

Govt prepared to listen to Opposition - PM

New Draft Constitution will be given to MPs

SANDESEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

The government is always prepared to listen to Opposition criticisms and to absorb any constructive criticisms by the opposition members as well, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa told Parliament yesterday.

He said further that a draft for a new Constitution is being formulated



and the same would be presented to all Parliamentarians and debated later. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

SIX LANE NEW KELANI BRIDGE VESTED IN THE PUBLIC TODAY



The six lane New Kelani Bridge connecting Colombo City will be vested in the public by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa today at 6 pm.



Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said that the New Kelani Bridge was constructed with advanced technology culminating in several milestones in transport technology in Sri Lanka. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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SIX CHILDREN DIE IN KINNIYA FERRY CAPSIZE, 17 RESCUED



DINULI FRANCISCO

Six children died after a ferry carrying 20 capsized in Kinniya, Trincomalee yesterday morning. Police said the children were on their way to school when the accident occurred.

About 20 people were on board at the time of the accident and it is learnt that some of them had swum ashore.

The Navy stated that 17 people have been rescued and among them were three school children. A special Navy Squadron, Rapid Action Force and eight Marine

Squadrons have been deployed to rescue the missing persons, a Navy spokesman said.

Police said that the death toll could rise further. Police and Navy have already launched a search operation for the missing.

Meanwhile area residents protested near the Kinniya Divisional Secretariat claiming that the construction of the bridge across the lagoon connecting Kinniya and Kurunjankulam is purposefully being delayed by the authorities.

They said that the ferry is used



The capsized ferry. Picture by Mollipothana corr.

as a bridge instead of the existing bridge as it is under construction.



Kinniya tense after ferry mishap, Governor appoints probe committee

MULLIPOTHANA GROUP CORR.

Security in the Kinniya police division was strengthened yesterday following a mob attack on Trincomalee district Parliamentarian S.M. Thowfeek's house.

Angry crowds thronged the MPs house and damaged property after a ferry across Kinniya Kurunjankeni Lagoon capsized killing six persons including children. Eastern Province Governor **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Fuel, gas deposit auctions next March - Minister

Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpala said the Government intends to commence initial auctions for the exploration of gas and fuel deposits by March next year. The Minister made this revelation

in response to a query raised by MP Mohamed Muzammil.

Muzammil asked whether the Government has plans to explore gas and fuel deposits in the country soon. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Speaker admonishes SLPP MP, expresses regret over utterances

SANDESEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday (23) said he regrets the conduct of Badulla District SLPP MP Janaka Tissakuttiarachchi who spoke in a disrespectful and discriminatory manner to female parliamentarians and females in general.

The Speaker also said that he would like to strictly advise MP Tissakuttiarachchi to refrain from behaving in such a discourteous manner. The Speaker made these observations in a special statement at the beginning of the session. Speaker Abeywardena said that the Chief Organizers of



both parties should inform the Members of Parliament of their respective Parties to prevent such incidents in the future. He also stated that if the Members of Parliament continue to behave in this manner in the House, he will have to take strict action in accordance with the Standing Orders to maintain discipline in the House. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

PM inaugurates BIA's expansion project tomorrow



IRANGIKA RANGE

The second stage of the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) expansion project increasing the airport's passenger handling capacity to 15 million annually will be launched by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa tomorrow (November 25). **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Lagoon ferry operated under approval from SLMC run UC - Lanza

Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza yesterday said the approval to operate the ferry across the Kurunjankeni Lagoon in Kinniya has been granted by the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress.

He said that he does not approve of the action taken by the Opposition Leader in accusing the government regarding the unfortunate incident that took place yesterday morning that claimed six lives. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Former Defence Secretary was informed of extremist activities in 2017 - Nilantha

DILSHAN THARAKA

Former State Intelligence Chief Nilantha Jayawardena testifying before a Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar yesterday said that a list of 94 individuals with extremist views had been handed over to

then Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando in 2017.

He was appearing as the first witness in two cases filed by the Attorney General in the Colombo High Court against former Defense Secretary Hemasiri **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Twenty five accused in Easter Sunday attacks indicted, case on January 12

DILSHAN THARAKA

The case filed against 25 accused including Nawfer Moulavi in connection with the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks was yesterday fixed for

January 12 by the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar. The case was taken up before the Bench comprising Colombo High Court Judges Damith Thotawatte, **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Introduce subsidy scheme for tea fertilizer - MP

Parliamentarian Weerasumana Weerasinghe requested Plantations Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana to introduce a subsidy scheme for tea fertilizer as the tea industry is currently in crisis.

The Parliamentarian made this request at

the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation which met under the chairmanship of Minister Pathirana, on Monday (22).

Weerasinghe said that tea smallholders have been severely inconvenienced due to the fertilizer shortage. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Govt failed to keep election pledges - SJB



SANDESEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

The government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has failed to achieve National Security, Political Stability nor System Change as pledged during the election, **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Twenty one Hambantota LG members rejoin UNP

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

Twenty-one Local Government representatives in the Hambantota District who left the United National Party (UNP) and joined the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) have expressed their willingness to rejoin the UNP. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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Six Lane New Kelani... From page 01

The bridge has two sections - the extradosed bridge section over the river and the steel box girder viaduct section over the existing roadway. Both technologies were used for the first time in Sri Lanka. The extradosed design enabled the bridge to have the widest span without piers in any bridge in Sri Lanka.

As no piers needed to be constructed on the river bed, there is no impact to the water flow or ecology of the river itself. The steel box girder technology enabled the viaduct section to be constructed with narrower curves to optimize space and quicker construction to optimize resources with minimum disruption to traffic.

The six-lane bridge extends southwards from Colombo-Katunayake Expressway and divides towards Port Access Road ending at the Ingurukade Intersection and Baseline Road ending at Orugodawatte Intersection.

Following the need of a new bridge that could cater to the increased volume of traffic with the opening of Colombo-Katunayake Expressway, the bridge was designed in 2012 and its feasibility study was conducted in 2013 and agreements were signed in 2014 when Mahinda Rajapaksa was the President and Highways Minister. The Bridge has six lanes from the end of the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway to the Bandaranaikie Roundabout and will be four lanes from there on to the Orugodawatte, Ingurukade Junction and the Port entrance.

The length of the bridge section across the Kelani River is 380 meters. The bridge has been constructed in two stages. The first package, the steel output bridge section, is at a cost of Rs.31,593 million, while the second stage, the concrete suspension bridge section, is at a cost of Rs.9,896 million.

Trees that could absorb particulate matter, black carbon and dust, while tolerating heat have been planted along the new bridge and connecting roads including the Kelanitissa circular road and the road to the bridge from the Orugodawatte junction which is considered a highly populated urban area. Officials of the Department of National Botanical Gardens have recommended that trees that could work as "lungs" of an ecosystem because they absorb carbon dioxide and emit oxygen should be selected for the purpose.

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He made these observations joining the Committee Stage Debate on the Budget Proposal for financial year 2022 under the financial heads of the President, Office of the Prime Minister, Judges of the Superior Courts, Office of the Cabinet of Ministers, Office of the Public Service Commission, Judicial Service Commission, National Police Commission, Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, Office of the Finance Commission, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, Parliament, Office of the Leader of the House of Parliament, Office of the Chief Government Whip of Parliament, Office of the Leader of the Opposition of Parliament, Election Commission, National Audit Office, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Delimitation Commission.

He said further that the priority of the government was drawn to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the

public. He added that the government has taken the decisions at the right time for the protection of the people of the country. He added that no sooner did the COVID 19 patients reported, the government appointed a Presidential Task Force and the Prime Minister's office was open round the clock to provide essential services to the public and to health services.

He said further with the COVID-19 global pandemic situation the economy of the country affected and many enterprises too were affected. He also said that the budget proposal for the financial year 2022 has many long and short term facilities to address those issues.

"The government took over a bankrupt economy in 2019," Premier Rajapaksa said. "The proposals to uplift the economy are included in the budget proposal."

He added that it was seen the opposition members debating loud and long to gain political advantages as usual and

the government welcome all the constructive proposals buy the opposition. He added that at this decisive juncture we all have to get together to face the challenge before us rather than attempting to engage in a disputes, in order to serve the people.

He said further that the budget has a proposal not to charge for the company registration in 2022 in order to encourage the business enterprises and to bring in the youth views in this sector to get their contribution to the economic growth. He also invited the youth to engage in businesses that would bring in foreign exchange.

He also said that his political party and government would keep a pledge if they made one. He said as they pledged the teachers salary anomaly issue that was not addressed for 25 years was solved through the budget proposal. He added that this government has allocated the highest amount ever for education through this Budget proposal.

Death of Dr. Lakshman Weerasena

Renowned social and community worker, Deshabandu Dr. Lakshman Lucien Weerasena passed away yesterday.



Dr. Weerasena, a medical practitioner who had wide experience in the field was appointed President of the Independent Medical Practitioners Association in 1991.

He held a number of positions in local and international organizations. Dr Weerasena was a former President of Sri Lanka Pakistan Friendship Association, Vice President of Automobile Association, Past Vice President of Sri Lanka College of General Practitioners. He was onetime chairman of the CAA medical board.

Dr. Weerasena is a father of two. His the brother late Ranjith Weerasena was a well-known philanthropist and a sport icon.

Fuel, gas deposit auctions... From page 01

Minister Gammanpila said that the exploration of gas and fuel deposits belonging to the country cannot be left for future generations.

"According to the Paris Agreement signed in 2015, the majority of the countries are scheduled to stop using fuel after 2050, including Sri Lanka. Therefore, we cannot leave these gas and fuel deposits to be explored by the next generation. We need to do it right now. Hence, we intend to commence the initial auctions by March next year. Already many companies have come to Sri Lanka to conduct explorations," he said. Gammanpila said in Parliament that it would be appropriate to bring in the fuel price formula if the Fuel Stabilization Fund is not established.

He added that the Price Stabilization Fund is more suitable

for the country. "If we do not change the fuel prices domestically in line with the world market prices, then the losses incurred due to the fluctuation of prices would have to be borne by none other than the consumer. Rich people in this country have vehicles that only do around 4-5 km per litre of fuel.

But, the unfair factor is that the poor man who can't even dream of owning a vehicle also pays for this fuel cost through the VAT he pays when he purchases something from a village shop. Hence, I proposed to set up a Fuel Stabilization Fund, but if that cannot be done, then the fuel price formula should be enforced," the Minister added.

However, he said that there are three obstacles facing the country in this regard. "The first is finding investors at a time when the whole world is scheduled to stop using fuel.

Speaker admonishes SLPP MP,... From page 01

MP Thalatha Athukorale raising a Point of Order requested the Speaker to direct MP Tissakuttiarachchi to make a statement apologizing for the way he carried out his speech. "This conduct has now become a regular one. So we would like to request the Speaker to direct the respective MP to extend a public apology. Previously a Cabinet Minister also behaved in this manner. At one such occasion, the MP presiding over the Chair has claimed that he did not hear it. We all know how this MP behaves. As a strong female politician

said. In reply, Speaker Abeywardena said that he will inform about the matter to the Chief Government Whip.

MP Tissakuttiarachchi responding to the announcement said that he only talked about "vegetables" and had not insulted anyone or made any implications. He pointed out that when former MP Ranjan Ramanayake was talking about women's front side and back side in Parliament there was no female MPs to protest against it. He pointed out that he did not mean ill to anybody even though other people see his speech to be vulgar. Tissakuttiarachchi said that he would apologize if the respective female MP could repeat the insulting words or lines he had used and prove that the words means otherwise. "If you tell me the abusive words that I said to you from your own mouth, I will apologise." Tissakutti-

aarachchi said. State Minister Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle said: "There are only 11 female MPs in this House. We find it very difficult to bring females into politics. If someone is insulting or abusing female MPs, say it government or the Opposition, you should take stern measures against them. The whole country is looking at us. Our honour depends on the way these 225 MPs behave."

A heated argument arose between the government and opposition MPs while this topic ensued. The argument escalated into an almost physical clash between the MPs as both parties exchanged words.

MP Rohini Kumari Wijeratne pointed out that MP Tissakuttiarachchi's request to repeat his own insulting words is another way of abusing and harassing the victim.

Twenty one Hambantota... From page 01

Subsequent to a discussion held with United National Party Chairman Vajira Abeywardena, at Ambalantota, Non-agama on November 21, nine representatives joined the UNP to work with them. Among those who joined the UNP were a Tangalle Municipal Councillor, Mohamed Shiras, Hambantota Municipal Councillors Dinesh Dharshana, M. Mohamed Rizan, Sharifdeen Faris, S. Aruna Shantha and Mohamed Samsudeen, as well as Tissamaharama Pradeshiya Sabha member A.P.Dhammika, Tangalle Pradeshiya Sabha Member Saman Kumara and Ambalantota Pradeshiya Sabha Member Ahmed Shakur.

A disciplinary committee of the UNP carried out an inquiry against these members who had while being members of the UNP supported the SJB. During the discussion held with Vajira Abeywardena they had submitted an affidavit and agreed to actively work with the UNP.

Kinniya tense after... From page 01

Anuradha Yahampath yesterday ordered Local Government Commissioner N. Maniwanan an immediate inquiry into the tragic incident.

A special committee headed by the Provincial Highways Ministry Secretary I.K.G. Muthubanda has been appointed to conduct this investigation.

In addition, the Governor instructed the DIG in charge of the Trincomalee District to conduct a special police investigation.

Lagoon ferry operated... From page 01

He said that the government expresses its regret regarding the loss of lives in this unfortunate incident and that a formal investigation will be carried out. He also said that the Road Development Authority does not have any connection with allowing the relevant raft to operate.

It had not been possible to construct a bridge across this lagoon for a very long time, and no action at all was taken during the tenure of the government of good governance to do so. Lanza said that their government commenced building a bridge as a solution for the people who are suffering and its construction will be expedited.

As a result of the Urban Council granting permission to use this raft in an unprotected manner, this tragedy took place. The State Minister said further that arrangements will be made in the near future to plan a proper passenger transport operation in compliance with proper standards, by the Road Development Authority, across the lagoon.

Govt failed to keep election... From page 01

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Tissa Attanayake said yesterday. He made this observation joining the Committee Stage Debate on the Budget Proposal for 2022.

He said that the promises in the "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" have not been kept and the confidence is breached. He said that basically the election promises were to strengthen national security, political stability and system change to bring about efficiency to public service and other sectors of which none has been achieved.

He said that as promised to bring the culprits of the bond scam into book has not been fulfilled. The government retained Rs. 12 billion related to the bond scam and said that out of that Rs. 8 billion is used to gap the budget deficit. He added however the government has not been able to trace the similar sum

said to be around Rs. 15 billion in the sugar import scam.

He said that according to Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa the loan installment is 115 percent of the GDP which is an alarming rate and seems the country is to be identified as bankrupt.

He added however the budget proposal has no proposals to address these issues.

He said with regard to the Easter Sunday attacks the Government promised to punish the culprits. "But it is too late to fulfill the promise. The government is attempting to establish a military rule. Hence democracy is infringed.

He suggested that the Election Commission should be vested with powers to study the election promises and make recommendations as the parties would make impractical pledges.

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PM inaugurates BIA's expansion... From page 01

The BIA expansion project will be constructed in two parts, "Package A" and "Package B" funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and is the second largest development project currently implemented in Sri Lanka.

Under the Package B, new Apron and Taxiways have been constructed at the BIA. The project B will stretch across 210 square metres and provide 23 additional parking spaces (aprons) for aircraft using the facility.

Once the 'Package-B' development is completed, it will facilitate

the upcoming 'Package A' (Passenger Terminal Building and associated works under BIA expansion project (Phase 11 Stage 2 Project) development programme of the main gateway.

Works also include the improvements such as machinery, retention pond and storm water drainage system and access road. Rs.6 billion has been spent for Package B. The Package A which was inaugurated by then President Mahinda Rajapaksa in 2014 was neglected by the former Yahapalanaya regime. However, work on the Package A was

recommended while work on Package B was expedited once the government came into power in 2019.

It is expected that world-renowned airlines will begin to increase frequencies to BIA while airline operations will rise dramatically once the whole project is completed in 2023.

The project has incorporated Japanese advanced technology and expertise to enable the building to provide barrier-free access and environmentally friendly features beneficial for both the people and nature.

Introduce subsidy scheme... From page 01

The Minister stated that action will be taken soon to provide this subsidy. Dr. Pathirana further stated that the highest tea production in Sri Lanka was recorded in 2013 and the import of tea fertilizer was at a low level that year. However, the highest amount of tea fertilizer has been imported in 2020 and the yield has not increased in comparison. The Minister also pointed out that the price of fertilizer in the world market has almost doubled.

MP Weerasinghe also pointed out that the prices of minor export crops such as cinnamon and pepper have increased significantly by 2020 and the price of tea has not

increased. He also pointed out that small scale tea estate owners have been severely affected by this situation.

Speaking at the event, the Minister said that this is an important issue and the Ministry has paid attention to this matter. MP Weerasinghe also said that about 15,000 acres of paddy lands in the Matara District have become barren due to the Nilwala project and requested the Minister to pay attention to the cultivation of coconut in those paddy fields.

The Minister instructed officials to pay attention to this matter. Discussions also focused on the intro-

duction of an alternative to the drip irrigation system for large scale estates, the coconut coir industry in the Kurunegala District and the use of the Sembuwatta area under the Elkaduwa Plantations Ltd for tourism.

State Ministers Arundika Fernando, Janaka Wakkumbura, Kanaka Herath, Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle and MPs Weerasumana Weerasinghe, Asanka Navaratne, Prof. Charitha Herath, Velu Kumar, Gunapala Rathnasekara, Goonetilleke Rajapaksa, Manjula Dissanayake, Udayana Kirindiyagoda, Amara-keerthi Athukorala were present at this meeting.

Former Defence Secretary...

From page 01

Fernando and former IGP Pujith Jayasundara for failing to take proper action in connection with the series of Easter Sunday terror attacks that took place on April 21 in 2019.

The two cases were taken up before a bench comprising Justices Namal Balalle, Aditya Patabendige and Mohamed Irshaden yesterday.

Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris and Deputy Solicitor General Sudharshana de Silva appeared on behalf of the Attorney General.

Witness Jayawardena testified that he too had been in the service of the Intelligence Service since 2000 and did not perform his duties such as arresting people according to his duties and was always working to protect his identity.

He further testified that he had once been trained as an intelligence officer affiliated with the Israeli Intelligence Service and as intelligence officers are unable to perform police duties, the information is passed on to the IGP or the Defence Secretary.

He had worked with six Defense Secretaries during this period of service and that he had worked with former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando for six or seven months.

Former Chief of Intelligence Nilantha Jayawardena testified that only a few Security Council meetings were held in 2019.

Deputy Solicitor General Sudharshana de Silva inquired from the witness as to when the intelligence regarding the ISIS ideology was received. Witness Jayawardena stated that about four reports were received during the period 2009-2015. He said that the ISIS network was very high and at that time information was received that a large number of the country's youth were migrating to Syria.

Jayawardena testified that due to the attacks on Syria by other countries during the period 2015-2016, the young people who were to come to Syria were generally instructed by the ISIS to stay in Sri Lanka and spread religious ideology. The Deputy Solicitor General asked the witness how the procedure for forwarding the information received to the Defense Secretaries would affect the transfer of Defense Secretaries. Jayawardena said that in such a case, awareness would have to be created from the initial information. The cases will be taken up again on today (24) for further trial.

Two separate indictments comprising 855 separate charges against former IGP Pujith Jayasundara and former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando were filed by the Attorney General in the Colombo High Court on May 3.

The Attorney General filed indictments in the Colombo High Court against former IGP Pujith Jayasundara and former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando on the basis of accountability of murder and attempted murder under sections 296 and 300 of the Penal Code in connection with the Easter Sunday attacks that took place on April 21, 2019.

Coomaraswamy to testify from London in Bond Scam Case

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar yesterday issued a split order ruling that the case could not be summoned to conduct the testimony of the first prosecution witness in the case, former Central Bank Governor Indrajith Coomaraswamy, who is now residing in the United Kingdom, through the video technology in connection with the irregularities that took place at the third bond auction held on March 31, 2015.

The case was taken up before the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar bench comprising Colombo High Court Judges Damith Thotawatta, Adithya Patabendi and

Namal Balalle. High Court Judge Amal Ranaraja presided over the bench, while High Court Judge Namal Balalle ruled that Coomaraswamy's testimony could not be summoned through video technology, while High Court Judge Adithya Patabendi stated that the relevant evidence could be summoned.

The High Court Judge further stated that although the Attorney General's permission could not be granted under the Victims and Witnesses Protection Act and the COVID Procedure Act, that evidence could be called in accordance with the Criminal Procedure code at the discretion of Court and that the request was made by two irrel-

evant Acts. Presiding Judge Amal Ranaraja's majority order stated that the request to call witnesses through video technology had no legal basis.

Delivering the order, special conditions were laid down by the Colombo High Court Judge Adithya Patabendi. Accordingly, the witness was required to give evidence at the Sri Lankan High Commission in England at the Sri Lanka time prescribed by Court. It is stated that only the relevant cameraman and witness should be present during the recording of his testimony. Further, the Defence should, as mentioned earlier, make it clear that copies of the documents they intend

to present at the cross-examination should be clearly named and should be made available to the witness.

However the request made by the Prosecution was rejected by the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar. The case will be taken up again on December 1.

The Attorney General has filed an indictment against 10 accused including former Central Bank Governor Arjun Mahendran and former Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake before the Colombo High Court Trial-at-Bar under the Public Property Act, alleging that they caused a loss of over Rs.688 million at a bond auction held by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka on February 27,

2015. The 10 accused are Perpetual Treasuries Private Ltd, former Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake, CBSL former Governor Arjuna Mahendran, Perpetual Treasuries Limited (PTL) beneficiary owner Arjun Aloysius, PTL Chief dealer Kasun Palisena, Chairman of PTL Jeffrey Joseph Aloysius, Chitta Ranjan Hulugalle, Muthuraja Surendran, Ajahn Gardiye Punchedi, Badugoda Hewa Indika Saman Kumara.

The case is proceeding in the absence of Former Central Bank Governor Arjun Mahendran and Perpetual Treasuries Former Director Ajahn Gardiye Punchedi.

Opposition Leader laments vegetable shortage

ANANDA KANNANGARA

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

The Opposition Leader said at a media briefing that the Government has suddenly decided to import chemical fertilizer but over 200,000 farmers have to face immense hardships since a majority of them has not yet commenced Maha Sason cultivations because of the shortage of chemical or organic fertilizer.

"If the Agriculture Ministry Officials decided to import chemical fertilizer earlier, such a situation would never happen and there will be no shortage of vegetable and related agricultural products in the country," the Opposition said.

Opposition Leader Premadasa said that this foolish decision affected not only farmers but also everyone in the country.

The SJB Leader said that the SJB is of the view that cultivating paddy and other agricultural products using only organic fertilizer is immensely needed at this juncture, considering the health condition of the people and those to be born in the future.

Opposition Leader Premadasa said that cultivating using only organic fertilizer cannot be done overnight but gradually without putting much burden on farmers, their families and the people.

The Opposition Leader said that it is pity to say all these foolish decisions are made by the Government without even consulting agricultural experts and urged the Government to make such important decisions in future only after consulting with agriculture experts.

Ancient State Emblem excavated from Deeghawapi site



The beads



The Emblem.

CHANDANA LIYANARACHCHI,

Digamadulla Group Corr.

A State Emblem belonging to the Second Century AD was found from the Southern Gateway (Waahalkada) of the Deeghawapi Dagoba.

Deeghawapi Archaeological Site Excavation Officer In-Charge M. K. C. Kumara said.

Excavations and conservations are being carried out together with renovations of the Deeghawapi Dagoba from 2020 on the instructions of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

When excavating the Southern Waahalkada of the Dagoba, the emblem on a rock in a metal cover was found. Three golden caskets were also found.

In 2020, the case, the rocks and the three golden caskets had been inspected at the Ampara District Secretary's Office. The excavations were halted due to the COVID pandemic and under the second stage; once

again, it has been carried out during the past few days.

The metal covering, which was on a rock together with soil, resembles an alms bowl. It had been placed on top of a square similar to that of a Dagoba.

When this metal cover was removed, the symbol of copper depicting two lions facing each other appeared.

Officer In-Charge of Archaeological Excavations M. K. C. Kumara said that according to the gold missive found inside the case of rocks found from the Waahalkada, it could be from the Second Century AD. A necklace was also found with small pebbles and coral limestone. About 1,500 beads of various sizes had been used to produce the necklace, he said.



The launch of *Dambulu Purawaruna* - the official newspaper of the Dambulla Municipal Council and its paper was held at the Dambulla MC under the patronage of Lake House Chairman and Managing Director W. Dayaratne, PC yesterday. Dambulla Mayor Jaliya Hemantha Opatha and Lake House Editorial Director and Senior Journalist Dharmashri Kariyawasam were present. Picture by Wasitha Patabendige

Sunil Jayalath appointed Sabaragamuwa PC Chief Secretary

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

Sunil Jayalath assumed duties as the Chief Secretary of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council yesterday at the Provincial Council in Ratnapura.

Sabaragamuwa Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa handed over the letter of appointment to Jayalath at the Governor's Office.

Sunil Jayalath graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Kelaniya in 1984 and has been teaching for several years.

He joined the Sri Lanka Administrative Service in 1987 and has served as the Divisional Deputy Chairman, Divisional Secretary of Mahavilachchiya, Kahatagasdegiliya, Mihintale and Rambukkana Divisional



Sunil Jayalath receiving the appointment letter from Sabaragamuwa Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa.

Secretariats. He later served as the Secretary of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Public Service Commission, Additional District Secretary of Gampaha. Prior to his appointment as the Chief Secretary of the Sabaragamuwa Province, he served as the Gampaha District Secretary.

Jayalath was appointed to the post after the retirement of former Chief Secre-

tary Ranjani Jayakody of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council.

Deputy Registrar of the Gampaha District Sasarakshaka Authority Ven. Maligawatte Dhammarama Thera and Coordinator of Buddhist Affairs of the Gampaha District Secretariat Ven. Henpita Mulle Susula Thera conducted religious services on the occasion.

German Ambassador calls on Navy Commander

German Ambassador to Sri Lanka Holger Seubert called on Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne at the Navy Headquarters yesterday (23).

The discussion between the Navy Commander and the German Envoy

focused on several matters of bilateral importance. Chief Delegate of the German Chamber of Commerce in Sri Lanka Andreas Hergenroether was also present. The German Ambassador was presented a memento to mark the occasion.

