



Second Reading of Budget 2022

Bill passed with a majority of 93 votes

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

The Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2022 was passed yesterday (22) in Parliament with a majority of 93 votes.

The Appropriation Bill 2022 received 153 votes in favour while 60 MPs voted against.

The SJB, the NPP and the ITAK voted against the Bill. However, the Opposition MPs who voted in favour of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, A.A.S.M. Raheem, Faizal Cassim, H.M.M. Harees, Ishak Rahuman and Naseer Ahmed, voted in favour of the Bill.

MPs Ven. Athuraliye Rathana Thera

and Diana Gamage also voted in favour of the Bill.

Eleven MPs including SLPP MP Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, ITAK MPs Shanakiyan Rasamanickam and M.A. Sumanthiran, TMTK MP C.V. Vigneswaran and SJB MP Mano Ganeshan were absent when the vote took place.

The vote took place after Chief

Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella requested a division.

The Bill was presented on November 12 by Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa. The Second Reading of the Bill was held from November 13 till yesterday (22). The debate on the Committee Stage of the Bill will commence today (23).

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PRESIDENT EMPHASIZES NO CHANGE IN GREEN AGRICULTURE POLICY

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IDENTIFY SHORTCOMINGS AND PREPARE FOR NEXT SEASON

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa stressed yesterday that the country's agriculture policy will be based on a green agriculture system that focuses on the sole use of organic fertilizers.

President Rajapaksa said that the Government will only distribute organic fertilizer and provide subsidies only for organic farming. The farmers should be properly

educated. It is also vital to identify the chemical fertilizer mafia that exists when implementing this. The President emphasized that the commitment of the officials was essential to make this policy victorious.

The President made this observation at a special discussion held at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday morning (22) regarding the

cultivation of the Maha Season and the supply of organic fertilizer.

The President inquired from officials at the district level about the cultivation of paddy and other crops in all parts of the country. The heavy rains that prevailed have reduced the yield of many crops including vegetables. Moreover, the delay in the distribution of organic manure



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The new Gateway to Colombo, the state-of-the-art bridge across the Kelani River at Peliyagoda.

New Kelani Bridge to be inaugurated tomorrow

The new bridge across the Kelani River at Peliyagoda is scheduled to be inaugurated tomorrow (November 24).

The six-lane bridge constructed through a concessionary loan of JPY 35,020 million from Japan International Cooperation

Agency (JICA) extends southwards from Colombo-Katunayake Expressway and divides towards Port Access Road ending at Ingurukade Intersection and Baseline Road ending at Orugodawatte Intersection. TO PAGE 02



All grades in schools in the island, which had been closed for several months due to the coronavirus, resumed academic activities yesterday (22). Here, students of Anuradhapura Central College returning to school while adhering to health guidelines. Picture by Amila Prabath, Anuradhapura Additional Correspondent

Cultivation revolution to be launched - Basil

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Minister of Finance Basil Rajapaksa, in his reply speech at the Budget 2022 debate said that a cultivation revolution will be launched in the country with the end of the rainy season.

Rajapaksa said the aim was to increase the availability of essential commodities such as vegetables, fruits and chicken in the market. TO PAGE 02

Russian investors invited for projects in Port City, other sectors

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said Russian investors are invited to invest in the Colombo Port City, and in energy, pharmaceutical, ICT, agriculture, infrastructure, oil and gas exploration, and logistics sectors.

The President made these comments during a discussion with Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Nikolai Patrushev who called on President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday morning (22).

President Rajapaksa also commended Rus-

sia's role as a Permanent Member of the UN Security Council in promoting the interests and concerns of developing countries in the areas of peace and security and expressed gratitude for Russia's strong support to Sri Lanka in the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) sessions.

Russia extended immense support in Sri Lanka's fight against terrorism. The President said Sri Lanka is ready to deepen bilateral cooperation in addressing extremism, terrorism, and cyber threats. TO PAGE 03

CID may not summon Fr. Cyril Gamini again

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) summoned Rev. Fr. Cyril Gamini Fernando for the third time yesterday over the complaint lodged by the Director of the State Intelligence Service, Suresh Sallay that the Rev. Father had made misleading remarks in connection with the 2019 Easter Sunday Attacks during a Zoom interview.

According to CID sources, Fr. Gamini arrived at the CID around 9.30 a.m. yesterday and left around 1.30 p.m. after giving his statement.

Meanwhile, Fr. Jude Krishantha, Spokesman for Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, told the Daily News that Fr. Gamini Fernando TO PAGE 05

Easter Sunday attacks: Pujith pleads not guilty to charges

DILSHAN THARAKA

Former IGP Pujith Jayasundara yesterday pleaded not guilty to the charges of failing to take appropriate action despite receiving intelligence of an imminent terrorist attack.

The indictment filed against him consisting 855 charges were yesterday read out in the open Court to former IGP Pujith Jayasundara in connection with the offences of murder and attempted murder, for their serious lapses and grave omissions to prevent Easter Sun-

day bomb attacks on April 21 in 2019.

The case was taken up before Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar comprising Colombo High Court Judges Namal Balalle, Mohamed Irshadeen and Adithya Patabendi.

Senior Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris appearing on behalf of the Attorney General said that the case was filed against the accused based on the number of people killed and injured in the suicide bomb attacks carried out by an extremist group TO PAGE 02

Harin and Welgama cross swords in House

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Samagi Jana Balawegaya MPs Harin Fernando and Kumara Welgama had an exchange of words in Parliament yesterday concerning a recent statement made by the latter (22).

MP Fernando claimed that a certain MP had accused him of running to hospital when asked to come to the CID to record a statement. Welgama recently claimed in Parliament that he has never run or hidden from the CID during the Yabapalana regime.

"I am willing to remove my shirt and show him the scar on my stomach as testimony to the surgery I had. TO PAGE 05

Verbal harassment against female MPs in House

Dr. Sudharshani writes to Speaker

Chairperson of the Women Parliamentarians' Caucus and State Minister Dr. Sudharshani Fernando wrote to the Speaker urging him to take necessary action to prevent verbal harassment against female Parliamentarians within the House.

While noting that female Parliamentarians are subjected to verbal harassment by both ruling and

Opposition male Parliamentarians, Fernandopulle has stated that the situation has aggravated due to the fact that there are only a few female MPs, the Minister's Media Unit states in a communiqué.

Fernandopulle in her letter has highlighted a comment made against a female Parliamentarian by a male Member of Parliament recently. TO PAGE 02



Prisons officials seize Ranjan's mobile phone

BUDDHIKA IMBULANA

Prison officials have seized a mobile phone from former Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Ranjan Ramanayake who is currently at the Welikada Prison Hospital.



Former Member of Parliament Ranjan Ramanayake, who was convicted of Contempt of Court and was serving time at the Angunakolapessa Prison was brought to Colombo recently to treat a knee ailment. TO PAGE 02

Police Life Saving Unit saves drowning youths

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Police Life Saving Unit of Mt. Lavinia saved two youths from drowning in the sea off Mt. Lavinia on Sunday afternoon. The two youths of age 16 are residents of Soyzapura, Moratuwa. TO PAGE 02

Budget 2022 has neglected women - Eran

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Parliamentarian Eran Wickramaratne said that although 52 per cent of the population in our country are women, their labour force participation is a mere 35%. He said it is imperative that favourable conditions to increase their contri-



buton needs to be created but Budget 2022 has not addressed the issue.

"Under an SJB Government we will provide maternity leave cost subsidies to the private sector to increase women's labour force participation," he said. TO PAGE 02

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Local cinema gets industry status

DINULI FRANCISCO

Cabinet approval has been granted to register the local cinema as a formal industry. Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa stated that the development of the local cinema industry has been limited to a small market due to its non-declaration as an industry.

Therefore steps have been taken to formulate Cabinet approval to obtain the legal process to transform the local cinema into an industry.

He was speaking at a special discussion held at the Ministry of Industries yesterday with the Sri

Lanka Film Professionals Independent Union, a coalition of several associations affiliated to the film industry.

He said that the joint Cabinet paper signed by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Minister of Culture and by the Ministry of Industries, has been approved by the Cabinet and the relevant proposal will be published in a gazette notification in the next few days.

Accordingly, for the first time in its history, the film industry, which was previously restricted to the arts and culture circle, will be recognized



as an industry. Thereby it will create a future in which all the support and encouragement received by other industries will also be extended to the film industry as well, the Minister said.

Minister Weerawansa also proposed the appointment of an advisory

committee consisting of professional representatives from the associations affiliated to the cinema industry at the Ministry level to carry out this process in the future.

Senesh Bandara Disanaike representing the Film Directors' Association stated that with the declaration of the local cinema as an industry, we, as a country, should look forward to elevate the Sri Lankan film industry to the international level.

Moreover he said that industry values can be cultivated and professional cinematographic equip-

ment, cosmetics and standards can be incorporated to uplift the cinema industry.

It has been identified that with the recognition of cinema as an industry, a number of benefits can be achieved such as generation of a number of livelihoods, the occurrence of a social, cultural and an economic modification to local cinema, as well as assisting in the tourism and education sectors.

The promotion of the cinema industry would also assist the economy with considerable revenue.

PM felicitates O/L toppers



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa greets one of the visually impaired children when he met the O/L highest achievers at the Parliament premises yesterday.

The top five students in the island who obtained the highest results in the GCE Ordinary Level Examination, 2020 and two visually impaired children who, for the first time in history obtained 9 'A' passes at the exam met Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at the Parliament premises yesterday.

Sayurangi Tharushika Devmini Premasiri of Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya, Kandy, R. Pahanma Upani Lenora of Sangamitta Balika Vidyalaya, Galle, R. Oshadhi Sandeepa from Sriपाली Maha Vidyalaya, Horana, Srinamathurai Senthanchelvan of Ramanathan Hindu Balika Vidyalaya and D. Nipun Dinuka Adhikari of De

Mazenod College, Kandana, met Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa as the highest achievers at the OL exam in the island.

The Prime Minister inquired about the facilities required for Brian Kingston of Ratmalana College for the Blind and Palakrishnan Krishnan Pirasopan of Shivananda Vidyalaya, Batticaloa, who obtained 9 'A' passes and congratulated them on their achievement. The Prime Minister also inquired about the wellbeing and needs of Dewmi Ransara Rajapaksa from Sadhdharmaraja Maha Vidyalaya, Matara, a student with congenital physical disorders who could not attend yesterday's event.

Prasanna orders streamlining of procedures at BIA

LAHIRU FERNANDO

In order to minimise inconveniences faced by air passengers, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga yesterday directed relevant institutions and officials to implement the planned joint programme for the airport with immediate effect.

This new programme is launched to increase the efficiency

at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) in Katunayake under the Covid-19 new normalcy.

The Minister gave these instructions to the Airport and Aviation Services, the Immigration and Emigration Department, Sri Lanka Customs and health and tourism authorities during a special meeting headed

by Youth and Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa at the airport premises yesterday.

Minister Ranatunga pointed out that proper coordination among all the departments at the airport is essential to minimize the inconveniences faced by the passengers on arrival and departure.

At the meeting the Controller

General of Immigration and Emigration agreed to increase the number of officers serving at airport immigration and emigration counters in order to ease the delay.

Following the lifting of the lockdown, the daily arrival and departure of passengers at BIA has increased to 12,000, it was revealed at the meeting.

Facebook party raided

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Police Divisional Crimes Investigation Unit of Matara on a tip-off raided a Facebook party and arrested 12 suspects along with illicit drugs on Saturday night.

They were arrested with 1.695 grams of cocaine, 1.320 grams of 'ice' (crystal meth), 3.600 grams of Kerala Cannabis, 1.250 grams of 'cruise' drugs and 1.700 grams of hashish. This

party had been organized through social media networks and was held at a holiday resort in Midigama, Weligama. The suspects are between the ages 30 and 45 and residents of Ampara, Talpe, Medagama, Matara, Thanamalwala, Tissamaharamaya and Gonapinuwala, police said.

Police have obtained detention orders against the suspects from the Matara Magistrate's Court till November 26.

'Too late to import chemical fertilizer for Maha season'

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) and Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa yesterday expressed his dissatisfaction over the shortage of all varieties of vegetables due to the decision taken by farmer communities to refrain from cultivating during the Maha season over the longstanding fertilizer issue.

Speaking to the media in Colombo, the Opposition Leader said the Government's sudden decision to import chemical fertilizer at the last moment was of no use, as over 200,000 farmers in the country have not yet commenced their Maha season cultivation, without chemical or

organic fertilizer. "If the Agriculture Ministry had taken the decision to import chemical fertilizer earlier, such a situation would never have happened and there will be no shortage of vegetables in the country," he said. Premadasa also said due to this foolish decision, not only farmers but also the entire people in the country will have to undergo severe hardship.

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GSMB makes 'green' road between Ruwanweliseya and Thuparama

The Geological Survey and Mines Bureau (GSMB) has fully sponsored the planting of trees on both sides of the new road connecting the Ruwanweli Maha Dagaba and Thuparama Dagaba in Anuradhapura. Accordingly, Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera recently (20) took step to plant 180 saplings on either side of the road.



Minister Mahinda Amaraweera at the inauguration of the planting ceremony.

The GSMB has previously contributed to the planting of trees at a number of such shrines and regulates every tree planted using GPS technology. The trees are also well cared for up to three years.

These tree planting activities were carried out under the *Husma Dena Thuru* National Tree Planting Programme by the Ministry to increase the number of trees in the country.

Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said that the Government has decided to increase the forest cover by 30 per cent by 2025. "Under this Budget, measures were taken to provide financial assis-

tance to the Ministries of Environment, Wildlife and Forest Conservation. At present, the forest cover in the country is 29 per cent. If we want to increase the forest cover to 30 per cent, we have to increase it by another 1 per cent. For that goal,

16,000 hectares of new forestation should be done," the Minister said. "This task is not easy. But we have accepted the challenge. The Air Force has launched an aerial programme to drop the seeds of various plants into the forest using air-

craft. They are reportedly sowing seeds in 200 acres now. "Husma Dena Thuru (a sigh of relief) under the National Tree Planting Programme initiated by the Environment Ministry will plant 2 million saplings over the next five years. But we can surpass that target in two years. We planted over 1.5 million seedlings in the first year alone," the Minister said.

The Minister said that about 180 saplings were being planted today under this tree planting programme. "We will take steps to plant fruit trees to provide shelter for the devotees who visit these shrines and to provide food for the wild animals in the area.

"This historical place where the Atamasthana including Ruwanweliseya and Thuparamaya are located was formerly known as Mahamevuna Uyana," the Minister said.

GSMB Director General Sajjana de Silva was present.

Central Expressway from Mirigama to Kurunegala to be opened shortly

IRANGIKA RANGE

The second phase of the Central Expressway from Mirigama to Kurunegala will be opened shortly enabling the public to travel nearly 39.7 km between two cities within just 25 minutes.

The stretch comprises four lanes and five interchanges in Mirigama, Nakalagamuwa, Dambokka, Kurunegala and Yagapitiya.

A Spokesman from the Road Development Authority (RDA) said that only the finishing touches on road making remains to be completed.

Interchange Centres with Automatic Charge Counters have also been set up in Mirigama, Nakalagamuwa, Dambokka and Kurunegala.

The second phase comprises 12 large bridges and 130 culverts. Along the four-lane road, nearly 11 km is being built on concrete pillars. It has been designed considering the ideas of the public to be environmentally friendly and flood-proof.

The Expressway, which will link Colombo to Kandy, will be a boon for those who travel from Colombo to Kandy, Kurunegala and Dambulla. The Central Expressway Project has been divided into four sections: Section 1 from Kadawatha to Mirigama is approximately 37 km, Section 2 from Mirigama to Kurunegala is about 39.7 km, while the stretch from Mirigama to Ambepussa is approximately 9.1 km, Section 3 from Pothuhera to Galagedara is about 32.5 km, and Section 4 from Kurunegala to Dambulla is approximately 60.3 km.

Even though the foundation stone for the Central Expressway was laid by then President Mahinda Rajapaksa in 2014, the former regime had failed to commence work on the Central Expressway section from Kadawatha to Mirigama over five years. The whole process was expedited by the present Government to facilitate the public.

Parliament has become breeding ground of hate speech, misinformation - CMEV

PRIYAN DE SILVA

Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) National Coordinator Manjula Gajanyaka said that Parliament has become the breeding ground of hate speech and misinformation.

He was referring to the speech by MPs Rohini Kavirathne and Thissakutiarachchi during the Budget debate a few days ago.

The National Coordinator said that one of the major challenges faced by the Election Commission in conducting free and fair elections was hate speech and misinformation. "The lack of strong laws to regulate hate speech and misinformation during the election campaigns resulted in hundreds of candidates being harassed and shamed," he said.

Gajanyaka also said that there were a few backbenchers in each Parliament who were responsible for spreading the most misinformation on national issues and mudslinging and hate

speech directed against their fellow members. He also said that some Parliamentarians were masters at spreading hate speech and misinformation during election time.

He said that in most instances, it was women who were subjected to hate speech in Parliament and if the speaker was unable to stop women Parliamentarians being harassed and ridiculed continuously, it would become a serious social issue in the future.

Gajanyaka said that if Parliament was not strong enough to regulate hate speech, how one could expect the Election Commission to regulate such behaviour during election campaigns.

He said that leaders of political parties should condemn such behaviour of their MPs and take stern disciplinary action against the perpetrators whenever necessary, which would result in future elections being more free and fair.

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Our university, while celebrating decades of excellence, highlights the connected view of education, research and scholarship. Knowledge creation and active learning are the main objectives of 21st century higher education that address the sustainable development goals and illustrates value addition. The rich diversity of our university's research capacity and output is exemplified by the continued commitment of our staff and students. We are encouraged by the enthusiasm and support of all sectors of our university that helped sustain their research projects, despite encountering multiple challenges from the COVID 19 pandemic. Their able adaptation to the digital transformation helped continue with pre-planned activities, while overcoming the numerous setbacks in laboratory, clinical and field-based data collection. Additionally, the administrative and financial managers remained focussed to support research despite the lockdowns. Our university ranking has gained substantially, with the upscaling of regional and international collaborations in research and academic partnerships with the best of the best. Technology transfer and commercialization have been addressed consistently with thematic research groups created in agricultural entrepreneurship and precision diagnosis of cancer with greater inter-disciplinary involvement. We look forward to multiple gains in the coming years through these novel initiatives.

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Foreign Minister and former Vice Chancellor University of Colombo

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Keynote speaker
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SLPP Progressive Employees Union Lake House Branch conducts *Bodhi Pooja* to bless President, Prime Minister

NERANJALA WICKRAMASINGHE

Chief Incumbent of the Samabuddhaloka Vihara, Fort Ven. Professor Iththademiye Indasara Nayake Thera said that Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's brave decisions were initial in eradicating terrorism and rescuing the people from the throes of death.

The Nayake Thera made this comment during a Special Anusasana on the occasion of the *Bodhi Pooja* and *Pinkama* organised at the Fort Samabuddhaloka Vihara by the Lake House Branch of the Progressive

Employees Union affiliated to the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and to bless President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on completing two years in office as President.

Ven. Professor Iththademiye Indasara Nayake Thera further said LTTE terrorism prevailed for 30 years during the tenure of four Executive Presidents.

"LTTE terrorism which began with the assassination of Mayor Duriappa, spread across the coun-

try. Innocent persons were murdered. Everyone without discrimination of big, small, clergy, laity, nationality and religion all felt the fear of death. People lived in constant fear of death and were scared to walk on the roads," the Nayake Thera said.

"On October 15, 1997 which was a Full Moon Poya Day, there was a LTTE bomb attack targeting our temple and our Chief Incumbent passed away as a result. Terrorists even entered the Lake House institution. Places of economic importance

such as the Katunayake International Airport, the Central Bank in Colombo were targeted by terrorists.

It was the then President and present Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa who worked to free the country which was in the grips of terrorism. As the then Defence Secretary current President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa was of immense strength to Mahinda Rajapaksa at that time. Their dedication is appreciated by everyone.

Chief Incumbent of the Fort Samabuddhaloka Vihara, Professor Ith-

thademiye Indasara Nayake Thera chanted *Seth Pirith* and wished good health and long life to the Prime Minister and Trade Union Leader of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna, Minister of Power Gani Lokuge, invoked merit on Lake House Founder D. R. Wijewardene and employees.

General Secretary of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna Progressive National Trade Union Centre, Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Attorney-at-Law Sumith Wijesinghe, General Secretary of

Commercial Industries and Services Progressive Employees' Union Bandula Saman Kumara, Administrative Secretary of the Union Sudath Abeywardena, National Organiser Amara-pala Gamage, President of the Lake House Branch of the Union Chandana Bandara, Secretary Tissa Dhammika, Treasurer B. M. D. Batugedera, Chief Organiser Gayan Bandara, members of the Lake House Progressive Employees' Union, Lake House Buddhist Association officials and employees participated.



Vignettes of *Bodhi Pooja* and *Pinkama*. Pictures by Ranjith Asanka

Aeronautical Engineer Turned Entrepreneur Sets Example for Youth

True to the quote 'The secret of getting ahead is getting started', 27-year-old Sarawanaguru Sivadarshan, from the town of Punduloya in Nuwara Eliya ventured into unknown territory as an entrepreneur to manufacture value added spice and flour products after he lost his job in 2016. He also happened to be a trained aeronautical engineer. Even whilst being skilled in something as technical as this, he decided to turn his fate around by diversifying his father's nearly three-decade old business; a grinding mill. Having witnessed the sort of potential running ones' business has, Sivadarshan says that there are enough opportunities to earn a decent income if one has the dedication and attitude.

At SGM Food Products, around 70 items are currently marketed and sold at shops across many areas in the Central Province and at his own outlet, the SGM Supermarket. He is now looking at exporting his products under the SGM Agro label. "I do not want what happened to me to happen to anyone else. I want to give other youth an opportunity to secure a job in their own villages and make a decent living instead of having to resort to travel to cities like Colombo, away from their families, to find work," he added.

He knows that Sri Lanka has the potential to export high quality spices but not a lot of people have tapped into the market. Sivadarshan was able to learn more about the business after he applied to and was selected to receive funding from the European Union funded ENTERPRISE project. With the grant investment of ENTERPRISE project, he purchased a dehydrator, continuous band sealer, and a continuous band sealing machine with nitrogen filling, which increased their production capacity and contributed to manufacture new dehydrated food products. Sivadarshan disclosed that initially, he was not aware about the food dehydrating process. So, through the dehydrator provided by the project he was able to increase the productivity of his mill and preserve the quality of his products. Since then, he has introduced new items including idli flour mixture, thosa flour mixture and dehydrated food items like dehydrated garlic powder, curry leaf powder, onion powder and Ambulthial mix to their product range.

"My aim is to become a social entrepreneur and help create jobs whilst producing best quality food products."

Sivadarshan purchases spices directly from ten farmers who hail from across the Central Province. They are able to earn up to Rs. 400,000 during the harvesting season alone. He hopes to engage more farmers with his business in the future. He is also looking forward to launch more SGM Supermarket branches across the Island to ensure that consumers get the best quality products, fresh spices and instant food flours at all times. Sivadarshan has been able to achieve most of the goals he has put up on his vision board. He is positive that he will be able to achieve his ultimate goal by the time period he has envisioned. He says that youth who are not employed have the same potential as he does and all one needs to do is to think creatively. For more details about SGM Food Products, contact 077 950 8882.

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The European Union funded initiative known as ENTERPRISE, aims to create an enabling environment for women and youth to create and participate in micro, small and medium scale enterprises (MSMEs). Targeting the Uva and Central Provinces, it uses inclusive business models to support the diverse perspectives and experiences of those involved and also functions as an incubator that works to amplify their voices.

The ENTERPRISE project is being implemented by Chrysalis and the British Council in Sri Lanka, in partnership with CARE Deutschland-Luxemburg (CARE DL).

SETTING NEW STANDARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

SRI LANKA INSURANCE HONOURS THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF 111 INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE QUALIFIED FOR MDRT 2019 AND 2020

2020 MDRT COURT OF THE TABLE ACHIEVERS (ALSO 2019 MDRT ACHIEVERS)



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Towards a new look Parliament

The Speaker of Parliament and a Government Minister, no less, are the latest to join in the chorus of public criticism on the conduct of some of our MPs, which, is a signal that things are reaching a breaking point that demands drastic action. Responding to questions by journalists in Kandy after paying homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic, Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena lamenting the conduct of certain MPs in the August Assembly expressed the view that unparliamentary language by some MPs had brought Parliament into disrepute and was an insult to the people. The Speaker no doubt as the custodian of the House has a ringside view of the happenings under his very nose and must be anxious to be rid of the stench emanating from what passes off as debates in the House. This perhaps is the first time that a Speaker has made his views known on the (mis)conduct of members of Parliament. Meanwhile Media Minister Dullas Alahapperuma called on journalists reporting Parliamentary proceedings to focus more on giving publicity to intelligent debates between MPs rather than concentrating only on the vulgar and uncouth exchanges by foul mouths inside Parliament that has incurred the wrath of the public on politicians.

It is encouraging that the chief custodian of Parliament and a senior Government Minister have expressed their forthright views on the deteriorating situation in Parliament *vis-a-vis* the behaviour of MPs. It would be better still if the Speaker proceeds further and takes serious measures to implement a code of conduct to rein in our lawmakers. Of course, some time ago such a code of conduct was mentioned by custodians of the House only to see this project die a natural death. With Parliament debates given live coverage on TV certain MPs may get carried away.

Minister Alahapperuma's advice to journalists to give coverage only to debates carrying substance will also be of no avail and so will the Speaker's orders to the Hansard staff to delete all unparliamentary language. The caravan has already passed, thanks to live television.

