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The first ever Dornier Reconnaissance Aircraft from India to enhance the maritime surveillance capabilities of Sri Lanka was inducted to Sri Lanka Air Force Fleet yesterday in a ceremonial procession. The aircraft was officially handed over to President Ranil Wickremesinghe by High Commissioner of India Gopal Baglay at the SLAF Base in Katunayake. The event was also attended by Secretary to the Defence Ministry General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd.), Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana and other dignitaries.

Picture courtesy President's Media Division

SRI LANKA CEREMONIOUSLY WELCOMES DORNIER 228 MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT FROM INDIA INDIA AND SRI LANKA SHARE MANY COMMONALITIES - PRESIDENT

DHARMASRI ABEYRATNE

President Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday while emphasizing on the importance of ties between India and Sri Lanka, said both countries should commit to further strengthening their relationship as India and Sri Lanka share many commonalities.

President Wickremesinghe went on to

say that history has brought India and Sri Lanka together like two sides of the same coin and the two countries must forge ahead together.

The President made these comments during an event to hand over a Dornier 228 Reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka by India yesterday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

INTERIM BUDGET 2022 TO BE PRESENTED ON AUGUST 30

JAYASIRI MUNASINGHE

The Interim Budget for the next four months of this year (2022) is to be presented in Parliament on August 30 by the President and the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy Ranil Wickremesinghe. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

BREAKDOWN AT NOROCHCHOLAI POWER PLANT GENERATOR NO. 1

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

A breakdown of Generator No. 1 of Norochcholai Coal Power Plant has been reported due to a technical fault. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

THREE-HOUR POWER CUT FROM TODAY

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE, AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI and LAHIRU FERNANDO

The power cut will be extended to 03 hours from Tuesday (16) due to a breakdown repair of the Norochcholai Lakvijaya coal power plant, a Ceylon Electricity Board issuing press release said yesterday (15). **▶ TO PAGE 02**

POLICE ARREST ABSCONDING SLPP PS MEMBER

THUSITHA KUMARA, Aluthgama Corr.

Aluthgama Police has arrested a Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) member of the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha who was absconding after **▶ TO PAGE 02**

DHANISH ALI RELEASED ON BAIL

SHAVINI MADHARA

Activist Dhanish Ali, who was arrested and remanded for forcibly entering the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC) and disrupting the broadcast on July 13, **▶ TO PAGE 02**

DAMAGE CAUSED TO PRESIDENT'S HOUSE PROPERTIES

POLICE LOOK OUT FOR 30 INDIVIDUALS

SEVERAL ARAGALAYA LEADERS AMONG THEM

MORE THAN 150 PEOPLE IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Police officers investigating the cases of breaking into the President's House and damaging its property have identified the names and addresses of 30 individuals responsible for the acts.

A senior Police officer stated that

investigations are currently underway to arrest them.

He stated that the suspects were currently in hiding and some of them keep changing their residences to avoid arrest.

An official said that there are also

several leaders of the 'Struggle' (Aragalaya) among them.

Police have so far collected details of more than 150 people from photographs and videos from the investigation to identify the people who broke into the President's House. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

More fuel stocks to be distributed in Polonnaruwa District - Dr. Bandula

Minister of Transport and Highways Dr. Bandula Gunawardane assured that more fuel stocks will be distributed within the Polonnaruwa District during the upcoming paddy harvesting period.

He stated this during a discussion on fuel distribution held with the participation of Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekera and Minister of Irrigation, Sports and Youth Affairs Roshan Ranasinghe at his Ministry yesterday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Minister of Transport and Highways Dr. Bandula Gunawardane having talks with Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekera and Minister of Irrigation, Sports and Youth Affairs Roshan Ranasinghe at his Ministry yesterday.

'HARAK KATA'S MAIN HITMAN ARRESTED

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Organized Crimes Prevention Unit of the Police Special Task Force (STF) on a tip-off arrested the main gunman used by underworld Kingpin 'Harak Kata' at Boralessgamuwa on Sunday.

Nadun Chinthaka Wickremeratne alias Harak Kata was arrested by Police in Dubai on Saturday (13). **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Over 30 wanted suspects arrested

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

In a day-long operation on Sunday in all the provinces of the island except the Northern and Eastern Provinces, 32 absconding suspects with arrest **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Man arrested for making threatening video remanded till August 22

MEVIRU DANAN, KULIYAPITIYA CORR.

A man who was arrested for making a video while holding a knife to his five year old son's neck and threatening to kill him unless his wife working abroad returns home was remanded until August 22 by the Kuliypitiya Magistrate Courts. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Health Ministry guidelines on directing Monkeypox cases

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

With over 30,000 suspected or confirmed cases of 'Monkeypox' detected even in non-endemic countries, the Health Ministry of Sri Lanka released guidelines on surveillance, identification and confirmation of the viral infection in the country. So far, no cases of Monkeypox have been detected in Sri Lanka. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Ampitiya woman's killing; four Police teams deployed to arrest suspect

ASELA KURULUWANSA

A wealthy woman residing alone at a house in Ampitiya junction, Kandy Lake Round was killed by an unknown person on Sunday. The crime had taken place in broad daylight with the woman's throat being slit with a knife. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Kamani Ranasinghe

President's Secretary tells State Sector heads

Not to directly deal with judicial officers

President's Secretary Saman Ekanayake notified the heads of State institutions that under no circumstances should ministry secretaries, provincial chief secretaries, heads of departments, heads of state corporations and statutory boards or officials at lower **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Postal charges up

Postage fee of Rs.15 for an ordinary letter increased to Rs. 50

Price of a postcard increased from Rs.10 to Rs. 20

Registered postage fee increased from Rs.30 to Rs.60

Maximum money limit of Rs. 50,000 of Money Order Service increased to Rs.100,000

RANMALI SOMASIRI

The Government has increased local postal charges and the postage fee of Rs. 15 for an ordinary letter has been increased to Rs. 50. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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POLICE LOOK OUT... From page 01

The thirty individuals whose names and addresses have been identified too are among them.

The photographs of the 72 persons identified through videos and photographs were released to the media on

two occasions by the Police Headquarters.

Police say that they are receiving a good response from the public and they were able to arrest two women recently who were sitting at the

round table where the President held discussions with Ministers and officials at the Presidential Palace based on the information received from the public. The Police information stated that the Police are receiving infor-

mation about the people in the photos published by the media.

As of yesterday, 22 people had been arrested on suspicion of breaking into the President's House and damaging its properties. Among

them, the Police said, were several people involved in the theft of goods from the President's House. "Public assistance will be sought to identify many more photos in the future," an official said.

Dhanish Ali released... From page 01

was released on bail by the Colombo Chief Magistrate Nandana Amarasinghe yesterday. He was released on a cash bail of Rs.25,000 and two sureties of Rs. 500,000 each.

Delivering the order, the Magistrate stated that there were insufficient facts to keep the suspect in remand custody under the Public Property Act. He has also been instructed to appear before the Cinnamon Garden Police today (16) to record a statement.

On July 13, Danish Ali along with one of his aides had forcibly entered the national television Rupavahini and threatened the journalists and the staff, has disrupted the scheduled TV program on air to broadcast his own message. The CID arrested 'Danish Ali' at the Katunayake Bandaranaike International Airport when he was attempting to leave the country.

Man arrested for... From page 01

He was arrested by the Kuliyaipitiya Police on Sunday and was produced in Courts yesterday.

Police reported to the Court that the child is currently residing with his grandmother. The Police were ordered to submit a full probation report on August 22.

Earlier, the suspect had sent the video he made to his wife and the employment agency who sent her abroad through WhatsApp.

Subsequently, the Kuliyaipitiya Police Children and Women's Bureau had taken the child into their custody and 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 Children and Women's Bureau. Police officers had taken action to immediately admit the child to the Kuliyaipitiya Teaching Hospital due to the signs of injury marks found on the child's neck area. Police say the man has resorted to similar acts in the past as well.

Health Ministry guidelines on... From page 01

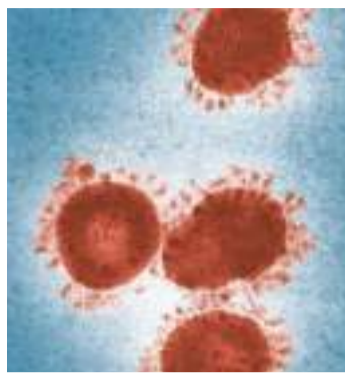
The Health Promotion Bureau of the Ministry of Health said that the relevant institutions running under the Ministry of Health, which are preparing to face the 'Monkeypox' epidemic which is spreading rapidly around the world, have issued the necessary guidelines to identify suspected patients at the same time as starting tests to determine the disease.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Monkeypox can cause a range of signs and symptoms. While some people have mild symptoms, others may develop more serious symptoms and need care in a health facility. Those at higher risk for severe disease or complications include people who are pregnant, children and persons that are immunocompromised.

The most common symp-

toms of monkeypox include fever, headache, muscle aches, back pain, low energy, and swollen lymph nodes. This is followed or accompanied by the development of a rash which can last for two to three weeks. The rash can be found on the face, palms of the hands, soles of the feet, eyes, mouth, throat, groin, and genital and/or anal regions of the body. The number of lesions can range from one to several thousand. Lesions begin flat, then fill with liquid before they crust over, dry up and fall off, with a fresh layer of skin forming underneath.

Symptoms typically last two to three weeks and usually go away on their own or with supportive care, such as medication for pain or fever. People remain infectious until all of the lesions have crusted over, the scabs fallen off and a new



layer of skin has formed underneath.

If any of the above mentioned symptoms are present, the person is considered to be suspected of being infected with 'Monkeypox'.

However, since there are many diseases such as chicken pox, measles, herpes zoster (chicken pox), and bacterial skin infections that cause similar symptoms, it is best to con-

sult a doctor to determine whether a person with the above symptoms should be suspected of being infected with 'Monkeypox'.

A person is suspected of having 'Monkeypox' based on the aforementioned symptoms, if you have had close physical or sexual contact with a confirmed 'monkey pox' patient or Within 21 days of the onset of symptoms, have had intimate physical contact with a stranger or more than one person; or If blood tests or PCR tests give results related to monkeypox virus group he or she is classified as possibly infected with 'Monkeypox'.

At present, it is only possible to definitively confirm that someone is a 'Monkeypox patient' through a PCR test conducted on crusts of skin lesions, skin fragments or pus from the wound.

India and Sri Lanka ... From page 01

"After all India is our closest neighbor and there are many issues that are common to us of which we are understanding, of which we have to resolve. Not only issues pertaining to Indo-Lanka relations but to the region and to the world. So in these areas it is possible for us, and it has been on many occasions for us to come to an agreement or have a similar viewpoint with India. It is with those that we consolidate. But being two states, two governments there are also times when there are differences which should not become disputes because

what is our relationship? Our relationship is not merely one between two countries," he further said.

"For whatever it is, history has put us together and we have to stay together. What is this relationship? I haven't got a word for it, but the closest I could come is the symbiotic relationship between the two countries. We are both marking our 75th anniversaries. I say let us commit ourselves to further strengthening our relationships" the President added.

The first ever Dornier Reconnaissance Aircraft from India to

enhance the maritime surveillance capabilities of Sri Lanka was inducted to Sri Lanka Air Force Fleet yesterday (August 15) in a ceremonial procession.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe was welcomed at the Sri Lanka Air Force Base in Katunayake by Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudharshana Pathirana.

The President was also accorded a special Guard of Honour by the Air Force troops.

Giving a word of advice to aspiring politicians in Sri Lanka, the President said, "My word of advice to rising politi-

cians and those who aspire for higher office, is get to know your Indian colleagues, get to know them well and get to deal with them because if you do not do that, it will be difficult for you to look at issues and understand what each other says".

Congratulating India on its 75th Anniversary of independence, President Wickremesinghe noted, "India today is becoming a world power and it is still on the rise and by the mid-century when we are no longer there, you could see a powerful India playing a dominant role on the global stage."

Over 30 wanted... From page 01

warrants against them in connection with various crimes were arrested, police said.

Among them there are 10 persons with open warrants.

Information from the Criminal Investigation Department stated that among the arrested warrants, there are also six suspects who fled the country when the investigations began.

A senior officer of the Criminal Investigation Department said that a travel ban had been imposed against all the six suspects and that they had fled the country before the ban was imposed and it was questionable how they entered the country without being caught by the Immigration Department.

He said that a special investigation has been started in this regard.

The officer further mentioned that about 150 suspects required by the Criminal Investigation Department have obtained warrants related to various frauds and criminal investigations and most of them have fled the country.

Not to directly ... From page 01

levels to deal directly with Supreme Court judges including the Chief Justice, the Judicial Service Commission or Judicial Officers (High Court judges, District Judges and Magistrates) in relation to judicial proceedings or matters incidental thereto in which the government or government officials are parties to.

This notification was made by the President's Secretary through a letter yesterday (15) to all Ministry Secretaries, Provincial Chief Secretaries, Heads of Departments, District Secretaries, Heads of State Corporations and Statutory Boards.

In relation to those matters, care should be taken to transact letters only with the Attorney General's Department as per the provisions of Chapter XXVII of the Institutions Code and the related public administration circular instructions.

However, the letter has further informed that provisions of this circular is not applicable in relation to correspondence between the Ministry of Justice or other Government agencies with the Judicial Service Commission, the Attorney General's Department and judicial officers in relation to day-to-day general administrative activities related to their scope and complaints submitted by judicial officers to the Judicial Service Commission.

50th Year Remembrance



Mr UPALI FERNANDO

Affectionately remembered by everloving Athula Fernando, Jagath and Shiho Fernando

Police arrest... From page 01

allegedly being involved in an accident while driving in which a 10-year-old boy sustained severe injuries, on the Kaluwamodara Mullapitiya Road off Aluthgama a few days ago.

According to Aluthgama Police, the suspect was in hiding since last Friday. The Aluthgama Police said that the 10-year-old boy who had gone to a market near his house at around 7 p.m. last Friday with his sister and was returning home when the incident occurred.

Police say that the boy was

admitted to Beruwala Hospital and then transferred to the Kalutara Nagoda Teaching Hospital.

Police say the boy sustained serious leg and body injuries in the accident.

Police said since the day of the accident (12), they had gone to the suspect's house on several occasions but found him missing along with his car. Police say that the suspect failed to surrender until he was arrested. Police will produce the suspect before the Kalutara Magistrate's Court today (16).

Breakdown at Norochcholai... From page 01

Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera said that the engineers of the plant are working to identify the faults and bring the generator back to normal. The Minister further said that steps are being taken to restore the machine as soon as possible after identifying the relevant defects.

Due to the breakdown of this generator, the National Grid has lost about 300 Megawatts of electricity.

The No. 2 Generator of the Norochcholai Power Plant has also been switched off for regular maintenance purposes.

Thus, the National Grid has lost approximately 600 Megawatts of electricity capacity as both the No. 1 and No.2 Generators are currently out of operation.

Minister Wijesekera said that until Norochcholai No. 1 power plant is restored, it is hoped that the necessary electricity needs will be met through West Coast and other thermal power plants.

However, the Norochcholai No. 3 Generator is currently operating and supplying an electricity capacity of about 300 Megawatts to the National Grid.

Interim Budget 2022... From page 01

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena presented the Appropriation Bill No. 30, which includes government expenses related to this interim budget, to Parliament on the 9th of this month.

In it, the Government expenditure of Rs. 3,275 billion and the finances allocated to the President, Prime Minister and various ministries was presented to the Parliament.

In the budget presented by then

Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa on November 7, 2021, the Government expenditure estimate was Rs.2,796 billion.

Compared to that estimate, the expenditure estimate of this year's Interim Budget has increased by Rs.479.4 billion.

Instead of the most money being allocated to the Ministry of Defense in the last budget, it is special that this budget has allocated the most money to the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government.

The amount allocated to that ministry is Rs.734.6 billion.

The second highest amount has been allocated to the Ministry of Defense. The amount is 654.3 billion rupees.

Also 303 billion rupees has been allocated as the President's budget.

Rs.307.1 billion has been allocated to the Ministry of Transport and Highways, Rs.248 billion to the Ministry of Health, Rs.189.2 billion to the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Capital, Rs.200 billion to the Ministry of Education, and Rs.138.5 billion to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Apart from this, the expenditure estimate has been submitted to the parliament by allocating money for other ministries, and it is the hope of the government to read the budget document on the 30th and finish the third reading very soon and implement the budget quickly.

Three-hour power cut ... From page 01

The power cut was earlier limited to 01 hour and 20 minutes.

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) approved power cuts of three hours from August 16-19, yesterday. Accordingly, the groups from A to L and from P to W will experience 1 hour and 40 minute power cut during daytime and 1 hour and 20 minute power cut during night. The groups M,N,O,X,Y and Z will experience a three-hour cut from

5.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. while the group CC's power cut will be limited to 2 hours and 30 minutes from 6.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

Meanwhile, CEB Acting General Manager Engineer D.C.R.Abeyssekera said, "The first generator (Unit 01) with a capacity of 300 megawatts at the Lakvijaya Power Plant in Norochcholai has been disabled due to a sudden technical fault. It is expected to take approximately two weeks to

restore this generator." "The Second (Unit 02) Generator of the Lakvijaya Power Plant is undergoing major overhaul these days, so its total capacity of 300 megawatts has also been lost to the national system. Therefore, the national grid has lost 600 Megawatts," he further said.

"Due to this situation, the public is kindly informed that there will be a power cut for a period of 03 hours from Tuesday (16), the CEB said.

Ampitiya woman's killing; four... From page 01

The deceased has been identified as Kamani Ranasinghe (64), a mother of two. She was a retired Staff Grade Officer at the Department of Labour and had been living alone in her residence. The Police say blood trails can be seen in the house which suggest that the woman in question had moved to a store room near the kitchen after the attack.

The woman's children are residing in Australia and the husband had passed away sometime back.

The murdered woman is the owner of several buildings at Ampitiya Junction which were given on rent for

businesses. A neighbour said that when he went to the woman's house at around 2.00 pm, he saw some blood stains and while following the trail of the blood stains, he saw a dark skinned person about five feet in height coming out of the woman's house with a blood stained knife in his hand.

"The person who was holding the knife was also bleeding with wounds to his hand," he added.

The neighbour said the man who had pointed the knife towards him in a threatening manner had said it was a family issue.

The neighbour said when he went inside the house, the woman was moaning and after a few moments, she had died, so he did not try to take her to the hospital and informed the Police. The Police are investigating.

Meanwhile, four Police teams have been deployed to arrest the suspect involved in the murder of the woman. The Police yesterday also found the trishaw in which the alleged murderer fled the area following the incident.

The driver of the trishaw had said the suspect had gone to Gannoruwa area in his trishaw.

Obituaries

FERNANDO - SIDNEY - Called to Rest on 14th August 2022, beloved husband of Swinitha, precious father of Nirmal, Shanaka and Prasanna, father-in-law of Priyanthika, Dhanusha and Katarina, grandfather of Priyanka, Kishon, Myron, Isa, Sabina, Felix and Theodore, dearest brother of late Helen, late Trinnie and of Orinda, Dr Neville, Bonita, Sr. Rosita (P.H.), Leonie and Stephanie. Remains will be at "Saumya", 10, Chilaw Road, Wannappuwa from 16th August. Cortege leaves residence on 17th August at 4 p.m. for Burial at the RC Cemetery, Wannappuwa. 047345

IRANGANI BASNAYAKE nee ARIYAGAMA, Retired Teacher, St. Aloysius College, Galle, beloved wife of Dayananda (Retired Director of Education), mother of Dr Seuwandu and Chinthani and sister of Nalini and late Punyasiri passed away peacefully. Her remains lie at **Ruhunu Florists, Karapitiya**. Cortege leaves the Parlour on 16th August 2022 at 4 p.m. for Cremation at Dadalla Cemetery, Galle at 5 p.m. 047396

JAYETILEKE SRILAL - Former Curator, Geologist at National Museums Department passed away peacefully on August 13th 2022. Loving husband of Melony (formerly NDB), loving father of Sonaly and Jehan (GPV Lanka Ltd.), father-in-law of Niranjan Boteju, everloving grandpa of Sarosh, Natalia and Nicolina, eldest son of late Carl and Ivy Jayetileke of Ratnapura. Funeral took place on 15th August at **Atupantenne Estate, Kadugannawa**. 047355

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16-08-2022

Celebrating 75 glorious years of India's Independence

Seventy five years of India's Independence was celebrated with great fervour in different parts of Sri Lanka yesterday. The celebrations this year are a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative, a global campaign to commemorate 75 years of a progressive and self-reliant India through numerous activities and events.

The main event in Colombo was held at 'India House', the official residence of the High Commissioner of India. High Commissioner Gopal Baglay hoisted India's national flag and inspected the Guard of Honour. He also read excerpts of the President of India's message on the occasion.

Several cultural events added flavour to the milestone celebrations. The Sri Lanka Navy Band played melodious tunes, symbolic of valour and patriotism. Students of Guru Sadara Supatham performed a dance to the music of 'Bharat ko Salaam'. There was another 'Garba' dance performance in honour of Goddess Durga, who epitomizes strength, protection and motherhood. The event was telecast live and was attended virtually by friends of India and members of the Indian community in Sri Lanka.

The High Commissioner and officers of High Commission of India also paid homage at the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) Memorial to the memory of the Indian soldiers of IPKF who made the supreme sacrifice defending peace and unity of Sri Lanka.

Special events were organised by the Assistant High Commission in Kandy, Consulate General in Jaffna and Consulate General in Hambantota to mark the momentous occasion. It needs emphasis that the celebrations in Jaffna were held at the iconic Jaffna Cultural Centre, a state of the art and one of its kind facility in the city which was built with grant assistance by Government of India.

A highlight of this year's celebration was the enthusiastic participation of members of the Indian community in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign wherein they showcased their love and respect for the Indian Tri-Coloured Flag in various innovative ways.



India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay hoisting India's national flag at 'India House' yesterday to mark 75 years of India's Independence.

Madhu festival held after three years



Devotees at the Shrine of Our Lady of Madhu.

RASULA DILHARA, NORTH CORR.

The annual festival of Mannar's historic Maruda MadHu Church ended yesterday morning with the final religious ceremonies attended by a large number of devotees.

After three years, the MadHu festival was held in a grand manner this year. Several special trains were deployed to bring devotees to the festival from other provinces.

The final service was held at the Madhu Church under the leadership of the Bishop of Mannar, Emmanuel Francis yesterday. A special prayer was held seeking protection for the global community against COVID-19 and for peace and harmony in Sri Lanka.



Bishop of Mannar Emmanuel Francis officiating at the final service of the Madhu Church Feast.

Country needs technological revolution - Sajith

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa said yesterday that in order to revive the country from its current economic recession, there should be technological revolution in every field.



"The school system should be upgraded to support this progress," he added.

"The Samagi Jana Balawegaya is ready to facilitate such a technological revolution in the country," Premadasa said.

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa made these observations on Sunday (14) while addressing the Pelmadulla SJB Constituency Committee Meeting.

"At this time, the country is in a difficult situation, but the situation has been controlled to some extent because the then President Ranasinghe Premadasa started the 200 garment factories programme in the late 80s and early 90s. But the leaders who emerged after that did not implement that programme due to narrow political objectives," Premadasa pointed out.

The Opposition Leader also said, "If the export-oriented garment industry programme is implemented continuously, we can easily get rid of the economic recession that we are facing today."

Audit inquiry on Urea fertilizer distribution to begin

Around 98 percent of the distribution of Urea fertilizer for the Yala Season has been completed and the rest is expected to be completed this week.

However, Agriculture, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera has instructed the Ministry Secretary Rohana Pushpakumara to take steps to conduct a full audit inquiry regarding the distribution of Urea fertilizer to farmers in the Yala Season.

Minister Amaraweera said that if there are any deficiencies, shortcomings and irregularities in the distribution of Urea fertilizer to farmers, they should be rectified in the coming Maha season. If any irregularities are reported to have taken place, legal action will be taken against the officials concerned.

However, the Minister also instructed that the audit process begin soon after the completion of fertilizer distribution.

Fuel hoarder remanded

RASULA DILHARA, NORTH CORR.

The Mullaitivu Magistrate has ordered that a resident of the Mullaitivu Pudukuirippu Mannakandal area be remanded till August 25 for illegally stocking 1,590 litres of fuel.

Further information has revealed that the suspect had sold a litre of diesel at Rs.1,200. The suspect along with the stock of diesel was arrested in a Police operation.



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Illegal sale of fuel

Police uncover bowser-lorry nexus

J.A.H.P. JAYASINGHE
Puttalam Corr.

Police arrested six suspects in connection with the illegal sale of fuel from a bowser to two refrigerated lorries in the Puttalam area yesterday.

The bowser which had 13,200 litres of petrol and the two lorries connected to the incident too had been taken into custody in a joint operation carried out by the Anamaduwa and Puttalam Police.

The Anamaduwa Police had raided a house in Anamaduwa Thonigala area on information that some people were secretly supplying fuel to lorries from a fuel bowser.

Police also received information that a refrigerated lorry, which had already received petrol from the fuel bowser, was heading towards Puttalam. The Anamaduwa Police had promptly informed the Traffic Division of the Puttalam Headquarters Police about the matter.

The lorry had been stopped at the Fourth Mile Post on the Puttalam-Kurunegala Road and officers of the Puttalam Headquarters Police had found 4,000 litres of petrol stored in 20 barrels. They had arrested two suspects.



Anamaduwa Police with the bowser, lorry and barrels of fuel that were seized.