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Registrar of Pesticides removed for undermining State Policy – Minister Aluthgamage

Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage said that the Registrar of Pesticides was removed from his position as he has acted in a manner that undermined the State Policy by overruling the ban on Glyphosate along with several other chemicals.

Minister Aluthgamage said in Parliament yesterday that the Registrar of

Pesticides who had issued a gazette notification lifting the ban on glyphosate, had been instructed to be removed from the post immediately.

The Minister said that it was completely illegal for the Registrar of Pesticides to issue a gazette notification lifting the ban on glyphosate.

The Minister was making a statement at the

commencement of Parliament proceedings that he had instructed the official from the post yesterday and that steps were being taken to re-impose the ban on glyphosate.

Minister Aluthgamage said that a disciplinary



inquiry was being conducted against the Registrar of Pesticides Dr. J. A. Sumith over the importing of pesticides as required by a particular chemical company and that he had been favouring a certain company in importing pesticides.

The Minister further said that some officials of the Department of Agriculture have been working with chemical fertilizer companies in the recent past.

Glyphosate weed killers have been banned in Sri Lanka for the past seven years, and Aluthgamage confirmed that this decision will not be changed.



Samarasinghe disowns MP status to accept Ambassador Post US

Kalutara District MP Mahinda Samarasinghe said in Parliament yesterday (23) that he will step down from his post to take up the post of the Sri Lankan Ambassador to the United States.



MP Samarasinghe also said that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had requested him to accept the post and that he had accepted the request.

MP Samarasinghe also said that he is going there to serve the country and consider

the extended experience and exposure he has on international relations, he will do his utmost for the betterment of the country. The MP was speaking during the Budget Committee Debate on the Heads of Expenditure of 25 institutions including the Office of the President and the Prime Minister.

Sri Lanka's overall performance has improved – Minister Dinesh

The overall performance of Sri Lanka has improved to 87 out of 165 countries in 2021 according to an international report issued yesterday, Leader of the House and Education Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said in Parliament

yesterday. The Minister made these observations during the reply speech he made joining the Committee Stage Debate on the Budget Proposals for 2022.

Minister Gunawardena also said that the overall per-

formance of Sri Lanka was in the 94th place in 2020 and added that it was improved by the Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa amidst the COVID 19 pandemic and amidst the non-corporation of the Oppo-

sition as well. The Minister invited the Opposition to support the Government for the sake of the country and the people.

He invited them to be realistic and not to follow petty politics.



Laws will be brought to ensure justice to Insurance Agents – Minister Nimal Siripala

Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva yesterday said in Parliament that he is ready to bring in laws to ensure justice to the insurance agents. "There are legal issues pertaining to whether they could become employees with a fixed salary as they have been recruited as independent agents on commissions. In July, I met them on two

occasions, but despite the invitation to the Association of all insurance companies to join the talks, they did not come. As a result, we could not come to any agreement regarding the payment issue of these life insurance agents," the Minister



added. The Minister also said that the Labour Department has decided to pay EPF and ETF to the insurance agents. Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva was responding to Leader of the Opposition Sajith Premadasa under Standing Order 27 (2).

President will free country from economic labyrinth – Minister Rohitha

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will free the country from the economic labyrinth, Ports and Shipping Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardena said in Parliament yesterday.

The Minister said that the independence of the Judiciary was worst affected under the 19th Amendment to the Constitution by the previous Good Governance Government tenure and it is

healthy with the passage of the 20th Amendment under the Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The Minister said that the President at the Cabinet meetings had strongly advised that the independence of the judiciary is of paramount importance.



Minister Abeygunawardena was participating in the Committee Stage Debate on the Budget Proposals 2022.

Minister Abeygunawardena said that Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Parliamentarian Lakshman Kiriella said in the morning that the independence of the Judiciary is affected under

the 20th Amendment to the Constitution unlike under the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. The Minister said that the entire country heard the recordings of the discussions between former Minister Ranjan Ramayake, former CID Head Shani Abeysekara and the then Court of Appeal Judge who heard the case against MP Duminda Silva even under the 19th Amendment. The Minis-

ter added that the incident damaged the image of the Judiciary and became a clear evidence for lack of independence of the Judiciary.

The Minister said further that in another incident against Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa during the Good Governance Government tenure, the Kaduwela Magistrate Court was kept open until 8.30 pm.

'Special investigation into Kinniya ferry incident'

A special investigation will be carried out regarding the Kinniya ferry accident and on the approval given by the Kinniya Municipal Council for the use of a ferry across the Kuranjankarni Lagoon, Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said in

parliament yesterday (23). State Minister Lanza also said that the Opposition should not blame the Government for the unfortunate incident. "The Road Development Authority (RDA)



Leader of the Opposition Sajith Premadasa in Par-

liament regarding the unfortunate ferry accident in Kinniya.

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'First container with local textiles to USA today'

Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara told Parliament yesterday that the first container carrying locally manufactured textiles are being shipped to the USA today.

The State Minister also said that agreements have been signed with five other countries to export products manufactured in Sri

Lanka including handloom materials and batiks.

"These countries, including the USA, UK, Japan and Dubai have signed agreements with Laksala."

The State Minister was responding to Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Mayantha Dissanayake. He asked the State Minister if there was any issue in importing the raw materials required by the local

producers under the present dollar crisis and what measures had been taken to export the locally produced goods.

State Minister Jayasekara said that the imports of raw materials is handled by the private sector but discussions are underway to see if yarn and dye required



for to manufacture local fabrics can be done by Laksala. "If this can be done, we could obtain yarn and dyes at a cheaper rate," the State Minister said.

The State Minister said that the biggest issue faced by the local producers is obtaining the raw materials.

Insurance Agents have been deprived of Workers' Rights, Privileges – Opposition Leader

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa yesterday told the House that Insurance Agents have been deprived of workers' rights and privileges by the Insurance Companies and the Government should intervene to do justice to them.

Opposition Leader Premadasa was raising a question under the Standing Order 27/2.

"The leading service providers in the Insurance Industry are Insurance Agents who bring in new

investments for the Insurance Companies by selling Insurance Policies. By defining Insurance Agents as "Independent Contractors" by the Insurance Companies, the Insurance Agents have been reduced of their workers' rights and privileges," the Opposition Leader said.

"Although there are about 45,000 people



employed in the Insurance Industry, this seems to be the main reason for the dismissal of nearly 200,000 Trained Insurance Agents.

The safety and well-being of the Insurance Agents and their dependents, many of whom work in this field, has been compromised by the lack of legal recognition for their work."

Opposition Leader Premadasa said.

"Life Insurance Agents do not receive a fixed salary, but some other insurance agents are paid a basic salary based on the Insurance Industry Regulation Act No. 43 of 2000. How can two groups that do the same thing be treated differently based on the same bill? Will the Government take steps to pay basic salaries to the Life Insurance Agents as well?" the Opposition Leader asked.

House pays special attention on verbal abuse, harassment against female Parliamentarians

Special attention was paid yesterday (23) by several MPs on verbal abuse and harassment targeting female Parliamentarians inside the Chamber.

Former Prime Minister and United National Party (UNP) Colombo District MP Ranil Wickremesinghe said that he would like to propose to the Speaker that the Women Parliamentarians' Caucus be given the power to take action in the event of any insult or harassment done to any female MP.

MP Wickremesinghe said that he is moving the motion as an issue has arisen regarding the violation of the privileges of a female Member of Parliament at present. He also said that the Forum of Women Parliamentarians should be given the right to take action against the harassment of a female member of Parliament.

The former Prime Minister said that the Chairperson of the Women Parliamentarians' Caucus and others should meet the Speaker and discuss the motion further.

People denounce male Parliamentarians' cheap behaviour – NPP MP Harini

National People's Power (NPP) MP Harini Amarasuriya said that those who instigate violence against women and those who endorse such violent behaviour by word or action are the same.

NPP MP Dr. Amarasuriya said that the public denounce such cheap behaviour and culture. She questioned if the MPs cannot behave inside the Chamber, how they could follow an acceptable conduct outside. NPP MP Dr. Amarasuriya also said that Parliamentarians are not a privileged group who can act above the law.

"People are utterly disheartened by the behaviour of this House. If you want a better



sessions and seminars. Unfortunately, we have to speak about the same topic inside this House also. It is an unfortunate situation that we have to express our disappointment over the harassment, especially verbal abuse, that female MPs have to suffer in Parliament. I am not talking about just one person. I have seen several who speak abusive language against female MPs. In our country, female representation in politics is very low. Anyone who support, applause a person who use abusive language in the House should be considered abusers as well. This kind of political culture is shameful," MP Dr. Amarasuriya said.

Economic crisis could turn into political flare-up – UNP Leader Ranil

United National Party (UNP) Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe warned in Parliament yesterday that if a solution to the economic crisis faced by the country is not addressed immediately, it could turn into a political flare-up.

UNP Leader Wickremesinghe said that it affects all politicians in Parliament.

He said that the people have lost confidence in the Government and they do not believe that the Opposi-

tion has any solution to the economic crisis.

"Powers of Parliament to legislate laws and in relation to State finances should be protected," he said and added that according to the country's Constitution, the Cabinet is also answerable to Parliament.

He was speaking in Parliament during the Committee Stage Debate of the



2022 Budget. The UNP Leader said that following the enactment of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, Parliament has faced difficulties in carrying out its functions.

"Today, we see that in certain instances even the Ministry Secretaries are not answerable to the Minister. Then how can the Cabinet be answerable to Parlia-

ment? Everyone should be answerable to Parliament," he said.

He said that even though certain Executive Powers are vested with the President, powers to legislate new laws lie with Parliament and the Cabinet is also responsible for running the country. UNP Leader Wickremesinghe said that certain powers of Parliament have been challenged through the new Constitutional Amendment.

'COVID lockdowns makes children mentally unbalanced'

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Psychiatrists welcomed the decision by the Education Department to reopen schools for the sake of children who lost their mental stability due to lockdowns and isolation. Ragama Teaching Hospital Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Dr. M. Chandradasa said that this is the high time for parents to see the everyday behaviour of their children since many school-going children are suffering from mental illnesses since they have been confined to their houses for a long time. He said that during the past two years, the number of children seeking medical advices for mental illnesses is increas-

ing. Dr. Chandradasa said that non-functioning of schools has resulted in most children addicting to watch programmes, especially crime related ones on mobiles and TVs. Dr. Chandradasa said that parents more often do not know what their children are watching on digital screens. He advised them to allow their children to engage in various other social activities rather than playing unnecessary computer games and watching movies till late night. Quoting a survey, Dr. Chandradasa said that due to the delay in starting schools in the recent past, most children have given up their day-to-day leisure

and entertaining activities. He said that children suffer from mental illnesses and also their eye sight get weak when they engage in these activities more often. Dr. Chandradasa further said that many of the children are also involved in illegal activities due to boredom. "The parents of such children should be vigilant over their children's behavior and direct them to psychiatrists if they guess anything that puts them at risk." According to the World Health Organization (WHO), one of five children is suffering from mental illnesses during the COVID pandemic.

SL Envoy to Chennai calls on Tamil Nadu Governor

Deputy High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Chennai Dr. D. Venkateshwaran paid a courtesy call on Tamil Nadu Governor R. N. Ravi at the Raj Bhavan on November 16. The Deputy High Commissioner requested the Governor to seek the possibilities to visit Sri Lankan Rehabilitation Camps and Prisons in Tamil Nadu, where Sri Lankan refugees and prisoners are detained, which led to a positive outcome. As the Governor is the Chancellor of all Universities in Tamil Nadu, Deputy High Commissioner further discussed scholarships and exchanges of new technologies between Agricultural Universities in Coimbatore and Sri Lanka.



Deputy High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Chennai Dr. D. Venkateshwaran and Tamil Nadu Governor R. N. Ravi exchanging mementos.

Enhancing bilateral cooperation and developments, building up goodwill and increased connectivity between Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu were also discussed.

HC facilitates COVID-19 medical equipment donation

The Sri Lanka High Commission in Singapore facilitated a consignment of 50 BiPAP machines and eight ventilators donated by the Temasek Foundation of Singapore to support Sri Lanka's efforts to contain COVID-19. The donation was presented at a symbolic ceremony at the Foreign Ministry in Colombo. Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage handed over the donation to Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana and State Ministry Secretary Dr. R.M.S.K. Rathnayake. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, the Temasek Foundation has made very significant donations of medical equipment to Sri Lanka. They also previously donated



State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana receiving the donation symbolically from Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage.

one million Livinguard face masks, which were produced in Sri Lanka and were gifted for the use of frontline health workers. The Temasek Foundation has continuously assisted Sri Lanka in education, healthcare and sev-

eral other sectors. The donation was made by the Temasek Foundation following the request by High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Singapore Sashikala Premawardena to Chief Executive Officer of the Temasek Foundation

International Benedict Cheong. The donation was airlifted by courtesy of Sri Lankan Airlines and the financial support for logistical arrangements by the Sri Lanka Business Association (SLBA) in Singapore.

State Minister in Pinnawala on inspection tour

LAHIRU FERNANDO

State Minister Kanaka Herath recently visited the Pinnawala Tourism Zone in Rambukkana, which is to be developed further under the *Siyak Nagara* Urban Development Programme. Pinnawala, a tourist hotspot, will be developed in 120 days under this programme. The road from Hiriwadunna to Pinnawala will be expanded to four lanes, trees will be planted beside the road, parking facilities will be increased and high pressure water pumps will be set up. PS Vice Chairman Nimal Jayawardena, Divisional Secretary Indika Liyanage, political representatives and officials were present.



During the inspection tour in Pinnawala.

Italian Envoy calls on Foreign Minister

Ambassador of Italy to Sri Lanka Rita Manella met Foreign Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris on November 22 at the Foreign Ministry. Their discussion focused on issues of mutual interest including political relations, further consolidation of bilateral trade, investment and tourism ties, Sri Lanka-EU Cooperation and exchange of visits. The Italian Ambassador also referred to promoting cultural cooperation between Sri Lanka and Italy in a range of spheres including architecture, fashion design and Italian cuisine. The Foreign Minister expressed his deep appreciation to the Italian Ambassador for the support extended in facilitating the visit of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to Italy to



participate as a special guest in the G20 Interfaith Forum 2021 in Bologna in September.

Regional Cooperation State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya, Deputy Head of Mission of the Italian

Embassy Francesco Perale and Senior Officials of the Foreign Ministry were present.

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SITA ELIYA:

THE LAND BLESSED BY SITA'S DIVINITY IN SRI LANKA

MEENAKSHI J.

Situated just a stone's throw away from Dhanushkodi in Tamil Nadu, and dubbed the Serendib in Arabic and Ceylon by the colonists, Sri Lanka is a gem of a destination that remains vastly unexplored.

On a recent road trip across this historical island, I ascended the misty slopes of the Central Province, in search of sacred realms. And, one such search brought me to a region commonly called the Highlands, famous for its kovils, Ceylon Tea and bio-diverse jungles.

The Bhaktha Hanuman Kovil was my first stop in this quest. Located inside the Chinmaya Mission premises at Ramboda and perched at 3,200 feet, this temple is home to a 16 ft tall granite Hanuman idol worshipped by the local people.

"This is the place where Hanuman first set foot in Sri Lanka," says Shivalingam, an office bearer at the Chinmaya Mission, as I pay a visit to the office enclosure. "We've built a temple at the very spot."

A hamlet nestled in the folds of rolling tea-plantations of the Central Highlands, Ramboda is a mere 35 km away from the popular colonial hill-city of Nuwara Eliya, home to a large Tamil population working as tea-plantation workers for generations.

It is widely believed that Ramboda is the place where Hanuman had first touched down, on his visit to Sri Lanka, in order to rescue Sita Devi in the epic *Ramayana*. He is said to have rested here and meditated. Indeed, the serene climes of Ramboda is the ultimate place to seek divinity, and I could imagine why Hanuman must have chosen this spot to meditate, in the name of Shree Ramachandra.

But this hamlet isn't the only place related to Hanuman or the *Ramayana* in this region.

Blessed with plentiful mist-kissed mountains, gurgling streams, gushing waterfalls, luxurious flora and fauna, and dotted with vibrant kovils, the whole of the Central Highlands is steeped in the legend and lore of the *Ramayana*.

While giving a tour of the Chinmaya Mis-

sion premises, Shivalingam showed me a mountain range opposite the Kovil. "It is known as Ravanaboda," he says. "Ravanaboda is where Ravana's army was stationed during the war in the *Ramayana*, while Rama's army along with the *vanara sena* was on Ramboda."

I saw that the two mountain ranges were separated by the Mahaweli Ganga, flowing majestically in the valley below. It is here that the epic battle between Rama and Ravana happened and the triumph of *adharma* over *dharma*, facilitated by the might of Hanuman and the *vanara sena*.

Local people believe that the presence of Hanuman still lingers over these mountains. They have nicknamed the peak line of Ravanaboda as 'Sleeping Hanuman', as it closely resembles a reclined Hanuman. Looking keenly, I couldn't help but accept that it indeed did look like a figure of him sleeping with his hands close to his chest!

Every rock, tree and stream, from the inanimate to the animate, in this land seemed to be waiting to narrate its own tale associated with the epic. And, the Hindu gods and goddesses that I so revered came alive in these mountains that were blanketed by an energetic vibe.

Although I couldn't visit the other places associated with the epic, I made sure to pay my obeisance at the Seetha Amman temple, located on the outskirts of Nuwara Eliya, nearby Ashoka Vatika, as instructed by Shivalingam.

"Sita Eliya has the only temple in Sri Lanka dedicated to Sita Ma, and you should



Bhaktha Hanuman Temple

visit, it," Shivalingam had reminded me, as I relished the '*prasadam*' lunch served inside the Chinmaya Mission premises (thoughtfully booked by my friend Jude, in advance) before bidding goodbye to Ramboda.

And, what a beautiful visit it turned out to be!

Built abutting the fringes of the mist-kissed verdant forests of the historical Ashoka Vatika, beside a gurgling stream meandering its way through the woods, the

Seethai Amman Kovil at Sita Eliya brings forth the bygone *Ramayana* alive.

Local people believe that Sita Devi used to bathe in this stream, descending the slopes of the enigmatic Ashoka Vatika where she was held captive by Ravana. Just adjacent to the stream, on the boulders are brooding nagian imprints, believed to be of Lord Hanuman who is said to have introduced himself to Sita Devi at this very spot, on his first ever interaction with her.

This event from the *Ramayana* has been

immortalized through the statue of Sita Devi blessing Hanuman, with details engraved on a plaque at the historical spot.

Legend goes that the stream's water loses its taste around this spot, and that it regains its taste a little further downstream. Also, three black granite idols of Rama-Sita-Lakshmana were unearthed from the Ashoka Vatika a few years back, and since then it has been installed inside the Seetha Amman Kovil.

The kovil built by local people is colourful with a fresh coat of paint and resembles the temples of Tamil Nadu, with a Dravidian temple architecture. An old shrine dedicated to Lord Hanuman still exists on the sides of the stream nearby.

Recently, a Sri Lankan delegation led by their High Commissioner to India, Milinda Moragoda, visited Ayodhya and offered a *shila* (sacred stone) from this Ashok Vatika for the Ram Temple.

Well, it is no secret that Sri Lanka is an integral part of the *Ramayana* epic that comprises 24,000 verses divided into seven volumes or *kanda*. While the *Sundara Kanda* has fleeting mentions of the island and introduces Ashoka Vatika, the *Yuddha Kanda* almost brings Sri Lanka to life.

However, what is widely unknown is that the people of this island nation also consider Rama as a revered figure; while the temples, caves and mountains associated with the events in the *Ramayana* are considered sacred.

In fact, pilgrims and travellers from India often visit places in the *Ramayana*-trail circuit when on a trip to Sri Lanka, as do the local populace. And, Ramboda and Sita Eliya top this pilgrimage trail.

So, the next time you are travelling to Sri Lanka, explore the island beyond its white-sandy beaches for a few days. I guarantee that it would be good fuel for the soul!

(Meenakshi J is a family traveller with a penchant for art, architecture, heritage and historical sites, and symmetry, that often gets translated into words on her blog: PolkaJunction.)

(OnManorama)

SRI LANKA SEEKS RAVANA'S 'PUSHPAK VIMANA'

Sri Lanka wants to reclaim its ancient glory by conducting a detailed scientific research into its aviation past. Many Sri Lankans believe that King Ravana was the world's first seasoned aviator and that during his days, the island had aircraft and airports. Dismissing the argument that these are mythological beliefs with no scientific backing, some enthusiasts have gone ahead researching on their own.

Two years ago, a conference of civil aviation experts, historians, archaeologists, scientists and geologists was held in Colombo to give a push to the idea. The conference had concluded that Ravana first flew his aircraft from Sri Lanka to India and back.

After the conference, the then Sri Lankan Government had sanctioned an initial grant of Sri Lankan Rupees 5 million to start the research. "The research was stopped due to COVID-19 lockdowns. The current Government is also interested in it. They have agreed to continue the project as an initiative of national importance. I expect the researchers to resume work by early next year," said Shashi Danatunge, former Vice Chairman of the Sri Lankan Civil Aviation Authority.

Shashi, a history buff and also former CEO of the Sri Lanka Cricket Board, has travelled across the island looking for traces and evidences of the country's civil aviation past.

"I am convinced that Ravana is



not a mythological figure. He was a real king and he indeed had aircraft and airports. They may not be today's aircraft and airports. Certainly, the ancient Sri Lankans and Indians had access to superior technologies. We need to conduct an objective research into it," Danatunge said.

He has also requested the Government of India to join the project believing it to be an important research for both countries to assert their ancient achievements.

Shashi is not alone in advocating for research on this. Sunela Jayewardene, Sri Lanka's leading environmental architect, in her book *The Line of Lanka - Myths & Memories of An Island* writes passionately about Ravana's aviation.

"In the adult world, Ravana's flight is fictitious, as any educated adult knows that the American Wright brothers invented flight as recently as the last century. But that belief stems from a few centuries of mental conditioning that the West

has the most sophisticated technology," she said.

She also argues that descriptions in the ancient texts of the *vimana* or aircraft are too detailed and technical to be labelled as myth. Her uncle, the late Ray Wijewardene, a Sri Lankan pioneering modern pilot, had also backed this theory, she says.

"If I had doubts about ancient flights, they were swept away in a gust of excitement when he told me that he believed the Mayuranga kings (Ravana's dynasty) had aircraft and even airports. They would have had gliders, he said, and would have looked for water nearby, not necessarily runways," she writes.

According to her, there are places associated with aircraft landing such as Thotupolakandha and Ussangoda, Weheranganthota, Rumassala and Lakegala in Sri Lanka.

There is a renewed interest in Sri Lanka about Ravana and his kingdom. The island nation has also sent a satellite called Ravana to the outer space to honour him. Turns out, that line of thought isn't just gaining



popularity in Sri Lanka alone, but in India as well. Asianet Newsable reached out to some experts to gain their views on the same. According to historian Dr. Shalvapillai Iyengar, "Whatever is mentioned in the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* are not just an imagination. Definitely, some sort of physical vehicles were there. So the research will help to find out what was the methodology and scientific terms and science was there at the time, definitely, it may lead to some clue."

"Even today many pieces of evidence exist in India. If you observe, the Thanjavur Temple tower is 215 metres high. Even in Pattadakal and Aihole, the temples are intact. Even in Puri Jagannath and Pashupati-nath in Nepal and even in Kedarnath, the temples are intact. Despite calamities, there was no leaning of the temple tower in Thanjavur. There was no damage to the Pashupati-nath temple in Nepal during the earthquake that struck the country. This is all because of 'Vaastu Vignana' (Vaastu science)," he said.

"If you clearly observe in the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*, we see it as history. For the Indian community, it is a part of history. At the time of *pooja* in the temple, the priest will first give an introduction to Indian history and begin verses from holy scriptures. One-thousand-one-hundred years ago when India was invaded, this legacy stopped. Continuation of heritage and legacy and the knowledge they (Kings) had was impacted," Dr. Iyengar, Chairman of the Department of Ancient

History and Archeology at the Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, said.

"Not just '*Pushpaka Vimana*', hundreds of '*Vimanas*' are explained. Bharadwaj's *Vamana Shastra* explained what are the materials that should be used and how to fly and all. Even at the time of *Satavahana's*, around the First Century AD, King Hala's '*Gatasaptasati*', Gunadhya's '*Brihathkatha*' and others, these '*Vimanas*' are explained. Maybe if we do some research, we can find something," he said.

"In the contemporary world, we are facing many issues, number one is petrol. There is a scarcity and also the rates are going high. They may be wanting to find an alternative to energy sources or natural energy sources. That may be very helpful," he said, adding, "Indian technology or ancient technology, if you take like Greek and Egypt, everything is existing even today and they may be thinking some research may help in the longer run. That may be the Sri Lankan Government's idea."

Laying out evidence, the historian said that 25 years ago, Dr S.R. Rao conducted his research on oceanography in Dwarka and Goa, and found the remains of Dwarka. "The Northern Black Polished Ware Culture also had researched in North India and found pottery indicating that the *Mahabharata* had happened. The *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* have happened and this is what Indians believe," he concluded. (CNN News 18, Asia News)



Pushpaka Vimana

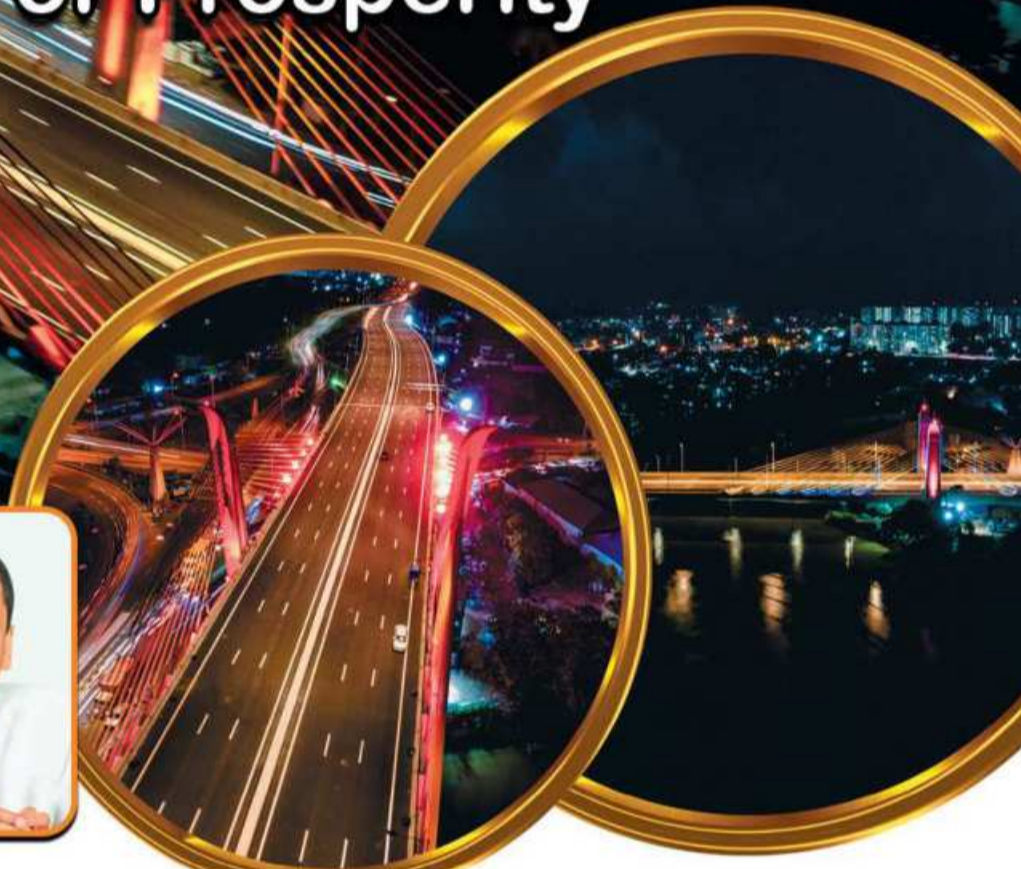


Rama being welcomed upon his return to Ayodhya in King Ravana's flying chariot Pushpaka Vimana.