In any event it is arguable, though, if the Speaker's strong views on the conduct of MPs would have any impact nor the message taken to heart with any seriousness by our MPs. Previous experiences have gone to prove this in ample measure. As the saying goes, old habits die hard. The voters too in large measure have to take the blame for this state of affairs. They continue to send the same rogues, miscreants and corrupt elements who have already sullied themselves and despite the voices raised in unison by respected members of civil society, the Venerable Maha Sangha and leaders of other faiths enjoining the public to elect only decent and educated persons as their representatives. Leaders of political parties too tend to prefer such elements who could be big draws on elections platforms and/or for the money and muscle power of these personages by which means votes could be harvested.

Worse still, their kith and kin and progeny are waiting in the wings in the second tier elected bodies such as Provincial Councils and the Pradeshiya Sabhas which are the nurseries for advancement to the next stage when the papas and, mamas hang their boots or better still to join them in harness in Parliament. Therefore, things could only get worse as time progresses with men and women of the same quality adorning the seats of the hallowed sanctum of Parliament in the future as well. That paints a bleak prospect, indeed, as regards cleansing the Augean Stables.

It was only the other day that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa enjoined the public not to elect Governments that they had rejected before but to vote in others who have not been tried and tested. Indeed, this should ideally apply to not just Governments as a whole but also members who have known to have robbed the public and whose general conduct within Assembly did not stand up to scrutiny. However, the pattern continues unchecked which is a yardstick on the political maturity of the voters not to mention their judgement.

It behoves on all those who fervently wish for a new look Parliament where decency and honour will be watchwords, to redouble their efforts to canvass for men and women of standing in society and professionals and experts in the varied fields to occupy the Seats of Parliament. True, since Parliamentary democracy means the representation of the people's will through members elected by popular vote, not all those elected are going to fit this description. This is where the National List could be used to the optimum to overcome this hurdle. Ideally, the National List should be made use of to accommodate professionals, experts and technocrats who will contribute to the development and progress of the country. Sadly though, this vital opportunity to get the best of our educated segments is being misused. It is time for a serious course correction to ensure that Parliamentarians become worthy representatives of the people on whose money they are being maintained.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Parliament should again become an exemplary institution where the real issues of the people are discussed. - President Gotabaya Rajapaksa



KILLER TOBACCO LOSING GROUND, BUT MILLIONS STILL THREATENED

JAMSHED BARUAH

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic creating havoc worldwide, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has good news in public health. Its Global Tobacco Epidemic 2021 report says progress is being made in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3: to "ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages".

The report—fourth in a series since 2015—released on November 16, says that 146 countries have at least one effective tobacco demand-reduction measure in place at the highest level, under the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013-2020.

This report shows 150 countries are seeing rates of tobacco use decline, with 60 of these countries on track to achieve the ambitious voluntary reduction target of a 30 per cent by 2025. It's an increase from two years ago, when only 32 countries were on course.

DROP IN TOBACCO USERS

Concretely: The number of tobacco users continues to decrease globally, going from 1.32 billion in 2015 to 1.30 billion in 2020 and that number is expected to continue to drop to 1.27 billion by 2025.

WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus says, the numbers are very encouraging, but more work must be done. "We still have a long way to go, and tobacco companies will continue to use every trick in the book to defend the gigantic profits they make from peddling their deadly wares", Tedros said.

According to WHO, recent evidence shows that the tobacco industry used the COVID-19 pandemic to build influence with Governments in 80 States. The report urges Member States to accelerate implementation of the measures outlined in the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Ruediger Krech, Director of WHO Department of Health Promotion, attributed some of the progress to measures aligned with the WHO FCTC, while maintaining that success is "fragile". He said: "It is clear that tobacco control is effective, and we have a moral obligation to our people to move aggressively in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

A newly released WHO Global Investment Case for Tobacco Cessation, also makes the case for investing in cessation interventions. According to the report, contributing US\$ 1.68 per capita each year to national toll-free quit lines, SMS-based support, and other interventions could help 152 million tobacco users successfully quit by 2030.

The report and the investment case were released right after the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products. Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products.

Among the key findings of the report is that last year, 22.3 per cent of the global population used tobacco, 36.7 per cent of all men and 7.8 per cent of the world's women. About 38 million children between the ages of 13 and 15 currently use tobacco, 13 million girls and 25 million boys.

While it is illegal for minors to purchase it, the goal is to achieve zero child tobacco users.

On average, upper middle-income coun-

Risks from Smoking

Smoking can damage every part of the body



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tries are making the slowest progress, but with data quality low or insufficient in 29 countries, more monitoring is needed to assess a trend. According to WHO, tobacco kills up to half of its users, claiming more than 8 million lives each year.

WHO REPORT

The WHO global trend report points out that of all WHO regions, the steepest decline is in the Ameri-

cas, where the average user rate dropped from 21 per cent in 2010 to 16 per cent last year.

In Africa, the rate fell from 15 per cent to 10 per cent and the continent continues to have the lowest numbers.

In Europe, 18 per cent of women still use tobacco, substantially more than in any other WHO region, while all others are on track to reduce women's usage rates by at least 30 per cent by 2025.

Although South-East Asia has the highest rates, with around 432 million users or 29 per cent of its population, it is also the region in which the numbers are declining fastest.

The report notes that the Western Pacific is projected to become the region with the highest use among men, with indications showing that more than 45 per cent will still be using tobacco in 2025.

According to WHO, tobacco kills more than eight million people each year, over seven million of whom die as a direct result of smoking tobacco while around 1.2 million others from second-hand smoke.

(IDN-DepthNews)



Sri Sathya Sai Baba's 96th birth anniversary today

Legacy of a Spiritual Leader

Dr. C. SRIDEVA

Universal Absolute, took on limitations as name and form and concretized itself as Avatars (Incarnations) on many occasions and manifested countless instances of Divine Intercession and Grace in this world for many Yugas.

Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba is the Avatar of the age Kaliyuga. He was born on November 23, 1926 and chose the village called Puttaparthi in the state of Andhra Pradesh to Incarnate. By His birth Puttaparthi has become a holy land and when Swami attained Samadhi on April 24, 2011 it was a land of pilgrimage for millions of His devotees. Recalling the name Sri Sathya Sai Baba to memory brings about a stream of love from the heart.

Since humanity is bound by the shackles of ignorance they argue and dilate long and loud on God and His attributes. When he sees a Divine manifestation he flounders in the sin of sacrilege. Instead if man wins the Grace of God he will discard doubt when he sees Divine manifestation. The role that Divinity takes upon itself brings about results that are really momentous. One should be penetrative to understand the purpose and the Reality behind Swami's Incarnation. Believing the body that was assumed by Him to be real and true, man falls into Maya. For those whose attention is concentrated on the body, the spirit within will not be visible. That is when the notion of the body being the Reality is predominant, the Resident in the body is not noticed at all—that is the Embodied Being, the Divine Atma.

Supreme Joy

With that deluding Human Form, He moved among us, shared moments

with us, dined with us, behaved as if He was our Kinsma and well-wisher, our friend and guide, and saved a number of devotees from many a calamity that threatened to overwhelm them. He showered His Divine Mercy on His devotees and solved for them the toughest problems that defied solution, in remarkably simple ways. He had cured the worst diseases of many devotees. During all this time that He was near and dear to us, we were carried away by pride that we had His Grace; we did not try to fill ourselves with that Supreme Joy, to dive deep into the Flood of His Grace. We sought from Him mere external victory and temporal benefits. We ignored the vast Treasure with which we could have filled our hearts. We never contemplated His Real Reality.

Swami's appearance cast a charm on all who saw Him, as He was personification of captivating charm. Love, beauty and virtue emanated from Him and spread to all around Him. He was affectionately called by His devotees as Swami, or Baba. He had a Divine Halo bathing Him. His charm appeared equal to the God of Love. The black curly rings of hair moved like black serpent-hoods hovering over the bright moon-like face. His eyes shed cool lustre and shone extraordinarily bright. Always a smile showered drops of joy from His lips.

Even though He was involved in performing lots of Miracles and Leelas in early years of His life among school friends, He really declared His Avatarhood to the public at the age of 14. He declared that He Incarnated for the sustenance of the faithful, devoted, virtuous ones and establishment of Sanathana Dharma (human values—*sathyam, dharma, shanthi, prema* and *ahimsa*). Swami recast the educational system in schools and emphasized the need of studying the

human values in the school curriculum.

He built schools, universities, and super speciality hospitals in Puttaparthi and Bangalore. The staff of these hospitals rendered free services that were offered to patients free of charge. He revived the Vedas and established a Vedic school at Puttaparthi Swami was considered as the Embodiment of Truth, Righteousness and Virtues, an Embodiment of Peace, Supreme Knowledge and Love, an Embodiment of Bliss and Purity, and as an Embodiment of Service, Sacrifice and Selflessness, an Embodiment of Vatsalya and Daya.

He was Unblemished, Unattached, Untarnished by the three Gunas (Sattvic, Rajasic and Tamasic) with Vairagya (dispassion) and Supreme knowledge. He was the master of all branches of knowledge. He had written quite a number of books for the benefit of Spiritual seekers.

Swami devotees

His consciousness was calm and beyond all agitations. That embodiment of sweetness is most captivating. Exquisite charm, unrivalled sweetness, incomparable love—the SAI Form was the concretization of all these. That Form was the treasure house of bliss. It was the Ocean of Virtue. Oh, what Innocence. What Superhuman Excellence. The mere sight of Him is enough. On seeing the Lovey Form of Swami devotees always felt an upsurge of emotion rising in them, an upsurge of affectionate adoration. Listening to His words, discourses was enough. Merely touching His Lotus Feet was enough. One's life will find its goal.

No one could measure Him with their poor equipment of Intellect and Imagination. To understand and study about Swami is above and beyond

reasoning and imagination. It can be comprehended only by those who have known Him and not by those who have acquired scholarship or sharp intellect. In this unique Avatar, every act was an amazing miracle. Even when angry, He could not but evince His overflowing Prema. In Love His compassion flowed un hindered.

There were so many enrapturing incidents and activities of Swami which I cannot include in this brief article. There are so many books written about Him, His life history and His Incarnation as an Avatar by so many world renowned authors. His Love and teachings drew large gatherings from all over the world for the Realisation of the Highest.

For His students who were always in His close proximity (just like the Gopis and Gopals of Lord Krishna) the flash of His Eyes spoke out His plan and intentions and they immediately understood. The students have surrendered their minds, their very breath to Swami, whom they recognized as, love and compassion personified. They loved Him more than their own kith and kin.

The devotion and dedication of the students and staff of all His schools and Universities were filled with elevated emotions knew no limits or bounds. He never involved Himself in any deed without proper cause. Swami often mentioned the principles of Dualism; that is difference and disparity between one another should be harmonized wisely, then the country, the world will have happiness and peace.

That was Unity in Diversity. But if the living beings behave wrongly then the country will be sunk in anxiety, misery and confusion. He instructed mankind in the science of fostering the right and the good.

He assumed the form of the Univer-

sal person and mingled freely among His devotees who gathered at Puttaparthi and Brindavan from all over the world. He was easily accessible. He conferred joy on the devotees by His Divine acts which convinced them of His Advent and thus confirmed in their faith and prompted them to dedicate their activities to Him as God. During His Darshan rounds among the devotees, He only knows and decides as to who has to be blessed and saved. I have no strength to describe the depth of His Grace. Every act of His was aimed at the welfare of His devotees and the world.

He laid down the code of conduct (morality) and right behaviour for humanity. None but pure in heart can understand Swami.

Inert minds can never grasp the splendour of Swami, who is the sovereign of the Universe, who captivated the Universe by His Beauty and Power. Only the clearest and the purest intelligence could grasp it. His skills and powers were superhuman and incomprehensible.

Can ordinary humans perform such wonders? Those who do not have faith, in spite of seeing such events, are burdening the earth; they are fruits that have no taste and no kind of use." There are so many real ardent devotees who have seen with their own eyes evidence of Swami's supra human powers. The common man is drawn by external pomp, and apparent motives. So he judges the Leelas and Miracles as common and even low. The inner meaning and purpose are not easily patentable to all. But the Lord can never engage Himself in purposeless and paltry activities. Therefore, who can comprehend correctly and interpret aright these Leelas? "Fools, persons without faith, persons who deny God, persons caught in the coils of ignorance, those who do not learn

anything—these may see the Leela's of God Incarnate as self-centred and even motivated by delusion, like the actions of ordinary mortals. But genuine devotees will cherish them as significant and sustaining examples of Grace.

Welfare programmes

The manifest incarnations of God will not engage themselves in the least, for their own sake or for the sake of fulfilling any personal likes. All activity is for the good of the world. Though without them, the world cannot exist and survive, they move and act as if the world has nothing to do with them. In every word and deed of theirs, one can observe the underlying current of total renunciation.

His advent is for the uplifting of the world from the morass of wickedness and unrighteousness, for fulfilling the needs of those devoted to Him, for the reestablishment of right and morality and for the revival of the Vedas. He took into account the merit acquired by each in previous lives and showed His Grace accordingly.

The only recourse for man is to believe that everything is His Will and be at peace and immerse himself in the contemplation of Swami's glory, grace and His teachings.

Devotees of Sri Lanka practice earnestly His teachings to the maximum by conducting Bal Vikas classes for children, Bajans, Satsang (spiritual) sessions, and most importantly Narayana Seva Service activities all over Sri Lanka like medical camps, feeding the needy, care of backward villages, establishment of elders home and cancer hospice (free of charge) and of course presently the COVID relief works.

Om Sri Sai Sat Gurum Nithya Maham Namami! Om Shanthi! Shanthi! Shanthi!

Pakistan's Regional Economic Integration: Challenges and Opportunities

HAROON SHARIF

As the momentum of global economic gravity continues to shift towards East Asia, the contours of a new economic and political geography within South Asia are also becoming visible with enhanced connectivity among western China, Pakistan and Central Asia. Led by China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), this transition is already influencing the thinking patterns of politics, culture and economic development in the region. Long gripped by internal and geopolitical conflicts, this is also an opportunity to leverage its potential for economic prosperity, stability and human development. These changing times pose a big challenge to both public and private sector leaders to get out of their comfort zones and capitalise on new economic opportunities and models of engagement with new players. It is pertinent to note that similar to the booming times of the old Silk Route, these emerging economic corridors are driven by the dynamics of economic proximity rather than security.

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

China's flagship BRI and the strategic China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) have laid solid foundations for regional connectivity. The success of the CPEC as a transformational investment is critical for both China and Pakistan to demonstrate their ability to steer this region towards sustainable growth. Pakistan needs to work on several structural reforms to increase its institutional capacity to maximise the CPEC outcomes for the benefit of its large young labour force.

With the improvements in power generation and transport connectivity infrastructure, bilateral trade between China and Pakistan grew and stood at US\$17.49 billion (S\$23.48 billion) in 2020. Pakistan recorded a nearly 70 per cent increase in exports to China in the first quarter of 2021 with US\$888 million (S\$1.19 billion) as compared to US\$526 million (S\$706 million) in the same period last year. The projected potential of bilateral trade is between US\$80 billion and US\$100 billion (S\$105.8 billion and S\$134.2 billion) by 2030 when most of the



CPEC investments will be completed. However, to realise this goal and to have a favourable balance of trade, Pakistan will have to increase its per capita income, productivity and quality of exportable goods to meet international standards.

Challenges of a structural shift

For Pakistan, three areas of structural reforms need urgent attention. Firstly, it will have to strengthen the structure and orientation of its bureaucracy towards a pro-growth system. Secondly, there is a need to mainstream the role of the private sector in economic diplomacy where geographical proximity plays a central role. Pakistan should also be willing to let go off inefficient sectors that have flourished on patronage and state protection. Thirdly, investment in regional knowledge networks will be crucial to sustain its key position in the new regional markets. Pakistan must benefit from China and the rest of Asia's research and development expertise and link up its universities and think tanks with those of its Asian neighbours.

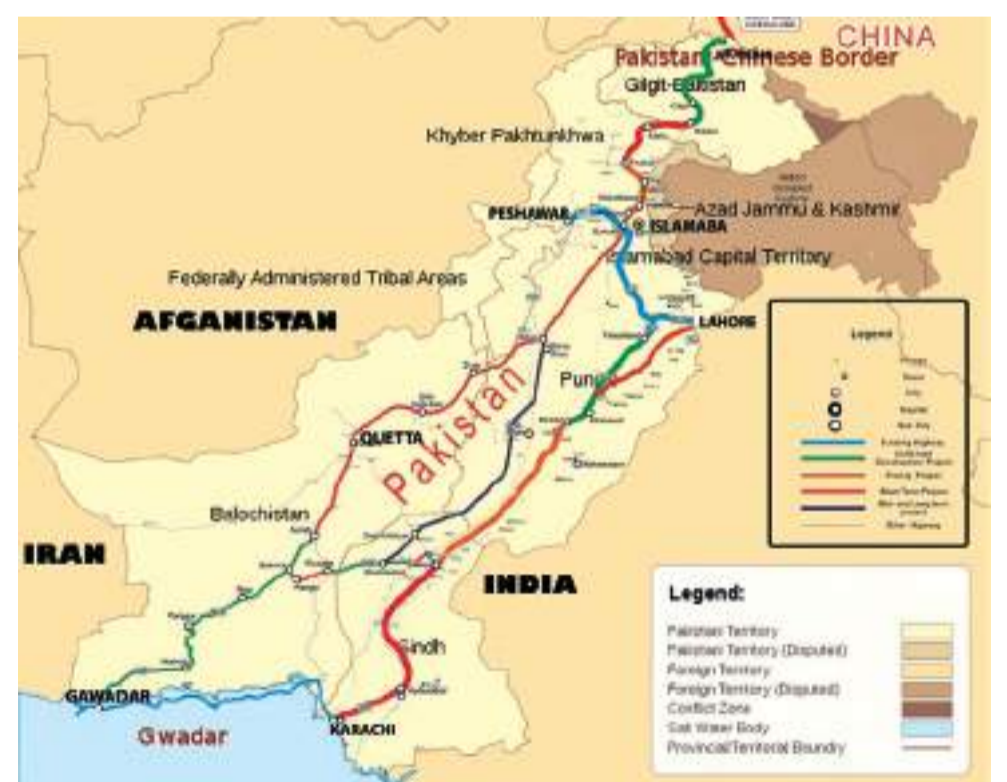
Pakistan's economic structure and management has not changed much in the last three decades. Its economy grows steadily at five-six per cent and then fails to sustain this growth rate due to chronic fiscal and balance of payment related imbalances. The momentum is

thus broken, and the focus shifts towards stabilisation through monetary tightening and compromising investments needed for a sustained growth period. Pakistan needs to work on competitive economic value proposition to attract foreign direct investment from China and the rest of the world. With one of the lowest savings and investment to gross domestic product (GDP) ratios in emerging Asia, there is need to create the required fiscal space and an investor friendly policy continuity to double the investment to GDP ratio.

Pakistan needs over seven per cent sustained growth to reach the level of the middle-income countries in next 10 years. This will create jobs for its vast labour force. However, only a competent economic team, backed by all political and institutional power structures, can accomplish this.

Geopolitical challenge

The recent rather abrupt withdrawal of the United States-led coalition from Afghanistan needs to be seen in a context of the transformational regional transition led by China. With over 40 years of conflict, Afghanistan remains a binding constraint to stability and shared regional economic prosperity. Its economy is expected to nose-dive after the recent capital flight, suspension of aid, central bank reserves of US\$9 billion (S\$12.08 billion) and Interna-



China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

tional Monetary Fund post COVID-19 support package of US\$450 million (S\$604 million). Almost 90 per cent of the population lives below the US\$2 (S\$2.68) a day poverty line, with heavy reliance on basic agriculture as the main source of livelihoods for more than 50 per cent of the population.

Stability in Afghanistan is linked to the timely implementation of connectivity infrastructure projects in Pakistan, Iran and Central Asia. China is investing heavily in the development of its western provinces bordering Pakistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyz republic. Any destabilisation in Afghanistan will slow the pace of development in these regions.

Optimistically, in the medium-term, Afghanistan's advantage is vested in its central location to connect South and Central Asia to the markets in the Middle East, and its vast mineral

resources are estimated at over US\$1 trillion (S\$1.34 trillion). These strategic endowments directly complement China's regional connectivity ambitions and expertise to develop supporting infrastructure for mineral development.

At this point, China, Pakistan and other neighbouring countries are best positioned to exploit these precious endowments and link Afghanistan with western China through the CPEC.

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- Eurasia Review



COMMON MAN'S VEHICLE GETS RECOGNITION

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

During the budget speech, Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa stated that a regulatory authority will be established for regulating Three-wheelers. Although three-wheeler services are vastly spread around the country, there is no mechanism to regulate three-wheeler operations.

The Minister also stated that the need to regulate operations has arisen due to its massive expansion. Accordingly, the authority is expected to make decisions including three-wheeler fares and standardizing services. The government has directed attention to electric three-wheelers and vehicles.

The three wheeler is the most popular cheap vehicle among the ordinary people who do not have their own vehicles. Even some rich people who have their own vehicles hire three wheelers sometimes in order to meet their transport requirements such as sending children to tuition classes etc. Three wheel is one of the most useful transport mode and a vehicle for Sri Lankans.

But there are certain serious issues connected to three wheeler service and the passengers who use them. Both the three wheeler owners/drivers and the passengers undergo various hardships due to not having a proper authority to address those issues. But now with this budget proposal, the proposed new authority can address all those issues of both three wheeler owners/drivers and the passengers.

MANY CHALLENGES

When it comes to three wheeler owners/drivers there are some issues and some of them are life threatening. Nowadays three wheeler drivers face a huge risk when they are doing their job because of the COVID-19 threat. They have to transport all types of passengers including patients and touch their money and sometimes their goods and hands (when old and feeble passengers get on and get off). The other life threatening issue is robbing their three wheelers by robbers pose themselves as 'passengers'.

The three wheeler drivers can very easily solve those matters but it seems they are very ignorant and waiting to blame others whenever

something happen to them or to their three wheelers. They can put a hard polythene cover separating the passengers from the drivers in order to prevent COVID-19 but they rarely do it. They do just to show that they have a polythene cover and not to protect themselves or the passengers who travel with them. Anyone can notice this very clearly when observing various decayed and damaged pieces of polythene they hang just for the sake of hanging a piece of polythene in the middle of their dirty three wheelers. They never remove it and clean it. Most of that cheap polythene cannot be cleaned because they easily tear off.

They can place a good thick polythene cover with number of straps around it to fasten and unfasten regularly in order to wash or sanitize it. But they are not interested because of their low level of education, ignorance and uncultured manner. They never think of the passengers and they are only interested in money paid to them.

The three wheeler drivers can avoid risky long distance trips at night in order to prevent crimes. If they do it, both their lives and three wheelers can be protected. But many three wheeler drivers are only interested in money and not in anything else. Therefore they accept any type of passengers at any time of the day (including midnight) and go any distance without thinking twice. They end up in the hands of criminals who harm the driver and rob the three wheel.

The robbers do not stop there. They use robbed three wheelers for other crimes and sometimes sell the three wheeler after placing a fake number plate or disabling them. It is one of the most popular 'business' for robbers. But even after media reported the incidents, the three wheeler drivers do not change their behaviour and always fall into trouble.

The new proposed authority will have a huge task ahead when considering those burning issues in the three wheel industry. Those are the main issues from the side of three wheeler owners/drivers.

It was passengers who travel using three wheelers who face grave situations than the three wheel drivers. The issues of passengers are much more serious and high in numbers.

The main issue faced by almost all three wheeler



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The other most common issue is the extremely high cost. Three wheel drivers charge any amount they want and not a specific amount. The passengers who pay at the end of the trip without inquiring the charge before getting in to the three wheeler face the most difficult situation. Most of the three wheeler meters are altered and there are different charges for the same distance. The passengers cannot argue with three wheeler drivers because they are acting like thugs.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

The other issue is various types of crimes faced by three wheeler passengers. It is women who travel alone or at night who face crimes. Most of the times the criminal is the three wheeler driver. The three wheeler driver becomes a criminal whenever he sees a lonely helpless woman during the day or at night. When most three wheeler drivers do is taking them forcibly to a lonely place / house, rob them and then rape them. Sometimes criminal

friends of those three wheeler drivers join them in this type of crimes. A large number of such incidents were reported by media during the past few years.

There are common and main reasons for those crimes. The main reason is the educational level and social background of the three wheeler drivers. The majority of three wheeler drivers are uneducated or have a very low level of education. That is why they have become three wheeler drivers. Due to their low level of education they are addicted to drugs and all the other substances and also connected to prostitution and all the other anti social acts, habits and businesses.

They have their own culture. The culture includes loud and huge buffel set, highly decorated three wheel and the passengers have only a small space to sit and no place at all to keep anything inside the three wheel, coloured hair, pierced ears and all the other places in the body, tattoos, etc. None of those are relevant or useful for the passengers. Many of them are just irritations for the passengers.

Many three wheeler drivers do something illegal. That is placing illegal mirrors in order to watch the lower body (especially their legs) of female passengers. After the police banned it, by now some three wheel drivers have removed those mirrors but still there are three wheels with those illegal mirrors.

The proposed authority has a huge task ahead of them. The required laws need to be enacted. A proper monitoring system is required. A hotline needs to be introduced.



A configuration of two wheels in the front and one wheel at the back presents two advantages: it has improved aerodynamics, and that it readily enables the use of a small lightweight motorcycle power plant and rear wheel. This approach was used by the Messerschmitt KR200 and BMW Isetta. Alternatively, a more conventional front-engine, front wheel drive layout as is common in four-wheeled cars can be used, with subsequent advantages for transversal stability (the centre of mass is further to the front) and traction (two driven wheels instead of one). Some vehicles have a front engine driving the single rear wheel, similar to the rear engine driving the rear wheel. The wheel must support acceleration loads as well as lateral forces when in a turn, and loss of traction can be a challenge.

A new tadpole configuration has been proposed with a rear engine driving the front wheels. This concept (Dragonfly Three Wheeler) claims both stability and traction (two driven wheels), as well as a unique driving experience.