The officers of the Anamaduwa Police who joined the raid in the Anamaduwa Thonigala area meanwhile managed to arrest four suspects along with the fuel bowser and seized 9,200 litres of petrol and another refrigerated lorry with a stock of barrels that had come to get the petrol.

Police investigations that have been carried out so far have revealed that a bowser which was transporting fuel from Colombo met with an accident and the stock of fuel had been transferred to another bowser in the Madampe area.

It is said that those in the sec-

ond bowser which had received the fuel had engaged in illegal selling.

The suspects arrested from the two lorries told the police that they were taking this petrol to the Silavathurai area in Mannar to be sold to fishermen who own motor-boats.

Agitation against BoC Chairman

Rival trade union accuses Ceylon Bank Employees' Union of foul play

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The picket and poster campaigns conducted by the Ceylon Bank Employees' Union (CBEU) against the incumbent Bank of Ceylon (BoC) Chairman Kanachana Ratwatte is completely based on false allegations, said the Pragathi Bank Employees' Union (PBEU).

Speaking to the media in Colombo, PBEU President Nishantha Samarasinghe yesterday said that particular trade union is operating on a political agenda to achieve the narrow intentions of its leaders, rather than representing the bank employees.

The PBEU accused the CBEU of creating a trade union mafia operating in the banking sector.

"The conduct of this trade union has caused damage to the BoC's image among the public," he said.

According to him, once the best trade union in the banking sector, the CBEU has become corrupt after it was taken over by the present leadership.

"There are allegations against the leaders of this union for accepting sexual bribes from their union members in order to interfere into those employees' promotions and disciplinary action processes against them. We have evidence to prove these allegations," Samarasinghe said.

He said those with such accusations against them are the ones who point their fingers at the BoC Chairman seeking his removal from the position in order to achieve their agendas inside the bank.

"As a trade union which represents bank employees, we request the relevant authorities to conduct an impartial and independent investigation against the BoC Chairman and prove his guilt or innocence," the PBEU President said.

All the state banks in the country are currently operating under the purview of President Ranil Wickremesinghe as the Finance Minister.

PNS 'Taimur' departs after successful Passage Exercise



The PNS Taimur departed yesterday.

Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) Taimur which arrived at the Colombo Port on an official visit on Friday (12), set sail from the island after successful conduct of a Passage Exercise with the Sri Lanka Navy Ship (SLNS) Sindurala yesterday (15).

The Sri Lanka Navy bade the customary farewell to the departing ship in accordance with naval traditions at the Colombo Port. Subsequently, PNS Taimur conducted the Passage Exercise

with SLNS Sindurala off the Colombo Harbour, on her departure. The two ships conducted Maneuvering and Search and Rescue exercises off the Colombo Harbour.

An exercise of this nature will pave the way for regional partners to enhance interoperability, partnerships and goodwill as well as exchange best practices with foreign navies when responding to common maritime challenges.

Dancer Sasandi an overnight social media sensation

Participate in the peacock-dance at Kataragama Perahera

BANDARAGAMA BIMAL JAYASINGHE

A young dancer at Ruhunu Kataragama Perahera, Sasandi Udayangani became a social media sensation overnight due to her exceptional dancing skills despite a hearing impairment.

Speaking of her talented student, Sasandi's dancing teacher Nadeeka Dilrukshi from Bandaragama, Maswila, said the young girl was the most talented among the 50 dancers she taught. "From these stu-

dents, I selected 16 dancers to participate in the peacock-dance at the Ruhunu Kataragama perahera. Even among them she was the best. Her confidence and courage is really impressive," she said.

Sasandi's mother Aroshika Udayangani and father Sajith Indika said that they are extremely proud of their daughter's achievements.

"We never saw our daughter's impairment as a shortcoming. Presently she attends Bolgoda

Seth Nadee primary school. The students and the staff at the school have been great to our daughter. They have never discriminated her because of her impairment. She has undergone a very expensive surgery also. Sasandi's dream is to become a professional dancer. We wish she could continue her dancing education under a professional dancing teacher or academy," Sasandi's parents said.



Sasandi Udayangani

President's directive on control of public expenditure

Heads of public institutions to strictly follow Treasury circular

The President's Secretary has announced that President Ranil Wickremesinghe has instructed that all the heads of public institutions must act according to the provisions of the National Budget Circular No. 03/2022 dated April 26, 2022, referred by the Treasury Secretary under the title 'Controlling Public Expenditure'.

Secretary to the President Saman Ekanayake has sent a letter today (15) to all Ministry Secretaries, Provincial Chief Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Dis-

trict Secretaries and Heads of State Corporations and Statutory Boards notifying them of this decision.

Accordingly, the letter notes that the provisions of this circular provisions should be strictly adhered to and that the relevant ministry secretaries, provincial chief secretaries, heads of departments and heads of state corporations and statutory bodies should be held personally responsible for the government expenditure incurred under it.

SPMC introduces three new drugs to the market

Health Minister Dr. Keheliya Rambukwella points out that the plan to produce 40 percent of the medicines needed in this country is currently being implemented and the target of 20 percent has been achieved by now.

The Minister said that it will be possible to save a lot of money spent on importing medicines through this, and he expects this to contribute to a solution to the existing dollar crisis.

The Minister said this in a programme held at the premises of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation in Ratmalana on the occasion of the release of three new medicines to the market.

Levothyroxin 50 mcg for thyroxine deficiency, Omeprazole 20 mg capsules for preventing gastric acidity and Mefenamic Acid 50

mg tablets for pain relief were officially released in the open market yesterday.

These drugs will be released to government hospitals and the private sector, and the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation points out that this is a major achievement in the country's pharmaceutical industry.

The officials of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation informed the Health Minister about the existing problems in the production of pharmaceuticals in this country as well as the targeted programme and the Minister advised the officials to pay more attention to achieve the proper goals of the pharmaceutical production required by the country by solving the deficiencies promptly.



Health Minister Dr. Keheliya Rambukwella inspects the new drugs produced by the SPMC.

Rise of Covid once again

Immunity of people who have taken vaccines may have decreased

SANDYA KARUNARATNE

Dr. Ananda Wijewickrama of the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, yesterday said that the spread of the Covid-19 virus again may be due to the fact that the immunity of the people who have received the earlier doses of the vaccine has decreased.

He said it is important for people to get vaccinated to get the anti-Covid immunity again. He also said that a person can be infected with the virus even after receiving the first and second booster doses.

However, Dr. Ananda Wijewickrama said that by taking the anti-Covid vaccine, the complications will be reduced and there will be no increase in the complications and

this will prevent the loss of life. He also stated that there should be no fear of getting infected with the virus if they have been vaccinated.

Dr. Ananda Wijewickrama said that people who have received the first and second doses of the anti-Covid but did not receive booster doses may experience complications if they are infected with the virus.

He also said that it has been about a year since the first and second anti-Covid vaccines were given and the immunity of those vaccines would have decreased by now. The Epidemiology Department states that 8,064,094 of the population of Sri Lanka have taken the first booster dose against Covid and 99,392 have taken the second booster dose against Covid.

Ten drinking water projects worth Rs. 850 mn completed



At the inauguration of one of the drinking water projects in Deniyaya.

Compassion Services of the Believer's Eastern Church, Colombo Diocese, has supplied drinking water to 10 villages or areas in Deniyaya.

The 10 villages or areas in which the drinking water projects were successfully completed are Kandilpana (Enasal Watta A), Pallegama Secondary School, Deniyaya Secondary School, Kandilpana (Punchiwatta), Kandilpana (Enasal Watta B), Pibidenagama, Kudagalagena, Withurawa, Rangalawila and Gangoda (Kajuwatta). The total cost incurred on behalf of this community service project by Compassion Services of the Believer's Eastern Church, Colombo Diocese, is Rs. 850 million.

The Episcopal Bishop of the Colombo Diocese His Grace Episcopa Geevarghese Mor Makariose with the blessings of His Holiness Metropolitan Bishop Moran Mor Athanasius Yohan I has funded this worthy cause of providing clean drinking water for benefit of all people of the Deniyaya community, irrespective of race, religion or creed, a news release from the Vicar General, Believer's Eastern Church Colombo Diocese said.

More fuel stocks to be distributed in ... From page 01

The Minister directed the relevant parties to immediately renovate the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation owned fuel storage facility in Polonnaruwa to stock the fuel quantity required for the district.

Meanwhile, the Minister also instructed the Railways Department

to take action against those people involved in illegal cultivation on railway lands in the district. It was revealed at the discussion that 1,248 plots of land belonging to the Railways Department in the Welikanda, Dimbulagala, Thamankaduwa and Hingurakgoda Divisional Secretariat

Divisions are being illegally occupied by the cultivators.

Minister Roshan Ranasinghe's request to provide the foreign-funded irrigation projects being implemented in the country with required fuel stocks to ensure the continuity of those projects was also taken into

consideration at this discussion. Secretary to the Ministry of Transport and Highways R.W.R.Pemasori, District Secretary of Polonnaruwa, Chairman of Sri Lanka Transport Board, General Manager of Railways and Director General of Irrigation were also present.

'Harak Kata's main hitman... From page 01

The STF have attested the gunman at a boarding house in Boralessgamuwa along with 17 grammes of Heroin and four live T56 ammos in his possession. He is a 28-year-old resident of Midigama, Weligama.

According to Police, the suspect was wanted in connection with the

double murder committed in a fish outlet in beach road, Weligama in May this year and several other crimes including raping women and committing robberies. The STF has handed over the suspect to the Divisional Crimes Investigation Unit of Matara for further investigations.

'Clear conspiracy to oust well-established politicians in the Govt'

IRANGIKA RANGE

Chief Government Whip and Urban Development and Housing Minister Prasanna Ranatunga yesterday alleged that there is a conspiracy to politically isolate the well-established politicians in the Government and remove them from politics under the guise of a struggle.

He said that SJB, JVP, The Frontline Socialist Party, the section of the Tamil Diaspora, and certain representatives of non-governmental organizations are behind this conspiracy. They do this in the guise of helping the struggle. This conspiracy is being perpetrated because of their fear of the political opinion of the SLPP.

SLPP politicians who represent the government have been



targeted by this conspiracy and the aim of the conspirators is to prevent these politicians from being among the public and visiting their villages.

This is being done to defeat

political sentiments of the SLPP at future elections," he said.

The Minister made these remarks during a special discussion held with the MPs representing the Gampaha district and the heads of local government bodies in the district regarding the upcoming political programme of the Gampaha district.

These conspirators used the people's pressure caused by the shortage of fuel, gas, and electricity for their advantage and the main target of the violent incidents that took place on May 9 and July 9 were the politicians representing the ruling party.

"The SLPP still holds the majority of power in Parliament it received in the 2020 Parliamentary Elections. No one can

act inside or outside Parliament by forgetting the massive 6.9 million people's mandate. The party is strong and our branches, women's, youth and affiliated organizations are still with us. It is true that the party suffered certain setbacks. But still, our party members, supporters, and public representatives are with us," he added.

"No one can stop our political ideology by burning houses and threatening us. We will stand up stronger than ever. Therefore, we should restart the politics at the village level. We should not be ready to do politics the way the political conspirators want. We must reveal the real situation of this struggle to the people of the country," Minister Ranatunga said.

Private bus services now fully operational

LPBOA asks for increased fuel quota in rural areas

IRANGIKA RANGE

Lanka Private Bus Owners' Association (LPBOA) Chairman Gemunu Wijeratne said yesterday that the private bus fleet has been normalized from yesterday following the resumption of fuel delivery as well as the reopening of schools on all five days of the week.

Accordingly, 90 percent of the private bus fleet was operational yesterday," he said.

However, Wijeratne said there

should be a proper mechanism to supply fuel for private buses at CEYPETCO filling stations in rural areas. Otherwise, schoolchildren will be inconvenienced by the limited number of private buses operating in rural areas.

"We requested the authorities to increase the fuel quota under the QR system provided for private buses as there are no SLTB bus depots in many rural areas. Especially, there are no SLTB depots in Hakmana, Deniyaya,

Dikwella, Middeniya, Beliatta, Hambantota, Suriyawewa, and Tissamaharama in the Southern Province and the authorities should take measures to supply adequate fuel for private buses to transport passengers," Wijeratne said.

He also said the Bus Priority Lane (BPL) rule will come into effect shortly for the convenience of public transport users.

These lanes would be kept for buses from 6.30 am to 9 am and

again from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm. Wijeratne said the BPLs would be implemented in selected areas in Colombo and the suburbs.

Initially, it will commence from Moratuwa to Colombo on the Galle Road. This will result in a reduction of congestion and minimizing of accidents on major roads in the Colombo suburbs. It has been reported that the implementation of priority bus lanes will cut congestion by 35 percent in Colombo city.

PMB to start paddy purchases this week

The Paddy Marketing Board (PMB) has decided to start the purchase of paddy in the Yala season from this week.

Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said that steps will be taken to start the purchase of paddy crops in the Yala season from this week and a Ministerial paper was to be submitted for the approval of the Cabinet yesterday (15).

Yesterday morning, the second food outlet of the National Food Promotion Board was opened by the Minister at Hunupitiya Commercial Fertilizer Corporation premises. This outlet was established under the programme of establishing food outlets by the National Food Promotion Board to provide the public with an opportunity to buy food items at an affordable price.

The Colombo Commercial Fertilizer company's fertilizer store was also opened.

Addressing the people who participated in this event, the Minister announced that the PMB will start buying the paddy harvest from this week by giving a good price to the farmers.

He said the fertilizer distribution programme was very successful. "Our goal is to cultivate using both organic and chemical fertilizers under the percentage



Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera inspects food items at the food outlet of the National Food Promotion Board at the Hunupitiya Commercial Fertilizer Corporation premises.

of 70:30. The Department of Agriculture has recommended that such cultivation will begin from the next Maha season," Minister Amaraweera said.

Through this system of outlets established by the National Food Promotion Board, the consumers

will be given the opportunity to buy food items at a concessional price. Also, the producers of food items will also be given the opportunity to sell their products.

"Our aim is to make the Agriculture Ministry a ministry that

goes beyond the targeted programmes," Minister Amaraweera said.

The Minister also mentioned that the support of all those working under the Agriculture Ministry should be received in order to achieve that goal.

Dewinuwara Vishnu Devalaya festival



Picture by Priyan De Silva

PRIYAN DE SILVA

The 765th annual pageant of the Devinuwara Sri Vishnu Maha Devalaya commenced with the *kap* planting ceremony held a few minutes past midnight on July 29 and will conclude with the *Maha Deva Dhanaya* next Saturday (20).

The '*Deva Thovilaya*' (*kolmura yagaya*) will take place on Friday (19) night. The first '*veli perahera*' paraded the streets of Devinuwara on August 5 and the 765th Randoli Maha Perahera paraded the streets of Devinuwara on August 11.

The 765th Esala Pageant of the Devinuwara Sri Vishnu Maha Devalaya was held under the guidance of Thilina Madasanka, the newly elected Basnayake Nilame (lay custodian) of the ancient shrine.

Dry rations distributed



UNP Gothamipura Ward Organizer and Member of the Colombo Municipal Council Alfred Sampath distributed Rs. 3,500 worth of dry rations packs for 800 families who are facing economic difficulties in the Gothamipura electorate, under the guidance of Colombo Mayor Rosy Senanayake. The distribution was held at the Gothamipura Viharaya, Borella, Colombo, on Sunday (14). President's Chief of Staff Sagala Rathnayaka distributed the gift vouchers to the recipients. Picture by Ruzaik Farook

New Director General of Civil Aviation

A veteran in the field of aviation P.A. Jayakantha has been appointed as the new Director General of Civil Aviation and Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (CAASL).

This appointment was made consequent to a decision by the Cabinet of Ministers with the concurrence of the President, at its meeting held on August 1.

Jayakantha, was the Additional Director General Civil Aviation since 2020, when he was appointed to the highest position at CAASL. He assumed duties in the new post on August 5.

The CAASL, which comes under the supervision of Minister in charge of the

subject of civil aviation, is the statutory body that regulates civil aviation within its territory and air space above it, in meeting with the obligations as a contracting state to the International Civil Aviation Convention 1944, commonly known as the Chicago Convention thus ensuring safe and secure civil aviation activities in Sri Lanka.

ADA KOTIPATHI - Tuesday

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Draw No: 1645 Colour: Green

Date: 14.08.2022

Winning Numbers: 09 31 38 48

English Letter: L

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,582,520/-

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Draw No: 3983 Colour: Pink

Date: 14.08.2022

Winning Numbers: 04 23 67 68

English Letter: T

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,364,220/-

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 72,594,729/-

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

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SANSIRI

Draw Number: 209

Draw Date: 14.08.2022

Winning Numbers: 09 11 19

Sunday

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 1,529,960/-

Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 08

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

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Date: 14-08-2022

Draw Number: 3534

Colour: Purple

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 5,626,320/-

Winning Numbers: 11 13 40 52

Gemini

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 2,753,297.80

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SUPER BALL

Draw Number: 1822 Colour: Red

Draw Date: 14.08.2022

Date: Sunday

Winning English Letter and Numbers: J 05 14 43 57

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 70,166,489.20

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,214,640/-

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Shop spaces for rent at a Prime Location

BID NO - NGJA/18/80/ 2022-02

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority invites sealed bids from qualified bidders, who involved in the gem and Jewellery industry, for the renting of shop spaces on the ground floor and No.12 Mezzanine floor of the "Macksons Tower" No 12, Alfred House Gardens, Colombo 03, owned by the National Gem and Jewellery Authority.

Description of the Procurement	Price & Date
Non-refundable document fee	Rs. 3,500.00 + VAT
Last date & time of accepting Bid Documents	2022.09.06 at 10.00 a.m.
Date & Time of Bid Opening	2022.09.06 at 10.15 a.m.

Conditions -

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- A Complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by you on the submission of a written application to the Assistant Director (Procurement), Procurement Division, National Gem And Jewellery Authority, No. 12, "Macksons Tower", Alfred House Gardens, Colombo 03, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00 + VAT on normal working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 17.08.2022 to 05.09.2022. The mode of payment will be in cash.
- Bids must be sent to the National Gem and Jewellery Authority at No. 12, "Macksons Tower", Alfred House Gardens, Colombo 03 under registered post or deposited in the Tender Box available at National Gem and Jewellery Authority, Supply Division, not later than 10.00 a.m. on 06.09.2022. Please indicate as "Providing Shops on Rent Basis -2022" on the top left-hand corner of the sealed envelope.
- Completed Bid Documents should be accompanied by a bank guarantee / bid bond for the value relevant to the bid documents as indicated and issued by a commercial bank valid for a minimum period of 119 calendar days from the date of opening of bids. (From 06.09.2022 to 03.01.2023).
- Bids will be opened at National Gem and Jewellery Authority, Supply Division at 10.15 a.m. on 06.09.2022. Bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopened. Bidders or their representatives may participate at the bid opening.

Further details : Assistant Director (Procurement) - 071 536 2 536

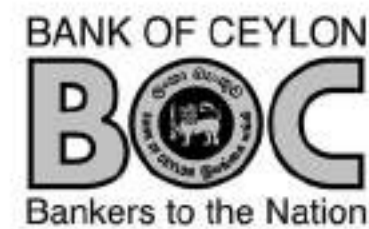
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF BANK OF CEYLON SUPERANNUATION FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meetings of the Bank of Ceylon Superannuation Funds which was scheduled to be held on Saturday, 09th July 2022 and postponed subsequently will be held on Saturday, 03rd September 2022 at the Auditorium, 3rd Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office, Colombo 01, as follows:

1. Bank of Ceylon Pension Trust Fund - 2014	- 8.30 a.m.
Special Annual General Meeting of Bank of Ceylon Pension Trust Fund-2014	- 9.00 a.m.
2. Bank of Ceylon Widows'/Widowers' & Orphans' Pension Fund - 2014	- 9.30 a.m.
3. Bank of Ceylon Provident Fund	- 10.00 a.m.
4. Bank of Ceylon Pension Trust Fund	- 11.00 a.m.
5. Bank of Ceylon Widows'/Widowers' & Orphans' Pension Fund	- 12.30 p.m.
Special Annual General Meeting Bank of Ceylon Widows'/Widowers' & Orphans' Pension Fund	- 1.00 p.m.

Members of the above Funds are requested to attend only the relevant meetings.

The Agenda, Audited Accounts and Proposals are available at the Superannuation Department and Bank of Ceylon branches/ departments for perusal.

W.M.A. Wanigasekara - Secretary

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16th August 2022



UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Supply of Wooden Furniture and Steel Chairs for the new building of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Tender No. - FHSS/2022/01

- The Chairman, DPC, on behalf of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply of Furniture for the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Interested bidders should bid for the total quantity of below mentioned items.

Item No.	Item Name	Quantity	Bid Security Rs.
Steel Chairs			
01.	Executive Chairs (CH1)	129	150,000
02.	Clerk Chairs (CH5)	7	
03.	Visitor Chairs (CH 6)	17	
Wooden Furniture			
04.	Table (TBL1)	129	130,000
05.	Table (TBL2)	12	
06.	Cupboard (CUP2)	7	

- Bidders who have at least five years' experience in supplying of Furniture in similar quantities to State Institutes may submit quotations.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a Bank Guarantee in the format given with the bidding document in the amount of Sri Lankan Rupees Hundred and Fifty Thousand (LKR 150,000) for Steel Chairs and Hundred and Thirty Thousand (LKR 130,000) for Wooden Furniture. Bank Guarantee is confirmed by a bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by a Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The Bid Security shall be in the form of an unconditional ondemand bond & shall be valid up to 30th November 2022.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Deputy Bursar, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Tel. No. 011-2758481) University of Sri Jayewardenepura, and inspect the bidding documents, free of charge, at the Finance Division, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura during office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by the interested bidders on submission of a written request to Bursar, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3500.00 to the Shroff of the University on working days from 16.08.2022 from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
- Duly perfected bids in duplicate in separate covers marked "Original" and "Duplicate" re-inserted in a single cover mentioning the name of work on the top left-hand corner of all three envelopes, sealed and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Deputy Bursar, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda" or deposited in the Tender Box kept in Deputy Bursar's Office, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Duplicate should be a certified photocopy of the original.
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A welcome proposal

A Government MP from the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) Dilan Perera has called for the appointment of a Tamil national as the country's Prime Minister under an All Party Government and for the Cabinet to be decided on an ethnic ratio. He said this would enhance Sri Lanka's image internationally and bring the country many advantages. Speaking in Parliament on Friday the MP said: "What is wrong in appointing a Tamil as the Prime Minister, a Muslim as the Leader of the House. We can have a Sinhala Buddhist President. We can give a positive signal to the world if we make these appointments. Extremism has been clearly shattered by the Aragalaya".

Coming from a member of a political party that was based on nationalism and which was purely formed on a Sinhala Buddhist ethos, this is indeed a welcome transformation and augurs well for national unity, not to mention the easing of racist tensions which was always simmering on the surface. In fact had we had a Tamil Prime Minister prior to this, perhaps, there would not have been a separatist war that raged for 30 years and the unfortunate events of July '83. There had been many countries in the world that had leaders that were not from the majority community. They were gladly accepted by the people. India had at its one time President a Muslim -Abdul Kalam. The people in fiercely Hindu nationalist India had no objections.

In fact, before MP Dilan Perera it was former President Chandrika Bandarnaike Kumaratunga who strove to remove all vestiges of racism from the SLFP and make that party a truly multiracial party. She even went further and wanted to appoint Lakshman Kadirgamar as the Prime Minister when the People's Alliance (PA) won the General Election in 2004. In fact it was the JVP, which too was strongly tilted towards Sinhala nationalism, and jointly contested with the PA to defeat the UNP, at that election, that proposed Kadirgamar for the Premiership which also is an indication to what extent one time fiercely nationalist parties have changed with the times. However, a group within the new Government that strongly supported the candidature of Mahinda Rajapaksa for the Prime Minister's post threw a damper on the proposal (Mahinda himself threatened to leave the Government and join the Opposition if he was denied the post). Had the JVP's word prevailed Kadirgamar would have been the first Tamil Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, and, perhaps, changed the fortunes of this country by gaining for it the admiration and recognition internationally, the very thought which Dilan Perera is now harbouring.

In fact there certainly wouldn't be objections from the majority community if a Tamil became the Prime Minister of this country. The Sinhala voters have time and time again returned minority candidates to Parliament from electorates predominated by the majority community. The best examples are A.C.S Hameed (Harispattuwu), M.H. Mohamed (Borella), M.A. Bakeer Markar (Beruwala), A.H.M Fowzie and Haleem Ishaak (Colombo Central). Not only did they win, but they defeated their Sinhala Buddhist rivals by huge majorities. Who can forget how all Sri Lankans rejoiced to a man when Muttiah Muralitharan broke the world record by reaching the 800 wicket milestone in Test Cricket at the Galle International Stadium and how the firecrackers rang throughout the country. Like MP Dilan Perera observed, the Aragalaya provided ample proof that racism was a thing of the past and no Sri Lankan would want to revisit that ugly past.

Not just racism, but even differences based on religion too have undergone a sea change. It was the Buddhist clergy more than any other group who rallied around His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday carnage and were actively involved in rebuilding the damaged churches. The Aragalaya site in Galle Face too saw clergy from all faiths joining together to make common cause with the agitators with a prominent Catholic priest taking centre stage. That racism and religious bigotry is on the way out in this country is also proven by the increasing instances of corporatism and conviviality displayed by people of different faiths and nationalities in each other's religious festivals and cultural events.