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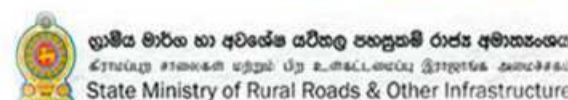
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A timely move

The decision taken by the Government to impose strict price controls on certain essential drugs is the right move considering the threat posed to persons who are on regular medication who are now dealt with a double whammy at a time the prices of almost all other items too had hit the sky. State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals Prof. Channa Jayasumana last week announced an imposition of a price ceiling on some 60 varieties of medicinal drugs in what amounts to an indirect admission that drug prices have hit the ceiling. The prices of certain drugs prescribed for diabetes and high blood pressure had doubled and certain pharmacies were laying down their own prices, aggravating the situation.

It need not be stressed that a vast majority of those who depend on drugs for their survival are retirees and senior citizens who have no choice but continue to remain on drugs for their entire lifetime as are even those who are young and afflicted by NCDs such as diabetes. In the case of the young the problem could be mitigated through regular exercises and other physical activities, but not so the old and the feeble for whom the sole saviour is their quota of drugs. Hence it is a question of life and death for these hapless folk among whom are Government pensioners who had given the best years of their lives in the service to the State.

In fact these men and women who are in the evening of their lives have been delivered another blow in the form of the slashing of the interest of their bank deposits by as much as 50 percent worsening their predicament. Not all of these folk are dependent on their offspring with some of them having to fend for themselves. With the diminution of their income coming on top of the soaring Cost of Living, it is one huge battle for survival for these hapless denizens. The Government has seized on the seriousness of the situation and taken this measure to tide over the immediate threat by providing them with some form of lifeline though their collective plight is far from over with the ever rising prices of essential consumer goods.

Hence the Government ought to extend this relief to other areas too so that our senior citizens and retirees will be able to keep body and soul intact. Designated trade centres should be reserved for Government pensioners and senior citizens where they will be able to purchase a prescribed set of goods at subsidized prices, including medicinal drugs. In fact former Central Bank Governor W.D. Lakshman too spoke of the injustice done to the senior citizens by Banks slashing their interest rates and called for alternative measures to cushion the blow.

Of course Banks would hardly feel the pinch by loosening their collective purse strings. The business pages of newspapers these days are full of boastful proclamations of this bank or that bank recording record profits and declaring fat dividends to shareholders. We also see stories of banks coming out to sponsor sports persons with fat cheques and also undertaking to finance services or development projects. Our senior citizens deserve better treatment than having to see their meagre earning drastically contracted due to the actions of the banks.

True, the commercial banks are obliged to follow Central Bank guidelines as regards interest rates. This follows the collapse of several finance companies recently due to their offering higher interest rates to customers, which risks precipitating a run on deposits in the commercial banks with disastrous consequences. This is why the Government's intervention is called for some sort of arrangement that would make life easier for our senior citizens.

The Government should also look for urgent solutions to alleviate the present plight of the public at large grappling with soaring prices of essential consumer items. The problem has become aggravated due to the loss of income by large segments resulting from the loss of business, closure of workplaces and a general paralysis of the economy. The problem is so grave that a senior Minister admitted that there needs to be more than one breadwinner in the family if one were to at least stay afloat while another Government politician even urged the people to skip one meal, which, no doubt, is a reflection of the state of affairs. The US Dollar crisis has been attributed to the serious economic recession the country is placed in, where it is unable to pay for imports even of essential goods. How then it may be asked that dollars are available to import apples, grapes, oranges, cheese and chocolates to the country at a time when all non-essential imports have been banned by the Government? Prudence should be exercised by all concerned at this time of a grave crisis which the country is placed in as conceded even by top Government Ministers during live television interviews. A joint effort is called for shedding all parochial differences if the country is to wriggle out from the present unprecedented crisis.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

After a lifetime of working, raising families, and contributing to the success of their nation, senior citizens deserve to live with dignity. - Charlie Gonzalez



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa presiding over a meeting to discuss the fertilizer issue.

NO ROLL-BACK OF GREEN AGRICULTURE POLICY

As the acute shortage of both chemical and organic fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides has had a ripple effect leading to a sharp rise of vegetable prices in the market, the Government this week reviewed its Agricultural Policy once again to address the prevailing issues.

Some confusion and contradiction of statements by the authorities could be witnessed on this matter, but it was confirmed during a crucial meeting chaired by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Monday that the Government has decided to further relax its embargo on chemical fertilizer and agrochemicals in an attempt to ease the tensions among the farming community.

While stressing that the Government would only provide subsidies for organic agriculture, President Rajapaksa, during his meeting with the relevant Ministers and high-ranking officials of the Agricultural sector, gave the nod to bring down agrochemicals through the private sector for vegetables, maize and other cereal crops as necessary. He, however, underlined that the Government has not abandoned its Green Agricultural Policy and that it should still be the focus despite the initial difficulties.

The President was apparently not satisfied over the commitment of the Agricultural sector officials to promote organic farming. He cracked the whip on them stating that they should either abide by the Government policy or vacate their positions. The seemingly irked President was also seen admonishing the Heads of the two State-owned fertilizer companies asking them to pull their socks up when those officials could not provide him with the accurate statistics of fertilizer requirements in the country as at present.

FARMERS' SUPPORT NEEDED

Following the meeting, Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage told Parliament that a special fertilizer would be imported for vegetable cultivation, but the chemical fertilizer ban on paddy cultivation would essentially remain the same. However, the Opposition Members had doubts on the Minister's claim that the chemical fertilizer ban had not been reversed.

Agriculture Ministry Secretary Prof. Udith K. Jayasinghe-Mudalige on Sunday told the media that the Government would once again allow imports of certain types of standardized chemical fertilizers, agrochemicals, and plant nutrients in the required quantities. Following this statement, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa commented that the Government, as usual, had made a 'U' turn of its own ambitious policy in the face of intense protests by farmers and political groups.

In the past few weeks, the farmers were complaining that they have been compelled to buy fertilizer and agrochemicals at exorbitant prices in the flourishing black market as they experience a crop failure and a drop in yields. The adverse weather that led to floods in the last couple of weeks had worsened the situation. The Nuwara Eliya Economic Centre was closed on Sunday due to the short supply of vegetables and the farmers took to the streets. This is of no little concern as the upcountry is usually known for vegetable cultivations.

Ultimately, the burden has been heaped on the ordinary people, who are already finding it hard to maintain a decent living standard amidst the spiraling Cost of Living and queues for essential items such as domestic LP Gas and milk powder.

The Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa may have had the people's best interests at heart when the organic farming drive was implemented in May. The President is keen on the initiative with a genuine intention of



The Opposition held a demonstration in Parliament over the fertilizer issue.



SLPP MP Janaka Tissa Kuttiarachchi



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena



SJB MP Rohini Kavirathna

providing a non-toxic diet to the people and creating a healthy nation. Nobody argues the fact that organic food has to be promoted, but the agricultural professionals and experts have repeatedly pointed out that a major shift of agricultural policy of this nature requires a considerable time and effort.

How Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was made to withdraw three of his controversial farm laws last week after almost a year-long protests by farmers was an example to say that no policy could be force fed on the people and that the grassroots level support is vital to make any policy succeed.

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

Meanwhile, the Second Reading of 'Budget 2022' was passed in Parliament comfortably receiving 153 votes in favour and 60 votes against on Monday. This Vote consolidated the strength of the Government camp, showcasing that

its two-thirds majority in Parliament is intact despite the recent internal disagreements in the ruling coalition.

The Budget has now approached the Committee Stage, where the Expenditure Heads and proposals for various sectors are taken up for debate separately. The month-long Budget debate is a long standing tradition meant for weighing up the budgetary proposals and allocations, but how far this purpose is served through contemporary Parliamentary debates, which often lack substance, remains a question.

The ugly tirade of Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) MP Janaka Tissa Kuttiarachchi in Parliament on Saturday was another stark reminder of this question, and it was inescapable this time given the low-level the Parliamentarian had stooped to during his speech. The MP's demeaning sexist comments on Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Rohini Kavirathna and Opposition

Leader Sajith Premadasa's wife, Janani Premadasa, led to public outrage and the social media platforms were flooded with comments condemning the MP for his inappropriate and insulting words on women.

What was even more appalling was that the backbencher MP was given additional five minutes by Chief Government Whip Johnston Fernando to continue his speech despite its offensive nature. MP Kuttiarachchi spent the additional time he was given to launch a broadside at the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) and its Leader MP Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

It was also shocking to see that the Chair took no notice of the un-Parliamentary language of the ruling party MP. When SJB MP Nalin Bandara requested to expunge the inappropriate comments by MP Kuttiarachchi, SLPP Hambantota District MP Ajith Rajapaksa, who was presiding over the House at that time, stated that there was nothing wrong in the MP's speech to his knowledge. However, he added that he would leave it to Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena to decide.

FEMALE MPS CLOSE RANKS

Several women and human rights groups as well as the women Parliamentarians have called on the Speaker to take disciplinary action against MP Kuttiarachchi for his improper comments at the country's supreme law-making body. They have also demanded an apology from the backbencher, observing that his comments were an insult to the entire female population of the country. Women Parliamentarians' Caucus Chairperson State Minister Dr. Sudharshani Fernando, writing to the Speaker, also raised her concerns on the incident and urged him to take necessary action to prevent verbal harassment against female MPs within the House.

MP Kuttiarachchi, in a poor attempt to save face, had dismissed claims of making any sexist remarks in Parliament, when he was approached by the media later. "I only mentioned the names of vegetables that came to my mind at that time. People can think whichever way they want. I only spoke about vegetables and that is that," had been his reply to a newspaper.

MP Kuttiarachchi was referring to a piece of paper in his hand while he was taking the floor of the House, and this was enough for one to deduce that the MP's degrading comments were premeditated. MP Kuttiarachchi is a first-timer in Parliament, who polled about 50,000 votes in the Badulla District.

Previously, he made a spectacle of himself by allegedly exchanging blows with SJB MP Harin Fernando at the Parliament entrance following a tense situation in the well of the House. After this incident in April, the Speaker appointed an eight-Member Committee headed by Deputy Speaker Ranjith Siyambalapiyana to probe that day's fracas in the House, and its report was submitted in July. There was no news of any follow up action on the report thereafter.

Interestingly, MP Kuttiarachchi had reportedly requested duty-free vehicle permits for MPs during a Government Group Meeting headed by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on October 24, complaining that the backbencher MPs find it difficult to carry out work in their constituencies due to the lack of a vehicle.

A whopping sum of money is spent from the public purse annually for the upkeep of our law-makers. This is while the common man on the street is struggling hard to put food on the table due to the severe economic downturn in the country. Not all MPs behave badly or talk rubbish in Parliament, but the few who do bring the August Assembly into disrepute, and the Speaker needs to step in to straighten them out.

Which thought systems enable a delivering economy?

RAJPAL ABEYNAYAKE

What are indigenous systems, and why are they exalted? Japan and China are supposed to have their own indigenous systems — ways of doing things — and that is supposed to be the reason for their breakout success in economic terms, as the second and third largest economies on Earth.

China however has a massive pharmaceutical industry and manufactures a vast array of generic medicines. Though China is considered the home of alternative treatment — Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) — when the country “modernized” in the ‘70s, the use of TCM dropped drastically.

Today, just about 20 percent of Chinese use TCM treatments for their ailments. In Japan however, there are traditional Japanese medical practitioners in hospitals that offer conventional allopathic medicinal cures, so the situation in that country is somewhat different.

In Japan, South Korea and China, there are on the average about four schools offering conventional medicine to every school that offers traditional/indigenous medicinal cures.

These statistics show that these countries that are idolized for indigenous thought, are not exactly wedded to their indigenous systems.

However, the people of these nations have not totally eschewed traditional lifestyles. But these countries all have one thing in common — offering a high standard of living for their citizens, by having never eschewed influences from the outside world.

That should be food for thought for those who romanticize these countries, while romanticizing the notion of ‘traditional thinking’. There is no doubt that indigenous knowledge or indigenous ways of thinking are rife in Japanese society, or Chinese society — and that these indigenous knowledge systems or ‘ways of knowing things’ are in stark contrast to Eurocentric knowledge systems.

Indigenous knowledge

I am using the word indigenous here to denote traditional as opposed to Eurocentric, and not to denote the so called ‘indigenous’ communi-

ties of Japan such as Ainu, Okinawans, etc.

That being out of the way, there is no doubt that the indigenous knowledge systems in Japan, China and South Korea all seek to coexist with nature while in the Eurocentric epistemology, nature is considered subordinate to man, who is considered superior.

That is a fundamental difference if ever there was one. However, countries such as Japan and even China have internalized Eurocentric systems, particularly in order to thrive in the global capitalist system.

In the case of the Japanese, education or rather the educational methodology became almost entirely Eurocentric as a result of Eurocentric influences from outside. Indigenous ways of knowing were marginalized.

It is said that the Japanese indigenous ways of knowing are about ‘discovery’ while the Eurocentric

ways of knowing are about ‘knowledge’. However, the fact remains that be it Japan — or South Korea or even China, these countries have subsumed indigenous ways of knowing under Eurocentric and Western thought systems, because they want to thrive in the global capitalist economy.

If that is so, people may argue that these nations are not going down the correct path. They may argue that powerful though these countries may be and strong though their economies are, they have not got it quite right, because they have subordinated their own indigenous thought systems to those of the Western world.

However, those who may argue in this fashion cannot deny the fact that all of these nations — bar none — have been able to offer better standards of living to their citizens. It is why these countries are widely admired today in, say, our part of

the world, and why by most metrics, people here consider these countries to be ‘advanced.’

Better standards

So those who romanticize indigenous ways of knowing should give pause to their romanticism and ponder a few realities. People everywhere seem to want these ‘better standards of living,’ and who is to blame them?

They want better transportation and better roads, for instance. That is not difficult to empathize with, because people suffer when transport systems are sub-standard, i.e., when the buses and trains are crowded, and uncomfortable, and un-dependable.

Those who hanker after indigenous systems of knowledge to the exclusion of all other winds of change that blow over from outside, seem to do so at the risk of depriving the people of these basic facilities and amenities they desire — good transportation, affordable housing, ‘modern’ contraptions such as washing machines, refrigerators, etc.

There does not seem to be many (or any) places on Earth where indigenous thought systems remain intact exclusively and in isolation, and people are still self-contained and happy despite that, except perhaps in the Amazon rainforests, etc. where tribes exist that still have had no contact with the outside world. Is neighbouring Bhutan such a place?

Well, Bhutan is focused on Climate Change, and on carbon footprints and so forth — and that is hardly the stamp for glorifying indigenous knowledge systems. Bhutan’s ruler, the King, is fixated on maintaining a high score on the Happiness Index — which is not viewed by all Bhutanese with great joy. A Bhutanese woman was interviewed by a foreign journalist recently, and when asked about the King and his fondness for maintaining high-marks on the Happiness Index, she replied, ‘life is not something that is to be happy about, it is something to endure.’!

That is a digression, but at best there is an amalgam of thought systems in the most ‘traditional’ of countries and that is not surprising — Sri Lankan thinkers who speak of a Buddhist value system should ideally be able to identify with that, because the Buddha taught the Middle Way or



Traditional Japanese medicine



Traditional Chinese medicine

Path, which simply means the avoidance of extremes. Extreme fealty to indigenous thought systems is not seen to satisfy people’s general yearning for a better quality of life, or better standards of living.

Mahatma Gandhi said we are our own slaves, not of the British. “The British cannot be here, if we do not want them to”, he said bluntly. Often, it seems the idea that we should eschew Eurocentric knowledge systems completely, is a way of overcompensating — and being ‘our own slaves’. Eurocentric thought systems are associated with better economies, and that is a fact.

As far as such overcompensation is concerned, it seems China did not do it, or Japan did not do it, or South Korea did not do it — and neither did Bhutan. So there is no need for Sri Lanka to do it. Of course, we need to explore more environmentally friendly ways of doing things, but in none of these areas should we be dogmatic.

Happy medium

It seems the policymakers want to strike a happy medium here in Sri Lanka — there is a push towards digitization and e-commerce, etc., and that certainly does not indicate that there is any obsession with being ‘isolated’. In Japan, one counter colonial or rather counter imperial trend — because Japan was never colonized *per se* — was to be nationalist in the extreme, but these movements have always been at the margins of society. It is easy to see why Japan for long

remained the world’s second largest economy, and was only displaced from that spot fairly recently by China. Japan was able to build this economy and consequently to offer the quality of life that is enjoyed by the people by having an amalgam of knowledge systems which at times tilted heavily towards Western knowledge systems, particularly when the Japanese had to engage with global capitalism.

It does not seem likely that we would enjoy reinventing the wheel and going totally indigenous. Anyone who thinks abandoning all other knowledge and going indigenous is good, probably does not think of the poor harried commuter or the poor harried housewife, for whom ‘a better standard of living’ means just that — better transportation, better and more efficient domestic equipment, etc.

They could not care less which knowledge systems provide them that, and who is to blame them for that mindset?

We should not exactly call for a curse on the houses of those who shriek for indigenous thought systems and become obsessive about it — but we can treat these people with a little bit of good humor, and plain old fraternal laughter. If they want to debate the matter any further, they can be told to talk to somebody on a ramshackle bus who wishes dearly that there was a more comfortable tube-train transportation system, so he or she does not have to suffer the travails of unendurable bus travel, when providing for family.



South Korea: The Miracle on the Han River



Traditional Korean medicine

Climate Change through the Lens of Bangladesh

SHEIKH HASINA

As Bangladesh is located at the end of the drainage basin of mighty Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna River systems, it is prone to many climate-related disasters. The recent report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) painted an irreversible and irrefutable future, specifically for South and Southeast Asia. An increasing monsoon will lead to variability in local levels of rainfall and to frequent and intermittent flooding. As a result, the coastal zones of Bangladesh will be highly susceptible to inundation and salinity, which will most likely hamper agricultural production and affect food security. Natural disasters linked to Climate Change are threatening the lives of the people and of future generations of the country.

This impending doom drives us to enhance the resilience of infrastructures, institutional capacity, and financial preparedness, and to help vulnerable communities to adapt and manage residual risks. There are several experiences and best practices that Bangladesh can share with developed and developing countries around the world.

As the current Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) — a coalition of 48 countries from Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, the Pacific, and South America — Bangladesh has pioneered in the preparation of the comprehensive Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan (MCP). Launched in July this year, the MCP is the first plan of a CVF country with a strategic investment framework to mobilize financing through international cooperation to implement various climate-resilience initiatives. Germany as a resource-rich country may play an important role in this regard as can other countries.

Key initiatives of the programme include renewable energy (primarily solar and wind), energy-storage infrastructure, power-grid modernization, carbon offsetting and emission trad-



Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina



Floods are frequent in Bangladesh



Mangroves in Bangladesh

ing. The instrument also extends its spotlights to future-proof Bangladesh’s industries, locally led adaptation outcomes, and the financial protection of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

In addition, the development of climate-resilient and nature-based agriculture and fisheries, environment-friendly transport, and climate-resilient well-being programmes are

pivotal to this visionary and timely document.

With the global transition towards the Sustainable Development Goals, (SDGs) my Government has initiated an overall plan for Bangladesh to become a developed country by 2041, just 20 years from now. As a result, the country’s economic growth trajectory has maintained a smooth momentum even amid the prevailing

COVID-19 crisis and despite a rising population, limited land resources and frequent natural disasters.

Simultaneously, we have been boosting the country’s agricultural production during the previous 20 years. Our annual rice production has almost tripled between 1971 and 2020. To date, more than 100 high-yielding, modern rice varieties have been developed and distributed to

the farmers countrywide, including less water-intensive and more heat-tolerant varieties. In addition, floating agriculture is practised in many areas of Bangladesh to meet the food demand, mitigating societal challenges and ensuring the conservation of biodiversity and the ecosystem.

Bangladesh has also built sea dykes, cyclone shelters, and coastal plantations as a “green adaptation” against frequent cyclonic disasters. Riverbank erosion predictions are provided to ensure the prompt evacuation and to protect millions of precious lives and valuable properties. The regulatory framework to empower and mobilise Local Governments and volunteers immediately during a disaster is an effective measure for preparedness.

Finally, my Government has given utmost importance to greenbelt development and afforestation, and it has already planted over 11.5 million saplings. The coastal zone of Bangladesh is home to the Sundarbans, one of the largest mangrove forests in the world. It has a high capacity to store carbon — up to five times more effectively than normal terrestrial forests.

As part of the Paris Climate Agreement, Bangladesh is pursuing a sustainable development pathway through limiting global warming. However, achieving these transforma-

Bangladesh is especially affected by the negative effects of Climate Change and can function as a role model to the developed and developing world.

tions at the pace and scale required will not be possible without the alignment and collaboration of all nations. Thus, Bangladesh calls for collaborative and coordinated actions to develop a global consortium that includes both developed and developing countries. Yet, commitments and efforts are needed most from developed countries, such as Germany, as Climate Change is mainly caused and exacerbated by them.

They should assist climate-vulnerable countries through innovative technology transfer, capacity building, and enhanced provision for accessing climate finance for adaptation and mitigation. Global communities can take the lead through absolute emission-reduction targets, by developing a shared vision and by exploiting lessons from successful initiatives to scale up for disaster-risk reduction and climate-change adaptation.

Simultaneously, developing nations also need to act responsibly so that the change does not worsen. Bangladesh has been a positive example for such responsible behaviour over the decades.

(The writer is the Prime Minister of Bangladesh. This opinion piece was first published in THE BERLIN PULSE, Körber Foundation’s guide to German foreign policy. For more, visit www.theberlinpulse.org)



SLAF AIRBORNE COMMANDOS

“NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT”

DISHAN JOSEPH

The Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) has served the Motherland for seven decades. We often think of aircraft and pilots in the air defence role of the Air Force. However, the Air Force has its own formidable commandos who are able to fight in any terrain. In order to understand the role and task of these gallant paratroopers, I travelled to the SLAF Station Morawewa, located in the dense forestlands of the Eastern Province. This is a massive camp spread across 1,300 acres. The jungle terrain naturally creates the perfect training environment that simulates real life combat scenarios. When we talk about SLAF ground combat formations, we must remember the late Wing Commander Eksith Peiris who dedicated his entire career to augmenting this concept. This exceptional officer is venerated to this day for the services he rendered to the SLAF regiment.

The training wing of the Regiment Special Force (RSF) is located in a land area that is covered with dense thickets of trees, interlaced with streams and lakes. The SLAF Station in Morawewa is commanded by Group Captain Lalith Sugathadasa. As I reached the venue, aspiring commandos were engaged in training exercises. The present Commanding Officer of the Regiment Special Force is Wing Commander Priyadarshana Hettiarachchi and his deputy is Squadron Leader Ramesh Bastian.

The officers and airmen of the RSF wear a distinct digital print camouflage uniform. According to these officers, the need for a specialised commando unit was felt after the LTTE attacked the Katunayake Airport in 2001. By July 2003, the SLAF had trained and fielded the Air Base Defence and Rescue Squadron (ABDR) which was the foundation for the future RSF. The pioneer squadron was based at the SLAF Hingurakgoda. Subsequently, in 2006, the ABDR was renamed as the Regiment Special Force (RSF) of the Sri Lanka Air Force. At present, the RSF operates with the strength of four squadrons with a fifth on the way. This new element will be known as the Anti-Terrorist Squadron.

The primary role of the Regiment Special Force is counter-attack, penetration, battlefield rescue (of downed SLAF pilots), insertion and extraction of airborne commandos. In addition to this, the RSF commandos also engage in the protection of VIPs when required and take part in air, sea and land-based rescue missions when the country faces unexpected natural disasters.

We walked into the training area where aspiring can-



Air Force Commander Air Marshal
Sudarshana Pathirana



Group Captain
Lalith Sugathadasa



Wing Commander
Priyadarshana Hettiarachchi



RSF officers and instructors

didates were receiving their difficult training. The forest has its own natural threats in the form of harmful insects and snakes. According to Squadron Leader Bastian, those officers and airmen who apply to join the elite commando unit must first make it through a tough selection test that lasts 14 days. During these two weeks, RSF instructors observe the mental willpower and physical fitness of the men. This selection process filters the candidates who must now face rigorous training that will reshape them into airborne combatants. The basic course lasts for six months. During this time, the officers and airmen train together and are assigned a number.

Within days, they bond together,

because when fighting in enemy areas, teamwork and unity are paramount to complete the given mission. In the first phase, the men engage in intense physical training, endurance marches through thick forests including river crossings, tactical training at night amidst rain and map-reading exercises. The recruits enhance their knowledge of weapons. By the time they wear the RSF badge, all commandos become qualified to use the T-56 rifle, SAR-21 assault rifle, micro Uzi, CZ-P10C pistol and Glock-17. In addition, they train in knife fighting and unarmed combat. The basic fighting formation of the RSF is the eight-man team.