With two wheels in the front (the "tadpole" form or "reverse trike") the vehicle is far more stable in braking turns, but remains more prone to overturning in normal turns compared to an equivalent four-wheeled vehicle, unless the centre of mass is lower and/or further forward. Motorcycle-derived designs suffer from most of the weight being towards the rear of the vehicle.

For lower wind resistance (which increases fuel efficiency), a teardrop shape is often used. A teardrop is wide and round at the front, tapering at the back. The three-wheel configuration allows the two front wheels to create the wide round surface of the vehicle. The single rear wheel allows the vehicle to taper at the back. Examples include the Aptera (solar electric vehicle) and Myers Motors NmG.



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Date: 20.11.2021

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

National Consumer Price Index Computed by the Department of Census and Statistics

(Base: 2013 = 100)

It is hereby notified for general information that the National Consumer Price Index computed by the Department of Census and Statistics for the month of October 2021 was 150.6 (One Hundred and Fifty point Six).

P.M.P. Anura Kumara
Director General of Census and Statistics.

Department of Census and Statistics,
P.O. Box 121,
Battaramulla,
22nd November 2021



DEVELOPMENT LOTTERIES BOARD MINISTRY OF FINANCE

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS / CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2022

- Applications are invited from interested, reputed Suppliers and Contractors to be registered to supply Goods and Services and to accomplish civil contract work to this Institute for the Year 2022.
- Each supply subject is given below and the relevant non-refundable registration fee is **Rs. 540.00 (with VAT)** per one item. The said registration fee should be paid separately for each item and applications too will be issued separately. Registration fee could be deposited in Development Lotteries Board Account No. **1630526** at **Bank of Ceylon, Kollupitiya Branch**. Application Forms could be obtained either from the Procurement Board on submission of a request letter along with the Bank receipt (Slip) or through E-mail by sending a Scanned Copy to **procurement@dlb.lk**.
- The relevant applications could be obtained as stated above only from **23.11.2021 to 15.12.2021**.

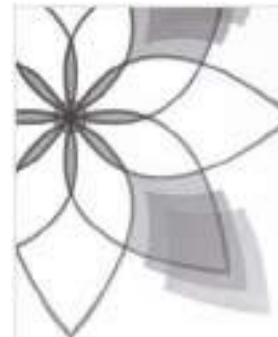
Item No.	Title / Item of Supply of Goods / Services
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03	Supply of Office Equipment (Calculator, s, Roneo / Scan / Duplicate / Fax / Photocopy Machines, etc.)
04	Maintenance and Servicing of Office equipment and furniture
05	Supply of Office equipment such as Computers, Printers, UPS, Scan
06	Servicing and Repairing of Computers
07	Supply of Photocopy Machines on rental basis
08	Supply of Resource Contribution for worker training programmes
09	Supply of Drinking Water Bottles
10	Supply of Printing Services
11	Design, Print & Supply of Annual Reports
12	Supply of Computer Stationery (Ribbon / NOR 2 Ply and 3 Ply Computer Sheets, etc. USB/CD/DVD Cartridge / Toner)
13	Supply of Computer Network
14	Supply of Tyres & Tubes
15	Supply of Language Translations (Sinhala / Tamil / English)
16	Courier Service for distribution of goods
17	Supply of Cosultancy Services for tax calculation
18	Consultancy Services for preparation and installation of Computer Systems
19	Buyers of damaged Iron and Sheets, discarded Tubes
20	Installation, Maintenance and repairs of CCTV Cameras
21	Buyers of damaged Plastics, damaged Computers and accessories
22	Buying of discarded paper and cancelled tickets
23	Supply of disinfectants and health safety material (Sanitizer, Face Mask, Hand Wash)
24	Supply of sales promotion items (Caps, Cups, T-Shirts, Calculators, Watchers, Umbrellas, etc., supply of Garden Parasols, Canopies, Umbrellas, Raincoats)
25	Supply of erection of small and large Hoardings on rent/lease basis
26	Construction of Sales Stalls, Display Rooms for exhibition work
27	Sticker of Vehicles and Sales Stalls, branding of sales stalls
28	Printing of Cloth Banners and supply of Digital Printing Services
29	Produce and Supply of TV/Radio Advertisements (Production House)
30	Publicity (Advertising) Agencies (TV, Radio, Press, Outdoor). Creation of publicity concepts
31	Media buying
32	Creators of TV Documentary Programmes, Producers of TV Dramas
33	Supply of Video and Photography Services
34	Photography and Photo Printing
35	Institutes conducting market surveys
36	Event Management Institutions (Organising Receptions / Supplying relevant equipment on rental basis / supplying Manpower)
37	Submission of Creative Concepts for digital publicity work and Social Media publicity, production, incursion, maintenance and management
38	Repairing of Vehicles
39	Tinkering and Painting of Vehicles
40	Repairing of Vehicle A/C
41	Servicing of Vehicles
42	Repairing of Vehicle Electricity Systems
43	Supply of Cars, Vans, Lorries on hire basis
44	Cushion, carpet, tinted work of vehicles
45	Wiring of Buildings and attending to electricity repairs
46	Supply of Building Air-conditioning and repair services
47	Building Construction Contractors (with CIDA Registration)
48	Small scale repairs and maintenance Contractors (without CIDA Registration) including painting of buildings, fixing of bathroom / pipe fittings, tile work, etc.
49	Supply of Chartered Architecture Services
50	Supply of Chartered Engineering Services
51	Supply of Legal Consultancy Services
52	Supply of Quantity Survey work

- Duly perfected application issued by the Procurement Division should be sent by Registered Post to reach the **Chairman, Development Lotteries Board, No. 356, Dr Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02** or delivered to the Procurement Division of this office before **20.12.2021**. The relevant Supplier should be registered as a company / joint venture / individual / business and a certified photostatcopy of the Registration Certificate should be submitted along with the application. The top left-hand corner of the envelope containing applications should be marked as **"Registration of Suppliers / Contractors for the Year 2022"**.

- Further details could be had from Telephone Nos. **076-3162426, 076-9475871**.

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UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- The Chairman DPC on behalf of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for following projects.

To be eligible for applying, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted, shall be a CIDA (ICTAD) registered Contractor and meet the requirements as per the table below.

Project	Non Refundable Tender Fee	CIDA (ICTAD) Grade	Estimated Cost (Approx.)	Contract Period	Bid Closing Date, Time & Location	Bid Security (Cash or Bank Bonds only)
i) Renovation of Prof. Jinadasa Perera Hostel MT/RE/GEN/04/2021	Rs. 6,000.00	C5-C6 Building Construction	18 Million	120 Days	14.30 hrs 15th December 2021 at Land, Building & Infrastructure Development Division	210,000.00
ii) Finishing works of Land, Building and Infrastructure Development Division New Building - Stores area MT/RE/GEN/08/2021	Rs. 3,000.00	C7-C6 Building Construction	7 Million	90 Days		80,000.00
iii) Supplying & Fixing of Roller Door, SS Sinks and Kitchen Exhaust Canopy for Kale Kade, Soratha & New Rahula Canteen MT/RE/GEN/03/2021	Rs. 2,500.00		5.5 Million	45 Days		65,000.00
iv) Refurbishment of University Cultural Centre Phase II MT/RE/GEN/01/2021	Rs. 1,500.00	C8-C7 Building Construction	3 Million	60 Days		35,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Works Engineer, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda - Telephone - 011-2801185, Fax : 011-2801604 and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from **22nd November 2021** between 09.00 hrs and 14.30 hrs on any working day until **13th December 2021**.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of an on demand unconditional bank guarantee or cash deposited at Shroff at USJP in the amount as mentioned above issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Works Engineer, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Gangodawila, Nugegoda from **22nd November 2021** until **13th December 2021** from 09.00 hrs to 14.30 hrs on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee as in the attached table. The method of payment will be at the Shroff, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, in cash only.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address given below at or before 14.30 hrs on **15th December 2021**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the **Land, Building & Infrastructure Development Division of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura** in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **15th March 2022**.
- Bid Security shall be valid up to **12th April 2022**.
- Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at Land, Building & Infrastructure Development Division, University of Sri Jayewardenepura at 10.00 a.m. on 2nd December 2021.

Addresses referred to above are :

**For inspection, Purchasing and Submission of Bidding Documents,
Land, Building & Infrastructure Development Division,
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France says fifth COVID wave hitting at 'LIGHTNING' speed

Violence erupts at COVID-19 curb protest in Brussels

Netherlands rocked by second night of riots

FRANCE, BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS: Fifth-wave coronavirus infections in France are rising at an alarming rate, the Government reported yesterday, with new daily COVID cases close to doubling over the past week.

The seven-day average of new cases reached 17,153 on Sunday, up from 9,458 a week earlier, according to the health authorities, an increase of 81 per cent.

"The fifth wave is starting at lightning speed," Government spokesman Gabriel Attal told media.

The latest seven-day increase is three times the average rise of cases recorded over the previous three weeks, indicating an exponential acceleration of infections.

For now the spike in infections has not led to a massive influx of Covid patients into hospitals, with the authorities attributing the limited number of intensive care patients to France's high rate of vaccinations which appear highly effective against the most dangerous forms of Covid.



COVID-19 patients at an Intensive Care Unit at a hospital in Paris, France.

Meanwhile, Violence broke out at a protest against anti-COVID measures in Brussels, Belgium on Sunday, in which police said tens of thousands of people took part. The march began peacefully but police later fired water cannon and

tear gas in response to protesters throwing projectiles.

Police told Belga news agency that three police officers were injured in the rioting, without giving further details.

Several of the demonstrators

caught up in the clash wore hoods and carried Flemish nationalist flags, while others wore Nazi-era yellow stars.

Police said 35,000 protesters marched from the North Station in Brussels against a fresh round of COVID measures announced by the Government on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Dutch Police said on Sunday they had arrested 48 people after a second night of violent riots erupted over the government's coronavirus measures.

The two nights of unrest in a number of cities came a week after the Dutch Government went into a partial lockdown over a surge in cases. In The Hague on Saturday night, officers in riot gear charged demonstrators who set fire to bicycles and an electric moped piled in the middle of a busy intersection.

"The police were also pelted with heavy fireworks and stones thrown from roofs," police said in a statement, adding that water cannon was used to put out the fire.

- THE MALAY MAIL

Australia to welcome vaccinated foreign students, workers

AUSTRALIA:

The Australian Government expects 200,000 vaccinated foreign students and skilled workers will soon return without quarantining when the country further relaxes pandemic restrictions next week.

From December 1, students, skilled workers and travellers on working vacations will be allowed to land at Sydney and Melbourne airports without needing to seek exemptions from a travel ban, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said on November 22.

"The return of skilled workers and students to Australia is a major milestone in our pathway back, it's a major milestone about what Australians have been able to achieve and enable us to do," Mr. Morrison said.

The Government expects 200,000 arrivals in the two categories by January, he said.

Vaccinated citizens of Japan and South Korea will also be allowed in without quarantining, as well as people on humanitarian visas.



Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison

But the government has yet to decide when general tourists will be allowed to return. "I think Australians are very keen to see us take this step-by-step approach," Morrison said.

Universities Australia chief executive Catrina Jackson said her sector lost AU\$1.8 billion (\$1.3 billion) last year because foreign students were locked out.

"We've got 130,000 students waiting to get back into this country. They've been so patient and they've been so resolute. They've been studying online for ... almost two years now," Jackson told Australian Broadcasting Corp. - THE HINDU

New Zealand to enter COVID-19 traffic-light system

NEW ZEALAND: New Zealand will enter the new traffic-light system on December 3, leaving the alert level system behind for good.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced the move at her post-cabinet press conference on Monday.

Ardern said the country had to accept Delta was here to stay.

This new system will generally allow for far more freedoms - particularly in Auckland which is nearing 100 days of lockdown, and particularly for people who have taken the COVID-19 vaccine. The new system will largely do away with the possibility of lockdowns and keep schools open.

Ardern indicated as recently as last week that the date for this move would not be announced until November 29, but has changed her mind.

That date will still be used to announce what "lights" each region will go into. The Government will be allowing hairdressers and barbers in Auckland to open from Thursday to trial the use of the vaccine passes they will need to operate under either Orange or Red. Auckland

will start at Red, along with areas with very low vaccination rates. No area is likely to start at Green.

The orange level allows for something close to level 1 for the vaccinated, with no limits on event sizes or hospitality if vaccine passes are used.

At all lights on the traffic light system people can visit friends and family freely, and outside of Auckland can travel around the country freely.

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RED ALERT

Proposed three-tier 'traffic light' coronavirus lockdown system

LEVEL 3	Pubs closed, no meeting friends, restrictions on overnight stays away from home, no sport
LEVEL 2	No meeting friends outside your bubble in homes, gardens, pubs or restaurants, essential travel only but household holidays allowed, weddings and funerals with limited attendance
LEVEL 1	'Rule of six' for gatherings, face masks compulsory in shops, 10pm curfew on pubs



WHO predicts 500,000 more COVID-19 deaths in Europe

SWITZERLAND:

Europe is facing a potentially devastating winter that could see half a million people die with COVID-19, the World Health Organization (WHO) warned on Thursday, as it sounded the alarm over a surge in cases and bemoaned stuttering vaccination rollouts on parts of the continent.

Much of Europe is battling spikes in infections, with Germany on Thursday reporting its highest number of daily new cases since the pandemic began.

And in a dire new warning, WHO regional director Hans Kluge said the pace of transmission across the region was of "grave concern."

"We are, once again, at the epicenter," Kluge said in a statement.

"According to one reliable projection, if we stay on this



A waiter checks a customer's COVID-19 health pass in France.

trajectory, we could see another half a million COVID-19 deaths in Europe and Central Asia by the first of February next year," he warned, adding that 43 of the 53 countries on his patch could also see high or

extreme stress on hospital beds. Large swathes of the continent are battling to beat back surges of the Delta variant, which has complicated the relaxing of restrictions in many countries. Eastern

Europe is particularly badly hit; cases are at record levels in Russia and now Germany, while Ukraine's capital Kiev introduced strict new restrictions on Monday.

Many experts have expressed concern that fur-

ther rises in infections, coupled with seasonal winter colds, could place health care workers under unmanageable pressure through Christmas and in the New Year.

In its latest weekly update, WHO said Europe recorded a 6% rise in cases on the previous week. That was the highest of any global region, with every other region registering "declines or stable trends."

"We are at another critical point of pandemic resurgence," Kluge said. He blamed two factors for the new wave: the relaxation of COVID-19 measures, and a lack of vaccination coverage in the Balkans and towards the east of the continent.

"Hospitalization rates in countries with low vaccine uptake are markedly higher and rising more quickly than in those with higher uptake," he said. - CNN

Taliban asks Afghan TV channels to stop airing shows with women actors

AFGHANISTAN: Afghanistan's Taliban authorities on Sunday issued a new "religious guideline" that called on the country's television channels to stop showing dramas and soap operas featuring women actors.

In the first such directive to Afghan media issued by the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, the Taliban also called on women television journalists to wear Islamic hijabs while presenting their reports.

And the ministry asked the channels not to air films or programmes in which the Prophet Mohammed or other revered figures are shown.

It called for banning films or programmes that were against Islamic and Afghan values.

"These are not rules but a religious guideline," Ministry spokesman Hakif Mohajir said.

The Taliban's guideline for TV networks comes after two

decades of explosive growth for independent Afghan media under the Western-backed governments that ruled the country until August 15, when the Islamists regained power.

Dozens of television channels and radio stations were set up with Western assistance and private investment soon after the Taliban were toppled in 2001.

During the past 20 years, Afghan television channels offered a wide range of programmes - from an "American Idol" style singing competition to music videos, along with several Turkish and Indian soap operas.

When the Islamists previously ruled from 1996 to 2001, there was no Afghan media to speak of - they banned television, movies and most other forms of entertainment, deeming it immoral.

- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES



The new Taliban edict targets 'immoral' Afghan TV shows featuring women.

Border crisis "Greatest attempt to destabilise Europe in 30 years" - Poland

POLAND: Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki on Sunday called the migrant crisis on the Belarusian-Polish border, the EU's eastern frontier, the "greatest attempt to destabilise Europe" since the Cold War.

Later Sunday the Polish head of government will meet his counterparts from the Baltic states - two of which also share a border with Belarus - to discuss the conflict, before visiting other EU capitals this week.

Belarusian President Alexander "Lukashenko launched a hybrid war against the EU. This is (the)



People protest with photos of children to draw attention to the humanitarian situation on the Polish-Belarusian border.

greatest attempt to destabilise Europe in 30 years,"

Morawiecki said on Twitter. "Poland will not yield to

blackmail and will do everything to defend the EU's borders."

The West accuses Belarus of artificially creating the crisis by bringing in would-be migrants - mostly from the Middle East - and taking them to the border with promises of an easy crossing into the European Union.

Belarus has denied the claim, instead criticising the EU for not taking in the migrants. Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko told the BBC on Friday that it was "absolutely possible" his forces had helped people cross into the EU but denied

orchestrating the operation. "We're Slavs. We have hearts. Our troops know the migrants are going to Germany... Maybe someone helped them," he said.

Poland's Defence Minister Mariusz Blaszczak said Saturday that Belarus has now changed tactics by directing smaller groups of migrants to multiple points along the border.

The migrants have abandoned everything in their countries, spending thousands of dollars to fly into Belarus on tourist visas, determined to reach the European Union.

- NDTV

Vehicle plows through Wisconsin Christmas parade; 5 KILLED

US: An SUV sped through barricades and into a parade of Christmas marchers in suburban Milwaukee on Sunday, killing at least five people and wounding more than 40 people in a horrifying scene captured by the city's livestream and the cellphones of onlookers.

Waukesha Police Chief Dan Thompson said

"some" people had been killed but would not give an exact number. A person was in custody, as was the SUV, he said, but he did not give any indication of motive.

One video shows a woman screaming, "Oh my God!" repeatedly after a group of girls wearing Santa hats and dancing with white pompoms is struck.

Another shows the SUV plowing into members of a marching band, their music replaced with terrified screams.

Fire Chief Steven Howard said 11 adults and 12 children were injured and transported to hospitals by his department. It was unknown how many people were taken to hospitals by others.

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin said it received 15 patients from the parade and no reported fatalities as of P.M.

One video shows the moment the SUV broke through the barricades and the sound of what appears to be several gunshots. Another video shows a young child dancing in the



An SUV speeds past moments before plowing into a crowd of people during a Christmas parade in Waukesha, Wisconsin, US.

street as the SUV speeds by, just a few feet from her, before it

hurtles into parade participants a few hundred feet ahead. - INDIA TODAY

Rising Star Academy shuttlers excel at WPBA Open Tourney



Rising Star Badminton Academy winners.

INDIKA WELAGEDARA

Rising Star Badminton Academy which was launched just 10 months ago, has trained the national level badminton players to reach a higher standard and is sure to produce top level international players who would bring honour and fame to Sri Lanka in the future.

Badminton competition in Sri Lanka is now very competitive, especially in the open singles in the quarter-finals. The young players are very eager to win their matches. Young players like Viren, Rasindu, Chamath, Savianka and some of the other players who even though had a good tournament cannot play to their full potential, as they lack mental strength. But young players like Viren, Rasindu and Jason can get many opportunities by playing international matches overseas and they will get a lot of experience which would help them to get the much needed foreign exposure which would stand Sri Lanka badminton in good stead in the near future.

Speaking exclusively to the Daily News Rising Star Academy Badminton head coach

Indonesian Tony Wahyudi said "I am very happy with the achievements of the Rising Stars academy players in the second tournament this year which was held by SLBA. In the first tournament held in Nuwara Eliya, Rising Star Badminton Academy players only reached the Semi Finals in the under 17 category and in the open double runner up category. But in the second tournament which concluded a couple of days back, we had very good results and Rising Star players won a lot of medals. Viren became the champion in open singles while Rasindu and Viren bagged the open doubles, Jason and Savianka clinched the under 19 mixed doubles while Natasha and Isuri were the under 17 Women's doubles runner up. After securing these results, personally for me I am very happy to see that all the players have done very well in the last two months, especially in this tournament. Lot of players have learnt a lot and I hope the players can keep their consistency in their games in the next tournament to bring glory to Rising Star Badminton Academy".



Rising Star Academy Badminton head coach Indonesian Tony Wahyudi

Western Province Open Badminton championships 2021 results,
Open Men's Singles Champion - Viren Nettasinghe
Open Men's Singles Semi Finalist - Rasindu Hendahewa
Open Men's Doubles Champions - Viren / Rasindu
Women's Doubles Champions-Buthmi Galagamage/Nadeesha Gayanthi
Open Mixed Doubles Semi Finalists Chamath Dias/Natasha Gunasekara
U19 Boys Double Champions - Jason Homer/Savianka Weerasekera
U17 Girls Doubles runner up - Natasha Gunasekara/Isuri De Alwis

Battle of the Maroons in the UAE on November 26

After several postponements due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Battle of the Maroons between Old Anandians and Old Nalandians living in the UAE will be played on Friday 26th November 2021 at the Dahid Cricket Village Grounds in Sharjah UAE. The first ever Battle of the Maroons encounter in the UAE was initiated by former Ananda Cricket Captain Saliya Senanayake along with former Nalanda Cricketer Sumedha Dharmasena way back in 2004.

The Chief Guest of this annual event will be Malraj de Silva, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Arab Emirates.

The 12th edition of the Battle of the Maroons will be played in memory of the Legendary Principal P de S Kularatne, who was the Principal of Ananda College for 25 years. A well-known educationist, he also established Nalanda College Colombo, Ananda Balika Vidyalaya, Moratuwa Vidyalaya and Dharmapala Vidyalaya.

In previous game which was played in 2018, for the first time, Battle of Maroons Cricket Matches in the UAE were played with hard leather ball according to International T20 format, which was a testament to the



Tharindu Pathmaperuma



Yasas S Hewavitharane



Lasantha Pussawala



Chanaka Senathilake

ever-growing enthusiasm and development of cricket in the UAE.

The second eleven game that was introduced at the 7th Battle of the Maroons will be played this year too, in memory of the Veteran Coach Lionel Mendis. The much loved teacher and cricket coach, Lionel Mendis has been instrumental in contributing many talented cricketers who have represented Sri Lanka at the highest level.

With the success of introducing Old Anandians and Old Nalandians Rugby Teams in the UAE, this year too, the Tag Ruuby Big Match will be played,

for the P de S Kularatne Challenge Shield.

At the first Battle of the Maroons in the UAE that was played in 2004, Old Anandians Cricket Team led by former Ananda and Tamil Union Cricketer Sanjewa Karunasekara beat Old Nalandians Cricket Team led by former Nalanda Cricketer Sumedha Dharmasena. Since then, there were 11 Battle of the Maroons big matches played so far in the UAE, where Nalanda has won the coveted trophy seven times and Ananda four times. The second eleven game introduced at the seventh edition of the Battle of

the Maroons, has so far been played five times, where Ananda had won twice and Nalanda thrice, whereas the Tag Rugby game has been won by Nalanda once and Ananda thrice.

All-rounder Tharindu Pathmaperuma, who is a well-known cricketer in UAE, will lead Old Anandians while former Nalanda First XI Cricket Captain, Yasas S Hewavitharane will lead Old

Nalandians. The second eleven team of Old Anandians will be led by experienced Nipuna Nalith Amarasinghe and Thisara Gunasekara will lead the Old

Nalandians. The Old Anandians Tag Rugby Team will be led by Lasantha Pussawala, while Chanaka Senathilake will lead the Old Nalandians Tag Rugby Team.

For the first time, Man of the Match trophy for first XI Cricket encounter in Battle of the Maroons is named in honour of former Nalandian, Sri Lanka's first-ever Test cricket captain Bandula Warnapura who passed away recently.

One of the key sporting spectacles in the UAE's Event Calendar, Battle of the Maroons is organized to foster friendship and brotherhood between the two foremost Buddhist schools, and is expected to draw a large gathering of Old Anandians and Old Nalandians, their families and friends for a day long activity at the Dahid Cricket Village Grounds in Sharjah UAE.

Vishva Vidusara Perera the athletic star from Dambulla

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Corr

Seventeen year old and coming athletic the school under 14, 16 and 18 athletic Champion, All Island Schools and John Tarbet Coloursman Pahalagedara Vishva Vidusara Perera has brought honour and immense glory to National School Dambulla with his deeds on the athletic field.

He was born on 7th February 2004 and was admitted to National School Dambulla in 2016 to grade six and noticing his talents in athletics his parents Anurasiri Perera and Tharanga Kumari Nandasiri handed over their son to the School Athletic Coach Pradeep Jayashantha and Master in Charge of Athletics and Senior Coach Madushanka Rathnayake and in his first year itself at the School Inter House Sports Meet he participated in the Long Jump event and came first and participating at the Educational



Vishva Vidusara Perera (extreme left) in the picture posed for a photograph with the other three members of the relay team after their event at the John Tarbet meet held in 2019. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

Divisional Meet he came first in the under 14 Long Jump event.

In the following year participating for the School Inter House Sports Meet he swept the board in Long Jump 80 metre hurdles and 100 metres and became the school under 14 Champion and representing the Educational Zonal Meet he won the 80 metres hurdles event and in 2017 at the

John Tarbet Meet 80 metres under 15 hurdles event he clocked 14.5 seconds and received Colours and in the 2017 John Tarbet Senior 80 metres hurdles event he clocked 13.3 seconds and received Colours for the second time.

Then in 2018 at the School Sports Meet he was adjudged as the under 16 Champion by sweeping the board in 80 metres hurdles 100 metres and

Long Jump and at the Galewela Zonal Educational Meet he won the under 16 Long Jump and hurdles convincingly but he could not come up to expectations at the Educational Provincial Meet which was worked off at Matale.