Certainly, the proposal by MP Dilan Perera is worth giving a try. There is no better time than this to experiment. We are certain that Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena too would endorse such a proposal. Of course, a Tamil Prime Minister should always keep in mind to treat all communities equally and not represent the interests of only one community. As it is we see parties such as the TNA solely speaking only about the grievances of the Tamils in the North. It is such an attitude that has made the majority community harbour suspicions. However, the appointment of a Tamil as the Prime Minister would make the demand for a separate state no longer tenable. Such a demand would also certainly not receive international support and will have the wind taken off the sails of lobby groups such as the Global Tamil Forum. Needless to say, it would also deal a mortal blow on the international fund collection to advance separatism in this country. There certainly will be a lot of advantages that would accrue to Sri Lanka if the proposal of MP Dilan Perera is taken to its logical conclusion.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Let us hope a deep sense of the 'togetherness' at times of great crises will continue.
- The late Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar

What went wrong?

TIME TO CURB WASTAGE

Prof. RAJIVA WIJESINHA

Over three months have passed since the departure of the Rajapaksa Squared regime, or rather of its obvious manifestation when two brothers were President and Prime Minister. When that happened one expected some reforms, but with the determination that the status quo remains, nothing has really changed. And as I noted a few weeks after what was meant to herald change, there was no sign of any new ideas.

Reports this week suggest that nothing will change. One reason for this is that there is absolutely no analytical capacity amongst our decision makers. On the one hand we are told that electricity charges are to shoot up, on the other the Minister in charge complains of the excessive overtime payments in the Petroleum Corporation. It does not take rocket science to deduce that what is needed in such institutions - and they are all very similar - is not making the public pay through the nose for extravagance, but rather a ruthless cutting of costs.

The country is bankrupt, and has been bankrupt now for months, and all decision makers have been thinking about is how to borrow more money, with no thought of how it will be paid back. At present the pie in the sky is support from the IMF, which will take ages, and will only lead to another crisis thereafter when the money has to be paid back to them, along with everything else that has to be paid back that is pending. And yet during all this time there has been nothing done to cut costs, and to raise revenue.

Indeed, we even had a remarkably absurd pronouncement in a world of absurdities, to the effect that properties damaged during the agitation that led to the departure of the Prime Minister Rajapaksa and then his return to influence along with a new President will be rebuilt at even grander levels. I cannot believe this is true, but then most things that have happened in recent days beggar belief.

There has been no word of going into the provenance of what was destroyed, checking on the declarations of assets of those who suffered such losses. While the violence that occurred was deplorable, the initial violence unleashed by some of those who suffered and the reciprocal violence that went on for too long after self-defence ceased to be relevant, it makes no sense to reward those who not only plundered the state but placed the final nail on the Rajapaksa Squared regime.



High demand for foreign currencies.



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So instead of cutting costs, we have the mixture as before finding new ways of spending money, in addition to continuing with the excesses of earlier days such as unproductive advisers and senior advisers. We also have continuing incoherence, as when the recommendation to compound with existing creditors is sidetracked by our wayward foreign policy, obsequiousness combined with pompous defiance.

Meanwhile, the bleating of the National Movement for Social Justice, rendered ridiculous after the death of the charismatic Ven. Sobitha Thera, who felt bitter about the betrayal that took place in 2015, continues, the latest bleat being with regard to the 22nd Amendment. There is no understanding that this does not tackle the main issues, the need to strengthen financial oversight through compulsion rather than recommendation, a change in the electoral system that stops the financial excesses (spending and recovering) of the current system, the establishment of an independent public service including rescuing the chief accounting officers of ministries, the secretaries, from the bullying of the political leadership.

And there has been absolutely nothing about increasing revenue. Privatizing institutions in government hands will not help much, for unless its original owners are willing to pocket out a massive amount - to be given on lease one trusts, not sold outright - no one will be keen to contribute to Government coffers as is needed.

Rather we should develop a more productive tax regime, reintroducing PAYE and Withholding Tax and licensing activities that generate much revenue, beginning with private educational institutions and also tutoring.

There should be a moratorium on new buildings until existing Government properties that are neglected have been recommissioned. Many years back the indefatigable Mrs. Charles, after her very sudden transfer to Batticaloa to make way for an obsequious District Secretary in Vavuniya, made good use of her time there to prepare a schedule of unused Government buildings. I recommended that this be done nationwide and good use made of what was available, but that was ignored by a regime that valued the application of cement and the money that could be made from that. Hence, new white elephants in those areas, without proper study of how existing buildings could be used.

At its simplest, school plants could be used during the many hours it lies waste for paid classes, which would generate additional income for teachers in rural areas while also increasing training in practical skills that would prove more lucrative than

There should be mechanisms to channel the energies of youngsters into not only agriculture, but value addition to agriculture. One reason I have a soft spot for the Speaker is that I found him relatively honest amongst the ministers of the last Mahinda Rajapaksa Presidency. When I pointed out the need for Value Addition for our agricultural products, when he was Minister for Agriculture, he told me that that was in fact the Year of Value Addition.

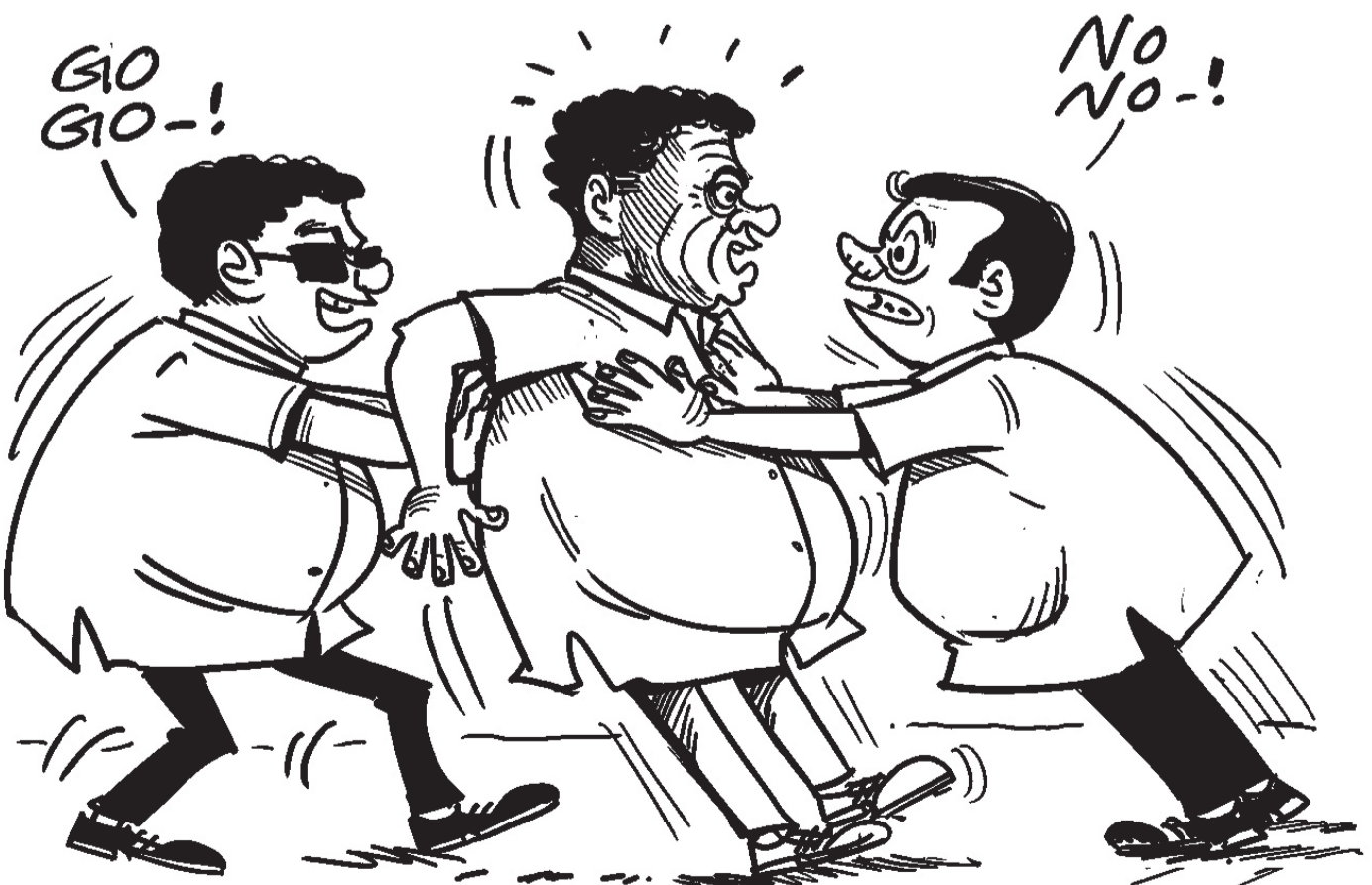
regurgitation of textbook material in dead subjects.

In particular there should be mechanisms to channel the energies of youngsters into not only agriculture, but value addition to agriculture. One reason I have a soft spot for the Speaker is that I found him relatively honest amongst the ministers of the last Mahinda Rajapaksa Presidency. When I pointed

out the need for Value Addition for our agricultural products, when he was Minister for Agriculture, he told me that that was in fact the Year of Value Addition. But when I asked what his Ministry had done about it, he merely looked rueful and admitted that nothing had been done.

When one thinks of the marvels accomplished by say Dilmah Tea, or Ceylon Biscuits, one wonders why the skills of such entrepreneurs are not made better use of, as role models for rising generations. Unlike the mass of rent seeking private businesses, we have plenty of productive entrepreneurs who should be made better use of, but since they do not push themselves they are ignored. I remember when I was briefly State Minister of Higher Education I wanted to put business people on the University Grants Commission, but having got rid of me the then Minister produced a host of Colombo denizens, most of them academics, including several medical men, the one profession where there were no worries about ensuring employment.

With no signs of any thinking outside the box, no signs of getting advice from the productive, as opposed to the same old dinosaurs that messed things up previously, I see no hope of us getting out of this mess for a very long time.



Anyana Indrajith

Collapse of the Aragalaya

Lack of understanding of Sri Lankan masses - root cause for movement's failure

A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

On July 9, it looked as if Sri Lanka was undergoing a "revolution" spearheaded by "peoples' power" in the raw. Massive crowds had converged on Colombo to force President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to quit. The Presidential Palace, the Presidential Secretariat and the Prime Minister's office were stormed, vandalized, and occupied. But the most striking act was the burning of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's personal residence, a repository of thousands of books and rare *objet d'art*.

Sections of the political class, savouring the anti-Government moves with delight, hailed the events as a triumph of the "popular will" over the "corrupt" Establishment. Constitutionalism was devalued. More shockingly, a former Commander of the Sri Lankan Army, a war hero and the country's only Field Marshal, urged the Security Forces not to obey "illegal" orders.

Under the cover of supporting popular movements as part of their "concern for human rights", Western envoys kept urging the Government not to use force even to stop vandalism and arson. The fact that scores of houses of ruling party leaders and public transport buses were set aflame, and a Member of Parliament was lynched, was conveniently brushed under the carpet. The Sri Lankan and international media took a similar line. Even in the face of violence, not seen since the anti-Tamil riots in 1983, Western envoys, the international and local media, kept up the chant that the movement was "peaceful" and that all actions by the law and order machinery were "brutal" and "repressive".

A fact that both the participants in the Aragalaya and its supporters in the gallery hid from the public view was that a peaceful movement by the educated middle class, that was appalled by the corruption and mismanagement of the Rajapaksa



Protesters in their thousands stormed the President's House, the Presidential Secretariat and Temple Trees on July 9.
Picture by Rukmal Gamage

regime, was hijacked by unruly elements led by parties that had no faith in constitutionalism and had had a violent past. Few thought of the consequences of legitimizing violence and unconstitutional actions. It did not dawn on them that once sanctioned, this method of changing Governments would become the norm and that they might themselves become victims of that one day.

The violence of the Aragalaya and the support it seemed to be getting at home and abroad, unnerved President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to such an extent that he abdicated his responsibility to restore law and order and safeguard State institutions. He took the unprecedented step of fleeing the country and resigning from afar.

The Aragalaya then turned to his successor, Ranil Wickremesinghe,

who had been duly appointed as per the constitution. The agitators adopted the same kind of tactics to unseat him. An attempt was made to storm and capture Parliament and force the 225 MPs to resign and make way for fresh elections. But the mobs did not realize that the man now in charge was one of grit and determination. He was undaunted by the fact that his residence had been burnt to ashes by the rioters. Unlike his predecessor, he ordered the Security Forces to quell the rioters, without firing a shot, though. Once the chief ordered them officially, the Security Forces did their duty. As the President told them, they saved Parliament and thereby the constitution just as they saved the country from terrorism not so long ago. Thereafter, the ring leaders of violence and those who dam-

aged or stolen Government property were picked up and brought before the courts. This was a clear signal to violence-prone elements in society who thrive during periods of political tension. They went into hiding. Crowds at the protest sites melted, bringing the curtains down on the "revolution."

The Aragalaya succeeded to the extent that it drove President Gotabaya Rajapaksa out and made the Rajapaksa clan quit the Government wholesale. But it failed to bring Sri Lanka's political or constitutional system down. It tried to overthrow Gotabaya's successor, but failed.

The critical factor behind the initial success and the subsequent failure of the Aragalaya was the leadership of the State. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was overthrown not because of the violence, but because

The Aragalaya and its supporters forgot that in Sri Lanka, changes in Government have always been brought about through elections. Sri Lanka has a history of elections with universal adult franchise as the basis since 1931, a record no South Asian country can boast of. Democracy runs in the veins of Sri Lankans and that is why the voting percentage has been consistently 80 and above. Violent change has never been the Sri Lankans' way, and will never be.

the State law and order machinery had been disabled by a lack of leadership on the President's part. The top man had lost the will to fight. He failed to give appropriate orders to his Security Forces.

But violence was quelled and the movement collapsed as soon as the leader who succeeded Gotabaya Rajapaksa showed the will to protect law and order and the sanctity of constitutional institutions.

In spite of hostility in Parliament, where the Opposition kept raucously chanting that he had no legitimacy, President Wickremesinghe attended to his executive duties diligently and brought about improvements in the situation regarding essential supplies such as food, fuel and cooking gas.

There were two other reasons why the Aragalaya failed. Firstly, it had no single alternative plan for governance as commentator Victor Ivan put it. All it wanted was the resignation of particular individuals. Secondly, it was disorganised, with no single leader or a single set of leaders.

Thirdly, it lacked knowledge of the historical realities. The participants and the leaders did not realize that in Sri Lanka, people have never approved of violence as a means of changing Governments. Every time such an attempt was made, it had been rejected and defeated.

The insurgency of 1971, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna's violent bid to overthrow the Government in 1988-89, had been comprehensively defeated. Parties which had a violent record have been marginalized in elections consistently.

Lastly, the Aragalaya and its supporters forgot that in Sri Lanka, changes in Government have always been brought about through elections. Sri Lanka has a history of elections with universal adult franchise as the basis since 1931, a record no South Asian country can boast of. Democracy runs in the veins of Sri Lankans and that is why the voting percentage has been consistently 80 and above.

Violent change has never been the Sri Lankans' way, and will never be.

WINNING MINDSET FOR LEADERSHIP

BE THE SYSTEM CHANGE ROLE MODEL

Dr. (Eng.) RANIL SUGATHADASA



Change is the only constant in the world.

Organic development, as opposed to abrupt development, occurs gradually and naturally. Leaders must understand organic change, but they must lead deliberate change efforts to address today's challenges. The ability of a leader to implement change is becoming increasingly important for the survival of the organisation in the face of economic volatility, technological advancement, and globalization. Organisational leaders will place a premium on those who have the ability to lead and implement change in their organisations as the pace and magnitude of global, national, and organisational change continues to accelerate. Change management is no longer a desirable skill, but rather a necessity.

Design and plan the System Change

You can lead a country, a ministry, an organisation, or a function within an organisation. System changes are required at all the levels. You have to first ask what exactly the required change is and why you want it. To answer this question, you have to have a stakeholder dialog and expert brainstorming, which will help you finalize smart goals and the real reasons for change.

As the change champion, you have to be enthusiastic about new or different ways of doing things and be determined to see them implemented. In doing this, you have to explore the field outside your organisation or even country for examples of successful change. Choose what aspects of those stories you can apply to organisational change. Finally, you must ensure that the expectations of your customers and other beneficiaries are in line with your design specifications when making the change. It is important to decide how you will measure the success of the change and how you will measure the outcomes.

Inspire the System's Change

An essential part of your role as a change champion is helping your teams overcome their resistance to change by bringing new perspectives to national or organisational issues. Leaders of change are proactive in preparing their organisation for the challenges ahead, both immediate and long-term. They have achieved great success by successfully

future-proofing their company and themselves. A leader's role is to draw attention to a threat that needs to be addressed immediately, to position change as a long-term undertaking that requires perseverance, to explain how change benefits the organisation and its people, to effectively promote an idea or vision, and to inspire action and commitments toward it. Engage others, especially those who are resistant to change, by being open and honest in addressing their fears about change. You'll be viewed as a role model for your co-workers if you successfully implement the suggested organisational changes. You should be able to motivate your superiors and persuade others in the company to adopt your ideas. You need to be able to listen well in order to gain a better understanding of the viewpoints of others. Help people see how they can contribute to the transformation of the organisation. You should go to areas where there is a high level of enthusiasm for change and take advantage of the people and resources that are already working in your favour. You should be able to rejoice in small victories as you work toward a greater goal. You're prepared to expel those who stand in the way of progress.

Good ideas and an enticing manner of communication are essential if you want to motivate others to action. To further complicate matters, making a change calls for both calm persistence and unwavering emotional fortitude. In addition, you should have a way to incorporate other people's ideas into the process of making a change. For the best outcome, you must overcome the resistance to the change. You should not spend too much time convincing others of the merits of your ideas. Get a sense of the forces that are in favour of

and against making changes. People and groups affected by the change should be identified. You need to understand the motivations of the stakeholders involved in the decision-making process.

There are times when it is preferable to focus on tested concepts rather than wasting time on untested ones. Furthermore, it is critical to avoid being perceived by those around you as a threat to the current power structure, both informal and formal. If your company has grown accustomed to its own complacency and smugness, or if your organisation's change initiatives have a history of backfiring, you must be extremely strategic and skilled in your communication. Furthermore, you can train employees who are adaptable.

It is imperative that you establish urgency. You must do four things at once in order to create urgency. To begin with, you must invigorate and motivate people to make a shift in their behaviour. As a second step, try to alleviate any feelings of fear, anger, or complacency. Three, you must provide a step-by-step plan of action. Fourth, you must facilitate the removal of all obstacles and bottlenecks.

Implement the System Change

Leaders who are adept at implementing change should make an honest effort to understand the impact of change on others. Employees should be kept informed of any future changes that may affect them. You should modify and refine the implementation plans based on feedback from others during the change, and make adjustments along the way.



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You must ensure that the internal sponsors of the change remain aligned and committed to it. You must manage the opposition and be perceived as adaptable.

You must be a good listener who is sensitive to the concerns and ideas of others about the change. You are also perceived as direct and proactive. You should acknowledge and thank people for their contributions to change. Seek advice from people who are not directly involved in the situation, and set a good example. You must be able to communicate the big picture to your employees in order for them to understand why key decisions are made. To do so, you must fully understand the change rationale communicated from higher levels of management. You must engage others rather than control them. You must have excellent interpersonal and collaborative skills. You should be able to persuade others. You should avoid rushing to implement the change because it will confuse and overwhelm others.

Consensus should not be prioritized over quality and excellence. Make an effort to meet with people on a regular basis and spend time talking about the change, its impact, and their reactions to it. People want a sense of control, so give them viable options within the confines of the change initiative. You should create a simple and user-friendly mechanism for people to learn about the changes and get answers to their questions. You must provide clear and compelling evidence for the need for the change. Furthermore, effective communication with your stakeholders is critical for discussing progress, making changes, and retaining their support.

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IN BRIEF

10 CHILDREN AMONG 41 KILLED IN GIZA CHURCH FIRE

EGYPT: A fire ripped through a packed Coptic Orthodox church during morning services in Egypt's capital on Sunday, quickly filling it with thick black smoke and killing 41 worshippers, including at least 10 children. The cause of the blaze in the Abu Sefein church was not immediately known. An initial investigation pointed to an electrical short-circuit, according to a police statement.

- INDIAN EXPRESS

SECOND SHOOTING THIS MONTH NEAR GEORGE FLOYD SQUARE

US: One man died and another was seriously hurt in the second fatal shooting this month near the intersection where George Floyd died in police custody more than two years earlier. One man died at the hospital, and the other man's condition wasn't immediately available.

- ARAB NEWS

HEAVY RAIN KILLS 52 IN SUDAN

SUDAN: At least 52 people were killed and 25 injured during the torrential downpours across Sudan, authorities said Sunday. Among the victims were 19 reported in the North Kordofan State in central Sudan, the National Council for Civil Defense said on its website.

- XINHUA

CARTEL VIOLENCE ENGULFS MEXICAN BORDER CITIES

MEXICO: The cities of Tijuana, Mexicali, Rosarito, and Ensenada on the US-Mexico border have been besieged by violence as rival drug cartels battle over territory and wage war with Police. State officials in Baja California reported 24 vehicles had been hijacked and set on fire throughout the state, with 15 of those located in Tijuana.

- RUSSIA TODAY

TWO KILLED IN ARMENIAN MARKET BLAST

ARMENIA: At least two people have died and 60 others were injured after an explosion ripped through a large market in Armenia. The blast happened at a fire-works storage area at the Surmalu market in the capital, Yerevan, on Sunday afternoon.

- SKY NEWS

Afghanistan has lost 60% of journalists under Taliban

AFGHANISTAN: Almost 60 percent of Afghanistan's journalists have lost their jobs or fled the country since the Taliban takeover a year ago, according to a survey published Friday by Reporters Without Borders. The France-based NGO said 219 of the country's 547 media organisations had ceased operations since the Taliban took power on August 15, 2021. Women journalists have been most impacted, with 76 percent losing their jobs. "Journalism has been decimated

during the past year in Afghanistan," RSF Secretary-General Christophe Deloire said in a statement. The survey found that only 656 women journalists were still working, the vast majority in Kabul, down from 2,756 a year ago. Some media outlets have been forced to shut by rules against broadcasting music and other content, while others have been unable to continue without international funding. A decree issued by Taliban Supreme Leader Mullah Haibatullah

Akhundzada last month warned against "defaming and criticising Government officials without proof". It was the latest in a series of measures aimed at curbing press freedoms. At least 80 journalists have been detained for varying periods by security forces in the past year, with three currently imprisoned, RSF said. The NGO ranked Afghanistan at 156 out of 179 countries in its press freedom index for 2022.

- DAILY TIMES



"No just and lasting peace in Afghanistan without guarantees for press freedom".

Rushdie event host thought attack was 'BAD PRANK'

Suspect's father refuses to speak about attack

US: The man set to interview Salman Rushdie in New York state moments before the renowned novelist was attacked said on Sunday he initially thought someone was playing a cruel joke, but was jolted to reality when he saw blood. Henry Reese, president of the non-profit group City of Asylum, was also injured when an attacker invaded a literary event stage on Friday and stabbed Rushdie in the

neck and abdomen; he said it took several moments to grasp what was taking place. "It was very difficult to understand. It looked like a sort of bad prank and it didn't have any sense of reality," Reese, 73, told CNN. "Then, when there was blood behind him, it became real."

Reese, who appeared on the network Sunday with a large bandage over his bruised and swollen right eye, declined to discuss specifics about the attack. Meanwhile, the father of the man charged with attempting to murder novelist Salman Rushdie has locked himself in at his home in southern Lebanon and is refusing to speak to anyone, Town Mayor Ali Tehfe said on Sunday.

The suspect in Friday's attack in New York state has been identified by police as 24-year-old Hadi Matar from New Jersey. He has pleaded not guilty. Matar is originally Lebanese and his family comes from the south Lebanon town of Yaroun. Tehfe said his parents emigrated to the United States and Matar was born and raised there.

- INDIA TODAY



The attack on Salman Rushdie.



Man crashes car into US Capitol barricade, shoots himself

US: A man drove his car into a barricade near the US Capitol early on Sunday and then began firing gunshots in the air before fatally shooting himself, police said. The incident happened just before 4 am at a vehicle barricade set at East Capitol Street NE and 2nd Street SE in Washington.

The attack is reminiscent of an incident when a man drove a vehicle into two Capitol Police officers at a checkpoint in April 2021, killing an 18-year veteran

of the force. And many on Capitol Hill remain on edge after supporters of the then-president stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Authorities said the man, whose identity has not been released, crashed into the barricade and that as he was getting out of the car, the vehicle became engulfed in flames. The man then opened fire, firing several shots into the air as police approached. Capitol Police said the man shot himself as the officers neared. He was later pronounced dead.

- INDIA TODAY



The car that crashed into a barrier on Capitol Hill in Washington on Friday being taken in a truck.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Independence Day address says

Corruption, Nepotism, India's two big challenges

INDIA: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday slammed corruption and dynasticism, saying these are the twin evils that India is facing and must fight to overcome. Addressing the country from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 76th Independence Day, he said focus on the "welfare of family" is hollowing out the country's institutions and is leading to corruption in many cases. "Corruption is damaging country like termite. The country will have to fight it... We have to weed out corruption," he said, shaking a fist. India, he said, needs to be alert against the corrupt as well as corruption.

