian reasons, and said he promised not to conduct political activities in the kingdom during his search for permanent asylum in another country.

After fleeing to the Maldives on July 13, Rajapaksa then flew to Singapore, where he announced his resignation a day later after months of protests over Sri Lanka's unprecedented economic crisis.

"This is a humanitarian issue. We have made a promise that it's a temporary stay. No (political) activities are allowed, and this will help him find a country to take refuge in," Prayut was quoted as saying by the Bangkok Post newspaper on Wednesday. (PTI)

### **Human-Elephant conflict mitigation**

# More electric fences to be constructed in vulnerable areas

The human-elephant conflict has seen an increase in the last three years leading to the destrution of the lives of wild elephants and humans in various parts of the island. Accordingly, 407 elephant deaths and 122 human deaths were reported in 2019, 328 elephant deaths and 112 human deaths in 2020 and 375 elephant deaths and 142 human deaths in 2021 respec-

In the first four months of 2022, 57 elephant deaths and 34 human deaths have been reported. Of these wild elephant deaths, 13 were shot, 17 were due to electrocution, 19 were due to Hakka Patas blasts and eight due to inju-

A discussion regarding the

prevention of elephant-human conflict in the Hambantota district was held on Saturday (13) under the patronage of Agriculture, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera at the Lunugamwehera Wildlife Office. Wildlife officers and other officials

participated. It was revealed here that the elephant-human conflict exists in 131 Regional Secretariat jurisdictions in 19 districts located in eight provinces of



Agriculture, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera inspecting the equipment required for the construction of electric elephant fences at the Hambantota District Office.

Minister Amaraweera observed that the necessary equipment for the construction of electric elephant fences to cover all areas where wild elephants are threatened in the Hambantota District are available in the Lunugamwehera Wildlife Office. Nevertheless, it was revealed that the construction of electric fences remains a problem due to the protest of some farmers' organisations.

It has also been revealed that the equipment brought to set up electric fences which is stored at wildlife offices all over the island have not been properly utilized.

Therefore, as a step to mitigating the human-elephant conflict within the next year, the Minister instructed Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Secretary Chandra Herath to have discussions with farmer organisations and farmers in order to expedite work on the project. Minister Amaraweera also said that although elephants are included in the list of animals that damage crops, steps should be taken to include them in the protected animal category to work out a future plan so that land located in areas where wild elephants are abundant not be given for development projects.

### Duty of all politicians to help form APG - Minister Ranatunga

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Chief Government Whip and Urban Development and Housing Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said in Parliament on Friday that they invite everyone from all parties to help form an All-Party Government (APG).

The Minister said that he will help the All-Party Government to fulfill the expectations of the voters who voted for the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP).

"The people want everyone to come together and form a National Government. We as the SLPP are sensitive to the people's request and that is why we will support it. Some claim that we have lost the 6.9 million mandate we got from the people. Yes, we accept that. There was a protest either with or without international help to oust the former President and he bowed to the people's request and stepped down. Even the church hurled ridiculous allegations against Gotabaya Rajapaksa and accused him of having a hand in the Easter attacks, of abducting people in white vans and various other allegations. They even called him Hitler. Yet, he very peacefully stepped down and went."

Ranatunga said that Ranil Wickremesinghe is not a new person to the Opposition but a leader who is in the seat of the opposition. He said that if there is

no All-Party Govleast an All-Party

System of Government should be established where everyone can come together to help the country recover from the situation

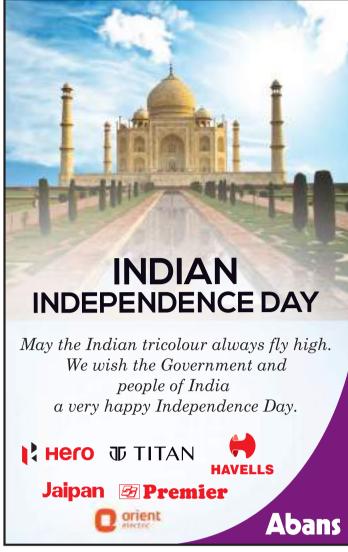
Minister Ranatunga also

it is currently in.

said that it is ridiculous to expect an election in six months when the country is facing a serious economic He made these

comments joining the Parliamentary debate on the President's Poli-

cy Statement.



### **Arms, drug seizure from Lankan boat**

### Accused raised funds to revive LTTE, says NIA

**KOCHI:** In a major revelation in a case pertaining to the seizure of a huge quantity of narcotic drugs along with five AK-47 rifles and 9mm ammunition numbering 1,000 from Sri Lankan fishing boats, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has stated that an accused had been involved in activities of proscribed terrorist organisation LTTE

within India and abroad. The accused had also plotted to procure prohibited arms and ammunition, besides contraband articles. The NIA filed the report in the Kerala High Court in response to the bail plea filed by Ramesh, a Sri Lankan native and eighth accused in the case.

The Coast Guard intercepted the boat, 'Ravihansi', near Minicov Island, Lakshadweep, on March 18, 2021. There were no proper documents and six Sri Lankan nationals found on board were arrested by the Kochi sub zone of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on their arrival at Vizhinjam Port in Thiruvananthapuram.

The Central Government directed the NIA to take over the probe and later the seventh and his brother and eighth accused were taken into custody, allegedly for being members of the banned Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Ramesh revealed that he had stayed in India without a visa violating the provisions of the Foreigners Act.

According to NIA, Ramesh and the other accused, including his brother being a core cadre of the LTTE, held secret meetings and conspired to carry out illegal activities of trafficking in drugs and also arms and ammunition with the intention of raising funds to

revive and further the activities of the LTTE, both in India and Sri Lanka. They formed a terrorist gang and transferred money through hawala channels for the procurement of drugs, arms and ammunition.

A witness in the case also spoke of the drug and hawala business carried out by the brothers and specifically referred to Ramesh having collected hawala money from a person named Faseel Bhai. While dismissing Ramesh's bail plea, the court noted that the statements of the witnesses show not only his inextricable connection with the illegal activities but also his definite link with LTTE, with full knowledge and complicity in the attempt to smuggle heroin, arms and ammunition in the boat, intercepted before its entry into the port. - The New Indian

### Arson attack on Minister Keheliya's house; 3 more suspects arrested

**ASELA KURULUWANSA** 

The Police yesterday arrested three more suspects in connection with the arson attack on the house of Minister Keheliya

Rambukwella in Kandy. Police said that the suspects are residents of Mulgalampola, Heerassagala and

Vihara Mawatha in Kandy. The suspects are to be

produced in Court under the charges of pelting stones at the house and setting fire to it, and for being members of an illegal

### Truck turns turtle killing driver

**ROHAN C PREMATHILAKE** 

Hemmathagama Group Corr. A refrigerated truck carrying vegetables overturned on Friday night (12) on the road leading to the Ambuluwawa hill in Gampola due to brake failure.

"The accident occurred near the Kakatiya bend," Police said.

The driver had died on admission to hospital after being in a critical condition while his assistant too has been hospitalised with serious injuries.

"The brakes of the truck had reportedly failed when it started to descend the hill," according to Police.

It is reported that the driv-



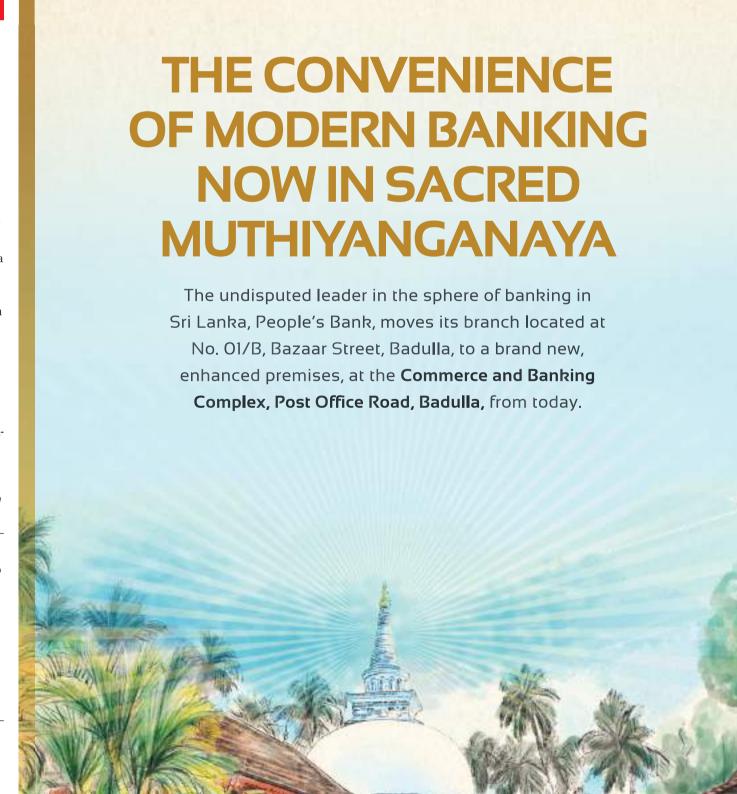
The wreckage of the refrigerated vegetable truck that overturned on the road leading to the Ambuluwawa hill in Gampola. er had lost control of the truck due to faulty brakes resulting in the accident.

The vehicle which had veered off the road and fallen over the cliff onto the road below.

According to local residents, the accident took place between 9 and 10 pm amidst heavy misty conditions.

"Residents had taken the driver and his assistant who were trapped in the lorry to the Gampola hospital. They were later transferred to the Gampola Hospital and from there to the Kandy General Hospital where the driver succumbed," hospital sources

This freezer truck was packed with vegetables at the time of the accident. Gampola Police are investigating.



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### Killing of Middeniya funeral parlour owner

# Army deserter held in alleged contract killing

**GAYAN KUMARA** WEERASINGHE

The officers of Tangalle Police Crimes Division on Saturday arrested an Army deserter who allegedly shot and killed the owner of a funeral parlour in Middeniya recently for sum of Rs. 2 million.

The suspect, who is a

resident of Witharandeniya, was arrested while hiding in the Hambantota

Although the alleged shooter has confessed that he also had a grudge against the deceased businessman, the police believe it was a contract

Earlier the Police said they have launched an investigation to arrest a millionaire businessman on suspicion of ordering the contract killing of the funeral parlour owner in

Middeniya. The Police said they had uncovered that the businessman had allegedly

given the contract to an Army deserter for Rs. 2 million.

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

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

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



The Pakistani High Commission in Sri Lanka celebrated the 75th Independence Day of Pakistan yesterday (14). Pakistani High Commissioner Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki hoisted the national flag in a colourful ceremony at the High Commission. The event was attended by members of the Pakistani community, officials and families of the High Commission, local dignitaries, journalists and friends of Pakistan. Picture by Ruzaik Farook

### Power cuts for Aug. 15 and 16

**DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE** 

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) has authorized the Ceylon Electricity Board to cut power for one hour and 20 minutes today (15) and tomorrow (16). Accordingly, under 21

categories, electricity will

The power cut was reduced to one hour due to the torrential rainfall last week. With the ceasing of the rains, the authorities have taken step to increase the duration of the power cuts.

be cut between 5:00 pm

and 9:00 pm.

### Five held for motorcycle racing at night

D.P. HERATH Dehiwela Corr.

Police said that five members of a group who engaged in motorcycle racing on the Galle Road at night were arrested by the Mount Lavinia Police Traffic Division in the early hours of yesterday.

The police also had seized five motorcycles. Police said they were arrest-

ed for holding motorcycle races at night engaging in dangerous riding while inconveniencing the public and violating traffic rules.

Police said members of this group have been apprehended for similar violations in the past as

The Police are conducting further investigations.



Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva at a recent inspection visit of the tug-boat section of the

### **Boosting operations at Colombo Port**

### Minister takes steps to strengthen tug-boat fleet

"The fleet of tugs at the Port of Colombo (POC) should be strengthened to tive officers of the section further boost efficiency of emphasized the measures the maritime operations at to be taken towards the Port," says Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva.

The Minister made these comments at a recent inspection visit of the tug-boat section of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

He said that the employees, staff and the execuincreasing efficiency of these operations and accordingly, instructions were extended to relevant authorities to take steps to add at least two more new tug-boats to the fleet of the port, in addition to the seven tug-boats already in operation.

"Increasing the number of tug-boats at the port will increase the operational efficiency and enable ease of handling larger vessels calling at the port. It is my responsibility to boost efficiency at the port to bring more foreign exchange as revenue into the country. Accordingly, I will take all necessary steps to expedite devel-

opmental activities

inside the port," the Minister said.

He also expressed his gratitude to all employees who are dedicated in their services amidst limited facilities at the port. Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Aviation K.D.S. Ruwanchandra, SLPA Vice Chairman G.U.K. Algewattege, several executive officers and staff of the SLPA tug-boat section were also present.

### PNS Taimur conducts Passage Exercise with SLNS Sindurala

The Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) Taimur which arrived in Sri Lanka on a formal visit, conducted a Passage Exercise with SLNS Sindurala in seas off Colombo before she departs the island today (15), upon completion of

In this backdrop, certain media reports circulating about a 'war game'

between the Sri Lanka Navy and the Pakistan Navy are fallacious, a news release from the Sri Lanka Navy said.

The Sri Lanka Navy with the concurrence of foreign navies conducts Passage Exercises as a routine engagement with visiting naval ships after making official port calls.

The prime motive of

these efforts is to enhance interoperability, partnerships and goodwill as well as exchange best practices with foreign navies.

As part of this Passage Exercise, PNS Taimur and SLNS Sindurala conducted Maneuvering and Search and Rescue exercises.

The Sri Lanka Navy has conducted similar Passage Exercises with the navies of countries such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Japan, Germany, UK, Russia and Australia on a number of previous occasions.

Conducting similar naval exercises with regional and extra-regional navies will enable each partner to overcome common maritime challenges in the future, through enhanced cooperation.

### Foreign Minister meets visiting **UNDP Deputy Regional Director**

United Nations Devel-Programme opment (UNDP) Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Christophe Bahuet who is presently on a visit to Sri Lanka, called on Foreign Minister Ali Sabry, on Friday

Foreign Minister Sabry appreciated the consistent support extended by the UNDP to Sri Lanka for over five decades and in particular, during difficult times. Sri Lanka is keen to continue its close cooperation with the UNDP and Deputy Regional Director Bahuet affirmed the continued support and cooperation of the UNDP to Sri Lanka, particularly in the priority areas identified and recovery measures being taken by the Government to overcome the

current challenges The Foreign Minister and the Deputy Regional Director also discussed



Christophe Bahuet, at the Foreign Ministry, on Friday.

tion between the UNDP social protection meas- sustainable recovery from and the Government of ures for the vulnerable the current challenges.

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### Police tracking down ordinary people these days - Mano Ganesan

### **CAMELIA NATHANIEL** and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Leader of the Tamil Progressive Alliance Mano Ganesan said that the main duty of the Police these days is to track down ordinary people who entered President's House and Temple Trees during the protests. "The struggle was very

peaceful until May 9," he

Joining the debate on the President's Policy

Statement in Parliament on Friday, he said that certain law enforcement officers too provided motivation to the protesters during the struggle.

"The peaceful protest was hailed by many European countries as a model protest. Even those in Colombo clearly saw how peaceful the protest was. Yet now the



for those involved in the protest. Even some of my close friends had been summoned by the Police and when I called the Police, I was told that these were

Police are hunting

the orders that they had received. They are arresting ordinary citizens who went to President's House and Temple Trees, but we saw on social media how

even Police officers in uniform were using the gym at President's House and also playing the piano. Is it fair to arrest only the ordinary people who went to see President's House? They went there out of curiosity similar to visiting the zoo.'

"Therefore, I urge the President to immediately order the authorities to stop hunting down these protesters. This is wrong," Ganesan said.

### JICA signs grant agreement under JDS for Master's and Doctoral Degree Scholarships

Agency Cooperation (JICA), whichis in charge of administering Japan's Official Development Assistance, signed a grant agreement with Sri Lanka on August 8 for accepting 17 Sri Lankan public sector officials for Master's and Doctoral Degree courses in Japan, starting from 2023.

Japan's Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) was initiated in 2010 to support the capacity

cials of the Sri Lankan government sector by providing diverse opportunities to study at reputed Japanese universities. The most recent grant

agreement was concluded for an amount of 282 million Japanese Yen between Finance Secretary K.M. Mahinda Siriwardana and JICA Chief Representative in Sri Lanka Tetsuya Yamada, on August 8 at the Finance Ministry.

The agreement will allow 17 Sri Lankan pub-

The JapanInternational development of young offilic sector officials to fol-70th anniversary of diplolow Master's and Doctoral Degree courses starting from 2023 in the study areas of public administration, economics, disaster management, business adminis-

tration and so on. "JICA has been sending young Sri Lankan Government officials under the JDS programme for more than 10 years, and it is our utmost pleasure to be able to send another batch of 17 scholars to Japan in this memorable year of

matic relations between Japan and Sri Lanka. We believe that the expertise and experience that the participants acquire in Japan through this programme will contribute to the strong recovery of Sri Lanka from the current crisis in the near future and will have long-lasting impact on the country's further development, as well as friendship between the two countries," said Yamada at the signing

Since the programme's initiation, 152 young officials from Government services, including the Sri Lanka Administrative, Sri Lanka Planning, Accounting, Medical and other sectors related to disaster management and investment promotion have completed the programme under the JDS and have successfully returned to higher positions including Divisional Secretaries and Directors of Ministries, where they actively contribute to socio-economic

development framework of the Government.

"I am Eng. K.R. Withanage of the Department of Engineering Services of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, a former JDS fellow."

"I completed my Master's in Civil Engineering under the JDS in 2016 from the University of Tokyo and currently I am selected as a JDS PhD scholar at Yokohama National University in the research area of Ground Improvement Techniques

in Road Construction. I has been the first nonwould like to see the implementation of these new Japanese techniques enabling the Sri Lankan Government to reduce high operational and maintenance costs spent on roads, through building better quality infrastructure that lasts for a longer

"I also feel this opportunity to move with Japanese society is a great prospect to learn and understand Japanese management systems, as Japan

period."

western developed country in Asia," says a JDS PhD scholar of the current cooperation phase.

JICA will continue to support capacity development of Sri Lankan government officials through the JDS and other training programmes.

It is expected that the Sri Lanka-Japan relationship will be further strengthened through JDS activities in the coming years, a JICA news release

# Woman born to SL Tamil parents in T'Nadu is Indian, Court rules

TAMIL NADU: Bringing relief to a woman who was born to Sri Lankan Tamil parents in the Mandapam refugee camp in Ramanathapuram district in 1986, the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court held that as per the Citizenship Act, 1955, she was an Indian citizen, and directed the authorities to issue a passport to her.

The court was hearing a petition filed by the woman, K. Nalini, who is currently residing at the Tiruchi refugee camp. She said her parents came to India when Sri Lanka was on the verge of a civil war and there were atrocities committed against Tamils. She was born in the Mandapam refugee camp on April 21, 1986.

The petitioner said she was married now and was a mother of two children. Since she was born in the refugee camp and had stayed there for long, there was stigma attached to it. She said she got an opportunity to go abroad and had applied for an Indian passport.

She said she applied for the Indian passport and the application was processed. But it was kept pending as the authorities had doubts about her nationality. She was born on Indian soil and by virtue of the Citizenship Act, 1955, she was an Indian citizen.

Nalini pointed out that as per Section 3 of the Citizenship Act, every person born in India on or after January 26, 1950, but before July 1, 1987, should be a citizen of India by birth. The objection raised by passport authorities was not warranted. She was an Indian national by birth, she said.

Justice G.R. Swaminathan observed that as per Section 3 of the Citizenship

### Parliament to convene on August 29

Parliament Secretary General Dhammika Dasanayake said that the Committee on Parliamentary Business has decided to commence the sittings of Parliament at 9.30 am from August 29 and limit the lunch break to half an hour from 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm.

This decision was taken by the Committee on Parliamentary Business which met on August 10 under the chairmanship of Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.

Accordingly, it has been decided to convene Parliament on August 29 and hold the Adjournment Debate moved by the Opposition on the increase of electricity bills, from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm the Secretary General

Also, if the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill No. 30 of 2021 for the fiscal year 2022 presented to Parliament on August 9 is not challenged in the Supreme Court, it has been decided by the Committee to hold the debate on the Bill on August 30, 31, Sep-

### Sri Lanka, a broken nation as a result of corruption - Diana Gamage

### **CAMELIA NATHANIEL** and **AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI**

Parliamentarian Diana Gamage revealed in Parliament on Friday that there are 527 establishments under the Government. "Of these, only 52 have been identified as those with strategic importance. The asset value of these 52 establishments has been identified as Rs.12,437 billion. Yet with such an asset base, the Government has received only Rs. 30 billion as revenue last year."

"CEB, Ceypetco, SriLankan Airlines. etc., are some of these establishments and the losses amounted to Rs. 286 billion last year alone, she said.

The MP said that if such public sector-owned institutions are making losses, more attention should be paid to it. She noted that Sri Lanka is a broken nation as a result of corruption and everyone must unite in order to rebuild it. "The country is in a very difficult situation, both economically and politi-

"However, with all the Opposition dithering, I don't know if we will ever be able to get into some sort of agreement to establish an All-Party Government. The IMF requests that we have a stable government and stable country if we are to go any further. As citizens of this country, it is our duty and responsibility to contribute to get the country out of this situation."

She noted that the country is in this situation due to long-standing issues such as malpractice, corruption, incompetence and not taking the right decisions at the right time. "The country has been suffering from corruption over the past so many decades. Hence, this is something that we have to work on with transparency. This is what President Ranil Wickremesinghe is trying to do and I feel this is of utmost importance and we should support

Act, 1955, every person born in India between January 26, 1950 and July 1, 1987 was an Indian citizen.

In the present case, the petitioner was born to Sri Lankan refugees in the Mandapam refugee camp in 1986. She was now residing in the Tiruchi refugee camp. As per the Act, she was an Indian Citizen. Therefore, she was entitled to a passport, the court said and directed the Tiruchi passport authority to issue a passport to the petitioner. (The Hindu)

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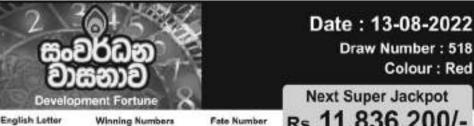
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# Sri Lanka safe despite surge in global MONKEYPOX cases

**RUWINI JAYAWARDANA** 

hough it came to the global spotlight only recently, following the much talked about Coronavirus pandemic, Monkeypox is not a new disease. In some African countries it is endemic. However, it was the international outbreak which began in May 2022, that has prompted the World Health Organisation (WHO) to declare it as a global health emer-

Infections in non-endemic areas in more than 10 countries with no links to travel from endemic countries and infected animal contact raised concerns. Studies are underway to determine the source of infection and to provide the necessary health care to prevent further spread.

The Allergy Immunology and Cell Biology Unit of Sri Jayewardenapura University too had red flagged that there is a risk of Monkeypox entering Sri Lanka. Speaking to the Daily News Senior Lecturer Dr. Chandima Jeewandara stated that the spread of the virus can be far less than that of the Coronavirus as symptoms can be detected easily.

"So far we have not detected any suspected or confirmed Monkeypox infections. However, a close surveillance will be done to prevent entry



Dr. Chandima Jeewandara

and spread of Monkeypox in Sri Lanka," he said adding that Sri Lanka is not facing an immediate threat though neighbouring countries like India and Thailand have reported infections.

From just a handful of cases in Europe in early May, more than 25,000 cases, mostly in men, were reported from 85 countries by early August. According to WHO data the number of confirmed infections rose to 77 percent from late June through early July.

Eleven deaths have been recorded

so far according to WHO and data collated by *global.health.Brazil* confirmed the first Monkeypox death outside the African continent on July 29. Soon after Spain reported the first Monkeypox death in Europe on the same day. India reported Asia's first Monkeypox death on July 30.