He was the under 18 school athletic Champion in 2019 and he won the Long Jump, 100 metres and 100 metres hurdles and at the Galewela Zonal



Vishva Vidusara Perera

Educational Meet he won the 100 metre hurdles Long Jump and 100 metre events and became the Zonal Champion and he became third in hurdles at the Provincial Meet held at Matale and at the All Island Meet he came up to Semi Finals in 100 metre hurdles and at the John Tarbet Meet he won Colours for his timing of 14.3 seconds at the 100 metre hurdles.

Bid to promote netball in Kandy



HAFIZ MARIKAR

Kandy Netball Association are all out to promote, improve netball in Kandy, in accordance with the ideals and objects of the Controlling body. The Kandy Netball Association is headed by an old girl of Good Shepherd Convent Shanthini Kongahage is blessed with some top committee members, the hard working secretary is T.M.P. Kumarihamy, they are all out to promote the game and are also keen to improve the standard of the game and are planning to have tournaments as well as coaching camps so that they would be able to raise the game.

They are hoping to start off

with under 15, 17 and under 19 Kandy District Schools Tournament and also Netball was to be given a facelift in Kandy with this tournament now they are hoping to have this after the coronavirus is halted. The health and safety of the Netball Family will be the main priority and to avoid the spread of Coronavirus they are constantly planning and preparing for netball to return in its fullest form in the safest way possible.

Today over here in Kandy netball which is a popular participant sport is on a good footing, mainly at school level, the sport must be given the maximum support. What they need is the back up to promote the game.

Netball was first introduced to Sri Lanka in 1921 by Miss C. Cleverly. The Ceylon Girl Guide Company at Kandy Girls High School

played the game first. It soon spread to other schools, namely Hillwood College and Mowbray College. This gave the opportunity to introduce inter school matches. Kandy Girls High School and Colombo Ladies College played the first ever netball match in the month of February in 1925. In 1927, netball was played at Government Training College for the first time. This helped spread the game around Sri Lanka. It was in 1956, Sri Lanka played with some Kandy players its first international match against Australia's national team in Sri Lanka.

So, it is good idea to promote netball, which will allow Kandy Netball players to engage in hundreds of women in positive, supportive environments that provide the opportunity and encourage them to get active, and practice their leadership skills. Kandy is blessed with a Netball Academy at the Municipal indoor stadium at Katukelle which gives a big hand for young up and coming netballers and are coached by Gayani Wijetunga.

In Kandy some of the schools who have produced top netball players, to name a few Girls High school who took to the game first, Good Shepherd Convent, Mahamaya Girls College, Hillwood Girls College, St. Anthony's Girls College, Swarnamali BMW, Hemamali BMW, Badi Uddin Mahmud Girl's College, Nugawela Central College, Seethadevi Girls' College, Viharamaha Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Gateway College, Colombo International School, École international, Lexicon International School are some of the schools in the game.

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Sri Lanka on top as spinners dominate the game



West Indies off spinner Roston Chase who took 5 for 83 in action.

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Sri Lanka bowling attack dominated by the spinners as West Indies were struggling 113 for six wickets at close of the second day in the first test played at Galle International Cricket Stadium yesterday. West Indies were 74 away from saving the follow on with three days to spare.

Skipper Kraigg Brathwaite and Jermaine Blackwood came as openers after Sri Lanka were all out

for 386 runs 75 minutes after the lunch break.

Both openers survived the seven overs before tea. Jermaine Blackwood, who was opening instead of the concussed Jeremy Solozano should have been given out lbw against Dushmantha Chameera for 2, but Sri Lanka chose not to review the not-out decision, which would have been overturned. Kraigg Brathwaite was given out off the penultimate ball of the session,

but the decision was reversed via review - that ball from Praveen Jayawickrama shown to be heading down leg and they were 12 for no loss at tea.

However, three spinners Lasith Embuldeniya, Praveen Jayawickrama and Ramesh Mendis came back strongly during the last session and West Indies top order were struggling to 113 for 6 wickets to end of the day.

Embuldeniya made a breakthrough on the 21st over while Blackwood was out LBW for 20 runs after adding 46 runs open stand. The off spinner Ramesh Mendis was able to pick his first wicket on his first over as skipper Brathwaite top scored with 41 hitting seven fours back to the pavilion with Pathum Nissanka took a catch at leg slip.

Mendis was the most successful bowler pick 3 for 23 in his six overs spell while Jayawickrama took 2 for 25 with his 12 overs spell and Embuldeniya took 1 for 39 and they shared six wickets among them.

Earlier West Indies pulled themselves back into the game in the first two sessions removing the overnight pair Dhananjaya de Silva and Skipper Dimuth Karunaratne in the



Sri Lankan leg spinner Praveen Jayawickrama who is playing his second test celebrate the wicket of Nkrumah Bonner. (Pic courtesy SLC)

first hour, before the spinners ripped through the lower half either side of lunch.

The off spinner Roston Chase claimed 5 for 83 which was his fourth five wickets haul in Tests - and leg spinner Jomel Warrican

took 3 for 87, having gone seven wickets fell for just wicket-less on the first day. However Sri Lanka's last was 14 short of 400.

SCORECARD	
SRI LANKA 1ST INNINGS	maine Blackwood 1-0-6-0, Kraigg Brathwaite 4-0-6-0
WEST INDIES 1ST INNINGS	
Pathum Nissanka	c Cornwall b Gabriel..... 56
Dimuth Karunaratne	st Da Silva b Chase..... 147
Oshada Fernando	c Bonner b Chase..... 3
Angelo Mathews	c Holder b Chase..... 3
Dhananjaya de Silva	hit wicket b Gabriel..... 61
Dinesh Chandimal	c Cornwall b Chase..... 45
Ramesh Mendis	c Da Silva b Warrican..... 13
Suranga Lakmal	lbw b Warrican..... 11
Dushmantha Chameera	c Brathwaite b Warrican..... 3
Lasith Embuldeniya	c Blackwood b Chase..... 17
Praveen Jayawickrama	not out..... 8
Extras	(b 5, lb 6, nb 8)..... 19
TOTAL	(all out in 133.5 Overs)..... 386
Fall of wickets:	1-139, 2-164, 3-170, 4-281, 5-296, 6-331, 7-355, 8-361, 9-361, 10-386
BOWLING:	Shannon Gabriel 19-2-69-2, Jason Holder 19-9-24-0, Rahkeem Cornwall 27-3-91-0, Kyle Mayers 3-0-9-0, Jomel Warrican 32-5-87-3, Roston Chase 28-5-83-5, Jer-
Kraigg Brathwaite	not out..... 41
Jermaine Blackwood	lbw b Embuldeniya..... 20
Nkrumah Bonner	c de Silva b Jayawickrama... 1
Shai Hope	c Fernando b Mendis..... 10
Roston Chase	c Fernando b Mendis..... 2
Jomel Warrican	c Chandimal b Jayawickrama..... 1
Kyle Mayers	not out..... 22
Jason Holder	not out..... 1
Extras	(b 3, lb 9, nb 2, w1)..... 15
TOTAL	(six wickets in 42 Overs)..... 113
Yet to bat:	Jeremy Solozano, Joshua Da Silva, Rahkeem Cornwall, Shannon Gabriel
Fall of wickets:	1-46, 2-51, 3-80, 4-83, 5-86, 6-100
BOWLING:	Suranga Lakmal 5-1-6-0, Dushmantha Chameera 4-0-8-0, Lasith Embuldeniya 15-4-39-1, Praveen Jayawickrama 12-4-25-2, Ramesh Mendis 6-1-23-3.

Dhananjaya de Silva was unfortunately out hit wicket for 61 runs off paceman Shannon Gabriel while Karunaratne finished his marathon innings scoring 147 in 300 balls hit 15 fours. Dinesh Chandimal was back to the pavilion with five runs away his half century hit five boundaries. Meanwhile Shai Hope has

replaced debutant Jeremy Solozano as his concussion substitute in the West Indies team after Solozano was confirmed to have suffered a concussion. Solozano spent the night in a Colombo hospital under observation after he was hit on the head while fielding on the first day. His scans on Sunday showed no structural damage.

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England Youth cricketers arrive to play ODI series

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The England under 19 cricket team arrived yesterday (22) to play 5 Youth ODI series against Sri Lanka under 19 team and this series mainly will focus on preparation for the forthcoming World Under 19 World Cup held in West Indies.

The five ODI series is scheduled to be played at SSC grounds starting first unofficial ODI from November 30 followed by four matches on December 3, 5, 8 and 10. All matches and practice sessions will be conducted in a bio-secure environment.

Sri Lanka under 19 team led by Dunieth Wellalage recorded 5-0 series win over recently concluded Bangladesh match series are looking to get more match exposure before the world cup and this is going to be ideal opportunity for them.

Sri Lanka 20 member squad already made four changes from last Bangladesh series moved into their bio-bubble on last Thursday and commenced practices yesterday.

Ryan Fernando, Harindu Jayasekera, Lahiru Dewatage and Jeewaka Shasheen, have

been dropped to make way for Abhishek Liyanarachchi (D.S. Senanayake College), Ranuda Somaratne (Trinity College, Kandy), Anjala Bandara (St. Anthony's College, Kandy) and Sakuna Lyanage (Lumbini College) for this new look squad for the English series.

Meanwhile, Nathan Barnwell, the 18-year-old pace bowler and lower order batter, who signed a contract with English county Surrey last month, will take part in his second series with the Under-19s after playing four times in the West Indies tour of England in September.

England Under-19 squad for Sri Lanka: Rehan Ahmed (Leicestershire), Tom Aspinwall (Lancashire), Josh Baker (Worcestershire), Sonny Baker (Somerset), Nathan Barnwell (Surrey), George Bell (Lancashire), Jacob Bethell (Warwickshire), Josh Boyden (Lancashire), Ben Cliff (Yorkshire), James Coles (Sussex), Harry Crawshaw (Durham), Alex Horton (Glamorgan), Dan Ibrahim (Sussex), Will Luxton (Yorkshire), Tom Prest (Hampshire), James Rew (Somerset), James Sales (Northamptonshire).



England Youth cricketers on their arrival at the Katunayake Air Port yesterday. (Pic courtesy SLC)

'Lewis Hamilton & Max Verstappen's title battle on a knife edge'

Lewis Hamilton's second win in succession, in a largely dreary Qatar Grand Prix, has left the Formula 1 championship battle on a knife-edge heading into the final two races of the season.

A comfortable win from a dominant pole position was Hamilton's seventh of the year and reduced the Mercedes driver's deficit to leader Max Verstappen of Red Bull to eight points.

Neither driver is in a comfortable position. Mercedes have been on the back foot for much of the season. But the trend line

of performance in the last three months favours them, and an eighth title is very much within Hamilton's grasp.

At the same time, though, the advantage still lies with Verstappen. He also drove superbly in Qatar, to fight back from a five-place grid penalty and finish second, and the Dutchman can clinch his first championship in Saudi Arabia in two weeks' time if results go his way. A win and fastest lap for Verstappen on the new Jeddah street circuit and Hamilton would need to finish fifth to keep the championship alive. **BBC**

Athletic TOECS level one course in progress



The participants and the officials of TOECS level one course: Seated from left: Erathai Arulampalam (course lecturer) PHD Waidyatilaka (course Director) Maj. Gen. Palitha Fernando (president SLA) Prema Pinnewale (Secretary General, SLA), GLS Perera (Vice, President SLA), Geetha Pathiranasam (Course lecturer). First row from left: PS Rangika Mahawatte, D. C Mahesh Welikala, S.Thirumaran, S.Sivaparan, T. Prasath, D.S.L Perera, S. Vasanthakumar, N. Sathesekumar, U.S.N Senaratne, E.D.K. Siriwardane. Second row from left: S. Mayuran, W.D.G.S.S. Kumara, J.Jayakanth, B. Pirathhepan, Colonel WKAS Priyanthala, Y. Sivakumar, T Thivakar, W.A.K.C Lakmal, K.T.M.B.R.Serasinghe, G.M.C. Kumarasiri de Silva, Major W.G. Ariyaseena.

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

More than twenty local athletic officials are taking part at the World Athletics Technical Officials Education and Certification System (TOECS) level one course which is now in progress at the National Institute of Sports Science (NISS) at Torrington Square.

The Vice President of Sri Lanka Athletics G.L.S Perera said "This is the highest level qualification technical officials course one can

locally achieve and it's conducted by Sri Lanka Athletics to cover important area.

The goal of the TOECS is to improve the level of athletics officiating all over the world.

The objective of the Level I course is to provide participants with the theoretical and practical training required to make them capable of officiating at national level competitions and at international competitions held within the country.

The participants who successfully complete the course will receive an IAAF Level I Officiating Certificate. Those participants whose examination marks meet the required standards are eligible to attend a Level II course.

SLA has organised this training course with the experienced course director P.H.D Waidyatilleka and two course lecturers Erathai Arunampalam and Geetha Pathiranasam helping SLA to conduct the course.

ICC launches strategy for Global Growth

The International Cricket Council today unveiled its global growth strategy which places women's cricket firmly at the heart of its long-term ambitions.

The strategy which has been developed in partnership with ICC Members is aimed at strengthening, growing, and protecting the game with the vision of more players, more fans and more nations enjoying cricket.

The strategic pillars of strengthen, grow, and protect will be underpinned by digital transformation of the sport to support Members to connect directly with fans and build capacity.

To strengthen the sport and drive greater engagement from what already exists, the ICC will deliver competitive cricket with

context for all Members, invest in and grow women's cricket, build cricket among Associate Members and deepen fans' connection through digital transformation, including the ongoing development of ICC.tv, the direct to fan platform and with the development of a mobile game.

To grow the sport through more people and more places, the ICC will focus on getting more people playing and engaging with cricket through its cricoo entry level programme and enhanced education programmes for coaches, officials, and curators.

Female participation will be prioritised as will key identified new markets to drive targeted growth, the first of which will be the USA. Olympic inclusion is also consid-

ered a central plank of growing cricket globally.

Protecting the integrity of the sport and inspiring trust among fans is the third pillar of the strategic framework. Providing an environment that is safe for all participants and brings to life the spirit of cricket will be a key area of focus along with the continued commitment to leading the way in delivering a corruption free sport. Additionally, the ICC Cricket 4 Good programme will be developed to harness the power of more than one billion fans to build a better future.

In addition to the framework, six strategic priority projects have been highlighted in the strategy as the sport looks to build and consolidate on recent success. ICC Chair Greg Barclay said: "This strategy is for

the whole sport, and it will enable us to strengthen what we currently have, particularly around the women's game and ensuring we're delivering competitive cricket with context for all our Members. It also provides us with the opportunity to look at growing the game and getting more people playing and engaging with cricket through new markets and Olympic inclusion.

"Finally, it identifies the importance of protecting the integrity of our game and inspiring trust among fans and using the power of cricket to build a better future. This framework is something on which the whole sport is aligned and I'm looking forward to working in partnership with our Members to create a successful and sustainable future for cricket." **ICC**

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JKH to raise USD 80 mn through Proposed Private Placement with ADB

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The Board of Directors of John Keells Holdings PLC (JKH) resolved to raise funds through a private placement for a maximum cumulative amount of the Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR) equivalent of USD 80 million to Asian Development Bank (ADB) through the issuance of up to a maximum of 122,500,000 new ordinary shares of the Company in two phases, collectively the "Proposed Private Placement", which will be a maximum post-issue dilution of 8.5%.

The Proposed Private Placement would be for an upfront issue of ordinary shares ("Initial Placement Shares") for an initial issue size of LKR equivalent of USD 50 million ("Phase 1"). At the time of issue of the Initial Placement

The number of shares to be issued at the John Keells Holdings PLC Private Placement will depend on the prevailing exchange rate, Deputy Group Chairman Gihan Cooray said yesterday.

The salient features of the Proposed Private Placement are. Investor: Asian Development Bank Phase 1: Issue Size LKR equivalent of USD 50 million and the Issue Price LKR 154.50 % premium compared to the 90-day volume weighted average price of LKR 141 per share, Cooray said.

Initial Placement Shares Number of

shares arrived at by dividing the LKR equivalent of USD 50 million by the Issue Price of LKR 154.50 per share. The current stated capital and number of ordinary shares in circulation of the Company is Rs. 63,121,732,310.83 and 1,319,776,451 ordinary shares, respectively.

The number of shares to be issued would depend on the exchange rate as at the date of subscription. For example, if the exchange rate of LKR 202/USD as of the date of this announcement, this will amount to 65,434,304 Initial Placement Shares resulting in a post-issue dilution of 4.7% in Phase 1.

The maximum number of Options to be issued will be in the ratio of 3 Options for every 5 Initial Placement Shares, subject to being within the threshold of the Total Placement Shares as stated below. For example, if the Initial Placement Shares is 65,434,304, ADB will be entitled to 39,260,583 Options, which if exercised in full will result in a further post-issue dilution of 2.8%, taking the total post-issue dilution to 7.3%.

Phase 2 (in the event Options are exercised): Issue Size LKR equivalent of up to USD 30 million (subject to the maximum number of shares to be issued to ADB as indicated below). Option Exercise Price Volume weight-

ed average price of the Company's ordinary shares as quoted on the CSE during the 90 calendar days ending immediately prior to the option exercise date. The Option Exercise Price is subject to a minimum of LKR 165 per share and maximum of LKR 200 per share. Option Exercise Period: The Options will be exercisable during a 3 month window post the completion of 9 months from the date of subscription of the Initial Placement Shares. This entitlement will expire 12 months from the date of subscription of the Initial Placement Shares.

Option Shares: Each Option will be convertible to one Option Share during the Exercise Period, subject to the Total Placement Shares being within the threshold, as stated below, which will not exceed a post-issue dilution cap of 8.5%. The number of Option Shares will also be capped at a total ADB investment not exceeding USD 30 million which would be converted to LKR at the prevailing exchange rate at the time the Options are exercised.

The Proposed Private Placement



Deputy Group Chairman
Gihan Cooray

with both phases (in the event Options are fully exercised): Total Placement Shares: Up to a maximum of 122,500,000 new fully paid ordinary shares to be issued by the Company under Phase 1 and Phase 2, collectively. Both Initial Placement Shares and Option Shares will rank Pari Passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Company.

Maximum Post Issue

Dilution: Up to a maximum dilution of 8.5% post issue of ordinary shares under Phase 1 and Phase 2, collectively. The flexibility to issue shares up to a maximum of 122,500,000 shares is due to the Issue Size being dependent on the exchange rate prevailing at the time of subscription under both phases, and the Option Exercise Price being variable (within the range of LKR 165.00 and LKR 200.00) at the time of exercise under Phase 2.

The proceeds from this transaction will be utilised for the purpose of corporate level balance sheet support towards funding its investments in the "Keells" Supermarket business which includes the long-term outlet expansion

plan including construction and equipment, start-up expenses and the construction and equipping of the supporting logistics infrastructure to facilitate this.

Further, the Proposed Private Placement will afford the Group the flexibility and agility to fund its investments in an optimal manner, whilst providing additional support to the Group's liquidity position, particularly in terms of providing further leeway to manage the foreign currency commitments of the Group's landmark projects such as the 'Cinnamon Life' integrated resort and the West Container Terminal in the Port of Colombo. In addition, given ADB's investment mandate pursuant to which private sector projects must have clear development impacts and positive externalities, particularly in environmental, social and governance ("ESG") aspects, JKH will leverage on ADB's technical expertise and advisory to enhance and further strengthen the Group's existing ESG processes and frameworks to reach best in class benchmarks.

The Group believes that partnering with an internationally reputed financial institution such as the ADB, particularly at this juncture of time, is a vote of confidence in both the JKH Group and Sri Lanka, Cooray said.

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CBSL promotes 4 as Assistant Governors



The Central Bank Monetary Board, at its last meeting has promoted K G P Sirikumara, D Kumaratunge, U L Muthugala, and C P S Bandara to the post of Assistant Governor with effect from November 17, 2021.

Sirikumara has served the Central Bank for more than 21 years in different capacities in the Departments of Legal and Compliance and Secretariat.

Kumaratunge has over 30 years of experience in the Central Bank and has worked in the Departments of Economic Research, Centre for Banking Studies, Information Technology, and Management Audit in different capacities before serving as the Director of Payments and Settlements Department from 2016.

Muthugala has served the Central Bank for more than 30 years in the Departments of Secretariat, Finance, Bank Supervision, Public Debt, International Operations, Internal Audit, Financial System Stability, and Supervision of Non-Bank Financial Institutions in different capacities. She has functioned as the Chief Accountant as well as the Secretary of the CBSL.

C P S Bandara has over 24 years of experience at the Central Bank in the areas of financial system stability, economic and price stability, corporate services, agency functions, business continuity planning, enterprise-wide risk management and strategic planning.

Sri Lankan gems promoted in Russia

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The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Moscow in collaboration with the National Gem and Jewellery Authority of Sri Lanka and the Russian Club of Jewellery Trade organized a B2B virtual meeting between the Sri Lankan Gem and Jewellery exporters and Russian Jewellery companies last week.

The objective was to promote Sri Lankan precious stones in Russia, official sources told the Daily News Business. The virtual B2B promotion was attended by around 35 Russian Jewellery trading and manufacturing companies and aroused keen interest in the Sri Lankan gem and jewellery industry.

During the virtual meeting,

Assistant Director of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority Ayoma Dias provided a comprehensive overview of the Sri Lankan gem and jewellery industry including the unique wealth of precious stones in the country and opportunities for enhanced cooperation in the sector. In addition, representatives of Sapphire Capital Group and Sapphire Cutters Ltd, Regal Gems, Punsiri Gems and Priyanta Gems presented product portfolios and the services extended by their companies.

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Russian Federation Prof. Janitha A. Liyanage highlighted



the importance of the virtual event for the development of collaborations in the gem and jewellery sectors of the two countries particularly in the backdrop where physical interactions have been constrained owing to the current pandemic situation.

The Club Russian Jewellery Trade is the largest association of specialists in the industry not only for wholesale and retail trade, but also for manufacturing enterprises interested in the formation of modern market mechanisms and the development of business cooperation in jewellery.

C W Mackie pays Rs. 251.92 mn dividends

C W Mackie PLC, a highly diversified publicly listed trading company in the country, has paid a first and final dividend of Rs.7 per share (dividend payout 89%) amounting to Rs. 251.92 million out of the profits for the year ended March 31, 2021, which was approved by the shareholders at the virtual Annual General Meeting held recently.

The Company, amid numerous business disruptions and challenges by the COVID-19 pandemic, recorded an impressive profit for the period ended March 31, 2021, which, after charging income tax expense of Rs.120.8 million, was Rs.284.5 million. This is one of the best financial performances posted by the Group in recent years, primarily due to the outstanding contributions made by the Fast Moving Consumer Goods Cluster (FMCG) and the Industrial Product Cluster (IPC).

The performance of the Industrial Product Cluster (IPC), which comprises light industrial products, electrodes, and refrigeration and air-conditioning components, marine paints, has been of great promise during the reporting period. IPC, one of the fastest-growing business clusters in the Group, contributed more than one-third of the Company's earnings before interest and tax (EBIT).

As further elaborated in the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer's review of the Annual Report 2020/21, the management of IPC is highly optimistic of the future business potential of this cluster in the backdrop of the mega construction projects and other associated construction activities forecast by the Government of Sri Lanka, in particular, the much-publicized Colombo Port City developments.



Aeroflot-Russian Airlines resumes flights to Colombo from Moscow

Aeroflot Airlines has recommenced its flight operations to Colombo from Moscow with a flight frequency of 2 flights a week between Moscow and Colombo. The first flight, (SU284) with a total number of 240 passengers arrived at 10.50 hrs at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) on November 21, 2021.

Aeroflot-Russian Airlines will initially operate flights every Friday and Sunday and it will increase the frequency up to five times a week in the near future.

Aeroflot-Russian Airlines is the oldest international airline that operated international flights to Colombo and it has been operating the Moscow-Colombo route since 1964.

Aeroflot had to stop operations to

Colombo in 2020 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. This route development will boost the tourism industry in Sri Lanka especially in the post-pandemic period. Russia has been one of the most reliable and friendly destinations for Sri Lanka to attract tourists and for many decades Russian inbound tourism has been showing its great potential as an important source market for the development of the travel and tourism industry in Sri Lanka. On the other hand, Sri Lanka is steadily becoming one of the emerging popular destinations for Russian tourists. Therefore, the recommencement of the Aeroflot airlines to Sri Lanka will immensely contribute to the booming aviation, travel, and tourism industry in Sri Lanka.

Steps needed to prevent women dropping out from workforce

Over 40% of the Sri Lanka women workforce drop out after marriage or after having children and steps should be taken to reduce this, said Co-Founder and Chief Executive of zMessenger Jayomi Lokuliyana.

She was addressing the 'creating a smart village for progressive economy' event hosted by the Sarvodaya Development Finance (SDP) to open a dialogue with business leaders to explore the smart village concept to enable business growth and thereby, create a shared economic ecosystem in the country.

She said that the people who register a new business also need guidance but sadly it's not available in Sri Lanka which leads to many business



Channa De Silva, Janaki Kuruppu and other officials at the event.

collapses and other issues. "In contrast when you register a business in the State of Victoria in Australia a dedicated uni set up to promote busi-

ness will contact the new business holder and immediately create a business portal free of charge. In addition step by step training and guidance

and marketing are offered FREE to the entrepreneur to ensure that the business progresses and reaches up to the next level."

This dedicated institution will also assist the new business to be placed on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and others. Commenting on the Sri Lankan scenario she said that when the business is registered he or she is just let to swim in deep waters and all do not survive.