The sun was intense as we navigated our way

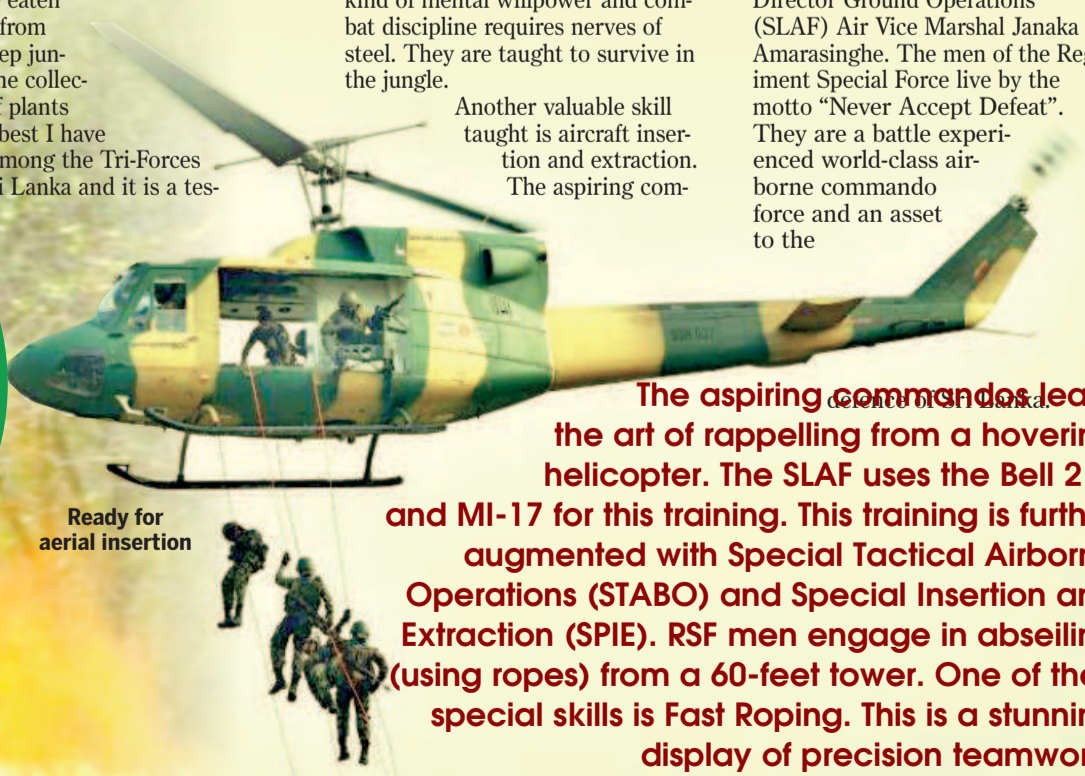
to the other areas of training. A robust sergeant showed me a vast collection of plants. The RSF team in Morawewa has created a plant nursery with 264 species of tropical plants. These plants are taken from forests across the island, giving the recruits an understanding of each plant. They are taught to identify poisonous plants. They also learn how to use indigenous plants to treat symptoms of bee stings and snake bites which they will face when engaged in real combat missions. RSF officers also teach trainee commandos about survival, and what kind of fruits can be eaten safely from the deep jungle. The collection of plants is the best I have seen among the Tri-Forces of Sri Lanka and it is a tes-

The primary role of the Regiment Special Force is counter-attack, penetration, battlefield rescue (of downed SLAF pilots), insertion and extraction of airborne commandos. In addition to this, the RSF commandos also engage in the protection of VIPs when required and take part in air, sea and land-based rescue missions when the country faces unexpected natural disasters.

mandos learn the art of rappelling from a hovering helicopter. The SLAF uses the Bell 212 and MI-17 for this training. This training is further augmented with Special Tactical Airborne Operations (STABO) and Special Insertion and Extraction (SPIE). RSF men engage in abseiling (using ropes) from a 60-foot tower. One of their special skills is Fast Roping. This is a stunning display of precision teamwork. The commandos are loaded into a helicopter. When the pilot positions the helicopter over the desired target area, 16 commandos descend like lightning from the sky (by rope) wielding their guns, reaching the target within seconds and unleashing a volley of automatic gunfire. The element of stealth and speed in this combat insertion is amazing. This is the finest military assault drill I have witnessed. It is a brilliant manifestation of the training and combat efficiency of the SLAF commandos.

The training is tough and serious. Live bullets are used in firing exercises. According to Wing Commander Hettiarachchi, all trainees must obtain a 60 percent pass mark in their exams to qualify. All trainees must become proficient in parachute jumps. They do five parachute jumps, during daylight and also at night. During their career, after doing 25 static parachute jumps, the commandos can go for advanced training and follow the Free Faller course and graduate to become parachute riggers.

Once they finish the basic six months course, they have to engage in three months of advanced training at the Sri Lanka Army Special Forces Training School (SFTS) located in the jungles of Maduru Oya. This course lasts between 45 to 60 days. After successful completion of training, the RSF men are assigned to their duty stations. As they progress in their work, they can apply and follow advanced courses to become snipers, jungle trackers and combat divers. The RSF comes under the Director Ground Operations (SLAF) Air Vice Marshal Janaka Amarasinghe. The men of the Regiment Special Force live by the motto “Never Accept Defeat”. They are a battle experienced world-class airborne commando force and an asset to the



Ready for
aerial insertion

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Sri Lanka Tourism promoted in Brussels

The Sri Lankan Embassy in Brussels conducted a workshop on the reopening of Sri Lanka for international tourism at the Official Residence on November 18, a media release issued by the Sri Lankan Embassy in Brussels said. The objective of the workshop was to convey the message that Sri Lanka was open for tourism on a big scale for the travellers to explore the incredible features and topographies and reconnect with the Belgium tour operators, travel writers and other travel professionals.

Around 30 tour operators and agents, travel journalists, travel media

and TV professionals, travel bloggers, social media influencers and decision-makers of the Belgium tourism industry attended the event.

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Belgium Grace Asirwatham who led the workshop said that Sri Lanka had opened the country once again for world tourism with a hashtag #“Hello Again”; and put in place the necessary precautionary measures to make the island an extremely safe, secure and serene destination for the visitors. Ambassador Asirwatham further explained in detail the current health regulations applicable to travellers,

tourism attractions in Sri Lanka and new emerging niche market segments such as wellness and medical tourism, pilgrimage tours, bird watching, kite surfing, whale and dolphin watching, surfing and scuba diving, gastronomy, MICE tourism, honeymoon tours and cruises. Ambassador also highlighted the international accolades received by Sri Lanka as one of the world's best tourist destinations by world-renowned media and travel-related institutions.

Consul of Sri Lanka in Antwerp Monique de Decker and a travel expert from Walkers Tours Ruwan De Alwis made presentations in Flemish and

French respectively. A Board Member of the Association of Belgian Travel Organizers (ABTO) Paul Ryckseys shared his experience with the Sri Lanka travel industry and recommended Sri Lanka to Belgian travellers as the most favourable location for holidays. During the workshop, the participants showed keen interest in getting more information and interacted with the speakers.

The workshop presented Sri Lanka as a small wonder on the Earth, with diverse natural splendours and grandeur, golden beaches and many other tourist attractions.



The Dharmashakthi Social Service Foundation yesterday honoured prominent Sri Lankans who have rendered an enormous service to the country. The picture shows Rankothge Ashoka Ananda being conferred with Manawa Hithawadhi Keerthi Sri Deshabandu Weera Putra honorary title by Foundation Director and Chief Incumbent of Sri Weerarakaramaya, Weerakongama Ven. Kandaketiye Sumanarathana Thera (Picture by Sulochana Gamage)



Secretary of the Security Council of Russia Nikolai Patrushev arrived in Sri Lanka on November 22. Defence Secretary General (Rtd) Kamal Gunaratne received the visiting high ranking Russian official at the Bandaranaike International Airport on Monday morning. Defence Staff Chief and Army Commander, Commanders of the Navy and Air Force were also present at the airport to receive the visiting dignitary. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation Yury B. Materiy was present.

New NP Governor visits island sector

The Sri Lanka Navy facilitated the visit of the new Northern Province (NP) Governor, Jeevan Theagarajah who called at the island sector in the Jaffna District on November 20.

The Northern Province Governor visited the islands of the North with a view to grasp numerous economic, social and health issues and measure up means to enhance administrative assistance for improving the quality of life of island communities. The Northern Naval Command facilitated the visit providing sea passage, enabling the Governor to reach Eluvaitivu, Analathivu, Palaithivu, Kakarathivu and Kachchathivu. He was also accompanied by Commander Northern Naval Area, Rear Admiral Priyantha

Perera. During the visit, the Commander Northern Naval Area also briefed the Governor about poaching by foreign fishing trawlers in Sri Lankan waters off the Delft and Kachchathivu Islands through the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL), efforts made by the Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard to prevent the encroachment as well as the security status quo in the area.

In this visit, the Governor assessed the vast potential in the islands to bring prosperity and development to the North in general. Divisional secretaries, other state officials and senior officers of the Northern Naval Command and Sri Lanka Coast Guard were present on this occasion.



Northern Province Governor, Jeevan Theagarajah assisted by the Navy inspecting a hospital in the North.

RAJEEV AMARASURIYA ELECTED TO LAWASIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021/ 2022

The Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, Rajeev Amarasuriya, has been elected uncontested to the Executive Committee of LAWASIA (The Law Association for Asia and Pacific) for 2021/ 2022.

LAWASIA is a regional association of lawyers, judges, jurists and legal organisations, which advocates for the interests and concerns of the Asia Pacific legal profession.

For over 50 years, LAWASIA has operated as a platform to promote the cross-jurisdictional exchange of legal knowledge; as a voice of the legal profession; and as a conduit for encouraging adherence to mutually held principles of the rule of law, professional integrity and the protection of human rights.

The structure of LAWASIA comprises a council constituting representative of all LAWASIA Member Countries including Sri Lanka with a governing

Executive Committee elected from among the representatives of the Member Countries.

BASL President Saliya Pieris, PC and BASL Secretary Rajeev Amarasuriya represent Sri Lanka on the LAWASIA Council as the Sri Lanka Councillor and the Alternate Councillor.

Country members of LAWASIA include: Afghanistan, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, England and Wales, Fiji, Georgia, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Macau SAR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, United States of America, Vietnam and Sri Lanka.

Rajeev Amarasuriya being an Alumnus of Royal College, Colombo holds a Bachelor of Laws LL.B (Hons.) Degree,

from the University of Colombo, is an Attorney-at-Law, a Fellow Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) (UK), a Fellow Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Sri Lanka and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). He is also an Alumnus of the Harvard Kennedy School, Executive Education.

Amarasuriya commenced his Legal Practice in the Law Chambers of Sanjeeva Jayawardena, PC where he practiced Law for more than a Decade before commencing his own Law Chambers and is a regular Practitioner before the Appellate Courts specializing in all aspects of Appellate Law, as well as Constitutional and Public Law and has a varied practice in diverse fields and subjects, including civil, contractual, commercial, property, taxation, banking, labour and other disciplines of the law.



Rajeev Amarasuriya

He also provides Corporate and Legal Consultancy in a wide range of commercial areas as the Senior Legal Consultant of Amarasuriya Associates and also as the Legal Consultant for several State and Private Sector Institutions.

In 2013, Amarasuriya was awarded the prestigious CIMA Star Gold Award by the Chartered Institute of Management

Accountants (CIMA) as the most outstanding CIMA Member below the age of 40 years. Amarasuriya was also recently named as one of the LMD - CIMA Trailblazers for 2021.

Amarasuriya assumed duties as the 24th Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka on March 28, 2020, having secured over 84 percent of the outstation vote and 82 percent of the vote in Colombo and was re-elected uncontested for his second term of office this year. Amarasuriya is also presently the President of the Alumni Association of the Colombo University.

He was a Commission Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka for close to five years and is presently a Board Member of the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards and Monitoring Board, a Member of the Incorporated Council of Legal Education of Sri Lanka, a Member of the Standing Committee on

Legal Studies of the University Grants Commission, a Member of the Financial Advisory Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket and a Member of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Law of the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology.

Amarasuriya was the Convener of the LAWASIA - Sri Lanka 2016 Golden Jubilee Conference held in 2016 in Sri Lanka.

The Executive Committee of LAWASIA for 2021/2022 comprises President Melissa K. Pang (Former President of the Law Society of Hong Kong); Immediate Past President Chungwan Choi (President of the International Association of Korean Lawyers); President Elect Shyam Divan (Senior Advocate from India); Vice President Eric Yang (Managing Partner Bae, Kim & Lee Singapore who is also a former Vice President International Affairs of the Korean Bar Association); Vice Presi-

dent Steven Thiru (Past President of the Malaysian Bar); Vice President Yap Teong Liang (Director, T.L. Yap Law Chambers Singapore) and Members; Rajeev Amarasuriya; Pauline Wright (Immediate Past President of the Law Council of Australia and presently the President of the New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties); Yin Baohn (Senior Counsellor of the General Office of the China Law Council); C.M. Chan (President of the Law Society of Hong Kong); Dr.Pinky Anand (Former Additional Solicitor General of India); Toshiro Ueyanagi (Secretary of the Japan Bar Association and Vice Chair of the Kanto Federation of Bar Associations); Angela Y. Lin (Director and Vice Chairperson International Affairs of the Taiwan Bar Association); and Robert Brown (Past Chair, International Section of the American Bar Association).

APPRECIATIONS

Squadron Leader Prasanga Balasuriya (RWP)

A BRAVE WAR HERO



Bala, my batchmate and roommate for a shorter stint at Air Base Ratmalana was a character full of humour and laughter - but when he is serious, he means business.

That is the sort of bravery we saw in 'pint-sized Bala' as we, his

batchmates used to call Prasanga, the shortest of the two Balasuriya's and quickest among a group of young but masculine sportsmen chosen for the 19th Intake of officer cadets to serve Mother Lanka back in 1988.

He was an avionics maintenance engineer and a qualified aircrew communicator for a Chinese-built transport fleet by profession. He was very well accepted and a sort after communicator by all fixed-wing aircraft pilots in the Air Force during the flying days at the height of missile threatened skies in the mid-1990s. Bala was dreaming to become the proud father to their unborn first child. Still, he opted to volunteer to be part of these routine flights instead of spending some quality time with his family and friends. He set aside these family obligations to honor and support all the men who have given their time in service to this country we love. They are heroes, each and every one. They gave Sri Lanka,

the most precious thing they had - "the last full measure of devotion."

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Europe grapples with Covid again



Covid infection rates have started rising sharply in parts of Western Europe, prompting the introduction of fresh restrictions and lockdowns.

It has triggered fears the UK could follow suit. But there are plenty of reasons to believe Britain will escape the worst of what is being seen on the continent. In fact, the UK may well be in the strongest position of all to weather Covid this winter.

To understand why that could be the case, you need to look at the reasons why cases have started to take off in Western Europe.

Unlike the UK - and England in particular - many parts of Europe kept major restrictions in place for much longer.

Whereas England fully unlocked in mid-July, parts of Europe did not do this until the autumn, and in many places kept tougher restrictions in place even as they did.

Part of this was to do with timing. The UK was hit by the more infectious Alpha variant and then Delta sooner, meaning it was in a position to push ahead with unlocking before others.

But it was also a conscious choice

backed by the government's top scientists, Prof Chris Whitty and Sir Patrick Vallance.

The logic - along with the benefit of ending restrictions that themselves cause harm to health - was that it was better to have the rebound in infection, the so-called exit wave, in the summer.

It was felt the increase in the spread of the virus would be mitigated by the better weather, meaning more time spent outdoors, and would avoid the winter crunch when pressure on the health system increases across the board.

UK has high levels of immunity

The UK has, in effect, already had the wave the rest of Europe is seeing and has managed to avoid being swamped by it.

That is mainly because of the amount of immunity built up.

A combination of good vaccine rollout, particularly among the older more vulnerable groups who are the ones most at risk of serious

illness, and natural immunity from infection means there is likely to be a much smaller pool of vulnerable people for the virus to infect.

Researchers at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine have been trying to quantify this by looking at what would happen if everyone was suddenly exposed to the virus in one go.

They modelled this for England - although there is nothing to suggest Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland would be any different - and 18 other European nations.

If this hypothetical situation happened, England would have by far the fewest people ending up in hospital - 62 per 100,000 people. That compares with more than 300 in Germany, largely because of their lower levels of infection to date, and more than 800 in Romania, which has struggled to convince its public to come forward for vaccination.

This was the picture at the end of October. If the same analysis was done at the end of November it is likely the situation would be

even more favourable for England, says lead researcher Dr Lloyd Chapman.

That's because the UK is ploughing ahead faster than other nations with boosters. Again part of this is related to timing. As the UK was quicker off the mark with Covid vaccinations initially, there are greater numbers of people becoming eligible for a booster.

"We are giving those boosters to the very people who are most at risk at perhaps the best time - they will have the best protection in winter."

But Dr Chapman also points out this has come at a price - the high rates of infection have resulted in a greater amount of serious illness and death in recent months than many of our Western European neighbours.

And he adds the research should not be seen as a guarantee we will escape the winter without seeing a surge in cases. "We may be in the strongest position - but we could still see cases double and that would cause problems."

'Public playing key role in UK'

But is that likely? What is perhaps most remarkable about the UK is just how stable infection levels have been. Ever since the sharp rise seen in early summer peaked in mid-July, infection rates have bobbed along, small rises being followed by similar drops.

There is no other part of Europe that has seen Covid infections held so stable with very few restrictions in place.

Instead, when other nations have seen cases surge restrictions have tended to be reimposed. This is happening now in parts of Western Europe and follows on from what happened in Eastern Europe early in the autumn.

Romania, for example, saw a sharp rise in cases in September and October and reacted by introducing a night curfew, sending children home from school and introducing health passes for access to public venues.

It is telling that those nations that have had the most problems as winter arrives are the ones identified by the

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as having the greatest pool of vulnerable people. How far this pattern spreads across Europe remains to be seen.

But immunity alone does not explain why the UK, and in particular England, has seen such stable rates, says Prof Graham Medley, who chairs the government's infectious disease modelling group.

Prof Medley, speaking in a personal capacity, believes it is more complex than that. "I think we are seeing the public playing an important role."

He says a combination of limiting mixing and frequent use of rapid tests, which are more easy to access here than in many other countries, seems to be doing just enough to keep the virus in check.

"The government has passed the risk management to the public - and we've been able to do that better than other countries."

The big question is whether that will last throughout winter. Prof Medley says it is "delicately" balanced, but with every passing week the chances are getting better. (BBC News)

Anti-Covid pills will be a boon

The notion that a fearsome infection could soon be treatable with a handful of pills is an exhilarating idea nearly two years into a pandemic that has killed more than 5 million people, at least 770,000 in the United States. But experts - who are thrilled about the prospect of two powerful new medicines - worry that enthusiasm for the idea of treatments may distract from their limitations and the necessity of preventing illness in the first place.

If regulators deem the five-day treatment courses from Pfizer and Merck and its partner Ridgeback Biotherapeutics safe and effective in coming weeks, as most people expect, the drugs could make getting sick far less scary. The United States has already pre-purchased millions of treatments. The good news arrives like an echo of last year, when two remarkably effective vaccines were authorized in the middle of the holiday season as a winter surge in new cases loomed.



Anti-Covid pill

But these treatments alone aren't likely to close the book on the coronavirus. Instead, they will be a valuable addition to an armamentarium that the world is going to have to keep building and maintaining in the long run: vaccines, booster shots, more antiviral pills, virus-fighting antibodies engineered to stick around in people's bodies and

fast-turnaround testing linked to treatment options.

It's a huge part of the toolbox; if we can move everything upstream, instead of trying to treat hospitalized patients with late-stage severe disease," said David Boulware, an infectious-disease physician at the University of Minnesota Medical School. (Washington Post)

45 killed in Bulgaria bus crash

At least 45 people have died in an overnight bus accident on a highway in western Bulgaria, according to local officials.

The cause of Tuesday's accident, which saw the vehicle crash in flames at about 2am local time while travelling along a highway 45 kilometres (26 miles) from the capital, Sofia, was yet to be determined.

Bulgaria's interior ministry put the death toll at 45 people, making it the most deadly accident of its kind in the Balkan country's history.

Officials said 12 children had been on board the vehicle. It was not immediately clear if any of them had survived.

The bus, which was heading from Turkey to North Macedonia,



Bulgaria bus crash

appeared to have hit a highway barrier either before or after it caught fire near the village of Bosnek, according to officials.

Seven people who leapt from the burning vehicle were rushed to hospital

in Sofia and were in stable conditions, hospital staff said.

Interior Minister Boyko Rashkov, who visited the site of the accident, said the bodies of those who died in the incident were "clustered

inside [the bus] and are burnt to ash.

"The picture is terrifying, terrifying. I have never seen anything like that before," he told reporters.

Television footage showed the bus charred and gutted by fire in the middle of the highway, which was wet from rain.

"We have an enormous tragedy here," Bulgarian interim Prime Minister Stefan Yanev told reporters. North Macedonian Prime Minister Zoran Zaev said he had spoken to one of the survivors who told him the passengers were sleeping when they were woken by the sound of an explosion. "I am terrified. This is such a huge tragedy," he told private television channel BTV. (Al Jazeera)

Portugal shuts down last coal power plant

Portugal shut down its last remaining coal plant over the weekend, ending the use of the polluting material for electricity generation and becoming the fourth country in the European Union to do so.

Environmental group Zero said in a statement the Pego plant in central Portugal had been the country's second-largest emitter of carbon dioxide, adding that "freeing ourselves from the biggest source of greenhouse gases was a momentous day for Portugal".

The move comes nine years before Portugal's targeted end of the use of the fossil fuel by 2030.

Belgium, Austria and Sweden are the other three European countries to have already stopped using coal for power generation.



Coal power plant in Portugal

Although a hefty 60%-70% of its electricity comes from renewable sources, Portugal still relies heavily on imported fossil fuels to meet overall energy needs.

There are concerns the Pego plant, run by the privately held group Tejo Energia, might now be converted

to burn wood pellets. "The challenge now is to ensure utilities do not make the mistake of replacing coal with fossil gas, or unsustainable biomass," said Kathrin Gutmann, campaign director at Europe Beyond Coal. (CNN)

Pakistan pledges US\$ 28 m in Afghanistan humanitarian support

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan has announced more than \$28m medical, food and other humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan, while also authorising the transport of food aid from India through Pakistan to Afghanistan, his office says.

Khan met his country's army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and top government officials, including the foreign minister, finance minister and national security adviser, in the Pakistani capital Islamabad on Monday.

"[The PM] ordered an immediate shipment of in-kind humanitarian assistance worth 5 billion Pakistani rupees [roughly \$28.4m], which will comprise food commodities including 50,000 [metric tonnes] of wheat, emergency medical supplies, winter shelters and other supplies," a statement released following the meeting said.

The Pakistani government will also reduce tariffs and sales tax on certain Afghan exports to Pakistan,



Pakistan PM Imran Khan

the statement said. Khan's office said that it would allow 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat offered by India as humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan "to go through Pakistan as soon as modalities are finalised with the Indian side".

The aid had been offered earlier this month, and on November 11, the Indian foreign ministry said it had been facing obstacles in accessing Afghanistan. "[W]e have been looking at the

possibilities, but there have been difficulties due to lack of unimpeded access," said Indian foreign ministry spokesman Arindam Bagchi.

Pakistan says it will also facilitate the return of Afghans seeking medical treatment in India who had been stranded there since the Taliban takeover of Pakistan's northwestern neighbour in August.

A delegation of Afghan health officials is due to visit Islamabad for talks with Pakistani counterparts on Pakistani humanitarian assistance, the statement said.

Also on Monday, a delegation of two senior US congressmen - US House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Gregory Meeks and Foreign Affairs Asia sub-committee Chairman Ami Bera - held talks in Islamabad with the Pakistani prime minister, foreign minister and other officials.

In their meeting, Khan reiterated the Pakistani position that there was a need to engage with the Tali-

ban government in Kabul to avert a potential humanitarian disaster, his office said in a statement.

"The Prime Minister also hoped that ways and means would be found to address the liquidity issue and enable banking channels to help Afghanistan sustain its immediate economic burden and challenges," the statement said, referring to more than \$9.5bn in Afghan central bank reserves that remain frozen by the US.

A brief US House Foreign Affairs committee statement confirmed the visit and the two congressmen's meetings.

"While in Pakistan, the delegation conveyed appreciation for Pakistan's efforts in support of the evacuation of American citizens and lawful permanent residents from Afghanistan, and exchanged views on a wide range of issues including counter terrorism, the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, climate change and trade," said the US statement. (Al Jazeera)

Greenlanders seek compensation for Denmark experiment

Six indigenous Greenlanders taken as children to Denmark in a failed social experiment in 1951 are demanding compensation from the Danish state.

The Inuits, now in their 70s, are the surviving members of the group of 22 children who were removed from their homes to be educated as "little Danes". When they later returned to Greenland, they were put in an orphanage, and many did not see their families again.

The six survivors each want £28,200 (\$37,800), their lawyer

says. The Danish authorities have so far made no public comments on the issue.

Last year, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen formally apologised on her country's behalf.

"We cannot change what happened. But we can take responsibility and apologise to those we should have cared for but failed to do," she said.

One of the children, Helene Thiesen, who told her story to the BBC in 2015, said the apology meant everything.

Greenland is an autonomous territory within the kingdom of Denmark and relies on Copenhagen for management of currency, foreign relations and defence, as well as the provision of a large annual subsidy. It was in 1951 when Danish authorities decided that one way to modernise Greenland would be to create a new type of Greenland.

Teachers and priests were asked to identify children who could be re-educated and given a "better life" in mainland Den-

mark, and then return to be role models for Greenland-Denmark relations.

Many families were reluctant but some gave way, and in May 1951, the ship MS Disko set sail from Nuuk with 22 children on board.

Helene Thiesen, now in her 70s but seven at the time, said that her mother, who had been left alone with three children after their father's death, told her that Denmark was "just like paradise. You don't have to be sad".

On arrival the children were deprived of contact with relatives, had Danish-Greenlandic language difficulties and were placed in foster homes.

Helene only discovered why she had been taken away in 1996 when she was 52 years old, and she never rebuilt her relationship with her mother. She said she had spoken to some of the other children at times and they "felt a sense of loss and a lack of self-belief". (BBC)



Saubhagya programme reaches Koralai Pattu PS

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN
Batticaloa Special Correspondent

Under the *Saubhagya* programme launched by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, 2,000 Samurddhi beneficiaries throughout the island are being assisted in order to uplift their economic standards. Accordingly, freshwater fish families in the Koralai Pattu Pradeshiya Sabha were financially supported by the

Fisheries Ministry and State Aquatic Resources Ministry recently.