The virus has probably been circulating undetected in Europe since at least April. Caseloads tripled in

visit these areas get infected with the virus by physical contact with infected animals and spread it to other human beings. Rashes, body fluids such as pus or blood from skin lesions and scabs are particularly infectious. The virus also spreads through saliva so objects which have been in possession of the infected person such as clothes, bedding and utensils can carry the

The symptoms of this disease usually include fever, severe headache, muscle aches, back pain, low energy, swollen lymph nodes, and skin rashes or lesions. The rash usually begins on the first or third day of the onset of fever. The lesions may be flat or slightly raised, filled with clear or yellowish fluid, then crust over, dry up, and fall off. The rash tends to appear on the face, the palms of the hands, and the soles of the feet. They can also be found in the mouth, genitals, and eyes. In several cases the symptoms include skin infections, pneumonia or eye infections which can result in vision loss.

July in the US, with the virus reported in more than 40 States. Monkeypox originated in 1958, when it was detected in several laboratory apes. It is a zoonotic viral disease, meaning that it can be transmitted from animals to humans. It can also pass from human to human.

Human Monkeypox was first identified in 1970 in Congo. It was detected in a nine-month-old boy living in an area where smallpox had been eliminated in 1968. The symptoms were similar to those found in smallpox but less severe.

The first Monkeypox outbreak outside Africa was recorded in 2003 in USA. It was reported that the virus was suspected to have emerged in those who have links with pet prairie dogs.

Monkeypox is endemic in regions of Central and Western Africa where animals carrying the disease are found in rainforests. People who

"Raising awareness about the disease is important especially among those who are at risk. Health workers too need to be updated on how to handle and treat the infected," Dr. Jeewarandara pointed out.

The symptoms of this disease usually include fever, severe headache, muscle aches, back pain, low energy, swollen lymph nodes, and skin rashes or lesions. The rash usually begins on the first or third day of the onset of fever. The lesions may be flat or slightly raised, filled with clear or yellowish fluid, then crust over, dry up, and fall off. The rash tends to appear on the face, the palms of the hands, and the soles of the feet. They can also be found in the mouth, genitals, and eyes. In several cases the symptoms include skin infections, pneumonia or eye infections which can result in vision loss.

In most cases, the symptoms of Monkeypox go away on their own



within two to four weeks but, in between three and six percent of cases reported in countries where it is endemic, it can lead to medical complications and even death. Newborn babies, children, and people with health conditions may be at risk of more severe symptoms and death. Skin-to-skin contact is the main means in which the virus can spread. The virus can also be transmitted from a pregnant woman to the foetus through the placenta.

Source: WHO

Apart from infections linked with travel, the outbreaks have primarily affected men who have sex with men. Around 97.5 percent of the transmissions from this category are gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men, according to a WHO report released on August 3.

Avoid contact with people who you suspect is infected with the virus. If you have to live in the same house with an infected person, encourage the infected person to self-isolate. Wear a mask and use disposable gloves in the presence of an infected person. Wash your hands regularly with water and soap. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Clean and disinfect any contaminated surfaces.

Notify a doctor immediately if you suspect that you have symptoms which are related to the disease. Isolate yourself. Avoid contact with others. Your health authorities will take a sample for testing.

Several vaccines which have been created to fight small pox are effective against Monkeypox. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention says smallpox vaccine, antivirals, and vaccinia immune globulin can be used to treat Monkeypox as well as control it. Tecovirimat, also known as Tpoxx, was approved by the European Medical Association for Monkeypox in 2022, but isn't yet widely available. The UK Health Security Agency (HSA) also lists cidofovir as an antiviral that can be used.



### Thevis Guruge's 33rd Death Anniversary

# A Distinguished Broadcaster whose VOICE WAS SILENCED

**NADIRA GUNATILLEKE** hevis Guruge was a distin-

guished broadcaster who

was attached to (then)

Radio Ceylon now Sri

Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC). He was the very first Sinhala Announcer with Radio Ceylon, the oldest radio sta-**Thevis** tion in the South Asia. Not like these days, the radio Guruge announcers and almost all journalists were well read and educated. They did enjoyed iconic not use slang language. They were the educastatus alongside tors of the schoolchildren and the entire other announcers society. They rarely made mistakes. They obeyed all attached to the ethics in journal-SLBC, and he was one On July 5, 1989, he was appointed as of the early pioneers the authority for the particularly where the censor-Sinhala Service was concerned. Millions tuned into Radio Ceylon. It was not

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which was imposed by then (1989) Government. On July 23, 1989, Guruge (68) was killed by a group of young Sinhalese youths who called themselves rebels when he was going to a shop in the morning on the bridge at Polhengoda Road in Narahenpita while he was taking his morning walk near his home in South Colombo. He was shot with a T-56 assault rifle and five bullets were found in his body. The funeral took place on July 25, 1989 at Borella cemetery.

He was the director of the Sinhala Service of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) from 1970 to 1977. He was appointed as the Chairman of the Independent Television Network (ITN) in 1978. He retired in 1983.

He enjoyed iconic status alongside other announcers attached to the SLBC, Guruge was one of the early pioneers particularly where the Sinhala Service was concerned. Millions tuned into Radio Ceylon. It was not only for entertainment. It was for accurate reliable information and education. Radio Ceylon is the oldest radio station in Asia. Broadcasting was started on an experimental basis in Ceylon by the colonial Telegraph Department in 1923, just three years after the inauguration of broadcasting in Europe.

The Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) came into existence on January 5, 1967 when Radio Ceylon became a public corporation. Then Prime Minister (1967) ceremonially opened the newly established Ceylon Broadcasting Corporation. All State media, both print and electronic have been maintaining their standards from the beginning.

In the 1980s Thevis Guruge was appointed Competent Authority of ÎTN in Sri Lanka after it was acquired by (then) Government. Guruge was assassinated in 1989 after a group of young thugs who called themselves rebels had threatened him the week before

As he had not bowed to their threats, this visionary chairman met his demise. His killers did not stop there. The same young Sinhala youths who called themselves rebels killed 30 politicians, 23 academics, 1 clergy, 2 Government officials, 89 civilians and 61 service personnel, from July 1987 to January 1990.

They began preparing to topple the Government. They began targeting opponents, carried out robberies to collect funds and began acquiring weapons. Usually collecting pistols and shotguns from owners who had gained gun licences from the Government. Thereafter they planned to raid armouries of the Government, who had deployed its forces to the North and East of the country to counter the LTTE. On December 15, 1986, they abducted and murdered Daya Pathirana, Leader of the Independent Students Union (ISU) of University of Colombo, which was a rival student union of them.

Then they gradually eliminated all students' unions from all universities except their one. Today they dominate all State Universities.

They carried out a large number of murders. They killed more than seventy Members of Parliament between July and November 1989. They murdered probably thousands of people and crippled the country with violently-enforced general strikes for two years. Individuals or organisations were warned or intimidated with messages dropped in the night to homes or posters or graffiti that appeared overnight. Those that did not cooperate were brutally killed, with the repercussions extended to their family members. Executions were mostly carried out at night with armed groups coming to the homes of the victims and carrying them away to be tortured, executed and left as an example, while occasional bombings took place.



Radio Ceylon



**Thevis Guruge** 

In most cases the funerals of these victims were not allowed by them, traditional final rights were not allowed and the caskets were to be carried below knee level as a mark of disrespect. With these techniques of fear and intimidation they were able to bring the country to stand still. Acts of sabotage were common, with destruction of Government property such as buses, trains, State buildings etc. Electric transformers were a common target. Killings took place in both urban and rural areas and the Government seemed powerless in the face of it.

Once the LTTE terrorist Prabhakaran said Sri Lankan people remember things only for two weeks. This is one of the weaknesses we have as Sri Lankans. As patriotic Sri Lankans, we should not forget our recent history, especially the history after the Independence. We must remember who did what and when. This is the only way of preventing future terrorism which can kill some more watchdogs of the people similar to late Thevis Giruge. It is very pathetic to see some individuals and groups in Sri Lanka only commemorate some murdered journalists of their choice. Such events cannot be named as commemorations because they are very biased and only use as tools to gain political advantages. We should not forget how they were killed and who killed them. Anything can be forgiven but forgetting things can put us in troubles or disasters that may never end within our life time. Therefore we must educate our young generation about our recent past.



### **DEPARTMENT OF POSTS - SRI LANKA**

### REVISION OF LOCAL POSTAGE

In view of covering the escalating costs to a reasonable level relevant to the provision of its services to our customers, the revision of the Local Postage effected has been published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/13 dated 09.08.2022. The relevant revisions will take effect as from 15th August 2022.

It has been compelled to effect these revision of charges to maintain the Postal Service without placing burdens on the state, occurred due to escalating cost in fuel prices, transport charges, building rentals, stationery prices, goods and services in addition to salaries of employees and on the basis of the guidelines of the Universal Postal Union.

### The work of the Department of Posts is being carried out to provide the General Public the normal postal services in addition to special value added services.

- of **SL Post Courier** with revised postal charges, joining 02 former services functioned up to date as the Speed Post and the Logi Post by the Department of Posts.
- Providing a new opportunity of a special service to Ministries and State Departments to refer postal goods to the Registered Post subject to a maximum weight of 5 kg, which up to date remained as 2 kg maximum weight for a registered letter.
- Introduction of a new service, namely **CoD**, providing opportunity to Levy the due value at the point of delivery itself of a Good/Goods referred with a private or commercial aim by a certain person / institution.
- Focussing the attention on the current customer needs and the market competition, it has been decided to increase the maximum cash limit from the existing amount of Rs. 50,000.00 up to Rs. 100,000.00 to remit through Post Office Money Orders and introduce a separate service charge for electronic Money Order Service and paper-based Money Order service, making the commission levying system for Money Orders more simple and convenient than existed, as the customers of nowadays would prefer electronic Money Order System.
- To effect wide expansion of the publicity postal service commenced aiming to the distribution of Hand Bills relevant to the product awareness of the General Public compatible to the needs of the Business Community and also to implement it as a special value added service making available to consumers of their trade samples minus addresses.
- Steps taken to cancel the Fax Money Order Service (Not currently in use) and the Directory / Annual Report Distribution Service presently in use.

### **Revised Postal Charges**

01. Normal / Business Letters (Maximum weight 2 kg)

Weight (Grams)	Postage - Rs.
0 < W ≤20	50.00
20 < W ≤ 30	60.00
30 < W ≤ 40	70.00
40 < W ≤ 50	80.00
$50 < W \le 60$	90.00
60 < W ≤70	100.00
$70 < W \le 80$	110.00
$80 < W \le 90$	120.00
$90 < W \le 100$	130.00
$100 < W \le 150$	150.00
150 < W≤ 200	170.00
$200 < W \le 250$	190.00
$250 < W \le 300$	210.00
$300 < W \le 350$	230.00
$350 < W \le 400$	250.00
$400 < W \le 450$	270.00
$450 < W \le 500$	290.00
$500 < W \le 550$	310.00
$550 < W \le 600$	330.00
$600 < W \le 650$	350.00
$650 < W \le 700$	370.00
$700 < W \le 750$	390.00
$750 < W \le 800$	410.00
$800 < W \le 850$	430.00
$850 < W \le 900$	450.00
$900 < W \le 950$	470.00
$950 < W \le 1000$	490.00
$1000 < W \le 1250$	520.00
$1250 < W \le 1500$	550.00
$1500 < W \le 1750$	580.00
$1750 < W \le 2000$	610.00

- 02. Letters posted by Charities / Voluntary Organizations (Maximum Weight - 20 Gr.)
  - (Conditions apply)
- 03. A letter accepted by the Central Mail Exchange to distribute within 15 Colombo Municipal delivery Zones. (Should be maximum weight - 20 gr. Minium 10,000 letters should be handed in one occasion and further conditions apply) - Rs. 30.00.
- 04. Printed Matter Open Packets (Maximum Weight 2 kg) (Conditions apply).

Weight (Gram)	Postage - Rs.
0 < W ≤ 30	30.00
$30 < W \le 60$	35.00
60 < W ≤ 90	40.00
90 < W ≤ 120	45.00
120 < W ≤150	50.00
150 < W ≤ 180	55.00
180 < W ≤ 210	60.00
210 < W ≤ 240	65.00
240 < W ≤ 270	70.00
270 < W ≤ 300	75.00
300 < W ≤ 330	80.00
330 < W ≤ 360	85.00
360 < W ≤ 390	90.00
390 < W ≤ 420	95.00
420 < W ≤ 450	100.00
450 < W ≤ 480	105.00
480 < W ≤ 510	110.00
510 < W ≤ 540	115.00
540 < W ≤ 570	120.00
570 < W ≤ 600	125.00
600 < W ≤ 630	130.00
630 < W ≤ 660	135.00
660 < W ≤ 690	140.00
690 < W ≤720	145.00
720 < W ≤ 750	150.00
750 < W ≤ 780	155.00
780 < W ≤ 810	160.00
810 < W ≤ 840	165.00
840 < W ≤ 870	170.00
870 < W ≤ 900	175.00
900 < W ≤ 930	200.00
930 < W ≤ 960	225.00
960 < W ≤ 1000	250.00
1000 < W ≤ 1500	300.00
1500 < W ≤ 2000	350.00

Introduction of the new service as a value added service under the name | 05. For Newspapers, Publications and Magazines registered at the Department | 10. Printed Stamped Covers - Small (6"x4 1/2") of Posts (Maximum Weight 1 Kg).

Weight (Grams)	Postage - Rs.
$0 < W \le 60$	20.00
60 < W ≤ 120	30.00
120 < W ≤ 240	40.00
240 < W ≤ 360	50.00
360 < W ≤ 480	60.00
480 < W ≤ 600	70.00
600 < W ≤ 720	80.00
$720 < W \le 840$	90.00
$840 < W \le 960$	100.00
$960 < W \le 1000$	110.00

06. Normal Parcels Postage (Maximum Weight - 20 Kg)

Weight (Grams)	Postage - Rs.
0 < W ≤ 250	150.00
$250 < W \le 500$	200.00
$500 < W \le 1000$	250.00
1000 < W ≤ 2000	300.00
$2000 < W \le 3000$	350.00
3000 < W ≤ 4000	400.00
4000 < W ≤ 5000	450.00
5000 < W ≤ 6000	500.00
$6000 < W \le 7000$	550.00
$7000 < W \le 8000$	600.00
8000 < W ≤ 9000	650.00
9000 < W ≤ 10000	700.00
10000 < W ≤15000	800.00
15000 < W ≤20000	900.00

07. Special Service offered to Ministries and State Departments for Registration of Postal Goods. (These Charges are prepared according to the Letter weight and inclusive of Registration Fee)

Weight (Grams)	Postage - Rs.
0 < W ≤20	110.00
20 < W ≤ 30	120.00
30 < W ≤ 40	130.00
$40 < W \le 50$	140.00
50 < W ≤ 60	150.00
60 < W ≤70	160.00
70 < W ≤ 80	170.00
80 < W ≤ 90	180.00
90 < W ≤ 100	190.00
100 < W ≤ 150	210.00
150 < W≤ 200	230.00
200 < W ≤ 250	250.00
250 < W ≤ 300	270.00
300 < W ≤ 350	290.00
350 < W ≤ 400	310.00
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$600 < W \le 650$	410.00
$650 < W \le 700$	430.00
$700 < W \le 750$	450.00
750 < W ≤ 800	470.00
$800 < W \le 850$	490.00
$850 < W \le 900$	510.00
900 < W ≤ 950	530.00
$950 < W \le 1000$	550.00
$1000 < W \le 1250$	580.00
$1250 < W \le 1500$	610.00
1500 < W ≤ 1750	640.00
1750 < W ≤ 2000	670.00
2000 < W ≤ 3000	720.00
3000 < W ≤ 4000	770.00
$4000 < W \le 5000$	820.00

08. SL POST COURIER Service

Weight (Grams)	Charges - Rs.
0 < W ≤250	200.00
$250 < W \le 500$	250.00
500 < W ≤1000	350.00
1000 < W ≤2000	400.00
2000 < W ≤3000	450.00
$3000 < W \le 4000$	500.00
$4000 < W \le 5000$	550.00
$5000 < W \le 6000$	600.00
6000 < W ≤7000	650.00
7000 < W ≤8000	700.00
8000 < W ≤ 9000	750.00
$9000 < W \le 10000$	800.00
10000 < W ≤ 15000	850.00
15000 < W ≤ 20000	1100.00
20000 < W ≤25000	1600.00
25000 < W ≤30000	2100.00
30000 < W ≤35000	2600.00
35000 < W ≤40000	3100.00

- Special charges for a letter with maximum weight 30 Gr. under this service, only for Ministries and State Departments, will be Rs. 150.00
- 09. Goods (Such as Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables) transported by baskets / weaved Containers - Maximum weight - 20 Kgs.

Weight (Kg)	Postage - Rs.
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0 < W ≤ 10	300.00
10 < W ≤ 11	350.00
11 < W ≤ 12	400.00
12 < W ≤ 13	450.00
13 < W ≤ 14	500.00
14 < W ≤ 15	550.00
15 < W ≤ 16	600.00
16 < W ≤ 17	650.00
17 < W ≤ 18	700.00
18 < W ≤ 19	750.00
19 < W ≤ 20	800.00

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į	11.	Charges per Post Card		-	Rs. 20.00
1	12.	Registration Fee		-	Rs. 60.00
	13.	Fine levied for an items that should have been registered but submitted without such registration		-	Rs. 200.00
1	14.	Posting and delivery charges delivery (For Money Order Po Receipt) In addition to parcel Money Order charges	ostal Charges - Debit	_	Rs. 50.00
	15.	Fixed Fee for Cash on Delive distribution service	ry (CoD) goods	-	Rs. 50.00
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į	17.	Delivery Notice		_	Rs. 100.00
	18.	Letter Searching fees for each destination	n letter at the	_	Rs. 100.00
		For each letter at the transit (	Office	-	Rs. 150.00
	19.	Minimum surchange for post charges unpaid or under paid		-	Rs. 25.00
; ;	20.	To withdraw a posted item (In addition, if a retention m Telemail charges will be levie		_	Rs. 100.00
	21.	Postal Identity Card - One da	y Service	-	Rs. 200.00
	22.	Annual Registration Fees for Letter Bags	Post Boxes /	-	Rs. 10,000.00
n i		Commission Levied for Mone	ey Orders :		
n i nt !		o Maximum amount that c	an be sent by		

- Rs. 60.00

- Rs. 100,000.00

- Rs. 25,000.00

Money Order at a Sub Post Office Electronic Money Orders (PMT)

Money Order from a Post Office

Maximum amount that can be sent by

For every Rs. 100.00 or part thereof up to the First Rs. 2,000.00 - Rs. 2.00 For every Rs. 2000.00 or part thereof increased, from Rs. 2,001.00 up to Rs. 10,000.00 - Rs. 10.00

For every Rs. 40,000.00 or part thereof increased from Rs. 10,001 up to Rs. 50,000.00 - Rs. 50.00

For every Rs. 50,000.00 or part thereof increased from Rs. 50,001 up to

Rs. 100,000.00 - Rs. 100.00

### Normal Money Orders (Issued using paper)

For every Rs. 100.00 or part thereof increased up to first Rs. 2000.00 - Rs. 3.00 For every Rs. 2,000.00 or part thereof increased from Rs. 2,001.00 up to

Rs. 10,000.00 - Rs. 15.00

For every Rs. 40,000.00 or part thereof increased from Rs. 10,001.00 up to Rs. 50,000.00 - Rs. 75.00

For every Rs. 50,000.00 or part thereof increased from Rs. 50,001.00 up to Rs. 100,000.00 - Rs. 150.00

- 24. Obtaining of a duplicate of the Form General 172 Rs. 100.00
- 25. Telemail First 10 words Rs. 50.00 Every additional word - Rs. 5.00 Fixed charges - Rs. 20.00 Message delivery certificate (If required only) - Rs. 30.00

Charges for obtaining of a certified copy of the original message - Rs. 100.00 (Charges levied on affixing of stamps on

Sender's / Receivers request) 26. AD Mail Service

countinue to operate at the existing weight limits and under the existing postage.

For value added sample delivery new service for publicity mail service -If delivery is to be effected from the office accepting samples for mail.

The AD Mail Service which existed till now for the distribution of leaflets will

• 01 g - 100 g For first 1000 samples or portion of it - Rs. 20,000.00 For every additional 1000 samples or portion of it -Rs. 15,000.00

### If acceptance of samples for mail is done at a transit office -

For first 1000 samples or portion of it - Rs. 30,000.00 • 01 g - 100 g For every additional 1000 samples or portion of it -

### Postal Charges retained under the existing charges without effecting revision

01. Daily warehousing charges (First five days free and charges levied from the 06th day) - Rs. 50.00

- Rs. 100.00

- 02. Charges for obtaining of a certified copy of registered letter receipt
- 03. Charges will not be levied for any enquiry on either a
- registered or a insured item (Request to the effect should be on P.O. 60 Form)
- 04. Certified copy of the registered letter handing over (Pink)
- Rs. 100.00 (Inclusive of relevant all charges)
- 05. Brail documents prepared for blind persons postal charges free
- 06. Mailing Certificate - For one item - Rs. 40.00 - For 2-100 items - Rs. 50.00 - For 101-500 items - Rs. 60.00 - Rs. 100.00 - For items above 500
- 07. Registration / Annual renewable fee for newspapers, publications and magazines registered at the Department
- of Posts meant for sending by post - Rs. 3000.00 Registration / Annual renewable fee for Business Reply
- Covers / Cards (A refundable deposit equal to the monthly postal fee of expected reply covers / cards will be retained) - Rs. 5000.00
- 09. Postal Identity Card under the normal service - Rs. 50.00
- 10. A Mail Bag -Small - (760 mm x 430 mm) - Rs. 5000.00 - Rs. 7500.00 Large - (970 mm x 510 mm)
- For an additional key - Rs. 500.00 11. M Bulk post - Registering fee - Rs. 5000.00 Annual registration renewable fee - Rs. 3000.00
- 12. Vehicle charge sheet levy 10% of the penalty amount

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### Babies will go nowhere

ast week almost all media spoke about the measures taken by the Labour Ministry to amend the Labour law in order to allow school students aged between 16-20 years to undergo internship programmes at private companies.

Even editorials were written in some newspapers on this topic. But none spoke about what needed to be spoken in connection with this subject.

During a discussion attended by Labour Minister Manusha Nanayakkara, it has been observed that there are several disputes in the labour market as students are not trained for various job environ-

Thereby, it has been decided to engage school students aged over 16-20 years to undergo internship programmes for a period of 20 hours for one month. Under this new measure, the Labour Ministry will also permit private companies to provide payments to the students during this training period.

There is no argument that this is one of the best decisions made recently in connection with schoolchildren. It is more admirable because the decision had been made by the Labour Ministry and not by the Education Ministry. But there are certain very important factors that need to be included and considered when implementing this new measure.

Priority should be given to the undergraduates in State Universities who totally depend on the Mahapola Scholarship / Bursaries and the money given to them by their innocent poor aged parents. It should be made compulsory for all undergraduates in all State Universities except Medical students to do part time jobs during their university education.

This will help the country to progress in many ways. It will use their valuable time for something useful and they will not have time and enthusiasm to walk along roads, shout saying various unrealistic slogans, make ordinary people's lives a hell and destroy State properties. With the time being they will understand how hard it is to earn money. The best fact is already some of the undergraduates are doing part time jobs and they do not take part in any destructive activities. Most of those part time employed undergraduates are from the Management Faculties. Those who do not do any part time jobs are from Arts Faculties.

Then comes the schoolchildren between the ages of 16 and 20. The bitter truth in Sri Lanka, parents treat their children as toddlers even after they get married and parents become grandparents. On the other hand some young parents just neglect their children due to various reasons such as poverty, drug addiction, underage marriages (due to becoming parents when they themselves are children under the age of 18 or 21) etc.