She also said that in Sri Lanka most of the novel systems such as Tele Medicine should go to the villages but this too is happening at a very slow pace. Chairman, Sarvodaya Development Finance Channa De

Silva said that they too want more village entrepreneurs to reach the next level and are engaged in a series of projects to support them to raise capital through the Empower Board of the Colombo Stock Exchange and further assist them to move to the higher Board. Former Tea Board Chairman and Founder Chairperson, Mother Sri Lanka Janaki Kuruppu said that her foundation wants to create 50 top rural women entrepreneurs in five years. "I also oppose giving handouts to women as then they tend to depend on it." She also said it's still the middle man in the value chain that makes the biggest profits and steps should be taken to create a 'digital middle man'. (SS)

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Table of market statistics for the Colombo Stock Exchange as of 22.11.2021. Includes columns for Security, Volume, V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, and Change (Rs.).

Market Statistics on 22.11.2021

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COCONUTS

Coconut Products - Prices on 22.11.2021

Table of coconut product prices on 22.11.2021. Lists various coconut products like Fresh Coconut, Copra, Desiccated Coconut, Coconut Oil, and Coconut Husks with their respective prices and units.

EXCHANGE RATES

Table of exchange rates for 2021.11.22, showing rates for various countries and currencies like Australian Dollar, Canadian Dollar, Chinese Yuan, etc.

Text explaining the average exchange rates of GULF Currencies based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the USS are as follows.

Table showing the Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowest Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 19-Nov-2021.

Text explaining the Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of October - 2021.

Lanka Hospitals delivers 1400th IVF baby

Article text describing the achievement of Lanka Hospitals in delivering 1400th IVF baby, highlighting the facility's commitment to reproductive health.

Text discussing fertility treatments, specifically mentioning ICSI treatment and its high success rates.

Text mentioning the role of fertility specialists and the importance of choosing a reliable center like Lanka Hospitals for IVF procedures.

StartupX Foundry and LAN launch knowledge sharing platform

Sri Lankan tech startup incubator and accelerator StartupX Foundry recently launched its entrepreneurship initiative, "Vywasayakayanta Athwelak," a knowledge sharing platform that aims to bridge the gap in entrepreneurial knowledge pertaining to startups, particularly in under-served communities to both guide and encourage rural entrepreneurship. The program has been initiated with support from StartupX Foundry's local ecosystem partners, the Lankan Angel Network (LAN) and Ford Foundation.

LAN CEO Chalinda Abeykoon stated, "Not all entrepreneurs are cut from the same cloth. Irrespective of which part of the country they come from, they all had similar questions. They all faced similar challenges when it comes to growing their startup."

Featuring over 40 panellists, with over 20 hours of video content, the topics addressed include personal traits of successful entrepreneurs, idea generation and business models, financial modelling, essentials of legal aspects, branding, product management and managing intellectual property. Topics such as how to tap into the support and funding available for startups through government entities are also addressed. The episodes feature speakers from ICTA, EDB and LAN along with success stories and lessons learned from multiple local entrepreneurs. To facilitate its access among the widest audience possible, "Vywasayakayanta Athwelak" will offer all videos with English and Tamil subtitles.

StartupX Foundry Founder Mano Sekaram



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LAN CEO Chalinda Abeykoon

stated, "Encouraging rural entrepreneurship is key to see us prosper as a nation. Entrepreneurs are special, they can identify and respond to opportunities even in the toughest of times. I believe this video series will educate and support them to be successful in their journey."

StartupX Foundry is a tech startup catalyst dedicated to honing Sri Lankan technological ventures with potential and taking them from inspiration to exit – and vitally, helping them reach the global marketplace. It is powered by a dynamic ecosystem of both local and international talent, investors and startup personalities to provide the

tools necessary to take an idea, forge it into a viable product or service and take it to market. Award winning digital products incubated at StartupX Foundry include Tracified, a blockchain enabled traceability platform, and the learning experience platform Maturify.

The Ford Foundation is an independent, non-profit grant-making organisation. For more than 80 years it has worked with courageous people on the frontlines of social change worldwide, guided by its mission to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement.

Serum likely to start vaccine supplies to Covax this week

Eight months after the government imposed a hold on all major exports of Covid-19 vaccines, Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) is likely to start supplying Covishield this week to the Covax international vaccine facility, people in the know told ET.

The company is expected to supply 25 million doses to the Covax facility led by the Gavi vaccine alliance, World Health Organization and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations till the end of December, the people said.

India had suspended exports of Covid vaccines at the beginning of the second wave of the pandemic. In September, health minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced resumption of the shipments of vaccines to the Covax programme.

In an interview to ET in October, SII chief executive Adar Poonawalla said that large exports would start from January, whereas small exports would start soon.

"I think January onwards there will be large exports to Covax because by then India will have more than enough vaccines. Already, there is more stock than what we are vaccinating. So, we will be in a very good situation. Combine that with the fact that other Indian

vaccine manufacturers are also scaling up," he told ET.

"The company has been sent the schedule for this month and will start supplying this week," one of the people with knowledge of the plan said. The Covax facility was created last year to ensure Covid vaccines are made available around the world, with richer countries subsidising costs for poorer nations. The scheme hoped to distribute enough vaccines to protect at least 20% of the population in 92 low- or medium-income countries.

Its initial goal was to provide 2 billion doses of vaccines worldwide in 2021, and 1.8 billion doses to 92 poor countries by early 2022.

SII supplied to Covax till infections started surging in March in India, when it had to suspend all major exports. (www.indiatimes.com)



Online Learning in Higher Education Institutes Post C-19



DR. THESARA JAYAWARDANE

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) affected many industries over the past 18 months and a significant impact of Covid-19 pandemic was observed in the Higher Education sector.

Academics of Universities and higher education institutes came across a new challenge of teaching on-line instead of the normal physical face-to-face lecturing. The sudden move to virtual teaching and learning was initially considered as a stressful and impractical method by both the faculty staff and the students.

Many academics who already found it difficult to manage time for teaching, administrative work and research with their personal commitments found the newly introduced virtual mode as a struggle.

Everywhere around the world the schools were shut as a result of Covid-19 and 1.2 billion students of nearly 190 countries were at stuck at home. The only option remained as online learning where teaching was done on digital platforms mediated by the internet.

Similar mode was adopted by the higher education sector in order to ensure the ongoing curriculums of the tertiary students. Many of the academics had no prior experience with teaching virtually and the difficulties arose with holding practical or lab instructions, conducting assessments and organizing large classes.

Many students have claimed that online learning helps them with retaining subject matters more in comparison to normal learning mode. In spite of many unfavourable factors associated with virtual learning many students have admitted to the convenience and efficiency it has generated. Thus, many academics have come to believe that the online learning would be a continuing progression post-Covid-19.

Inception

The introduction of online learning goes all the way back to 1960 and therefore it is certainly not considered a novel theme. Even prior to C-19, many educational platforms and applications were developed and used by students and academics alike. Some of these include video conferencing software, virtual lecturing programmes, languages translating and online learning applications.

Many were skeptical about the virtual teaching at the beginning of Covid-19 as it was a sudden transition to a whole new mode of teaching and learning with no introduction or adjustment time for academics and students both. The technical issues faced with insuffi-

cient network coverage and bandwidth meant it was expected to provide a poor participation and unsatisfactory experience for both parties. In spite of that, some academics strongly believed that this new mode would be an inspiration to emerge a new hybrid model of education which will bring about remarkable benefits.

Many universities around the world have implemented the virtual teaching techniques and in London, the Imperial College started an inaugural course called 'science of corona virus', which became the most enrolled online class launched in the year 2020. Many academics have praised the online teaching mode and have claimed it has allowed them to connect with the students faster using various chat groups and video conferences.

Similarly students have said they have found it easier to communicate with their lecturers virtually and, many academics have decided to continue with traditional lecturing and online teaching in a hybrid mode in the future.

Challenges

Many challenges have been encountered with virtual teaching and learning. Main obstacle students have faced is the lack of reliable internet facilities. Digital learning and technology walks hand-in-hand and this means the students who struggle with the location, network or mere financial abilities will be put in a disadvantaged position.

In many developed countries 95% of their students possess a personal laptop but in South Asia not even 30% have access to a personal computer at home. Governments and schools of countries such as Australia and New Zealand provide digital equipment for under-privileged students to pursue their education but it is not a facility that can be afforded by the Sri Lankan government.

Benefits

If the accessibility and facilities are present, online learning can be far more effective than the traditional methods. Findings of a recent research has identified that tertiary students tend to recollect up to 60% of the information when taught online which is significantly higher to a normal class room memory retention of 10%.



The key reason would be that the new generation is more tech-savvy and enjoys the digital platform naturally, which makes virtual learning easier and faster for them. Most of the online courses provide the students the ability to re-listen to the lectures, skip or accelerate areas and read the materials in their own time which allows their learning speed to be their own individual pace.

Even though the primary and secondary students require a structured environment in learning, higher educational institutes possess the luxury of having older or adult students who can be educated in a flexible learning environment.

The responsibility lies up on the module coordinators and academic staff to recreate the structural classroom virtually, and with the use of technological tools such as teleconferencing replicate a physical lecture room atmosphere. Students absorb knowledge with the use of their sensory learning skills and especially during practical and experimental lessons the use of

such technological tools are crucial to demonstrate the material.

Drawbacks

The disadvantages of online learning can be identified for both the students and the academics. The main complaint of the students is the lack of social life and human interaction. Many claim to even have a psychological effect from lack of socializing.

Students have also felt that the in-class encouragement and personal attention and assistance provided by the staff are missing during the online teaching. Most of the students feel only a very talkative and forward group of students benefit from the virtual discussions, as some students are uncomfortable with expressing ideas during the online classes.

A majority of the students complain about lack of access to internet and online facilities as well as the inadequacy of compute applications and hardware. Many students have observed that they depend up on power point presentations significantly more than taking notes which limits their learning skills. Similarly students admit to memorizing the virtually uploaded information than critical thinking and group discussions.

Students have also claimed to lose their concentration during lectures due to the repetitive nature of online learning. Students have also experienced less academic productivity due to the inadequate familiarity with using virtual libraries.

Academic staff has also listed many disadvantages. The main concern was the minimal experience the lecturers possessed in online teaching. The lack of technological knowledge and the ability to use new digital platforms and applications was considered as a main drawback.

Many lecturers found that the limited or almost none existent training on virtual teaching was an obstacle especially when facing students via video conferencing and conducting lectures from home. Academics also claimed to have minimal control of maintaining student attention online and answering questions raised in various modes in the digital platforms.

Many academics found the virtual assessment system to be not as effective as the normal in person examinations and claimed the student

performances were not objectively evaluated. Most of the lecturers were doubtful whether the knowledge sharing was effective and were mostly concerned about the effectiveness of the laboratory and practical sessions.

Some of the academics were pessimistic about adapting to a hybrid or a fully virtual teaching mode in the future. Almost all of the academics agreed that lack of physical interaction with the student and inability to socialise was a major disadvantage of online teaching.

Way-forward

Virtual learning was a challenge to both students and the academics when it was suddenly implemented due to Covid-19 lock down. The positive approach of the lecturers and the quick adaptability of the students in response are highly commendable. One of the very few gains of Covid-19 is the transformation of traditional teaching from monotonous rote learning of students to encouraging them to become critical thinking and self-discovering individuals through virtual teaching. This will benefit students in determining their future success.

Post Covid-19 effects will bring many changes in the Higher Education sector and a major transformation will be on how the student learns. The traditional teaching will revolutionise in to empowering the student to practice proficiency-based learning which will impose many new skills and unique talents upon the student.

Virtual learning would encourage students to follow their passions and identify the fields of their competencies. Students will become more independent and start developing strong leadership traits.

The most beneficial change that will take place with online teaching is the ability for students to participate in many challenging courses irrespective of the location they are based in.

It is evident that hybrid form of teaching with a combination of traditional and virtual mode would develop eventually in higher education institutes. The digital divide has to be eliminated and all the students should be given equal access to internet and data facilities as well as computer and digital equipment.

Conclusion

Many academics around the globe have agreed that online teaching will evolve and generate the most effective methods of educating tertiary students in the future. Most universities have already executed the virtual learning as a part of the 'new normal' way of tertiary education. Many innovations have been originated post major world disasters. E-commerce is such an example which was instigated after SARS disease.

E-learning or online teaching can become one such post Covid-19 revolution we might experience. The pandemic has taught us the similarities we share as different nations in this borderless world. The most important common obstacle every country faced was the continuation of education and the requirement to teach students without disruptions.

If with the use of emerging technology a common platform and a mutual teaching approach can be created and adapted, that would bring unity, harmony and numerous opportunities for higher education sector worldwide.

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COLOMBO BRANCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021



INCOME STATEMENT

	For the Nine months ended		For the quarter ended	
	30.09.21	30.09.20	30.09.21	30.09.20
	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000
Interest income	1,504,658	1,220,544	516,174	394,384
Interest expenses	592,909	428,790	228,962	141,930
Net interest income	911,749	791,754	287,213	252,454
Fee and commission income	110,925	65,041	28,450	15,871
Fee and commission expenses	3,162	706	1,272	337
Net fee and commission income	107,763	64,335	27,178	15,534
Net gain/(loss) from trading	1,549	-	143	-
Net fair value gains/(losses) from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-
Net gains/(losses) from derecognition of financial assets	-	-	-	-
Net other operating income	25,329	5,730	14,585	8,873
Total operating income	1,046,391	861,819	329,118	276,861
Impairment charges	(54,109)	68,582	(11,157)	(110,001)
Net operating income	1,100,500	793,237	340,275	386,862
Personnel expenses	369,283	311,484	132,124	99,626
Depreciation and amortization expenses	277,095	252,024	88,636	138,380
Other expenses	219,345	201,436	79,991	79,993
Operating profit before taxes on financial services	234,777	28,293	39,525	68,863
Value Added Tax (VAT) on financial services	72,217	43,162	18,945	20,040
Operating profit after taxes on financial services	162,560	(14,869)	20,580	48,823
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Profit before tax	162,560	(14,869)	20,580	48,823
Income tax expenses	42,213	50,161	(17,422)	9,060
Profit for the period	120,347	(65,030)	38,002	39,763

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the Nine months ended		For the quarter ended	
	30.09.21	30.09.20	30.09.21	30.09.20
	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000
Profit for the period	120,347	(65,030)	38,002	39,763
Items that will be reclassified to income statement instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	212	-	(4,470)
Items that will not be reclassified to income statement	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of taxes	-	212	-	(4,470)
Total comprehensive income for the period	120,347	(64,818)	38,002	35,293

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY MEASUREMENT BASIS

As at 30 September 2021	Financial Assets/ Liabilities measured at Amortised Cost	Financial Assets/ Liabilities measured at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	Financial Assets/ Liabilities measured at Fair value through Other Comprehensive Income	Total
	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	43,579,465	-	-	43,579,465
Balance with Central banks	24,379,340	-	-	24,379,340
Placements with banks	1,218,355	-	-	1,218,355
Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	13,130	13,130
Financial Assets at amortised cost-Loans and Advances to Customers	16,016,065	-	-	16,016,065
Total financial Assets	85,193,224	-	13,130	85,206,355
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks	17,093,019	-	-	17,093,019
Due to depositors	55,148,592	-	-	55,148,592
Total Financial Liabilities	72,241,611	-	-	72,241,611

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY MEASUREMENT BASIS

As at 31 December 2020	Financial Assets/ Liabilities measured at Amortised Cost	Financial Assets/ Liabilities measured at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	Financial Assets/ Liabilities measured at Fair value through Other Comprehensive Income	Total
	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	24,419,360	-	-	24,419,360
Balance with Central banks	4,419,793	-	-	4,419,793
Placements with banks	5,561,118	-	-	5,561,118
Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	13,130	13,130
Financial Assets at amortised cost-Loans and Advances to Customers	6,518,739	-	-	6,518,739
Financial Assets at amortised cost-Other Financial Instruments	7,267,193	-	-	7,267,193
Total financial Assets	48,186,203	-	13,130	48,199,333
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks	18,322,821	-	-	18,322,821
Due to depositors	17,421,090	-	-	17,421,090
Total Financial Liabilities	35,743,911	-	-	35,743,911

ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS

As at	30.09.2021	31.12.2020
	LKR '000	LKR '000
By product - Domestic Currency		
Demand Deposits (Current Accounts)	1,617,979	2,724,934
Savings Deposits	500,459	143,391
Time Deposits	13,575,903	914,403
Margin Accounts	30	-
Sub Total	15,694,371	3,782,727
By product - Foreign Currency		
Demand Deposits (Current Accounts)	666,019	1,910,116
Savings Deposits	13,335,469	2,378,002
Time Deposits	8,570,061	9,343,133
Margin Accounts	101,101	-
Others	16,781,572	7,111
Sub Total	39,454,221	13,638,363
Total	55,148,592	17,421,090

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at	30-Sep-21	31-Dec-20
	LKR '000	LKR '000
		(Audited)
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	43,579,465	24,419,360
Balances with central banks	24,379,340	4,419,793
Placements with banks	1,218,355	5,561,118
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	13,130	13,130
Financial Assets at amortised cost -Loans and Advances to Customers	16,016,065	6,518,739
Financial Assets at amortised cost -Other Financial Instruments	-	7,267,193
Property, plant and equipment and Right-to-Use Asset	2,036,990	2,330,846
Intangible assets	7,959	9,336
Deferred tax assets	39,996	38,244
Other assets	100,767	82,021
Total assets	87,392,066	50,659,780
Liabilities		
Due to banks	17,093,019	18,322,821
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - due to depositors	55,148,592	17,421,090
Current tax liabilities	65,382	32,946
Other liabilities	2,430,039	2,341,630
Total liabilities	74,737,032	38,118,487
Equity		
Assigned Capital	12,368,000	12,368,000
Statutory reserve Fund	19,422	19,422
Fair Value Reserve	573	573
Retained Earnings	267,039	153,298
Total equity	12,655,034	12,541,293
Total equity and liabilities	87,392,066	50,659,780
Contingent liabilities and commitments	22,319,978	14,193,676
Memorandum Information		
Number of Employees	45	42

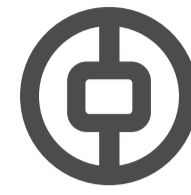
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the nine months ended,	30-Sep-21	30-Sep-20
	LKR '000	LKR '000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Interest receipts	1,504,658	1,220,544
Interest payments	(560,801)	(395,430)
Net commission receipts	107,763	65,041
Payments to employees	(363,574)	(311,484)
Payments on other operating activities	(219,345)	(198,708)
Operating profit before change in operating assets & liabilities	468,701	379,963
Increase / Decrease in operating assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost – loans & advances	(9,497,326)	(2,593,999)
Financial assets at amortised cost – other	7,267,193	(7,167,079)
Other assets	7,813	158,742
Financial assets measured at fair value through OCI	-	(103,584)
Increase in operating liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost – due to depositors	37,727,502	11,902,780
Other liabilities	137,647	(131,850)
Net cash generated from operating activities before income tax	36,111,531	2,444,973
Income tax paid	(11,529)	(51,425)
Other Tax Paid	(69,729)	(41,404)
Net cash from operating activities	36,030,273	2,352,144
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(6,409)	(152,029)
Placements with other banks	4,342,763	-
Dividends received from investment	319	-
Purchase of financial investment	-	14,614,028
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	4,336,673	14,461,999
Cash flows from financing activities		
Borrowings from Banks	(1,229,802)	(8,172,656)
Lease Payment	(87,567)	-
Net cash (used in) / from financing activities	(1,317,369)	(8,172,656)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	39,049,577	8,641,487
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	28,909,228	16,811,338
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	67,958,805	25,452,825
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		
Cash and cash equivalents	43,579,465	18,718,422
Statutory Deposit with Central Bank of Sri Lanka (SDF)	24,379,340	6,734,403
	67,958,805	25,452,825

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Assigned Capital	Statutory Reserve Fund	Reserves		Total Equity
			Fair Value Reserve	Retained Earnings	
	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000	LKR '000
Balance as at 01/01/2020 - Audited	12,368,000	19,422	573	369,010	12,757,005
Total Comprehensive Income for the period					
Profit for the period (Net of Tax)	-	-	-	(65,030)	(65,030)
Other Comprehensive Income (Net of Tax)	-	-	212	-	212
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	-	-	212	(65,030)	(64,818)
Transactions with Equity Holders, recognised directly in Equity					
Others	-	-	-	(630)	(630)
Total Transactions with Equity Holders	-	-	-	(630)	(630)
Balance as at 30/09/2020	12,368,000	19,422	785	303,350	12,691,557
Balance as at 31/12/2020 - Audited	12,368,000	19,422	573	153,298	12,541,293
Total Comprehensive Income for the period					
Profit for the period (Net of Tax)	-	-	-	120,347	120,347
Other Comprehensive Income (Net of Tax)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	-	-	-	120,347	120,347
Transactions with Equity Holders, recognised directly in Equity					
Others	-	-	-	(6,606)	(6,606)
Total Transactions with Equity Holders	-	-	-	(6,606)	(6,606)
Balance as at 30/09/2021	12,368,000	19,422	573	267,039	12,655,034

BANK OF CHINA LIMITED COLOMBO BRANCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021



中國銀行
BANK OF CHINA

ANALYSIS OF LOANS & ADVANCES TO OTHER CUSTOMERS AND IMPAIRMENT

As at	30.09.2021 LKR'000	31.12.2020 LKR'000
Gross Loans and Advances to Other Customers	16,070,023	6,532,563
Less - Accumulated Impairment under Stage 1	53,959	13,824
Net Value of loans and advances to other customers	16,016,065	6,518,739
Gross Loans and Advances to other customers		
By product- Domestic Currency		
Wholesale loan	3,053,642	3,938,145
	3,053,642	3,938,145
By product- Foreign Currency		
Term loan	13,016,381	2,594,418
	13,016,381	2,594,418
Gross Loans and Advances to other customers	16,070,023	6,532,563
Movement of Impairment during the period Under Stage 1		
Balance as at January 1,	13,824	-
Charge to the Income Statement	39,936	13,824
Exchange rate variance on foreign currency provisions	199	-
Balance as at 30 September/31 December	53,959	13,824
As at	30.09.2021 LKR'000	31.12.2020 LKR'000
Gross Commitments and Contingencies	22,319,978	14,193,676
Impairment on commitments and contingencies		
Accumulated Impairment under Stage 1	11,842	8,502
Total Impairment	11,842	8,502
Gross Commitments and Contingencies		
By product-Rupee		
Guarantees	8,604,396	6,903,297
Documentary Credits	44,065	-
By product-Foreign currency		
Guarantees	13,474,516	7,273,052
Documentary Credits	151,118	17,328
Foreign Exchange Contracts	20,105	-
Acceptances	25,775	-
Others	4	-
Total	22,319,978	14,193,676
Movement of Impairment during the period Under Stage 1		
Balance as at January 1,	8,502	6,379
Charge to the Income Statement	2,989	2,092
Exchange rate variance on foreign currency provisions	351	31
Balance as at 30 September/31 December	11,842	8,502

SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Item	As at 30.09.2021	As at 31.12.2020
Regulatory Capital Adequacy (LKR in Millions)		
Common Equity Teir 1	3,906	12,493
Core (Teir 1) Capital	3,906	12,493
Total capital Base	3,991	12,623
Regulatory Capital Ratio (%)		
Common Equity Teir 1 Capital (%) (Minimum requirement - 7%)	17.03	83.37
Core (Teir 1) Capital (%) (Minimum requirement - 8.5%)	17.03	83.37
Total capital Base (%) (Minimum requirement - 12.5%)	17.40	84.23
Regulatory Liquidity		
Statutory Liquid Assets		
- Domestic banking unit (LKR in Millions)	26,830	11,856
- Off-Shore Banking Unit (USD in Millions)	175	78
Statutory Liquid Assets (%) (Minimum requirement - 20%)		
- Domestic banking unit (%)	113.39	111.56
- Off-Shore Banking Unit (%)	83.42	88.82
Total Stock of High - Quality liquid Assets (LKR in millions)	23,803.54	11,744.00
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (%) (Minimum Requirement - 2021 - 100%, 2020 - 90%),		
Rupee (%)	377.00	776.00
All currency (%)	435.60	271.90
Assets Quality		
Impaired Loans (Stage 03) Ratio (%)	Nil	Nil
Impairment (Stage 03) to Stage 03 Loans Ratio (%)	Nil	Nil
Profitability		
Interest Margin (%)	2.14%	3.65
Return on Assets (before Tax) (%)	0.31%	-
Return on Equity (%)	1.27%	-

Explanatory Notes

- 1) Bank of China Limited Sri Lanka Branch ("Bank") is a licensed commercial bank established under the Banking Act No 30 of 1988. It is a foreign branch of Bank of China Limited, which is incorporated in Peoples Republic of China. The registered office of the Bank is located at No.01 Fuxingmeng Nei Dajie, Beijing, China. The Branch was incorporated on 4th October 2017 and obtained the license of Central Bank of Sri Lanka on 12th March 2018.
- 2) The financial statements of the Bank have been prepared in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards comprising SLFRS and LKAS as issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

CERTIFICATION:

We, the undersigned, being the Country Manager and the Assistant Country Manager of Bank of China, Colombo Branch jointly certify that:

- (a) the above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
- (b) the information contained in these statements have been extracted from the audited financial statements of the bank.

Wang Chuan
(Sgd.) Country Manger
19th Nov. 2021

Yang Lixin
(Sgd.) Assistant Country Manager
19th Nov. 2021

SLT-MOBITEL gifts 'Fibre Triple Play' subscribers with PEOTV Packages

Enabling smart technology and enhancing user entertainment experience, SLT-MOBITEL, the National Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Solutions Provider is gifting customers who subscribe to the new 'SLT-Mobitel Fibre Triple Play' service in November with promotional SLT-Mobitel PEO TV packages ranging from 'PEO Family' upwards, a valuable 'TeDiSmart IR Blaster' smart device.

The powerful TeDiSmart IR Blaster smart device offered absolutely free-of-charge, is through a collaboration with The Connection Workshop. Available at SLT-MOBITEL e-Teleshop, the



TeDiSmart IR Blaster for retail buyers.