Under the programme, 36 people in the Oddamavadi, Valaichenai and Kalkuda in the Koralai Pattu Pradeshiya Sabha (PS) were given Rs. 250,000 each by Koralai Pattu Pradeshiya Sabha Chairperson Jeyaranjith at Valaichenai on Sunday (21).

The chief guests of the occa-

sion were the representative of Parliamentarian and Batticaloa District Development Committee member Sivanesthurai Chandranathan and General Secretary of the Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal (TMVP) Party Poopalapillai Prasanthan. They handed over cheques. Speaking on the occasion, Prasanthan said that the Parliamentary Budget-2022 introduced various schemes to

improve the economic standard of the rural population. "The Batticaloa District must contribute to national productivity, through the production of prawns, crabs and fish and also increase local productivity. We must make use of the resources properly in order to achieve this plan to improve the economic standards of the rural population which is the aim of this scheme," he said.



Financial aids being distributed.

Budget 2022

MPs under whip of leadership - Trincomalee District MP

M.S. ABDUL HALEEM
Mullipothana Group Corr.

Trincomalee District MP Mohammed Imran, at a press conference in Colombo on Saturday, said "people focus on the position of party leaders and Parliamentarians of the Muslim parties such as Sri Lanka Muslim Congress and All Ceylon People's Congress on the Budget submitted by the Government."

"In all votes, especially the 20th Amendment, Muslim Party leaders voted against the Government and other Members of Parliament voted in favour of the Government. Even some ruling party members are against this Budget. As I said in Parliament, this Budget is like marrying an old woman," he said.

In this Budget vote, disciplinary action must be taken against Party



Trincomalee District MP Mohammed Imran addressing the media.

members who go against the chairman.

They must be expelled from the party. If not, he said, it would be an act of turning people into Maoists.



Paddy lands across an extent of 30,000 hectares in the Moneragala District have been prepared for cultivation using water issued by small-scale irrigation tanks. According to Moneragala District Secretary Gunadasa Samarasinghe, 19,000 MT of organic fertilizer have been produced for this purpose.

(Picture by G.I.R. Garusinghe - Wellawaya Group Corr.)

One killed in road accident

M.S. ABDUL HALEEM
Mullipothana Group Corr.

One person was killed in an accident on the Kandy-Trincomalee main road in the Kadaraskoduwa Police Division on Sunday (21). The victim had been driving a van that collided with a heavy vehicle that plied from the Katunayake Airport to Thambalagama.



The damaged van

The deceased has been identified as M.S.M. Kareem, 56, a father of three. He is a resident of Siraj Nagar, Thambalagama. Four others who were travelling in the

van are receiving treatment at the Dambulla General Hospital. The body of the deceased has been placed at the hospital.

Kadaraskoduwa Police are conducting investigations.

Chinese fertilizer import erroneous; Govt. in trouble now

- State Minister Wickramanayaka

PRİYADARSHANI KAHAWALA
Ingiriya Central Corr.

National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion State Minister Vidura Wickramanayaka, speaking at an event at Agaloya in Bulathsinhala recently questioned whether a proper tender procedure was followed during the import of organic fertilizer to the country.

State Minister Wickramanayaka said that a mistake had occurred at some

point when importing fertilizer from China.

"Who ordered fertilizer from China? Somewhere a mistake had occurred. It is not those who did the mistake have to pay now, but the Government," he said.

"If samples were tested, how come it was proved later that the fertilizer was not of the proper standard," he queried.

He said that people's representatives

and Parliamentarians should make some sacrifices. "We would prefer if allowances are also cut," he said.

"The Budget explains how financial administration will be carried out in the next year. Money allocated to ministries had to be cut. However, if something could have been done on behalf of artistes too it would have been another reason to be satisfied," he said. The State Minister added that people's representatives take the stage



during elections and shout asking for people's votes to build a country without corruption.

"Gandhara: The Buddhist Heritage of Pakistan" launched

"Gandhara" - a documentary jointly produced by the High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Sri Lanka and Siddhivinayak Cine Arts Pvt. Ltd in coordination with the Buddha



Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry under the patronage of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa was launched and screened for Sri Lankan and Pakistan delegates recently at the Temple Trees.

Produced following a request of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan to Sri Lankan Prime Minister, this production vividly documents ruins and artefacts of the Buddhist rich Gandhara civilization in Pakistan from 1st to the 7th century AD.

Considered by many as the world's first Buddhist university - "Taxila" in Taxila - ruins of which is located about 32 km north-west of Islamabad, Pakistan is believed to have created the first humanoid statue of the Lord Buddha. The Gandhara documentary seeks to open up such great Buddhist historical sites in Pakistan to Sri Lankan and global Buddhist communities.

Ven. Agrahera Kassapa Thera said at the launch that this documentary opens up the opportunity to Sri Lankan Buddhists to see Pakistan as a country with Buddhist values, Buddhist Stupas, Buddhist relics and a large number of priceless Buddhist antiquities and artefacts and that it is very timely to have this completed at this juncture.

Colombo University Chancellor, the Western Province Chief Prelate,

the Chief Incumbent of the Narahenpita Abhayarama Temple Murutthetuwe Ananda Nayaka Thera, the Chief Incumbent of the Gangarama Viharaya Dr. Kirinde Assaji Thera and other members of the Maha Sangha were also present.

Islamic, Hindu and Christian Religious leaders, Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, Ministers Chama Rajapaksa, C.B Ratnayake, Douglas Devananda, Nimal Siripala de Silva, M.U. M. Ali Sabry, Pavithra Wanniarachchi, State Ministers Piyal Nishantha, Secretary to the Prime Minister Gamini Senarath, Acting High Commissioner of Pakistan to Sri Lanka Tanvir Ahmad, High Commissioner of Malaysia Tan Yang Thai, representatives from the co-production teams and delegation from the Pakistan High Commission in Sri Lanka were also present.

Production Information of the documentary is as follows:
Senior Adviser: Ven. Agrahera Kassapa Thera
Director: Mateen Saherai
Concept, Script and Project Consultant: Vidyaiothi Prof. Nimal Silva
Co-production: Kaushalya Wickramasinghe - Siddhivinayak Cine Arts Pvt. Ltd
Production Controller: Mr. Sajjad Mohommed - Gateway To Production Ltd, UK

Govt. protects national resources - State Minister Jayasekara

ARIYAPALA WANSATHILAKE
Kurunegala Central Special Correspondent

Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara said recently in Kurunegala that the Government came to power assuring to protect national resources but not to sell them.

During a media briefing, State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara said: "We are not ready to give any opportunity to those who are trying to catch fish in troubled waters. The Government has somehow controlled the Covid-19 virus in the country. We



are still acting as a responsible Government in controlling this epidemic. We can get more vaccines from China and India as soon as possible."

He said in the 1956 General Election, the SLFP which got the blessings of Maha Sang-

ha gained power under the leadership of the late Prime Minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike.

He said they will take a giant step to uplift the economy of the down-trodden people in Sri Lanka. Minister Jayasekara requested the SLFP organisers to prepare for the provincial council election and strengthen its grass-roots level organisations. He said that the SJB is trying to mislead the public by giving false promises. The Government is still popular and it can be seen from the public who gather around President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

Wins award for translation at provincial art festival

Ranaweera Manukulasooriya has won the first place in the translation competition of the Wayamba Provincial State Art Festival 2021.

He has achieved this success by translating the famous novel *Kidnapped* written by Robert Louis Stevenson into Sinhala under the title *Minis Kollaya*. Manukulasooriya is an English graduate of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. He is an English teacher by profession and counts nearly 25 years as a teacher of English. Manukulasooriya has also served as an Instructor in English in the Official Languages Department for a period of nearly 10 years. In the years 2001, 2002 and

2019 too he was able to win the first place in translation competition at this festival.

Ranaweera Manukulasooriya is also the Lake House Group Correspondent for Hiriya.

The awards ceremony is scheduled to be held at the Provincial Council auditorium on November 26.



Ranaweera Manukulasooriya

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I want people to remember that I did it my way, says cager star Sidath Senanayake



Sidath Senanayake with the ball making a break

INDIKA WELAGEDARA

Sidath Senanayake played School Basketball as a centre for his alma mater St. Anthony's College Wattala in the inter schools basketball championship. He represented club teams Wattala BC and Blues BC. Then he went on to represent the Sri Lanka national basketball team.

Incidentally he is the son in law of famous St. Peter's college Bambalapitiya rugby captain, Havelock SC player, active SLR council member cum former international rugby referee Roshan Deen.

Speaking to Daily News Sidath said "Sports gives you discipline and a balanced life with opportunities, which ultimately made me get in to the world of sports". "The people who have supported me to be the person who I am today are my mother (Lilani), my father (Sunny) and my first Coach (Jayantha). Hence I'm always grateful to all of them."

"Frankly speaking the reason why I chose basketball was to get away with trouble in school. My school, St. Anthony's College Wattala is the place which gave me the opportunity to learn and educate myself with right ethics and moral values which helped me to create the brand called Sidath". "Throughout my entire life my pri-



Sidath Senanayake

orities are to look after the loved ones, do what is best for the company I work for, in my best interest, learn from the mistakes and never repeat same". Also my belief is "never get fed-up of working on the same thing over and over until you achieve it and feel confident,

trust me failing is harder than achieving. So actually it's not that hard to be a basketball player but it is to be a player who plays organized (Professional) basketball."

"One of the most unforgettable incidents was making a block shot on defence against Philippines in Asian Basketball Championship in 2009, and that same player was drafted to the NBA G-League after one year. Hence that incident will always be in my memory right throughout my life as one of the most remarkable incidents on court."

"My most embarrassing moment on the basketball court that I will never forget was also in 2009, when a Korean 7-footer dunked over me and I did not even know he had finished his play."

"I love to make music (Rap/ Hip Hop/ R & B/ Trap) as a Rap Artist: Street Durt - Songs are available on all streaming platforms, that's how I spend my free time."

"To be honest I always compare myself to my beloved father - to be positive and persevering". "In life I always do believe in what I do."

"Even though Michael Jordan is the greatest of all time, my favourite basketball player is Vince Carter."

"My greatest accomplishment was getting into a position in life that I can

provide to someone who is really in need."

"The best compliment that I have received and which I am known for was 'Slam Dunk Champion' that is something of my personal effort which I will never forget."

"In Basketball I'm really happy with all my achievements, but I will continue to support the young Sri Lankan players who reach out to me considering that I have to give something back to the game I love, and in life I take one day at a time."

"In life the pandemic teaches me not to hesitate to contact your loved ones and be there for them, no matter what happened in the past."

"The advice that I can give to the young upcoming basketball players are to always work hard and chase your international dream and at the same time to choose the correct path to your life, because one mistake or an injury might change everything."

"When I grow old hopefully I can sit back and relax."

"I want people to remember that I did it my way. That is the kind of legacy I want to be remembered for."

On a concluding note Sidath said that he likes to describe himself as a former National Basketball Player and a Sales and Marketing Professional."

Bhanuka and Wanindu steal the limelight

Abu Dhabi T10 Tourney

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Attacking left hand batsman Bhanuka Rajapaksa and leg spinning all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga stole the limelight after fourth day of the on going Abu Dhabi T-10 cricket tournament played in Abu Dhabi Zayed Cricket Stadium.

The 30 year old Rajapaksa playing for Chennai Braves franchise team scored back to back half centuries but unfortunately both their matches ended in defeats as they went down fighting against Delhi Bulls and Team Abu Dhabi. Chennai Brave team led by Sri Lanka's Dasun Shanaka was unlucky losing all three matches they played after fourth day

Rajapaksa came an opener in this tournament also doing unusual duty as a wicket keeper for the Chennai Braves team started with a duck in their first game against Deccan Gladiators but came back strongly to play his usual game to hit all over the grounds. His swash-buckling knock of 64 runs came off just 31 balls with 6 fours and 4 sixes at a strike rate of 206.45 against Delhi Bulls. In the third match of the Chennai Braves against Team Abu Dhabi once again Rajapaksa stole the limelight by scoring brisk 54 in 29 balls hitting five sixes and three fours with a strike rate of 186.20.

The 31 year old right hander Angelo Perera also playing for Chennai Brave team played a superb innings against Deccan Gladiators in their first match. Perera was the top Chennai Braves'



Bhanuka Rajapaksa the best power hitter receiving his cash cheque in their game against Delhi Bulls.



Wanindu Hasaranga in action



Bhanuka Rajapaksa and Angelo Perera

batter in this game where he smashed 60 runs off 29 balls with 7 fours and 2 sixes at a strike rate of 206.90. He also scored 32 not out in 19 balls against Team Abu Dhabi.

Meanwhile the champion leggie Wanindu Hasaranga also came with a superb all round performance for Deccan Gladiators team. Hasaranga made 30 runs off 18 balls with 4 fours and a six at a strike rate of 166.67 against Team Abu Dhabi while delivering with the ball as usual, snaring 4 scalps for just 12 runs in his allotted two overs but they ended in a losing side in their opening game. He finished with 2 for 26 in his allotted two overs against Delhi Bulls which they won by nine wickets.

In addition two more Sri Lankans have been drafted by the Chennai Braves to play in the ongoing T10 League. Accordingly, one of Sri Lan-

ka's premier fast bowlers in white-ball cricket Nuwan Pradeep and the 23-year old wrist spinner Kevin Kotthigoda will play for Braves in this year's tournament Chennai Braves lost all three matches wanted to strengthen their bowling attack with these two Sri Lankan players Kotthigoda is currently in Abu Dhabi while Pradeep who was out from the Sri Lanka T 20 world cup squad due to leg injury was scheduled to leave the island yesterday. to join his franchise team.

Dasun Shanaka's side already packed with more Sri Lankan players Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Dhananjaya Lakshan and Angelo Perera and with two new players altogether six players from Sri Lanka.

Meanwhile Team Abu Dhabi led by England all rounder Liam Livingston won their all four matches after fourth day came on top with 8

points while Delhi Bulls with three wins obtained six points to be in second position and Deccan Gladiators having 4 points with two victories are in third place. Northern Warriors and Chennai Braves are the two teams without a single win after fourth days.

Isuru Udana playing for Bangla Tigers still recorded one win while Northern Warriors the depending champions are in sixth place couldn't get a victory and the two Sri Lankan players of Warriors Upul Tharanga and Binura Fernando are still on the bench.

Two more matches Gladiators Vs Warriors and Bangla Tiger Vs Chennai Braves were scheduled to be played yesterday while Delhi Bulls Vs Team Abu Dhabi and Chennai Braves Vs Northern Warriors are scheduled for today. The final will be played on December 4.

Tharushi Thathsarani a talented cricketer from St Anthony's Girls School

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA
Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

Twenty year old, Tharushi Thathsarani, an old girl of Vidyakara Maha Vidyalaya, Nuwara Eliya who joined St. Anthony's Girls School, Katugastota in the year 2018 is a talented Girls Cricketer of the School under the coaching of Susantha Basnayake. She has been selected to the Under twenty one, Development Squad of Sri Lanka Cricket and she was the first woman Cricketer to be selected from the Nuwara-Eliya district.

She joined St. Anthony's Girls School to improve her Cricket ability and on the instructions of Laxman Panditharatne, former outstanding Cricketer of St Anthony's College she was coached by Jagath Wasantha, the District Coach at her School in Nuwara Eliya.

At present she is coached by Susantha Basnayake and she is a forceful Right hand batswoman & a right arm leg spin bowler. She kept wickets too when needed and playing for the Anthony's Girls Cricket team she kept wickets against Galewela Central School in a Tournament match and claimed Five victims behind the stumps.



Tharushi Thathsaranie returning to the pavilion after scoring Eighty Three runs against Maliyadeva Girls School. Picture by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl.Corr

In the same year at this tournament as an opening Batswoman she scored forty eight runs against Marawila Central School and 83 runs against Maliyadeva Balika Vidyalaya, Kurunegala.

In bowling Tharushi's highest achievement is claiming Three wickets for Twenty runs at the Super Four Provincial tournament against Galle District and in the year 2020 she scored Forty runs against Kandy Dis-

trict Cricket team. At present she is practising hard with the Provincial Coach of Sri Lanka Cricket, Amila Pinnaduwa and her intention is to end-up as a National and International Womens' Cricketer and she is happy that she got this opportunity to join the Development Squad of Sri Lanka Cricket as she can fulfill her ambition by practicing hard and being in the National Womens' Cricket team.

Akkaraipattu Divisional men's team cricket champions



The champions Akkaraipattu Divisional men's cricket team

(Text and Picture by: I.L.M.RIZAN, Addalachenai Central Correspondent)

Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat Cricket Team emerged champions of the Ampara District Cricket tournament when they won the final against Addalachenai Divisional Secretariat Cricket team at the Public Playgrounds Varipathanchenai in the Irakkamam DS division recently.

This tournament was organized by the National Youth Services Council (NYSC) Ampara District Office while champion teams of each Secretariat Divisions in the Ampara District took part.

The cricket tournament was held as a part of 33rd National Youth Sports Festival-2021.

Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat

Cricket team won the toss and batted first and scored 65 runs in 5 over's for loss of two wickets. In reply Addalachenai Divisional Secretariat Cricket Team, scored 57 runs in the 5overs for loss of five wickets.

The champion Akkaraipattu Divisional team, have been selected for the upcoming National level Cricket Championship - 2021 which will be conducted by the National Youth Services Council (NYSC) shortly said Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat Youth Services Officer Zameelul Ilahi.

National Youth Services Council (NYSC) Ampara District officials, Members of the Youth Clubs and many others were participated.

Sri Lanka Junior Open Golf from December 15

SHERIFDEEN AMATH

The most prestigious event in the junior golf calendar, the Sri Lanka Junior Open Golf Championship 2021 is scheduled to be held from December 15 to 17 at the Royal Colombo Golf Club (RCGC). Prima Group Sri Lanka continues its sponsorship this year too and for the 13th consecutive year. With more than a decade of magnanimous sponsorship this generous support by Prima Group is ample testimony to its continued commitment to promoting junior golf in the country in partnership with the national body for golf in the country the Sri Lanka Golf Union.

The tournament remains the decisive test for juniors who are also required to make it through the grueling Regional Junior Opens also sponsored by Prima Group Sri Lanka, as well as a number of club level tournaments throughout the year. The Sri Lanka Junior Open is thus the established benchmark for national rankings of junior golf.

This event will be conducted according to four age group categories as fol-



The sponsorship cheque is being handed over to Chairperson Development - Sri Lanka Golf Mrs. Niloo Jayatilake (third from left) by the Group General Manager of Prima Group Sri Lanka Lawrence Chan (third from right) and General Manager Prima Group Sri Lanka Shun Tien Shing (second from right). (from left) The Treasurer of Sri Lanka Golf G.K. Sudath Kumara, Secretary of Sri Lanka Golf Lal Wickramatunga and Deputy General Manager of Prima Group Sajith Gunaratne are also in the picture. Picture by Ranjith Asanka

lows; 15-18 years (Gold Division), 12-14 years (Silver Division), 10 -11 years (Bronze Division) and nine years and under (Copper Division).

Defending champion of A boys Gold division Nirekh Tejwani will hope to obtain his title this year too while last years girls winner Taniya Minel Balasuriya will hope to defend her title in this tournament once again. A quartet of young golfing talent likes

of Haroon Aslam, Yannik Kumara, Reshan Algama from the boys division and Sherin Balasuriya (sister of Taniya Balasuriya), Devinika Kanagisvaran, Kaya Daluwatta and Kayla Perera are to compete in the girls division.

In the junior categories K. Danushan, Shanal Binuksha, Keshav Algama, Tejas Kanth and Kavahn Tejwani are recognized as the emerging talent and this event should provide them

a golf opportunity to showcase their skills and it is hoped the youngsters play to their fullest potential.

The committed sponsorship of junior golf by Prima has been invaluable to the Sri Lanka Golf Union in promoting the sport in the country. The popularity of the sport is seen to be growing mainly due to the focused outreach programs carried out by Sri Lanka Golf to propagate the sport at the grassroots. This initiative was the brainchild of the Junior Sub Committee of Sri Lanka Golf to identify the nations young golf talent with a view to nurturing and developing them for future national and international representation.

The prize giving ceremony will be held on December 17 (Friday) at 3.30 pm while the title sponsor of this tournament, Prima Sunrise Bread will always provide nutrition for the players during the event

Kavindu does Kottawa Dharmapala proud

DILWIN MENDIS
Moratuwa Sports
Special Correspondent

First eleven cricketer, champion athlete under 13 and 15 cricket captain left hand middle order bat, right arm medium Pace bowler and safe fielder with a good arm Singappuli Arachchige Kavindu Madushika Perera has brought honour to his school Dharmapala Vidyalaya, Kottawa with his deeds in the fields of athletic and cricket. He was born on 22nd August 2003 and initially admitted to Wijewardene Maha Vidyalaya Kiriwathuduwa in 2009 and in 2011 he shifted to Dharmapala Vidyalaya Kottawa. When he was in grade five he did athletics at Inter House level and he was not successful and in the following year participating at the Inter House Meet in the under eleven age group he won the 100 metres, long jump and high jump and swept



The captain of the Kingfisher Cricket Academy Homagama Kavindu Madushika Perera receiving the runner up trophy from the chief guest at the Nelson Mendis Challenge Trophy 14th International under 14 cricket tournament.



Singappuli Arachchige Kavindu Madushika Perera

the board and became the champion. At the Zonal Educational Meet he came first in long jump and third in high jump and in the following year at the school meet under 13 he came first in 100 metres and at the Zonal too he came first

and at the All Island Schools Meet he came fourth but could not gain Colours. In the meantime his Parents Lahiru Nishantha Perera and Nirosha Malkantha noticing that his forte is cricket he was admitted to the School Cricket

Academy and came under school head coach Duminda Gunasekera. Then in 2015 he was appointed as the under 13 division one captain and in the following year too he led the team and in 2017 he became the under 15 division one skip-

per and in the following year playing in the under 15 division one he scored 415 runs including a century against Basilica College and captured 15 scalps with a five wicket haul and at the same time he was selected for the Prima Cup Tournament and played for Colombo South Team. As there was no under 17 cricket team at Dharmapala he joined Mahanama College Colombo in 2020 and as an under 17 second year player he was a unanimous choice to the first eleven team and he was able to play for only four matches and had to keep away due to Covid 19 and his coach is Kelum Gangodawila. In addition he is a member of the King Fisher Cricket Academy coached by Duminda Gunasekera and at present he has commenced practices for the forth coming Daily News Division Three Tournament.

Asanga elected Baseball president

Asanga Seneviratne will replace Nisanka Senadipathi as Sri Lanka Baseball (SLB) President with immediate effect.



Asanga Seneviratne

Former Chairman of Sri Lanka Rugby, he presently serves as the Vice-president of the National Olympic Committee.

Sri Lanka Baseball/Softball office bearers for 2020/21

- President - Asanga Seneviratne
- Executive Vice President - Manoj Fernando
- Vice President - Sujevan Senaratne
- Vice President - Rajith Ratnayake
- Secretary - Sanka Abeywickrama
- Assistant Secretary - Dilen Fernando
- Treasurer - Akila Premathilaka
- Coordinator - Pubudu Kodikara
- Chairman Men's Senior League - Chanaka Rukshan Ratnayake
- Chairman Little League - Nuwan Thilina Jayasinghe
- Chairman / Chairperson Ladies Baseball and Softball - Sugath Disanayake
- Director Men's Senior League - Chathuranga Ranasinghe
- Director Little League - Chamath Srinika
- Director / Directress Ladies Baseball and Softball - Bhanuka Senarath (AM)

Asanga who served in a similar capacity at Sri Lanka Rugby is a veteran sportsman and a well experienced sports administrator. Asanga Seneviratne replaced Nisanka Senadipathi at the helm of Sri Lanka Baseball as the former was unable to carry out any of his plans due to the Covid-19 Pandemic crippling the sporting arena. Asanga Seneviratne takes over the position vacated by Nisanka Senadipathi. The new President of Sri Lanka Baseball aims to restart the sport in the country by hosting the first tournament after the West Asia Championship which was held in 2019. It will be held at the Japan - Sri Lanka friendship Baseball grounds from the 18th to 21st November. Seneviratne currently serves as Chairman of the recently appointed Rugby Advisory Committee (RAC).

Sylvestrians resume rugby practices



HAFIZ MARIKAR

St. Sylvester's College has started rugby physical training and nearly thirty young boys are seen at training and they have some of the last season's players and it seems they have good talent and potential to perform well. This is one of the top sports promoting schools, and are celebrating 81 years, the

school was founded in 1940 by Rev. Fr. D.Robert Perera O.S.B. who was the first principal. This is a school that has produced some top class sportsmen. The motto of the school is 'Success through St. Sylvester's College, better known for their boxing skills have turned out to be a striking force in school rugby in the recent past despite limited facilities, they have made steady progress in the game. They were the third school in Kandy to play rugger. They started in 1954

with the famous Trinitian Bobby Jayaweera as the coach and Malcolm Marshall was the first captain, who later played for Navy and Defence Services. And there are references to the Sylvestrians playing a few friendly games between 1954-1956, but was forced to give up the game by end of '56 due to a lack of facilities. It was revived in the mid-1982 due to the great efforts of then principal late Bertie Nillagoda. From that restart they have been doing well in the game. At

one time Trinity College Asgiriya grounds curator late Alex Lazarus allowed St.Sylvester's College rugger team to do their training in the mornings, due to that Sylvestrians rugby improved and they took the game seriously. And some of the players who played club rugby without playing for the school were Nihal Pelpola played for Kandy Sports Club, Tony Direckez played for CR and FC, Gerard David he too played for Sri Lanka Air Force, Cyril Alu-

wihare played for over a decade as a winger for Kandy Sports Club, Sarath Basnayake, Nimal. Leweke played for Kandy SC and Sri Lanka Police and Sri Lanka Presidents XV, he also captained the Police team to win the Clifford Cup, and became the President of SLRFU and Sri Lanka Referees Society, Hector. Galuage played for Kandy Lake Club, Havelock Sports Club, Kandy Sports Club and Up-Country, Lucky Peries threw his lot with Kandy Sports Club

and Sri Lanka Police, H. Marikar turned out to be a stalwart for Kandy Sports Club, Wasantha Ratnayale played for CR and FC, A. Fernando for Kandy Sports Club, Jeffrey Jamaloon played for Navy. Then Manjula Pathirane became the first to play for the combined schools after rugby was started. They have good talent and potential to perform well under the guidance of B.M. Dharmapala, he gave his best in the the year 2020. He is a coach who

never touched the oval shaped ball in his school days, because his school had no rugger but was a good boxer. He started his rugby after joining the Army in 1987 and was first coached by Kalu Weerasinghe and also by P.G. Gunawardena. He turned out to be an exceptional player during a career spanning almost two decades including clubs and at National level. He has played for the country in five Asias from 1998 and some of the coaches who helped him are Jeff

Matheson, Ajith Abeyarathne, Tony Amith, Nimal Lewke, Ana Saranapala and late George Simpkin. After hanging up his boots he took up coaching with the Army Sevens team and also schools like Prince of Wales, Maliyadeva, St. Anne's, St. Anthony's, Air Force, Sri Lanka team supporting coach, Sri Sumanigala head coach for three years, So now this veteran coach is going all-out to put things in place to prepare for next school rugby season for Sylvestrians.