Anyway a country cannot walk forward under this situation. The system has worked so far due to certain reasons. Those reasons were very interesting. One such reason is that the parents did not have to face many economic hardships. There was a certain culture which did not include International Schools and encouraged schoolchildren to build up their whole personality without limiting themselves to education. There were fewer school dropouts. Anyway they helped their parents to earn money by helping them at home in various ways such as assisting agricultural activities, etc. They had an idea about income generating even during their school age.

But by now the entire environment has changed into the negative side. The most affected are urban and semi-urban children. They are just 'toddlers' for their parents and they don't even know how to make a cup of tea or wash their own clothes even at the age of 25. So there is no point in talking about the 16 to 20 age limit. They think that it is the responsibility of their parents to feed them and offer whatever amount of money demanded by them at any time for anything. They do not know the real value of money and how hard it is to earn money because they get money without any problem.

Due to this same reason most of the time they waste money for drugs, fun, etc. But letting them earn money will give them an idea about the hardships their parents undergo to earn money for them.

About four years ago almost all media reported how some young schoolgirls in some popular schools in the Colombo city were involved in prostitution in order to earn money to pay their mobile phone bills. This was discussed in Parliament at that time. This is very valuable information for today. Parents should cut down the monthly amount of money they usually give to their children to pay tuition fees, school van fees, to use as pocket money etc. to match with the amount of money the children earn now.

The parents should have a proper, swift and daily coordination with the employer of the child/children. A proper monitoring system should be established by the Labour Ministry for each and every child who does a part time job. No need to listen to the trade unionists who don't have children and are still single.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. - Benjamin Franklin

# Failed attempt by 'Wrong Generation' to destroy country



ast week there were many hot topics telecast/broadcast and published in almost all of the mainstream media and social media platforms. Since all those topics are important for the future of the country, it is necessary to take them one by one and talk about them. The most important fact is pointing out what was not pointed out by mainstream media and social media because as Sri Lankans we want to see our country move forward and not backwards. It is very important to discuss those incidents because there are certain bankrupt elements which are still eying on capturing power using undemocratic tactics.

Last weekend the last group of the 'Wrong Generation' left the Galle Face Green after staying there for over three months. Earlier, some elements of the 'Wrong Generation' left Galle Face after completing the mission they had been assigned by their foreign NGO and INGO Masters. Anyway the 'story' of the 'Wrong Generation' will continue because all who could not migrate will be here in Sri Lanka. They will live here in the same manner they stay like in a boarding house. They only think about the things that the country should offer them and not the things that they can offer the country. No one belonging to the 'Wrong Generation' loves their Motherland at least as much as they love the toilet paper they use. That is why they destroyed / damaged and stole millions worth in State properties during the past three months. If someone gives them money, food, free internet etc. they will do anything to anyone or to any place as they did during the past three months. This is the typical urban and semi-urban current lot belonging to the 'young generation' in Sri Lanka.

The best example for the 'Wrong Generation' was given last week when Commonwealth Games Bronze medallist Nethmi Ahinsa met the former Sports and Youth Affairs Minister in the previous Government. Almost all social media carried photos and the news of the event. But

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what we discuss here is what appeared on social media after that event and not

about that event. All drug addicts, thugs and especially those who did not contribute towards the country's betterment at all started to humiliate the young schoolgirl for meeting the former Minister. Some said she does not have a backbone. The funniest part is those who said that she does not have a backbone, does not even have a healthy mind and

a body similar to her. There is no point talking about the backbones of those sick individuals. They are just a heavy burden for the entire country. They could have very easily sling mud at the former Minister without dragging the International Bronze Medallist into the issue. But they did not do it because hatred and jealousy were the only things that mattered to them.

The young schoolgirl who brought the bronze medal is a strength to the country. She has more than one backbone. That is why she went and met the former Minister. She is a huge strong tree planted in this precious land. That is why she greeted the former Minister in the traditional Sinhala Buddhist way. The individuals who humiliated her on social media very clearly showed their pure jealousy towards the achievements of this schoolgirl who came from a village. But very strangely no one mentioned anything about the 10 members of the Sri Lankan team who vanished into thin air in order



Protesters who had put up structures and tents at Galle Face have now moved out. Picture by Dushmantha Mayadunne

to avoid returning to Sri Lanka. Some social media posts praised them.

From this event the entire country can understand who uses social media often and what type of individuals they are. No wonder they do this now. Several years ago a popular powerful politician said in Parliament that Olympic Silver Medallist Susanthika Jayasinghe is ugly and looks like a man. It is recorded in the Hanzard in Parliament. No point in talking about others.

When considering the recent developments, the importance of regulating social media became visi-

The Sri Lankan people or the Government cannot allow certain individuals such as drug addicts, thugs, brainwashed undergraduates, paid employees of certain NGOs, paid employees of certain bankrupt political parties, paid artistes, paid popular public figures to destroy the country. Enough is enough and they have already destroyed the country to a certain extent. What is pathetic is how they totally destroyed the image of Mother Lanka. It will

take decades to rebuild it. All Sri Lankans should understand that the majority of those social media heroes do not earn even a cent by themselves by serving this country and they

are being fed by their aged parents who work hard and earn money. Those aged working parents not only feed them, they feed their Generation' left Galle Face after completing the mission grandchildren who are the children of those social media heroes. The only Masters. Anyway the 'story' of the 'Wrong Generation' will thing done so far by the continue because all who could not migrate will be here sons and daughters belonging to the 'Wrong Generation' is infecting them with COVID-19 and killing them before they die naturally. No wonder 3,310 are in custody by now for destroying State

properties and various similar offenc-

It was they who named themselves as the 'Wrong Generation' and they said that the former President messed up with the wrong generation. By now the entire country can very clearly see who messed with whom and what happened to the country after the 'Wrong Generation' in action for over three months. It is time to reply to a few certain very clear and short questions. How many income generating avenues have they opened in order to bring dollars to Sri Lanka during the past three months? Did they encourage Sri Lankan expatriates to send dollars to Sri Lanka through legal channels? How many tourists did they bring to Sri Lanka in addition to the INGO representatives who funded them and provided them all facilities? What sort of uplift and preservations done to the State properties by them during the past three months? How many of them rejected Mahapola Scholarship and Bursaries because of not attending lectures at State Universities and those scholarships are paid using taxpayers' money? What they did to prevent another deadly COVID-19 wave very clearly knowing that the country cannot face another such wave? Even any Sri Lankan citizen who has an iota of brain can judge by himself/herself whether the generation is right or wrong by simply checking the answers they give to the above few questions.

### 'Kapuwa Kapothie'

The second shocking incident reported by all media last week was about an exorcist (Kattadiya) who sold nude videos of schoolboys for millions of money. The same media reports praised the CID for being not biased and doing their job as best as possible while certain politicians, male and female police officers, VVIPs, business tycoons, etc. tried their level best to save the Kattadiya. The funniest part is this man had made several talismans for drug kingpins living here and abroad. But unfortunately he had failed to make one for himself to stop being detected and arrested! This is not the first or the last time popular figures found guilty for crimes here in Sri Lanka. The best example is Sakvithi. This trend will continue without any change as long as stupid Sri Lankans believe that another ordinary human being with ordinary body organs and ordinary mental power can be more powerful than another similar human being. There is no cure for stupidity.

### **Child Exploitation**

In another incident the mother of a young girl was arrested while transporting her to sell to 'buyers' for money. In other words the mother forced her own daughter to engage in prostitution. These incidents are not that surprising when considering the social destruction that has been taking place here in Sri Lanka since the late 70s. Children are only another income generating avenue for some young parents belonging to a part of the 'Wrong Generation'. It was several decades ago when parents protected their children as their own eyes. Even animals and birds protect their eggs and small ones. Those animals and birds never let anyone come near their small ones and attack whoever approaches the nests and cages. Those animals and birds are much better than some present day mothers and fathers. Take a close look at the she dog which feeds her puppies at your home.

Nowadays children are born by themselves and parents look after them because they cannot sell or kill them. During this era, no wonder if we hear more and more similar incidents. This is why some mothers let their children go away from home with various individuals who are not family members. This is how last week one child was kidnapped and prepared to sell by another individual who worked at a house. The man has taken the child and gone saying that he will buy yogurt for the child. Several other similar incidents were reported last week from various parts of the country.



# Diffusing Foreign Interferences and Influences

When Sri Lanka regained her territorial Independence in 1948, we missed a key observation. We did not realize it then or even now that we have continued to stay economically dependent on foreign nations. Before the European forced occupation, we were a self-sufficient Island Nation. Then, we were the producers and suppliers of our own needs. By the time 1948 dawned we were already dependent on the import markets for both our basics and to upkeep newfound lifestyles.

### **PART III**

### SHIVANTHI RANASINGHE

oreign interferences do not necessarily confine to engineered or manipulated efforts to create political instability or threaten national security. The very fact that our economy started to fall like a pack of cards for want of a USD 1.5 billion Credit Line from China is a case in point. Thus, this topic on foreign interferences and influences must be discussed on this broader perspective.

In the past, politician turned economist Dr. Harsha de Silva warned Sri Lanka that China is an "economic hitman". It is however noteworthy that when he was in power and considered as the 'UNP's economic guru', he did not dissuade his political bosses from seeking financial assistance from China.

According to former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, China sat on Sri Lanka's request for about a year. Even the USD 1 billion loan Sri Lanka requested from China was not exactly rejected by China, but withheld as China did not believe in facilitating loans to service debt.

This put a spanner in the Gotabaya Administration's efforts to find a homegrown solution to Sri Lanka's contentious debt web. Living off loans to enjoy unaffordable luxuries as well as essentials has become a vicious and addictive cycle for Sri Lankans. We are an island with abundant natural resources and an intelligent workforce. Yet our revenue avenues are limited and our main ones as the apparel sector, export agriculture as tea, remittances from Sri Lankan expatriates and even tourism to a larger degree are blue collar jobs. Therefore, our income in itself is relatively meagre and one that certainly cannot afford our current lifestyle.

The most unfortunate global pandemic has forced almost all countries to face an all time high inflation and prohibitive recession. In this context the Gotabaya Administration was unable to boost the economic growth it promised in its manifesto. Lack of imagination, focus and courage to challenge existing systems and methodologies also played its part in languishing an already ailing economy.

Still, the effort was to bridge the financial gaps with currency swaps and Credit Lines than seek assistance from entities such as the IMF or World Bank. Former President Gotabaya was confident that when the industrial parks and novel projects such as the Colombo Port City comes into effect that he would be able to kick start the economy. After all, he had barely covered half his term. Until then, it was a matter of keeping the economy rolling

ing the economy rolling.

When China stopped playing ball with Sri Lanka, the whole plan backfired. Soon, we were without the means for basics such as fuel and certain commodities such as milk powder and electrical goods. Interestingly, the market flourished with imported chocolates and confectioneries and despite official restrictions, shop shelves continued to bulge with imported fresh fruits as well as canned and bottled food items. Though it was common knowledge that we were without sufficient forex to purchase essentials, the demand for non-essentials in the market

Even so, Sri Lanka suffered from a lack of essentials. The Gotabaya Administration struggled and failed miserably to keep the supply chains unbroken. This led to long queues that sometimes lasted for days and an economy that contracted even more.

Yet, China had neither gained nor sought to gain from Sri Lanka's economic troubles. Therefore, it is unlikely that China had an ulterior motive, or was making a deliberate effort to create an economic crisis in Sri Lanka.

When Sri Lanka announced the decision to seek a bailout package from the IMF, China was visibly unhappy. The Chinese embassy in Sri Lanka immediately called a press conference to express their surprise. Though it was claimed therein that China was about to grant this Credit Line, it still was not offered to Sri Lanka, which would have saved the island nation quite a headache. Instead, China stated that they would be watchful.

China allowed Sri Lanka to trip over Sri Lanka's own feet simply because China was not feeling very friendly towards Sri Lanka. This is not to be misread as hostility as China is not a hostile country to Sri Lanka. China was only frowning over the fertilizer controversy and the cancellation of already approved projects through the tender system.

If Sri Lanka does not correct course and rekindle good relations with China, then Sri Lanka would have a lot more to contend with than the present sore economy. It is very possible that given the current turn of events, China's frown has already deepened to displeasure. This is then only a step away from hostility. Whether Sri Lanka can afford to lose a good friend who has clout in international forums is not even a question.

However, the main point here is our vulnerability as highlighted by this situation. If all it took to topple our economy was China's hesitancy over granting a USD 1.5 billion Credit Line and a loan of USD 1 billion, then the case before us is very clear. Obviously, we are so weak that we cannot even afford a tiff with a good friend without suffering dire consequences.

### How did we become so vulnerable?

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Former President J.R. Jayewardene

Before the European forced occupation, we were a selfsufficient Island Nation. Then, we were the producers and suppliers of our own needs.

By the time 1948 dawned we were already dependent on the import markets for both our basics and to upkeep newfound lifestyles. We were now using fossil fuels, which at the time was facilitating our transport. In the later decades fuel became needed in other areas as electricity generation.

Though our main staple remained rice, we over the decades became increasingly adapted to wheat based foods. Today, there are more wheat based foods than rice based

As a nation we also were afflicted with a serious attitude problem. For some reason we believed then and continue to do so that imports are better in terms of quality and reliability than local produce. The best example would be the case of milk powder.

Milk powder was introduced to the Sri Lankan market in the '80s decade. Employing the most elegant beauty queen Rosy Senanayaka as the brand ambassador, milk powder was promoted with the tagline that it is imported. To the Sri Lankan mind, the inference was that this is the better milk simply because it is imported.

Here is an interesting question for the reader: has the reader seen in any Western film, sitcom, drama or any other movie production a scene where milk powder is reconstituted with water? Or do the characters always consume liquid milk from a carton?

Then, we must ask ourselves as to the reasons we believe that powdered milk from these very same countries is better than liquid milk. Most Sri Lankans reject liquid milk claiming that they get phlegm from it. Consequently, our local dairy farmer is struggling to earn a decent income from his produce, which is organic and free from hormones.

Formula milk fed babies and toddlers who drink powdered milk products tend to be unusually plump. Most develop lifelong health issues as obesity, diabetes and even heart ailments. Medications for these including sophisticated diagnostic equipment too are imported.

From time to time, health experts worry over contamination and other additives in the powder. The marketers themselves admit to "fortifying" the powder with substances that supposedly will increase brain activity. Nevertheless, a robust discussion on the necessity or effects of such artificial substances is absent in the local forums.

Despite this history and obvious detrimental consequences, milk powder is classified as an essential commodity. One of the main contentions of the recent anti-Government protests was also the difficulties in obtaining imported milk powders.

None of the politicians (who come to power on the votes of the likes as local dairy farmers), agriculturalists, economists or health experts contested the need for milk powder or pointed to the better alternative found in liquid milk that is good for both our health and economy. This implies either ignorance or ten-



Former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike

dency to justify any argument that augments a political agenda.

### Forsaken by our politics

Our economic woes are not confined to an attitude problem alone. The political prejudices, myopia and blunders have created a greater havoc in our economy.

Until 1970, Sri Lanka yo-yoed between capitalism and socialism. From 1948 to 1970, a Government's average lifespan was five or less years. It bounced from the capitalists, most of whom who had developed a taste for European lifestyle, and the socialists, majority of who were desperate survivors of a system that disowned them.

This political instability only heightened the society's political divide. Those with wealth or means were portrayed as extortionists of the working man. A man's integrity cannot be prejudged based on his economic status never made its point home. Just because one is better off than the other would not make him evil or the poor honest by default is a concept many still do not grasp.

More than the religious or social leaders, it is the political leaders who are largely responsible for this misconception. When the South Korean General Park Chung-hee captured power in 1961, he adapted an export-oriented industrialization policy. He stopped all imports except raw materials and supported a business environment that promoted exports as well domestically produced commodities that until then were imported. His foreign policies focused on technology transfer.

Instead of hating the business community, he supported chaebols (large family-owned business conglomerates). This did not earn him any brownie points from the general public, who saw these families as mostly corrupt. General Chung-hee paid zero atten-

tion to the criticism. He was more interested in the contacts and networks these families had with the business world outside South Korea, especially with the US.

He allowed these families to grow richer, but not at State expense. Those who violated this golden principle found themselves bankrupt almost overnight. As these families grew, so did the buying power of their employees. This in turn helped the South Korean economy to boom. Today, it is the fourth largest economy in Asia and the 10th in the world.

Staring right at these testaments our political leaders did the exact opposite. Sirimavo Bandaranaike's extreme leftist policies created space for Sri Lanka to be flung right out into an open economy. However, due to the fundamental sins committed by her Government, there were no takers within Sri Lanka to embrace the open economy.

JR Jayewardene's harsh decisions ended professionalism in the State sector. Today, it is the civil servant who is considered the most corrupt in our society. This has had a devastating effect on our business environment.

### **Continuing to live in sin**

We still blame the JR Jayewardene Government's open economy for the lack of industries in Sri Lanka. However, that administration ended almost 50 years ago. Since then, we have had different styled administrations, including those that were offshoots of the Bandaranaike policy.

Chandrika Kumaratunga was SWRD and Sirimavo Bandaranaike's daughter. Mahinda Rajapaksa was a loyalist of this power couple. His father was a pioneer in the SLFP party founded by SWRD and he himself a guardian of their legacy. Neither the daughter nor the loyalist re-enacted Bandaranaike's policies wholesale nor corrected the flaws of JR's open economy. Whether headed by the UNP or the SLFP, the Governments since JR's have mixed and matched each other's economic principles.

Even so, we have been unable to protect our economy. The fundamental problem that beset us, but not realized by many, is that we do not have entrepreneurs amongst us to drive the economy forward. Sirimavo invested a lot to create local industries. With her Government's downfall these also perished. However, despite the accusations it was not JR's open economy that failed these industries.

It was the absence of entrepreneurs who are passionate and possessive enough of the business to face the daunting challenges and take the necessary risks to keep their businesses alive and growing. Without such personalities, we as a nation are without exciting economic opportunities and compelled to depend on overseas entrepreneurs even for our pins and pencils.

The expenses our own meagre incomes cannot bridge must be met with loans from other nations. It is immaterial whether we borrow from those who consider us as friends or subordinates for the effect is the same - we lay ourselves vulnerable to their moods.

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Boosting local dairy industry will help reduce milk powder import.

# Salman Rushdie's attacker pleads not

guilty to attempted murder

**Biden expresses shock** at 'vicious attack'

Saturday and was remanded

without bail at Chautauqua

Matar was arrested Friday

by the Bureau of Criminal

murder 2nd degree (B Felony)

State Police Jamestown and

transported to Chautauqua

County Jail. Matar was

arraigned in centralised

arraignment on Saturday and

and assault 2nd degree.

County Jail.

Rushdie had once complained about 'too much security' - Report

US: A 24-year old New Jersey man charged with attempted murder and assault for attacking author Salman Rushdie has pleaded not guilty. Rushdie was on a ventilator and is likely to lose an eye after undergoing surgery. Hadi Matar of Fairview, New Jersey was arraigned in centralised arraignment on

Investigation for attempted Author Salman Rushdie is tended to after he was attacked during a lecture at the Chautaugua Institution in Chautaugua, in New Matar was processed at

> "remanded without bail to the Chautauqua County Jail," the New York State Police said in

Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden expressed shock over the "vicious attack" on Salman Rushdie and said that

Iran's hardline newspapers praise Rushdie's attacker

he pray for his health and

In his statement praising the first responders, Biden said that he is grateful to the first responders and the brave individuals who jumped into action to render aid to the

Meanwhile, Rushdie, the 75-year-old Mumbai-born writer has faced Islamist death threats for years after writing The Satanic Verses".

Rushdie had previously complained about having too much security around him, according to a media report on Saturday.

In 2001, Rushdie publicly complained about having too much security around him, The New York Post reported. While attending the Prague

Writers' Festival, he told

The man suspected of stabbing Salman Rushdie, Hadi Matar arrives for an arraignment in the Chautauqua County Courthouse in Mayville, New York on Saturday.

reporters, "To be here and to find a large security operation around me has actually felt a little embarrassing... I thought it was really unnecessary and kind of excessive and was certainly not arranged at my request."

Meanwhile, several hardline newspapers in the country on Saturday openly praised the 24-year-old attacker. Rushdie's

novel had drawn death threats from Iran since 1989.

The Kavhan newspaper, wrote, "A thousand bravos ... to the brave and dutiful person who attacked the apostate and evil Salman Rushdie in New York." It added, "The hand of the man who tore the neck of God's enemy must be

- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

### WHO announces new names for Monkeypox virus variants using Roman numerals



group of global experts convened by the World Organisation (WHO) agreed on new names for Monkeypox virus variants, as part of ongoing efforts to align the names of the Monkeypox disease, virus and Variants — or Clades — with current best practices. The experts agreed to name the Clades using Roman numerals.

The Monkeypox virus was named upon first discovery in 1958 before current best practices in naming diseases and viruses were adopted. Major variants were identified by the geographic regions where they were known to circulate.

Current best practise is that newly-identified viruses, related diseases, and virus variants should be given names with the aim to avoid causing offense to any cultural, social, national, regional, professional, or ethnic groups, and to minimize any negative impact on trade, travel, tourism or animal welfare. A consensus was reached to now refer to the former Congo Basin (Central African) clade as Clade one (I) and

the former West African clade as Clade two (II).

Thus, the new naming convention comprises Clade I, Clade IIa, and Clade IIb, with the latter referring primarily to the group of variants mainly circulating in

the 2022 global outbreak. The naming of lineages will be proposed by scientists as the outbreak evolves. Experts will be reconvened as needed.

The new names for the Clades will come into effect immediately while work continues on the disease and virus names.

- INDIA TODAY

### FBI seized 11 sets of classified material from Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence

**US:** The FBI seized 11 sets of classified records during the search of former US President Donald J Trump's Florida property Mar-a-Lago earlier this week, including some materials marked as "top secret/sensitive compartmented information".

The judge authorized the FBI to search what the bureau called the "45 Office" as well as "all other rooms or areas" at Mar-a-Lago that were available to former President Trump and his staff for storing boxes and documents. The search warrant identifies three possible federal crimes as the reasoning behind the search: violations of the Espionage Act, obstruction of justice and criminal handling of government

According to the unsealed



warrant, the FBI collected photos and information about the president of France, among other things.

One of the newly unsealed documents is a search warrant "receipt" revealed that FBI agents removed more than 20 boxes from the former President's resort and residence in Palm Beach, Florida, as well as binders of photos, and sets of

classified government materials and at least one handwritten note, CNN reported.

Federal agents seized just one set of "top secret/SCI" documents, according to the search warrant receipt. Agents took four sets of "top secret" documents, three sets of "secret" documents, and three sets of "confidential" documents. - ANI



### **Author JK Rowling receives** death threat over tweet on **Salman Rushdie**

**UK:** Author JK Rowling has received a death threat for a tweet condemning the attack on Salman Rushdie. Rowling, 57, took to Twitter to share screenshots of the threat message from a user. The Harry Potter author had reacted to the stabbing incident involving Rushdie with a tweet saying she felt very sick and hoped the novelist would be ok. In response, a user wrote: "Don't worry. You are next."

### **Eight injured in Jerusalem** bus shooting

**ISRAEL:** Eight people were injured, two of them critically, after a shooting attack on a bus in Jerusalem's Old City, Israeli Police and medics said early Sunday. The bus driver said the attack occurred near King David's Tomb. - INDIA

### 3 killed, 5 injured in Pakistan landmine blast

**PAKISTAN:** At least three people were killed and five others injured in a landmine blast in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province on Saturday, police said. The incident happened in the Mir Ali tehsil area of North Waziristan when those killed were riding on the same bike that hit the land mine. - INDIA

### Odinga ahead in Kenya's **Presidential race**

**KENYA:** Veteran Opposition Leader Raila Odinga led Kenya's Presidential race, official election results showed pushing Deputy President William Ruto into second place. With just over 26 per cent of votes counted, Odinga had 54 per cent and Ruto had 45 per cent, according to results provided by the Kenyan Election Commission on Saturday.