The TeDiSmart IR Blaster powered by Tuya, is a compact smart remote controlerto activate home appliances from anywhere at any time. The portable and handy device enables customers to control and operate air conditioners, TVs, fans, DVD players, set-top boxes and more. The remote controller is supported through the 'TeDiSmart' app (IOS and Android).

The 'SLT-Mobitel Fibre Triple Play' service offers three unique experiences via best-in-quality telephone connections through voice capabilities, uninterrupted high-speed broadband connectivity and personalized entertainment with SLT-Mobitel PEO TV with High Definition capability.

This unbeatable offer is only for the first 100 customers who meet the eligible criteria and the gift will be couriered to the selected customers at the end of promotion. Subscribe to the superior SLT-Mobitel Fibre Triple Play connection with the premium PEO TV packages and be among the first customers to receive the free TeDiSmart IR Blaster.

e-wis specializes in computer manufacture and assembly

With the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to the country's economy becoming evident, the real value of local entrepreneurs is beginning to get highlighted.

With the government taking strict measures to control imports to limit the currency outflow, products and services generated within the country are beginning to receive more and more value and recognition.

e-wis, a major player and a highly reputed name in Sri Lanka's software industry for over 35 years since 1986, has already made their presence felt in this regard.

With the launch of computer assembly within the country, it has come a long way since they started operations in 2013. e-wis specializes in computer assembly and manufacturing. The company is one of the lead-

ing computer technology giants. One of the main reasons for this reputation is the high quality of e-wis' factory-made computers and other devices. As a result, e-wis has received a number of accolades and certifications. At present most of the government institutions, schools, universities and banks in Sri Lanka as well as many private companies and banks also use e-wis computers.

To cater this growing demand, e-wis has launched a programme to make their computers easily accessible to the average Sri Lankan consumer. Partnering with world-renowned Intel company as its technology Partner and Microsoft as the software partner e-wis has boosted their production output to a high standard to

fulfil the needs of the buyers.

e-wis has provided the opportunity to purchase any e-wis product online via their website <https://buyewis.lk> and the products will be delivered to your doorstep. The University of Moratuwa is looking after e-wis' R&D standards to make sure the best products and services will be presented to the company's trustworthy clientele.

The Group Chairman and CEO of e-wis is Sanjeewa Wickramanayake, a renowned computer mastermind with nearly three decades of experience in the local computer industry.

e-wis computers and accessories are manufactured at the company's high-tech plant - spread over two acres in Sooriyawewain Hambantota in accordance



with the highest international standards while preserving the Sri Lankan identity. e-wis' world-class quality, unparalleled after-sales services network across the country has made it one of

the most sought-after tech brands over the past 8 years, making a huge contribution to the development of the country by stopping the country's money flowing abroad.

ESOFT, Virtusa inks MoU to build future IT workforce

ESOFT Metro Campus entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Virtusa Corporation on November 8, to collaborate in facilitating ESOFT students and developing the next generation of IT workforce of Sri Lanka in technology and innovation.

The partnership with Virtusa Corporation is one of the latest initiatives of the ESOFT Industry Partnership Programme, which is designed to optimize synergies among the industry partners and ESOFT in regard to entry-level talent acquisition (Internship/ Training), employer brand building, knowledge sharing, corporate brand building, special projects, incubation/entrepreneurship development and talent acquisition of fresh graduates.

Therefore, this serves as a bridge to the cooperate world and would help to inculcate and develop the



Dr Dayan Rajapakse, Chairman and Managing Director of ESOFT Group and Sampath Thirimavithana, Head of HR of Virtusa Corporation, witnessed by **Nishan Sembattiaratchy CEO of ESOFT Metro Campus, Misnad Haque, Senior Director of Virtusa Corporation, Kapila Karunaratna, Associate Director of Virtusa Corporation, Chamith Wijesundara, Architect of Virtusa Corporation, Asela Fernando, Associate Architect of Virtusa Corporation and Thilana Rajamandiri, Associate Architect of Virtusa Corporation at the signing of the MoU.**

best qualities and capabilities of ESOFT undergraduates in becoming tomorrow's professionals to sustain in the cooperate environment and its challenges.

Virtusa Corporation is an American information technology services company founded in 1996 in Sri Lanka and has its headquarters in Southborough, Mas-

sachusetts, United States. They provide IT consulting, business consulting, systems implementation and application outsourcing services to large enterprises and software vendors. The company has several delivery centers in India and Sri Lanka with the ones in Hyderabad, Chennai and Colombo being the largest.

'GLX Digital Evolver' shifting needle for local Hospitality, DMC providers

Good Life X (GLX) in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Sri Lanka - via the 'GLX Digital Evolver' programme created phase one change aimed at empowering businesses in Sri Lanka's Travel and Tourism Sector to evolve digitally.

The three month-long initiative funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) paired ten participants Gileemalae Retreat, Summer Explorers, Eco Grip, The Travel Concierge, Rediscover Sri Lanka, Destroves Travel, Nandana Tea factory, Eco Team - Sri Lanka,

Infinity Vacations and Jungle Beach Camp Ahungalla an invaluable opportunity to develop in spite of the pandemic and adapt to the evolving nature of the international travel market by using digital spaces and

contemporary tools to expand their businesses.

Speaking with Director, Eco Grip Sameera Liyanagamage, stated "Digitalization is a great way to share our story with the world. It's not just limited to marketing, it opens many pathways and gives perspective on handling basic tasks such as bookings, payments."

Prior to the programme Liyanagamage and his team were relying on B2B for international tourists; B2C for locals. "We never

focused on OTAs and online booking platforms - we hadn't even understood the value of it - the same could be said for our website as well."

For brands such as The Travel Concierge that have been severely affected and nearing closure due to the unprecedented times - the brand partners were in need of a cost-effective and lean model to aid in expansion into new markets, territories and revenue lines. Understanding that the

future of tourism is rooted in sustainability and the implementation of digital means to aid in this - Managing Director, The Travel Concierge Laahiru Jayamanne noted "The programme has helped us to create a new revenue stream that allows us to restart in a post-COVID world. The knowledge gained, along with the e-commerce site development will ease our dependency on B2B as we obtain revenue through B2C avenues."

Where brands such as Jungle Beach, Ahungalla are concerned, whilst the passion and drive were apparent to not only survive but thrive, speaking with the Founder - Barbara Kainz noted "Oh yes, I feel more whole and I saw how much untapped potential the brand had."

It was also good to see how the other participants improved, we are sitting at the front always with the actual information on how the Sri Lankan travel industry is moving and handling the situation. I feel very confident that even though we are a small establishment with only four [04] bungalows we are an important part of the industry."

The results of the 'GLX Digital Evolver' Programme are expected to provide participants with a visible edge, having equipped them for the changes expected in the industry.



Director, Eco Grip Sameera Liyanagamage



Managing Director, The Travel Concierge Laahiru Jayamanne



Founder, Jungle Beach Ahungalla Barbara Kainz

LANKAQR rollout programme at Expressway Toll Gates

The LANKAQR, a nationwide rollout programme initiated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) was launched on October 25, at the CBSL premises. The campaign aims to boost digital payments across the country and support the National Digital Roadmap.

As a key initiative of the rollout programme, the acceptance of contactless LANKAQR payments at Manual Toll Collection (MTC) gates on the expressway was facilitated by the CBSL and Nations Trust Bank through FriMi in partnership with the Road Development Authority (RDA).



Director of Payments and Settlements Department of the CBSL D. Kumaratunge, Secretary of Ministry of Roads and Highways R.W.R. Premasiri, Governor of the CBSL Nivard Cabraal, Minister of Sports, Digital Technology and Entrepreneur Development Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Highways and Chief Government Whip Johnston Fernando, Chairman of the Road Development Authority C. Athaluwage, CEO and Director of Nations Trust Bank Priyantha Talwatte.

Colombo City Centre celebrates Black Friday

Colombo City Centre Mall, is all set to celebrate Black Friday, where shoppers can enjoy the best deals and special events.

All you have to do is shop to your heart's content at Colombo City Centre and also be rewarded from the Black Friday promotions.

Shoppers simply have to present their invoices of the shopping done on November 26, to the concierge desk, to benefit from the CCC Black Friday promotion and receive the CCC gift vouchers. Furthermore, shoppers who spend over Rs. 50,000 stand a chance of

winning the Black Friday Special Bonanza, which is the valuable prize of receiving CCC gift vouchers worth Rs. 50,000.

The lucky winner for this special promotion will be selected via a raffle draw. So, here's your chance to splurge on yourself and your loved ones, and be benefitted by fabulous deals, plus the special Black Friday promotions.



City Centre.

Black Friday at Colombo City Centre takes place on November 26 from 8.00 a.m. to midnight. So, save the date and get ready for the best shopping experience of the year. For more informa-

tion and updates, check out Colombo City Centre's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Colombo City Centre is the safest environment for visitors to shop, dine and enjoy world-class entertainment; ranging from an exclusive selection of retail stores, entertainment options like bowling and a gaming arcade; plus, a plethora of food and beverage outlets providing the best of local and global cuisine.

Don't miss out on Colombo City Centre's incredible Black Friday events and promotions.

COVID-19 Integrated Home-based Care Solution imposed

The COVID-19 Integrated Home-based Care Solution conceptualized and implemented effectively by the Ministry of Health (MOH) announced administration of care to over 100,000 home-quarantined COVID-19 patients last week.

This initiative was supported by the World Health Organization, the Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) and powered by Dialog Axiata PLC, Bank of Ceylon, and Wavenet International.

The 1390 Toll-free Trilingual Hotline and the Patient Management System was launched to support the patient management efficiently by implementing an Integrated Digital platform to manage the home care of PCR/ RAT positive patients.

The toll-free 1390 hotline and all connectivity requirements are sponsored by Dialog Axiata, the Patient Management System is sponsored by Wavenet International and the Call Centre is sponsored by Bank of Ceylon.

The patient management was led by specialized consultants and over 600 trained medical doctors were deployed with the coordination of GMOA under the guidance of the Ministry of Health to provide individual care.



The successful execution of the 1390 integrated home-based care programme has also reduced the burden to hospital care systems during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the spread of new variants of the virus.

The solution was also successful in reducing the workload of the front-line health care providers by providing a platform to manage asymptomatic and non-critical patients remotely.

Under the guidance of the Ministry of Health, the toll-free 1390 Trilingual Hotline has now been extended to the general public to register to the Ministry database if they have been tested positive for COVID-19, thereby creating a central hub for COVID-related patient administration.

If patients who have tested positive are yet to be registered with the local PHI or Medical officer, they can call 1390 and register with the Home-based Care Solution to be treated from the safety and comfort of their own

home as per the guidelines by the Ministry of Health.

Speaking on this milestone moment, Dr. Asela Gunewardena, Director General of Health Services stated; "The 1390 Home-based Care Solution is a supplement to the country's efforts in controlling COVID-19 and on behalf of the MOH, I would like to acknowledge the dedication of the health care workers who have made this system a success while also extending my gratitude to Dialog Axiata, Bank of Ceylon and Wavenet International for deploying the patient management system and the GMOA and WHO for their support given."

Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya, President of the GMOA said; "As of today, the GMOA is happy to state that over 600 doctors and pre-intern doctors have actively monitored over 100,000 COVID patients from their respective homes using advanced technology while also maintaining

a proper recording system and a clinical hierarchy."

Dialog Axiata Group Chief Executive Supun Weerasinghe said; "We are thankful to the Ministry of Health for giving us this opportunity to further support health care providers with their COVID-19 eradication efforts."

Bank of Ceylon Chairman Kanchana Ratwatte stated; "We at Bank of Ceylon, along with our partners Dialog Axiata and Wavenet are extremely proud of our achievement as we reach the milestone of 100,000 homecare patients under this programme. In future, I hope that opportunity will present itself to consolidate this service, post Covid, as a community health care centre."

Commenting Suren Pinto, CEO of Global Wavenet stated "Wavenet takes great pride in its partnership with Dialog Axiata and BOC to deliver a robust and scalable platform, with advanced technology that supports an entire nation's health care needs."

Motor Insurance package for route permit holders from Sri Lanka Insurance Motor Plus

Sri Lanka Insurance in collaboration with National Transport Commission introduces an exclusive Motor Insurance package route permit holders to settle their vehicle insurance premiums within a concessionary period.

The transportation industry is one of the driving force contributing towards the economic progress of Sri Lanka. As one of the most popular mode of transportation the buses are facing a difficult time amidst the pandemic as the country was under lockdown and the travel restrictions were imposed preventing the public transportation.

The impact of the pandemic was severe as the bus owners were experiencing an unexpected shortfall in their income generation

avenues. Sri Lanka Insurance together with National Transport Commission introduced the concessionary period for the route permit holders considering the necessity of restoring their



normal day to day transport operations.

The concessionary period is applicable with effect from October 30, for route permit buses and provincial offices of National Transport Commission will be issuing a letter for permit holders confirming the enti-

tlement of this concession. The buses that have been already insured with Sri Lanka Insurance by October 30 and the buses that are obtaining the insurance facility will be eligible for the concessionary period.

As the national insurer of the country Sri Lanka Insurance is on a mission leading the way providing protection for the parties who are actively contributing to the progress of economy of Sri Lanka and provides adaptive and flexible insurance solutions in line with the prevailing market conditions.

As the premier vehicle insurer in the country, Sri Lanka Insurance Motor Plus offers fast-track claim settlement, cashless settlement facilities and a variety of flexible payment plans.

Teejay Lanka achieves 81% emission reduction from sludge disposal

Sri Lanka's largest textile manufacturer Teejay Lanka PLC has announced the achievement of an 81 per cent reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from the disposal of sludge waste, after one year of sustained operation of industry best practices.

This milestone in eco-friendly waste disposal was made possible by the investment of US\$ 450,000 (approximately Rs 90 million at current exchange rates) in a steam-powered sludge dryer at Teejay's factory at the Seethawaka Export Processing Zone (EPZ) that enables the Company to convert a daily output of wet sludge into dry powder which is then incinerated at a cement manufacturing facility.

Working with Sri Lanka's pioneer cement manufacturer in this process, Teejay Lanka had eliminated an independently-verified 1,744.57 tons of CO2 equivalent emissions (tCO2e) between November 1 2020 and July 31 2021, which translates to an annual emissions reduction of 2,326.09 tCO2e.

The Sustainable Future Group (SFG), which was appointed by Tee-



jay Lanka to verify the reduction of Greenhouse Gas emissions from the switch in the Company's sludge waste disposal method has issued an Independent Greenhouse Gas Verification Statement covering the first nine months of the sludge drying and incineration procedure, using auditing practices as specified in the ISO 14064-3:2019 Standard.

"Sustainability will always be one of our top priorities, and we are delighted that we are disposing of solid waste in a 100% sustainable manner," Teejay Lanka CEO Mr Pubudu De Silva said. "We have installed the largest steam operated

paddle dryer in Sri Lanka in a demonstration of our commitment to best practices in the industrial context, and we continue to look for ways to minimise the ecological footprint of our operations."

Wet sludge is generated from the wastewater pre-treatment process of Teejay Lanka. Prior to the switch in the disposal method, significant Greenhouse Gas emissions occurred from disposal of the sludge. The gases included Carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), nitrous oxide (N2O), hydro fluorocarbons (HFCs), sulphur hexafluoride (SF6) and perfluorocarbons (PFCs).

The sludge dryer installed at the Teejay Lanka manufacturing complex at Block D8-D14 of the Seethawaka Export Processing Zone in Avissawella occupies an area of 200 square meters (more than 2,150 square feet) and is capable of drying up to 12 tons of wet sludge per day. It uses excess steam available from the Company's manufacturing process.

The first textile manufacturer in Sri Lanka to receive membership of the US Cotton Trust Protocol, Teejay Lanka has been adjudged the Best Textile Exporter in the country at the Presidential Export Awards presented by the Export Development Board (EDB) and has been named among the 100 Most Respected Companies in Sri Lanka by LMD.

An ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 and OHSAS 18001:2007 compliant company and the first in the industry to develop green fabric, Teejay has been listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) since 2011 and was included in the S&P Top 20 Index in Sri Lanka.

AI Ecobubble washing machine with Samsung Smart Things App

The AI Ecobubble washing machines from Samsung joins the club of connected devices and with the help of the Smart Things app, you can control your washing machine from anywhere at any time. It makes laundry a hassle-free job.

We list down the awesome things you can do with your washing machine with just a tap on the SmartThings App: Forget lingering near your washing machine to listen for signals anymore. With the SmartThings app, your smartphone, Samsung Smart TV, or Family Hub refrigerator can alert you when the wash cycle is done, if the Smart Control status changes, or if any errors occur. You can also disable the notification from



the settings under the menu section of the app. With the SmartThings app, you can control your washing machine by selecting the cycle you want to run. You can also select additional options

like temperature or spin speed from the app.

With so many cycles and options, choosing the right washing cycle for your clothes can sometimes be tricky. But with the Laundry Recipe

feature in the SmartThings app, figuring out the right cycle for your laundry becomes easy. Once you select the types, the colour and the soil level of the laundry you are washing, the Laundry Recipe feature will suggest tips, cycles, temperature, etc.

With the SmartThings app, you can check the status of the wash cycle in progress from anywhere. You'll be able to see what type of cycle is running, any icons that are lit, and when it's expected to complete, just as if you were standing right in front of your washing machine.

The Samsung AI Ecobubble Washing machine range is available at Softlogic, Singer, Singhagiri, Damro and Samsung e-Store.

Lanka SSL introduces SLS certified locally manufactured barbed wire

Lanka Special Steel Limited (Lanka SSL), a renowned and trusted name in premium quality wires and a fully owned subsidiary of E.B. Creasy & Company, recently introduced Sri Lanka's SLS certified barbed wire.

The company continues to strive on its quest for quality and innovation and has invested tremendous amount of effort in various research and development initiatives.

An ISO 9001: 2015, ISO 45001:2018 certified company, Lanka SSL has been at the forefront of the country's galvanized wire segment with a top-of-mind brand, enjoying a loyal and repetitive clientele closer to three decades. Its products are on par with some of the world's best, manufactured in its factory situated at Sapugaskanda. Its hot dipped GI wire is the only one with SLS 139:2003, and lately its barbed wire with the SLS 31:1988 certification. CEO and Director of Lanka SSL Pravin De Silva said, "As the pioneer in the

steel wire industry having a 25 year history Lanka SSL is always committed to continuously improve its product standards to supply superior quality products to consumers."

The company is poised for expansions across its portfo-

lio in the coming months. During end last year, it embarked on a renewed and strengthening relationship with TATA Steel Global Wires Division which is a long-standing partnership as the sole agent and distributor for all of its premium

quality wire products in the country. Further, Lanka SSL also introduced the 'Permaweld' brand welding electrode for all general purpose welding requirements, distributed across the island by Laxapana Batteries LSC's Hardware Distribution arm.



Thusitha Kuruppu, Sales Manager Laxapana Hardware Distribution, Pravin De Silva, Director and CEO Lanka Special Steels and W.P. Chinthaka Gayan, Head of Sales and Marketing Lanka Special Steels.

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HEALING HEART

KALUTARA BALIKA VIDYALAYA

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

Head Girl of Kalutara Balika Vidyalaya, Kithmi Rajakaruna's goal is to make life a little better for others or those who are less fortunate than her. Perfect Perfect feature Rajakaruna who knows that at the end of the day we all do what we can do.

"I really want to do more extracurricular activities such as visiting elderly homes and entertain children who are in an orphanage. I believe we must all try and help others and we need to understand each other," explained Rajakaruna.

These little acts of love can make a huge difference in the lives of these people. Indeed, Rajakaruna's words are deeply moving and touching. There are so many orphans in society, children that grow up without care and love from their parents. They need our love. It was Mother Teresa who said - "We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love." There are so many elderly people in elders' homes who are in desperate need of some attention, elderly people who unfortunately have been forgotten by their kin.

POSITIVE CHANGE

Rajakaruna's ultimate goal is creating social change. When she talks about social change she means the responsibility of the individual to the community. She wishes to create positive change by inculcating positive attitudes in the minds of the youth.

"Respecting elders is something that I hold dear. I feel that in our society, moral values are eroding. Are we raising a generation of young people to be a selfish generation? When I look at the world I see the erosion of social values, values such as respect, community, and responsibility," said Rajakaruna.

We are told that in Rome, the paterfamilias was the male head of a family or household. Adult sons with families of their own were still subject to their own father if he was the paterfamilias. Reliable sources tell us that in ancient Egyptian society there



was tremendous pride in one's family. Respect for one's parents was a cornerstone of morality, and the most fundamental duty of the eldest son was to care for his parents in their last days. In Sri Lankan society, the mother holds a significant amount of household authority and is respected, and the father is usually the patriarch. Age is also a source of hierarchy within the household.

Rajakaruna believes great things start small. When asked to perform duties, she does so willingly, demonstrating her commitment. She has already started her work when it comes to social change. When it comes to service she acts quickly in order to use that opportunity that



Member of Kalutara Balika Senior Western Brass Band

may not be available later. For her, these small successes are stepping stones to larger change.

Keeping the environment clean is something else she is passionate about. She is an Environmentally Conscious individual. We know that plastics, metals, rubber, paper, textiles and other lost or discarded items enter the marine environment every day. We must follow the 4RS - Refuse unnecessary single-use items like plastic straws or cutlery when possible. Reduce the amount of waste

you produce by choosing products with less packaging. Reuse items when you can and choose reusable items over disposable ones and Recycle as much as possible.

PRECIOUS DIFFERENCE

By now it is evident to our readers that Rajakaruna is passionate about helping people. She wants to make a difference in the lives of the elderly and orphans and she wants to keep the environment clean. But her dream is to become a child psychologist. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) it is estimated that worldwide about one in 160 children has an ASD (Autism spectrum disorders) Child Psychologists are actually a godsend to families with these precious children.

"My ambition is to become a child psychologist. This gives me the opportunity to help children who have Autism and help those children who have the medical condition

known as Downs Syndrome. I hope to become a valuable human being who can do a great service to my motherland."

Rajakaruna has been a very active student since childhood, making the most of every opportunity that came her way. She received a lot of support and encouragement from teachers and parents. She was a girl guide and took part in some leadership camps organized by her school that enabled her to develop her leadership capabilities. The secret of her success lies in her willingness to work hard and listen to what others say. She has learnt not to procrastinate and relishes any challenge that comes her way.

By now readers know that Rajakaruna is goal oriented. From a very young age she has developed that quality.

"My message to my brothers and sisters is to do your best. Give it 100 percent. Do what is right and stand up for what is right. Be confident and appreciate what others have tried to do for you even though they may have failed. Remember that hard work and dedication leads to a successful life and will help you achieve your goals and make this world a better place for everyone else," said Rajakaruna.

She is a great admirer of Michelle Obama. She calls Obama an inspirational, passionate and powerful woman. "At present she is the leader I admire the most. In grade 8 at an English day function, I pretended to be Michelle Obama on stage. I went through many of her speeches as I wanted to perform her character well on stage. Through that I was able to gain some insight into her life as the First lady of America."

BEAUTY OF NATURE

She is also a member of the Leo Movement and as stated before, is involved in social service activities. Amongst her many hobbies are dancing and listening to music. In addition to this she enjoys the beauty of nature and enjoys traveling.

"My father is my biggest inspiration in life. He is a very hardworking individual who has done so much for my family. He is ready to help anybody because he is a very kindhearted gentleman. Having him in our lives means the world to us. He always encourages me and supports me," added Rajakaruna.

Finally, she wished to thank her principal Mrs. Thushini Weerakoon for her love and guidance. She also wished to thank her former principal Mrs. G.K. Gunerathne and her dear teachers who placed their trust in her.



Head Girl Kithmi Rajakaruna



Senior Western Brass Band in action



At 14th Annual District Installation Leo District 306 A1

COMMITTED TO THE CAUSE



Text and picture by RUZAIK FAROOK

Nabeel Barry, a student of Wesley College, Colombo, has been awarded the Two Star - V Award with recognition of his involvement, commitments and services for achieving Sus-

tainable Development Goals in Sri Lanka in the year 2021. He won this award due to working together with the coalition of Sustainable Development Goals Youth, Children and Women hosted by Sri Lanka United Nations Friendship Organization (SUNFO).



YOUNG BLOOD to the fore

Text and pictures by M U M SANON, Puttalam TKN Corr

A discussion was conducted by the Puttalam Vettalai Asankudoos Government Muslim Vidyalaya Old Boys Association at Asankudoos Government Muslim Vidyalaya school recently.

This discussion was organized by Clean Nation, Puttalam. The discussion was about the development of the school and the future of the area.

This discussion held in the presence of Principal J M Ilham and Vice Principal Mohideen along with the Old Boys Association of the school.

The nature of the area where the school is located and the steps to promote the school forward with that existing environment were discussed in detail.

Beyond politics, many issues were discussed such as how to get assistance for the school in future, how to connect this school with other schools, and how to create a unique identity for the school.

Clean Nation organization clarified that there are young people in the community who can think deeply and innovatively, who can find healthy solutions to problems differently, who can predict the future and turn them off before the issue arises.

It clarified that if people focus on this young bloods and give them with social positions, they can rise the society and become the ray of hope for them.

This bilateral discussion ended with the key participation of the Clean Nation organization in an environmental friendly classroom built by the Alumni Association that embraces nature.



A platform for Lankan youth to shine

TEDx Zahira College aims to serve as a platform for youth to showcase their talent and ideas. It's an initiative undertaken by the Zahira College Old Boys' Association (OBA) to extend ideas worth spreading to youth under the TED format. Taking place virtually on Zoom, the event is open for all to attend on November 27.

TEDx is a programme of local, self-organised events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At TEDx Zahira College, participants will witness TED Talks videos and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. Held under the theme of The Ripple Effect of Revolution, the event will feature speakers from different walks of life touching on the power of youth to change the world.