HNB hails Sri Lanka Paralympic heroes

AS AN INSPIRATION TO NEW GENERATION OF ATHLETES

Sri Lanka's very first Olympic Gold Medallist together with the Bronze medallist and participant delegation to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games resonated a vibrant and inspirational example to new generation athletes and youth of the country at a felicitation ceremony organized by the country's leading private bank, HNB. Recognising their outstanding performances - which included securing Gold and Bronze medals and establishing a new world record - HNB's Sustainability Foundation presented plaques and cash rewards to the award winning athletes, coaches and officials who were part of the delegation. The felicitation ceremony, held at HNB Towers, the Bank's head office, was attended by HNB Managing Director /CEO - Jonathan Alles, Chief Transformation Officer/DGM - L Chiranthi Cooray, Deputy General Manager -Retail & SME Banking - Sanjay Wijemanne and HNB Sports Club President/AGM Hisham Ally, as well as National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Sri Lanka Honorary President, Lieutenant Colonel Deepal Herath and other officials. "You have scaled mountains that others only dream of conquering," HNB Managing Director/CEO, Jonathan Alles said, congratulating the members of the delegation. "We, at HNB draw inspiration from your achievements and hope that the country's youth and new generation of athletes too will do the same. Sports can help develop qualities which are essential for organizations, particularly teamwork and the country will benefit from youth taking a greater interest in sports activities." The highlight of the event was the felicitation of Dinesh Herath - who won Gold in Men's Javelin Throw F46 - and Samitha Dulan Kodithuwakku - the Bronze medallist in the Men's Javelin Throw F64. Herath is also the first Sri Lankan to win an Olympic or Paralympic Gold and set a new world record in his event. "We applaud the dedication and commitment of our Paralympic athletes which enabled them to emerge victorious at the highest international level, a truly a remarkable and inspiring achievement," HNB's Chief Transformation Officer/Deputy General Manager and HNB Sustainability Founda-



(front row) HNB DGM -Retail & SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne (third from left), HNB MD/CEO, Jonathan Alles (fifth from left), HNB Chief Transformation Officer /DGM, L. Chiranthi Cooray (fifth from right) and HNB AGM and HNB Sports Club President Hisham Ally (second from right) with Paralympic Bronze medallist, Samitha Dulan Kodithuwakku (second from right) and Paralympic Gold medallist, Dinesh Herath (fourth from left) and National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Sri Lanka Honorary President, Lieutenant Colonel Deepal Herath (fourth from right) together with the Sri Lankan Paralympic team, coaches and officials.



HNB MD/CEO, Jonathan Alles presenting a cash reward to Paralympic Gold medallist, Dinesh Herath.



(from left) HNB MD/CEO, Jonathan Alles presenting a cash reward to Paralympic Bronze medallist, Samitha Dulan Kodithuwakku, in the presence of Team Archery Coach, Maj Gen R. Wickramasinghe (Rtd), NPC Sri Lanka Honorary President, Lieutenant Colonel Deepal Herath, HNB Chief Transformation Officer, L. Chiranthi Cooray, HNB DGM -Retail & SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne and HNB AGM and HNB Sports Club President Hisham Ally.

Paralympic athletes," Lieutenant Colonel Deepal Herath, the Honorary President of the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Sri Lanka - which played a key role in achieving the victory - said. "This initiative is most timely, especially at a time when athletes face numerous challenges, since sports and sporting events have been severely hampered by the pandemic." He added that the NPC has initiated a long-term visionary programme that scouts for and nurtures talent, through structured development and training and evaluation - for both athletes and coaches. The success at the Paralympics was a validation of this initiative and was achieved as a result of the combined efforts of all who were involved, Herath noted. HNB's Sustainability Foundation, which aims to fulfil the Bank's mandate as a leading corporate citizen, drives corporate citizenship through its strategic pillars, undertaking location-based CSR projects involving community and staff, leveraging its island-wide branch network. The foundation's four strategic pillars are; education, healthcare, empowering entrepreneurship and the environment. In its recent initiatives, the HNB Sustainability Foundation has prioritized addressing challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Such initiatives include donating critical life-saving medical equipment and devices to key health institutions and providing grants to small pandemic-impacted businesses.

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Rain washes out play after West Indies avoid follow-on



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DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
West Indies fought back strongly to pass the follow on mark and build up their innings to 224 for nine wickets on third day of the first Test against Sri Lanka before rain washed off more

than half of the day's play yesterday at the Galle International Cricket Stadium. The low order batters especially the seventh wicket 63 runs stand between Kyle Mayers and Jason Holder and later ninth wick-

et 49 runs stand between Rahkeem Cornwall and Joshua Da Silva made a good effort to build up their innings. Sri Lanka's bowling was loose during the first hour and spinners unable to find the right lengths

to both overnight batters Mayer's and Holder and they took full advantage to collect their runs.

They had taken their seventh-wicket combination up to 63 in the first hour.

However, two outstanding catches first by skipper Dimuth Karunaratne at short extra cover and then Dushmantha Chameera at point removed both Mayers and Holder in quick ses-

sion. The partnership breaker Dhananjaya de Silva got days first breakthrough to end Mayers 45 runs Innings in 62 balls which included eight boundaries while Holder was out two overs later with taking superb diving catch from Dushmantha Chameera at point off the bowling of Praveen Jayawickrama. Holder scored 36 in 60 balls hitting three fours and two sixes.

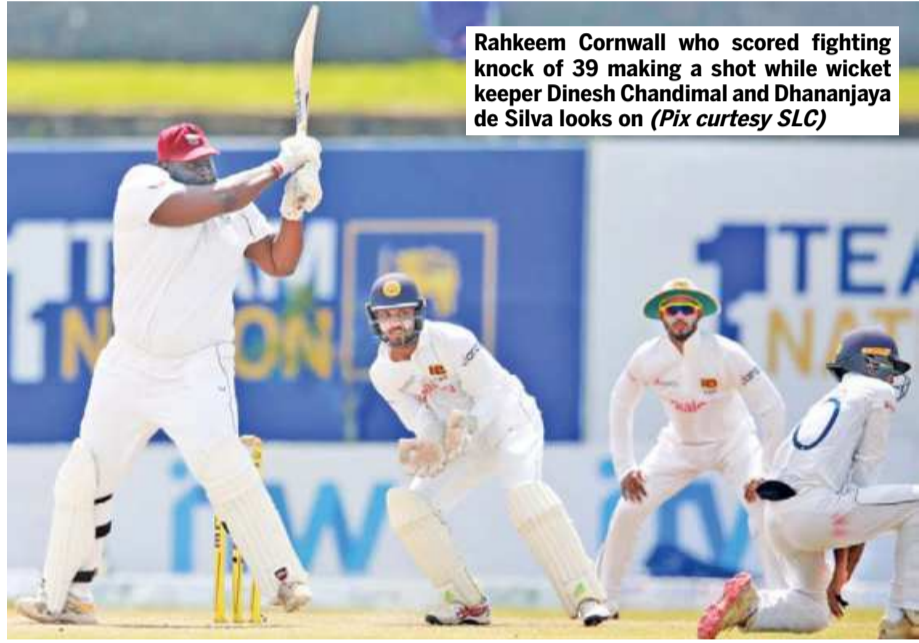
Rahkeem Cornwall the off-spinner who hit two consecutive fifties against Sri Lanka at the previous two Tests at Antigua once again played a fighting knock while wicket keeper Joshua Da Silva played a good supporting role for the ninth wicket stand until lunch break and West Indies were 215 for eight wickets with Cornwall remaining at 33. Cornwall scored 39 in 58 balls hit five fours and a six was more aggressive mood while Joshua Da Silva made an unbeaten 11 in 70 ball innings hit only boundary

to control the bowlers. However Cornwall was out off the bowling of Suranga Lakmal and Ramesh Mendis took a fine catch at mid wicket to dismiss last ball of the fourth over after lunch and ground staff was called into action with a rain and weather not gave any excuse to continue the game.

That left West Indies still 162 runs behind Sri Lanka's first-innings total, with just one wicket in hand

Ramesh Mendis, along with Praveen Jayawickrama have been Sri Lanka's most effective bowlers in the innings with the pair accounting for three wickets apiece while Lasith Embuldeniya, Dhananjaya de Silva and Suranga Lakmal pick one wicket each.

The game has been called off due to a drizzle and subsequent bad light around 4.30 pm yesterday and play will start 15 minutes early (9.45 a.m) on both the 4th and 5th day.



Rahkeem Cornwall who scored fighting knock of 39 making a shot while wicket keeper Dinesh Chandimal and Dhananjaya de Silva looks on (Pix courtesy SLC)

SCORECARD	
SRI LANKA	WEST INDIES
1ST INNINGS 386	1ST INNINGS
113/6 (overnight)	
Kraigg Brathwaite c Nissanka b Mendis 41	Jason Holder c Chameera b Jayawickrama 36
Jemaine Blackwood lbw b Embuldeniya 20	Joshua Da Silva not out 11
Nkrumah Bonner c de Silva b Jayawickrama 1	Rahkeem Cornwall c Mendis b Lakmal 39
Shai Hope c Fernando b Mendis 10	Extras (b 3, lb 10, nb 2, w 3) 18
Roston Chase c Fernando b Mendis 2	TOTAL (nine wickets in 80 Overs) 224
Jomel Warrican c Chandimal b Jayawickrama 1	Yet to bat: Jeremy Solozano, Shannon Gabriel
Kyle Mayers c Karunaratne b de Silva 45	Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-51, 3-80, 4-88, 5-96, 6-100, 7-163, 8-175, 9-224
	BOWLING: Suranga Lakmal 6-1-10-1, Dushmantha Chameera 8-0-14-0, Lasith Embuldeniya 29-10-63-1, Praveen Jayawickrama 17-6-38-3, Ramesh Mendis 17-1-75-3, Dhananjaya de Silva 3-0-11-1

Limited spectators allowed for LPL & Galle Tests

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
The health authorities have granted permission to allow limited spectators at the second edition of the Lanka Premier League 2021 cricket tournament, Minister of Sports Namal Rajapaksa announced yesterday. The LPL second edition is scheduled to be held from December 5 to 23 at two venues R. Premadasa International cricket stadium, Colombo, and Mahinda Rajapaksa International cricket stadium Hambantota.

Colombo before it moves into MRICS, Hambantota to proceed with the final round games. The Sports Minister in his Twitter message stated "Cricket is nothing without the fans! As an avid cricket fan myself I am happy and grateful to announce that the Ministry of Health has approved limited crowds to attend the LPL 2021 after considering the strict guidelines put in place by the Ministry of Youth and Sports. "This approval includes permission for limited crowds at the ongoing Test series as well," Minister added.

Upcountry SM Sports Club beat Old Ranabima CC

HAFIZ MARIKAR
The Kandy District Cricket Association 9th Group 'B' limited over's qualifying match was played yesterday at the Wickramabaku College grounds in Gampola, where Upcountry SM Sports Club beat Old Ranabima Cricket Club by eight wickets.

Old Ranabima CC taking the first turn were skittled out for 122 runs in 36 overs. J. Subramaniam top scored with 37 and S. Prasanna bowled well to take 5 for 31. In reply Up-Country CC scored 132 for 2 in 18.2 over's. Chamod Abeyasiri batted well to score 74 with some superb hits right round the wicket.

Buwaneka and Sachin take bronze in Bahrain

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Sri Lanka's number one badminton doubles pair Buwaneka Gunathileka and Sachin Dias emerged bronze medal winners at the recently concluded Bahrain International Badminton Series in Bahrain.

Buwaneka and Sachin made good battle to reach semi final to take this medal which was after nearly two years period due to Global pandemic. Both Sachin and Buwaneka were able to defeat Bahrain doubles pair at the first round to take good start and they had tough game to beat Indian pair at the quarter final.



Buwaneka Gunathileka (left) and Sachin Dias poses with their bronze medals.

pan Rindorindo made tough fight with Sri Lankan pair. Finally Indonesian pair won by 2-1 to enter the final and Sachin and Buwaneka had to satisfied with bronze medal. At the semi final the first set was won by Indonesian pair 21-19 with a close fight while Sachin and Buwaneka were able to win the second set 21-16 to equal the game. However deciding third set won by 21-17 Indonesian pair to reach the final which also won by them to secure gold.

However this was good exposure for Sri Lankan pair. Both of them earlier had chance to play European Badminton tournament series which gave them big boost to develop their skills as well as world ranking.

Chess National championships from Nov. 28

The Chess Federation of Sri Lanka (CFSL) is expected to conduct Sri Lanka National 'B' and Women's National 'B' Chess Championships 2021 which is scheduled to be held from November 27-28 and December 3-5 at Public Library, Colombo under the health guidelines.

The IMs, FMs / WIMs, WFMs and players having more than 1700 ratings, girls with more than 1400 ratings are directly qualified to the respective event. In addition all players played in SL National 'B' Chess Championships in 2020 are also eligible for the event.

The reigning National Chess Champions, Ranindu Liyanage and Top Ranked Harshana Thilakarathne are qualified to play the National Championships 2021 finals directly while 12 players will be qualified and two more will be kept standby for the finals.

If any other player who wish to take part this tournament he may apply with giving his recent performance. If organizers will accept, they may play with a special entry fee to take part this major event.

Cash awards will be awarded for the winners. The eligible players can get their registration with sending their name, FIDE ID and the contact details to cfschessevents@gmail.com on or before November 26 and late entries are not allowed. (D.R)

Top Referees and Umpires Panel for LPL

The 2nd edition of the Lanka Premier League 2021 will be officiated by a highly recognized Match Referee Panel and an Umpiring Panel, consisting of Chief Match Referee of the ICC, Ranjan Madugalle, and ICC Elite Panel Umpire Kumar Dharmasena.



LPL Umpiring Panel: Standing from left: Rohitha Kottahachchi, Ravindra Kottahachchi, Asanga Jayasuriya, Hemantha Botheju, Deepal Gunawardena, Keerthi Bandara. Seated from left: Prageeth Rambukwella, Ruchira Palliyaguruge, Kumar Dharmasena, Raveendra Wimalasiri, Lyndon Hannibal

This is the 2nd consecutive time both officials will be operating at the Lanka Premier League 2021, which is Sri Lanka's topmost domestic T20 tournament, with an international flavor. Madugalle, a member of the ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees have refereed in eight ICC Cricket World Cups, including the finals of 1999, 2003, 2015, 2019, and in the recently conducted ICC Men's T20 World Cup and will be joined by Graeme Labrooy and Wendell Labrooy, who are members of the International Panel of ICC Match Referees.



LPL Match Referee Panel: Seated from left: Graeme La Brooy, Ranjan Madugalle, Manoj Mendis, Wendell La Brooy

Manoj Mendis, a First Class Match Referee of Sri Lanka too will join the Panel of LPL Match Referees. In the meantime, Kumar Dharmasena is a member of the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires, who won the ICC David Shepherd Trophy for Umpire of the Year in 2012 and 2018.

Dharmasena will be joined by Ruchira Palliyaguruge, Raveendra Wimalasiri, Lyndon Hannibal, and Prageeth Rambukwella, who are members of the ICC International Panel of Umpires.

Nilaweera and Kurera bag U-18 tennis titles



Chathurya Nilaweera



Anjalika Kurera

Chathurya Nilaweera and Anjalika Kurera clinched the Boys' and Girls' Under-18 Singles title respectively at the 106th Colombo Open Tennis Championships, continued at the SLTA Courts in Green Path, Colombo.

The 16-year-old from Stafford College outplayed Dilvan Herath 4-1, 4-1 in the Boys' Under-18 final having earlier defeated Hasal Ahangama 4-0, 4-2

SL Beach Volleyballers leave for Thailand



The teams posed for a picture before their departure with the President of Volleyball Federation Kanchana Jayaratne. Seated (from left): Asanka Pradeep Kumara (Head Coach (Men)), Thushara Perera (Manager), Kanchana Jayaratne (President SLVBF), Pubudu Ekanayake (Head Coach Women), Thakshila Niranjali (Assistant Coach). Standing (from left): Sandun Madushanka, Malintha Yapa, Indika Tyronne, Ashen Rashmika, Dinesha Prasadani, Deepika Bandara, Hashini Malsha, Nirmani Jayawardane

The Sri Lanka Beach Volleyball men and women teams left the Island on Friday to participate at the Asian Beach Volleyball Championship to be played in Thailand. Thushara Perera will be the Manager while his assistant will be Thakshila Niranjali. Head Coach for both teams will be Pubudu Ekanayake.

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Secretary to President Dr. P. B. Jayasundera and German Ambassador Holger Seubert. Picture by Sudath Malawera

Country will never default debt

Pandemic deprived economy over USD 20 bn - Dr. Jayasundera

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE
Despite Sri Lanka economy facing an uphill task the country will never default debt and will also invest on key infrastructure projects in the future as well, Secretary to the President of Sri Lanka Dr. P. B. Jayasundera told the 7th edition of Top German Brands in Sri Lanka event held on Monday, at the Kingsbury Hotel Colombo. The flagship event was organized by AHK Sri Lanka with the support of the Embassy of Ger-

many. He said the President took over the country when its economic growth rate was around 3.5% which was even below Afghanistan and there was mounting foreign debt. "While the country was put on a recovery path the COVID pandemic struck disrupting many sectors and also halting key foreign exchange earners like exports, tourism, foreign remittances, ports and airport activities which deprived around USD 20 billion plus to the economy. In addi-

tion, the oil prices also rose to record levels."

Despite the country investing heavily in conducting a successful C-19 vaccination drive and other pandemic related expenditure the 2022 budget did not impose heavy taxes on people and also key sectors like ICT, fisheries and agriculture.

"However we had to curtail some imports such as motor vehicles as our total imports were around USD 21 billion while exports are around USD

12 billion with a deficit of around USD 9 billion. However, we now see a gradual recovery in most of these sectors but we must be cautious not to relax the COVID-19 restrictions. To overcome this the government is now engaging in providing the third booster dose to people and our target is to minimize the C-19 related deaths to zero."

He also said that the country, like most of the other countries, is investing heavily in moving into

sustainable practices and this is why there is a huge shift towards organic fertilizer and renewable energy sectors.

German Ambassador to Sri Lanka Holger Seubert, said that it was pleasing to note that new German brands have come to Sri Lanka while German companies who are already in Sri Lanka have reinvested. "However we would like to see some foreign import restrictions taken off to increase German exports to Sri

Lanka. Or else we do not see fair trade happening."

Chief Delegate of the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka (AHK Sri Lanka), Andreas Hergenroether, said that there is a 13% increase in German brands to Sri Lanka despite the pandemic. The German economy was managed up to expectations and German exports too did not suffer during the pandemic as they increased from Euro 1.3 trillion to 5 trillion in the recent past.

Commercial Bank wins 'Best Corporate Citizen Award' for the first time

Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC won the coveted 'Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Award 2021' at an annual event organized by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, the country's premier business chamber, to recognize sustainable champions of the local corporate world. Citizens Development Business Finance PLC and CBL Investments Limited (CBL Group) were adjudged the first and second runners-up of the competition, respectively.

Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC walked away with the Category B 'Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Award 2021', awarded to companies with an annual turnover below Rs. 15 billion, while BPPL Holdings PLC and Oxford College of Business (Private) Limited were awarded as first and second runners-up respectively, in this category.

This Award recognises the ten most sustainable corporates which have implemented outstanding sustainability initiatives under both 'Category A & B'.

This year, the Top Ten awards include a joint winner, bringing the total number of winners to 11. Aitken Spence PLC, CBL Investments Limited (CBL Group), Citizens Development Business Finance PLC, Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Dialog Axiata PLC, Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC, Hattori National Bank PLC, National Development Bank PLC, Nestlé Lanka PLC, Sampath Bank PLC and Sri Lanka Telecom PLC were recognised as the Top Ten Corporate Citizens of 2021.

Awarded to companies with the best performance in the three sustainability pillars of Planet (Environmental Sustainability), People (Social Sustainability) and Profit (Economic Sus-

tainability), Nestlé Lanka PLC won the Award for Environmental Sustainability, while Aitken Spence PLC and Dipped Products PLS were awarded the Social Sustainability and Economic Sustainability Awards respectively.

Nestlé Lanka PLC, won the Corporate Environmental Commitment Award for its corporate policies and business practices towards Environment and Social sustainability priority and the assignment of suitable individuals to manage and sustain such policies and practices, as well as the Environment Beyond Business Award for going the extra mile to safeguard the environment and ensure a cleaner and greener future together with relevant communities.

Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC, won the Environmental Integration Award for its endeavors to reduce the environmental footprint via corporate decisions and the introduction of innovative technology to maintain environmental sustainability within the business, as well as the Customer Relations for continuing to set the benchmark for adopting engaging and strategic approaches to working with all stakeholders to achieve end goals.

Aitken Spence PLC and Citizens Development Business Finance PLC were joint winners of the Employee Relations Award, for maintaining sustainable standards towards employees in all aspects and demonstrating engagement in their sustainability practices.

Aitken Spence PLC won the Community Relations Award for steps taken to highlight that corporate community relations activities are the Golden Key to the success of Corporate Social Responsibility. **▶ PAGE 13**

Sarvodaya Development Finance IPO oversubscribed on opening day

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

The Sarvodaya Development Finance Initial Public Offering (IPO) which opened yesterday, was oversubscribed on opening itself.

Commenting on the Sarvodaya Development Finance Limited Initial Public Offering,

Registrars to the Issue PW Corporate Secretarial (Pvt) Ltd, in an announcement said, "The Initial Issue of up to 22,727,273 new Ordinary Voting Shares at Rs 22 per share, with an option to issue upto a further 22,723,273 new Ordinary Voting Shares at the discretion of the

Board of Directors in the event of an over subscription of the initial issue resulting in a total issuance of up to 45,454,546 Ordinary Voting Shares at Rs 22 per share.

We write for an on behalf of our client Sarvodaya Development Finance Limited

and wish to inform you that we have received applications for over 45,454,546 shares exceeding Rs 1,000,000,012 for the issue and as such the initial issue and the further issue have been successfully oversubscribed.

CFA Society rings stock market opening bell to mark 20th Anniversary

CFA Society Sri Lanka rang the Opening Bell to commence trading at the CSE to celebrate its 20-year anniversary. The event was followed by the launch of the Commemorative Cover and Stamp, as a part of a series of initiatives conducted by the society to celebrate this significant milestone.

Special market opening ceremonies are organized by the CSE as a platform for listed companies to celebrate corporate milestones and as a call to action for causes and developments that are significant to our business community, economy and society at large. CEO of the CSE, Rajeeva Bandaranaike, speaking at the ceremony, congratulated the CFA Society on the journey and applauded the initiatives taken by the CFA society for the development of the capital market over the years.

He further added, "As you all know very well, there is a need for improvement in the levels of financial literacy in the country, and we believe CFA society can play a meaningful role in this regard. Given the appropriateness and relevance of the



Director of the CFA Society M Nadika Ranasinghe, Director of the CFA Society Travis Gomez, CEO of the CSE Rajeeva Bandaranaike, Postmaster General of the Department of Posts Ranjith Ariyaratne, President of the CFA Society Dinesh Warusavitharana, Chief Regulatory Officer of the CSE Renuke Wijeyawardhane, Vice President of the CFA Society Aruna Perera, Director/Treasurer of the CSE Rashmi Paranavitharana, CEO of the CFA Society Aruna Alwis, Head of Market of the CSE Niroshan Wijesundere at the event.

CFA qualification to capital markets, we should be encouraging a greater presence of CFA charter holders as finalists and candidates within the capital markets industry. Given the scope, and objectives of the CFA Institute, and the expertise within the fraternity. We believe that the engagement that the CSE has been having with the CFA has been a productive one."

Outlining the importance of the occasion, President of

CFA Society Sri Lanka, Dinesh Warusavitharana, said that today's market opening ceremony is a very significant occasion for both CFA Society Sri Lanka and the CSE as it reiterates the role of investment professionals who are champions of ethical behavior in investment markets and are a respected source of knowledge in the global financial community. "Our aim is to create an environment where investors' interests come

first, markets function at their best, and economies grow," he added.

He also mentioned that Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Investing and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are key focus areas which can provide many benefits to investors and therefore CFA Society Sri Lanka will work very closely with the CSE to establish these emerging concepts in the local financial market.

Capital Alliance IPO to open tomorrow

Capital Alliance Limited (CALT) will list its equity shares on the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) via an Initial Public Offering tomorrow. The CALT IPO has gained significant traction and is highly anticipated by investors.

CALT offers 41,177,236 ordinary shares for a 12.5% stake to the public,

priced at Rs 10 per share. The IPO price per share provides a discount of 18.64% to an incoming investor compared to the Rs.12.29 price per share derived by the Independent Valuer, Ernst and Young Transaction Advisory Services.