"We need to come together as a society to punish those who have propagated evil of corruption. We are making efforts to seize properties of people who have fled the country. I request you all to help me fight corruption," he said.

"The shadow of parivarvaad lies on several institutions. Our many institutions affected by family rule, it harms our talent, nation's capabilities and gives rise to corruption... We have to develop an intolerance for this to save institutions. The welfare of the family has nothing to do with the welfare of the nation. Let's cleanse India's politics and institutions from the shackles of parivarvaad," he said.

"We need to discourage this in institutions, in sports. We need to start a revolution against it. This is our social responsibility. We need transparency," he said. Dynastic politics has been one of BJP's



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the occasion of the 76th Independence Day, in New Delhi yesterday.

biggest charges against the Congress. Terms like "bhai-bhatijawaad" and "bua-bhatija" had been liberally employed against the Samajwadi Party when it had an alliance with Mayawati.

Earlier this year, after a string of state elections, PM Modi had said it was his decision to not field children of BJP MPs.

"Several MPs and party leaders were seeking tickets in the recently concluded elections for their children and many of them were denied. BJP MPs' children did not get tickets to contest because that comes under dynastic politics. They did not get tickets because of me," PM Modi had said after the party's victory in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Goa.

- NDTV

Suspected bank robber rescued after tunnel collapse

ITALY: A suspected bank robber has been rescued in Rome after the roof of a tunnel he had been digging collapsed. Italian carabinieri say the man was trapped and buried under six metres of earth for about eight hours on Thursday.

Dozens of firefighters worked around the tunnel before eventually freeing the man and pulling him to safety.

The trapped man - from Rome - was transferred to hospital while his suspected accomplices were also detained by the authorities.

"Two men from Naples were arrested for resisting a public officer and two others from Rome were arrested for the damage

caused," the carabinieri press office said.

"The investigation is still under way, we do not exclude that they are thieves, this is one of the hypotheses," the statement added.

According to media reports, the four men are suspected of planning to rob a nearby bank on 15 August, when Italian shops close for the public holiday, Ferragosto.

The tunnel they were digging was found underneath an empty shop on a busy road near the Vatican City.

"No one had really paid attention because the shop had been rented out and everyone thought it was being renovated, and there was no noise," a local resident said.

- CNN



First responders during a rescuing operation for a suspected thief who was buried under rubble for about eight hours.

W.H.O. ASKS PEOPLE NOT TO ATTACK MONKEYS OVER MONKEYPOX

SWITZERLAND: With cases of Monkeypox surging around the world, it's not a good time to be a monkey. The primates have, in recent days, been physically attacked - and even killed - by poisoning and stoning attacks in Brazil, according to local media reports that cite police officials.

In the last week, at least 10 animals of the marmoset and capuchin types were found displaying signs of intoxication or aggression, leading to fears that they had been poisoned, according to Brazilian news site G1.

Seven of the monkeys died, while the others are under observation at a zoo in São José do Rio Preto, a municipality in the state of São Paulo.

The assaults have led to the World Health Organisation (WHO) - which declared Monkeypox a global health emergency last month - issuing a reminder that despite the virus' name, monkeys should not be blamed for its transmission. "What people need to know very clearly is the transmission we are seeing is happening between humans to humans," Margaret Harris, a WHO spokesperson told reporters. "They should certainly not be attacking any animals."

Globally, there are almost 32,000 confirmed cases of Monkeypox, according to data from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Cases have been reported in 89 countries, and the outbreak is prominent in Europe, where most of the infections have been recorded following an outbreak that began in the spring.

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The Black-tailed Marmoset

Putin to expand relations with North Korea

SOUTH KOREA: Russian President Vladimir Putin told North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un the two countries will "expand the comprehensive and constructive bilateral relations with common efforts," Pyongyang's state media reported on Monday.

In a letter to Kim for Korea's Liberation Day, Putin said closer ties would be in both countries' interests, and would help strengthen the security and stability of the Korean pen-

insula and the Northeast Asian region, North Korea's KCNA news agency said. Kim also sent a letter to Putin saying Russian-North Korean friendship had been forged in World War II with victory over Japan, which had occupied the Korean peninsula.

The "strategic and tactical cooperation, support and solidarity" between the two countries has since



reached a new level is their common efforts to frustrate threats and provocations from hostile military forces, Kim said in the letter.

KCNA did not identify the hostile forces, but it has typically used that term to refer to the United States and its allies.

Kim predicted cooperation between Russia and North Korea would grow based on an agreement signed in 2019 when he met with Putin.

North Korea in July rec-

ognized two Russian-backed breakaway "people's republics" in eastern Ukraine as independent states, and officials raised the prospect of North Korean workers being sent to the areas to help in construction and other labour.

Ukraine, which is resisting a Russian invasion described by Moscow as a "special military operation", immediately severed relations with Pyongyang over the move.

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“Lankan cities need to be evolved to unlock true potential”



INDUNIL HEWAGE

“The current trajectory of Sri Lanka’s cities is not sustainable and our cities need to be evolved to be more efficient if we are to unlock their true potential,” says Nayana Mawilmada, President, Property Group- John Keells Holdings. (PICTURED) To this end, Mawilmada stated both land use and transportation must be addressed in tandem.

“Most social and economic infrastructure is still focused in the higher density city core. As per data, over 2 million passengers travel across Colombo every day and around 600,000 vehicles enter/exit daily,

Mawilmada told the ‘ReformNow’ Conference, held in Colombo.

Noting that unlocking the potential of Lankan urban areas will require a reset in thinking, Mawilmada stated that the country’s cities have been crippled through decades of short-sighted policy, suboptimal decisions, and poor coordination. Mawilmada said the introduction of mass transit is a critical step and game changer for urban development in Sri Lanka.

He also spoke on key interventions in this regard, which include modernizing existing rail, introduction of new railway into fast growing corridors, optimizing bus routing to feed into

the rail network and decenting private vehicle ownership by charging private vehicles entering the city.

Stressing the need to stimulate transport oriented development, he stated that zoning changes need to be made to enable higher density development close to transit stations whilst granting permission for high density development, eliminating mandatory parking for new constructions, preventing fragmentation, stimulating consolidation and mandating high minimum plot sizes.

“Moreover, we need to systematically release state land adjacent to rail stations for development whilst taking

measures to release air rights above stations for development.”

In addition, he stressed the need for the Government to establish a single window for the Government land release transactions and consolidate data on land availability and make it easily accessible to the market through a centralized window. “Sri Lanka must also establish a clear transparent process, purpose driven and systematic land release based on broader urban strategy thereby considering alternatives to one time upfront payments.

It is also required to consider structured transactions to enhance the viability of developments and consider PPP wherever possible to capture high value and long term revenue streams.”

Speaking Further, Mawilmada stated it is also important to reduce cost of multi family housing construction, reduce mandatory 1:1 parking, eliminate protectionism in construction and materials, remove para tariff on building materials, streamline approval process, enhance access to housing finance for first time buyers, release state lands on concessional basis for private sector driven middle income housing development.

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ComBank Group revenue grows 49.52% and 66.41% in 1H and Q2

The Commercial Bank Group has reported a six-month financial performance that mirrors the impacts of the country’s macro-economic variables, with solid operational gains negated by extraordinary provisioning in the second quarter for impairment charges and other losses.

Comprising of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, its subsidiaries and an associate, the Group posted a gross income of Rs 119.517 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2022 and Rs 64.944 billion for the second quarter, achieving a healthy topline growth of 49.52% and 66.41% respectively.

Interest income grew by 39.08% to Rs 88.117 billion for the six months, and by 58.78% to Rs 50.270 billion for the second quarter primarily due to pricing of assets. With rising interest rates and the consequent repricing of deposits, interest expenses increased by 47.23% to Rs 47.404 billion for the six months, and by



Chairman Prof. Ananda Jayawardane and MD/CEO, Sanath Manatunge

77.61% to Rs 28.380 billion for the second quarter.

As a result, net interest income for the six months improved by 30.66% to Rs 40.713 billion, while net interest income for the second quarter reported a higher growth of 39.59% to Rs 21.890 billion.

Commenting on the period reviewed, Commercial Bank Chairman Prof. Ananda Jayawardane said: “Our six-month results are a case study on how macro-economic challenges can neutralize solid operational performance.

We have achieved encouraging operational perfor-

mance across the board, ensuring that the Bank meets its obligations to all stakeholders and retains its inherent financial strength and stability.”

The Bank’s Managing Director and CEO Sanath Manatunge added: “The mercurial policy environment we operate in, requires agile responses as well as forward-looking decisions, however tough they may be. Our second quarter results are particularly influenced by additional impairment charges that impacted on profit growth, but represent a realistic management of credit risk.

Banks will be required to perform a balancing act of this nature in the short and medium term until external conditions improve.”

Further, other income, which comprises of net gains from trading, net gains from derecognition of financial assets and net other operating income, grew by 107.32% to Rs 19.642 billion for the six months and by 117.88% to Rs 8.309 billion for second quarter of 2022.

Total operating income for the six months under review amounted to Rs 69.232 billion, an improvement of 49.39%.

The figure for the second quarter was Rs 34.988 billion, reflecting an even stronger growth of 57.72%.

The Group reported impairment charges and other losses totaling to Rs 35.219 billion for the six months and Rs 29.258 billion for the second quarter alone, reflecting increases of 157.93% and 350.24% respectively. **TO PAGE 12**

State banks stable and operating smoothly - Pragathi Bank Employees’ Union

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Pragathi Bank Employees’ Union, which represents members of State banks in Sri Lanka, assured that State banks are stable and the operations of State banks are being carried out smoothly contrary to negative social media reports.

President of Pragathi Bank Employees’ Union Nishantha Samar-

asinghe addressing a media briefing yesterday (15) said all segments of the society and businesses across the country have come under stress owing to the unfolding economic crisis, coupled with rising inflation.

Despite all these external and internal challenges, he said the operations of State banks are happening smoothly.

“We saw reports of a dollar liquidity crunch in Sri Lanka’s banking sector.”

“Earlier, we had issues with regard to finding dollars; however the issue is now settled mainly due to increased Sri Lanka’s foreign worker remittance, coming through official channels to State banks in recent months,” he said.

“RAMIS deeply unfit for purpose”

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Revenue Administration Management Information System (RAMIS) at the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) is deeply unfit for purpose, says Prof. Mick Moore.

“There is no excuse for having that in a contemporary tax administration. It’s fixable; but I do not know what the problem is. But the fact is no one has been concerned with fixing it.” Prof. Moore, a Political Economist, Professional Fellow at the

Institute of Development Studies told the ‘Reform Now’ Conference, organized by Advocata Institute.

Noting that IRD has got immediate scope for reforms, Prof. Moore stated that the staff of the IRD is not recruited with accountancy qualifications, which is highly unusual in the contemporary world.

“They are recruiting fresh people, who do not possess the same basic qualifications as the peo-

ple in companies that they are dealing with. And they have lesser accountancy qualifications.”

Despite technology and organization of tax collection has been changing constantly over recent decades, Prof. Moore stated that, “unfortunately, that has not happened in Sri Lanka and tax administration in Sri Lanka looks absolutely antiquated.”

There is no IT cadre within IRD; and they depend on a range of odd



Prof. Mick Moore

people to try and fix their IT problems,” Prof. Moore added.

Softlogic Group holds consolidated revenue at Rs. 24.5 bn in Q1

Despite the adverse effects of the economy, Softlogic Group consolidated revenue held strong at Rs. 24.5 billion during the quarter consequent to the Group’s mixed portfolios re balancing top-line performance.

Group EBITDA recorded a strong rise of 45% to Rs. 4.7 billion during 1QFY23 primarily owing to better cost and inventory management. The Retail Sector was most impacted.

Top contributors to Group’s revenue for 1QFY23 were the Retail sector (40% contribution), Healthcare Services (22%), Financial Services (24%) and IT (7%). Leisure and Automobile together contributed 7% to Group’s top line for the quarter.

“Finance income, which predominantly comprises the investment gains at Softlogic Life Insurance, saw an increase of 317% to Rs. 3.9 Bn during the quarter primarily resulting from increased interest rates. AWPLR has increased from 9.85% to 22.27% for the period under review, said Chairman Ashok Pathirage..

This led to a 120% increase in net finance costs to Rs. 2.48 Bn which also includes substantial exchange losses during the quarter.

Retail sector, which recorded a formidable growth during the pandemic, is now facing one of the most challenging times in history.

Retail sector revenue was Rs. 9.7 Bn during the quarter, down from Rs. 13.5 Bn, due to the standstill on imports of mobile phones. Primary con-



Chairman Ashok Pathirage

tributors to the sector topline emerged to be Consumer Electronics followed by Fashion, Restaurants and Supermarkets. Healthcare sector continued its robust performance amidst the socio-economic shocks. Sector revenue increased 14% to Rs. 5.4 Bn during the quarter. Contribution from Asiri Hospital Holdings for the quarter was 40% of the hospital group’s revenue. Central Hospital made up 27% while Asiri Surgical Hospital contributed 20%.

Quarterly sector revenue grew 40% to Rs. 1.8 Bn as B2B hardware and software solutions segment continued its pivotal contribution in delivering financial results primarily led by IT infrastructure projects. Operating profit recorded an increase of 84% to Rs. 244 Mn for the quarter.

Sector EBITDA for the quarter reached Rs. 272 Mn (up 69%). Sector PBT rose 3% to Rs. 126 million for the quarter while quarterly PAT was Rs. 99 million.

Financial Services recorded a topline growth of 27% to Rs. 5.9 billion during the quarter. This growth was primarily led by Softlogic Life Insurance and Softlogic Finance.

Hela Apparel Holdings records Rs. 354 mn PAT in 1H

Hela Apparel Holdings PLC recorded an impressive start to the financial year, with revenue growing by 114% year-on-year to Rs. 24.5 billion in the first quarter.

The significant growth was partly driven by the depreciation of the rupee during this period, while the Group’s underlying US Dollar-denominated revenue also rose by 28%. This reflects the continuation of strong consumer demand conditions in Hela’s key export markets and the ramp-up in production at its newly-established manufacturing facility in Egypt.

The organization also posted a significant increase in profits, recording a Profit After Tax of Rs. 354 Mn in the first quarter, compared to Rs. 58 Mn in the same period of the previous financial year.



Chairman A.R. Rasiyah and CEO Dilanka Jinadasa

This positive performance was a result of both the growth in Group revenue and improved profit margins.

“I’m pleased to see Hela continuing on its growth trajectory despite the extremely challenging operating environment during the first quarter. These results are a reflection of the Company’s successful customer engagement strategies and the initial implementation of the management’s focused margin-improvement strategy. This strengthened

Hela’s ability to absorb the continuation of significant external cost pressures and global supply chain disruptions during the quarter.” said A.R. Rasiyah, Chairman of Hela Apparel Holdings.

Looking toward the remainder of the financial year, Hela will focus on navigating the volatile operating environment by continuing to implement its margin-improvement strategy across the Group. The Company will also seek to continue delivering innovative apparel

supply chain solutions to its customers, while proactively seeking opportunities to strengthen its value propositions.

“Hela has proved resilient during a challenging first quarter, though we feel there are opportunities to improve further,” said Dilanka Jinadasa, Group CEO of Hela Apparel Holdings.

“The biggest challenge ahead is the likelihood of a softening order-book due to a slowdown in consumer demand in our key markets. That said, the new customer relationships we have established over the past twelve monthsshould help us to offset this drop and the continued ramp-up of our operations in Egypt will help to ensure the Group’s revenue remains resilient,” he further added.

NDB posts PTP of Rs. 2.7 bn for 1H

National Development Bank PLC (NDB/ the Bank) posted a pre-tax profit of LKR 2.7 billion for H1 2022 for the six months ended June 30 2022.

Although a reduction of 56% over the first half of 2021 (the comparative period), this deceleration in profits was equitable compared to the considerable quantum of impairment charges factored in for the period, and is predominantly attributable to strong revenue generation and expenses management by the Bank

amidst external challenges. Taxes netted LKR 973 Mn, with post-tax profits closing in at LKR 1.7 billion.

“Financial performance recorded was moderate yet resilient against a highly challenged socio-economic backdrop that prevailed during the review period. With our strategy recalibrated to match external developments well on track, NDB was able to achieve its core banking revenue targets,” said, Director/ CEO of NDB Dimantha Seneviratne commented. **TO PAGE 12**



Chairman Sriyan Cooray



CEO Dimantha Seneviratne

SLASSCOM welcomes relaxation of mandatory conversion for services exports

SLASSCOM welcomes the Central Bank of Sri Lanka circular issued on 12th August exempting the mandatory conversion of export earnings for the IT-BPM services export sector.

This measure will help instill confidence especially amongst the foreign IT-BPM companies having their captive delivery centers in the country.

Despite the recent stability issues facing Sri Lanka in the recent past, the IT-BPM sector continues to attract interest from foreign buyers and investors for its talent and innovation capabilities.

This relaxation will be another plus to attract newer foreign direct investments into the sector.

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SHARES - COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE

Market Statistics on 22.09.2020

Table with columns: Security, Volume, **V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, **V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, Change (Rs.). Lists various stocks like ASPEN.HOT.HOLD., ABANS, ACCESS ENG SL, etc.

Table with columns: Security, Volume, **V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, **V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, Change (Rs.). Lists various stocks like UNITED MOTORS, VALLIBEL, VALLIBEL FINANCE, etc.

COCONUTS

15.08.2022

Table with columns: Security, Volume, **V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, **V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, Change (Rs.). Lists coconut products like FRESH COCONUT, (g)Large Size, etc.

EXCHANGE RATES

Table with columns: CURRENCY, BUYING RATE, SELLING RATE. Lists rates for Australian Dollar, Canadian Dollar, Chinese Yuan, etc.

MARKET STATISTICS

Table with columns: EQUITY DETAILS, TODAY, PRV.DAY. Lists market turnover, volume, and capitalization statistics.

Bourse climbs further

Colombo bourse continued its upward momentum crossing 9,000+ levels amidst recording Rs.5 bn+ turnover due to local and foreign investor appetite with the market's total turnover stood at Rs. 5,829.9 mn against the 12-month average daily turnover of Rs. 4,504.8 mn, whilst the volume traded for the day whilst S&P SL20 Index gained by 25.3 points (+0.8%) to close at 3,097.3. Ceylinco Insurance, Browns Capital Goods most-ly contributed to yesterday's turnover.

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The unprecedented depreciation in the exchange rate together with severe macro-stresses that resulted in higher provisions for investments and provisions made on a prudent basis on loans to factor in expected stresses narrowed our profits."

ComBank Group revenue... From page 11

Elaborating on the increased impairment provisioning, Manatunge said the Bank provided substantial impairment charges on loans and advances in respect of individually significant customers as well as collectively for other customers and those customers in the risk-elevated sectors, asnesitated by the most recent developments in macro-economic indicators impacting the credit risk. "We also continue to recognise additional impairment provisions by way of management overlays on account of loans under moratoriums", he said. Consequently, the growth in the net operating income for the six months under review reduced to 4.05% or Rs 34.014 billion, while the figure of Rs 5.730 billion for the second quarter reflected a decline of 63.47%. Operating expenses increased by 28.07% for the six months to

Rs 18.031 billion, and by 32.50% for the second quarter to Rs 9.311 billion. With VAT on financial services reducing by only 8.91% to Rs 2.603 billion, the Group reported a profit before tax of Rs 13.376 billion for the six months, recording a decline of 15.09% over the first half of 2021. Taken separately, Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC posted a profit before tax of Rs 12.576 billion for the six months, recording a drop of 18.44% and a profit after tax of Rs 8.592 billion, a decline of 29.19% compared to profit before tax of Rs. 15.420 billion and profit after tax of Rs. 12.134 billion reported for the corresponding period of the last year. Total assets of the Group grew by Rs 420 billion or 21.17% over the six months to reach Rs 2.403 trillion as at 30th June 2022. Asset growth over the preceding

12 months was Rs 469 billion or 24.23%. Gross loans and advances of the Group increased by Rs 205 billion or 18.71% at a monthly average of Rs 34 billion to Rs 1.300 trillion as at June 30, 2022, while the growth of the loan book of the Group over the preceding year was Rs 266 billion or 25.71%. In other key indicators, the Bank's net assets value per share increased by 12.69% to Rs 155.60 from Rs 138.08 as at end 2021. The Bank's Tier 1 Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) stood at 10.604% as at 30th June 2022, and its Total Capital Ratio stood at 13.528%. In terms of liquidity, the Bank's statutory liquid assets ratios for its domestic banking unit and offshore banking unit stood at 25.37% and 30.13% respectively, well above the minimum requirement of 20%.

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Toyota Cars
For sale

30-6430 Nissan Civialian bus, 1984 for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0714 542958. 047043

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WP CAH-3336 Toyota Esquire, 2015, car for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0714 542958. 047042

Professional curtaining service upholstery, pantry cupboards, interior decorating. Tel. 0774111482. 046719

WP PS-8645 Mahindra Maximo, 2012 for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0714 542958. 047040

PEOPLE'S BANK

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Pension Fund (Post 1996)

Salaries & Pensions Department
People's Bank
Head Office
Colombo 02.

01st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2022

The 01st Annual General Meeting of the People's Bank Pension Fund for Post 1996 Employees will be held on **Sunday 28th August 2022 at 9.00 a.m.** at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium, Colombo 13.

We invite all members of the Pension Fund (Post 96) to participate for this meeting.

If you have not confirmed your participation to date, please inform the Secretary of the Fund over the Phone Number 011-2481328 or in writing on or before **22nd August 2022.**

Ganga Weerasinghe
Secretary
People's Bank Pension Fund (Post 1996)
10th August 2022

PEOPLE'S BANK

PEOPLE'S BANK - GAMPAHA REGION

AUCTION SALE - 2022

Articles pawned up to **31.12.2020** at the undermentioned branches and service centers of the Gampaha Region of People's Bank and unredeemed up to 16.09.2022 will be sold by Public Auction on the dates and premises given below.

The Auction will commence at 9.00 a.m.

Dates of Auctions	17.09.2022 & 18.09.2022	
Branches Pawned	Pawning Centers Pawned	Branch Premises Auction is conducted
Negombo, Kochchikade	Main Street, Pitipana, Katana	Negombo
Nittambuwa, Gampaha	Wathupitiwala, Pasyala, Thihariya, Udugampola, Ja-ela Rd	Nittambuwa
Minuwangoda, Katunayake, Seeduwa	Andiambalama, Avariwatta, Raddolugama	Minuwangoda
Malwana, Pugoda, Delgoda	Dompe, Weliwariya	Delgoda
Ja-ela, Kadawatha	Ekala, Weligampitiya, Dehiyagatha Kadawatha Town, Kirillawala	Kadawatha
Mahara, Kiribathgoda, Kelaniya	Enderamulla, Mawaramandiya, Peliyagoda, Sinharamulla.	Kiribathgoda

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate, re-auction or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

Regional Manager, People's Bank, Regional Head Office, Gampaha, No. 131, Kandy Road, Belummahara, Mudungoda.

PEOPLE'S BANK

www.peoplesbank.lk

STATE TIMBER CORPORATION
Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation

REGISTRATION OF EXPORTERS TO EXPORT PINUS LOGS

State Timber Corporation is in the process of exporting 10,000 CuM Pinus logs extracted from forest plantation under the permit of the Forest Department, which is an excess after issuing to local market.

Only Pinus logs purchased under the permit of the State Timber Corporation will be allowed to be exported.

Exporters or supply companies willing to export Pinus logs (*Pinus caribaea*) for the years 2022 and 2023 can register themselves under the following categories:

- 01) Registration as an exporter to perform timber extraction from forest plantation, preparation of logs for export & export of logs.
- 02) Registration as an exporter to export timber logs by purchasing Pinus logs from depots of State Timber Corporation under the tender process or under free sale for export.
- 03) Registration as an exporter those who are already registered as timber felling contractors of State Timber Corporation.

Registration applications can be downloaded from our website : www.timco.lk and completed applications could either be delivered to the Operations Division of the State Timber Corporation, on working days or sent by registered post addressed to Deputy General Manager (Operations), State Timber Corporation, No. 82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla, to be received on or before 19.08.2022.

No registration fee will be levied.

Further details can be obtained from the below mentioned Telephone Numbers :

Deputy General Manager (Operational) - 0112 887296 / 077 2931160
Deputy General Manager (Marketing) - 0112 866 636 / 0772862720
Deputy Manager (Timber Grading) - 0761607177

Email : dgmostc@gmail.com Web : www.timco.lk

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Chairman - State Timber Corporation

Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment

Early Childhood Development Project

IMPLEMENTATION OF E-BOOK CONCEPT FOR STORED AND PROTECTED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)

CONTRACT NO: LK-MoWCA-271923-NC-RFQ

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a credit from the International Development Association of the World Bank towards the cost of ECD Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for Replacing Early Childhood Development Center.