- THE MALAY MAIL

**Actress Anne Heche dead US:** Hollywood actress Anne Heche has been declared legally dead, one week after she crashed her car into a Los Angeles building, a spokeswoman said Friday. Heche, 53, had been comatose in hospital with a severe brain injury since the fiery collision on August 5. - NDTV

### Car thief caught hiding inside giant teddy bear

**UK:** A man in the United Kingdom who was wanted for car theft was sent to jail on Friday after police found him hiding inside a teddy

According to a social media post by Greater Manchester Police, 18-year-old Joshua Dobson had been wanted by cops since May, when he stole a car before fuelling up without paying. Last month, when officers went to his address to arrest him, they noticed a large teddy bear on the property that appeared not to be entirely inanimate.

The cops found that the 18-year-old had stuffed himself inside the giant 5-foot teddy bear.

"When we went to arrest him, our officers noticed a large bear breathing in the address before finding Dobson hidden inside!" the Greater Manchester Police said on Facebook.

"He's now stuffed behind bars after being sentenced last week for theft of a motor vehicle, driving while disqualified, and making off from a petrol station without payment," the officials



Police found suspected car thief hiding inside a giant teddy bear.

### Fuel price hike inflates further essentials cost in Bangladesh



to be an essential food item.

BANGLADESH: Prices of essentials rose by up to 14 per cent in a week in Bangladesh after the country witnessed a record hike fuel price recently, immediately affecting the transport sector, sparking street pro-

According to a State-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) tally, the prices of most essentials continued to go up every day since the Government enhanced the fuel prices. "During the past one week prices of

25 out of 26 essential items spiraled" said a spokesman of TCB, which monitors the market, on Saturday.

TCB said the price of Bangladesh's staple rice rose by 22 per cent, farmgrown chicken by 45 per cent, onion by 43 per cent, egg by 20 per cent and fish by 10 per cent in the past one

"The prices of essentials rose by up to 14 per cent in a week after the government hiked fuel prices," the Daily Star estimated based on the TCB price Bangladesh's inflation rate remained above 6 per cent for the past nine months and hit 7.48 per cent in July, exposing middle-class and poorer families to miseries to meet their dayto-day expenses. - PTI

### Man detained over shots fired at Canberra Airport

**AUSTRALIA:** A gunman reportedly fired shots inside Canberra's main airport yesterday, sending passengers fleeing but injuring no one before he was detained by Australian police.

Images posted on social media showed a police officer restraining a man on the ground inside the terminal as the emergency alarms sounded in the capital's

impacts were visible on the glass front of the airport, according to images shown by Australia's public broadcaster ABC.

"Police were called to the Canberra Airport following reports of gunshots in the main terminal building," Australian Capital Terroritory police said in a state-

"Shortly after one person was taken into custody and a firearm was recovered," they said, adding that there were no reports of injuries.

After examining the airport's closed-Outside, several apparent bullet circuit television images, Police said they believed the man had acted alone. The situation was now "contained", they said. - THE MALAY MAIL



Australia's Canberra Airport.

### Italy's largest lake wilts in Europe's heatwave



A view of the Sirmione Peninsula, on Lake Garda in Italy, on Friday shows that the water level has dropped critically during the severe drought, resulting in rocks that used to be underwater being exposed around the peninsula.

**ITALY:** Italy's worst drought in decades has reduced Lake Garda, the country's largest lake, to near its lowest level ever recorded, exposing swaths of previously underwater rocks and warming the water to temperatures that approach the average in the Caribbean Sea.

Tourists flocking to the popular northern lake Friday for the start of Italy's key summer long weekend found a vastly different landscape than in past years. An expansive stretch bleached rock extended far from the normal shoreline, ringing the southern Sirmione Peninsula with a yellow halo between the green hues of the water and the trees on the shore. "We came last year, we

liked it, and we came back this year," tourist Beatrice Masi said as she sat on the rocks. "We found the landscape had changed a lot. We were a bit shocked when we

arrived because we had our usual walk around, and the water wasn't there.' Northern Italy hasn't seen

significant rainfall for

months, and snowfall this

year was down 70 percent, drying up important rivers like the Po, which flows across Italy's agricultural and industrial heartland. Many European countries — including Spain, Germany, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and Britain are enduring droughts this summer that have hurt farmers and shippers and promoted authorities to restrict water use.

The parched condition of the Po, Italy's longest river, has already caused billions of euros in losses to farmers who normally rely on it to irrigate fields and rice pad-

With 1,589 cubic feet of water per second being diverted to rivers, the lake on Friday was 12.6 inches above the water table, near the record lows in 2003 and 2007. - THE COLUMBIAN







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### Aitken Spence records highest ever Q1 PBT of Rs. 7.2 bn in history

Aitken Spence PLC reported a strong performance during the Q1 that ended June 30,

The conglomerate recorded a significant increase on its profit before tax (PBT) of Rs. 7.2 billion compared to a loss of Rs. 467 million a year ago. This is the highest Q1 performance in the Group's history despite the multiple obstacles stemming from the current economic crisis.

The Group recorded a 553% increase in EBITDA (earnings-inclusive of equity accounted investees, before interest expenses, tax, depreciation, and amortization) of Rs.10.9 billion compared to Rs.1.7 billion in the previous



and MD Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake

year. Moreover, the Group's profit after tax increased to Rs. 6.3 billion compared to a loss of Rs. 683 million in the previous year.

The Group's maritime and freight logistics sector recorded a growth in PBT of 221.9%

Harry Jayawardena Chairman and Deputy Chairman to reach Rs. 2.7 billion which was driven by an improved performance from overseas operations, liner shipping seg-

> (CINEC). Group's strategic

segment

ments and the maritime high-

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investments sector recorded a PBT of Rs. 4.5 billion which was augmented by the contribution from the Group's apparel, plantations, and printing and packaging segments together with the substantial exchange gain recorded in the holding company contributed greatly towards the profits of the sector.

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The Group's services sector performance was commendable, recording a growth in PBT of 162.8% to reach Rs. 307 million with a strong contribution from the money transfer segment due to the flexible exchange rate.

The Group's tourism sector showed a strong turnaround to record a growth in revenue of

205.9% to reach Rs. 10.1 billion whilst they recorded a sharp reduction in losses of 80.2% despite the prevailing conditions and fuel shortages which mainly impacted tourists travelling to Sri Lanka.

Amidst these challenges, the Group's tourism sector demonstrated a robust performance from some of their hotels overseas and the destination management operations. The rupee devaluation further contributed substantially to the increased revenue and reduced losses for this sector.

"Amidst another extremely challenging quarter, the transformational and resilient strategies across the Group that are executed by our hardworking teams have contributed to our robust top and bottom-line performance. As we continue in our struggle and move ahead, we remain confident for a stronger recovery in the Group and particularly in the tourism sector," commented Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director, Aitken Spence PLC.

More recently in July, Aitken Spence with diversified business operations across 8 countries, made a significant investment of Rs. 1.4 billion in renewable energy by acquiring a ground-mounted solar energy power plant that reiterates their commitment to local and global sustainable development goals.





**VALLIBEL FINANCE** RECORDS ARS 2.9 BN..

### **Court suspends all assets** of CML MTD Construction

Commercial High Court Colombo issues an order against CML MTD Construction Limited which belongs to Walkers Group preventing them from alienating/disposing assets worth nearly Rs.

This was issued at the request of the People's Bank pursuant to the debt recovery actions initiated by them against the defaulted borrowing company CML MTD Construction Limited. The said order will help the People's Bank to secure the judgment worth approximately Rs. 1 billion.

### **HNB Total Operating income** doubles to Rs. 63.3 bn in 1H





Chairperson, Aruni Goonetilleke and MD /CEO Jonathan Alles

HNB Group recorded a Profit Before Tax of Rs 6.7 Bn and a Profit After Tax of Rs 6.1 Bn during the first six months of 2022 amid extremely challenging operating environment.

Aruni Goonetilleke Chairperson of HNB PLC stated that "the extraordinary market conditions have created a set of new challenges for the entire banking sector. Our performance during the first half reflects this meticuterm value to our stakeholders".

The gross income of the Bank grew by 71% YoY to Rs 97.1 Bn driven by a 53% growth in interest income, 61% growth in fee income and 349% growth in exchange income. The exceptional growth in net interest income from Rs 23.2 Bn to Rs 40.2 Bn was primarily due to the increase in average AWPLR by approximately 16 percentage points in line with the tight monetary policy adopted by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Jonathan Alles, Managing Director / CEO stated that "since 2019 HNB has been supporting its customers to revive their livelihoods by extending capital and interest moratoria. With such assistance coming to an end and debilitating economic conditions impacting repayment capacity of customers, we have conservatively recognized substantial impairment on our loans and advances. Furthermore, ahead of the finalization of the debt restructuring

programme with the IMF, we have prudently made a significant impairment on our investments in Sri Lanka Development Bonds and Sri Lanka Sovereign Bonds during the first half of 2022. This resulted in the exceptional growth in total operating income being absorbed to a great extent."

The Fee income also recorded a steady growth increasing to Rs 7.3 Bn for the 6 months mainly lous and prudent approach as we on account of improved trade stay focused on delivering long and card income. The total exchange income improved to Rs 15.3 Bn from Rs 3.4 Bn during the first half of 2021, as the rupee depreciated by over 80% during the period. Accordingly, the total operating income improved to Rs 63.3 Bn recording a 100% YoY growth.

The Bank made a total impairment of Rs 40.1 Bn for the first six months of the year compared to a charge of Rs 6.3 Bn in the previous year. The total impairment charge for the period included an impairment of Rs 27.3 Bn on account of the foreign currency denominated government securities held by the Bank pursuant to the suspension of external debt repayment by the Government and the sovereign downgrade.

The Bank recognized an impairment of Rs 22.7 Bn on account of loans and advances for 1H 2022 compared to the provision of Rs 6.2 Bn made in the corresponding period of 2021. TO PAGE 12

### **BOI inks USD 1.2 bn projects for first six months**

# **Eravur Fabric Park to draw over** USD 300 mn FDI in next 2 years

**SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE** 

Despite the current economic issues there is an overwhelming foreign and local investor response for the Eravur Fabric Processing Park in Batticaloa by the end of the year it will have over USD 300 million for the next two years FDI investment.

The zone is also seeking further investments towards Dyeing, Washing, Knitting, Weaving, and other associated and ancillary activities.

Ån Indian company has Pledged USD 35 million for its first stage while top US companies too have shown interest to invest in the park. US company Star Garment will also invest this year while some of the existing local companies like Ocean Lanka, ATG Gloves Lanka have requested 'land slots' to invest in the Eravur Fabric Processing Park.

In addition, it will also help to reduce around \$500 million annually needed to import fabric and accessories needed for export-oriented apparel manufacturing and for local consumption. This amounted to US \$ 2.2 billion in 2019 when the industry was at its peak before the C-19 pandemic.

"The Indian company under its first phase will set up a stateof-the-art fabric mill leading towards the manufacturing of yarn, " said BOI Director General Renuka M Weerakone.

This zone will comprise 10 to factories and will create about 5,000 direct and a large number of indirect jobs and the park mainly to the district where an estimated 60,912 individuals are below the poverty line making it one of the biggest employment generating projects in the region.

"We have got overwhelming response from both local and foreign companies and due to the Joint Apparel Association

more room to provide for investors in the park."



Eravur Fabric Park in Batticaloa

Commenting on the FDI's she said that Sri Lanka has signed and Commerce and BOI, working in close collaboration with up 70 agreements to the value of USD 1.2 billion up to the end of this we will not have any Forum (JAAF), the vision for Eravur is begin-July 2022 with USD 900 million ning to take shape. coming from foreign invest-

ments.' She said that the integration of the visa recommendation system in coordination with the Department of Immigration and Emigration and the Ministry of Defense is now completed. Under the newly launched system, visa recommendations will be granted under three visa categories namely, entry visas, residence visas, and when extending visas.

"We are now looking at offering a similar system for lower scale workers who are engaged in Chinese projects, Colombo Dockyard and in the construction sector companies."



### **Published electricity hike:** Some enterprises $\blacksquare$ face danger of closure - FTZMA

Free Trade Zone Manufactures' Association (FTZMA) in a letter to Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekara says that the published electricity hike by the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) is unreasonably beyond the requested raise by the CEB is a rising concern of export manufacturing sector which consume more elec-

Chairman, Sri Lanka Banks' Associa-

tion, Sanjaya Bandara, President,

Institute of Chartered Accountants of

Sri Lanka, Dhamitha Cooke, Chief

Financial Officer, Stassen Group of

Companies, Dr. Priyanga Dunusing-

"Therefore, this is quite alarming, and we are dumbfounded by this unprecedented move by the PUCSL as some of the enterprises might be facing the danger of closure."

In this case, we have analyzed the proposed price hike by CEB vs what has been published as per the attached Excel sheet. You can observe that industry sectors in all categories are currently experiencing the largest hikes as this incremental cost is going to add to their manufacturing cost which would result in making "Made in Sri Lanka" products in export mar-

kets highly uncompetitive. Moreover, the Small Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) in the category 1-1 being hit hardest by this price hike are extremely worried about the impact on their liquidity position and business survival. TO PAGE 12

income and loans and

Other income captions

comprising net gains from

trading activities, net gains

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financial assets, net gains

on foreign exchange trans-

actions and other operat-

ing income increased by

37.20 % a net gain from

Rs. 1,526 million from the

correspondent year to a

net gain of Rs. 2,093 mil-

lion during the first half of

The net increase is

mainly due to increase in

mark to market net gain on

derivative financial instru-

ments and impact from

net revaluation losses on

FCY assets and liabilities.

advances related income.

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### CBSL establishes Stakeholder Engagement Committee

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), with a view to broadening its engagement with key stakeholders of the economy, established the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) by replacing the Monetary Consultative Committee (MPCC) and the Financial System Stability Consultative Committee (FSSCC) of the CBSL that were in operation previously.

The inaugural meeting of the SEC was held on 10 August 2022 at the CBSL premises with the participation of the Governor of the CBSL, Dr. P. Nandalal Weerasinghe, and senior CBSL officers.

The primary role of this high-level consultative Committee is to represent the views and sentiments of the private sector and academia on eco-

nomic conditions and the outlook, considering the overall economic development, particularly in the monetary and financial sectors of the economy. Further, the SEC is expected to provide feedback from the viewpoint of the stakeholders of the economy on the policy measures adopted by the CBSL, thus enabling the CBSL to make informed policy decisions in a more consultative manner.

The SEC is chaired by Prof. Sirimal Abeyratne, Professor in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Colombo and comprises the following 17 eminent personalities from the private sector and academia as mem-

Ashique M Ali, Chairman, Sri Lanka Association for Software Services Companies, Kapila P Ariyaratne,



The inaugural meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Commit-

tee in progress

he, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Colombo, Priantha Fernando, Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, Murtaza Jafferjee, Chairman, Advocata Institute, Christopher Joshua, Managing Director, Access Engineering PLC, Rohan Masakorala, Founder, Shippers' Academy Colombo (Pvt) Ltd, Reyaz Mihular, Non-Executive Chairman, Bairaha Farms PLC, Ashroff Omar, Chief Executive Officer, Brandix Lanka Limited, Lakshman Silva, Former Chief Executive Officer, DFCC Bank PLC, Rohan Tennakoon, Chairman, Finance Houses Association of Sri Lanka, Rajendra Theagarajah, Past Chairman, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Prof. Lakshman R Watawala, President, Institute

of Certified Management Account-

ants of Sri Lanka, Dr. Ganeshan Wig-

naraja, Senior Research Associate,

Anushka Wijesinha, Economist and

Co-Founder, Centre for a Smart

Future.

### **Seylan Bank posts Rs. 1.5 bn PAT for 1H**

Seylan Bank recorded a Profit after Tax of Rs. 1,504 mn for the 6 months ended June 30, 2022 against Rs. 2,105 million reported in the corresponding period of 2021. This has been seen by financial analysts as commendable given the extremely challenging and adverse conditions the Bank

operated in. Net Interest income increased from Rs. 10,971 million to Rs 16,851 million, a growth of 53.60% over the previous year for the 6 months ended 30th June 2022. The

Bank's net fee based income increased by 27.36% from Rs. 2,180 million to Rs. 2,776 million during 1H, mainly due to an increase in debit and credit card related income, commission income on e-banking, service charges on deposits and commission on remittances which were partly offset by decrease in guarantees related





Director / CEO Kapila Ariyaratne

Total expenses recorded an increase of 7.43 % from Rs. 6,750 Mn in the 1H of the previous year to Rs. 7,251 million for the 6 months ended 30th June 2022. Personnel expenses increased by Rs. 287 million mainly due to an increase in the staff benefits based on the collective agreement. TO PAGE 12

logic Life Iftikar Ahamed,

commented, "As a young

company we have achieved

something phenomenal craft-

ing and delivering a winning

the Softlogic Group in just

eight years. It is a historical

milestone to achieve the num-

ber two spot in an extremely

competitive, mature sector that

was for years lead by decade

The top and bottom-line

performances during the first

half of 2022 show optimism

and confidence in continuing

to improve our business and

delivering great value to our

policyholders and stakehold-

ers, even amidst challenging

macroeconomic conditions.'

Along with its phenomenal

growth momentum, the com-

pany has also been resolute in-

terms of its financial stability

and the overall health of the

organization. In the period of

review, the company's Profit

After Tax (PAT) rose to Rs.

1.2 Bn with a 30% growth.

compared to last year.

Profit before tax (PBT) rose to

Rs.1.7 Bn with a14% growth

old industry giants.

strategy that is the hallmark of

### From fifth position five years ago:

# Softlogic Life moves up as Lanka's second largest life insurer

Sri Lanka's fastest-growing life insurer Softlogic Life announced that the company had climbed its way to becoming Sri Lanka's 2ndlargest life insurance company after recording a superior growth performance during the first half of 2022. The significant milestone makes Softlogic Life the youngest life insurer to achieve this remarkable feat.

During the six months ending 30th June 2022, Softlogic Life has posted a Gross Written Premium (GWP) of Rs. 11.4 billion with an increase in top-line growth of 24% vs. an overall industry growth of 18.7% compared to last year. The market-share of 17.1% recorded as at June 30, 022 now ranks Softlogic Life as the second largest in the life insurance market, overtaking industry heavyweights who have been prevalent for many decades in comparison.

Since its inception, Softlogic Life has been striving to improve the quality of life of Sri Lankans through relevant disruptive innovations and digitalization. Industry-first inno-



Chairman Ashok Pathirage and MD Iftikar Ahamed

vations such as one-day automated claims settlement, 1-minute hospitalization claim settlement, 100% digitalized sales platform, automatic policy issuance and mobile based micro products has helped the company to deliver a superior customer experience, which has been instrumental in enhancing its competitive posi-

However the biggest reason of them all that enabled the company to grow amidst calamity was because the company stood firmly with over 1.5 Mn customers in a business landscape disrupted by the pandemic and a full blown economic crisis, becoming the largest COVID claims settler with over Rs 1.4billion Covid-19 claims being paid whilst also attracting more than 17% of the new business in the industry during the period in

review. Recognizing this phenomenal growth story year on year is why the company was also titled the "Best life Insurance Company of the Year" at Emerging Asia Awards 2021 and the only brand to have won "Brand of the Year" for

two consecutive years at Effie awards - 2019/2021. In addition Softlogic Life was awarded overall Silver across industries for excellence in Financial reporting and a Gold Award in the insurance sector at Annual report awards 2021 organised by Institute of Chartered Accountants while also winning an Overall Gold at the CMA Excellence in Integrating Reporting Awards 2021.

Chairman of Softlogic Life Insurance PLC Ashok Pathirage, stated, "Driven by bold leadership, an inspired team with a "Can Do" attitude and a vibrant strategy for continuous improvement, the company always believes in defying the

Today they have done just that by moving towards the pinnacle to become Sri Lanka's second largest life insurance company. This drive is why global investors have chosen Softlogic Life to invest in and continue to provide invaluable support towards growing our business in all

Managing Director of Soft-

### **Vallibel Finance posts** Rs. 2.9 bn PAT in 2021/22

Vallibel Finance records a pre-tax profit of Rs. 4.7 billion (a 67.1% increase) in comparison with Rs. 2.3 billion recorded in 2020/21. Profit after Tax rose to Rs. 2.9 billion from Rs. 1.7 billion in the previous year.

The company's prudent

financial discipline is reflected in its Non-Performing Loans (NPL) ratio strengthening to 2.73 % from 4.48% in the previous year despite the deterioration in the economy. Vallibel Finance approached the year with empathy for customers engaged in industries which were particularly affected by the pandemic whilst ensuring its ambitious profit targets were met through a strategic recovery and collection drive.

Gross Loan Portfolio expanded to Rs. 65.6 billion in the period under review from Rs.47.7 billion previously, reflecting a growth of 37.5 % as a result of the company' constant growth strategy. Vallibel Finance exhibited exceptional customer centricity during this difficult period, providing support and finding solutions to enhance their cash flow and thus ease their financial burden. The Company



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offered moratoriums, restructure of loans and even concessions to customers who were severely impacted. Customers demonstrated

strong loyalty and placed their faith in Vallibel Finance to safeguard and enhance their wealth. Deposits soared to Rs. 41.0 billion, a commendable growth by27.5% from Rs. 32 billion in the previous year. Total Assets increased to Rs. 77.6 billion, expanding by 40.7 % from the previous figure of

Rs. 55.2 billion. "We have been able to record impeccable performance, both qualitative and quantitative during a very challenging and daunting period of time. This is a testament to the



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MD, J. Rangamuwa

ability of our remarkable workforce, our strength, our dedication, our constant need to better ourselves and implementations of our high performing strategies said Managing Director Jayantha Rangamuwa.

Commenting further, Rangamuwa said, "Achieving profitability amongst the challenging operating conditions in the year under review proves the stability, wealth of professional people and processes which are the real assets of Vallibel Finance.

In Affirmation of its standing, Vallibel was honored as the "Best Finance Company 2022" for the 2nd consecutive year by The Global Economics UK for its performance. Thereby certifying its status as a strong and respected industry name, cemented its leadership credentials by delivering an outstanding financial performance for the 2021/22 year despite the external challenges that prevailed through the period.

### Ranked among 'Top 20 Most Respected Entities'

### Nestlé Lanka recognized as 'Most Respected Food and Beverage Entity'

Nestlé Lanka was ranked Sri Lanka's 'Most Respected Food and Beverage Entity' in LMD's 'Most Respected Entities', issue 2022 released

The company was among the Top 20 Most Respected Entities, out of over 100 renowned corporates across different industries.

"Staying true to our promise of 'Good food, Good life', we have strived to contribute towards healthier families, empowered communities and a greener Sri Lanka for over 115 years. Being declared the 'Sector Winner' in the Food and Beverage category is a reaffirmation of our deep roots in the country and we are honoured to be recognized in such an esteemed ranking," said Jason Avanceña, Managing Director, Nestlé Lanka.

"At a time when we are faced with many cha lenges, this recognition is truly an encouragement for us to continue delivering healthier and tastier products to our beloved Sri Lankan consumers, whilst also continuing our work towards



communities and the planet together with our stakeholders across the value chain.'

Being the largest food and Beverage Company in the world, Nestlé has been an integral part of Sri Lankan lives for over 115 years. Driven by its purpose of 'unlocking the power of food to enhance quality of life for everyone, today and for generations to come', Nestlé nourishes consumers across generations from early childhood to old age through its diverse food and beverage portfolio.