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ACCESS ENG SL	25	158.00	170.00	170.00	167.00	158.00	0.00
ACL	1,108,147	26.80	26.60	26.90	26.50	26.60	(0.20)
ACL PLASTICS XD	3,322,358	78.10	78.50	87.00	78.50	86.60	8.50
ACME	73,060	485.00	485.00	580.00	485.00	557.50	72.50
AGALAWATTE	27,210	11.80	11.60	12.00	11.60	11.70	(0.10)
AGALAWATTE	2,925,629	37.30	37.30	41.70	37.10	40.20	2.90
AHOT PROPERTIES	92,345	43.00	41.00	42.00	39.00	42.00	(1.00)
AITKEN SPENCE	41,094	85.00	85.00	86.90	84.00	84.90	(0.10)
ALLIANCE	397,461	82.20	82.50	82.50	80.10	81.10	(1.10)
AMANA BANK	1,357,751	4.60	4.50	4.60	4.30	4.40	(0.20)
AMANA BANK	6,858	8.00	7.90	8.10	7.90	8.00	0.00
ASIA CAPITAL	29,580	7.20	7.20	7.50	7.00	7.20	0.00
ASIRI XD	15,312	29.20	30.00	30.50	30.00	30.10	0.90
ASIRI SURG XD	35,806	16.10	16.20	16.20	16.00	16.00	(0.10)
AUTODROME	11	91.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	91.00	0.00
BAIRAHA FARMS XD	352,342	190.00	191.00	199.50	190.00	194.25	4.25
BALANGODA	36,140	22.00	22.00	24.00	21.00	22.00	0.00
BUKIT DARAH	6,466	395.75	405.00	405.00	395.75	397.00	1.25
C M HOLDINGS	10,103	96.10	101.00	103.75	100.00	101.25	5.15
C T HOLDINGS	2,112	175.00	175.25	175.25	175.00	175.00	0.00
CARGILLS	1,287	220.00	220.00	220.00	218.00	219.75	(0.25)
CARGO BOAT	3,590	61.90	61.70	63.90	61.70	63.00	1.10
CARSONS	135	295.00	297.00	300.00	297.00	297.25	2.25
CDB	1,120	164.00	164.00	164.00	153.00	163.00	(1.00)
CDB [CDB.X0000]	14,195	93.80	93.80	93.80	88.20	89.40	(4.40)
CENTRAL FINANCE	41,992	83.00	83.90	84.10	82.80	83.40	0.40
CENTRAL IND.	642,475	183.75	187.50	212.75	180.00	203.75	20.00
CEYLINCO INS. [CINS.X0000]	308	1,012.25	1,029.00	1,029.00	1,000.00	1,002.50	(9.75)
CEYLON GUARDIAN	100	98.00	98.70	103.00	98.70	100.50	2.50
CEYLON INV.	4,002	52.60	53.50	53.50	52.10	52.80	0.20
CEYLON TOBACCO XD	2,501	901.25	900.00	904.00	900.00	901.00	(0.25)
CHEMANEX	10,393	73.60	76.00	76.00	73.00	73.50	(0.10)
CHEVRON	162,728	108.00	108.00	109.00	105.75	106.00	(2.00)
CIC XD	393,680	52.20	52.70	53.00	51.60	51.90	(0.30)
CIC [CIC.X0000] XD	370,349	42.50	43.50	43.60	41.10	42.80	0.10
CITRUS LEISURE	346,024	8.90	8.90	9.10	8.60	8.80	(0.30)
COLD STORES	226	560.50	560.25	560.25	556.75	559.75	(0.75)
COLOMBO CITY	270	901.75	900.25	900.25	880.25	891.50	(10.25)
COLOMBO LAND	12,388	35.20	35.40	35.40	34.00	34.20	(1.00)
COMMERCIAL BANK	275,265	84.50	84.20	84.40	83.50	83.90	(0.60)
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]	140,656	75.40	75.30	75.70	74.90	75.30	(0.10)
CONVENIENCE FOOD	8	1,120.00	1,110.25	1,110.25	1,110.25	1,120.00	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	333,417	14.20	14.20	15.50	14.20	14.80	0.60
DFCC BANK PLC	12,025	61.00	61.00	62.40	61.00	61.80	0.80
DIALOG	256,304	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.90	11.00	0.00
DIMO	1,810	532.25	535.00	558.50	535.00	552.00	19.75
DIPPED PRODUCTS	1,109,697	49.40	49.40	49.40	47.90	48.00	(1.40)
DOCKYARD	4,620	76.00	76.00	76.00	74.10	74.80	(1.20)
DOLPHIN HOTELS	22,450	34.90	33.30	34.20	32.00	33.20	(1.70)
DURDANS	28,402	130.00	131.00	131.00	130.00	130.50	0.50
E B CREASY XD	238,819	22.90	23.70	23.70	22.00	22.70	(0.20)
EAST WEST	29,111	9.50	9.70	9.70	9.50	9.60	0.10
EASTERIN MERCHANT	111,020	7.10	7.60	7.60	7.00	7.50	0.40
EX-PACK	1,889,377	16.80	16.50	17.20	16.50	16.70	(0.10)
EXPALANKA	2,223,964	233.00	236.00	237.00	228.25	232.50	0.50
FORT LAND	180,268	20.20	21.00	21.00	19.80	20.00	(0.20)
GRAIN ELEVATORS	87,962	114.00	114.25	112.00	112.75	112.75	(0.50)
HAYCARB	128,298	75.60	75.90	76.00	72.50	73.60	(2.00)
HAYLEYS	576,071	97.60	98.20	98.20	95.90	96.30	(1.30)
HAYLEYS FABRIC	970,319	35.00	35.50	35.50	33.90	34.10	(0.90)
HAYLEYS FIBRE	9,253	62.70	63.00	63.60	62.50	63.50	0.80
HAYLEYS LEISURE	116,631	21.80	22.70	22.70	21.00	21.10	(0.70)
HDFC	13,519	32.10	32.20	32.00	32.00	32.00	(0.10)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	212,890	70.10	70.10	70.40	69.80	69.90	(0.20)
HNB	141,701	158.25	160.00	157.50	159.00	159.00	0.75
HNB ASSURANCE	33,148	43.90	44.00	44.00	43.10	43.50	(0.40)
HNB [HNB.X0000]	32,483	134.25	133.00	133.00	131.00	131.25	(3.00)
HORANA	40,350	26.10	27.80	28.20	27.80	28.00	1.90
HOTELS CORP.	55,547	19.30	18.50	19.50	17.50	18.60	(0.70)
HUNTERS	1	652.00	652.00	652.00	652.00	652.00	0.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	4,395,851	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.00
JAT HOLDINGS	818,579	21.00	20.90	21.00	20.50	20.60	(0.40)
KH XD	396,589	154.25	154.75	157.00	153.50	154.75	0.50
KANDY HOTELS	10,213	8.40	8.50	8.50	8.20	8.20	(0.20)
KEGALLE	69,729	123.75	124.75	131.75	121.50	128.50	4.75
KELANI CABLES	236,814	300.00	303.00	375.00	300.25	374.00	74.00
KELANI TYPES	162,054	80.50	80.60	81.50	79.00	80.20	(0.30)
KELANI VALLEY	77,276	54.00	54.10	55.00	53.90	54.10	0.10
KINGSBURY	61,027	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.00	9.20	0.00
KOTAGALA	8,272,494	7.80	7.80	8.10	7.70	7.90	0.10
L O L C HOLDINGS	1,108,244	768.00	770.00	917.00	770.00	894.25	126.25
LANKA ALUMINIUM	483,976	21.30	22.00	22.00	20.90	21.40	0.10
LANKA HOSPITALS	43,225	49.90	49.70	52.50	49.70	50.10	0.20
LANKA IOC	293,108	28.90	29.30	29.80	26.70	27.40	(1.50)
LANKA TILES XD	1,347,630	84.10	84.50	86.20	83.00	85.90	1.80
LANKA VENTURES	2,040	54.00	54.00	54.00	53.10	54.00	0.00
LANKA WALLTILE XD	783,177	93.10	93.10	95.70	90.20	94.70	1.60
LANKEM DEV.	796,652	5.00	5.00	5.30	5.00	5.20	0.20
LAUGFS GAS	12,240	20.90	20.50	21.10	20.50	21.00	0.10
LAUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	21,783	15.10	15.10	15.10	14.10	15.00	(0.10)
LAXAPANA	650	14.30	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	0.20
LB FINANCE	80,531	63.40	63.10	63.50	62.00	62.70	(0.70)
LEE HEDGES	211,822	72.50	73.50	75.00	72.50	74.90	2.40
LION BREWERY XD	405	540.25	541.00	541.00	540.00	540.00	(0.25)
LMF	539,100	167.75	170.00	177.50	166.00	172.50	4.75
LVL ENERGY	24,435	10.70	10.60	10.70	10.40	10.50	(0.20)
MALWATTE	57,860	23.80	23.80	24.70	22.50	24.00	0.20
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000]	168,713	13.10	11.70	14.10	11.70	13.50	0.40
MELSTACORP XD	188,736	54.60	54.60	55.50	53.50	53.90	(0.70)
MERCHANT BANK	6,072	5.90	6.00	6.10	5.90	6.00	0.10
MULLERS	598,864	1.40	1.40	1.50	1.30	1.40	0.00
NAMUNUKULA	44,210	333.00	338.00	380.00	338.00	353.00	20.00
NAT. DEV. BANK	202,381	73.00	73.00	73.00	71.90	72.00	(1.00)
NATIONS TRUST	13,938	57.90	57.20	58.00	57.20	57.20	(0.70)
NATIONS TRUST [NTB-X0000]	101	64.00	60.00	64.30	60.00	60.00	(4.00)
NAWALOKA	338,450	9.20	9.20	9.30	9.00	9.10	(0.10)
NESTLE	1,713	1,251.00	1,255.00	1,270.00	1,250.00	1,251.50	0.50
OVERSEAS REALTY	7,540	17.30	17.30	18.00	17.30	17.90	0.60
PAN ASIA	1,064,732	16.40	16.50	16.90	15.90	16.00	(0.40)
PANASIAN POWER	2,261,438	5.90	5.90	6.50	5.70	5.80	(0.10)
PEOPLE'S INS	8,826	31.60	31.50	31.50	31.20	31.40	(0.20)
PEOPLES LEASING	115,449	10.80	10.90	11.00	10.80	10.80	0.00
PGP GLASS	246,071	16.00	16.00	16.20	15.80	16.00	0.00
PRINTCARE PLC	45,092	44.40	43.90	44.60	43.00	43.00	(1.40)
R I L PROPERTY	1,662,857	13.70	13.50	14.50	13.50	14.10	0.40
REGNIS	15,073	66.20	65.50	65.50	64.00	64.20	(2.00)
RENUKA AGRI	975,049	4.30	4.40	4.50	4.20	4.30	0.00
RENUKA CITY HOT.	4	282.00	289.00	289.00	289.00	282.00	0.00
RENUKA FOODS	33,382	16.20	16.40	16.50	15.30	16.00	(0.20)
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X0000]	3,200	11.60	12.30	12.30	12.20	12.20	0.60
RENUKA HOLDINGS	107,771	18.50	18.80	19.00	17.50	18.20	(0.30)
RENUKA HOLDINGS [RHL.X0000]	26,433	13.20	13.50	13.90	12.80	12.80	(0.40)
RESUS ENERGY	37,000	28.40	28.30	28.60	28.30	28.50	0.10
RICHARD PIERIS	757,448	16.70	16.70	17.80	16.70	17.50	0.80
ROYAL CERAMIC XD	3,020,948	54.50	54.60	56.90	54.60	55.60	1.10
S M B LEASING	2,992,257	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.80	0.00
S M B LEASING [SEMB.X0000]	8,519,277	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.30	0.30	0.00
SAMPATH	554,683	53.70	54.20	54.50	53.20	53.30	(0.40)
SAMSON INTERNAT.	5,100	167.00	167.25	190.50	167.25	189.00	22.00
SANASA DEV BANK	8,859	49.90	50.20	50.20	49.70	49.90	0.00
SEYLAN BANK	3,460	45.40	45.80	46.50	45.10	45.50	0.10
SEYLAN BANK [SEYB.X0000]	157,612	35.20	36.00	36.00	34.50	34.90	(0.30)
SEYLAN DEVS	21,200	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.00	16.00	(0.20)
SIERRA CABL	14,799,657	13.50	13.80	14.80	13.70	14.10	0.60
SIGIRIYA VILLAGE	26	40.10	42.50	42.50	40.50	40.10	0.00
SINGER FINANCE	7,098	14.80	14.70	14.90	14.60	14.90	0.10
SUNSHINE HOLDING	5,340,822	34.50	32.50	36.80	32.50	35.80	1.10
SWISSTEK XD	1,436,610	30.20	30.30	31.70	29.50	31.30	1.10
TALAWAKELLE	33,199	45.00	45.60	45.70	45.00	45.30	0.30
TANGERINE	3,294	65.8					

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Sri Lanka promoted in Melbourne as holiday destination

Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau (SLTPB) Kimarfi Fernando invited the Australian tourists to visit Sri Lanka once again and urged the tour operators in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania to promote Sri Lanka among Australian tourists, at a webinar last week.

The webinar was organized by the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Melbourne, in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau, Sri Lankan Airlines Melbourne Office and the Sri Lanka Australia Business Council. The Chairperson said that visiting Sri Lanka is

now much easier with relaxed COVID 19 regulations for fully vaccinated travelers. There is no requirement for the fully vaccinated tourists to provide on-arrival PCR tests or undergo quarantine. They are free to leave the airport and visit any part of the country as per their itinerary. The Chairperson further stated that the SLTPB has made it easier for the prospective tourists to obtain all the visitor information from one place through the online portal <https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>.

The SLTPB Director Marketing Dushan Wickramasuriya presented the unique and

diverse tourism products that Sri Lanka has to offer for the visitors.

Consul General Kapila Fonseka stated that now is the best time for the tour operators to promote Sri Lanka in the Australian market as Australia has lowered the level of travel advice on Sri Lanka and removed the restriction for the Australian tourists to visit Sri Lanka. Already, Australian tourists have started applying for tourist visas of ninety days through the Consulate General.

Tourists can obtain thirty day visas on their own through the online Electronic

Travel Authorization portal www.eta.gov.lk. Manager Sri Lankan Airlines - Melbourne S. P. Mohan presented the Sri Lankan Airlines products for the Australian tourists.

Frequency of the direct flights from Colombo to Melbourne and Colombo to Sydney has already been increased to three per week to each destination and the frequency is expected to increase further with the passenger numbers growing.

Speaking about the COVID safety arrangements at the Sri Lankan hotels, President of the Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka (THASL) Sanath Ukwatte guaranteed

that the hotels will provide a safe and secure service with well-trained staff. Executive Committee Member of Sri Lanka Inbound Tour Operators (SLAITO) Charith de Alwis and the Past President of Association of Small and Medium Enterprises in Tourism (ASMET) Rohan Abeywickrama also addressed the webinar.

Tour operators and the Sri Lankan community media fraternity in the Australian states of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and the Sri Lanka Australia Business Council President Dilkie Perera and members also participated.

JKMR receives 'Corporate Maldives GOLD 100 GALA Award'

Strengthening its credentials as one of the premier leisure operators in the Maldives, John Keells Maldivian Resorts (JKMR) was bestowed with the 'Corporate Maldives GOLD 100 GALA Award' as one of the leading 100 companies in the Maldives for 2021.

This award reflects the contribution being made by JKMR to the Maldivian economy while instilling industry leading sustainable practices in the local community.

The highly-anticipated fifth edition of the 'Corporate Maldives GOLD 100 GALA' was held recently at CROSSROADS Maldives, in the presence of the President of the Maldives, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih as Chief Guest, along with other high delegates including Ministers, High Commissioners and other Senior Government Officials.

Commenting on the impressive accolade, Jayantissa Kehelpannala, Senior Vice President Acquisitions and Development and Vice President Maldives Operations at Cinnamon Hotels and Resorts said, "We are very proud to be awarded the 'Corporate Maldives GOLD 100 GALA Award', the premier award for corporates in the presence of the Maldivian President. It is a moment of pride for our portfolio of resorts in the Maldives."



Fathuhulla Jameel Commissioner General of Taxation, Maldives Inland Revenue Authority presents the award to Sanjeeva Perera General Manager, Cinnamon Dhonveli Maldives.

"Notwithstanding the challenges during the year, we continued to create inspiring experiences for our guests while adhering to COVID-19 health and safety measures. Maldives tourism is seeing a steady pickup since the country reopened its borders in July 2020 and we continue to focus on building brand value and improving our customer value proposition."

Thinnai Group, Jaffna launches education drive to woo youth to hospitality industry



Thinnai Group of Hotels, in Jaffna a member of the St Antony's Group, will launch a mega education drive to woo youth to the hospitality industry.

"An initiative by the Gangnam Education Trust, we hope to commence this program from December 5, and hope to provide hospitality education to 60 youth in the area. This will be done totally FREE of charge,"

said Thinnai, General Manager Janitha Madawala. He said that the sixty youth would also be given an on the job training at their two hotels, The Thinnai Hotel Palaly Road, Thirunelveli, Jaffna the region's largest and only all-suite luxury boutique hotel and 'Thinnai Organic' the group's agritourist hotel set on ten acres of organic farm.

"We will pick 20 youths each

to undergo training in Food and Beverage, Front office and Housekeeping departments. We also encourage girls to join this program."

The course duration would be around four months and at the end of it successful students would receive a NVQ 1 level certificate which will be accepted for employment in the hotel sector."

The group owned and operated by Thinnai Group of Hotels, a member of the St. Antony's Group, is also investing on a second property in Jaffna students could also seek employment in them or elsewhere where there is a huge demand for hospitality jobs.

Application could be obtained from, gm@thethinnai.com

Amagi Aria Negombo will be re-opening their fully refurbished 10 rooms in the pool wing including two special rooms for the partially able on December 18. The room inventory of 68 includes four suites with Jacuzzis on the balcony, 44 deluxe and 20 superior rooms.

Amagi Aria Negombo to re-open fully refurbished 10 rooms in pool wing



CEO Amagi Group, Jude Silve Pulle, Lakshman De Silva and Ahamed Safrax

In addition, one of their most sought after attractions, Amagi Aria Negombo roof top Seafood Restaurant "MOYA" in the new wing too would be opened after a mega refurbishment drive.

CEO Amagi Group, Jude Silve Pulle said that during the lockdown the management also invested in upgrading the rooms and other facilities to meet with the modern day demands of travelers. He also said that they have also contracted with an Indonesian company to open a Balinese Spa with four treatment rooms in January. "Armed with these facilities we are now seeking official four star status from Sri Lanka Tourism."

"We have invested nearly Rs. 70 million during the lockdown for these upgrades offering 40 new employment opportunities for the youth. Amagi Aria offers diversified dining experiences for both residents and visitors. Moya, a fine dining seafood restaurant in Negombo, is an ideal representation for the restaurant," said General Manager Lakshman De Silva.

"For private dining experiences, the Tree House can accommodate up to 15 guests and while the Pontoon in the Negombo lagoon can house up to 20 guests. The Grand Lawn or Sunset Deck is ideal for quiet evenings. The hotel also has a kids and a large swimming pool and also has many other recreation facilities. "We also arrange City tours to Negombo covering all major attractions including a lagoon boat safari."

"We maintain around 40% occupancy and the forward booking is positive. "We also have card promotions giving 40% off for all cards. We also have mega plans for Christmas and 31 nights adhering to the health restrictions."

Head of Sales and Marketing, Ahamed Safrax said that the Amagi Aria Negombo is a much sought after venue for both Local and especially Indian weddings Indoor and outdoor



Chairman Ganeshanathan



where the Indian guests spend around three nights. The large garden and the lagoon setting for photo shoots along with two tiers Ariya Ballroom (giving a bird eye of the poruwa) could accommodate 280 guests are major plus points to market weddings." The hotel also has a special area to host conferences with all modern facilities that could accommodate 60 guests. Created in 2011 with 22 rooms, a seven-storey wing consisting 44 deluxe rooms and of

04 suites at Amagi Aria were added in 2017. Amagi Hotels is headed by founder and Chairman Somanathan Ganeshanathan, a former chef who worked in high-end hotels and resorts in the Maldives and diversified entrepreneur. The management also owns and operates Amagi 27 resort hotel Amagi Beach in Marawila and also has plans to build an airport hotel and invest in a large four-star hotel in Tangalle with a Maldivian partner.



Cinnamon Bentota Beach reopens to travellers



The premier luxury destination resort Cinnamon Bentota Beach Bentota was reopened from November 1, 2021 after timely enhancements, to offer guests an unforgettable multisensory experience.

Acknowledged as one of the most iconic properties in Sri Lanka for its location and prized architecture and art by Sri Lanka's best-known architects and artists, the striking rich batik ceiling envisioned and brought to life by Ena de Silva, the resort embodies the tropical beauty, art and culture of the island. The resort boasts a heritage dating back to the '60s, designed by Asia's most influential architect of the time - Geoffrey Bawa.

General Manager of Cinnamon Bentota Beach Dilan Bandara said, "It is an absolute pleasure to welcome our guests to Cinnamon Bentota

Beach with the easing of travel restrictions and international tourism opening up. Our signature hospitality experience will be refreshing and exciting after the long hiatus in travel for so many people around the world who are itching to travel."

"All resort operations are being conducted under strict compliance with health standards laid down by the government, as well as meeting our own stringent standards for hygiene and safety as part of the brand's own standard for cleanliness known as Cinnamon Care."

From delivering a personalized check-in and check-out service to offering a truly authentic and tailor-made stay, Cinnamon Bentota Beach offers a variety of exclusive guest services, along with concierge service, in-room or local



dining, pillow menu, babysitting service, laundry services, spa, conference hall, in-house artisan village and a gymnasium.

The property is also ideal for MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions) events and landmark personal occasions, such as weddings held at the ballroom terrace adjoining the main ballroom or even on the beach.

The resort offers 16 suites with unique sets of artworks that were commissioned from Sri Lankan artists as part of Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts' pledge to support the local arts and crafts. Eight artists were commissioned to depict a theme and record what they felt the name of the suite meant to them - resulting in each suite telling a story of the

local people and local languages. Cinnamon Bentota Beach was originally designed by Geoffrey Bawa and his Engineer Dr. K. Poologasundaram and later refurbished by Architect Channa Daswatta. Experiences at this property abound with fun activities for children including water sports, curated excursions and specialised destination dining, authentic Sri Lankan cuisine.

Cinnamon Bentota Beach has a multitude of captivating recreational elements - and welcomes local and international travellers who are seeking a safe and secure holiday complete with rich heritage, diverse food and beverage options, personalized experiences and privacy for a luxurious escape on the southern coast of Sri Lanka.

Chandra Bakers and Garden Ranala to receive Rs. 150 mn facelift

One of the oldest bakers in Sri Lanka, Chandra Bakers and Chandra Garden Ranala would be investing over Rs. 150 million to upgrade and add new facilities to take their property to the next level and most importantly provide the much needed dining experience to the area.

Founder Chairman L. P. Chandrasena said that they started the business in 1972 at a time a loaf of bread was sold at 10 cents and several bakers items such as hot dogs, sandwiches and take always ect. were not even heard of. "There were no online or telephone calls to accept orders and I myself took buns, biscuits and bread in a box in a bicycles and sold them," he recalled.

"We also had a major issue with the closed economy in 1971 and I had to personally



Founder Chairman L. P. Chandrasena

meet a former Minister Fielex Bandaranayake to obtain permission to get an additional flour quota to fulfil many bakery needs."

Having started with five employees now I expanded and today there are three generations managing the diversified aspects of the property. We expanded by purchasing three areas and introduced a

banquet hall, a special two tier dining out area, special private dining out cabanas, kiddies play area and also a swimming pool to give out a complete family entertainment option to residents in the area."

He said that they will now be opening their second outlet opposite the Oruwala Steel corporation this month and

would also introduce several other facilities to Chandra Garden.

"We plan to have more private outdoor dining facilities and also hope to build a special restaurant in an artificially created lake in the premises to cater to 80 guests. We will also market this property to tourists through travel agents next year."

The Grand Kandyan commences Christmas season with cake mixing

With the month of December approaching fast, the timeless tradition of cake, mixing is one of the most awaited rituals that marks the arrival of the Christmas season.

A variety of spices, essences, liquor and flavorings added to the ingredients of the fruitcake in advance, helps develop the

aroma and taste, before the actual baking takes place.

Adhering to the safety rules of Covid-19 and maintaining the highest level of hygiene, the Grand Kandyan family came together, enjoying the rituals of pouring and mixing ingredients with much enthusiasm and fun, looking forward to an exciting festive season.



Tamarind Tree Hotel hosts Aeroflot crew

The Tamarind Tree Hotel, 5km drive from the Bandaranaike international airport welcomed the Aeroflot crew after their first flight landed last week in Colombo.

The hotel also offers a mix of chalets, suites and standard rooms.

Neville Rogers, General Manager of Tamarind Tree Hotel, said that they are now welcoming more tourists and occupancies are increasing.

The Aeroflot crew pictured at Tamarind Tree Hotel in Yatiyana, Minuwangoda.



NSB rewards students who excelled at GCE Ordinary Level exams

A ceremony was held at the Ministry of Education under the patronage of the Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Education, to recognize the 61 students who excelled at the GCE Ordinary Level Examination in the year 2020.

Members of Parliament Yadamini Gunawardena and Anupa Pascual, representing the Consultative Committee on the Ministry of Education, Secretary to the Ministry of Education Prof. Kapila Perera and a number of officials and principals representing the schools were also present at the occasion.

It is noteworthy that the girl and the boy who achieved the highest results at the provincial level along with the ten children who secured the highest marks in the island were invited to this event.

National Savings Bank, being a Bank that always per-



Education Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, presents a student with a gift.



NSB GM and CEO Ajith Peiris, presents a gifts to a student.

forms its duties on behalf of children, who hold the future of our country, also opened NEO accounts to recognize these outstanding achievers. National Savings Bank Gen-

eral Manager and CEO Ajith Peiris and Lal Karunatilake, Deputy General Manager Marketing were also present at the occasion, representing (NSB). In addition, the National

Savings Bank is launching a similar island-wide Scholarship Awards Programme for the 20th year, for students sitting the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination.

Seylan Bank honoured at 'Women Friendly Workplace Awards 2021'

Seylan Bank was recently honoured at Sri Lanka's first ever Women Friendly Workplace Awards 2021 (WFWP), pioneered jointly by the Satyn Magazine and Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Sri Lanka.

Seylan Bank was named one of the Top Ten Places to Work for Women at the award ceremony that took place on November 2, at the Cinnamon Grand. The bank was assessed based on how supportive and empowering they were to women at work.

The WFWP Awards are widely recognized as strengthening women's roles in the workplace in Sri Lanka and reinforcing Sri Lanka's commitment to the United Nations SDG 05, which targets gender equality and opportunity.

"We are really grateful for the opportunity provided by Satyn Magazine and CIMA to showcase our commitment to equality. Seylan Bank has always pushed for equal opportunities and a diverse workforce. We are happy that 46 percent of the employee base at Seylan are women and many board committees within the organization are led by female Directors. Seylan is also actively working on ensuring more female representation at the Bank in the future", stated Amanthi Motha, Chief Manager Human Resources at Seylan Bank.

The pandemic did have an impact on Seylan Bank's operations, but this



Jayantha Amarasinghe, Deputy General Manager, Human Resource and Sharon Fonseka, Assistant General Manager, Corporate Credit at Seylan Bank receives the 'Women Friendly Workplace Awards 2021'.

has not discouraged the organization from investing in workplace policies and programmes that encourage women's progress at all levels and in all business sectors. The Bank promotes and supports women in achieving their professional goals.