1. The Chairman **Project Procurement Committee (PPC)** on behalf of the **Early Childhood Development Project, Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment, 6th Floor Wing A, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battaramulla** now invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified bidders for aforesaid contract.
- The contract period is **60 Calendar days** from the date of award of the contracts.
2. **Comparison of Quotations:** The ECDP will compare quotes from several Bidders, with a minimum of three and will award the contract to the bidder whose quotation has been determined to be substantially responsive to the RFQ and who has offered the lowest evaluated quotation. While the ECDP exercised its due diligence to satisfy itself that the invited Bidders have capabilities to perform satisfactorily, the ECDP reserves the right to request the Bidder with the lowest evaluated quotation to provide updated information establishing that it continues to have capabilities to perform satisfactorily. As such, the bidders may be asked to provide, prior to contract award, documentation on the I) Copy of the Business Registration Related to the above field. II) Copies of the Recent Experiences and Works in Progress and Value of Each Project III) Technical Staff/Facilities IV) Evidence of Financial Statements V) The successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted
3. Specific details are provided in the contact data sheet.
4. Fraud and Corruption the World Bank's policy requires Recipient, bidders, suppliers and Sub-contractors to refrain from Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, Coercive and obstructive practices. If found and proved the Bank may impose sanctions on the respective party/parties involved.
5. Bid validity period shall be **49 days. The ECDP may suspend the bidder for two years if the quotation is withdrawn during the bid validity period, fails or refuses to execute the contract.**
6. The ECDP will correct discrepancies between figures and words, the amount in words where there is a difference, will govern. Discrepancy in the BOQ between unit rate and the total, the unit rate will govern. If there is an error in a total, the sub totals will prevail, and total amount will be corrected.
7. Interested bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the quotation documents at the **Procurement Specialist, Early Childhood Development Project, 6th Floor, Wing A, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battaramulla, Telephone No 0112 186163, fax 0112 186169 and Email: prospec.ecd@gmail.com from 17th August 2022 to 30th August 2022, 9.30 - 2.30.00hrs in working days** excluding public holidays.
8. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be obtained **free of charges** by interested Bidders on the submission of an application to the given email address.
9. Seal Quotations shall be delivered on by hand or registered post with single envelope, clearly marked with the "contract name" to the address below at **Chairman, Project Procurement Committee (PPC) Early Childhood Development Project, 6th Floor Wing A, Sethsiripaya Stage II Battaramulla** or insert into Tender Box, placed at the **Project Director ECDP** on or **before 30th August 2022 at 3.30 PM.** Late quotations will be rejected. Quotations will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
10. Pre bid meeting will not be arranged if having any clarifications contact **Dy. Director, NSECD tel. 0710722457**
11. Project Procurement Committee (PPC) on behalf of **Early Childhood Development Project** reserves the right to accept a suitable bid out of the bids received or reject all bids and the decision of the Project Procurement Committee [PPC] is final.

Project Procurement Committee (PPC)
Early Childhood Development Project
Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,
6th Floor, Wing A,
Sethsiripaya Stage II.

Notice Under Section 07 of the Land Acquisition Act

My No. - ARA/LND5/ACQUI/BANGA/W.LINE
Land Ministry's Ref No. - 4-3/9/2017/WS/10

A Notice under Section 7 of the Acquisition Act Calling for the inquiries under Section 7 of the said Act, in respect of the following lands which are required for Public Purpose, has been published in the Gazette Extra Ordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2283/31 and dated 08.06.2022.

Description	
Province	- North Western
District	- Puttalam
Divisional Secretariat	- Arachchikattuwa
Grama Niladhari	
Division	- 573, Bangadeniya
Village	- Kumbutukuliya
Name of the Land	- Kumbutukuliya Watta
Preliminary Plan No.	- P.P. Pu. 5538
Relevant Lot Nos.	- 01, 02, 03, 05

E.A.D.M. Athukorala
Divisional Secretary,
Arachchikattuwa.

Divisional Secretariat,
Arachchikattuwa.
09.08.2022

My No. BD/UP/LND1/UMAYA/THALPI/02-1
Ministry of Lands No. 4-3/9/2014/IR/58

Divisional Secretariat Office
Uvaparagama.
12.08.2022

Notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act

The General Public are hereby informed that a Title and Compensation Inquiry under Section 9 of the above Act for lands stated below, which were acquired by the Government under the Land Acquisition Act is scheduled to be conducted on **15.09.2022** by me at the Divisional Secretariat Office, Uvaparagama. Persons having any connection to the said lands should be present at the inquiry. For further details, refer the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2291/38 dated **04.08.2022.**

Divisional Secretariat Division : **Uvaparagama**

Basic Plan No. : **Leaf No. 02 of Supplement No. 01 of FVP 392**

Lot Nos. : **From 145 up to 228 (75 lots)**

Full land extent : **21.09630 Ha.**

Village where the land is situated : **37-A, Wethalawa**

Situation : **Badulla District, Uvaparagama Divisional Secretariat Division, Gampaha Koralya, Minor Division, Galanihegama in Wethalawa Grama Niladhari Division.**

Suwineetha Gunasekera
Divisional Secretary,
Uvaparagama.

LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PVT) LIMITED

EXTENSION OF BIDS

LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PVT) LIMITED

LECO amended the Bid Document and extended the period of the bid issue & closing date of the bid as follows,

Bid Ref.	LECO/22/NCB/GD3/080
Bid Description	Supply and Delivery of Service Drop 2Core 16sqmm
Bid Fee (non - refundable)	Rs. 20,000.00
Amended Date of Bid Closing	30 th August 2022 at 02.00 p.m (Doc. will be issued up to 29 th August 2022)
Amendment for the validity of Bid Bond	The Bid Bond shall be valid up to and including 150 days from the Amended Date of Bid Closing (30 th August 2022)
Amendment for the Bid Document	Amended bid document is available on www.promise.lk or www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose only.
Bid Ref.	LECO/22/NCB/GD3/085
Bid Description	Supply and Delivery of Low Voltage Aerial Bundled Cables
Bid Fee (non - refundable)	Rs. 12,500.00
Amended Date of Bid Closing	31 st August 2022 at 02.00 p.m (Doc. will be issued up to 30 th August 2022)
Amendment for the validity of Bid Bond	The Bid Bond shall be valid up to and including 150 days from the Amended Date of Bid Closing (31 st August 2022)
Amendment for the Bid Document	Amended bid document is available on www.promise.lk or www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose only.
Bid Ref.	LECO/22/NCB/GD4/149
Bid Description	Supply and Delivery of 50sqmm Copper Earthing Cables
Bid Fee (non - refundable)	Rs. 3,500.00
Amended Date of Bid Closing	01 st September 2022 at 02.00 p.m (Doc. will be issued up to 31 st August 2022)
Amendment for the validity of Bid Bond	The Bid Bond shall be valid up to and including 150 days from the Amended Date of Bid Closing (01 st September 2022)
Amendment for the Bid Document	Amended bid document is available on www.promise.lk or www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose only.

Bidding documents could be obtained as a soft copy version from the Procurement Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited on payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned above.

Bid Documents will be issued online for this Bid. Bidders who wish to collect the tender documents are requested to forward official request by email to procurement@leco.lk. Payment method and other details on collecting the Bid Document will be replied via email.

Draft bid document with amended (Not for Bidding) is available on www.promise.lk or www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than above mentioned Time & Dates of bid. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.

General Manager,
Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Limited,
411, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.
Tel : 011 2371660 / 2371637

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ETI and AAFA extends support to apparel industry

JAAF welcomes move, demonstrates Int'l brand commitment to SL

The Joint Apparel Association Forum welcomes the call to action by the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) and the American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA) to support the apparel sector's efforts towards ensuring worker welfare.

ETI has commenced a collective response by engaging with economists, industry associations, worker representatives and member companies operating in Sri Lanka to better understand the implications of the ongoing crisis on workers, suppliers and the industry at large. Distribution of dry rations, medicines, groceries and cooked food has been taken as an initial step in support. Additionally, AAFA has pledged a commitment to work with suppliers ensuring timely payments and adherence to the law.



The livelihoods and welfare of workers remain a top priority of the industry. JAAF welcomes this collective support as it will enhance and compliment worker welfare measures already taken by the industry during these unprecedented

times. Welfare schemes by some factories have been in operation for the distribution of dry rations, with certain factories providing additional meals to employees to take home to feed their families. Provision of school-books for children, free

medical facilities and special food packages for pregnant women have also been made available for employees in the SME sector.

JAAF Secretary General Yohan Lawrence stated, "Factories are encouraged to implement welfare measures

to best suit the requirements of their workers. As of June 2022, around 80% of apparel manufacturers have made cost of living adjustments to salaries over and above the annual increments. In some instances, these represent increases of 25% from 2021."

This initiative by representatives of the international brands sourcing from Sri Lanka shows the deep relationship that brands have with their supplier partners in Sri Lanka built over a number of years.

JAAF commends the resilience of companies to continue operations and production under such challenging times, while ensuring the welfare of workers. Further, JAAF appreciates the support extended by the ETI and AAFA and renders full backing for their efforts in assisting the industry.

Transco Cargo Sri Lanka posts Rs. 1 bn revenue in 1H

Transco Cargo (Pvt) Ltd, the Sri Lankan office of Transco Cargo Australia (Pty) Ltd, a leading freight forwarding and logistics service provider in Australia, has recorded a remarkable first year financial performance by achieving over LR. 1 billion in revenue for the 12 month period ending March 31, 2022.

During the year, Transco Cargo was faced with a challenging economic landscape that included multiple lockdowns, slow down in the economy, political uncertainty, HS code suspensions and limitations which have been imposed by the government, all of which led to a significant decline in the Freight Forwarding industry in Sri Lanka. "However, under the leadership of the Director's Dr. Charitha Perera and Shanaka Dias, the company was able to overcome the numerous hurdles and transformed those into opportunities where possible by identifying new market trends and strategically allocating the limited resources at the right time for the right initiative," a company official said.

Commenting on the today's (16) National Logistics Day, declared by the Government of Sri Lanka they say it is marked to create greater awareness on the importance of efficient and secure logistics in a country. "Logistics plays an important role in the efficient running of a nation as without the tried and tested systems and processes brought about through logistics, the country would be faced with major issues such as the rising commodity prices which would lead to an inability to control the cost of living and a burden on the population. As a total logistics solutions provider, Transco Cargo has played its part in this national endeavour by ensuring that its clientele has been able to carry out imports and exports with minimum hassle."



Director's Dr. Charitha Perera and Shanaka Dias at an event held to host their first Anniversary celebrations and the ground-breaking financial achievement at the Royal Colombo Golf Club.

Additionally, Transco Cargo is seeing strong growth in its dollar revenues, as more Sri Lankan expatriates have started using the platform to deliver their finished goods, fresh produce, and raw materials to their overseas consignees.

"This is a positive sign for both the company and the country as increased foreign exchange inflows are an important part of Sri Lanka's road to economic recovery."

Transco Cargo Australia (Pvt) Ltd is a well-established company, which is primarily focused on providing total logistics solutions for thousands of companies and as well individuals both locally within Australia and internationally. Having started with a small team of less than ten individuals, the company has grown within the first year and now employs a staff of over 30 team members.

Looking ahead, Transco Cargo is making plans to further enhance its services to a level experienced by clients in highly-developed countries and is seeking to increase the number of employees to 50 during the current financial year.

Transco Cargo Sri Lanka caters to over 500 clients by being their most reliable and trustworthy logistics solution provider.

CIPM Sri Lanka establishes first International Study Centre in Bangladesh

CIPM Sri Lanka, the nation's leader in Human Resource Management, has broken new ground to establish the first ever International Study Centre in Bangladesh. This national initiative will prove a vital conduit to support Sri Lanka's economic recovery during this critical time enabling foreign exchange inflows and also growing the country's reputation as a regional hub and the de-facto standard for HR professionals. The Study Centre will empower the HR fraternity in Bangladesh as they can obtain a recognized professional qualification in HRM.

CIPM Sri Lanka recently established the Bangladesh International Study Centre through a partnership with BSHRM Institution of Professional Development Limited (BIPD). BIPD is approved by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development UK (CIPD, UK), which earlier accredited CIPM's own Chartered



CIPM Officials at the ceremony - Anushka Earskin Head of Business School, UAC Obeyesekere CEO, Jayantha Amarasinghe President, Ken Vijayakumar Vice President, G. Weerathunga Director Professional and Academic Affairs and Himali Dasanayake Director Operations.

Qualification as a CIPD, the UK-recognized qualification. Signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was a red-letter day for CIPM Sri Lanka's long history of more than 60 years. This was the first time CIPM's professional study

programme was introduced to a foreign country.

The strategy was a development of the initial moves to introduce CIPM's HRM Chartered Qualification to Bangladesh in 2021. A ceremony was held recently to ink the

partnership and launch CIPM's study programmes in Bangladesh.

The event was attended by Mohammad Mashequr Rahman Khan, Chairman, BIPD, Mohammad Nazrul Islam, Managing Director and CEO, BIPD and Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chairman and Director, BIPD.

Representing CIPM were Jayantha Amarasinghe, President of CIPM, Imm: Past President and Current APFHRM President, Dhammika Fernando, Vice President, Ken Vijayakumar, Members of the CIPM Executive Council as well as the CEO of CIPM, Senior staff members and some faculty members participated in this event.

With the launch of the Centre, CIPM Sri Lanka believes it will be able to support the country's current dollar crisis while developing international recognition for CIPM's CQHRM (Chartered Qualification in HRM) programme.

Sarjini wins Grand Finale, The Voice Range



Niranjala Sarjini from UTP Factory in Katunayake, emerged as the winner at the Grand Finale of 'The Voice Range' hosted by the Board of Investment (BOI) in view of showcasing singing skills of employees at Free Zones. Sarjini bagged the first place in the competition organised for Katunayake Export Processing Zone, held at the BOI Ground in Katunayake on August 13, under the patronage of BOI Director General Renuka M. Weerakone. The Founder of 'The Voice Range' was present at the occasion.

Unilever partners SLIM, launches programmes for sales force

Unilever Sri Lanka recently joined hands with the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM) to launch two tailor-made programmes, Certificate in Sales Management and Diploma in Sales Management to nurture and develop the knowledge and capabilities of the Unilever sales force, thereby equipping them to embrace challenges and future-proof the business.

The programme hopes to upskill the company's Sales and Merchandising Representatives and Promoter Cadre employees including beauty advisors, category assistants, supervisors and project managers, across all channels. The launch event was held at the SLIM Business School in Colombo, saw over 400 third-party Unilever employees being made eligible to follow the



Officials exchange the partnership.

academic programmes, enabling them to further their career growth and progression. The event was held in the presence of Unilever and SLIM delegates, and was broadcasted live to all SLIM students. Unilever Sri Lanka Customer Development Director Bathiya Dayaratne said: "The launch of our two exclusive courses comes at a time when our economy is under severe stress, with companies looking to curtailing their investments on training and development. We, however, firmly believe

that investing behind learning and capability is crucial to unleashing the dynamism and true potential of our people to lead and future-proof our organisation during these turbulent times." President of SLIM Nuwan Gamage said: "A skilled sales force is an asset to an organisation, especially for a market leader. SLIM, being the national body for marketing on identifying the need to upskill the sales staff in organisations, introduce tailor-made programmes for this purpose. With the new

programme inaugurated, SLIM will groom Unilever's sales staff to think out of the box. Via a very practical oriented training schedule, they will be endowed with the knowledge and skills to better service the market, achieve greater heights in sales management and add value to the company's growth and sustainability. As has been the practice this time around too, Unilever has partnered with the right mentoring entity that is SLIM, to fulfill its objectives."

Singapore FinTech Festival 2022 from November 2-4

Singapore FinTech Festival (SFF) is set to return as an in-person event from November 2-4 at Singapore EXPO with the industry events and Innovation Lab Crawls taking place on October 31 to November 1.

SFF is an annual celebration of FinTech and the largest event of its kind in the world. SFF provides a platform for the global FinTech community to connect, collaborate and co-create.

As such, the festival provides immense opportunity for FinTechs to showcase their solutions, build connections with potential clients and investors, and crowd in new ideas with fellow innovators.

SFF 2019 drew over 60,000 persons, featuring more than 400 speakers, over 900 exhibitors, 41 international pavilions from



Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong visits SFF in 2019

almost 140 countries, from Afghanistan to Zambia. The three-day FinTech conference was graced by international dignitaries, including Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, Christine Lagarde, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund and Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau. The 2022 edition will bring together global Heads of State, Policy Makers, Regulators, Financial Services leaders, Founders and Investors. These stakeholders will frame the driv-

ers of changes and analyse how to design resilient business models to navigate immediate challenges and future-proof for long-term survival. This year, SFF will address Resilient Business Models. With persistent economic and non-economic shocks, the FinTech industry is going through a stress cycle to stay resilient and viable. SFF will analyse the core construct of a resilient model in today's challenging market environment, covering both business and operational models. SFF is organized by Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Elevandi and Constellar in collaboration with The Association of Banks in Singapore. Fintech Association of Sri Lanka (FASL) is a Community Partner of SFF.

Fashion Bug host awards ceremony for HRMI certificate holders

Fashion Bug hosted an awards ceremony held recently at the Auditorium of Nest Academy, Ratmalana, to commemorate 15 of its qualifying Deputy-level Managers, for completing the Certificate in Business, Sales and Marketing from the Human Resources Management Institute (HRMI).

Understanding the need to boost and maintain morale among its workforce, as well as the

requirement to produce learned and academically sound managers, Fashion Bug takes pride in its efforts to collaborate with institutions that assist in accomplishing this vision.

"We believe that people have an opportunity to grow when enabled with education. This is true even after they may have achieved their dream job, as the potential only continues to increase. For our deputy man-

agers, this was an opportunity to continue gaining career experience, while academically qualifying themselves at the same time, placing them in a healthy position for career advancement," commented Fashion Bug CEO Shabier Subian.

Fashion Bug takes pride in educating the deputy managers in the areas of Management, Human Resource Management,

Personal Development, Sales, Customer Service and Retail Marketing.

The company has reiterated its commitment to facilitate the betterment of its human capital through similar knowledge-building and educational programmes over the years, as this programme also counts as the minimum qualification deputy managers must achieve to be eligible for promotion.



The 15 qualifying Deputy-level Managers Elwin Sallay, Assistant General Manager Fashion Bug, Dimitri Tissera, Manager Central Campus, Subhani De Silva, Head of Academic Affairs HRMI, Sidath Baranage, Manager Operations Management HRMI, Ajith Bopitiya, Consultant in Human Capital Management, Rizal Subian, Chairman Fashion Bug, Shabier Subian Chief Executive Officer Fashion Bug and Dinesh Ekanayaka, Deputy General Manager Fashion Bug.

North Harbour Auckland under 19 conclude Sri Lanka tour successfully

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The touring NZSL North Harbour-Auckland U19 XI from New Zealand concluded their tour of Sri Lanka successfully recently.

The five games were played against a St Thomas' Mt Lavinia XI, Royal College Panadura 1st XI, Matara District U19 XI, Hambantota District U19 XI and Lyceum College Panadura 1st XI and touring team won four games out of five.

The main objective of this tour is to promote cricket among two countries at the school level.

Other than playing five games on this tour, this NZSL group of players and supporters were involved in supporting the local communities by donating large amount of cricket gear to the underprivileged cricketers in Sri Lanka.

This NZSL North Harbour-Auckland U19 tour group was led and managed

by the former Thurstan College 1st XI player Amitha Weerakoon who is currently the Director of Cricket at the Takapuna District Cricket Club in Auckland. Amitha has been organising cricket tours to Sri Lanka and India from New Zealand since 2014 and has specially organised this particular tour to Sri Lanka with the intention of supporting Sri Lankan tourism and local cricketers.

After the presentation of the mementoes to the local players, Amitha thanked his NZSL group for their support to Sri Lanka and local cricketing communities.

The touring NZSL North Harbour-Auckland U19 XI -

Harrison Wills (Captain), Campbell Brighthouse (VC), Matthew Ross, Toby Douglas, Sam Inglis, Logan Ferguson, Hunter Vaughan, Ojas Grover, Sidd Ghosh and Lachlan Hutton. Coach

- Amita Weerakoon Manager - Harley Brighthouse

Following are the match scores :

NZSL NHA U19 XI beat St Thomas Mount Lavinia selection XI by 59 runs at S.Thomas grounds in Mount Lavinia

The touring NZSL team batted first and scored 237 runs for 6 wickets with Matthew Ross (79 runs), Sam Inglis (60 runs), Campbell Brighthouse (50 runs) and Logan Ferguson (29 runs) scoring bulk of the runs. The wickets for STC were shared by Darien Diego and V Rodrigo with two wickets each.

STC XI replied with brilliant 112 by Akash Fernando and well supported by the first drop batter A Fernando with 29. The wickets for the NZSL team were shared by the Captain Harrison Wills, Toby Douglas and Matthew Ross with two wickets each.

NZSL team was beaten

by 12 runs by the Royal College Panadura 1st XI team at the Dombagoda grounds

The Panadura Royalist were 83/1 after the first ten overs thanks to some attacking batting by Jayod Chamara (and Himesh Thiran (28) laying the foundation. They were also well supported by Kaveesha Perera (49), Ranmira Fernando (20), Yasitha Promodya (19) and Lakindu Chanchala (12) which helped them to finish the 50 overs on 226/8. The wickets were shared by Ojas Grover (3/43) and Harrison Wills (3/47).

The NZSL team was well on track to achieve the target thanks to some smart top order contributions by Toby Douglas, Campbell Brighthouse, Logan Ferguson, Sam Inglis and Hunter Vaughan. However, a late order collapse resulted the NZSL XI bowled out for 214 with over to spare.

NZSL team lost by two

wickets to the Matara District U19 XI in a 50 over game played at Uyanwatta Stadium despite a brilliant century from their stylish right hand opening batsman Campbell Brighthouse.

Campbell scored a stunning 115 runs with fourteen fours and three sixes and helped the team to score a respectable 239 runs against a quality local bowling attack. In reply, the Matara District U19 XI reached the target with two wickets to spare and thanks to a solid 70 runs at the top by Mithila Mihisara.

NZSL North Harbour-Auckland (NHA) U19 XI:

239 all out in 47.2 overs Campbell Brighthouse 115, Matthew Ross 29, Logan Ferguson 30, Ojas Grover 23 not out Vishwa Supun 3 for 53, Sadew Rithmaka 2 for 42, Pasandu Sujana 2 for 22

Matara District U19 XI: 242 for 8 in 45.2 overs Mithila Mihisara 70, Diniru Abeywickrasinghe 35,



The visiting North Harbour Auckland under 19 cricket team with officials

Hirantha Lakshan 31, Woshitha Amerasinghe 19, Nipun Samarasinghe 26, Pasandu Sujana 17 not out Harrison Wills 2 for 36, Matthew Ross 2 for 48, Toby Douglas 3 for 52 (1)

The NZSL team beat the Hambantota District XI by Duckworth-Lewis system at Suriyawewa International Stadium

NZSL North Harbour-Auckland (NHA) U19 XI: 306/6 (40 overs) Campbell Brighthouse 20, Ojas Grover 64, Matthew Ross 63, Sam

Inglis 32, Lachlan Hutton 32 n/o, Toby Douglas 42 n/o, Ramindu Nawod 2/53

Hambantota District XI:

190/9 (32 overs) Hasala Abhilash 82, Aditya Abhilash 14, Sampath Kumar 31, Sam Inglis 2/23, Toby Douglas 3/23, Oshan 2/5

Auckland (NHA) U19 XI: 165 all out (36.5 overs) Campbell Brighthouse 29, Matthew Ross 26, Sam Inglis 15, Lachlan Hutton 13, Ojas Grover 30, Toby Douglas 14 Nishal Thabawita 3/20, Bisanda Silave 2/27, Rusiru Fernando 4/33

Lyceum International School Panadura 1st XI: 166/7 (29.5 overs) Rusiru Fernando 24, Pasandu Silva 14, Akmal Fazly 78, Vishan Joseph 32 Sam Inglis 2/19, Sidd Ghosh 2/19

Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo Zonal Girls Champions



The champion Visakha Vidyalaya Colombo Cricket team

Visakha Vidyalaya Colombo emerged Championship of the Colombo Zonal Inter Schools Girls' Softball Cricket Tournament, organized by the Colombo Zonal Education Office recently.

Fifteen (15) teams participated in this tournament at Seevali ground Borella. Visakha Vidyalaya and Bishop's College Colombo entered the final. Visakha Vidyalaya beat Bishop's College Colombo by nine wickets in the final.

Visakha Vidyalaya beat St. Paul's Girls School Colombo 4 by 36 runs in the quarter final. Visakha Vidyalaya beat St. Clare's Girls School Colombo 6 by 111 runs in the semi final. Visakha Vidyalaya made the highest score in the tournament with 145 runs.

Champion Visakha Vidyalaya

and runner up Bishop's College Colombo 3 qualified to compete at the oncoming Western Province Inter Zonal Cricket (Girls) Championship Tournament, which will be held at Colombo.

The champion team Nisali Arangala (Captain), Nethmi Dhanasekara (Vice Captain), Miihpa Dharmawardena, Thisarani Madarasinghe, Anargi Perera, Piumdee Abeywickrama, Senara Ranasinghe, Madara Jayathilaka, Tharindi Dinethma, Anjali Bandara, Sandini Arandara, Sanuli Edirisinghe, Nethmi Wickramaarachchi, Sayuni Kariyawasam, Disani Kariyawasam, K.B.J. R. De Silva (Teacher in charge), Duminda Gunasekara* (*Head Coach), Dandika Weerasekara (Assistant Coach). (YK)

Zahira, DSS earn promotion to 'A' Division Rugby League

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Two unbeaten teams Zahira College and D. S. Senanayake (DSS) College qualified to play in next years 'A' Division after finishing on top of their respective groups in the 2022 Inter-Schools 'B' Division League Rugby Tournament.