With over 90% of Nestlé products sold in Sri

Lanka being manufactured in Kurunegala, the company contributes to the socio-economic development of the country. In addition to supporting the livelihoods of over 800 individuals directly employed by the company, being one of the largest exporters of Coconut Milk Powder and one of the largest collectors of fresh milk in Sri Lanka, Nestlé Lanka contributes to the local community and support over 25,000 farmers and other business partners across its value chain. The company is also strongly committed to ensuring its products are good for the planet, by working towards achieving its ambition of net zero emissions across the value

The LMD 'Most Respected' ranking is based on an annual survey conducted by NielsenIQ, compiling the opinions of survey respondents from over 100 companies. Companies are ranked by respondents across a multitude of parameters, including Quality Consciousness, Innovation, CSR, Corporate Culture, Dynamism, Honesty, Management Profile and Vision.

### **Nations Trust Bank records PBT of** Rs. 4.6 bn, PAT of Rs. 2.7 bn in 1H22

Nations Trust Bank PLC recorded steady performance at the end of 1H2022, achieving Operating Income of LKR 16.6Bn at a year-on-year growth rate of 50%. Despite increased impairments on loans and expected losses on Sovereign Debt Instruments, the Bank recorded a PBT of LKR 4.6Bn and a PAT of LKR 2.7Bn for the 6 months ending 30 June

Commenting on 1H2022 results, Hemantha D Gunetilleke, Director & Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Considering the challenging economic environment, our primary objective was to ensure

we provide uninterrupted banking and service excellence to our customers across our Branch network. Our advanced digital banking solutions have proved to be extremely useful in our customer reach with digital transactions reaching 89% of all

banking transactions." During 1H22, the Bank



Hemantha D Gunetilleke

fying and managing emerging risks while delivering its strategic objectives set out for the year. Nations Trust Bank also strengthened the deposit franchise to ensure the Bank remained highly liquid in terms of both LKR and Foreign Currency. The1H22results demonstrate a steady financial performance, sound credit quality and strong Capital Adequacy Ratios of Tier I Capital at 12.24% and Total Capital Adequacy at

has also focussed on identi-

tory requirements. Taking the external economic environment into consideration, Nations Trust Bank has increased

14.58%, well above regula-

impairment provisions on loans, advances and Sovereign Debt instruments, resulting in a 416% YoY increase in impairments. The Bank has also undertaken stringent cost management initiatives resulting in Cost/Income dropping from 42% to 31% YoY, despite external inflationary pressure.

"With PBT at LKR4.6Bn and PAT at LKR 2.7Bn at the end of 1H22, the Bank is continuing to strengthen reserves and Capital. Overall, we are very confident of overcoming the present external challenges and continuing to support the banking needs of our customers as they build for the future," added Gunetilleke.

### State of the art Offset Press installed at State Printing Corporation

state-of-the-art Komori GL440 Advance Offset Printing Machine followed by a tree planting program took place at the State Printing Corporation(SPC), Panaluwa on July 4, 2022.

The ceremony was conducted in the presence of the Corporation staff, officials from the Ministry of Education and membe, from JDC Printing Technologies (Pvt) Ltd., the local agents for Komori, Japan who handled the installation and startup of the machine. The investment in the new Lithrone G40 advance model is an important upgrade from conventional presses achieved in partnership with Komori, Japan.

This is the first 4 color sheet fed offset printing machine SPC has installed since 1982. The new Lithrone G40 Advance is by far the biggest technological shift in the schoolbook

Upscaling is a constant process and now with Komori, SPC has the tools and techniques to deliver on time without any compromise in quality. Investment in this press certainly contributes to the modernization of the factory and creates new markets and opportunities for SPC.

JDC Printing Technologies, incorporated in 1979, a subsidiary of Nawaloka Holdings and a member of Redline Capital is a well recognized name in the printing and packaging industry in Sri Lanka having established its position as one of the leading suppliers of machinery and materials from pre-press to finishing.

Chandula Perera, Managing Director, Redline Capital; Dinesh Mervyn, CEO, JDC Group of Companies; Buddhike Fernando, Head of Sales; Chaminda de Silva, Technical Manager (offset)



State Printing Corporation Chairman J.M.U.B. Jayasekera, Redline Capital Managing Director Chandula Perera, JDC Group of Companies CEO Dinesh Mervyn and other top officials at the event



and the Technical Team from JDC. Invitees from the Ministry of Education were M.N. Ranasinghe, Secretary, and D.S. Pathmasiri, Chief Financial Officer J.M.U.B. Javasekera, Chairman: T.M.R.N. Tennakoon, Gen-

eral Manager-Acting; E.V.K. Keerthirathne, Supplies Manager; M.R.P. Jayawardhana, Finance Manager-Acting; Samantha Kumarasinghe, Deputy Works Manager; P.K.T.Mahinda, Man-

ager - HR Acting; N.G. Lal-

antha Chandimal, Asst. Manager - Maintenance; G.V. Kasun Wimukthika, Superintendent; L.W.L. Priyankara, Superintendent; Shantha Kumara, Head Operator participated at the

### IMD, Japanese govt, UNDP launch joint project to accelerate climate action in India

New Delhi [India], August 11 (ANI): The India Meteorological Division (IMD), the Authorities of Japan, and United Nations Improvement Programme (UNDP) introduced a brand new initiative to speed up local weather motion in 10 states and Union Territories throughout the nation. An official launch said that the initia-

tive will assist Nationally Decided Contribution (NDCs) to attain net-zero emissions and guarantee climate-resilient growth. It will likely be rolled out in partnership with the IMD on the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the Ministry of New and Renewable Vitality (MNRE).

The launch comes inside every week of the Cupboard approval of India's up to date Nationally Decided Contribution (NDCs) to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Conference on

Local weather Change. Below the initiative, UNDP will work with IMD to advertise local weather resilience and MNRE to advertise local weather mitigation by deploying clear power infrastructure and low-emission applied sciences in key sectors together with Transport, Well being, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and Agriculture. (ANI)

### Seylan Bank posts ... From Page 11

Other operating expenses and depreciation and amortization expenses too increased by 7.35% due to increase in prices of purchases and services as a result of higher inflation and local currency depreciation. The Bank recognised a total impairment charge of Rs. 11 billon for Q2 2022 compared to Rs. 4 billion reported in the corresponding period of last year, representing a 183.49% increase. The Bank increased the impairment provision to capture the impact on emerging global and local economic challenges and the credit risk profile of the customers. The Bank reported a marginal growth of 5.83% in net loans and advances to Rs. 467,758 million during the period under review. Its overall deposit base increased from Rs. 488,653

million in December 2021 to Rs. 531,741 million in 1H 2022. The Bank's CASA ratio (Current and Savings) stood at 31.92 %. Further the Bank's asset base expanded by Rs. 58,902 million to Rs. 666,478 million.

The Bank's Earnings per Share (EPS) stood at Rs. 2.60. The Bank recorded a Return on Average Assets (ROAA) profit before tax of 0.64 % and Return on Equity (ROE) of 5.83 %. The Bank's Net Asset Value per share as at 30th June 2022 was Rs. 89.26 (Group Rs.

Seylan Bank remained soundly capitalised, with the key capital adequacy ratios well above the regulatory minimum requirements and recorded 10.18 % as total Tier 1 capital ratio and 13.54 % as the total capital ratio. The Bank's Liquidity Ratios are well within the statutory limits.

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As you know very well the attractiveness of our country for foreign direct investment is evaluated by using many criteria of which the cost of operation is becoming a significant determinant because energy cost, electricity is directly associated with the cost of production of the investors.

"Therefore, we urge you to re-visit and analyze the price structure once again mind bearing that FDIs (Foreign Direct Investors) are the future lifeline & the back-borne of our country's economy. This being said, it is our fervent hope that you would realize the overall impact on our investors who are seeking a reasonable revision in the price change.'

The FTZMA is also requesting a meeting with the Minister to discuss this further and come to an agreement whilst reaching a win-win situation thereby building mutual respect and retaining much needed Foreign Direct Investments within our country that we both want.

### HNB Total Operating ... From Page 11

An amount totaling to Rs 10.8Bn relating to the exchange impact on impairment of foreign currency loans and investments was set off against the exchange income for the period.

The net stage III ratio of the Bank improved to 2.46% from 2.55% as at end of December 2021 while the provision coverage on stage III loans improved from 56% to 63% maintaining the position as one of the best in terms of asset quality among

The operating expenses for the 1H of 2022 increased by 26% to Rs 14.9 Bn mainly due to devaluation of the currency,

higher energy costs and increase in staff expenses subsequent to salary revisions effected at the beginning of the year. Nevertheless, the cost to income ratio of the Bank improved by approximately 14 percentage points to 23.5% as total operating income recorded a higher growth during the peri-

The Bank recorded a Profit Before Tax of Rs 6.0 Bn and Profit After Tax of Rs 5.5 Bn for the six months ended June 2022 compared Rs 10.9 Bn and Rs 9.1 Bn in the corresponding period of 2021.

The Bank's asset base

expanded by Rs. 239 Bn to Rs. 1.6 Trillion during the first six months, with loans and advances growing by Rs 138 Bn to Rs 1.1 Trillion. Total Deposits of the Bank grew to Rs 1.3 Trillion by Rs 217 Bn during 1H 2022. The balance sheet growth was party supported by the devaluation of the rupee during the period.

The Bank reported Tier I and Total Capital Adequacy Ratios of 11.39% and 14.54% respectively against the minimum requirement of 9.5% and 13.5% respectively.

Under extremely stressful market conditions all group companies contributed positively towards the first half performance of the Group.

# Huawei joins 'Manudam Mehewara' relief initiative

### Aims to assist over 200,000 vulnerable families

Huawei Technologies Lanka Company has pledged their support to the 'Manudam Mehewara' programme initiated by Dialog Axiata PLC, MAS Holdings, Hemas Holdings PLC and execution partner Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement and independent auditor PwC Sri Lanka, together with CBL Group, Citi and Sunshine Holdings PLC.

Together with its like-minded corporate partners the 'Manudam Mehewara' initiative aims to provide emergency relief to more than 200,000 vulnerable families across Sri Lanka. Emergency relief is currently being distributed across all 25 districts, where over



100,000 families in-need have been assisted to date.

Huawei Sri Lanka Executive Officer Liang Yi Chief said, "Being in operations in Sri Lanka for more than two decades, Huawei has strong confidence with this beautiful nation for its historical reputation of resilience and always overcome the great challenges. As our commitment In Sri Lanka for Sri Lanka, we stand together with Sri Lankan people in this extraordinary time. Hence, we decided to join hands with our strategic partners Dialog Axiata to provide support to families affected by the ongoing challenges. We remain firm and we do hope Sri Lanka will

prosperous future."
Dialog Axiata PLC Group Chief
Technology Officer Pradeep De Almeida said, "On behalf of all the partners

of this humanitarian mission, I would

soon be back on track to a stable and

have always believed that together we can make a difference, and as the preferred digital companion of over 17 million Sri Lankans, we consider it our responsibility to support our communities in their greatest hour of need."

like to convey my deep appreciation to

effort of supporting the most vulnerable

Huawei for joining this country-wide

families impacted by the current eco-

200,000 families or more, and to reach

this goal, we call upon more like-mind-

ed corporate partners to join us. We

nomic crisis. Our aim is to support

'Manudam Mehewara' invites all Sri Lankans and corporates to join its shared mission of supporting the most



Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne, President, Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement, Liang Yi, Chief Executive Officer, Huawei Technologies Lanka, Pradeep De Almeida, Group Chief Technology Officer, Dialog Axiata PLC, Kavinda Manjula, Senior Product Solution Manager, Huawei Technologies Lanka company Private Limited.

vulnerable families across the country and contribute towards this cause. Individuals can now simply donate to the cause via their credit/debit card on the website - https://dlg.lk/donate or through a bank transfer, Star Points transfer, eZ Cash, genie or via a

### **'Daraz Payment Partner Performance Awards 2022' concludes**

Daraz recently concluded the annual "Daraz Payment Partner Performance Awards 2022" held recently, at Uga Residences, Colombo. The Awards recognizes key players in the payment cards and digital payments solutions industry, who have partnered with Daraz.

Understanding the significant contributions to propel this success further, payment partners are awarded for their outstanding efforts in delivering service and value into the Daraz ecosystem, going above and beyond to become a part of Daraz's goals of developing the local e-commerce industry through innovation.

Daraz Sri Lanka Managing Director Rakhil Fernando stated: "The Daraz Payment Partner Performance Awards was introduced to make sure our banking and financial partners striving to make an impact on Daraz are recognized for their incredible contributions in their respective niches.



**Award winners with Team Daraz** 

These efforts enhance value to the cardholders and Daraz users, thereby adding on to the positive role played by banks in propelling the growth of the digital payment landscape of the country."

Payment partners awarded this year were LOLC for Best New Entrant; Standard Chartered Bank for Best Payment User Experience; Seylan Bank for Category Accelerator; Union Bank for Most Campaign Partnerships; NDB for Tactical Campaign Innovator; People's Bank for Best Debit Card Growth and Best Turnaround Bank; NTB Amex

for Most Valued Credit Card Base and Campaign Promoter; Bank of Ceylon for Best Debit Card Base; HSBC for Best Campaign Partner; HNB for Best All-round Growth; Sampath Bank for Highest Revenue Generator; Commercial Bank for Best Engaging Card Base and Mastercard for Most Valued Payment Partner.

Daraz Sri Lanka Head of Payments and Partnerships Dulika Jayamanne stated; "This year's Awards not only highlighted the Partners who brought in high volumes in Digital Transactions but also those who strived tirelessly to ensure a seam-

less end to end Digital Transaction experience as well as creative communications of promotions and offers. We worked closely with each partner to not only provide greater payment flexibility to our users through discount schemes and easy settlement plans, but to increase digital inclusivity to their customer base. We are grateful for the productive payment partnerships we have nurtured over the years and these awards are a testament to the success of these partnerships as well as the great potential for the growth of digital payments in the country."

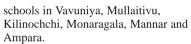
### e a seam- payments in the country.

United Kingdom's popular restaurant 'Hoppers', partnered Hemas Outreach Foundation to provide nutrition packs to children in Piyawara preschools to combat malnutrition in the formative years of early childhood

development.

The ongoing economic crisis has affected many children and families in vulnerable communities leading to malnutrition and starvation across the country. In an effort to address thisissue, 'Hoppers' collaborated with the Hemas Outreach Foundation to meet the nutritional needs of the children at the Piyawara Preschools through their 'Feeding the

Future' initiative. The 'Feeding the Future' project, with the assistance of the Early Childhood and Care Development (ECCD) Officers around the island, will provide nutrition packs valued at £25 to 367 families from 15 of the worst-affected Piyawara Pre-



'Hoppers London' joins Hemas offers Piyawara preschool children nutrition packs

The short-term aim of the 'Feeding the Future' project is to provide essential nutrition to the preschool children to ensure their development needs are met. This will also motivate the families to ensure their children attend the preschool regularly for their early learning. In the longer term, once the crisis at hand has abatedthe project plans to focus on other needs.

Hemas Outreach Foundation/AYATI Trust Sri Lanka Executive Director Shiromi Masakorala said: "Malnour-



ishment has always been a major problem for children in vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka, and we hope through this project we will be able to combat this in communities that are affected the most by the present crisis. Hemas Outreach Foundation has always been at the forefront in enriching the lives of the underprivileged children in Sri Lanka through early childhood care and development.

Hemas Outreach Foundation (HOF) is a charitable trust established in Sri Lanka in 2002 with theaim of creating an inclusive world where no child

is left behind. Our goal is to provide world-class pre-school education to disadvantaged children across the island, as well as to improve the lives of differently abled children through high-quality therapeutic intervention and the eradication of stigma related to disability.

Piyawara (Preschool Project), AYATI (National Centre for Children with Disabilities) and Eka Se Salakamu (Focusing on children with Down Syndrome) are some of the key projects of HOF.

### Sobaroo unveils new range of products

### To tap Canadian and other overseas markets

Sobaroo unveiled a range of new products recently targeting local and international markets. The brand "Sobaroo" now consists of over 27 products to date with the vision to manufacture superior quality natural herbal cosmetics and body care products that are reasonably priced and conform to international standards.

Dr. Upul Dela Bandara said they aim to take the product overseas, especially targeting the Canadian market. Sobaroo was founded in 1995 by Dr. Upul Dela Bandara and Dr. Thilak Halgahawela Dela Bandara under the Suwasahana Ayurvedic Institute (Pvt) Ltd. Both of them are professionally qualified and well known Ayurvedic doctors. They begin



Dr. Upul Dela Bandara launches the website

researching new herbal beauty care products using their medical skills

their medical skills.

After years of research, they release their herbal beauty care products "Sobaroo" under the Suwasahana Ayurvedic (Pvt) Ltd. Even though the Sobaroo brand was introduced under Suwashana Aayurevdic Pvt. Ltd currently it is under the company Sobaroo Herbal Product (Pvt) Ltd.

And these products are manufactured with a unique combination of Ayurveda and natural ingredients with the use of medical knowledge products include herbal fairness cream, moisturizers, day cream body lotion, face cream, face masks, face scrub, hair oil, therapy packs, sops, night creams,

shampoo and conditioners and many more.

"Our products are made from herbs that are either gathered in local fields or wooded areas of Knuckles range when they are at their peak of maturity and the concentration of active ingredients is highest. Apart from that, the company has been importing certain



The products presented to Maharagama UC Chairman Tiraj Piyaratne. *Pictures by Wimal Karunathilake* 

herbs from India as well. The competitive advantage of Sobaroo is the consistent quality of the herbs that are at the core of each product. "Our herbal remedies are prepared from pure natural medicinal plants around the Knuckles range and also imported from India. The products have been tested locally for years developing and establishing the customer satisfaction level demanded by sobaroo herbal product (Pvt) Ltd. Our products are priced at a

fair price," Dr.Dela Bandara said. Sobaroo will focus first on building a client base with the existing herbal

Ayurvedic treatment and herbal and products portfolio and will also be responsible for marketing the company's services to potential customers. "We will ensure that we hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards by meeting our client's needs precisely and completely. We are willing to invest in some of the finest professionals we can find and also we have set plans in place to acquire the best equipment. The business intends to target market groups that span the whole island and promote the product using social media and through an online platform," he said.

### Wijaya Group Maharagama celebrates 45th anniversary



### DirectFN provides medical items to CNT Hospital Ragama

DirectFN, a leading ICT Company in Sri Lanka, recently launched a project to provide essential medical items to the Colombo North Teaching (CNT) Hospital in Ragama, as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

The medical essentials included items such as cotton wool, medicine, hot plates and a medical patient weighing scale for the children's ward, valued at an estimated Rs. 1.6 million.

Director of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital in Ragama, Dr. Sampath Ranaweera said the hospital has been functioning with difficulties due to the shortage in the supply of medicine.

"Ragama Teaching Hospital is one of the largest teaching hospitals and is the main provider and only teaching hospital in Gampaha District. The hospital manages five other units including the District Hospital in Kandana, the Rehabilitation Hospital in Ragama and the Nurses Training School in Kandana. Dr. Ranaweera explained.

"With the current economic crisis



we need to reach out to companies who can support the smooth functioning of the hospital and thereby maintain the health services that are provided free of charge to the community,"

he added.
Dr. Ranaweera commended Direct-FN for their initiative and appreciated the effort taken to minimize the complexities that would rise due to the drug shortage.

drug shortage.

DirectFN's Director/Chief Techni-



Some highlights of the donation

cal Officer, Ruwan Aluthgedera said it is time to give back to the society what we have gained in the past. "This is the fourth CSR project we have carried out that has engaged a hospital. As children, we used these facilities provided by the Government and now the time has come to

give back what we have received. I am grateful to the hospital staff for giving us this opportunity to be a part of this worthwhile cause," Aluthgedera said.

He added that DirectFN would continue to assist the hospital in the future as well. DirectFN staff also visited the maternity ward supplying pregnant mothers with meals and a give-away package.

DirectFN is an ICT company with a track record of 23 years that caters to the financial service industry, specializing in brokerage solutions and housing over 300 developers with operation in 38 markets since 2000-dispersing across Europe, North Africa, Middle East, South Asia- expanding to the Far East. The company covers a wide range of asset classes and solutions for the investor community.

DirectFN operates a state of the art development center with cutting edge technology and professional development and are recognized as a key employer for graduates of the Information Technology sector.

### JAYANTHI COORAY

Wijaya Center, which started in 1977 in Maharagama with the open economy and then rebranded as Wijaya Group (PVT) Limited, is celebrating their 45th anniversary this year.

Founder Chairman and Managing Director,
Wijaya Group, K. R. G.
Wijesundara recalled that he started this business alone and today they have over 20 branches, four factories, a luxury boutique hotel in Matale and an umbrella factory and many other entities with a total staff of 3.000.

He said taking the right decisions at the right time and also taking calculated risks helped him to bring Wijaya Group, including CIB Mega City stores, to what it is today. "We are also making arrangements to increase our branch network to cover North and East as well."

"Even today we purchase and market 90% of local apparels under their own brand names and



Founder Chairman and Managing Director, Wijaya Group, K. R. G. Wijesundara CIB Mega Centre in Maharagama *Pictures by Sudath Nishantha* 

give the local producers livelihood and exposure to move to their next step. In addition, we also set up a special company, for supplying garment accessories to the local market."

He said that they have successfully navigated through two insurrections, LTTE terrorism, C-19 Pandemic and several other similar issues but the current economic crisis with power cuts, fuel and dollar shortage is the biggest challenge they had to face in their entire history.

Limited has also won series of awards including the SLIM People's award on many occasions while its Chairman Wijesundara, has also won SRI LNKA ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR (National gold award, extra-large category) in 2013 awarded by Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Wijaya Group (PVT)

The group also allocates a fair share of its profit towards CSR and worker welfare activities as well on a regular basis.



### THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

### MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS



### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

# Invitation of Quotations to obtain suitable Labour Hands on contract basis, to engage in work in the Aparekka Project Office 1 Mechanical Section of the Southern Expressway Extension

. Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Section, on behalf of the Road Development Authority, from eligible and qualified Bidders, for the Project stated below in the Southern Expressway road extension.

Contract No.	Name of Project	Labour Hands per day	Contract Period (Months)	Bid Security (Rs.)
RDA/EOM & M/ GOSL/ESEP/MECH- LAB/2022/30	Provision of suitable Labour Hands to engage in work in the Mechanical Section for the Aparekka Project Office 1 of the Southern Expressway Road Extension		12	50,000.00

- 2. The implementing Agency will be the EOM & M Unit of the Road Development Authority.
- 3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- 4. To qualify for granting of contract, Bidders should possess experience in provision of labour in equal capacities.
- 5. Bids should be valid up to 91 calendar days (06.12.2022) from the bid closing date.
- 6. Bids should be accompanied with a Bid Security to the value stated in the table above and it should be valid up to 03.01.2023. Bids not accompanied with a Bid Security will be rejected.
- 7. Bidders should sign every page of the set of bid documents and place the official seal.
- 8. The relevant pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held at **10.30 hrs. on 30.08.2022** at the Procurement Section Office of the Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority at Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. Participation of bidders at this meeting will be compulsory and non-participation of bidders at this meeting may result in either cancellation of their bids or made unqualified for granting of contract.
- 9. A complete set of bid documents, prepared in Sinhala language, can be obtained from **15.08.2022** up to **05.09.2022** between **9.00 hrs. and 13.15 hrs.** by interested bidders on payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 3,000.00** + **360.00** (VAT) by cash and submission of a written application, made to the office of the Director, Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority at Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. Acceptance of Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m.** on **06.09.2022**.
- 10. Sealed bids with a copy, could either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Unit, Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Section, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama or delivered personally, to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 06.09.2022. The cover containing the bid should be marked, "Provision of Labour Hands on contract basis to engage in work in the Aparekka Project Office 1 Mechanical Section of the Southern Expressway Extension" at left-side top corner.
- 11. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of bids at the office of the Director of the Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Section of the Road Development Authority at Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. Bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the opening.
- 12. For further details, contact the following:
  - Engineer (Construction EOM & M Unit) Road Development Authority Tel. No. 011-3047806.

### Chairman,

Procurement Section of the Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Section,

Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama,

Bandaragama.