Elaborating on the theme, Azeem Saheer of the TEDx Zahira College organising team said, "Imagine a quiet and calm pool



of water – it normally would never be associated with power. But a single drop can create a powerful ripple. Likewise, a single person can create hope and change

across the entire globe, revolutionising it in the process. The theme of TEDx Zahira College wishes to spark an actionable understanding of how small acts can cre-

ate a big impact. Together, Sri Lanka will rise to meet the most progressive thought-leaders, while slowing down our pace to share in the present moment."

TEDx Zahira College will feature six speakers touching on various topics around this theme. The list of speakers includes famed local entrepreneurs Co-Founder of Spa Ceylon, Shalin Balasuriya, Co-Founder of Pick a Book, Ragulan Tharmakulasingham, and Entrepreneur and Product Specialist, Jehan Wijesinghe. Speaking alongside them are three talented youth who are among the youngest TEDx speakers in Sri Lanka to date. These talented youths are Sri Lanka's youngest marine biologist and founder of SL-Shark Kids, Alosa Samamaraarchchi, a student and pet lover, Harun Rishard, and a student innovator passionate about solving community problems, Yusuf Jansy.

"Globally, TEDx events are incredibly appealing as a platform for cutting-edge

and progressive ideas", Says Safra Anver, TEDx Colombo licensee. "Similarly, TEDx Zahira College presents curated speakers who have developed perspectives and actioned upon ideas that can genuinely change future generations of Sri Lankans-and in extension the world - for the better. Hopefully, this will empower communities to gain inspiration and unleash new ideas into the world," the organisers said.

With a combination of both young and experienced speakers, TEDx Zahira College is a platform where powerful ideas can spread to inspire the youth of Sri Lanka to create the change they wish to see in the world. Thus, setting the stage for the future generation of innovators and change-makers that'll help build a better future for their communities and the nation. Tickets for TEDx Zahira College are available now for purchase on the official website at tedxzahiracollege.com.

RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS

Text and pictures M S M MUNTHASIR, Panadura Central Group Corr

The school road reconstruction work of Annasigala Tamil Vidyalayam, Navathuduwu in the Mathugama Educational Zone was held under the patronage of Principal A C M Rifkhan recently.

School community and well wishers participated in this project.

The Principal thanked all the participants for their help in making the project a success.

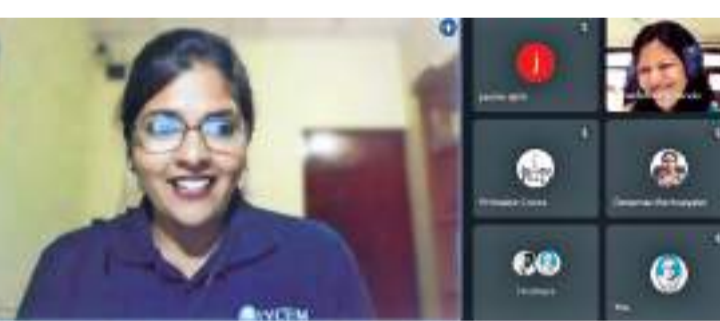


"Let's Talk about ADHD" success

The child-related condition known as "Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder" also known as ADHD, is one of the most common conditions identified during the childhood. This condition includes a combination of problems, such as difficulty sustaining attention (inattention), hyperactivity and impulsive behavior of the child.

The child's mental development can be a challenging feature for some parents. It might not be consistent as they expect it to be. Generally as adults it is our duty to ensure the safety of children and also to be attentive to their needs and difficulties.

Children with ADHD may exhibit struggle with troubled relationships, poor performance at school or issues in organizing tasks and activities. The experts identify this behaviour as involuntary. If neglected, this condition can continue till adulthood.



When existing in the community for a long time, any concept that is introduced by the experts, tends to change its contents and specific details regardless of its academic foundations. Therefore, there are many misconceptions in the lay society. This theory is common to the ADHD as well.

To rectify certain myths and to provide a decent level of knowledge on this topic, responding to parent inquiries on ADHD, an online discussion titled "Let's Talk about ADHD" was organized by the Academic Enrichment Centre of Lyceum International Schools in collaboration with the Marketing Department of Lyceum in order to educate the audience.

The webinar featured a discussion between Nishalie Fernandopulle (Clinical Psychologist) and Vanessa Perera (Consultant), paying special attention to parents' inquiries, answering their important questions regarding this condition.

Becoming a good parent is a challenge indeed. It takes great thought and effort not only to raise a child but also to really nurture and care for the developing personality of a child. The first session on ADHD was a great success since the parents' matters were well addressed and their doubts were clarified.

Although we can learn by ourselves personally nowadays, education as a movement, consists of collaborative aspects, where we can always join hands to educate even more.



Originals, her forte

CHANNA BANDARA WIJEKOON

Her velvety voice and proficiency in singing subtle variations would bring a tear to one's eye. The inborn ability refined with music education has bestowed her with a very flexible singing tone.

Nipuni Nayanathara Thennakoon, a promising young songster and a music teacher at the University of the Visual and Performing Arts, has already made her mark in the Sri Lankan music field.

A decade back she was crowned as the best vocalist in 'Deyata Kirula'. Since then there was no stopping for this young diva.

Nayanathara is an artiste born lucky. Her mesmerizing and unique voice kept requests pouring her way to record new songs. This golden opportunity has paved her the way to voice around 30 new songs for radio, films and teledramas in

a very short stint.

Dharshana Wickramatunga has made melodies and music for the majority of her songs. In the hands of veterans in the music field, this gem of a songstress is being shaped to become a force to be reckoned with.

Q • Singing original songs is your specialty. How did it start?

My mother encouraged me to sing after identifying my talent and she encouraged me to participate in national level competitions. I recorded my first song at the age of 14. Rambukana Siddharatha Thera and a team did a CD named 'Piyumaka Lassana'. I sang two songs for that CD which were penned by Mahagama Seelananda Thera. I became 'Deyata Kirula Gee Tharuwa' in 2012 organized by the SLRC and Rajarata Sevaya.

I am a village-bound person and was brought up in a quiet environment. That would have been the reason for this. My father used to listen to Pandit Amaradeva's songs. My mother was a dancing teacher who also loves songs. As a child I, too, automatically got used to liking those songs. I did my music

degree at the University of the Visual and Performing Arts. I was fortunate to meet with music directors, melody makers and lyricists who were groomed in the same manner.

Q • Do you think having good looks is advantages for a female artiste?

Yes, it certainly does and no one can deny that. However, a girl should have brains to manage offers coming her way and identify people with genuine thoughts. Also the most important aspect is to study the subject professionally that she is involved in and to become a professional in the chosen sphere. I have studied Indian Classical Music and other genres of music like Western and Karnataka and I am still learning.

Q • You seem to be rowing your boat upstream by sticking to melodies that reminds us of songs of the 70s decade.

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Q • What attributes do you think that contribute towards the success of a song?

A song is something like a three-legged stool. All three legs have to be firm to have the grip and the stability of the stool. The perfect harmony between the melody/music maker, singer and the lyricist would breathe life and credibility to a song. All three attributes should synchronize perfectly to make a song successful.

Q • Who were the lyricists, music directors and singers who have dueted with you for your songs?

Dr Rohana Weerasinghe, H M Jayawardene, Nawarathna Gamage, Darshana Wickramatunga, Rohana Dharmakeerthi, Nimesh Kulasinghe and a heap of other music directors make music and melodies for my songs.

Rambukana Siddharatha Thera, Mahagama Seelananda Thera, Ravi Siriwardene, Kapila Kumara Kalinga, Chandi Kodikara, Shakuwi, Vajira Pulasthi, Sugath Somaweera, Chamila Serasinghe, Helanathi Muhandiram and many other lyricists have penned lyrics.

I was very lucky to sing duets with Darshana Wickramatunga, Edward Jayakody, Lakshman Wijesekera, Karunaratne Divulgane, Chandana Liynaarachchi, Kasun Kalhara, Desika Kamalanjana, Seneviratna Wanninayake, Suneera Sumanga and Pahan Mallawarachchi.

Q • The song 'Sianasena Thol Athara' penned by Chandi Kodikara has become viral in YouTube.

It is an innovative lyric. This song sheds light on a mother's emotions when her son reaches marital age. Chandi Kodikara, being a popular novelist has thought out-of-the-box to pen this song. Anuradha Abhayasinghe made the melody and some soothing music for this song. The lyric, melody and music helped me to use my voice with emotion to breathe life to it.

Q • Unlike in the past decades, we now see a new breed of singers who are also educated well in music becoming active in the field.

Yes. There was a time, after obtaining the music degree young musicians and singers ending up as music teachers. Most of them stopped their musical career from that point and continued only as teachers. Now thanks to social media and TV channels, new singers get the exposure to showcase their talents to the world. When this happens, they are noticed by music directors, film directors, tele drama directors and TV programme producers.

Q • You have acted in tele dramas too. What made you to bring a full-stop to acting and devote fulltime for singing?

One must position herself/himself to do one thing that she or he can do best. Then it is easy for people to identify that individual as an artiste or whoever. I identified my ability as greater in singing than in acting and my passion is singing. Hence I decided to excel as a singer.

Singing for Indo-Polish film

Musician Hariharan has contributed some tracks for the upcoming Indo-Polish film, No Means No, helmed by Vikash Verma and starring Dhruv Verma in the lead. Shreya Ghoshal has also lent her voice for the film, which is reportedly a romance-action drama.

Sharing his experience in the film alongside his son Akshay Hariharan, the veteran said, "It's a very interesting project with a lot of fusion music and an electronic background score made by Akshay. We loved working on it."

Since the film was shot in Europe, Hariharan felt the score should also have a distinctly European feel and made liberal use of cellos and pianos to bring out the sound of European instrumentals. The

soundtrack also required Hariharan to collaborate with some of the best singers from Germany, Belarus, and other parts of Europe.

Akshay Hariharan is the music producer of No Means No. Karan Hariharan and Arvinder Singh are among the singers in the film.

No Means No also features Gulshan Grover, Deep Raj Rana, Sharad Kapoor, Natalia Bak (Polish), Anna Guzik (Polish), Slywia Czech (Polish), Pawel Czech (Polish), Jersey Handzlik (Polish), Nazia Hassan (actor Sanjay Dutt's niece), Anna Ador (Polish) and Kat Kristian (Polish).

Indian Express

Hariharan



Classical music boosts creativity

Harry Styles has credited listening to classical music for boosting his creativity.

The former One Direction singer is one of the most popular names in the music industry, with his 2019 album Fine Line featuring hit singles Adore You and Watermelon Sugar.

But rather than drawing upon modern music when creating new sounds, in an interview for the winter 2021 issue of DAZED magazine, Harry explained that he has been intrigued by classical compositions of late.

"I have unlocked an ability to be myself completely, unapologetically," he said. "I started only listening to classical music because it felt like it gave me a blank canvas to work from. So, I wasn't hearing things I would then be referencing. I think that so much creativity comes from my boredom and giving myself the chance not to be distracted by things. I'm the most human I've felt in a long time, for sure."

In addition to his music career, Harry recently launched the beauty

brand Pleasing and is starring in a string of Hollywood films, including Don't Worry Darling and My Policeman.

And while he has numerous projects on the go, the British superstar is learning what exactly brings him joy.

"I sometimes feel like I'm supposed to be floating on this cloud of success and happiness, and obviously that's not how it works," the 27-year-old reflected. "I think through my own sense of self and personal journey, I am realising that happiness isn't this kind of end state."

Music News
Harry



Yohani releases new single 'Moving on' via Red Bull Records

Sri Lanka's viral sensation Yohani releases her single "Moving On." Poised as one of the biggest rising artists out of Sri Lanka, Yohani has recently enjoyed huge success in India with her cover of 'Manike Mage Hithe' (translated to 'In My Heart'). Recorded in her native tongue, 'Manike Mage Hithe' is the first Sinhalese hit song in India, peaking at #1 on the India Top 50 Spotify Chart, surpassing 170 million YouTube views and 18 million streams.

A genre-breaking force of nature who intermingles pop, R&B, hip-hop, and alternative with a fiery yet focused fluidity, "Moving On" twists and turns through guitar-laced beats and fluttering pop melodies into a rap bridge. Seamlessly switching between English and Sinhalese, the track reflects every side of Yohani's sizzling signature style and illuminates her predisposition for sonic alchemy and unpredictable energy.

"It's not a sad song for me," says Yohani of the track. "It's about moving on from anything in life, but with confidence. You're pushing through and embracing your power. It's punchy, and you can dance to it, but it's got a Sri Lankan vibe on the bridge."

"Moving On" is accompanied by a stunning music video. Joined by some friends in various locations, Yohani can be seen navigating life post break-up with positivity and resilience in this uplifting visual, destined to have you dancing along to in no time. Written and directed by Dilanjan Seneviratne, the music video is a collaborative effort between local record label Pettah Effect and production partner Theewra. Watch the video at <https://rbr ffm.to/movingonvideo>

Out now via Red Bull Records, the single is the latest in a series of releases from global artists through the label this year. "I am very excited to be taking Sri Lankan music to the world. I am positive this partnership with Red Bull will 'give wiings' to my music," comments Yohani.

The single could be streamed/downloaded at <https://rbr ffm.to/movingon>

The single could be watched at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-2QE1ZB_iM



Yohani



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Contract No. RDA/EOM&M/PRC/2021/TOLL/12

- The Chairman, EOM&M Division's Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids for above Contract No: RDA/EOM&M/PRC/2021/TOLL/12. Complete details are available in the bidding document. All bids must be accompanied by a **bid security of Rs. 40,000.00**.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Section, Expressway Operation, Maintenance & Management Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama (Telephone: 038-2289122 Fax: 038-2289560) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours free of charge.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be obtained by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama** from 23/11/2021 until 14/12/2021 during 09:00 hrs. to 14:30 hrs. upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 + 80 (VAT). As per the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.
- Bid shall be delivered to the **Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama** at or before **14:30 hrs. on 14/12/2021**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids validity period shall be until 15/03/2022.
- Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security. Bid-Security shall be valid until 12/04/2022.

Chairman,
EOM&M Division Procurement Committee,
C/o Director (EOM&M Division),
Road Development Authority,
Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama.



INVITATION FOR BIDS

Disposal of garbage accumulated of the Gohagoda Garbage Dumping Site of the KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Sealed bids are hereby invited up to 08.12.2021 for removal of the following item required for the Kandy Municipal Council (Disposal of garbage accumulated of the Gohagoda Garbage Dumping Site). Bidding documents could be obtained by interest eligible and qualified bidders on submission of a written request along with the cash receipt for the document fee, or money order for the same and a copy of the Registration Certificate issued under the Business Registration Ordinance or the Companies Act.

Municipal Council, Kandy reserves the right to take the final decision with regard to matters pertaining to bids.

	Item	Qty	Bid Ref. No.	Bid Security Value
01	For excavation and removal of degradable waste (garbage) material accumulated at the garbage dumping yard, in Gohagoda of the Kandy Municipal Council	01	FD/S/PC 04/2021/15-01	Rs. 50,000.00

No.		
01	Price of Bid documents	1. Rs. 1,080.00 (Inclusive of taxes) Removal of old garbage/waste at the Gohagoda Garbage Dumping yard, of the Kandy Municipal Council. 2. If it is a money order it should be drawn in favour of the Municipal Commissioner, Kandy and sent to be received on or before 07.12.2021.
02	Issuance of Bidding documents	From 24.11.2021 on working days of the week, from 9.00 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.
03	Closing date and time of issuance of Bidding documents	Upto 2.45 p.m. on 07.12.2021.
04	Closing date and time (deadline) of acceptance of Bids	At or before 10.00 a.m. on 08.12.2021
05	Bid Security	A bid security issued by a commercial bank, recognized and approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, valid for a period of 04 months, in favour of the Municipal Commissioner, Kandy should be submitted (validity period is from 08.12.2021 to 08.04.2022)
06	Date and time of opening of Bids	At 10.00 a.m. on 08.12.2021. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders or their accredited agents/representatives .
07	Place where Bidding documents are opened.	Municipal Supplies Division, Municipal Council, Kandy
08	Place where completed Bidding documents are accepted.	If hand delivered, should be deposited in the Bid Box kept at the office room of the Chief Municipal Accountant at or before 10.00 a.m. on 08.12.2021. If sent by registered, post should be sent to receive at or before 10.00 a.m. on 08.12.2021.

Bidding documents could be inspected free of charge and further details could be obtained from the Accountant (Supplies) over telephone Nos. 081 2232071.

M.U. Nishantha,
Municipal Commissioner (Acting)
Municipal Council, Kandy.
19.11.2021



CSIAP



AGRARIAN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OFFICE - KURUNEGALA PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) - CREDIT NO.: 6346LK

- The Ministry of Agriculture with the financial support of The World Bank is implementing the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) in selected districts in Sri Lanka.
- The Chairman of the Regional Procurement Committee on behalf of the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Rehabilitation of Palapathwala Maha Wewa in Kurunegala District, North Western Province** as per the table below.

Contract No.	Project Name	Estimate Cost Excluding VAT (Rs Mn)	Required Grade & Specialty	Required Bid Security		Non-Refundable Fee (Rs)
				Bid Security Amount (Rs)	Validity of the Bid Security	
LK-MOA-245159-CW-RFB	Rehabilitation of Palapathwala Maha Wewa in North Western Province	8.59	C7 or C6 (Irrigation and Drainage Canals)	100,000.00	Up to 15 th March 2022	3000.00

- The construction period is **120 Days**.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure. Regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (ii).
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the field and grade mentioned in the table above with the **Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)**, valid until date of closing the bids. Further the Registration should be valid at the date of award.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Assistant Commissioner, Agrarian Development District Office, Kandy Road, Kurunegala (Tel: 037-2222184 / Fax: 03702225487 / Email: dadkurunegala@gmail.com)** and inspect the bidding documents at the same address on any working day from 9.00hrs to 15.00hrs until given deadline in clause 7 below.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Assistant Commissioner, Agrarian Development District Office, Kandy Road, Kurunegala** from 23rd November 2021 until 13th December 2021 from 9.00hrs to 15.00hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs 3000.00. The method of payment will be by cash.
- All bids should be valid up to 28th February 2022.
- Bids must be delivered in one Envelope inclusive Original and Duplicate to the address below at or before **14.00 hrs on 13th December 2021**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by an unconditional Bid Security (According to the given table) valid until 15th of March 2022. Bid security shall be obtained from a registered commercial bank in Sri Lanka.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 1st of December 2021** at the relevant office mentioned in the Bidding Data Sheet / Schedule in the Bidding Document.

Assistant Commissioner,
Agrarian Development District Office,
Kandy Road,
Kurunegala.
Date: 23.11.2021

QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF PRINTING RUBBER BLANKETS

IMP/ADV/2021/21

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "Goss Urbanliner Rubber Printing Blankets" as specified below.

Quantity	Description
100 Nos.	Goss Urbanliner Rubber Printing Blankets with Alu Bars 921 mm (AC) x 1202 mm (AR) Thickness 1.96 mm

Foreign Offers

Bidders should quote for both **FOB and CIF Colombo prices** (on at sight as well as 90 days Credit). **CIF offers should clearly indicate detailed Cost, Freight & Insurance charges** separately. **ANCL reserves the right to place the order on FOB or on CIF term.**

Offers with specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Quotations for Goss Urbanliner Rubber Printing Blankets" on the top left-hand corner.

Local Offers

Ex-stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with specifications should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Offers should be sent to **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 02nd December 2021 at 2.30 p.m.** which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc. should be clearly indicated on the offers. Acceptance of new sources / product is subjected to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 05% with validity period of 90 days.

However, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



LAKE HOUSE

Head of Procurement

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited
No.35, Lake House, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.
For details: 2429422, 2429451

MANNAR URBAN COUNCIL PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the Mannar Urban Council now invites bidders for supply of Equipment.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To qualify for award of the Contract, bidders shall meet the minimum qualifying criteria as given in Section 2 - Bidding Data.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Mannar Urban Council. (TP-023 2222285, Fax-0232222275, e-mail mannaruc154@yahoo.com) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- Bid documents will be issued from 22.11.2021 till 13.12.2021 from 09.00 hours to 14.00 hours on working days, upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/= for each document submission of approved copy of Business registration request made on their letterhead and "Application to get Bid Documents" available in this Department. The mode of payment will be by cash.
- Bid should be handed over to the below address or deposited in the tender box available at Office on or before the closing time of bids at 14.30 hours of 13.12.2021. At 15.00 hrs. bids will be opened immediately after the closing of the bids in the presence of the bidders or their representatives.

Bid No.	Description of Works	Qty	Bid Bond (Rs.)	Bid bond Security Period	Required Delivery Period
NP/14/42(2)/ Pro-Goods/ NCB/2021/02	Coconut Shredder Machine	01	35,000	14.03.2022	02 weeks
	Waste Glass Crusher Machine	01			
	Garbage bins - 500L (H-1040mm, W-495mm)	40			

Chairman,
Urban Council Procurement Committee,
22.11.2021

BANK OF CEYLON

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT IN THE BACHELOR QUARTERS AT BANK OF CEYLON ANURADHAPURA.

BID NO : BOC/PROP/P/2021/229

- The Chairman, Executive Procurement Committee (EPC) on behalf of Bank of Ceylon, Bank of Ceylon Head Office, No. 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Proposed Refurbishment in the Bachelor Quarters at Bank of Ceylon Anuradhapura as described below and the estimated cost is approximately Rs.28 Million. (excluding VAT)

The works consists of the project are as follows.

Refurbishment of two storied building comprised of 24 Bed rooms and Visitor's room which include Floor tiling, Installation of new doors, Bathrooms renovations, Removal of perished ceiling and installation of new ceiling in the upper floor, Colour washing, Electrical wiring,....etc.

Above works shall be executed in two phases.

Phase I - Renovations of east wing (Room nos. 01 to 07 in the ground floor, 14 to 19 in the upper floor, Stair case and common lobby in the upper floor)

Phase II - Renovations of west wing (Room nos. 08 to 13 in the ground floor, 20 to 25 in the upper floor)

The site is located at Bank Town, Anuradhapura.

This building is situated closer to the Bank of Ceylon North Central Provincial Office.

The time for completion for the whole of works shall be 140 Days from the date of commencement of work.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidders shall not have been blacklisted and shall be registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) for Grade C4 or C5 in the field of Building Construction.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include;
 - Experience in the building construction of at least one building contract of a similar nature and complexity and value at least Rs.20.00 million equivalent to the proposed building work and completed within 140 Days or higher valued project within a proportionate time period completed during the last five (5) years.
 - Average of the annual value of turnover of construction work performed in last five (05) years shall be at least Rs. 50.0 million.
 - The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities (after setting apart for other contractual commitments) and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under this contract, shall be not less than Rs.8.0 million.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information and all clarifications from The Chief Manager (Properties and Procurement), 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office, No. 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01 (Tel : 011 2544310 / 011 2204262 Fax : 011 2449629 Email : properties@boc.lk), and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the same address from 23.11.2021 until 16.12.2021 during 0900 hrs to 1430 hrs on working days.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Chief Manager (Properties and Procurement), 14th floor, Bank of Ceylon, No. 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01, from 23.11.2021 until 16.12.2021 during 0900 hrs to 1430 hrs on working days, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.8,100.00 (Rs.7,500.00 + Rs.600.00 VAT). The method of payment will be in cash.
- Sealed bids in duplicate shall be deposited in the tender box available at the Ground floor, Bank of Ceylon, No. 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01, or sent by registered post addressed to Chief Manager, Properties and Procurement Department of the above address to reach him on or before 1000 hrs on 17.12.2021. Late bids will not be accepted and returned unopened. Bids will be opened immediately after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the date of closing of bid.
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee (irrevocably unconditional and on demand) of Rupees Three Hundred Thousand (Rs. 300,000.00) obtained from a licensed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka, other than Bank of Ceylon, which shall be valid up to 15.04.2022. Cash deposit slip / Bank draft for the same amount is also accepted in lieu of Bank Guarantee.
- PCA 3 Form should be accompanied with the Bid as per provision set out in the Public Contract Act No.03 of 1987 or any amendment thereof.
- The pre-bid meeting will be held on 01.12.2021 at 1100 hrs at the Bachelor Quarters at Bank of Ceylon Anuradhapura followed by a site visit. The Bidders are requested to make pre arrangement in the event such meeting to be arranged virtually.
- For further details, please contact Chief Manager (Properties and Procurement), 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon, No. 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01 on Telephone No. 011-2204260 / 011-2204262 / 011-2544310 / 011-2430268.

The Chairman,
Executive Procurement Committee,
Bank of Ceylon,
No. 01, "BOC Square",
Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,
Colombo 01.

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Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited

INVITATION FOR BIDS

ERD/SDD/PROC/2021/567/T064

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers for supply & delivery of

11kV Solid Links

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 of Rs. 1,000.00.

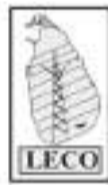
Bid Documents will be issued online for this Tender. Bidders who wish to collect the Tender Documents are requested to forward an official request by email to procurement@leco.lk. Payment method and other details on collecting the Bid Document will be replied via email.

Bidding documents will be issued from **23rd November, 2021 to 07th December, 2021.**

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

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than **03.00 p.m. on 09th December 2021.** Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.