Zahira grabbed all the honours in Group-1 of the Segment 'B' Tournament as they finished with an impressive record of five victories from five outings and a total of 30 points inclusive of five bonus-points as well. The lads from Maradana completed their mission in the most spectacular manner as they went on to outplay Prince of Wales College 31-6 in their last league tournament encounter.

Before that, Zahira defeated St. Aloysius' College (29-7), Lumbini MV (34-3), Maliyadeva College (32-0) and Mahanama College (32-6) respectively. Altogether, the Zahirians collected a handsome 161 points and conceded only a total of 22 points to their opponents during their highly successful league campaign.

Maliyadeva, of course, finished second in this group with 17 points but they were nowhere challenging the leaders with just three victories to their credit.

Prince of Wales were placed

third in Group-1 with a total of 14 points followed by Lumbini MV (13 points), Mahanama (11 points) and St. Aloysius' (8 points) respectively.

Meanwhile, D. S. Senanayake turned out to be the best team in Group-2 as they made a clean sweep to obtain 30 points inclusive of five bonus-points. The most significant feature of their performances was their points aggregate where they accumulated a massive 239 points from their five games while conceding only 10 points to their opponents.

D. S. Senanayake proved to be no match to all their opponents as they trounced St. Benedict's College (50-0), Thurstan College (24-7), Sri Sumangala College, Kandy (36-0), Ananda College (44-3) and St. Sylvester's College (85-0).

Thurstan College, who finished second in this segment could consider themselves rather unfortunate to miss out a promotion as their solitary defeat was against the best team in this group.

Sri Sumangala College, who finished third in the table, showed a lot of promise in the beginning of the tournament but failed to clear their biggest hurdles against D. S. Senanayake and Thurstan.

St. Benedict's (8 points), Anan-

da (6 points) and St. Sylvester's (4 points) finished fourth, fifth and sixth respectively in the points table.



Action from the match between D. S. Senanayake and Sri Sumangala

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Akkaraipattu Hijra Sports Club soccer champions

Text and pictures by: I.L.M.RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Correspondent

Hijra Sports Club, Akkaraipattu emerged champions of the 'FFSL President's Gold Cup -2022' Soccer Tournament conducted by the Akkaraipattu Football League (AFL) when they beat the defending champions Supersonic Sports Club, Addalaichenai by 2:0 in the finals played at Public Play Grounds, Akkaraipattu recently.

Akkaraipattu Football League (AFL) President Azmy A Gaffoor organized this tournament.

The tournament saw a record number of prominent teams from the region participating

Akkaraipattu Hijra Sports Club beat Supersonic Sports Club, Addalaichenai in the final. Football Federation of Sri Lanka (FFSL) President Jaswar Umar was the Chief Guest at the final and award ceremony. Winners were awarded champion trophy and cash prize by the Chief Guest.

Football Federation of Sri Lanka President Jaswar Umar and other Guests Akkaraipattu Mayor Athaulah Ahamed Zackie and Football Federation of Sri Lanka (FFSL) Treasurer A.F.Seller were present and the Addalaichenai Supersonic Sports Club was awarded a cash prize and trophy at the award ceremony.



The skipper of the Akkaraipattu Hijra Sports Club receiving the trophy.

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Rs. 10,000,000.00

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Skipper Kusal Mendis celebrating his second fifty of the tournament (pic courtesy SLC)

Joes down Wesley 26-11 to emerge League runners-up

Kusal steers SLC Reds to easy win

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

St. Joseph's College emerged runners-up of the Inter-Schools Under-20 'A' Division League Rugby Tournament when they defeated Wesley College 26-11 in the last Super Round encounter played at Havelock Park yesterday.

The Josephians, who were trailing 7-11 at half time, produced a superb second half performance to turn the game in their favour while collecting their points from three goals and one try while the Wesleyites responded with one try and two penalties.

Even then, St. Joseph's were under pressure in the first half as Wesley looked well set to create an upset following some excellent rugby where they had plenty of possession in the loose.

In fact, Wesley drew first blood in the eighth minute of the game with a good 30 metre penalty from Shaveen Jayawardena after their backs had produced an excellent counterattack from their own territory.

However, St. Joseph's were able to snatch the lead a few minutes later with a good push over try from flanker Jehan Athukorale after the forwards had won possession from a five-metre line-out.

But Wesley managed to obtain a great amount of territorial advantage through their dynamic fly half Jayawardena who responded with another penalty from 25 metres out.



Action from the match between St. Joseph's and Wesley (Pic by Dushmantha Mayadunne)

The game took a complete change after the turnaround as St. Joseph's went in desperate search of the four tries to dislodge Royal College from the second place of the Super Round points table.

The Joes knew exactly what their target was, and hooker

Chamod Seneviratne barged over for their second try under the post to give Dilhara Subash an easy conversion.

Thereafter, number eight Naveen Marasinghe made amends for an earlier yellow card with his seventh try of the season by going

over from a short tap. Time was almost running out for St. Joseph's, but they managed to find that elusive fourth try and the bonus point shortly before the final whistle with flanker Sachinthana Vidya going over the line after a five-metre scrum.

Skipper Kusal Mendis scored an unbeaten 56 in 45 balls with 4 fours and six as SLC Reds recorded an easy seven wickets win over SLC Blues to win the championship of the SLC Invitational T 20 league cricket tournament final played at the R. Premadasa International cricket stadium yesterday.

It was a superb batting display by opener Kusal Mendis who scored his back to back second fifty to ensure the victory with 19 balls to spare in the final. SLC Reds chasing a target of 137 reached with seven wickets in hand in the 16.5 overs to win the title comfortably.

Skipper Kusal Mendis was adjudged the Man of the Final while he received the trophy plus cash award from SLC Vice President Dr Jayantha Dharmadasa at the awards ceremony.

Earlier SLC Blues put into bat first made 136 for 6 wickets in their 20 overs while Ashen Bandara was top scored 40 in 30 balls with 4 fours and opener Lahiru Udara made a solid start adding 37 in 40 balls with 4 fours.

The Blues started with openers Lahiru Udara and Lahiru Samarakoon who was the new open partner for the Blues.

However third over been bowled by mystery spinner Maheesh Theekshana, Samarakoon was first to let LBW scoring 6 in 9 balls while wicket keeper Sadeera Samarawickrama scored 10 as the number three batter was out as Theekshana took a very low diving catch in his own bowling.

The Blues standing skipper Dhananjaya de Silva played a brisk knock of 25 in 19 balls finally back to the pavilion and young leggie Dunith Wellalage took a prized wicket of Dhananjaya de Silva at the over number 11.

Ashen Bandara the 23 year old right handed was the most successful batter of Blues came to the wicket at number five played an anchor role of the side produced unbeaten knock of 40 which paved the way to build up the innings for 136 for 6 wickets in 20 overs.

Maheesh Theekshana was the pick of the bowlers taking 2 for 22 in his four over spell while paceman Asitha Fernando once again among the wickets finished 2 for 31 and Wellalage was able to take the wicket of Dhananjaya de Silva given away 27 runs in his four over spell.

The T20 invitational league cricket tournament conducted by SLC was highly successful while the National players and the top players of the Domestic tournaments got chance to perform well during this tournament before the Asian Cup T 20 cricket tournament as well as next T 20 cricket tournament in Australia.

Chief scores
SLC Blues: 136 for 6 wickets in 20 overs Lahiru Udara 37, Sadeera Samarawickrama 10, Dhananjaya de Silva 25, Ashen Bandara 40*, Janith Liyanage 12, Maheesh Theekshana 2/22, Asitha Fernando 2/31, Dunith Wellalage 1/27

SLC Reds: 137 for 3 wickets in 16.5 overs Lasith Croospulle 25, Kusal Mendis 56*, Kamindu Mendis 18, Wanindu Hasaranga 24*, Praveen Jayawickrama 2/34, Suminda Lakshan 1/25

Johann Peiris to lead Sri-Lanka 60+ plus cricket team at the WC

M.H.YAKEEM

All rounder, Johann Peiris has been selected to lead the Sri-Lankan Cricket team for the first ever 60+ World Cup tournament to be held on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland Australia from September 3 to 16 with the participation of 12 teams.

Veterans Cricket Australia will host this inaugural 60+ World Cup according to Rod Rice, the President of Queensland Veterans who is also the tournament liaison official.

Peiris, who is a pilot by profession has played Cricket in Sri-Lanka and had the distinction of Captaining the St. Thomas College team at the centenary big match against Royal College in 1979. At this inaugural 60+ World Cup tournament, Sri-Lanka will also include players living in Australia, New Zealand and USA. The team will comprise five players from Sri-Lanka including Johann Peiris, 11 from Australia, 3 from New Zealand and 1 from USA.

The other four players from Sri-Lanka are Thilan Wijesinghe, who has played for Ananda College and Captained the Sri-Lanka A team at National level and could play a pivotal role in this tournament. Mahes De Zoysa, who also played for Ananda College as a Wicket keeper/Batsmen in 1972, is a capable batter, who has played County League Cricket in England for many years.

Ajith Naranpanawe, has played for Dharmaraja College, Kandy and captained the College 1st XI team. Mahendra Arthanayake, has played for Harischandra MV, Negombo and Maris Stella, Negombo, an opening batter, where the Sri-Lanka team will be depending on him for a good start. All are members of Colombo Masters.

The 12 teams participating at this tournament are Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Zimbabwe, India, Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, Wales, Rest of the World, Canada, USA and West Indies. England has dropped out as it would clash with the finals of the English County competition.

Johann Peiris (Captain), Mahes De Zoysa, Thilan Wijesinghe, Mahendra Arthanayake, Ajith Naranpanawe (Colombo), Gary Gunasekera (Vice-Captain - Melbourne), Dr. Sittampalam Ragavan, Andy Bhahirathan, Wasantha Hettiarachchi Nadarajah Gowripalam (Sydney), Lal Wijesiriwardena, Neil Karunasekera (Canberra), Brian Goonesekera, Suren Surendran, Sumedha Eratne (Auckland), George Seneviratne(USA), Keith Carlyle Jansz, Shantha Gunasekera-Manager, Prasanna Kariyawasam-Secretary, Senerath A. Seneviratne-Admin, (Australia).

The inaugural 50+ World Cup was held in Sydney in 2019. The second edition in Cape town in 2021 had to be cancelled halfway due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Sri-Lanka participated in both editions.



Johann Peiris

Navy SC women clinch invitational cricket title

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Navy SC led by Hansima Karunaratne recorded a thrilling eight runs win over Air Force SC in their women's Invitational club tournament final to take the champion trophy at the Thurstan grounds yesterday.

Navy SC scored 121 for 6 wickets in their 20 overs. Umeha Thimishani top scored with 30 in 28 balls with 4 fours and 2 sixes while skipper Hansima 25 in 26 balls and Maduri Samuddhika 23 not out in 14 balls with a four and a six made useful

knocks for Navy team. Richi Samarasinghe was the most successful Air Force bowler taking 3 for 19 while Harshani Wijesooriya took 2 for 19.

Air Force SC chasing a target of 122 managed to get 113 for 7 wickets in their 20 overs. The experienced Dilani Manodara scored 40 in 34 balls while Chamari Polgampola hit 19 but that was not enough to reach the winning target.

Maduri Samuddhika and Sathya Sandeepani took two wickets each for winning Navy team.

Malka Mendis of Sri Lanka

Army was named Best Batter of the tournament while Navy SC skipper Hansima Karunaratne was named Best Bowler.

Maduri Samuddhika of Sri Lanka Navy who scored a brisk knock of 23 and took 2 for 21 was adjudged Player of the Final while Navy SC Sathya Sandeepani was named Player of the Tournament.

Chinthaka Edirimanne SLC Head of National Cricket Operations and Manuja Kariyapperuma SLC Consultant Women's cricket development and Operations were the chief

guests at the presentation ceremony.

Chief scores
Navy SC 121 for 6 wickets in 20 overs Umesh Thimishani 30, Hansima Karunaratne 25, Nilakshana Sandamini 21, Maduri Samuddhika 23*, Richie Samarasinghe 3/19, Harshani Wijesooriya 2/19

Air Force SC 113 for 7 wickets in 20 overs Chamari Polgampola 19, Lihini Apsara 14, Dilini Manodara 40, Saduni Abeywickrama 11, Maduri Samuddhika 2/21, Sathya Sandeepani 2/23



Navy SC skipper Hansima Karunaratne receiving champions trophy from SLC Head of National cricket operations Chinthaka Edirimanne and SLC women's cricket consultant - development and operations Manuja Kariyapperuma.

Vinuda and Oneli win under-15 chess titles

NARAYANASWAMY JAVARATNAM

Kalutara Rovinig Correspondent
Sri Lanka school Individual Chess championship-2022 was held successfully earlier this month at Dhammassara National School and Presidents College Nattandiya.

The above competition was organized by the Sri Lanka Schools Chess Association under the guidance of the Tournament Director Ranjith Wickramaratne. The event was held on a Seven round Swiss-System, in the age groups of 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 20. Approximately 2260 students participated from all parts of the Island. Director of North-West provincial education A.S.K. Jayalath attended as chief guest and honoured the winners by presenting certificates and medals.



Under-15 boys' champion M. D. V. Shenal Gunathilaka

Results:
Boys:
Under Seven champion; A.P. Chenitha Sihans Dinsara Karunasena, Mahanama College Panadura. (7 points)
Under Nine champion; H.M.C.S.B Herath. Maliyadeva College Kurunagala. (7 Points)
Under Eleven champion; K. Gangul Wimalaratne, Kingwood College Kandy. (6.5 points)
Under Thirteen champion; B. Janukshan, Jaffna Hindu College (7 points)



Under-15 girls' champion Oneli Omaya Wiwalaarachchi

Girls:
Under Fifteen champion; M.D.Vinuda Shenal Gunathilaka, Royal college Colombo (7 points)
Under Seventeen champion; Pesandu Rashmitha Liyanage, D.S. Senanayake College Colombo (6 points)
Under Twenty champion; R.K.T. Dissanayaka, Dharmaraja College Kandy.(6.5 points)
Under Seven champion; M.K.T. Isali Pinipa Leelananda, Sumedha

College Gampaha. (7 points)

Under Nine champion; Rahansa H.P. Chanuli, East Arawwala Dharmapala M.V. (7 points)

Under Eleven champion; Devindya Oshini, Wycherley International School Colombo (7 points)

Under Thirteen champion; R.M.D.H. Rathnayake, Wp/Ke Viharamahadevi Balika Vidyalaya (7 points)

Under Fifteen champion; Oneli Omaya Wiwalaarachchi, Gothami Balika Vidyalaya Colombo. (7 points)

Under Seventeen champion; Pavalachandran Ashvini, Wycherley International school (7points)

Under Twenty champion; C. Yapa Bandara, Girls High School Kandy (6.5 points)

SLC clarifies on Arjuna's statement

The Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) at an emergency meeting held yesterday (15) having extensively deliberated on the false, derogatory and distorted statement made by the newly appointed Chairman of the National Sports Council, Arjuna Ranatunga during a recent Media Interview (Derana Big Focus), has decided to take appropriate legal action against him who has spoken with malicious intent, damaging the goodwill

and reputation of the SLC and have deliberately made public comments by making false and defamatory accusations against the Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket.

Accordingly, Members of the Executive Committee have sent Letters of Demand to Arjuna Ranatunga, claiming Rs. 2 Billion as damages for the reputational losses that occurred to Sri Lanka Cricket and its officials by the said false and derogatory statement. (SLC media release)

Death of Thilan Samaraweera's mother

The mother of former National cricketers Thilan and Dulip Samaraweera, Mrs Somalatha Samaraweera (76) passed away yesterday.

She is the beloved wife of late Siripala Samaraweera and mother of three sons Chamilka, Dulip (present Assistant women's cricket coach of Victoria), Thilan, the former Sri Lankan middle order batsman

and Assistant Coach to the National team who presently works for Cricket Australia in Melbourne, and daughter Dilani.

Mrs Somalatha Samaraweera's remains will lie at Jayaratne Parlour VIP from today (16), 9 am onwards. Funeral takes place at 3.00 pm at the General Cemetery, Borella tomorrow (17). (D.R)

Simona Halep beats Beatriz Haddad Maia to win third title

Simona Halep produced a battling performance in Toronto to beat Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maia in three sets and claim a third Canadian Open title.

The 2019 Wimbledon

champion pulled through 6-3 2-6 6-3 to rise back up to sixth in the world rankings.

Halep, 30, dropped from second in the world to 20th after missing a large part of last season with injury.

Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta beat Poland's Hubert Hurkacz 3-6 6-3 6-3 to win the men's title.

The 31-year-old pulled off what he described as the "best title of his career" after seeing

off Britain's Dan Evans in the semi-finals.

Carreno Busta, 23rd in the world, battled back after losing the first set on a single break of serve to turn the tables on world number 10

Hurkacz for a deserved victory. Haddad Maia would have been dreaming of a similar upset against Halep, but will have to be content with breaking into the world's top 20 after her run to the women's

final in Toronto. Two-time Grand Slam champion Halep showed all her resolve to record a 38th match win of the season - only world number one Iga Swiatek has won more, with 49. **BBC**

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Message From the Chairman – SLFFA



As the 20th Chairman of SLFFA, It gives me great pleasure to commend the Government for recognizing the transportation and logistics industry in the country, and their yeoman service rendered, by declaring the 16th of August every year as National Logistics Day. The SLFFA, as the apex body representing the industry has, and will remain vociferous in championing the cause of transportation and logistics across Sri Lanka. It is positive that the Government has unified the functions of aviation and shipping under a single ministry, which is a step in the right direction. Global logistics is no longer relegated to one mode of transport, but is now a multi-modal endeavour.

However, there is much to be done to elevate Sri Lanka to the status of a regional and global logistics hub that she rightly deserves. A proper road map by the Government to develop the sector is sadly lacking, despite the sector playing the role of backbone to all other industries and functions. We need to further recognize and identify the importance of the industry, for example, we must know the contribution of logistics towards the country's GDP. This remains unknown for now.

This is where SLFFA will continue to lobby for the necessary change, by closely working with all relevant public and private sector entities to uplift the standards of the industry as a whole. Several initiatives are already in place. For example, AITT (Academy of International Trade and Transport) provides a range of training initiatives at all levels for those involved in the industry, including FIATA Diplomas.

We are committed towards fostering a highly qualified and experienced pool of logisticians and transportation experts, and we hope to receive the necessary support from the authorities as well towards making Sri Lanka a global-standard logistics hub. We have the geographic location handed to us on a platter, we need to put in the necessary hard work and move forwards as one.

Dinesh Sri Chandrasekara
Chairman – Sri Lanka Logistics & Freight Forwarders Association

Message from the Chairperson CASA



I am extremely pleased to share this message on behalf of the Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents in celebration of this year's National Logistics Day.

We know that consumption and production is what drives economic growth in any country. The logistics industry is the backbone of this process that facilitates the movement of goods and therefore is an integral area of national focus. Logistics has been a key contributor to the performance of Imports and Exports in Sri Lanka over the years. The World Bank ranked Colombo Port 22nd in the World and the 1st in South Asia in 2022. The sector comprises many segments including; Freight Forwarding, Freight Transport, Warehousing, container yards, shipping and maritime services, ports, Offshore logistics, Value Added Services, Cold Chain logistics, last mile delivery and more. Various players in these segments provide services to key local industries such as; Agriculture, Manufacturing, Fishing, Construction, Trade, Healthcare, Oil and Gas and more. The Sri Lankan logistics sector is estimated to contribute 3 % of the National GDP and provide direct employment to over 40,000 people.

The importance of the role of the logistics industry was highlighted when supply disruptions created chaos during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The result was unavailability and increased costs of goods for consumption and production. This affected entire supply chains leading to a ripple effect on the economic growth. These disruptions along with change in consumer buying behavior have resulted in organizations making strategic decisions such as reevaluating their international supplier base, introducing digital technologies and even changing their business models. The impact of the current fuel crisis on the logistics industry locally is quite evident. These factors have posed several challenges for local players in the industry who have had to adopt an agile approach and improvise to meet the needs of consumers.

Being the voice of the Shipping industry in Sri Lanka, CASA has led several initiatives to ensure that trade is enabled despite these challenges. CASA, through close dialogue and collaboration with stakeholders in the Industry has ensured that trade performance of the country has continued smoothly without disruptions. This has helped maintain the confidence of local and international shippers and operators despite the crisis. One of CASA's key priorities has been to encourage development of logistics capacity including; operationalization of Port terminals, development of multi-country-consolidation warehousing facilities and expansion of tank storage capacity. This will help attract larger ships, increase transshipment volumes, enhance the maritime services and better support local industries. CASA's other priority is to drive efficiency in the industry. CASA continues to push initiatives of digitalization with government authorities to ensure faster, contactless and transparent processes.

Since we live in a highly globalized world today, it is important to understand that we as a nation are competing with other nations in the region. For example; if our exports are not competitive or sufficient to meet international expectations, international buyers may shift their focus to another country in the region. By focusing on developing capacity and efficiency in the logistics sector, Sri Lanka can increase its international competitiveness. Sri Lanka's strategic location provides immense opportunity for the development of the logistics sector. Developments in technology such as; IOT, AI and Block chain provide a fantastic opportunity for players in the industry to enhance their operations. Collaboration amongst all the stakeholders in the industry is critical to ensure that we leverage on these opportunities to help us become a Maritime and Logistics hub in the region.

Shehara De Silva
Chairperson, Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents

Message From the President CILT Sri Lanka



It gives me great pleasure to pen this message on this very important occasion of National Logistics Day. Being an island nation and situated in a strategic location, Sri Lanka has the potential to develop as a logistics hub with the proper implementation of strategic plans. The Logistics field has grown up from ancient times when people used animals to transport to the modern world today where it uses artificial intelligence.

Hence it is a major challenge to adapt to the new systems, optimization techniques, infrastructure developments, and professional developments of the human resources. Financial management and project planning and business plans are needed to be laid out considering the future economic growth of the country.

Covid 19 gave a good lesson to the world showing how the entire world can be affected by disasters and how the supply chain can be disturbed in such situations. The need for new facilities to transport and store the Covid vaccine under controlled temperature was a major challenge. Adoption of new health guidelines was difficult in many passenger transport systems such as aviation, paratransit, and public transport. Disaster preparedness and mitigations are some key areas that the transport and logistics industry need to develop in the future. Fortunately, highly committed staff and authorities who worked around the clock were able to manage the situation in Sri Lanka to a satisfactory level.

The economic crisis followed by the Covid 19 pandemic led the country to a further challenging situation. Price escalations, foreign currency fluctuation, an increase in shipping rates, scarcity of containers, fuel crisis, and drastic reduction of tourists affected small-scale to giant industries in a significant level. However, every dark cloud has a silver lining. This crisis opened new opportunities in e-commerce. New business ventures bloomed and some authorities converted their operational procedures to paperless. People were ready to accept IT-based systems which made their lives more comfortable.

The need of improving the outdated regulatory systems, modernization of public transport systems, energy efficiency in transport systems, and improvements in supply chain operations have been identified as key areas to address in the country. Development of new policies in land transport, maritime transport, international trade, logistics, and aviation need to be addressed urgently. Preparedness for future natural or man-made disasters and crisis management are important areas to address.

Education, research, and development in the transport and logistics fields are required to enhance. New research findings and commercialization of research findings help in the sustainable economic development of the country. Affordability and the quality of local products such as local vehicle manufacturing needs to enhance. Other related businesses such as service stations, spare parts manufacturing, maintenance of stations, and fuel stations need to be properly regulated and develop as employability generators in Sri Lanka. Transport and logistics operators and other service providers should be recognized as professionals with proper career progression paths enhancing their job security.

Training and education are needed to develop with the involvement of education service providers and professional institutes like the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Sri Lanka. The involvement of professionals in policy-making, business plans, and decision-making in the country is a time needed to overcome the current economic crisis in the country.

I wish all the success and courage to the transport and logistics community in Sri Lanka in their future endeavours.

We are always stronger together!!!

Dr. Namali Sirisoma (FCILT)
President - Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Sri Lanka

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MESSAGE FROM THE SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF VESSEL OPERATORS (SLAVO)



Shamal Perera
Chairman - SLAVO

Sri Lanka Association of Vessel Operators (SLAVO) sends their best wishes to the Sri Lankan logistic service providers on this special day made to commemorate the sector. SLAVO would like to recognize and appreciate all the hard work that has been done by the logistics companies in Sri Lanka, especially during these challenging and adverse times. The hard work and relentless commitment of these companies have ensured uninterrupted service to exporters and importers in the country.

We also take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the management and staff of the three terminals in the Port of Colombo, for their continuous hard work and for keeping the Port of Colombo operational during the political and economic crisis, proving to the rest of the world that the Port is a neutral entity and retains its anonymity with the sole intention of serving our global clientele.

Established in 1995, SLAVO is one of the most prestigious associations in the maritime industry of Sri Lanka. SLAVO is made up of representatives of Shipping Lines, who are appointed directly by the overseas Principals to represent their interest in Sri Lanka.

SLAVO is continuously promoting the Port of Colombo among their main line and feeder line Principals to get more services and volumes into Sri Lanka. "SLAVO, together with our foreign Principals are committed to supporting Sri Lanka and her economy. We are in constant dialog with the respective authorities to ensure the optimum service is provided to our principal shipping Lines, so that they enhance business in Sri Lanka and make the Port of Colombo an important hub in their expansion plans" stated Shamal Perera, Chairman of SLAVO.