### PROCUREMENT NOTICE





### National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority

### INVITATION TO BIDS FOR SECURITY SERVICE AND JANITORIAL SERVICE

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee of National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Supply of Janitorial Service to Head Office of NAITA and National Institutes for one year period and for supply of security service to all movable and immovable assets in the organization for one year period.

1.

Description	Bid No	Bid Security Amount (LKR)	Non- Refundable Fee (LIAR)	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	Bid Closing Date & Time
Supply Security     Service     (all movable and immovable assets)	P&S/PRO/12/02/('22)	500,000.00	5,000.00	10.00 a.m on 30.08.2022	2.00 p.m on 06.09.2022
Supply Janitorial     Service	P&S/PRO/12/01/('22)	250,000,00	3,000.00	11.00 a.m on 30.08.2022	3.00 p.m on 06.09.2022

- 2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
- 3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the office of the Director (Admin & HR), National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA), 971, Sri Jay awardhanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya and inspect the bidding documents at the address given above from 16.08.2022 up to 05.09.2022 during 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on Working days. Tel: 0112888782-5, Ext.343 and Fax: 0112875553.
- 4. Bid eligible criteria are included in the Bidding Documents.
- 5. A set of Bidding Documents in Sinhala language for each tender may be purchased by interested Bidders with submission of request letter for issuing bid document to the Director (Admin & HR), National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA), 971, Sri Jayawardhanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya from 16.08.2022 up to 05.09.2022 during 9.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee.
- 6. Sealed Bids for each Tender shall be delivered separately in ORIGINAL and COPY addressed to the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA), 971, Sri Jayawardhanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya on or before above closing date and time. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the bidder / bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late Bids will be rejected and not accepted.
- 7. Bids shall be valid until the date 05.12.2022. (90 days)
- 8. Bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security", for an amount stated in the above table, in unconditional on demand guarantee obtained from a commercial bank approved by Central Bank of Sri Lanka on the format given in the Bidding Document. The Bid Security shall be valid until 19.12.2022.
- 9. Procurement Committee has the right to reject a bid or part of the bids or cancel the entire bids.

### Chairman

National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority, 971, Sri Jayawardhanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya



### DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

### **ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS**

### Rs. 60,000 million Treasury Bills are to be issued through an auction on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022

The Details of Treasury Bill issues are as follows:

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09122K182	LKA18223B178	LKA36423H187	
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn.)	30,000	15,000	15,000	60,000

Date of Auction : 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022
Date of Settlement : 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022
Date of Issue : 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Closing date and time of bid submission : **Wednesday** 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022, at 11.00 a.m.

Minimum amount of a bid : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/=) and multiples of Rupees one million

(Rs. 1,000,000/=) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities.

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

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

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

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

\* International Securities Identification Number

M.Z.M. Aazim Superintendent / Registrar of Public Debt

### **Issuing Office**

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

### SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CRICKET GROUND EQUIPMENT

### TENDER REFERENCE: SLC/ADM/081-2022

Sri Lanka Cricket now invites sealed bids from the eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of Cricket Ground Equipment as specified below;

Lot	Description		
Lot A	200 Nos of Nylon Nets for Practice Side Wickets		
Lot B	100 Rolls of Boundary Ropes – Thickness 24 mm		
Lot C 100 Rolls of Boundary Ropes – Thickness 32 mm			
Lot D 50 Nos of Pitch Covers			
Lot E 18 Nos of Pitch Covers (Light)			

Bidders are allowed to quote one or more Lots.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Manager Procurement, (Tel: :0112681601-4 Ext. 212, Email: sampath.pushpakumara@srilankacricket.lk) and inspect the document at the Administration Division, Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07.

A complete set of Bidding Document in English Language may be purchased by eligible bidders during normal working days with a written submission (Monday to Friday, between 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. from 16th August 2022 to 5th September 2022) from the Administration Department, Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07, upon a payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.10,000/- in cash inclusive taxes.

Pre bid meeting will be held on 23rd August 2022 at 11:00 hrs at the Auditorium of the Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07.

Bid shall be delivered in duplicate (clearly marked Original and Duplicate separately and sealed separately) to The Head of Administration, Sri Lanka Cricket, No. 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07 on or before 15:00 hrs on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Alternatively, Bids may be sent by registered post to reach before the closing time of the Bid.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Security (shall be an unconditional guarantee issued by a reputable bank operating in Sri Lanka) as specified in the biding document.

Late bids will be rejected, and the valid bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders/representatives who choose to attend at the opening of bide.

Sri Lanka Cricket No. 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 7

# Wesley, Joes to play for pride in Rugby Super Round

St. Joseph's College and Wesley College will look to play for pride when they clash in the Inter-Schools Under-20 'A' Division League Rugby Tournament, last Super Round encounter at Havelock Park today. Both teams ruined their chances of winning their maiden 'A' Division League title after losing their opening fixtures of the Super Round stage played last week.

The Wesleyites, after showing early promise suffered a 16-21 defeat at the hands of the defending champions Royal College at

phians were beaten by the former champions Isipathana 13-16 in a close encounter at Havelock

Now, both teams are in with a great chance of redeeming some of their lost prestige and to conclude the league phase of this shortened 12-team tournament with a consolation victory.

Even then, there is more than the league will also determine whom they will be pitted against when the quarter-final draw for the President's Trophy Knock-

later this month.

St. Joseph's will start the game with a slight advantage as they are currently in third place of the Super Round points table with a tally of 24 points from their six outings while Wesley are trailing with a total of 22 points from their six matches.

However, Wesley will have a phycological advantage going prestige and pride in this fixture into the game as they were able as the third and fourth places of to record a thrilling 15-13 victory against St. Joseph's at Longden Place when the two teams played for the last time in



Tharusha Jayaweera (Wesley Captain)



Teran Karunanayake

### Pavithra Heshani the athlete turned netball player from Kurunegala

**DILWIN MENDIS** Moratuwa Sports Special Corr

Netball player and Athlete, Member of the All Island School Games Netball Champion Team, and the All Island under 20 Milo Super Champion Team Pavithra Heshani Kariyawasam has brought honour and immense glory to Holy Family Convent Kurunegala with her deeds in

Netball. Pavithra who hails from Bulupitiya, Humiya Kurunegala was bom on April 18 2005 and admitted to Holy Family Convent Kurunegala and when she was in grade four and five she

participated in the team events at the inter house sports meets and her Parents Gamini Kariyawasam and Dilhani Hettiarachchi decided that she should take up to Netball and handed her over to the School Netball Coaches Mrs.Amalka and Ananda Wannithilleke and her first attempt was the Milo under 12 tournament and her school came

up to Second Best Eight. At the school sports meet she did 4x100, 4x400 and 4x800 and



pated for the Divisional Meet and in 2020 sports meet she did Discus and Putt Shot and came first in Discus throw Then her school took part in the Milo Netball tournament in the under 13 age group in 2017 and they emerged Champions

Her school participated in the Jenny Green Memorial Netball Tournament organized by Girls High School Kandy and they were among the Best Eight Schools. Same year they received a tour to Malaysia for the 27 th her team won places and partici- Bola Jaring USM Peenang Inter- yapitiya.

(From left): Ashen Silva, Yashitha de Silva, Thehan Wijemanne, Dr. Dilshan Balasuriya (Direc-

tor Yeti), Chathurya Nilaweera, Harshana Godamanne and Renouk Wijemanne (Coach)



Holy Family Convent emerged as the All Island under 20 Super 16 Milo Tournament Champions for the year 2022. The team with the officials posed for a photograph just after the finals. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Davis Cup contingent

has teamed-up with

renowned isotonic ener-

gy-drink manufacturer

Yeti for the Rakuten,

Group IV Asia/Oceania

Davis Cup Tournament,

which concluded at the

SLTA Courts in Green

Path, Colombo.

Association

The Sri Lanka Tennis

(SLTA)

Sri Lanka competed isotonic products.

national Tournament and it was school participated for the lower tournaments and swept the board and participated for the All Island under 15 Milo tournament and they clinched the title and also they won the championships at the North Western Schools Netball Tournament and the Schools tournament at Kuli-

**Yeti powers SL Davis Cup Tennis Team** 

They were the under 16 Runa fine exposure for Pavithra. Her ner up at the 2020 National Sports Festival Netball Tournament held at Kuliyapitiya and in 2022 they were the All Island Super 16 Milo Champions by defeating more fancied Musaeus College Colombo and in the recently held Zonal Tournament they were the champions. They are receiving all the support and help from the Old Girls Union.

alongside Bangladesh

Brunei, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan,

Maldives and Yemen

with the team finishing

on top of the group qual-

ifying to play in the play-

off for the promotion to

Asia/Oceania Group

111. As part of the part-

nership, the Sri Lanka

Davis Cup Tennis Team had access to the elite

Yeti portfolio of sports

### TT Coach Anura Lal builds Indoor Stadium at Ambalangoda

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA** 

Table Tennis has become a very popular sport in Ambalangoda, where many have represented the country at international championships and have participated in local tournaments. However, there is no proper indoor stadium in Ambalangoda or Southern Prov-

Earlier Anura Lal imported branded TT tables and some times he donated tables to the schools as well as TT Academies at Ambalangoda. Due to this reason the renowned TT coach Anura Lal decided to build a multiple Indoor Stadium in Ambalangoda. The first phase of the Indoor Stadium was declared open yesterday (14).

To commemorate this occasion Anura Lal invited National ranked players in the Men's & Women's and Cadet Girls & Boys categories to compete in an invitation league tournament.

A.W Anura Lal is a former Table Tennis Coach of Devanan-



The newly built indoor Stadium

da College, Ambalangoda who has produced many TT Champions such as. Ishara Madurangi, Chalitha Ranjana Sajith Priyadharshana, Dinusha Manoji D M G S Kumara, Chandi Hansa, Chathura Viskam, Malith Dilusha, Yohan Deshappriya, K W Wasana, Chameera Chathuranga, K S T Lakshan to Sri Lanka Table Tennis.

After retiring from coaching, Anura Lal started a sports company called Githmi Sports, where he financially sponsored naments and giving cash awards etc. Anura Lal is very keen to



support others sports especially in his home town at Ambalan-The distinguished Devananda old boy most of the times sponsored his college cricket team and gave sport gears to the players to build up their career.

Meanwhile the inagural Invitational Table Tennis Championship for Men's & Women's and Cadet Girls & Boys to mark the Opening of the first phase of the GIMA Indoor Stadium, Ambalangoda was conducted lot of players conducting tour- yesterday. The Men's and Women's players were given cash

### **SLR Council appoints** Panduka as Legal Adviser

**CHRIS DHAMBARAGE** 

The Sri Lanka Rugby (SLR) Council appointed Attorneyat-Law Panduka Keerthinanda as their Legal Adviser during their meeting held recently. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Colombo in 1990 and is a senior practitioner in the Bar where he acquired commendable experience in Criminal and Civil Law practice in Sri

"I am extremely happy that we have appointed a very keen Sports Enthusiastic and legal person who has tremennew Sports Laws such as

dous experience in Civil Law and Sports to SLR as our Legal Advisor," SLR President Rizly Illyas told the Daily News. "I am confident that Panduka will deliver the rest for the benefit of the sport," SLR President Illyas added.

Keerthinanda was the for-

mer Chairman of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority, Member of the National Sports Council and Legal Consultant to the Sports Ministry from 2010 to 2015. He has also actively contributed to implementing



Panduka Keerthinanda

Convention Against Doping in Sports Act 33 of 2013 and Prevention of Offences Relating to Sports Act 25 of 2019.



### **OBSERVER SLT-MOBITEL**

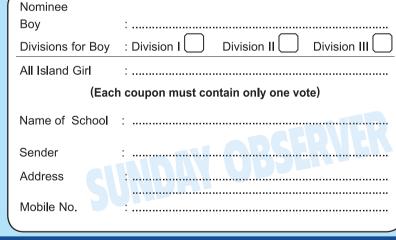
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Cricketers from schools competing in Division one, two and three of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association Under 19 Inter-School Tournament 2021/2022 are eligible to be voted.

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Schoolgirl Cricketers from schools competing in all Island school's of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association Under 19 Inter-School Tournament 2021/2022 are eligible to be voted.



### Vote online now: vote.schoolcricketer.lk

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The 44th Most Popular Schoolboy/girl Cricketer Contest is now on. Mail the completed coupon to the SPORTS EDITOR, SUNDAY OBSERVER, LAKE HOUSE, COLOMBO 10.

Children of Lake House, SLT- Mobitel staff are not eligible to participate in the competition. Each coupon must contain only one vote for one player and for one contest. In all matters connected with the contest, the decision of the Sports Editor,

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# **Unbeaten Pathana** crowned U-20 League champions

Sports Editor: 011 242 9223

# Dialog SCHOOLS RUGBY

### **CHRIS DHAMBARAGE**

Isipathana College clinched the 2022 Inter-Schools Under-20 'A' Division League title when they defeated arch-rivals Royal College 21-15 in a thrilling final encounter played at Havelock Park yesterday.

Isipathana also kept their unbeaten record intact as they collected their points from one goal, one try and three penalties after trailing 6-10 at half time while Royal responded with one goal, one try and one penalty.

In addition, Isipathana shattered Royal's chances of retaining the 'A' Division League title for the fourth successive year and went on to regain the Major Milroy Fernando Memorial Trophy.

Even then, Isipathana were under tremendous pressure in the beginning as they conceded an early try to their opponents and were trailing 0-10 after just 15 minutes of

In fact, Royal drew first blood in the 12th minute with a superb try from Pasindu Heshan who powered his way to touch down after the forwards had worked their way to gain a great amount of territorial advantage





Action from the match between Royal and Isipathana (Pic by Wasitha Patabendige)



Isipathana skipper, Daham Wickrammarachchi, lifts the coveted Dialog Schools Rugby League Trophy. Also in picture, Nirodha Wijerama, Secretary, SLSRFA, B A Abeyratne, President, SLSRFA, Harsha Samaranayake, Senior General Manager - Brand and Media, Group Marketing, Dialog Axiata PLC and Upali Amarathunga, Deputy Director, Physical Education, Ministry of Education.

Yehiya added the extra points and three advantage and reduced the deficit to four minutes later, he converted a good penalty to points with a penalty each from Rinesh Silva and malith Mihisara respectively. After the turnaround, Isipathana reduced the margin to a solitary point with Mihisara firing across another penalty from a good 30 metres out.

> Isipathana were now really fired up as their three quarters simply cut loose with fly half Naveen Kanishka finding a huge gap in the Royal defence to score under the post following a superb dummy.

Mihisara converted the try and Isipathana were able to take the lead 16-10 for the first time in the game.

However, Royal responded almost immediately and scored a magnificent pushover try through Danindu Samararatne to make it 15-16 going into the last few minutes of the

Isipathana then completely sealed the contest in their favour with Praveen Stephan producing a brilliant solo effort to breakaway and touch down completely unchallenged.

Mihisara missed the conversion, but Isipathana ran out victorious 21-15 and won their first league title since 2016.

### **SLC Invitational T20 League**

### **SLC Blues** confront Reds in final today

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA** 

SLC Blues will meet SLC Reds in the final of the SLC Invitational T20 League cricket tournament fixture which will be played today (15) at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium, commencing from 7.00 pm.

The two teams met each other in the last league game on Saturday when the Reds led by Kusal Mendis recorded a 33-run victory to enter the final. Mendis the top form batter played a superb knock of 86 in 60 balls with ten fours and a six which is also the highest individual total of this tournament. The opener Kusal Mendis was leading from the front while all rounder Wanindu Hasaranga played a remarkable unbeaten knock of 69 in 41 balls with 3 fours and 5 sixes and was adjudged Man of the Match in this game.

The opener Lasith Croospulle, dashing stroke maker Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Kamindu Mendis young all rounder Dunith Wellalage and Lahiru Madushanka are the other stroke makers of the Reds side.

The useful all rounder Sahan Arachchige also strengthens the middle order while paceman Asitha Fernando, and Matheesha Pathirana who has an action similar to Lasith Malinga while two main spinners Wanindu Hasaranga and Maheesh Theekshana have been always challenging for the opponent Blues team today at the final. Reds scored 178 for 5 wickets in their last game against Blues which was the highest team total so far in their tournament.

Meanwhile, the Blues team had a big blow as their regular skipper Charith Asalanka tested positive for Covid-19 while all rounder Dhananjaya de Silva is standing skipper from the last game. Dhananjaya de Silva has good experience to handle the team while Lahiru Udara, Sadeera Samarawickrama, and wicketkeeper Sithara Gimhan are the top order batters to build up the innings.

Ashen Bandara and Chamika Karunaratne strengthen the middle order while all rounders Suminda Lakshan and Lahiru Samara-

koon are also useful

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batters who can make good contributions in today's final.

Dilshan Madushanka the

young paceman who bowled really well during this tournament has a good ability to do early damage for team Blues while Kasun Rajitha and leg spinner Praveen Jayawickrama are the talented bowlers of the

Blues team.

Both teams have good all rounders while the National team players from both teams have the extra benefit to make a good challenge at this final The game will commence at 7 pm while both teams have to play under lights and the toss is

not a vital factor today but Reds team have good hard hitters like Wanindu Hasaranga, Bhanuka Rajapaksa and Kusal Mendis have a good advantage to chase a target.

**SLC Blues** 

main strike

Madushanka is

knocking on the

Asia Cup's door.

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Dilshan

The spinners like Wanindu Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana both from the Reds while Praveen Jayawickrama of Blues and Red's paceman Asitha Fernando are among the wickets in this tournament and all are in this final which is going to be a keen tussle today.

SLC conducted this tournament before the Asia Cup and T 20 World Cup while selectors were keen to see this tournament to select the best for the Asia Cup and T 20 World Cup. The Asia Cup team has already been submitted for the Sports Minister's approval while all the players are keen to succeed in this final before this Asia Cup.





Sri Lanka Under 19 team led by all-rounder Raveen de Silva left England yesterday for two four-day unofficial Test matches and three unofficial ODI matches. The tour will start on 16 with three-day practice games. The picture shows the Sri Lanka Under 19 team posing with officials for a photograph before their departure. (Pic courtesy SLC)

### Mobil extends support to Sri Lankan Badminton team





Several young athletes represented Sri Lanka at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Mobil, a brand that is close to the hearts of many Sri Lankans, is proud to support the Sri Lankan Badminton team and extends wishes and strength to the team to make our nation proud on this international platform.

Rohan De Silva, President of the Sri Lanka Badminton Association and Chaminda Gunarathna, Joint Managing Director of McLarens Lubricants Ltd. met with the team to support and extend best wishes.

### Neymar scores twice as PSG thump Montpellier

Neymar scored twice as Paris St-Germain made it two Ligue 1 wins from two under new boss Christophe Galtier with a resounding defeat of Montpellier.

While Kylian Mbappe saw a first-half penalty saved, PSG went ahead through Falaye Sacko's own

Neymar scored from the spot and headed his second to put the hosts three up.

Wahbi Khazri and Enzo Tchato were on target for Montpellier but Mbappe and Renato Sanches goals ensured another emphatic win for PSG.

In Galiter's first home game as boss, PSG dominated from the start, earning a 23rd-minute penalty after a Jordan Ferri handball.

While Mbappe was denied by Jonas Omlin, Sacko turned the ball into his own net before Neymar continued his fine form with a double either side of the break - having scored one and set up another three in last week's 5-0 win at Clermont.

Former Sunderland forward Khazri pulled one back for Montpellier but goals from Mbappe and Sanches - either side of what would have been a Neymar hat-trick goal being chalked off for offside - put PSG 5-1 clear before Tchato's superb consolation strike in added time. (BBC)

### Godamanna retires as Sri Lanka beat Iraq 2-0



Harshana Godamanna receiving a special memento from the SLT President and Secretary to the Sports Minister Dr. Amal Harsha de Silva.

### **DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

Sri Lanka came out victorious in the crucial decider match of the Asia Oceania Zone Group IV Event 'A' Tennis Tournament for promotion to Group III when they outclassed Iraq by 2-0 at the SLTA clay courts on Satur-

This was an emotional farewell for Sri Lankan tennis player Harshana Godamanna who announced his retirement from tennis.

After the Davis Cup group IV tournament, SLTA officials handed over a special memento to the Harshana Godamanna at the SLTA courts. Results:

Promotion Playoff: Sri Lanka beat Iraq 2-0

Singles: Yasitha de Silva (Sri Lanka) beat Abdullah Ali Hatem (Iraq) 2-0 (6/4, 6/2)

Harshana Godamanna (Sri Lanka) beat Adel Mustafa Al-Saedi (Iraq) 2-0 (6/3, 6/2)

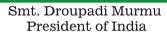




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Shri Narendra Modi Prime Minister of India

### MESSAGE FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER



I convey warm greetings to my brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka as India celebrates her 75th Anniversary of Independence today. It is also a matter of great happiness that Sri Lanka as well is in the 75th year of its Independence.

Under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', a series of initiatives and activities have been undertaken across Sri Lanka to mark this momentous occasion. Joint celebration of 75 years of Independence by India and Sri Lanka is one of the highlights of these celebrations.

Friends, guided by 'Neighbourhood First' policy, India keeps in her heart all the time the people of Sri Lanka and their well being. Unprecedented financial, economic and humanitarian assistance of close to USD 4 billion this year underscores our commitment to our brethren in Sri Lanka. India and her people rose to respond to various requirements of the Sri Lankan people in a prompt manner through our multi-pronged assistance.

Bilateral ties are evolving into newer areas. Eight documents were signed between the two Governments during the visit of External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar to Sri Lanka in March 2022. These

documents cover a large canvas - from the next generation Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity Project to the USD 15 million grant for the promotion of Buddhist linkages, and to defence, among others. These are a testimony to the dynamism in our relationship.

India has been an active partner in catalyzing the economic recovery of Sri Lanka. Indian investments in mutually beneficial sectors such as ports, renewable energy, infrastructure etc will be instrumental in this through employment generation and stepped up economic activities.

Civilizational connect, shared heritage and abiding bonds between the people are the hallmark of India-Sri Lanka ties. Today, as we rapidly move forward on the path laid out by generations from antiquity, we also seek to strengthen these age-old linkages for posterity as well.

I once again convey my greetings to all Indians and our brothers and

- Gopal Baglay

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### Towards a greener tomorrow

(Solar Power Plant in Sampur)

- Cooperation in renewable energy sector is a priority area
- 100 MW Solar Power Plant
- Joint Venture and Shareholders' Agreement (JVSHA) between NTPC Limited from India and CEB









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### India's multi-pronged support of around USD 4 billion to the people of Sri Lanka in 2022







India will continue to stand with the people of Sri Lanka and support democracy, stability and economic recovery in Sri Lanka. - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Concessional loan of USD 1 billion for food, medicines and essential commodities

USD 500 million credit line for purchase of petroleum products.

Line of Credit of USD 55 million for procurement of Urea Fertiliser.

Deferment of dues of about USD 1.8 billion till June 2022 to be paid by CBSL to the Reserve Bank of India under the Asian Clearing Union framework.

Currency swap of USD 400 million to strengthen the forex reserves.

Donation of more than 26 tons of medicines to various entities across Sri Lanka.

Distribution of dry rations among needy sections of the society.

Kerosene for fishermen to sustain their livelihoods.