General Manager
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Ltd.,
E.H. Cooray Building
411, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Telephone : 011-2371637



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MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT FOR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS



e-NIC PROJECT

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Procurement of 662 Nos. of Touch Display Monitors for DS-DRP Units IFB No: DRP/e-NIC/PRO/2021/32

- On behalf of e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, the Chairman of Project Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Procurement of 662 Nos. of Touch Display Monitors for DS-DRP Units (DRP Units in Divisional Secretariat Office)
- Procurement will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding. (NCB)
- The interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information from Procurement Specialist, e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons on 011-2874626 or prospecialist.enic@drp.lk during working days, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Bid documents can be inspected free of charge at the e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, from 24/11/2021 to 20/12/2021.
- A complete set of Bidding Document in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on a submission of a written application to the Project Director of the e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Person Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, during working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 24/11/2021 to 20/12/2021 upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 12, 500/=. The method of payment will be in cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate marked as "Original" and "Copy", in one sealed cover to the address indicated in Para 4 or shall be deposited in the tender box placed at the Procurement Division, e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, on or before 21/12/2021 at 2.00 p.m. Bid shall be valid up to 91 days from the deadline of bids submission or any extended date stipulated by the purchaser. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of bids, in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 07/12/2021, 2.00 p.m. at Meeting Room, e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla
- The Name of the Contract and the IFB Number shall be stated on top left hand corner of the envelope of the bid. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of LKR 700,000/= for the 119 days covered by the bid security issued by any licensed commercial bank registered under Central Bank of Sri Lanka and operating in Sri Lanka.

Chairman,
Project Procurement Committee,
e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons,
Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya",
Sri Subhuthipura Road,
Battaramulla.
23/11/2021



Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited

INVITATION FOR BIDS

ERD/SDD/PROC/2021/520/T062

Sealed Bids are invited from the prospective suppliers for supply & delivery of

11kV Testing Equipment

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 of Rs. 1,000.00.

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

Bidding documents will be issued from **23rd November, 2021 to 07th December, 2021.**

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

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than **2.00 p.m. on 09th December 2021**. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.

General Manager
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Ltd.,
E.H. Cooray Building
411, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Telephone : 011-2371637



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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

MANNAR PRADESHIYA SABHA, MANNAR DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) – PROJECT ID: P 163305

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

S. No.	Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Estimated Civil Cost (Rs.Mn)	ICTAD Minimum Grade Required	Required Bid Security		Contract period
					Bond Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period	
01	MN/MNPS/ LDSP/2021/01	Improvements to Kavayankudiyir-uppu Main Road, Stage II (590-0.1340 Km)	8.41	C7 (Roads)	85,000	06.04.2022	91.0 Days
02	MN/MNPS/ LDSP/2021/02	Construction of Pre-School at Valanapuram	5.13	C7 (Buildings)	52,000	06.04.2022	119.0 Days
03	MN/MNPS/ LDSP/2021/03	Construction of Pre-School at Uyilankulam	3.48	C8 (Buildings)	35,000	23.03.2022	119.0 Days

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and should have valid CIDA registration in Highway Construction and Building Construction for the Grade mentioned in the table above and possess valid business or company registration.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award are given in Section 5 of the Schedule in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspaththiri, Pesalai, Mannar**. [Telephone No: **023 2050001**, Fax No: **023 2050002**] and inspect the bidding documents at the address : **Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspaththiri, Pesalai, Mannar. from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspaththiri, Pesalai, Mannar** from **23.11.2021 until 21.12.2021 from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs.** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rupees Three Thousand (Rs. 3,000.00) for each work.** The method of payment will be **by cash.**
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address at **Chairman, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspaththiri, Pesalai, Mannar** on or before **22nd December 2021 at 10.30 Hrs.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at above place soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to :
 - MN/MNPS/ LDSP/2021/01 - **09th March 2022**
 - MN/MNPS/ LDSP/2021/02 - **09th March 2022**
 - MN/MNPS/ LDSP/2021/03 - **23rd February 2022**
- All bids shall be accompanied by a "**Bid-Security**", as mentioned in the table above. Bid Security shall be valid up to the date mentioned in the table above, shall be same as in Schedule Clause 16.
- The pre-bid meeting will be held on **08.12.2021 at 10.30 Hrs** at the **Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, Kattaspaththiri, Pesalai, Mannar.**

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

**Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC).**

**Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha,
Kattaspaththiri, Pesalai,
Mannar.**

[Fax No: 023 2050001]

NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2022

Applications are hereby invited from suppliers, distributors, manufacturers, contractors and business organizations who wish to register themselves with National Lotteries Board for the supply of undermentioned goods and services for the year 2022.

01) SUPPLY OF GOODS/ITEMS

A. Motor Vehicle Related

- Motor spare parts
- Tyres, tubes & batteries
- Vehicle audio and visual equipment
- Other vehicle accessories (Ex: steering wheel covers, central locking systems etc)

B. Promotional Related

- Ladies and gents umbrellas
- Porcelain/clay/glass items with/without branding
- Key tags & similar items
- Pens with branding
- Electrical & electronic promotional items
- Leather & non-leather office and travelling bags
- Caps, hats, T-shirts with branding
- Hot & cold bottles and containers
- Smart phones and accessories
- Corporate gifts

C. Sales Supportive Items

- Hoardings, bill boards, outdoor and indoor promotional material
- Floats and display vehicles
- Ticket selling booths / selling stalls
- Sales board with umbrellas
- Lottery hanging boards & point of sale items
- Marquee ,canopies and huts
- Sales booths repairing & sticking
- Bicycles and tricycles
- Lottery selling boards

D. IT Related

- Computers & computer accessories
- Printers, scanners, fax machines, photocopiers & printing accessories
- Network equipment & accessories
- Surveillance systems
- Power generation and management equipments

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E. Printing Related

- Duplo, offset, flexo and screen printed material
- Digitally printed material

F. Building Related

- Office and home furniture

G. Stationery Related

- Toner cartridges & printer consumable items
- General stationery items

H. General

- Electrical and electronic equipment (Ex. Televisions, refrigerators)
- Other household items (Ex. Bed linen, towels, cutlery & cookery)
- Bottled drinking water
- Telecommunication items
- Personal protection equipment and material

02. SUPPLY OF SERVICES

A. Motor Vehicle Related (Garage & Service Stations situated within 8km from Colombo City Limits is Expected)

- Repairing motor vehicles
- Repairing motor auto electrical systems
- Servicing motor vehicle & interior cleaning
- Repairing auto air conditioning
- Seat covering and upholstery
- Hiring of motor vehicles
- Vehicle sticking & branding
- Vehicle detailing (Ex. Tinted glasses)

B. IT Related

- Power,data and voice cabling & electronic repairs
- Computers & printers services & repairs
- Communication systems and equipment repairs

C. Building & Premises Related

- Generator services and repairs
- Air conditioner services and repairs
- Minor civil construction and repairs
- Minor mechanical, electrical, plumbing (MEP) repairs & maintenance services
- Interior and exterior decorations and partitioning
- Aluminum, PVC, steel and wooden fabrication
- Fire extinguishing services
- Premises cleaning and maintenance services
- Pest control services
- Janitorial services
- Garden maintenance and landscaping
- Paper and waste recycling services

D. Graphical & Audio Visual Related

- Production of informative material (Ex. Documentaries)

E. IT & Digital Platform Related

- Information technological and e-platform solutions, positioning and maintenance

F. General

- Research & management consultancy services
- Courier services
- Catering services
- Event management
- Premises decoration (Ex. Bulbs & Lighting)

- Registration forms can be obtained from the National Lotteries Board Head Office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500/= (with Tax) Completed forms in duplicate should be submitted to the Board.

- Suppliers should be agreeable to provide one month credit facilities.

- If any supplier wishes to supply more than one item or service, separate applications should be forwarded on forms obtainable upon application after a payment of Rs.500/- (with Taxes) per item/service. Forms should contain the item No. and the details of items. All suppliers should submit their applications by hand or registered post with the caption "**Registration of suppliers for the year 2022**" on the left - hand top corner of the envelope to reach "**The General Manager, National Lotteries Board, No.32, Deshamanya N.W.J Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo 01**",on or before 2.30 p.m. on 28.12.2021.

- National Lotteries Board reserves the right to accept or reject applications received.

- Names of suppliers who fail to supply any item or service after acceptance of their quotations will be struck off the register of suppliers.

- Forms for the registration of suppliers could be obtained from Supplies Division, National Lotteries Board.

- Cash to be paid to Finance Division, National Lotteries Board.

- Forms could be obtained during weekdays between 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. until 13.12.2021

Quotations are normally invited from the registered suppliers but the Board reserves the right to call for quotations from other sources according to the government procurement procedure.



**The General Manager
National Lotteries Board,
No. 32, Deshamanya N. W. J. Mudalige Mawatha,
Colombo 01.
Telephone No. 011-4607000**

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CANCELLATION OF FOREIGN POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Hettiarachchige Kamalawathi holder of NIC No. 536451471 V and holder of Sri Lankan Passport No. L 0516936 of No. 11, Werallawatta, Yakkala, Sri Lanka do hereby inform that the Foreign Power of Attorney granted by me to Kumarapeli Arachchige Bula Ruvini holder of NIC No. 785633946V of No. 11, Werallawatta, Yakkala attested by Mrs. Iromi Perera, Attaché of Embassy of Sri Lanka of Kuwait on 15th June 2011 was cancelled.

Hettiarachchige Kamalawathi

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 20 OF 1964

Reference No. DO/E/1/117

The Government intends to acquire the land described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Extraordinary Gazette No.2251/18 dated 25.10.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District : Kalutara
Divisional Secretariat Division : Dodangoda
Plan No. : P.P.K. 4830
No. of Lots : 01
Total Extent of the land : 0.4091 Hectare
Name of Village : Bombuwela
Name of the Land : Mandadiyawatta or Mandadiyalandawatta.
Shyama P. Kariyawasam
Divisional Secretary,
Dodangoda
Address : Divisional Secretariat
Dodangoda
Date: 17.11.2021

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State Timber Corporation

Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation

Amendment to Supplier Registration for the year 2022 (Goods, Services and Works)

This refers to the Supplier Registration for the year 2022- (Goods, Services and Works) published in Daily News on 01st of November 2021 in respect of the above.

Following amendments are made to the above:

- The last date for submission of applications has been extended to 3.00 pm on December 10, 2021.
- The duly completed application should be submitted to the Chairman, State Timber Corporation on or before 14.12.2021.
- The main item categories under C -work should be revised as follows:

42. Civil Construction jobs (for Below 10Mn contracts) (CIDA registration under the category of Grade C7 or below)	44. Supply & Installation of Granite, Sink, Tap, other pantry tops etc.
43. Partitioning jobs (Aluminium/Glass/Flywood/Timber etc) (for SP - C contractors under the Grade C7 or below)	45. Exterior & Interior Works (Lighting, Window Covering, Flooring, Cladding, Decorative walls etc.)
	46. Supportive accessories for wooden furniture (Stainless steel, Iron, Glass, Brass etc.)

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Chairman
State Timber Corporation



MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES

PARANTHAN CHEMICALS COMPANY LIMITED

INVITATION FOR BIDS

EXTENSION OF TENDER CLOSING DATE

(Reference Paper Advertisement on 27th October 2021 in Daily News)

Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee from Service providers for the following,

01. Bid No. PCCL/01/HOM/2021/01

Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Interior Fit-Outs and Furnishing Work (Removing, Transporting, Fixing & new Requirements) for Pan Asia Bank Building (Proposed Accommodation) at No. 446, Galle Road Rathmalana.

* Bid closing on 29th November 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Those who wish to apply, should collect the Bidding Document from Paranthan Chemicals Company Limited Head Office at 100/25, Sri Ramanathan Mawatha, Colombo 13 or sending an email of requesting the Bidding Documents to gm@pccl.gov.lk or pccsupplies@outlook.com

Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids.

Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the opening of Bids. Late Bids will be rejected.

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee,
PARANTHAN CHEMICALS COMPANY LIMITED
No.100/25,
Sri Ramanathan Mawatha,
Colombo 13.

Tel. No. 011-2437556, 011-2437557
077-0599920, 076-3880910



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES



The Chairman - Procurement Committee will receive sealed bids from reputed Suppliers for supply of Foundry Raw Material at Engineering Foundry Division Industrial Development Board.

Tender No. : T/20/2021
Date of issue of Tender Documents : 23/11/2021 at 2.30 p.m.
Closing date and Time : 06/12/2021
Description of item : 01. Ductile Pig Iron (SOREL METAL)
Grade RS 110 - Ton 5
02. Ductile Cast Iron (DCI) Return Scraps - Ton 5
03. Si - mg (Sili Magnesium) - 500 kg
04. Cast Iron Scraps (C I) - Ton 5

Tender document should be prepared as per particulars given in the bidding document available to prospective bidders on working days between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. during above dates from Supply Division, IDB at its Head Office, No. 615, Galle Road, Katubedda, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. This could be purchased on cash payment of non refundable bid document fee of Rs.2,000/- per set. (Bidders are advised to carefully read and understand the specifications and other conditions laid down in the tender document).

Sealed bids may be sent by courier, under registered post or may be deposited in the Tender Box available for this purpose at Supply Division of Industrial Development Board, No. 615, Galle Road, Katubedda, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.

Bids will be closed at the Head Office of the Supply Division on the date and time mentioned above and will be opened immediately thereafter.

Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Bids.
Bidding documents could also be obtained on the web: www.gov.idb.lk

Should prospective bidders require any further clarification may contact Deputy Director, Supply Division of IDB on 011- 2607004.

Chairman
Industrial Development Board
No. 615, Galle Road,
Katubedda - Moratuwa.
Email : chairman@idb.gov.lk



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MINISTRY OF ROAD & HIGHWAYS

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

FUNDED BY THE INCOME OF EXPRESSWAY IN SRI LANKA

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

INVITING FOR SUPPLY OF IT SYSTEMS RELATED SPARE PARTS TO EOM&M DIVISION

Contract No.: RDA/EOM&M/PRC/2021/IT/33

- The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids for above Contract No: RDA/EOM&M/PRC/2021/MNT/04 for following Items. Complete details are available in the bidding document. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Rs. 100,000.00.

Description	Quantity (Nos.)
Workstation Computers	05
22 inch LED backlit Monitors	05
Online Double Conversion UPS units	15
a. 1 kVA	02
b. 6kVA	
Industrial 4 port POE Switches	10
Layer 2 POE Switches	15
IP Phones	10
Cat 6 UTP Cable reels	05
VRLA Batteries	405
a. 12V 7Ah	33
b. 12V 6 Ah Slim	
c. 12V 5.5Ah	66

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Section, Expressway Operation, Maintenance & Management Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama (Telephone: 038-2289122, Fax: 038-2289560) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours free of charge.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be obtained by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama from 23/11/2021 to 06/12/2021 during 09:00 hrs. to 14:30 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 + VAT. As per the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Director (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama at or before 14:30 hrs. on 07/12/2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bid validity period shall be until 07.03.2022.
- Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security. Bid Security shall be valid until 04.04.2022.

The Chairman
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee
C/o Director (EOM&M Division),
Road Development Authority,
Kahatagahahena, Walgama,
Bandaragama.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB-III)

Vadamaradchy South West Pradeshiya Sabha, Karaveddy

Local Development Support Project (Credit Number - P163305)

Construction of Kaddaiveli Sub Office and Ayurvedic Dispensary

LDSP/NP/JAF/VADA.S.W.PS/2021/05

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received credit from the World Bank towards the cost of Local Development Support Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contract for described work in the table below.
- The Chairman Local Authority Procurement Committee on behalf of the **Vadamaradchy South West Pradeshiya Sabha, Karaveddy, Northern Province**, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction works described in the table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman / Secretary, Vadamaradchy South West Pradeshiya Sabha, Karaveddy, (T.No: 0212263271, Fax 0212263271)** and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below on any working day from 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs till 21st December 2021.
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in Section 5 of the bidding document.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted by Ministry of Finance or World Bank or any other acceptable Institutions and Domestic Contractors shall have been registered in the field and grade mentioned in the table below with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below from 23rd November 2021 to 21st December 2021 from **09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.3,500.00** for each contract. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in Original & duplicate to the address below **at or before 10:30 hrs on 22nd December 2021**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the Table below.
- Pre bid meeting will be held on 06th December 2021 at 14:30hrs in the Vadamaradchy South West Pradeshiya Sabha, Karaveddy. Interested bidders may attend the pre-bid meeting at their own expense.

No.	Contract No.	Description of Work	Estimated Civil Cost Rs. (Million)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Validity Period of bid from the last date bid submission	Required Bid security	
							Security Amount (Rs)	Validity Period
01	LDSP/NP/JAF/VADA.S.W.P S /2021/05	Construction of Kaddaiveli Sub Office and Ayurvedic Dispensary at Alvai South	10.12	90 Days	C6 or above (Buildings)	77 Days	102,000/=	06.04.2022

Chairman
Local Authority Procurement Committee
Vadamaradchy South West Pradeshiya Sabha
Karaveddy, Northern Province.

23.11.2021

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Municipal Council – Kurunegala Procurement Notice

Quotations are invited to lease out the role of charging fees for parking lots mentioned in the Schedule of Kurunegala Municipal Council for a period of one year and to lease out the premises including the shops No. 1,2,3,4,5,6 in Lake Round for a hotel project on long term basis. Sealed quotations are accepted until **2.00 p.m. O 14.12.2021** and the tenders will be opened on the same day at **2.00 p.m.** Tender forms can be obtained from the Accounts Division of the Municipal Council upon payment of the following deposit fees, until **2.00 p.m. 13.12.2021** during office hours.

Tendering Parking Lots

Name of the Parking Lot	Tender Form Fees	Refundable Tender Deposits	Min Bid
Main Street 1	Rs 3000.00	Rs 10000.00	Rs 1762200.00
Main Street 11	Rs 3000.00	Rs 10000.00	Rs 1597200.00
Bodhiraja mawatha	Rs 3000.00	Rs 10000.00	Rs 1100220.00
Mihindu Mawatha, Convent Road, From Sethsevana Hospital to Ayurveda Hospital	Rs 3000.00	Rs 10000.00	Rs 1800000.00

Leasing out of the premises in Lake Round including shops No 1,2,3,4,5,6 for Hotel Project on long term bases shall be carried out as follows.

Shop No	Square Feet	Tender Form Fees	Security Deposit	Min Bid
Premises including 1,2,3,4,5,6	15570.00 sq ft	Rs 3000.00	Rs 10000.00	Rs 120000.00

Further details can be obtained on 037 4941868 / 037 4941869

**Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Council
Kurunegala**



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE INVITATION FOR BIDS

Supply Installation & Commissioning of 450 KVA Diesel Generator for State Intelligence Service

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayawardenepura, Kotte. now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of **450KVA** Generator for State Intelligence Service, No. 10, Cambridge Place, Colombo 07 as described below and estimated to cost **LKR 13.M** (Excluding VAT)
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- The selected bidder should work with the main contractor and advise him in all related activities and methods in fixing and maintaining the supplied fittings.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements
- Qualifications and experience of 1 key staff member (executive) shall include exclusive knowledge in installation of Generators and their makes and related technical details and be capable to advise the Employer/Contractor at all times as necessary and should submit at least 3 nr. contacts of successfully completed similar nature each total worth not less than Rs. 10.0 million or over within last three years (2018, 2019, 2020) with the completion certificates issued by the Consultant or Employers for support the above.
- Having a registered company on continuous business during last five years related to supply or supply, installation and commissioning of Generators.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Lt. Col I.P. Hettiarachchi. Tel No **0112430860** and inspect bidding document free of charge at the procurement Unit of the Ministry of Defence From **23/11/2021** to **15/12/2021** between 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by the interested bidders on submission of written application to Chief Financial Officer (I), Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayawardenepura, Kotte from **9.00 hrs** to **15.00 hrs** on any working days from **23/11/2021** until **15/12/2021** upon payment of a non-refundable tender fee of **Rs. 4,500.00** The method of payment will be in cash. All bids shall be valid for Seventy seven (77) days from the date of closing of the Bid.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Chief Financial Officer I office, Ground Floor, Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayawardenepura, Kotte on or before **10.00 am 16/12/2021** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of the presence of the bidder' representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by Bid Security amounting to **LKR 135,000.00** and it shall be ;
 - Issued by any Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka and approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
 - In favour of Secretary/ Ministry of Defence.
 - At the amount mentioned above.
 - In the form included in Section 08 in the Bidding Documents, an unconditional on demand bond and shall be valid 91 days from **16/12/2021** to **16/03/2022**
- Bidders are advised to informed in writing to **Chief Financial Officer I, Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayawardenepura, Kotte**, the name and the NIC /passport no of the individuals who is participating at the bid opening at least prior to three (03) working days of the bid opening.

Designation : Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee
Address : Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayawardenepura, Kotte.
Telephone : 011 2390719
Facsimile number : 0112390720
E-mail address : procurement@defence.lk

Ministry of Health TENDER NOTICE

Procurement of Split Type Air Conditioners to Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.

- Sealed bids for the supply of following Split Type Air Conditioners at Teaching Hospital Batticaloa, which will be received by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa up to **10.00 A.M on 07.12.2021.**

S. No	BTU	Quantity
01	9,000 BTU	01
02	12,000 BTU	02
03	18,000 BTU	01
04	24,000 BTU	10
05	36,000 BTU	03
06	48,000 BTU	03

- Only the sole nominated representative /accredited agent of manufacturers of the Air Conditioners offered for the Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this tender.
- Bid documents should be made on a complete set of bidding documents purchased by any interested eligible bidder, agent, representative or nominee for or on behalf of a bidder on the submission of
 - A written application to Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.
 - Upon payment of non – refundable fee of Rs. 1000/= in cash to Accountant, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa during the working hours.
 - A certified copy of certificate of business registration.
- Bid documents could be collected from the Planning Development Unit of Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa up to **06.12.2021 between 9.30 A.M and 3.00 P.M** during the working days.
- Sealed bid documents should be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the tender box maintained in the office of Chief Accountant **at or before 10.00 A.M on 07.12.2021.**
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of tender at the Director's Conference Room on 06.12.2021 at 10.00 A.M and at the time of opening of bids the bidder or his representative could be present as an observer.

**Chairman,
Regional Procurement, Committee,
Teaching Hospital,
Batticaloa.**

23.11.2021

THIS AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ADHERING TO COVID-19 PROTOCOL

Sale under Section 9 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 4 of 1990

AUCTION SALE BY COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC. KANDY BRANCH
 VALUABLE PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT OF KANDY WITHIN THE DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT DIVISION GANGAWATA KORALE OF KANDY GRAMA NILADHARI DIVISION OF 251 SENKADAGALA WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL LIMITS OF KANDY SITUATED AT SIR BENET SOYA VEEDIYA (COLOMBO STREET) DIVIDED AND DEFINED PORTION OUT OF THE LAND BEARING ASSESSMENT NO. 233 DEPICTED AS LOT 01 IN PLAN NO. 1504 DATED 14.07.2012 AND MADE BY J.R.A. De J SENEVIRATNE, LICENSED SURVEYOR TOGETHER WITH THE THREE STORED BUILDING AND EVERYTHING ELSE STANDING THEREON IN EXTENT **7.6 PERCHES.**

Property Secured to Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC for the facilities granted to **W.D.R. SAMARAKOON & SONS (Private) LIMITED** having its registered Office at No. 233, Colombo Street, Kandy as the Obligor.

I SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HERETO ON 07th DECEMBER 2021 AT 10.00 A.M. AT THE SPOT

For Notice of Resolution refer the Govt. Gazette dated 04.10.2019 Mawbima, The Island and Thinakural dated 29.10.2019.

Mode of Payment : The successful Purchaser should pay the following amounts in cash to the Auctioneer at the fall of the Hammer.

Ten Percent of the Purchase Price (10%)
 One Percent as Local Govt. Tax (01%) payable to Local Authority
 Auctioneer's Commission Two & Half percent out of the purchase price (2.5%)
 Total Cost incurred on advertising
 Clerk & Crier's Wages of Rs. 1500/=

Notary's fees for conditions of sale Rs. 3000/=
 Balance 90% of the purchase price together with any other statutory Levies, duties, taxes or charges whenever imposed by the Government of Sri Lanka to be payable within 30 days from the date of sale.

Title deeds and other connected documents could be obtained from Manager, Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, No. 120, Kotugodella Veediya, Kandy. T.P. 081-2223163, 2234392-3

The Bank has the right to stay/cancel the above Auction Sale without prior notice.

**I. W. JAYASURIYA
AUCTIONEER, VALUER & COURT COMMISSIONER
369/1, Dutugemunu Mawatha, Lewella Road,
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KOTAPOLA PRADESHIYA SABHA TENDER NOTICE

Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha calling Tenders for the properties of Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha mentioned in following schedule from 01st of January 2022 to 31st of December 2022 to be paid on rent basis.

- You can apply for Tenders by paying Tender Form Fees and bail installments to the office by proving your identity. You should produce your National Identity Card/ Valid Driving License for confirmation of your identity. Applications are issued till 2 p. m. of 03.12.2021 from the date of 24.11.2021.
- I, myself, will accept Tender forms till 10.00 a.m. of 06.12.2021 and tenders will be opened at 10.30 a.m. of the same date at the main office of Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha.
- The final decision of accepted tender and rejected tenders will be taken by the President of Tender Board. More details can be inquired from Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha office within office hours.
- Tender forms will not be issued to the people whose names in bankrupt documents and who cannot prove their identity.
- You accede tender conditions mentioned in the Tender documents.

No.	Property Name	Tender value for 2022	Tender bail installment Rs. Cts.	Tender Form Fee Rs. Cts.
01	No. 1 Fish plank in front of Deniyaya Police	Rs. 2,500.00 for a day of fish selling	25,000.00	3,000.00
02	No. 2 Fish plank in front of Deniyaya Police	Rs. 2,500.00 for a day of fish selling	25,000.00	3,000.00
03	Fish plank in front of Kotapola National School	75,000.00	25,000.00	3,000.00
04	Public Toilet of Deniyaya Bus Stand	80,000.00	5,000.00	1,500.00
05	Coconut harvest of Waralla Cemetery	20,500.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
06	Sunday Fair of Deniyaya	300,000.00	10,000.00	1,500.00
07	Friday Fair of Waralla	50,000.00	5,000.00	1,500.00

**A. P. Dayananda,
President,
Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha**

**At Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha, Deniyaya
Tel. No.:- 041-2273275
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