The SLAVO membership is made up of representatives from MSC, Maersk, Evergreen, OOCL, X-Press Feeders, BTL, Transworld Feeders, Feedertech, Global Feeders, Far Shipping and Straits Oriental Lines,



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Aitken Spence Logistics Propelling Supply Chains

Aitken Spence Logistics takes pride in commemorating the National Logistics Day 2022 as the pioneer in the integrated logistics industry in Sri Lanka. National Logistics Day is a time to recognize and appreciate the important role played by the logistics industry and the people engaged in delivering logistics services round the clock. This year in particular, the economic crisis has called attention to the critical nature of Sri Lanka's logistics industry. With Aitken Spence Logistics' unparalleled range of services provided over decades to global brands; we pledge support to ensure continued supply chain operations facilitating international trade at this critical juncture of our nation.

Aitken Spence Logistics is the integrated logistics arm of the leading blue-chip conglomerate Aitken Spence PLC. The company specializes in end-to-end supply chain management solutions including inland container terminal services, container repair, rigging and container conversions, container freight stations, warehousing, third party / fourth party logistics (3PL/ 4PL), mobile storage solutions, distribution services and handling & transportation of cargo of all types & sizes all ranging from containerized to heavy and over dimensional.

COVID-19 pandemic and the current economic crisis have emphasized the importance of a national logistics system that is efficient and resilient than ever, as this sector provides the backbone for a functioning the economy. In these unprecedented

times, Aitken Spence Logistics continues to provide with the best and most efficient services to its customers whilst fulfilling its duty as a responsible corporate by supporting the Government and the economy by becoming more agile in its operations, enabling to respond effectively to rapidly changing marketing conditions. Understanding the importance of

facilitating the exports of the country, we at Aitken Spence Logistics have ensured unconditional support for exports through our container freight stations, inland container terminals and transportation services.

The pioneer and the market leader in Container Freight Stations (CFS), Aitken Spence Logistics provides export cargo consolidation services to

many global brands and local exporters. We consolidate over 1,500 TEUs of export cargo acting as a vital link in the export supply chains. With a total of over 100,000 square feet of warehouse capacity dedicated to CFS activities, we possess in depth knowledge of export cargo consolidation operations. Our CFS operations are amply supported by over 80% of the shipping

line containers being stored at our inland container terminals which enables empty container placement at a very short notice. We also provide exclusive CFS services to the apparel sector, such as quality assurance centers and rigging systems for Garment on Hanger (GOH) needs. In-house Customs facilities are available at all CFS's for verification requirements of both inward and outward cargo.

Our strategically located Inland Container Terminals, situated on the Colombo - Negombo main highway, centrally located between the country's main Air & Sea Ports, facilitate storage and handling for both empty and laden containers. Complemented by state-of-the-art container repair and rigging facilities, we continue to provide uninterrupted logistical support to shipping lines, exporters and importers. As the largest inland container terminal in the country with a combined storage capacity of over 7,000 TEUs, we cater to equipment maintenance requirements of leading shipping lines calling the Port of Colombo. The fully secured facilities are equipped with cutting edge handling equipment; including empty and laden container

handlers, top lifts, reach stackers and forklifts all of which work seamlessly to guarantee uninterrupted availability of containers for shipping needs.

Transportation is the most crucial element in today's distressed supply chains. Aitken Spence Logistics owns and operates the largest fleet of cargo-specific vehicles, container carriers, and tankers. The fleet is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including mobile communication and GPS tracking, that guarantee safe and on-time delivery. As a true logistics partner, we have gone an extra mile and a half to ensure accessibility for all transport requirements of our valued customers including empty container repositioning, removal out operations and import & export container transportation from and to the Port of Colombo despite the ongoing challenges in obtaining fuel.

In these unprecedented times, team Aitken Spence Logistics continues to demonstrate commitment for operational excellence and continuity. We have strived to provide seamless services to our loyal customers, in a challenging disruptive environment. Our exceptional triple bottom-line performance is a reflection of our inspiring team, the heroes and heroes who have well-executed their duties beyond expectations and our business partners in global trade and e-commerce.

Aitken Spence Logistics pledges our commitment towards the economic revival of Sri Lanka by continuing to perform our duty as a responsible logistics partner to the nation.



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In 2021, the Ministry of Transport designated 16th August as National Logistics Day, with the aim of educating the public on the importance of efficient and effective management of transportation and logistics. Logistics has been ever-present in Sri Lanka since the earliest times of recorded history, on account of the country being an important trading post for the critical East-West trade routes, although the industry only gained official recognition in the latter part of the 20th century. Today, the broader field of transportation and logistics is a critical one, and its cause is championed by the Sri Lanka Logistics & Freight Forwarders Association (SLFFA) as the apex body of representation.

About SLFFA

Established in 1981, the Sri Lanka Logistics and Freight Forwarders Association (SLFFA) was created to act as the apex body, bringing all players under a common umbrella and championing for the uplift of the industry. Today, the SLFFA is formally recognized by all public and private sector entities and counts a membership of over 150 industry players. The current committee is steered by Dinesh Sri Chandrasekara as Chairman, with Roshan Silva as Immediate Past Chairman, Channa Gunawardena as Vice Chairman, Andre Fernando as Treasurer, and an Executive Committee consisting of Aitken Spence Cargo (Pvt) Ltd, DHL Global Forwarding Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Famous Pacific Shipping Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Freight Links International (Pte) Ltd, GAC Logistics Ltd, Salota International (Pvt) Ltd, Scanwell Logistics Colombo (Pvt) Ltd, Shermans Logistics (Pvt) Ltd, Foreway Logistics (Pvt) Ltd and Speedmark Transportation Services (Pvt) Ltd. All members are prolific and dynamic individuals from the field with decades of experience and expertise, plus strong educational qualifications.

The National Logistics Awards – Recognition Of Industry Excellence

SLFFA is responsible for creating the sole awards ceremony dedicated to the logistics industry, titled the National Logistics Awards (NLA). It was the brainchild of then Chairman Roshan Silva and his team, as a way to recognise the tireless efforts of logistics providers and logisticians, in light of their role coming to prominence during the Covid-19 pandemic's rise in 2020, where transportation and logistics worldwide were faced with challenges never before encountered and rose to valiantly surmount them. The NLA 2022 was capped off with a gala ceremony on the 23rd of March at the prestigious Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo.



The NLA saw exceptional performers in the industry awarded and celebrated. With a myriad of media and industry sponsors, the SLFFA looks forward to hosting the NLA as a regular fixture.

SLFFA at the Forefront of Training with AITT

Recognizing the need for adequate training and development of employees in the industry, SLFFA launched an international-class training academy in November 2006, named the Academy of International Trade & Transport (AITT). The AITT has since garnered recognition by United Nations Economic and Social Commission For Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the International Federation of Freight

Forwarders Associations (FIATA) and has secured Accredited Training School (ATS) status with The International Air Travel Association (IATA). As a non-profit entity, AITT offers a range of Foundation, Certificate and Diploma courses targeted at novices entering the industry, as well as industry professionals looking to further and update their knowledge with the latest developments.

SLFFA Cargo Services – A Unique Entity

In 1994, SLFFA would blaze yet another trail, creating SLFFA Cargo Services Limited, a public unquoted company with limited liability that is solely owned by the Freight Forwarding



fraternity in Sri Lanka. The company was incorporated as the first of its kind in Asia and the Far East to provide swift, safe and efficient services for the benefit of customers, and is situated within the premises of the Bandaranaike International Airport, to cater to air cargo.

Boasting a terminal with floor space in excess of 25,000 square feet, SLFFA Cargo Services' primary aim is to facilitate smooth import operations of air cargo entering Sri Lanka, maintaining a recommended practice of a processing time not exceeding 4 hours within the terminal. Companies within the nearby Free Trade Zone have found SLFFA Cargo Services to be particularly useful, and the company operates on a state-of-the-art, web-based, real-time connectivity system with an array of e-services, further streamlining

operations. This was further bolstered in 2013, when SLFFA Cargo Services partnered with Cargo Community Network (CCN) to launch CCNHub in Sri Lanka, a secure and carrier-neutral portal offering a comprehensive range of e-cargo services.

Corporate Social Responsibility s Practised by SLFFA

It's not common to find associations practicing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), but SLFFA is different, with a CSR track record spanning over fifteen years. While SLFFA's CSR initiatives were somewhat interrupted during the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic in Sri Lanka during 2020 and part of 2021, activities have resumed, most recently with an intensified focus on the medical sector. SLFFA has supported the Lady Ridgeway Hospital for many years, and the latest initiative sees the supply of Rs. 25 million worth of medical oxygen, which is enough for approximately one year, at no cost to the hospital. Prior to 2020, SLFFA has engaged in at least one major fundraising activity and associated CSR project per year.



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Expansion of world trade has created numerous opportunities for the traders to sell their products to different locations surpassing the geographical boundaries.

Therefore maritime transportation has become one of the most crucial industries playing a major role in transportation of goods across the world, ensuring each and every economy and country has access to commodities. The transportation of goods around the world comes with certain risks and potential losses that can happen whilst in transit in Air, Rail, Road and Ocean.

Cargo insurance was introduced as a solution to provide coverage against all risks of physical loss or damage to consignment during shipping etc., due to any external cause. The insurance industry plays a vital role in ensuring the safety of the goods and mitigating the shipping risks. It's important to compare the costs of insurance with the potential financial losses with no recovery from Insurance.

Although there are many types/classes of insurance solutions available at present, it is believed that Marine Insurance is the earliest known form of insurance. Further the history of cargo insurance dates back to as early as 5,000 years when Chinese merchants tried to minimize losses by spreading cargo among multiple ships. Also Babylonian ship merchants took out loans on shipments and paid a "loan forgiveness" fee to lenders in case of loss or theft at sea. With the modern trade development that took place in the world cargo insurance has evolved over the time, to facilitate trade expansions across the globe.

Marine cargo insurance offers varying coverage, depending on the type of cargo or goods, which could range from frozen meat and food and dry goods like cotton, coffee, refined sugar and tea, to oil, jute, and coal. As for the extent of coverage, it could provide protection from several perils, including but not limited to fire, capture, war, pirates, jettison, and theft. Piracy and various other man made unpredictable perils theft can pose a major threat to the transportation of cargo.

Marine cargo insurance is necessarily and mainly concerned with crossing country boundaries trading with overseas which involves goods being transported from one place to another by ships or by air crafts which experience a substantial amount of risks. Out of the four modes of transportation, i.e., road, rail, air and sea/water ways, latter encounters many obstacles and risks, compared to

other modes. On one hand, sea going conveyances are subjected to natural perils which are beyond human control, involving sudden adverse weather conditions, resulting in collisions of ships in mid sea, grounding, sinking etc., and on the other hand there are many other perils like fire & explosions onboard, bottom damages, capsizing etc., which can

have a huge impact on a marine adventures.

In the midst of above uncertain situation, marine cargo insurance provides protection for all marine related risks streamlining the logistics processes which facilitates global trade, ensures economic prosperity and improves quality of life.

There are several types of marine

cargo insurances available to fit the requirement of the market.

• **Single voyage policy**

The policy covers imports/exports/land transit of consignment from a specific destination to another named destination, a policy is issued for each transit journey.

• **Open policy/open cover**

The Open Policy /Open Cover is for traders, who engage in exports & imports frequently in large volumes, as it is inconvenient to cover each consignment separately. Open policy issued for one year, and is a normal cargo policy but all consignment of insured are covered during the period. Details of each consignment to be declared, but even after a claims occurs, declaration is accepted. At the expiry, total annual carriage is subjected to the basic specified rate and additional premium if any, is charged over the minimum deposit premium charged at inception. Open policies mainly issued for land transits and annual estimated carriage and limit per conveyance to be declared.

In an Open Cover, the difference is each and every consignment is declared and a certificate which is needed for customers etc. is issued.

Sri Lanka insurance offers marine cargo policies, subject to institute time clauses, applicable and accepted worldwide, providing protection for various types of cargo in transit/at destination ports/warehouses, exposed to risks against loss or damage from associated perils. The coverages are meeting with regulatory requirements of exporters and importers. The associated terms of the cover will depend on the type of commodity, nature of packaging, details of carrying vessel and their susceptibility to damage and voyage. The policy types are available to provide protection for all marine cargo insurance needs, based on cargo owners' requirement.



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Marine transportation is the most prominent mode of conveying of goods internationally. Millions of goods are carried in containers on daily basis. Inevitably there are certain risks that, during their transfer can generate damage or even total loss of cargo. It is essential to have a marine cargo insurance policy in order to protect the cargo against accidental damages that occur whilst transportation, loading, unloading and during the transits.

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Celebrating the National Logistics Day in Sri Lanka

The government of Sri Lanka declared August 16 as the National Logistics Day in Sri Lanka. CINEC Campus has been instrumental in proposing this idea to the Ministry of Transport and the first Sinhala text book authored by Professor Lalith Edirisinghe and published by CINEC Campus was launched on this historic day.

plays an indispensable role in transportation planning, operation and management smart transport network should be founded on a strong logistics platform.

The term logistics was borrowed from the military as a proven discipline of planning and carrying out the movement, supply, and maintenance of military forces. In its most comprehensive sense, transport sector needs to seek the strategic input of logistics concepts and theories for sustainability and continuous improvements in the transport operations. Logistics is the design, operation and control of efficient transport and storage of goods, services, and between the starting point and the consuming location to meet the

customer's needs. The critical importance of an efficient logistics and the supply chain network came into prominence during the global covid pandemic as well as Sri Lanka's economic and energy crisis.

Logistics now accounts for about 11% of GDP in the Sri Lankan economy and 20% of the total service sector. Therefore, the sector of logistics has become increasingly important in the country's economy. However, it is observed that Logistics performance in Sri Lanka is not in good shape as per the Logistics Performance Indicator (LPI) published by the World Bank (the only indicator to measure logistics performance of a country).

CINEC Campus is the first non-government university to conduct

Logistics and Transport degree in Sri Lanka that later introduced the Bachelor of Management degree in supply chain management approved the Ministry of Higher Education for the first time in Sri Lanka. It is the only institute that offers a PhD in Transportation Planning and Logistics Management in Sri Lanka. CINEC Campus is instrumental in establishing Logistics as an academic subject in school curriculum.

The launch of the first Logistics Sinhala textbook titled 'Logistics Sinhala' was the key activity in the National Logistics Day 2021. The most effective knowledge dissemination among many people in the society can be done through the national language, Sinhala.

The book has been awarded the



The book will cater to a wide spectrum of audience covering school children, University graduates and industry professionals.

The book consists of 434 pages and introduces most suitable Sinhala term for Logistics as approved by the Department of Official Languages. It is categorized as a science book because it reveals two new transport theories. The book has been endorsed by many academia, professionals, and organizations in Sri Lanka and overseas, including Ministry of Education and National Library of Sri Lanka.

It is imperative that a social awareness about Logistics is required by the entire cross section of the society to derive the maximum benefit from the transport sector.

The Ministry of Transport has selected this book as the key feature of the National Logistics Day 2021 celebration considering these factors that has a huge national value. The institute of chartered Shippers Sri Lanka unveiled the first ever song dedicated on Logisticians on the maiden National Logistics Day in Sri Lanka. A commemorative stamp has been issued by the Philatelic bureau of Department of Post Sri Lanka.

formal license by the Ministry of Education to be used as a library book in schools.

CINEC Campus together with many well-wishers distributed Logistics Sinhala book to schools' libraries in Sri Lanka free of charge during the past year. Initially 500 school libraries have been selected and will extend to more schools in the coming year as a CSR project.

The key objective of the investment is to support the logistics and transport education in Sri Lanka and invite you to join hands to distribute more books to Libraries in Sri Lanka.



A book distribution ceremony in Anuradhapura organized by Sri Lanka Shippers Council

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As freight volume grows and transportation becomes more complex, the need for robust logistics management is increasing. With current industry challenges such as labor shortages and rising inflation, well-planned logistics management becomes a primary factor in the success of any company's operations and directly impacts its bottom line. Additionally, it is necessary to meet customers' demands and provide superior service for an efficient logistics management strategy.

What Is Logistics Management And Why Is It Important?



What is Logistics Management?

Logistics management is known as the control and supervision of the movement of goods. However, the scope of managed processes reaches far more than that. It involves several factors, including transportation management, freight and inventory management, materials handling, and order fulfillment. Proper logistics management encompasses optimization processes to maximize revenues, cut manual labor, make informed decisions, and exceed customer expectations.

What are the main goals of Logistics Management?

Before turning to external help and investing in management technology, you want to ensure beneficial results. That is why it is essential to know how to measure the effectiveness of any new practices.

1. Increase revenue
2. Improve operating cost structure
3. Reduce overall transportation costs
4. Improve customer service

The 7 Rs of Proper Logistics Management

The 7 Rs of logistics are used as a rule of thumb to ensure efficient and effective movement and delivery of products. The 7 Rs include:

1. Right product
2. Right quantity
3. Right condition

4. Right place
5. Right time
6. Right customer
7. Right price

Confirming the 7 Rs before shipping products will save your business time and money by decreasing the likelihood of returns and help satisfy and retain customers.

How Can Logistics Planning Benefit Your Company?

Now that you broadly understand logistics management, let's dive into how investing in logistics management will benefit your company.

Improved reverse logistics

An increasingly important field of logistics is reverse logistics. Reverse logistics is the return process that

moves a product back to the seller from the buyer. While many logistics managers overlook this field, it is imperative to customers. Customers return between 8-9% of all products purchased in stores and 20-30% of all online products. If you are not investing in your reverse logistics management strategy, you accrue costs and lose customers.

Increased customer satisfaction

Consumers in our increasingly digital world expect better service than ever before. In today's hyper-competitive market, if shippers are not providing fast, accurate, and quality service, they will not succeed. An excellent management strategy aims to optimize transportation processes and eliminate disruptions. Therefore, it has a direct

impact on your customers' satisfaction. Improved customer service can build a solid reputation for a company's brand and help generate more business. It is crucial to have a good reputation because 93% of shoppers say they read online reviews before a purchase.

In addition, a well-arranged and high-performing freight transportation process can significantly contribute to customer experience and exceed shippers' expectations. When customers remember your business months or years down the road, they will not recall your product's exact price or subtle details. Instead, customers remember how they felt. As a logistics manager, ask yourself these critical questions:

- Was the customer frustrated or delighted with the shopping process?
- Was the delivery completed on time?
- How did the customer feel when they opened their package?

With these questions in mind, you will likely find your supply chain pain points to eliminate or your successful points to optimize and expand to improve your customer experience.

Improves efficiency

Whether you choose to outsource or keep your logistics strategy in-house, creating a plan improves your company's efficiency. With on-site logistics planning, your company can store materials properly while also locating them quickly. Therefore, you will be able to speed up transactions and improve business activity while remaining in complete control. On the other hand, if you feel overwhelmed by your company's logistics concerns, it is best to leave the work up to the professionals. Outsourcing your logistics with a third-party logistics

company (3PL) can save you time and money while increasing capacity and visibility.

Visibility

It is essential to create visibility in a company's supply chain. An advanced transportation management system (TMS) analyzes historical data and tracks the real-time movement of goods in and out of warehouses. Logistics managers can use this information to inform optimizations and avoid potential disruptions. TMS data analysis keeps a company's supply chain moving more efficiently while gaining operational insight.

Cost Savings

An efficient logistics strategy will give a company control over inbound freight, keep inventory at optimal levels, organize the reverse flow of goods, and ensure freight moves on the proper transportation modes – all of which can cut costs significantly.

The supply chain process can be divided into two main categories: inbound and outbound logistics. Inbound logistics is the movement of freight between the supplier and company, whereas outbound involves the company and the customer. Inbound freight can account for about 40% of general supply chain costs, which means good logistic management lets shippers tap into hidden opportunities for savings.

Logistics Management System and Software


As mentioned before, many companies turn to 3PLs to assist in their supply chain and logistics process. In addition to cost savings, 3PLs have the expertise and advanced technology to improve logistics processes much more efficiently than companies can in-house.

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With extensive operations across the globe, the company is valued at a net worth of USD 4.8 billion, ranked 6th globally in the field of logistics, owns 75 million sq. feet in warehousing space across 90 facilities, and employees over 41,000 personnel worldwide. As Asia's leading logistics service provider, Kerry Logistics is deeply vested in its customers'

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Indian logistics sector is expected to reach \$380 Billion mark by 2025

The Indian logistics industry is growing, especially after facing a slowdown in the last two years. Adding to the growth are the new policies that are set to give the industry a much-needed push. Better connectivity, dedicated freight corridors, tech-driven warehousing are some key highlights as part of the 'PM Gati Shakti' plan announced during the Union Budget 2022 earlier this year.

To better understand how the policies will help the logistics sector grow and to understand the key factors that will help boost this industry, Express Mobility spoke to Nilesh Ghule, the CEO and Co-Founder of TruckBhejo.

What is the logistics industry outlook for 2022? How different do you expect it to be compared to 2021?

The Indian Logistics Sector has been growing at a rapid pace and is expected to reach USD 380 Bn mark by 2025. Constant growth in online buying and thus e-commerce business, the government's focus on localised manufacturing through "Make in India" drive, and the onset of many D2C businesses – all these augurs well for the Indian Logistics Industry in 2022 and beyond.

I think the adoption of technology by the smaller fleet owners, who own 1-5 vehicles and form the majority of the logistics industry, will go up substantially. It also seems evident, that due to D2C business models expected to rise, the industry will move towards smaller-sized shipments and faster deliveries.

How will the recent budget announcement help the logistics sector?

The impetus given by the government



to build the infrastructure in the recent budget is the biggest positive for the logistics sector. The keen focus on building connectivity through a better road network, dedicated freight corridors, tech-driven warehousing along with Multimodal logistics parks, all these efforts indicate that the age-old perception of "logistics is just about transportation" is changing.

It is more widely believed that logistics is a specialised function, critical to economic growth and that is probably one of the reasons why a 7 Engine Plan called "PM Gati shakti" has been put in action. All these efforts will help the sector immensely in reducing logistics costs. And this will open up different opportunities for the new age tech-based start-ups like TruckBhejo to take a rightful place in the scheme of things.

What are your views on the National Logistics Policy and what according to you is the key factor that will help the industry grow?

Over the last many years, the Indian logistics industry has been marred by its inefficiencies, and that shows in the higher logistics cost which is ~14% of GDP, much higher than most of the other comparable economies where the average logistics costs are 8%-10% of

GDP. The National Logistics Policy (NLP) is the right step in the direction of removing those inefficiencies. The introduction of GST has already brought some efficiency to the system, which can be seen in the reduced turnaround time for trucks by 18-20%. Geotagging of warehouses and encouragement of "IoT" in warehousing will be another factor that will remove inefficiencies further.

Industrial inspection of warehouses by drones is likely to be one more thing that will make processes faster. For all these reasons and many more, it's imperative that NLP is put into action to spur the growth of the logistics sector.

What are your views on the Gati Shakti scheme and how will this benefit the sector?

Better Infrastructure, improved logistics, and higher economic growth are directly correlated. Gati Shakti scheme is what our current state of logistics Sector warranted for. Both the sector and economy needed a transformative approach, which Gati Shakti Scheme endeavours to provide by having 7 distinctly identified and defined engines namely roads, railways, airports, ports, public transportation, waterways, and logistics infrastructure.

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Poised to "leapfrog to the forefront" Staying Hot: Logistics Market in Southeast Asia

Southeast Asian logistics market: \$55 billion by 2025

In 2018, Internet penetration in Southeast Asia reached 58 percent. And with 3.5 million Internet users coming online each month, consumer behavior in Southeast Asia is changing fast.

Given this flood of new online buyers, what's the outlook for logistics in getting goods to the doorsteps of these millions of new and relatively new online buyers? Logistics in Southeast Asia is a work in progress, but oh, the opportunity is there for success, and quick success at that.

According to Insight Partners, Southeast Asia's logistics market "accounted for \$36.4 billion in 2017 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 5.5 percent over the forecast period through 2025, to account for \$ 55.7 billion in 2025."

That's a \$19 billion upgrade, which is over \$2 billion per year over the eight-year span.

AT Kearney reports that Southeast Asia, especially the 10-nation ASEAN, is poised to "leapfrog to the forefront of the fast-moving global digital economy." Why the confidence? Probably because the fundamentals are already in place:

Robust economy generating GDP of \$2.5-plus

trillion and growing at 6 percent per year. Literate population of more than 600 million people, with 40 percent under 30 years of age. Smartphone penetration of around 35 percent, and growing rapidly. Well-developed information and communications technology (ICT) cluster with a track record of innovation and investment in new technology. Nielsen has predicted that the region's "middle-class population will reach 400 million by 2020, over twice the size it was in 2012. According to data from the International Monetary Fund, the combined GDP of all ASEAN countries (10 member states) in 2017 amounted to around \$2.8 trillion. By the end of 2019, that number is projected to rise to \$3.1 trillion."

"Southeast Asian youths are sophisticated, tapped into social media and are using technology to leapfrog barriers," says Regina Lim, JLL's Head of Capital Markets Research, Southeast Asia.

"Consumers have bypassed computers and are using their mobile phones to shop. About 20 to 30 percent of those online in Southeast Asia have bought something via the internet in the last 30 days, a similar rate to the United States or the UK."

"Lim believes that the appetite for ecommerce coupled with a lower cost of production could

lead to more manufacturers relocating from China to Southeast Asia. "China wages are now three to four times higher (than before) while minimum local content laws in some Southeast Asia countries are further driving manufacturers to relocate to these countries to serve the growing consumer populations," she says.