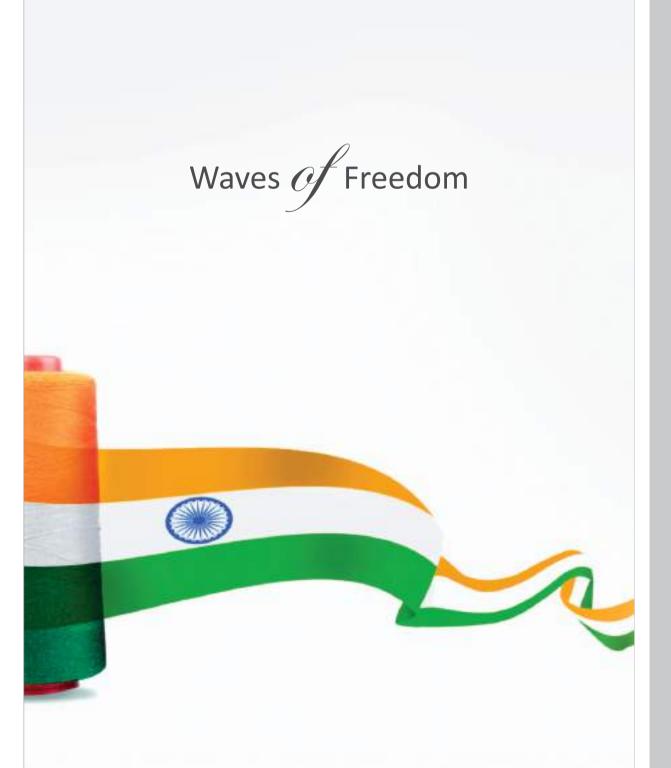
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### VISIT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DR. S. JAISHANKAR TO SRI LANKA IN MARCH 2022





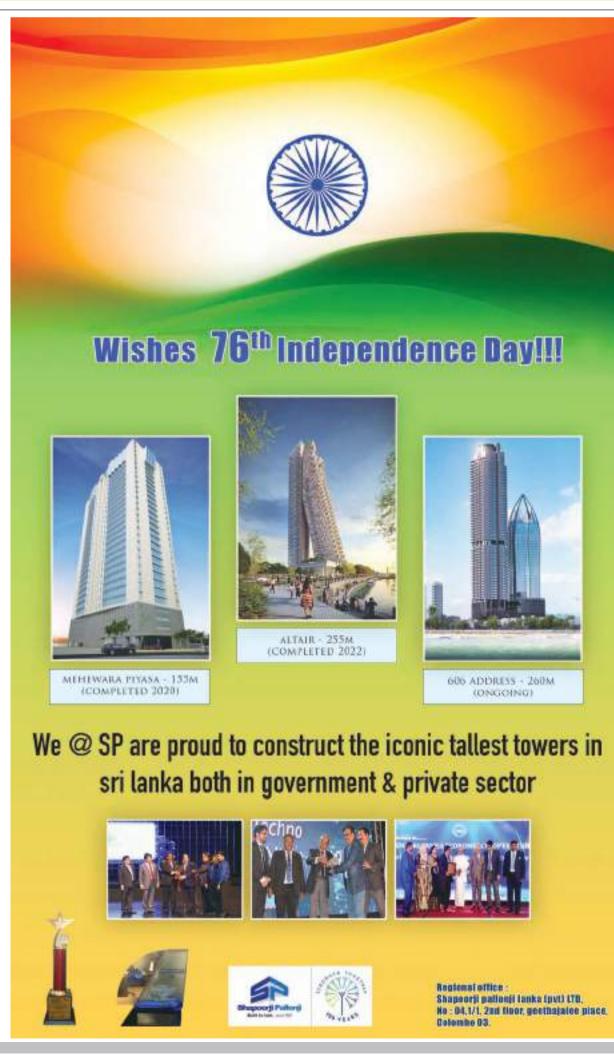




### Documents signed during the visit

- ▶ MoU on implementation of grant assistance from India to promote Buddhist ties between India and Sri Lanka
- ➤ Exchange of notes on the amendment to Article IX of the MoU on construction of Jaffna Cultural Center
- ➤ MoU on implementation of Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity (SL-UDI) programme with GOI's grant assistance
- ➤ MoU for providing Maritime Rescue Coordination Center
- ➤ MoU on implementation of Hybrid Power Projects in three Islands off Jaffna
- ➤ MoU on cooperation in development of Fisheries Harbours in Sri Lanka
- ➤ MoU for the establishment of Modern Computer Labs and smart boards with customized curriculum software in 200 schools in Galle District
- ► MoU between Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and the Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute.





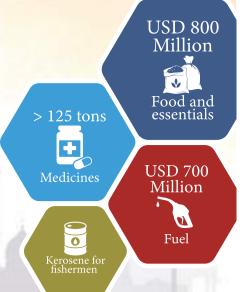


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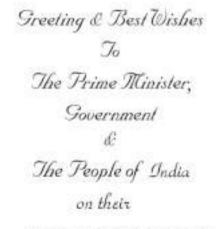
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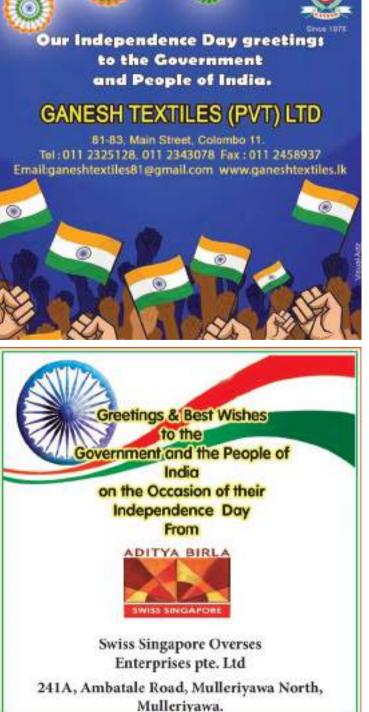


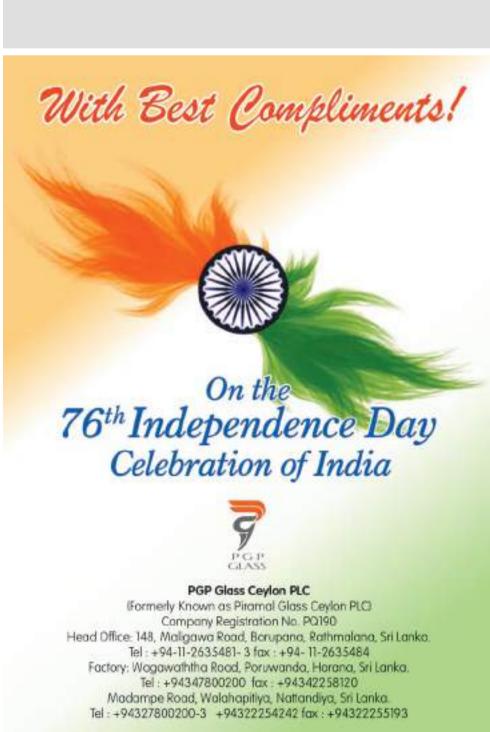
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# DEFENCE III

The sturdy bilateral defence relationship is built on the foundation of close linkages between the two militaries. Commonalities on the security front guide the defence cooperation, which has a wide landscape, encompassing training, joint exercises, supply of military equipment and high level bilateral visits, among others.

Annual dialogues are held at levels of National Security Advisor (NSA), Deputy NSA, Defence Secretary and Service Chiefs. Periodic bilateral goodwill visits by Navy and

Coast Guard ships are also a striking feature of the bilateral defence partnership.



### **MILITARY EXERCISES**

The 8 th edition of India -Sri Lanka joint military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI commenced with the landing of 120 - strong Indian Army contingent onboard Indian Air Force IL-76 transport aircraft on 2 October 2021. Bilateral Naval exercise SLINEX off Vishakhapatnam was held from 07-10 March 2022.



### **BILATERAL PLATFORMS**

The 5 th NSA level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave was held on 9-10 March 2022 in Maldives followed by 6 th Deputy NSA level meeting on 07-08 July 2022 at Kochi. The then Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army General MM Naravane, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC visited Sri Lanka from 12-16 October 2021 followed by Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (South) Vice Admiral Anil Chawla, PVSM, AVSM, NM, VSM, ADC from 25-28



### **HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT**

Supporting Sri Lanka's fight against COVID-19, Indian Naval Ship Shakti arrived in Colombo on 22 August 2021 with 100 tons (5 containers) of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) from Visakhapatnam. Further, Indian Naval Ship (INS) Gharial was specially deployed for ensuring expeditious delivery of medical supplies to Sri Lanka in

# GEARING FOR TOMORROW

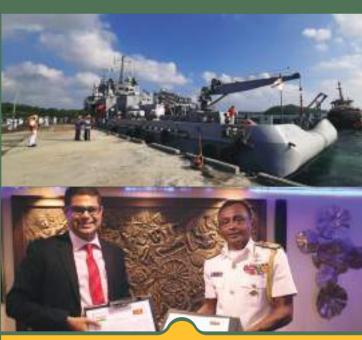
Towards enhancing the capability and capacity building of Sri Lankan Armed Forces, multiple MoUs and agreements were signed between Governments of India and Sri Lanka in March 2022. These include a 4000T Floating Dock for Sri Lanka Navy on gratis basis to enhance their ship repairing capability, two Dornier Aircrafts to Sri Lanka Air Force towards strengthening their Maritime security capabilities multifold and the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre for Sri Lanka Navy. 750 vehicles (SUV/MUV) are also being given to Sri Lanka Police.



### **TRAINING**

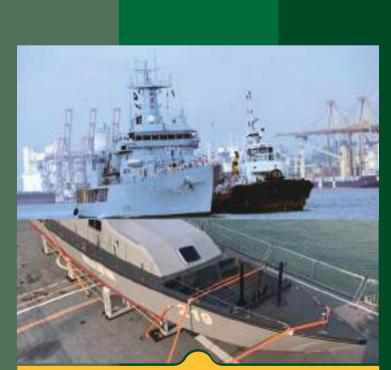
Training is an enduring pillar, with India being the largest provider of foreign training assistance to Sri Lankan Armed Forces.

Overcoming the hurdles posed by Covid-19, participation in premier courses at reputed institutions in India continued.



### **MARITIME DOMAIN**

Indian Naval Ship 'Nireekshak' (advanced diving support ship of Indian Navy), facilitated Mixed Gas Diving training for Sri Lanka Navy in February 2022 and five sailing vessels of Indian Navy (Mhadei, Tarini, Bulbul, Kadalpura and Hariyal) catering to ocean sailing training/ experience for Sri Lanka Navy in March 2022. Four ships of the Western Fleet (INS Brahmaputra, Talwar, Chennai and Teg) of Indian Navy visited Sri Lanka from 09-12 March 2022. Sri Lanka Coast Guard Ship Suraksha participated in the Pollution Lanka Coast Guard Ship Suraksha participated in the Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-VIII) from 19-21 April 2022 in Goa towards strengthening coordinated efforts for preserving and protecting Marine Environment.



### **ENHANCING OPERATIONAL READINESS**

INS Sharda arrived with the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) embarked onboard for training of Sri Lanka Air Force Pilots and to execute shipbonne helicopter operations for Sri Lanka Naval Ships from 23-29 March 2022. SLNS Sagara spares were provided on grant basis. Further, in order to ensure operational readiness of AN32, two propellers are being gifted by Indian Air Force to Sri Lanka Air Force.

Making a tangible impact on daily lives:

### **PEOPLE-CENTRIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Development projects carried out by India in Sri Lanka have people and their daily lives at its very heart. At an overall commitment of over USD 5 billion with around USD 600 million grants, these projects cut across diverse spheres such as large-scale infrastructure, connectivity, health, education, housing, and industrial development, among many others. Spread across the 25 districts of Sri Lanka, this key pillar of bilateral cooperation spurs the local economy as they rely mostly on Sri Lankan contractors and labour for their implementation.

With their dynamic working structures, these projects negotiate the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic well. Testifying to their evolving and demand-driven nature, a MOU on grant assistance for the next-generation Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity project was signed between the two countries in March

Overall, India has been associated with more than 85 grant projects in Sri Lanka. This includes the flagship Indian Housing Programme for the construction of 60,000 houses, nation-wide 1990 Suwaseriya Emergency Ambulance service, and the iconic Jaffna Cultural Center. State of the art Rabindranath Tagore auditorium in Ruhuna University and the first of its kind temperature-controlled warehouse in Dambulla are among other projects which attests to the breadth and versatility of India-Sri Lanka development partnership.







Soft launch of state-of-the-art Jaffna Cultural Centre



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Strengthening railway infrastructure: 160 coaches and 2 AC Diesel Multiple Units (AC DMUs) were provided to Sri Lanka in a year.











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# Connect between people across generations Historical, cultural, spiritual, and linguistic ties have interwoven India and Sri Lanka into a

common cultural tapestry that dates back more than two millennia.

# Jataka Tales Audho Book in Sinhala



Marking 75th anniversary of India's Independence, the Audio Book containing 50 Jataka Tales was launched at the Ruwanweli Maha Seya premises in Anuradhapura on the sacred Poson Poya on 14 June 2022. Tales selected under the theme of 'Good Advice' primarily caters to the Visually impaired. The first Audio Book was offered to the Venerable Maha Sangha. This unique initiative was the joint collaboration between SVCC and the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies (CCIS), University of Colombo.

# International Day of

The 8th International Day of Yoga was organized in collaboration with Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs at the iconic Independence Square on 21 June 2022 in Colombo. Themed 'Yoga for Humanity', the mega event was held under the gracious presence of H.E Ranil Wickremesinghe, several Ministers, Members of Parliament and other dignitaries. Hundreds of yoga enthusiasts from all over the country took part in the event. The event was a part of the 'Guardian Ring' which connected Yoga events from all over the world to highlight the unifying power of Yoga. A series of other programmes were organized throughout the month of June in the run upto the grand event on 21 June 2022.



The United Nations proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga on 11 December 2014. The resolution was passed by the highest number of votes ever recorded for any General Assembly resolution.







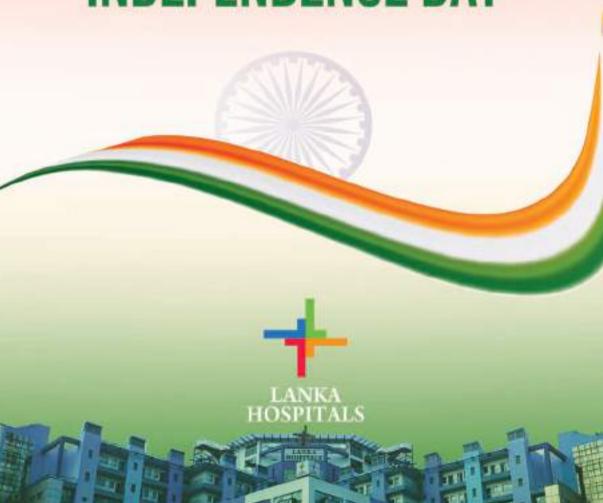


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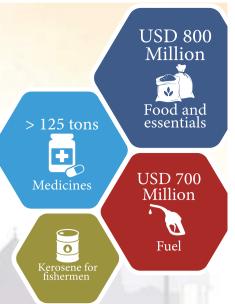








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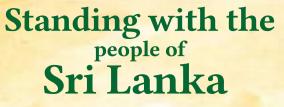


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Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 21-28 June 2022.



### ITEC

The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme was instituted by Government of India in 1964 as an assistance programme. This fully funded Programme, covering airfare, accommodation, study tours, course fee and other allowances, has grown considerably over the years and along with its sister program SCAAP (Special Commonwealth African Assistance Programme), 161 countries across the globe are invited to gain from sharing of the Indian developmental experience. Under capacity building, which is an important pillar of ITEC, professionals from these countries are offered tailor-made training courses in both civilian and defence spheres in reputed institutions in India.

Sri Lanka is among the most important ITEC partner countries and 402 fully-funded slots are offered every year to Sri Lankan Government personnel and other nationals for short term training programs towards enhancing their skill-set. The courses are spread over a multitude of sectors such as Management & Leadership, International Trade, Tourism, Textiles, Renewable Energy, Petroleum & Hydrocarbon, IT, English language etc. The Programme draws an enthusiastic response in Sri Lanka every year and 415 participants from Sri Lanka attended various e-ITEC programs last year.

A highlight has been the five customized capacity building training courses for educational administrators, officials, curriculum developers and school heads by the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR) Chennai for 200 Sri Lankan officials. Inaugural edition of the innovative Young Leaders' Neighbourhood-First Fellowship Programme at the prestigious St. Stephen's College was attended by seven young participants from Sri Lanka.

The inaugural edition of the Gen Next Democracy Network Programme to mark 75 years of India's Independence was attended by Hon'ble MPs Jeevan Thondaman, and Kavinda Jayawardena, former Chairman of the Weligama Urban Council, Rehan Jeyawickrema and Member of the Colombo Municipal Council, Ms. Gayathri Wickramasinghe. The delegation visited various places in India during the week-long programme from November 25-December 2, 2021.



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Inaugural ceremony of the St. Stephen's Young Leaders' Fellowship Programme



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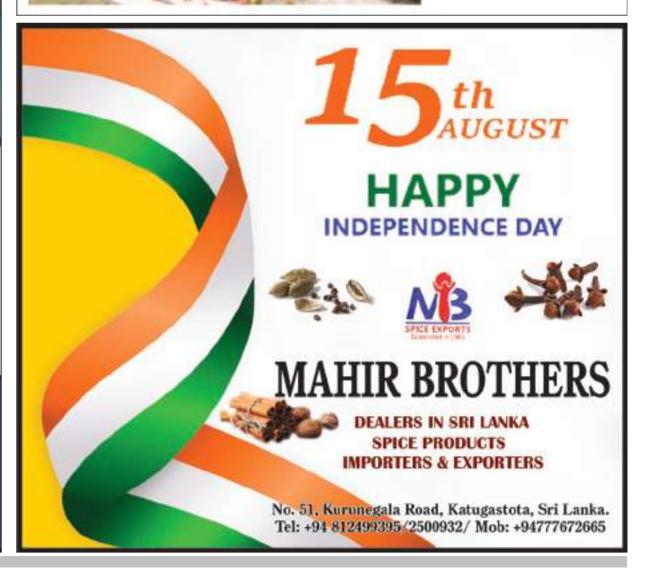
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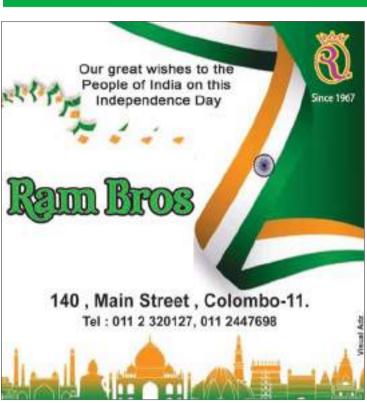
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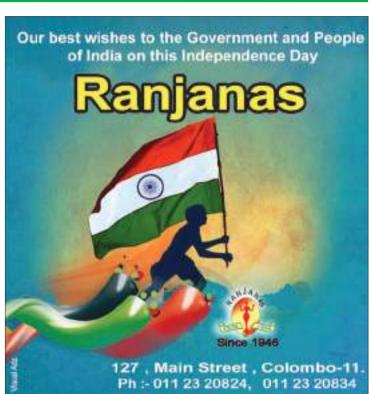














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Details	Closing Date	Time
Auction of Toddy Tavern	23.09.2022	10.30 a.m.
Auction of Foreign Liquor Tavern	23.09.2022	10.30 a.m.

Part I of the Gazette Notification No. 2294 dated 19.08.2022. Section (II B) - is published in detail and the information can be obtained by visiting the website www.documents.gov.lk

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Date of Auction	14.09.2022				
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  - ii. Should have minimum 03 years' experience in configuring On Demand Video & Audio Streaming Services for Radio and TV Stations in Sri
  - iii. Having 24/7 direct customer support service and help center facility.
- 4. A complete set of Bidding documents in English language may be inspected free of charge and purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Manager (Procurement), Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 + VAT in cash to the Chairman, Independent Television Network Ltd., during office days (Monday to Friday, except Mercantile Holidays) from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Deputy General Manager (Engineering) of Independent Television Network Ltd.,

Tel. 0112774592 / Fax No. 0112774591 /

Email: engineering@itn.lk and Manager (Procurement) Tel No. 0112775493/ Email: supplies@itn.lk

- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below either by Registered post or deposited in the 'Tender Box' kept at the Front Security Office of ITN, Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla before the closing time of 2.00 p.m. on 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. Late bids will be rejected.
- 7. The caption, "Procurement of Acquiring of on Demand Video & Audio Streaming Services, Live Video & Audio Streaming Services for ITN Websites Ref. No. ITN/Q/157/2021" should be mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- 8. Bids will be opened at **2.30 p.m. on 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2022** at the office of Engineering Division of ITN, Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 9. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 150,000.00.

Chairman, Procurement Committee, Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla.

15.08.2022

### Auction Sale of Toddy Toll of the Imbulpe Divisional Secretary's Division in the Rathnapura District - Year 2023 Pinnawala Toddy Tavern No. 02

It is hereby informed that the above mentioned Toddy Toll will be sold by Auction at 10.30 a.m. on 13th September 2022 at the Divisional Secretariat Office, Imbulpe.

Further details have been published in the Government Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 05th August 2022.

> D.P.G. Renuka Divisional Secretary Imbulpe.

Office of the Divisional Secretariat Imbulpe 10.08.2022

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO NOTICE OF APPLICATION

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of late Mohamed Razeen Salih late of No. 3181, Bay View Avenue Apartment 214, Toronto, Ontario M2K272 Canada.

**Deceased** 

Case No. DTS/00165/22 Nature : Testamentary Value : Rs. 151,195, 383/01

### And

In the matter of an application under Section 554U of Chapter xxxviiiB of the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101) for the re-sealing of the Foreign Probate.

1. Yuparaet Salih also known as Yuparaet Ayesha Salih of No. 23, Danville Dr., Toronto, Ontario M2P 1H7, Canada.

2. Yuparat Jamaliya Salih of No. 52, Longwood Dr., Toronto, Ontario M3B1T8 Canada

The Executors named in the said Last Will and Testament appearing by their Attorney Fathima Azkiya Zaheed of No. 7, Bawa Place, Colombo 8.

### **Petitione**

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiry of Twenty Eight (28) days from the date hereof, application will be made to the District Court of Colombo under Section 554(U) of Chapter xxxviiiB of the Civil Procedure Code (Cap 101) for the re-sealing of the Probate dated 23rd of June 2020 granted by the Ontario Superior Court of Juistice in Canada in respect of the estate of the late Mohamed Razeen Salih the above named deceased late of No. 3181, Bay View Avenue Apartment 214, Toronto, Ontario M2K272 Canada.

On this 15th day of August 2022

Sgd/Lucian Perera Associates Attorneys-at-Law for the Petitioners

### Cancellation of Special Power of Attori

I KURUGAMAGE JAYANTHA MANJULA PERERA (Holder of N.LC. No: 743040694 V) of No: 79A, Kanjukkaliya, Mugamuwatawana.hereby inform the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and do the General Public in that the POWER OF ATTORNEY bearing No: 6116 dated 17th December 2015 attested by Sirimal.A.E.Pinto Notary Public that WARNAKULASURIYA MEGA PRABATH FERNANDO (N.LC. No: 903291001 V) of No: 280, Mugamuwatawana West, Malwatta, Iluppodeniya as my Attorney in the said Republic of Sri Lanka is cancelled and revoked.

### REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

It is hereby notified that the Power of Attorney signed by me, Warnakulasuriya Patabendige Gayani Anette Priyanka Perera of St. Mary's Road, Kudamaduwella, Thoduwawa attested by M.A. Dilani P. Marasinghe, Notary Public granted by me the aforesaid to Warnakulasuriya Patabendige Antony Theadore Perera of St. Mary's Road, Kudamaduwella Thoduwawa, bearing **No. 7287** dated **01.02.2017** is hereby cancelled and revoked.



THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION



### Mahaweli Water Security Investment Program (MWSIP)

Program Management Unit (PMU)

Loan 3625-SRI - Tranche 2

### **Extension of Bid Closing Date**

(Open Competitive Bidding)

### Supply of Muriate of Potash (MOP) for 2022/23 Maha Season Paddy Cultivation

MI/MWSIP/ADB/GDS/MOP FERTILIZER/OCB/2022/037

Please be informed that the following amendments were made to the Invitation for Bid (IFB) for aforesaid goods which was published on 27.07.2022.