And just to round out the economic outlook headed toward Southeast Asia, a study by Google and Temasek, reports that "the region's retail sales are forecast to almost double to \$1.38 trillion in 2025 from the \$720 billion it recorded last year...and the Internet economy is "expected to exceed \$240 billion by 2025."

Logistics today primed for disruption

The region's logistics sector is still currently dominated by third-party logistics service providers, "better known as 3PLs, which have traditionally been characterized as asset heavy and labor intensive."

Some of the top players: Deutsche Post AG, Nippon Express Co., Ltd., C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc., Kuehne + Nagel International AG, XPO Logistics, Inc., DB Schenker, DSV A/S, Geodis, Sinotrans Co., Ltd., and UPS Supply Chain Solutions.

The logistics sector is ripe for innovation. "While Singapore is ranked seventh globally in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index, the rest of the region trails behind. Thailand places next at 32nd, followed by Vietnam (39th), Malaysia (41st), Indonesia (46th) and the Philippines (60)."

Poor logistics performance is expensive: Typically, in Southeast Asia costs range from 15-20 percent of GDP...21 percent for Vietnam.

The "Lazada Way" as a model?

Southeast Asia is one of the last major unclaimed e-commerce markets in the world, with no dominant player. So, what kind of form factor is needed in Southeast Asia to succeed in addressing the logistics needs of its 600 million consumers, multiple countries, languages and cultures spread out over four time zones?

Alibaba is betting on Lazada to build out an Amazon-type presence in Southeast Asia. Scooped up for \$2 billion by Alibaba between 2016 and 2018, Lazada has been helmed since December by Lazada veteran and MIT-trained engineer Pierre Poignant. According to Bloomberg, Lazada's logistics footprint is larger and headed towards the gargantuan: Lazada has "31 fulfillment warehouses scattered around

Southeast Asia and an outsourced fleet of planes, trucks, motorbikes and bicycles that can get packages to customers in as little as 24 hours in big cities." Of course, it's all far from automated, but it's in place, and with the help of Alibaba's logistics arm, Cainiao, Lazada has a huge leg up on the competition. Lazada has also staked a claim to groceries, "in 2016 acquiring RedMart, a startup that's become a leading e-grocer in Singapore. It intends to take that business to at least one more country this year," Poignant said.

These assets have helped turn Lazada into the region's largest e-commerce company as measured by traffic. In the last quarter of 2018, it attracted 183.4 million monthly web visits in six countries, according to the research consultant iPrice. Although the Lazada Way looks primed for success, things can happen quickly to adversely affect its upward trajectory. With 20 to 30 percent of those online in Southeast Asia having bought something via the internet in the last 30 days, and with e-commerce ready to skyrocket across the region (\$240 billion by 2025), Lazada will need much more firepower to dominate for very long.

And Alibaba's presence in Southeast Asia goes beyond backing Lazada. The firm also invested \$1.1 billion in Tokopedia which competes with Lazada in Indonesia, Southeast Asia's largest economy and the world's fourth most populous country. One thing's for sure with any of the logistics challengers, Southeast Asia will need to do much better in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index than it has in the past. Languishing in 32nd place or 39th place simply won't cut it.

ASIAN ROBOTICS REVIEW



Top 5 Logistics and Supply Chain Challenges in 2022

By now, we've all heard more than enough about what 'unprecedented times' we're living in. It's clear the 2020s are going to be anything but normal, and that includes the challenges that logistics, shipping and supply chains at large have to contend with throughout 2022.

What are the biggest challenges of logistics and supply chains in 2022? Let's dive into the five most pressing obstacles facing logistics' business as usual – and what might be done to overcome them.

The international aftermath of COVID-19

While popular rhetoric is that the pandemic is on its last legs, there is actually still a huge road still ahead of us as a global society.

Even with vaccines administered and lockdowns a thing of the past, supply chains and logistics are disrupted by COVID-19 every day.

The spotlight has never shone brighter on the interdependency of the global supply chain, with many companies looking to reduce dependency on overseas producers and reshore production closer to home.

As illness takes frontline workers unawares, even if they're taking the utmost precautions, absences in the workplace are having ripple effects throughout the value chain.

From a lorry driver struck down

with COVID-19 who now can't move a vital order, to floor workers and manufacturing operatives creating inadvertent superspreader events just by doing an honest day's work, this is still a challenging landscape to navigate.

This is further compounded by the fact that careers like lorry driving, warehouse operative, factory floor worker and other key supply chain roles are all experiencing dramatic shortages worldwide. With the Great Resignation having motivated countless people around the world to reconsider how they earn a day's wage, showcasing the appeal of these vital vocations is proving problematic for many.

Geopolitical factors

The shape of the world seems to be constantly changing. For supply chain and logistics businesses, this means the best practices that worked like a well-oiled machine even a few short months ago are suddenly buckling under unexpected pressures.

Often, these incidents have far-reaching aftershocks too. The impact of Brexit in terms of global supply chain disruptions and the accompanying bureaucratic confusion continues to be felt – and the aftermath of the Russia-Ukraine conflict is an issue analysts are revising their advice on by the day as situations develop.

This is one of the chief

contributing factors as to why risk mitigation has become such a hot button topic among thought leaders in logistics, shipping and supply chain solutions. The effective collection and implementation of data to smooth out processes – and the means by which to do one's utmost to pre-empt shifts in the geopolitical fabric – will prove vital in 2022 and far beyond.

Environmental sustainability best practices

How can supply chain and logistics businesses meet the needs of net-neutral governmental policies – and contribute meaningfully to the discourse surrounding them from a position of thought leadership – when demand for goods and services is so high that everyone's on the road more than ever?

The pressure on supply chains and logistics organisations to showcase electric vehicles, advanced technologies, smart route planning and more efficient journey timing has never been higher.

Fortunately, this is another field

in which smart tech solutions can play a key role. Efficiency gains increase the cost-effectiveness of each journey undertaken in the supply chain, and that means both a greener and more profitable route forward.

Of course, such changes seldom happen overnight – and while automation is one solution, collaboration is quite another. Thought leaders are calling on supply chain players of all kinds to unite under established frameworks and best practices that will promote environmentalism and circular economics for every mile driven. It's definitely a conversation in which every logistics business has a role to fulfil.

Demands will never slow down

It seems like a distant memory now to consider that much of supply chain management relied upon a certain sense of rhythm to the calendar year. This sense of seasonality has been replaced by unpredictably, all of which is further

underscored by a critical core component – unrelenting demand.

The level of tolerance that consumers demonstrated when supply chains were disrupted at the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, for example, was not to last. In fact, as online orders became the de facto way for people to order everything from luxuries to essentials, anything beyond a next-day arrival began to swiftly be seen as an intolerable wait.

This is compounded all the more by huge demands in sectors such as entertainment – where computer chip shortages render some consumer electronics impossible to find even years after release – and coffee, the appetite for which worldwide continues to grow as rapidly as environmental disruptions and ethical concerns in its cultivation.

Consumers and businesses are going to continue to require products and components at an ever increasing scale. Unfortunately, the idea that such demands could possibly override the capabilities of supply chain solutions providers worldwide is simply never taken into account in today's culture of immediacy – meaning it falls to logistics businesses to step up once again.

Intelligent implementation of automation

There's no denying that good AI and smart technologies have made

logistics and supply chain management easier. Yet the pace of innovation is so rapid, and the rate of change being explored in this article alone so apt to accelerate, that implementing automation into logistics often can feel like chasing one's tail. Because these smart solutions are evolving in tandem with the emergent situations affecting supply chains worldwide, many logistics businesses make the mistake of waiting for a final or 'calmed down' climate in which to invest in these systems. Not only does that only serve to stymie the pace of innovation, but it could well prove a long wait for a day that never comes – if anything, the world is only moving faster, meaning there are less advantages to this wait-and-see approach than ever before.

Developing resilience and supply chain intelligence

Just because there's no longer any such thing as business as usual, that doesn't mean business can't be better. In fact, the climate of demand and opportunity in logistics worldwide today makes this one of the most promising periods in which to be active in the industry.

Rise to meet the challenges we've discussed today, and you stand to gain profoundly from the challenges that have disrupted so much of the former status quo. It takes agility, foresight and the right technology to succeed – are you prepared to make 2022 your landmark logistics year?

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Overcoming the economic crisis faced at present is the order of the day and the Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka, as the Apex body of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka (OPA), has an onerous duty and responsibility to serve the nation with aplomb, dedication and commitment.

The role of the Professionals in ensuring a better tomorrow for all Sri Lankans is of paramount importance and I look forward to the support and assistance of all Professionals in this regard at all times.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for the success of the OPA 35th Annual Conference and 3rd National Apex Award Programmes and continued success to OPA in all its future endeavours.

I also wish to congratulate the recipients of lifetime Apex awards presented by the OPA in recognition of professional excellence and national service.

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe

President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

MESSAGE FROM SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT



It gives me great pleasure to participate at the 35th Annual Conference and the 3rd Apex Awards Ceremony of the OPA.

The Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka consisting of 52 Professional Bodies representing 32 Professions is a unique organization that has contributed immensely to not only its respective professional members but also the country in many ways since its inception.

Particularly during the current economic crisis the country is facing, the OPA has played a significant role by submitting a wide range of proposals on economic,

administrative, and sociopolitical spheres to the government that could help overcome the crisis.

The 3rd National Apex Awards Ceremony is another important event where the professionals who have excelled in their relevant fields will be awarded in recognition of their professional service and contribution to the nation. This way of appreciating and recognizing their service would serve as a catalyst to motivate all other professionals to do their best for the nation and to their relevant professions.

While congratulating the Apex Awards Recipients, I convey my best wishes for the success of the 35th Annual Conference of the OPA.

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana

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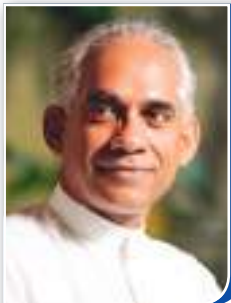
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MESSAGE FROM KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR ORGANISATION OF PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION



Good governance is imperative to economic growth. Research shows that economic development and growth is faster and more sustainable in countries with strong institutions where the rule of law is respected. However, good governance does not only come from political leadership and the public sector. It comes from an all-inclusive change in a country's culture. This includes the private sector.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite professionals of the OPA to reflect on how they have practised good governance in their professional lives. There are many choices we can make when faced with conflict of interest or when encouraged to pay lower taxes or find an easier route to accomplish a regulatory

matter. In aggregate, these choices chip away at the quality of Sri Lanka's institutions and shape them to favour the connected and the wealthy. Over time, people lose trust in institutions, said bodies fail to serve the public leading us to a cycle of bad governance and corruption.

At this critical juncture in our country's history, the OPA has an opportunity to provide leadership on these significant questions. It can set the standard for how professionals should engage with the public sector and with politicians.

I congratulate the OPA on the leading role they have played in providing leadership to the professional sector of Sri Lanka. The OPA has a unique opportunity to drive the cultural change that our country desperately needs and to shape the type of inclusive growth we are capable of achieving.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, M.P.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE ORGANISATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF SRI LANKA



It gives me great pleasure to send this message as the Chairperson of the 35th OPA Annual Conference Organising Committee and the 3rd National Apex Awards Committee.

The Annual Conference organised by the Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka, this flagship event is one of the best known for the presentation and discussion of national issues among the professionals. Sri Lanka as a nation, is currently going through a difficult phase which has to be addressed with a truly professional approach.

The theme of the OPA Annual Conference is "Expanding the Horizons for effective Economic Growth and Good Governance". The Technical

Sessions aim to provide a platform for reflection on the topics: Stabilizing Agriculture and Manufacturing Industries with emphasis on exports, Capitalize on Migrant Employment and Tourism as Foreign Exchange earners, Accountability in the Construction Industry, Strengthening of Regulatory Bodies and Role of Bureaucracy. It is hoped that the deliberations at the Technical Sessions would provide recommendations to overcome the economic crisis.

The inauguration of the Annual Conference and the 3rd National Apex Awards ceremony, which recognized professional excellence of the members will be held on 16th August, 2022 at the same venue. It is a great honour to have Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as our Chief Guest, Hon. Eran Wickremaratne, M.P. as the Keynote Speaker and Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, Speaker of the Parliament as the Guest of Honour for our event. I am indeed honoured to chair this year's conference and most of all, I am grateful to the members of the Conference Committee whose hard work, dedication and commitment towards organizing this event, formed the basis for its success.

Further, I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the eminent judges of the 3rd National Apex Awards for their guidance and selecting the recipients.

My appreciation goes out to all the sponsors who joined hands with us this year, enabling us to organise a conference of this magnitude.

My most sincere gratitude goes to the President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Past Presidents, Office Bearers, the members of the Executive Council and the Forum of the OPA, distinguished Resource Persons and Panelists, Conference Participants, Distinguished Guests, Member Associations of the OPA, OPA Secretariat staff headed by the Centre Director and the Coordinator of the Conference, for their support extended to me in making this event a reality.

Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera Attorney-at-Law
President-Elect

Chairperson of the 3rd National Apex Awards and 35th Annual Conference committees

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ORGANISATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF SRI LANKA



At the outset where Sri Lanka faces a twin deficit, causing our economic outlook to deteriorate, the people and government clashes become even more detrimental for the recovery process. Today, we see people in the country demand for 'change in system'. Unlike change, governance is not a one-time task or event. It is an ongoing discipline that leads to better decisions. On the flipside, key strategic priorities for rebuilding confidence to attract FDIs and foreign currencies and reframing the economy to address the reduced competitiveness, must all be dealt with Greater integration of ecosystems are vital to resurge as a progressive nation.

In this ideology, professionals are duty bound to play a vital role in helping spur economic recovery in the country.

As the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) of Sri Lanka, the Apex Body of 52 professional associations representing 32 professions in Sri Lanka, OPA is well positioned and has the capacity to assist the executive and the legislature with proposals to overcome the current standpoint in the country.

In this 35th OPA Annual Conference, we bring to this conclave, imperative measures that Sri Lanka must pursue to expand the Horizons for Effective Economic Growth and Good Governance. The Technical sessions would focus on vistas for effective Economic Growth and Good Governance under pertinent topics including emphasis on Agriculture and Manufacturing Industries and its potential for export orientation, Leveraging on Migrant Employment and Tourism as a source of foreign currency, deliberate on Good Governance as a measure of Accountability in the Construction Industry and finally, strengthening of Regulatory Bodies and their role in Economic Development and Stability.

As in the past, the outcomes of the Conference, Technical Sessions shall be presented to the government. The Organizing Committee has been able to put together a balanced mix of resources who are competent on subject matters for discussion. I have confidence that the Technical Sessions will help infuse new thinking to influence the change that we as a nation long for and that our guests and participants shall find sessions to be constructive and rewarding.

I wish the conference and its deliberations all the success.

Dulitha Perera

President

Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ORGANISATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF SRI LANKA



The Annual Conference is the signature event of the Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka which commenced in the year 1988. Since then, 34 Annual Conferences have been held under various themes and Policy Papers have been submitted to the Government for inclusion in the National Policy and Budget. The theme of the 35th Annual Conference is "EXPANDING THE HORIZONS FOR EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND GOOD GOVERNANCE". The Resource Persons will consist of Subject Experts and Eminent Speakers in the country. The event will be held on 16th and 17th August 2022 at the Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo.

My appreciation and thanks go out to the Chairperson of the 35th Annual Conference Committee and 3rd National Apex Awards Committee, President Elect Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera, President Mr. Dulitha Perera as well as the Members of the Committee for their hard work to make this event a great success.

This year the Annual Conference is also coupled with the 3rd National Apex Awards. The Award is a Lifetime achievement for Professionals who have contributed to OPA in various sectors in their fields.

I take this opportunity to thank Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for gracing this occasion as the Chief Guest, Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, Speaker of Parliament as the Guest of Honour and Hon. Eran Wickramaratne as Keynote Speaker.

It is indeed a privilege for me to pen these words and I wish the 35th Annual Conference and the 3rd National Apex Awards all success.

Eng Upali Jayawardena

General Secretary - OPA

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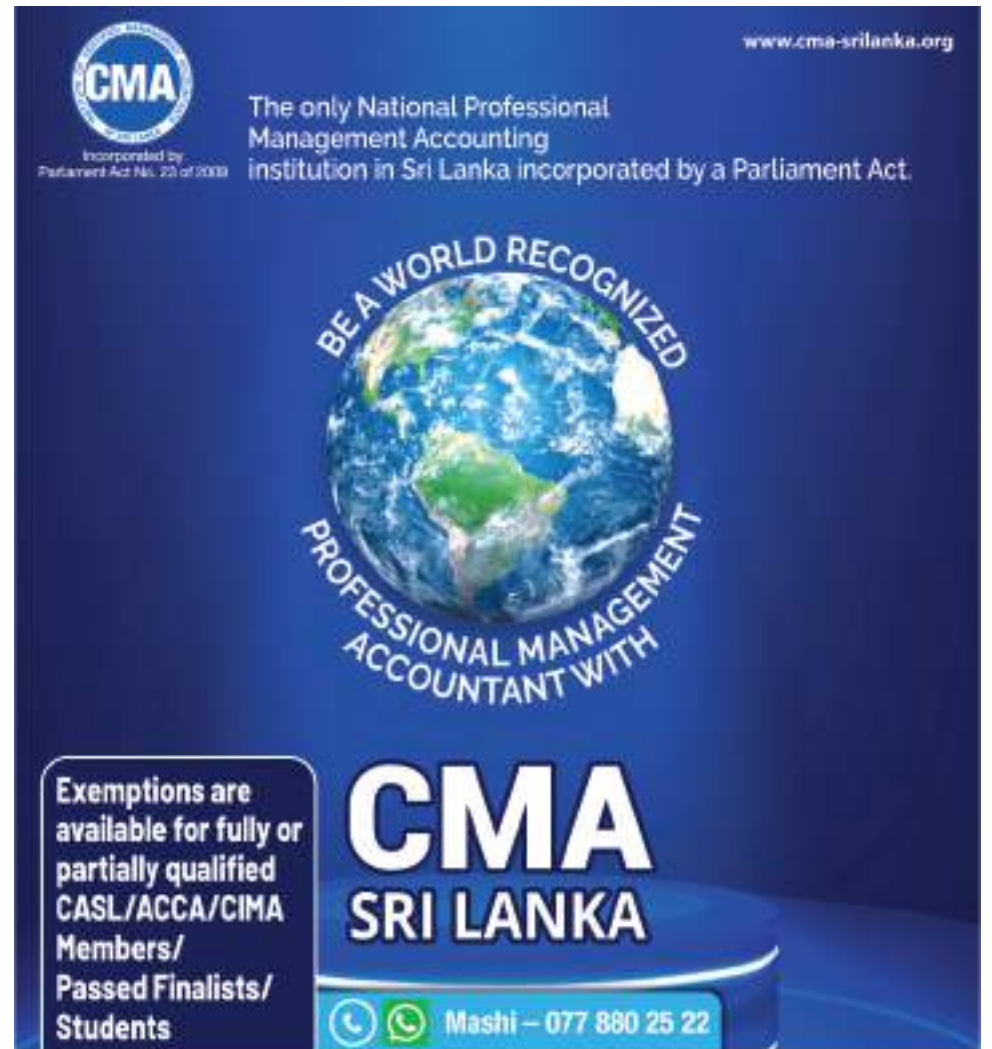
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3rd National Apex Awards Ceremony – 2022

The 3rd National Apex Awards Ceremony of the Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka (OPA) is being held after a lapse of five years. The presentation is a lifetime Award to the recipients will be held on 16th August 2022 commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo to coincide with the 35th Annual Conference.

The 1st and 2nd National Apex Awards Ceremonies were held in 2013 and 2016 respectively.

This event is usually held once in three years but, however, the 3rd National Apex Awards Ceremony which was to have been held in 2019 had to be postponed due to COVID19 pandemic.

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AGENDA

Inauguration Ceremony 16th August 2022
Kings Court, Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo.

Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp and National Anthem - 5.00 P.M. - 5.10 P.M.

Welcome Address by Mr. Dulitha Perera, President, OPA
5.10 P.M. - 5.20 P.M.

Address by Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera, Attorney-at-Law, President-Elect, OPA Chairperson - 3rd National Apex Awards & 35th Annual Conference Committees
5.20 P.M. - 5.30 P.M.

Keynote Address by Hon. Eran Wickramaratne Member of Parliament of Sri Lanka
5.30 P.M. - 6.00 P.M.

Address by Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka
6.00 P.M. - 6.20 P.M.

3rd National Apex Awards Ceremony
6.20 P.M. - 7.00 P.M.

Address by the Chief Guest Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe President of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka - 7.00 P.M. - 7.30 P.M.

Vote of Thanks by Eng. Upali Jayawardena, General Secretary, OPA - 7.30 P.M. - 7.40 P.M.

Fellowship and Dinner
7.40 P.M. onwards

17th August 2022

Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel - Kings Court

Theme: "EXPANDING THE HORIZONS FOR EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND GOOD GOVERNANCE"

8.30 A.M. - 9.00 A.M. Registration

9.00 A.M. - 9.05 A.M. Welcome Remarks
Mr. Dulitha Perera, President, OPA

9.05 A.M. - 9.10 A.M. Introduction
Ms. Ruchira Gunasekera, Attorney-at-Law, President-Elect & Chairperson of the 35th Annual Conference Committee - OPA

9.10 A.M. - 10.40 A.M. SESSION I "DEVELOPING, ENHANCING AND STABILIZING AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WITH EMPHASIS ON EXPORTS"

Chairperson - Mr. Athauda Jayawardena Past President, OPA

Speaker 1 - Dr. Ajantha De Silva, Director General of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture. - "Enhancing Production and Productivity of the Food Crop Sector in Sri Lanka"

Speaker 2 - Prof. Udith Jayasinghe, Former Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Vice Chancellor of Wayamba University - "Overarching National Agriculture policy to guarantee an Efficient Agrifood System"

Speaker 3 - Mr. Ajith Gunasekera, President- Sri Lanka Association of Animal Production, Chairman-All Island Poultry Association - "Current Status and Way Forward for a Sustainable Livestock Industry in Sri Lanka"

Speaker 4 - Dr. Roshan Rajadurai, Managing Director, Hayley's Plantations Sector, Former Chairman of the Planters' Association of Ceylon - "Agriculture and Manufacture for Exports"

Q & A Session 10.40 A.M. - 11.00 A.M. Tea Break
11.00 A.M. - 12.30 P.M. SESSION II

AGENDA Technical Sessions

"CAPITALIZING MIGRANT EMPLOYMENT AND TOURISM TO RESOLVE PREVAILING FOREX CRISIS"

Chairman - Mr. Sujeewa Lal Dahanayake - Convener, 35th Annual Conference Committee

Speaker 1 - Mr. Shanitha Kulasekara, Head- Migration Governance Unit, International Organisation for Migration for Sri Lanka, and the Maldives - "Capitalizing Remittance to address FOREX crisis"

Speaker 2 - Mr. Suraj Dandeniya, Chairman, Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (Pvt) Ltd - "Foreign Migration and Forex Income"

Speaker 3 - Mr. Priantha Fernando, Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority - "Tourism, the Foreign Exchange Earner"

Q & A Session 12.30 P.M. - 1.30 P.M. Lunch
1.30 P.M. - 3.00 P.M. SESSION III

"GOOD GOVERNANCE AS A MEASURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY"

Chairman - Archt. Rohana Bandara Herath - President-Elect, Sri Lanka Institute of Architects.

Speaker 1 - Archt. D. H. Wijewardena, Past President of Sri Lanka Institute of Architects Chairman, Architects Registration Board - "A System Change in Construction Industry"

Speaker 2 - Dr. Rohan Karunaratne, President of Ceylon Institute of Builders - "Making Construction Industry Socially and Economically Beneficial"

Speaker 3 - Mr. Kapila Gamage, Attorney - at - Law, Former Chairman of the Condominium Management Authority - "Two major issues against Condominium Industry in Sri Lanka"

Q & A Session

3.00 P.M. - 4.30 P.M. SESSION IV "STRENGTHENING OF REGULATORY BODIES TO ENSURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY"

Chairman - Mr. V. Ganesh - Past President, OPA

Speaker 1 - Prof. Sirimal Abeyrathne, Head, Department of Economics of University of Colombo, Chairman of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka - "Economics of Regulation: A Double - Edge sword"

Speaker 2 - Capt. Peshala Medagama, Vice-President - Maritime, International Cooperation & Foreign Projects - CINEC Campus - "Strengthening of Regulatory Bodies to ensure Economic Development and Stability - A Shipping Industry Perspective"

Speaker 3 - Mr. Sarath Jayamanne, President's Counsel, Former Director General - Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption - "Towards vibrant economy through Effective Anti-Corruption System"

Q & A Session 4.30 P.M. - 4.45 P.M. Tea Break
4.45 P.M. - 6.15 P.M. SESSION V

"ROLE OF BUREAUCRACY FOR BETTER SRI LANKA"

Chairman - Mr. Ruwan Gallage - Past President, OPA

Speaker 1 - Prof. Mrs. Ajantha Perera, Former Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Fiji National University & Environmental-Social Activist - "The efficient role of Professionals within national institutions for sustainable development of Sri Lanka"

Speaker 2 - Mr. U. R. De Silva, President's Counsel, Former President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka - "How to eliminate Unreformed Bureaucracy"

Speaker 3 - Prof. Rohan Samarajiva, Former Board Chair of ICT Agency of Sri Lanka. - "Can Digitalization make Bureaucracy more Effective"

Q & A Session 6.15 P.M. - 7.15 P.M. Panel Discussion

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