- The Bidder shall have minimum average annual turnover of <u>US\$ 80 million</u> calculated as total certified payments received for the supply of fertilizer, within the immediate past three (03) years.
- Extended date and time for Bid submission <u>24.08.2022</u> <u>at 10.00 a.m.</u> (Local time)
- Bids shall be delivered to the address provided below and to reach at or before 10.00 a.m. (Local time) on 24th August 2022 and it will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids.

Program Director,

Mahaweli Water Security Investment Program (MWSIP), Program Management Unit (PMU), No. 493 1/1,

T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Tel. No.: +94 11 2675810 Fax No.: +94 11 2675227

E-mail address: ebid.mwsip@gmail.com

### BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA (BOI) Invitation for Bids (IFB)

### CONSTRUCTION OF GABION WALLS AT POLGAHAWELA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE AND MAWATHAGAMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

The Chairman Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for following Bids.

Bid No.	Description	CIDA Registration Required IRRIGATION AND DRAIANGE CANALS	Estimated Cost without VAT (Rs. Mn.)	Con- struction Period	Bid Validity	Bid Security Amount (Rs.) and Validity	Pre Bid Meeting
BOI/NWRO/ PWEPZ/2022/ 10.09.005 & 006	Construction of Gabion Walls to protect eroded river bank at rear side of Lot No. 1 C and Lot No. 4 at Polgahawela Export Processing Zone	Grade C7 and C6	8.2	90 Days	Bids shall be valid up to 06.12.2022	150,000.00 valid up to 03.01.2023	Date: 30.08.2022 Time: 10.00 hrs Venue: BOI Admin Office at Polgahawela Export Processing Zone
BOI/NWRO/ PWEPZ/2022/ 09.09.008	Construction of Gabion Wall to protect eroded river bank area in rear side of Lot No. 06 at Mawathagama Export Processing Zone	Grade C8 and C7	4.1	60 days	Bids shall be valid up to 06.12.2022	75,000.00 valid up to 03.01.2023	Date: 30.08.2022 Time: 14.00 hrs Venue: BOI Admin Office at Mawathagama Export Processing Zone

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- 2. To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- 3. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:
  Experience as a Main Contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed works over the period of last 5 years.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Director (NWRO), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, North Western Regional Office, MAS Fabric Park, Kurunegala Road, Thulhiriya through Tele No. 037-2277035, Fax No. 037-2277036 and inspect the Bidding Documents from the same address between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs. during weekdays.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to Director (NWRO), North Western Regional Office, MAS Fabric Park, Kurunegala Road, Thulhiriya from **15.08.2022 until 05.09.2022** between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 + VAT. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to reach "The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, C/o Director (NWRO), North Western Regional Office, MAS Fabric Park, Kurunegala Road, Thulhiriya" on or before **06.09.2022 at 14.00 hrs.** Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

Chairman

BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA



### DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING

### N-77 Invitation for Bids for the sale of Discarded Off-cut Papers (White & mixed)

Reference to the newspaper advertisement published on 10.08.2022 for the sale of discarded off cut papers (white & mixed) from the Department of Government Printing from 01.09.2022 to 30.03.2023. The material relevant for sale in the said advertisement should be amended as follows:

Sales material published	Sales material to be amended
Discarded off-cut	Discarded off-cut paper (white & mixed)
paper (white &	and cardboards and other discarded paper
mixed)	e.g. Wrapping Papers (without wax paper)

Chairman, **Department Procurement Committee,** Department of Government Printing, No. 118, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08. Telephone: 011-2673311 | Fax: 011-2671922 Website: www.documents.gov.lk 10.08.2022

### An Act to Incorporate the **Susarana Lanka Foundation**

I, Asanka Navarathna, do hereby give notice under Standing Order No. 53(1) of the Standing Order of the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that I propose to introduce to Parliament a Bill titled "An Act to incorporate the Susarana Lanka Foundation". The aim of the Bill is to incorporate the said Foundation which has the following general objects:-

- 1. Providing education scholarships, school equipment as well as other aids and support services targeting low-income children.
- 2. Coordinating with foreign educational institutions to provide international level knowledge and experience to the children of Sri Lanka in various fields and implementing knowledge exchange programs with those countries.
- To improve library facilities in difficult schools and providing books to encourage children to read and other physical facilities to those schools, to organize literary competitions and other creative programs.
- 4. Providing training programs and experiences to school children by experts in respective fields related to the development of entrepreneurial qualities and skills in children to suit the future local and foreign job market etc.

Asanka Nawarathna **Member of Parliament Kurunegala District** 







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### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

### NORTH WESTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Name of the Project: General Education Modernization Project (GEM)

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Provincial Director of Education (North Western Province) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction & Repairs as given in the table funded by Ministry of Education.

Se/ No.	Bid Code No.	Title of Contract	Divisional Engineer's Office	Required CIDA Grade (Buildings)	Contract period (Days)	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period of the bid Security	Non- refundable tender Fee (Rs.)	Validity Period of the bid
01	22/E/Putt/ GEMP/ NCB/C3	Construction of 30x25 Mathematics Unit at St. Anne's Viddyalaya, Thalawila	Puttalam	C7 or C6 only	180	92,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
02	22/E/Putt/ GEMP/ NCB/C8	Construction of 30x25 Library Building at Ralapanawa K.V.	Puttalam	C7 or C6 only	180	97,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
03	22/E/Ride/ GEMP/ NCB/C6	Construction of 30x25 Library Building at Ogodapola School	Redeegama	C7 or C6 only	180	93,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
04	22/E/Kuli/ GEMP/ NCB/C2	Construction of Mathematics Unit at Ingaradaula M.M.V.	Kuliyapitiya	C7 or C6 only	180	100,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
05	22/E/Ridee/ GEMP/ NCB/C1	Construction 30x25 Mathematics Building at Rambadagalla School	Rideegama	C7 or C6 only	180	95,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
06	22/E/Ride/ GEMP/ NCB/C5	Construction 30x25 Library Building at Doratiyawa School	Rideegama	C7 or C6 only	180	95,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
07	22/E/Putt/ GEMP/ NCB/C4	Construction of 40x25 single Std. Library Building at Erukalampitiya K.V.	Puttalam	C6 or C5 only	180	121,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
08	22/E/Wari/ GEMP/ NCB/C11	Landscaping of Education Resource Centre at Wariyapola	Wariyapola	C8 or C7 only	110	48,000/-	Up to 09.12.2022	1,500/-	Up to 11.11.2022
09	22/E/Wen/ GEMP/ NCB/C7	Construction of 30x20 Library Building at Mellawa K.V.	Wennappuwa	C6 or C5 only	180	113,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
10	22/E/Wen/ GEMP/ NCB/C12	Construction of Water Supply System and Security Room at Pambala Education Development Centre	Wennappuwa	C7 or C6 only	110	75,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	1,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022

- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the required grade of the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) registration.
- Interested bidders may obtain further Technical Information from Director, Provincial Department of Engineering (NWP), 2nd Floor, Provincial Council Office Complex, Kurunegala.

Tel/Facsimile: 0372222700.

- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the Accounts Branch on the submission of written application to the Director, Provincial Department of Education, Kandy Road, Kurunegala until 8th September, 2022 from 9.00 hrs. to 15.30 hrs. during working days.
- Bids shall be delivered under registered cover in duplicate to the address given below or deposited in the "Tender Box" provided for the purpose, at the Chief Accountant's Office at the Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala on or before 10.00 hrs. on 9th September, 2022. Bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs. on 9th September 2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend in person at the aforesaid address at 10.00 hrs. on 9th September 2022.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Total Cost Estimate of these procurements are below Rs. 50 Mn. Regional Preference and CIDA Grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(iii).
- Bidder should be registered under the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1997 and submit the certificate.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 29th August 2022 at 10.00 hrs. at Provincial Department of Education at the address given below in Paragraph 9.
- The address referred to above is:

A.S.K. Jayalath Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala.

Telephone: 037-2222422 Facsimile Numbers: 037-2222422, 037-2222545 Web address: www.nwpedu.lk

Date: 15.08.2022.

### **BANK OF CEYLON**

### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

### **SUPPLY OF 2 WELFARE VEHICLES FOR BANK OF CEYLON NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE**

Bids are invited for the Supply of two (02) Welfare Vehicles on Rent Basis for Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts in North Central Province

Applicant should have the minimum qualification given below to participate in this bid;

- The vehicles should be duly registered, passenger transport, high roof vehicle with comfortable seating capacity for 14 passengers.
- Should be registered as passenger transport vehicles.
- Vehicles should have dual air condition facility.
- The manufacture year of the proposed vehicle should be 2012 or later.
- The vehicles should be fully insured with the passengers.
- Bidder should be able to supply vehicles facilities on relevant district basis.
- Cost of vehicles maintenance / Driver's wages / Insurance & fuel charges should borne by the owner of vehicles.
- The owner of the vehicle should have the ability to supply vehicles facility by meet the requirements of the institution.
- Owner should have additional Vehicles with similar facilities with there own and expected to have the ability to provide vehicles with the experienced and discipline drivers.

Relevant application form can be obtained from Operations Manager, Bank of Ceylon, North Central Province Office, Anuradhpura upon payment of a tender fee of Rs. 1,500/-. Bids should be deposited in the tender box available in Operations Manager, Bank of Ceylon, North Central Province Office, Anuradhpura or post by register post reach to above address on or before 10.00 a.m. on 29.08.2022.

For further details, please contact Operations Manager on tel: 025-2235680 / 025-2235685 during the office hours on week days.

### **Operations Manager,**

(North Central Province), Bank of Ceylon, North Central Province Office,

Anuradhapura. Tel No: 025-2235680



### MINISTRY OF HEALTH, NUTRITION & **INDIGENOUS MEDICINE**

### TENDER NOTICE

### Supply of General Goods at **Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa**

Sealed bids for the supply of following General Goods at Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa which will be received by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa up to 10.00 a.m. on 02.09.2022.

S.No	Goods	Quantity
01.	Garbage Bags:	
	Yellow	75,000 Nos.
	Orange	30,000 Nos.
	Red	20,000 Nos.
	Black	10,000 Nos.
02.	Green Cloth	4.000 Metres.

- Sole nominated representative / accredited agent of manufacturers / sellers of the General Goods offered for the Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this
- Bid document should be made on a complete set of bidding documents purchased by any interested eligible bidder, agent, representative or nominee for or on behalf of a bidder on the submission of
- a) A written application to Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.
- Upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 1000/ = in cash to Accountant, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa during the working hours.
- A certified copy of certificate of business registration.
- Bid documents could be collected from the Planning Development Unit of Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa up to 01.09.2022 between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. during the working days.
- 5. Sealed bid documents should be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the tender box maintained in the office of Chief Accountant at or before 10.00 a.m. on 02.09.2022.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of tender at the Director's Conference Room on 02.09.2022 at 10.00 a.m. and at the time of opening of bids, the bidder or his representative could be present as an observer.

**Regional Procurement, Committee** Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.

15.08.2022

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### **Ministry of Agriculture**

### AGRICULTURE SECTOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT STAFF

(Uva Province)

The Ministry of Agriculture with the financial assistance of the International Development Agency (IDA) of the World Bank is implementing the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project in line with the Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) to support smallholder farmers to produce competitive and marketable commodities, improve their ability to cater to market requirements and wove towards increased commercialization. The remaining period for the project implementation period is about 1 year and the estimated cost of the project is US\$ 90.23 million (World Bank loan of US\$ 64.23 plus EU grant of US\$ 26.0 million).

Applications are invited from the citizens of Sri Lanka with the below mentioned qualifications and experience to fill the following positions of the Provincial Project Management Unit (PPMU) in Uva Province as per the Management Services Circular No.01/2019 of 05.03.2019

- 01. Provincial Deputy Project Director (PS 2) 01 Post
- 02. Provincial Financial Management Specialist (PS 3) 01 Post

### 01. Provincial Deputy Project Director - (PS 2)

- Required Qualification
- A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree (Covering the subjects of Agriculture, Project Management, Accounting, Finance, Commerce, Economics, Management, Business Administration) Or equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission.

An Associate Membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

At least 11 years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level out of which 05 years should be in the Senior Managerial Level

 A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree (Covering the subjects of Agriculture, Project Management, Accounting, Finance, Commerce, Economics, Management, Business Administration) Or equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission

Corporate/Charted membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

A Postgraduate Degree in the relevant field

with at least 09 years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level. Out of which 04 years should be in the Senior Managerial Level

III. A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree (Covering the subjects of Agriculture, Project Management, Accounting, Finance, Commerce, Economics, Management, Business Administration) Or equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission And Post Graduate Degree in the relevant field

And Corporate /Charted membership / A Similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

With at least 07 Years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level. Out of which 03 years should be in the Senior Managerial Level

IV. Grade 1 officer of a Government All Island Services or a similar status in the relevant field

At least 04 years experience in the Grade 1 post

### 02. Provincial Financial Management Specialist (PS 3) - 01 Post

- Required Qualification
- A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission

A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field.

An Associate Membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

At least 10 years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level

A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University

Grants Commission Or

A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field

An Associate Membership/ A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional

institution in the relevant field

A Postgraduate Degree in the relevant field or Corporate Chartered membership or similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

At least 08 years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level

III. Class 1 officer of a Government All Island Services or a similar status in the relevant field

At least 03 years post qualifying experience in the Class 1 post

- Experience in Foreign Funded Projects is essential and experience in World Bank funded projects will be an added qualification
- Candidates above 64 years of age on the closing date of application are not eligible to apply

Method of Selection: Shortlisted applicants based on qualifications and experience will be called for an

Salary Scale: Salary is based on the Management Services Circular No.01/2019 of 05.03.2019

Conditions of Employment

All appointments will be made according to the Management Service Circular No 01/2019, dated 05.03.2019.

All Applicants are requested to forward their applications together with Curriculum Vitae along with two non-related referees and copies of the certificates under registered post on or before 29th August 2022 to reach the address given below. Applicants currently in government / semi government services should forward their applications through the Head of Departments and Ministries.

Applied post should be clearly stated on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing application.

Secretary

Ministry of Agriculture Agriculture Sector Modernization Project No. 123/2, Pannipitiya Road, Battaramulla PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (GOSL FUND)



UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO SCHOOL OF COMPUTING (UCSC)

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO CANTEEN AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING-SOUTH EAST WING AT UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO SCHOOL OF COMPUTING.

### (UCSC/W/NCB/ENG/2022/004)

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) Invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders Proposed Extension to the Canteen and Administration Building-South East Wing at the University of Colombo School of Computing. No 35 Reid Avenue Colombo 00700.

- 1. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirement.
  - Construction contractors who are registered with the ICTAD for grade C5 or above in the field of Building works.
  - Experience in the construction of at least one successfully and timely completed contract value Rs.35 Million of a nature and complexity equivalent to the building construction work over the last 05 years.
  - The bidders shall register themselves with the Registrar of Public Contracts, Sri Lanka in terms of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Assistant Bursar Procurement, Tel: 258 1245 ext: 6042, UCSC No 35, Reid Avenue, Colombo or send an email to hki@ucsc.cmb.ac.lk and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at Finance Division from 9.00 AM to 3:00 PM during normal working days from 15th August 2022 to 06th September 2022 or you can view the draft bidding document available in the UCSC website (https://ucsc.cmb.ac.lk/news/)
- The duly completed sealed set of bidding document with Duplicate, addressed to the "CHAIRMAN DPC, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO SCHOOL OF COMPUTING (UCSC)" shall be deposited to the Tender Box at the Finance Division 4th Floor of the UCSC No 35, Reid Avenue Colombo 07 on or before 2.30 PM on 07th September 2022.
- 5. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 700,000.00. The bid security shall be Valid up to 21st December 2022



Director/Chairman DPC University of Colombo School of Computing No 35 Reid Avenue Colombo 00700. Phone: 0112581245 Ext.6042 Fax: (011) 2 587 239



### **SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

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

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document fee (Inclusive of VAT)	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

- 2. 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.
- 3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last Five (5) years.
- 4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- 5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **NOTICE**

Tenders for the sale of Toddy Tavern rents in No. 01 Katupitiya for the year 2023 will be received by me, N.A.A.S. Priyankara the Divisional Secretary, Mallawaptiya till 10.30 a.m. on 12.09.2022.

Please refer the Gazette paper No. 2292 dated 05.08.2022 of

the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for conditions. N.A.A.S. Priyankara

**Divisional Secretary Divisional Secretariat** Mallawapitiya.

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### **Base Hospital, Kanthale**

### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Health of Sri Lanka, now invites sealed bids from eligible & qualified bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of below mentioned Air Conditioning machines of the Base Hospital, Kanthale.

	Item No.	Description	Quantity	Procurement No.	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Estimated value LKR	Value of bid security LKR	Eligibility of bidders
l	01	Air condition Machine-48000 BTU	02 Nos.					
	02	Air condition Machine-36000 BTU	02 Nos.	BHK/ AB/07/2022/20	1,000.00	2 M	20,000.00	Company Registration
	03	Air condition Machine- 9000 BTU	02 Nos.					

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding. Must be Separately bid for above three Categories in one bid document.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Officer of Base Hospital, Kanthale & inspect the bidding documents from 15th August 2022 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (Everyday-up to 05th September 2022)

### Tel: 0262234261 Ext: 134/ 0262234945/0763931464

- Bid will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 5th September 2022. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives at 02.30 p.m. on 05th September 2022.
- Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security amount described in the above table.
- The title of the bid should be clearly mentioned on the top left corner of the bid submission envelope as specified in Procurement No. mentioned in the above table.
  - The bid No. and the title of the bid must be stated in the top left corner of the bid submission envelope.

Chairman Regional Procurement Committee, Base Hospital,

Kanthale.



### 1. Quotations will be received from qualified suppliers for the purchase of the following items for our

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, NUTRITION & INDIGENOUS MEDICINE

APEKSHA HOSPITAL, MAHARAGAMA **PROCUREMENT NOTICE** 

Tender Form No. | Name of Equipment Non-refundable Fee (Rs.) Data Storage Server 02 2,000/

2. Only any bidders, agents or a nominated person who supply the above items to the Sri Lanka market will be eligible to participate in this bid.

At the time of obtaining Bid documents, bidders should

- i. Submit a request letter addressed to the Director of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital. Pay a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 by cash for every tender form to the Accountant
- of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital.
- Submit a certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate.
- Relevant Bid documents can be obtained from 16.08.2022 up to 04.09.2022 on weekly working days, between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. from the Finance Section of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital.

On the occasion of submission of Bids, Bidders should

- Submit a copy of the registration certificate valid for the supply of above contracts within
- Should submit a registration certificate for the supply of these items under the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine.
- Every tender should be accompanied with a 2% Bid Security (cheques will not be
- Bids should be prepared in two copies (as the original and duplicate) placed in separate covers marked clearly the name of item and the number at the left-side top corner.
- All bids should be prepared only on the bid forms issued by the hospital
- Completed sealed bids, could either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama or placed in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Accountant of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital, to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 05.09.2022. Incomplete and late bids will be rejected.
- Bidders or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the bid opening.
- Tenders containing quotations received will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 05.09.2022 at the office of the Director of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital. Further details required can be obtained from the Accountant of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital. The decision of the Regional Procurement Committee in this regard shall be the final.

Tel. Nos. 011-2839589, 011-2850252, 011-2850253

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### Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies **Invitation for Bids**

### **Procurement of Landscaping Service for Treasury Premises 2022/2023**

The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Procurement of Landscaping Service for Treasury Premises for a contract period of one year.

- 02. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- 03. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Accountant (Supplies), Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, The Secretariat, Colombo 01, via the contact Numbers 011-2484538 / 011-2484600 (Ext. 1430) and may inspect the bidding documents at the address given below up to 02nd September 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 pm.
- 04. Qualification requirements include :
  - Registration under the Business Registration Regulations
  - Minimum of 3 years' experience in carrying out landscaping and garden maintenance services in at least 3 reputed organizations with a contract value of not less than Rs. 3 Million per annum of at least one contract with a satisfactory track record. A list of clients should be submitted along with the bid forms as Annexure I.
  - The Bidder shall be capable of deploying one Garden Development Assistant (as Supervisor) and 06 Garden Labourers including 2 Tree Maintainers.
- 05. Additional details are provided in the bidding document. A complete set of the bidding documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to Chief Accountant, Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Colombo 01 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,500.00 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 15th August 2022 till 02nd September 2022. The method of payment will be by cash.
- 06. All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security obtained from any commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The amount of the Bid Security should be Rs. 60,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Thousand Only), with a validity period of 105 days from the date of bid opening (05th September 2022 till 18th December 2022) and it should be addressed to Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.
- Bids must be submitted in the Tender Box kept in the Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies or dispatched by Registered Post to the address Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Lotus Road, Colombo 01, to reach at or before 2.00 p.m. on 05th September 2022. Late Bids shall be rejected. The top left-hand corner of the envelope should be marked "PROCUREMENT OF LANDSCAPING SERVICE FOR TREASURY PREMISES 2022/2023". Bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Lotus Road, Colombo 01 in the presence of the Bidders and their authorized representatives.
- 08. A Pre Bid meeting will be held at the Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Colombo 01 on 24th August 2022 at 11.00 a.m.

### Chairman

**Ministry Procurement Committee** 

Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Lotus Road, Colombo 01.

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### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL Office of the Galle District Director of **Health Services**

Sealed tenders will be received from 15.08.2022 up to 10.00 a.m. on 05.09.2022, by the Chairman, Procurement Board of the Office of the Galle District Director of Health Services for the below stated subject works. Tenders received will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 07.09.2022 in the presence of the Bidders, at this office.

S/ No.	Description	Refundable Security (Rs.)	Non- Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Required Registration
01	Office of the Medical Officer of Health, Baddegama - Repairs to Wanduramba Clinic	10,000.00	1,000.00	С9
02	Office of the Medical Officer of Health, Udugama - Repairs to Naranowita Clinic	20,000.00	1,500.00	C8
03	Gonapinuwala Office of the Medical Officer of Health - Construction of the Fence	10,000.00	1,000.00	C8
04	Office of the Medical Officer of Health Udugama - Repairs to Ketagoda Clinic	20,000.00	1,500.00	C8
05	Office of the Galle District Director of Health Services - Repairs to electricity system	10,000.00	1,000.00	C8
06	Unawatuna Regional Hospital - Repairs to electricity system	7,500.00	750.00	C9
07	Unawatuna Regional Drug Store - Repairs to Rack System	10,000.00	1,000.00	C8

- 2. Relevant Bid documents can be obtained from 10.00 a.m. on 15.08.2022 up to 2.00 p.m. on 02.09.2022 from the office of the Galle District Director of Health Services. Contractors who possess the required qualifications stated above, who are registered with the Sri Lanka Institute for Construction Training and Development and under the Galle Provincial Council can submit applications.
- Details relevant to the bid documents can be obtained from the office of the Galle District Director of Health Services by calling over or by contacting Telephone Nos. 091-2234078, 2250680, 2232152.
- Completed sealed bids, the relevant cover marked the name of the work at the leftside top corner, prepared in two copies, could either be sent by registered post or placed in the Tender Box kept on the First Floor (Accounts Section) of the office of the Galle District Director of Health Services. Tenderers or one of their authorized representatives can be present at the bid opening.
- The bid security amount relevant to the above stated works should be paid by cash to the office of the Galle District Director of Health Services and a photocopy of the receipt thus received should be submitted with the bid.
- Tenders containing deficiencies will be rejected and the Bid Securities of such persons as well as of those who fail to submit tenders, will be forfeited.
- Please note that the decisions of the Procurement Committee in this regard shall be the final.

Office of the Galle District Director of Health Services, Unawatuna Office, Galle. Date: 12.08.2022

Dr. K.M. Somarathna Chairman. (Procurement Board) **Galle District Director of Health Services** 