"Employee diversity within a company is crucial for human capital stability, which is why we are committed to fostering gender equality and equal opportunities at work. We believe that the future workforce will be equal, and the organization has set ambitious targets to achieve gender equality sooner rather than later. By making this pledge, we will be able to enhance our female employee retention rate, resulting in improved growth and sustainability

for the economy as a whole", stated Sharon Fonseka, Assistant General Manager, Corporate Credit at Seylan Bank.

The Women Friendly Workplace Awards 2021 were judged by a distinguished panel of judges including corporate leader Ravi Abeyseriya, FCMA CGMA. Manohari Abeysekera FCMA CGMA Council Member for South Asia, CIMA UK; Dumindra Ratnayaka, Chairman of Suvaseriya; Prof. Arosha Adikaram, Head of HR Department University of Colombo; Jeevan Thyagarajah, Governor of the Northern Province; Zahara Ansary, FCMA, CGMA, Country Manager CIMA and Nayomini R. Weerasooriya Founder and Editor of Satyn Magazine.

ComBank festive shopping bonanza for cardholders

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon festive cheer is offering discounts of up to 50% for its Credit and Debit Card holders at more than 3500 merchant outlets islandwide.

Covering every conceivable seasonal craving from vacations at luxury hotels, overseas travel and home makeovers to wardrobe upgrades and an assortment of shopping, entertainment and dining options, the seasonal offers launched by the country's leading private bank can be enjoyed on specified days or periods until the end of 2021 by cardholders and includes Easy Payment Plans for up to 60 months on a range of Credit Card purchases.

The Bank has partnered with 350 merchants, encompassing 165 clothing and fashion accessories partners, 25 shoes and leather wear partners, 19 jewellery partners, 27 lifestyle store partners, nine salon, spa and cosmetic boutique partners, eight watches and accessories partners, 39 online shopping partners, six supermarket partners, six healthcare partners, and 36 travel agents who will offer specified discounts on Credit as well as Debit Cards.

The Easy Payments Plans will be available on Credit Card purchases of electronic home appliances and furniture from 20 leading lifestyle brands. Other special pro-

motions during this period include discounts of up to 60% on holiday stays at 80 partner hotels and 'Dine and Smile' promotions at 50 popular restaurants.

Commercial Bank Credit and Debit Cards offer year-round promotions covering a wide variety of services. Commercial Bank was the first bank to offer loyalty rewards for both Credit and Debit Card holders under its Max Loyalty Rewards Points scheme.

The Bank was also a pioneer in extending promotional discount offers which were traditionally only offered for Credit Cards to its Debit Cards.

Commercial Bank cards are the fastest growing cards in Sri Lanka and enjoy market leadership in Credit and Debit Card cumulative point-of-sale usage.

The Bank offers a variety of Credit Cards in the Silver, Gold and Platinum tiers of Visa, Mastercard and UnionPay Cards, as well as Visa Signature, World Mastercard, Visa Infinite, UnionPay Asia Prestige Platinum and UnionPay Asia Prestige Diamond Cards in the premium segment. The cards are equipped with 'Tap 'n Go' NFC technology and are backed by a strong NFC Point-of-Sale (POS) network.



Nokia introduces T20 Tablet to Sri Lanka

HMD Global, the home of Nokia phones, has unveiled the first ever HMD Global tablet, the Nokia T20. A device which offers users a suite of cutting-edge functionalities will be available in Sri Lanka islandwide for purchase from mid-December onwards.

The Nokia T20 is configured for users to love, trust, and keep it comes with a powerful 8200 mAh battery, offering longer hours for work, play and learning. In addition, the device comes equipped with two years of Operating System (OS) upgrades and three years of monthly security updates with an optional fourth year for Enterprise customers, ensuring greater security and data privacy for users.

As part of its long-lasting commitment to security, last year, the company announced that the acquisition of Valona Labs and was the launch of a brand-new Centre of Excellence in Tampere, Finland. The well-loved and trusted Nokia smartphones are a part of the industry-recognized Android™ Enterprise Recommended Programme.

We wanted to help our customers find new ways to work, learn and update their productivity with a tablet designed to last and keep you powering through your workday thanks to its all-day battery life.

"We are beyond excited to introduce the first-ever Nokia tablet - The Nokia T20,



Gayana Wijethilaka Head of Marketing Sri Lanka and Nepal, Dharmesh Naicker Business Manager Sri Lanka and Nepal, HMD Global, Ranjan Perera Executive Director and Sector Head Mobile Business, Kalana Gunaratne General Manager Mobile Sector, Softlogix.

introduced by HMD Global, to the Sri Lankan market. Of course, the Nokia T20 is all that you would expect from Nokia phones, in a tablet, which includes durability and up-to-date Nokia's Android promise, which ensures people receive a quality experience that continues to get better over time.

We will continue to deliver on this promise and further, we build the trust of our fans, which is one of our core values as a business. The longer we enjoy using our phones, the better it is for the environment in driving a positive

impact in Sri Lanka's reduction in waste management" said Ravi Kunwar, Regional Head and General Manager for Pan Asia at HMD Global.

The new Nokia T20 is designed with the same Scandinavian design philosophy as Nokia phones, a simplified and pure design where every detail, edge and surface finish are curated with ease of use from the outset. The solid metal body structure and polished 3D display frame attach the large display perfectly to the thin metal body, so it's built to go the distance.

BOC relocates Ahangama branch

BOC relocated its Ahangama branch to their new premises at Galle Road Ahangama recently.

The General Manager K.E.D. Sumanasiri, Deputy General Manager Sales and Channel Management Priyala Silva, Nilantha Menerapitiya Deputy General Manager Retail Banking Range II, Assistant General Manager Southern Province Ajith Karunaratna, Assistant General Manager Marketing, Aruna Hettiarachi and staff members of the Southern Province Office and Ahangama branch also participated for this event.

Ahangama branch commenced as an extension office of the Galle Branch in 2006 subsequently on April 8 2013 was converted as a full-fledged BOC branch. Ahangama an area famed for still fishing, fisheries



Officials opening the relocated Ahangama branch.

activities and as a destination for tourist who seek surfing, sedate and relaxing holidaying.

The new branch will provide convenient banking services in a modern and a spacious ambience to the residence of the area. This Branch too is networked with other 646 BOC branches across the country and enables the customers of

the area to do transaction with any part of the country with much ease.

The branch offers an array of banking products and services such as Savings and current accounts, Fixed deposits, investment plans, housing and personal loans, educational loans leasing, mortgage facilities, special development loan services. Enabling cus-

tomers with digital banking Ahangama Branch provides Digital banking facilities such as Smart-Gen Account facility, SmartPay, Smart Online Banking, Mobile Banking (B App), E - Commerce Debit/Credit card and foreign remittance facilities and it is also equipped with 24 x 7 activated ATM/CRM for added convenience.

Amana Bank wins Gold for 'Entity of the Year' at SLIBFI Awards.

Amana Bank was awarded the coveted 'Entity of the Year' accolade for the third consecutive year at the recently concluded SLIBFI Awards 2021, held for the 10th year, the SLIBFI Awards are independently adjudicated by KPMG.

In addition to winning the pinnacle Award for Entity of the Year, Amana Bank was also adjudicated with the Gold Award for Deal of the Year for financing a private airline operations as well as awarded the Gold Award for Marketing Campaign of the Year in lieu of its campaign to promote Current Accounts.

Commenting on the awards, Amana Bank's Chief Executive Officer Mohamed Azmeer said; "In a year the Bank is celebrating its 10th anniversary, I am delighted that Amana Bank has once again triumphed at the SLIBFI Awards winning three Gold



Awards including the prestigious Gold for Entity of the Year."

These awards reflect our commitment and relentlessness to give leadership and grow the non-interest based banking and finance industry in Sri Lanka, especially in the backdrop of the current economic challenges. I would like to dedicate this award to all our customers, fellow staff and other stakeholders for their continued trust and confidence in us. I would like to also congratulate the SLIBFI Awards organisers including the adjudicators KPMG for being able to successfully carry out this awards programme for the last 10 years"

Amana Bank PLC is a stand-alone institution licensed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange with Jeddah based IsDB Group being the principal shareholder having a 29.97% shareholding of the Bank.

Carmart partners EuroRepar, opens 'Euro Parts Boutique'

Carmart the official agent of Peugeot Cars in Sri Lanka, will provide a one-stop solution for selected European car owners in Colombo.

Euro Parts Boutique was founded on a simple premise, to offer a never-before-seen retail space for owners of luxury automobiles. With the Euro Parts Boutique, most owners of continental cars can finally save the hassle and time incurred hunting for items by offering a wide variety of periodical replacement parts and brands under one roof.

Located at Union Place, Colombo 02, the Euro Parts Boutique features an open-supermarket atmosphere, introduced for the first time in Sri Lanka.

The venture will also intro-



Officials opening of the new store.

duce a brand-new relationship with EuroRepar, a leading provider of European spare parts backed by automobile Peugeot, France. EuroRepar offers more than 10,000 options under 60 dif-

ferent categories, making them one of the largest distribution brands for spare parts. Their wide range of products caters towards offering high-quality replacement options at a very com-

petitive price for a wide range of European automakers.

Aside from EuroRepar, Carmart has created the Euro Parts Boutique in collaboration with Shell, Mobil, Continental, Kumho, Michelin, Wurtch, and Liqui Moly. Thanks to the wide range of partnerships, this boutique showcases oil, tyres, filters, batteries, wiper blades, bulbs, clips, coolant, car care products, additives, and much more — all under one roof.

Carmart is one of Sri Lanka's oldest automotive importers, as well as one of the region's oldest Peugeot distributors, founded in 1948 by the late Clarence Amerasinghe. Carmart has a strong and devoted customer base who have appreciated their services for over five decades.



STATE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF
MINOR CROPS INCLUDING SUGARCANE,
MAIZE, CASHEW, PEPPER, CINNAMON,
CLOVES, BETEL RELATED INDUSTRIES, AND
EXPORT PROMOTION

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

**SPICES PROCESSING CENTRE AT EMBILIPITIYA -
CIVIL WORKS**

Contract No: MPC/2021/5/2-I

&

**DESIGNING, SUPPLYING, INSTALLATION
& COMMISSIONING OF MACHINERY AND
EQUIPMENT FOR SPICES PROCESSING CENTRE AT
EMBILIPITIYA**

Contract No: MPC/2021/5/2-II

CHANGE OF BID CLOSING DATE

- The closing date of the invitation for the above mentioned two bids (IFB) is to be changed as follows:
 - Bidding period - 06th November 2021 to 29th November 2021 (Until 2.00 p.m.)
 - Closing of the bid - 30th November 2021 (2.00 p.m.)
- An addendum is issued and attached with the bidding document. It will be sent to all the bidders who already purchased the bidding document to their mail addresses.

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PRADESHIYA SANWARDHANA BANK



INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank of Sri Lanka (RDB) invites sealed bids from eligible, qualified & experienced bidders for the following :

Tender Name	Quantity	BID No.	Bid Security (LKR)
Supply, Delivery & Maintenance of Servers, Network Array Storage & Redhat Licenses	6 Servers, 2 NAS	DGM/HR/RDB/2021/143	450,000.00
Supply, Installation & Maintenance of Antivirus Software Licenses	3000	DGM/HR/RDB/2021/144	30,000.00

Supply, Delivery & Maintenance of Servers, Network Array Storage & Redhat Licenses - DGM/HR/RDB/2021/143

- The Chief Human Resource Officer, Procurement Committee, Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank, No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply, Delivery & Maintenance of Servers, Network Array Storage & Redhat Licenses as described below.
- Manufacturers/Agents/Companies who have previous experience of at least Five (5) years in Supply, Delivery & Maintenance of Servers in Sri Lanka and shall not have been blacklisted.
- Bidder should have provided 3 similar projects during last three (03) years (2018/2019/2020) [PO's and Customer details must be attached].
- Twenty Four Hours Help Desk and Support Center with qualified technical staff must have been operated locally within last 03 years.
- Bidder's Average annual turnover should not be less than Two Hundred Million during last 03 years- (2018/2019/2020).

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Chief Human Resource Officer, Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank, No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya from 24th November 2021 until 13th December 2021 from 09.00hrs to 15.00hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs 3,000/- .

Bids addressed to the Chief Human Resource Officer, Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank, No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya, should be sent through registered post to receive at or before 2.00 pm on 14th December 2021.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs.450,000.00 which shall be valid for a period of 91 + 28 days from the closing date of bids. (14th December 2021 to 11th April 2022).

Supply, Installation & Maintenance of Antivirus Software Licenses - DGM/HR/RDB/2021/144

- The Chief Human Resource Officer, Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank, No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply, Installation, & Maintenance of Antivirus Software Licenses as described below.
- Contract Period - **Three Years with annual renewal basis.**
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements :
 - The bidder shall be a registered company having experience in providing similar type of Antivirus Software Licenses for at least **Three (03) years (2018-2020)**.
 - Should be a Gartner leader EPP in the last 3 years (Minimum 2 Reports).
 - Should be a leader in the latest Report of forester Wave for Endpoint as a Service.
 - Should have a minimum of 2 similar size large scale deployments in Sri Lanka (The OEM should have 3000 or over endpoints and reference to be provided)
 - Solution must be tamper resistant, protecting against attempts to modify the endpoint sensor

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Chief Human Resource Officer, Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank, No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya from 24th November 2021 until 06th December 2021 from 09.00hrs to 15.00hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.2,000/- .

Bids addressed to the Chief Human Resource Officer, Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank, No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya, should be sent through registered post to receive at or before 2.00 pm on 07th December 2021. You should indicate "Tender Name" and "Tender No." on the top left side of the envelope. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the date of bid opening.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 30,000.00, which shall be valid for a period of 91 + 28 days from the closing date of bids. (07th December 2021 to 04th April 2022).

Chief Human Resource Officer,
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(Ministry of Justice)



Registration of Suppliers of Goods & Services - 2022

(Ref: NAPVCW/Admin/Reg.Sup 2022)

Applications are hereby invited from interested and reputed contractors, agents & any other individuals who wish to register themselves with National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses for the supply of goods and services listed below for the year - 2022.

01- Goods

- Office Stationery
- Computer Hardware, Software & Accessories
- Office Furniture and Steel Furniture
- Vehicle Spare Parts
- Tyres and Tubes for Vehicles
- Batteries for Vehicles
- Office Equipment

02- Services

- Vehicle Services (Including Interior Cleaning & Lubricating)
- Wheel Alignment & Wheel Balancing
- Vehicle AC repair
- Office AC Repair
- Constructions and repairs
- Vehicle Repair (Tinkering, Painting and Upholstering)
- Office Interior Partition

Conditions

- In respect of every item, an application can be obtained by paying a non-refundable application fee of LKR. 1,000.00 by cash to the Finance Division of the Authority during office hours from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working weekdays and a copy of the paid receipt should be forwarded with the application.
- Separate applications for registration should be submitted for each category.
- Duly completed applications should be sent by registered post or submit it by hand to the following address on or before 15.12.2021 mentioning "Registration of Suppliers 2022" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

STATE MINISTRY OF COAST CONSERVATION AND LOW LYING LAND
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SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CONTRACT FOR RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS (METAL WORK / ALUMINIUM WORK) AT SUGATHADASA OUTDOOR STADIUM

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following contracts.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Security	CIDA Grading	Non-refundable fee
S/731/21	Contract for Renovation of Buildings (Metal Work / Aluminum Work) at Sugathadasa Outdoor Stadium	15 th December, 2021 13.30 hrs	Rs. 180,000.00	EM3/ SP3 or above for Metal work/ Aluminum Work	Rs. 5,500.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected on the web site mentioned below and the payment for Bidding Document could follow Online Payment method or Direct Cash Deposit to Account No 3271113 (Account Name - Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, Bank; Bank of Ceylon Rajagiriya) Procurement no and Supplier Name should be indicated as remarks on the payment slip for reference and the payment reference slip should be sent to the Supplies Division through Fax (0112871637) or email (prabodini@slrdc.lk) and inform the officer in charge Ms Prabodini Kodithuwakku (0112866832). Bidding document will be emailed only after receiving the payment details. Payment can be made up to 14th December, 2021 at 10:00 hrs.

Or

complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected free of charge and purchased upon submission of a written request and paying non-refundable document fee as mentioned above to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores), Supplies Division, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, No. 3, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya during 09.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from 24th December, 2021 to 14th December, 2021. (Working days). The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division, (3rd Floor New Building).

- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1st Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before 15th December, 2021 at 13:30 hrs. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from DGM (Construction) of SLDC Tel: +9411 2 862 438 Fax: +9411 2 867 516

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Murder on the Orient Express



protagonist, a half-mad self-defined prophet of the airwaves, played in an Oscar-winning performance by Peter Finch, declares that he will commit suicide soon, live, on TV. If one realises that such stunts and gimmicks have become part of the contemporary media culture, one discerns how prophetic the film's director would have been.

In *Murder on the Orient Express* there is a long sequence where the camera rises up as the eponymous Orient Express starts on its journey. As the camera rises it turns the other way to film the Express escaping and disappearing into the distance. Lumet tells us that simple though the whole set-up in this sequence may seem, it taxed the cast members heavily. At a time when CGI has taken over everything, it takes a Christopher Nolan to make us recall the wonders of achieving such effects without merely staging them. Back in Lumet's day, those stunts and effects were part and parcel of the filmmaking process. To see these scenes is to appreciate not just the director's vision, but an attitude and a culture has since gone almost extinct. One can say the same thing of pretty much all Lumet's other work.

Sidney Lumet: Angry Young Man

MADAPATHA CHINTAKA

Between the demise of the studio system in the 1950s and its revival

in the 1980s, two generations of American directors made their mark. Freed of the constraints of stars and producers, they made films that appealed to new audiences. Mindful of changing attitudes and responses to popular culture, they explored new themes and subverted conventions, emboldened in no small part by what was happening in the European, particularly French, cinema. The industry was seeing its second major shift after the coming of sound, and it was left to this new generation of directors, screenwriters, cinematographers, and actors to set things right. Politically they were all progressive, which in those heady days of John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson meant being supportive of the Democratic Party.

Among the first of the two new generations that sprang up after the Second World War was Sidney Lumet. Lumet was not famous or popular in the sense that Spielberg and Martin Scorsese were. A far more elusive figure, he explored new terrains yet never stuck himself to one set of themes. Roger Ebert would later comment that this showed how receptive to and mindful of the intelligence of the audience he was. It also showed that he was restless and perfectionist, that he never found the Big Theme he kept on looking for. It occupied him for half a century: his first, *12 Angry Men*, came out 50 years before his last, *Before the Devil Knows You Are Dead*. I can think of five works of his that occupy high places in the pantheon of the American cinema. In that sense, the man remained unmatched.

FOCAL LENGTHS

Lumet's debut film may well be the best among them all. When I first watched *12 Angry Men* right after school, I was intrigued not so much by the plot as by the way Lumet shot the whole set-up. In his very evocative account on *Making Movies*, Lumet tells us how he filmed the whole thing: as the plot progressed, he moved into lenses of longer focal lengths, so as to give the impression of walls closing in on the characters. He also lowered the camera as the film moved into its conclusion, in tune with the change of mood among the characters, a set of jurors, as it reaches its climax. While in the first half of the story the jurors – with the conspicuous exception of Juror No. 8 – assume they are god, by the time of the second half they doubt their own reasoning. This comes out well in Lumet's visual strategy.

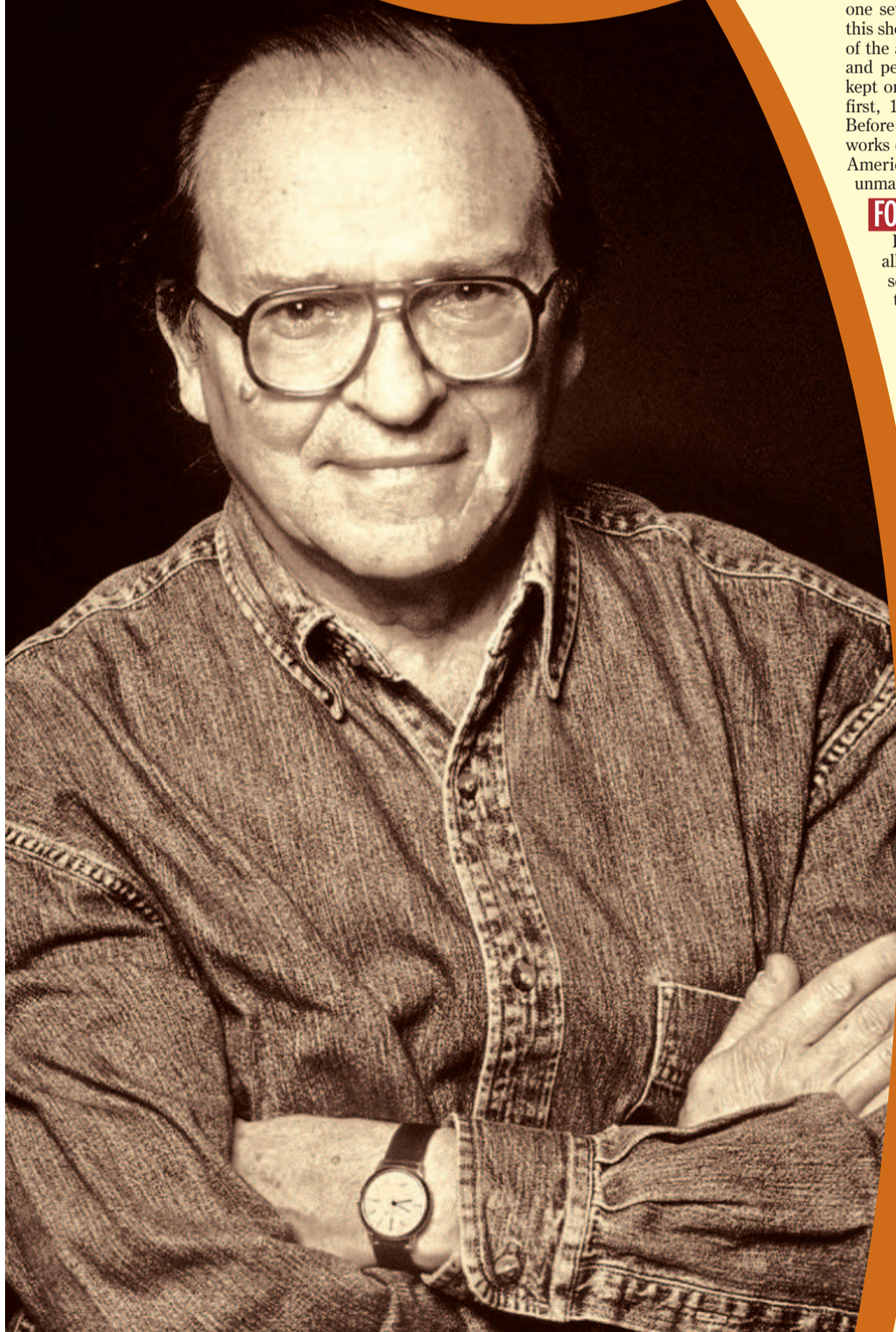
By far my favourite films by Lumet are *Murder on the Orient Express* and *Network*. *Murder on the Orient Express*, of course, was the first full-scale Hercule Poirot movie adaptation, far superior to any feature-length adaptation of a Poirot story that has been made since. On the other hand, *Network* is a biting witty satire on the American media, a satire which, like all good satires, has not aged and indeed rings eerily true today. There is a sequence in the film where the

YIDDISH THEATRE

Lumet was born in Philadelphia and grew up in the Lower East Side neighborhood of Manhattan. He studied theater acting at the Professional Children's School of New York and Columbia University. His parents, Baruch and Eugenia (born Wermus) Lumet, were veterans of the Yiddish theatre, and were Polish-Jewish emigrants to the US. His father was born in Warsaw, while his mother died when he was a child.

He made his professional debut on radio at age four and stage debut Theatre at age five. As a child he appeared in many Broadway productions. In 1935, aged 11, he appeared in a short film titled *Papirossen*. The film was later shown in a theatrical play. The play and short film appeared in the Bronx McKinley Square Theatre. In 1939, he made his only feature-length film appearance, at age 15, in *One Third of a Nation*. World War II interrupted his early acting career and he spent four years in the U.S. Army.

After returning from service as a radar repairman stationed in India and Burma, he became involved with the Actors Studio, then formed his own stage workshop. He organized an Off-Broadway group and became its director, and continued directing in theatre, while teaching acting at the High School of Performing Arts. He was senior drama coach when the building of the High School moved to a new location. At 25, Lumet directed the drama department in a production of *The Young and Fair*. He moved on to television soon afterwards, gaining a reputation for quick and efficient work. After directing more than 200 episodes of various serials and live plays, he made his debut with *12 Angry Men*, itself based on a live play shot by Franklin J. Schaffner, another leading light of his generation. A four time nominee of the Best Director Oscar, Sidney Lumet died in 2011 from a blood malignancy. One of the last in that generation to go out, he was perhaps its foremost representative.



12 Angry Men

Recognition for DHARANEE



ANANDA KANNANGARA

Fear and Tears, the English novel written by Dharanee Upeka Weerasekara has been shortlisted for Gogate National Awards

2021. The story relates to a young boy Prabash who is facing unexpected incidents when he started to find the killers of his slain father. Readers can also find important information about certain Sri Lankan and Indian cultures.

Along with 'Fear and Tears' the other novels, shortlisted for national



awards are 'Back to the Nest, Scars' and 'The Saffron Robe by the following river'.

A product of Central Col-

lege, Kuliyaipitiya Dharanee started her illustrious career at a very tender age and obtained Kurunegala District 3rd place in the GCE

Advanced Level examination from Arts Stream.

She was selected to the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo and completed her LL.B with honours. She took oath as a lawyer in 2017. She also completed her Masters in Law from the University of West London with a Merit pass and obtained a Masters degree in the Sinhala Language from the University of Colombo.

Dharanee is also a Post Graduate Diploma holder in Public Administration from Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) and worked as an officer in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service.

Among the other books written by Dharanee are 'Bermudawen Wishwayata' a Sinhala Adventure Fiction and it was awarded the All Island third place in National Youth Awards 2011 and the First place in Children's Fiction at Wayamba Arts Competition. Mandaram Andura Medin (Short Sto-

ries) and Mage Pem Wehilihini (Poetry) are her other creations. In addition to her legal and literary career, Dharanee has also developed her inborn artistic talents. She was awarded the National Youth Award in 2011 - All Island Third place, Wayamba Arts Competition 2011, First place in Children's Fiction and Wayamba Arts Competition 2015 -Third Place (Short Stories)

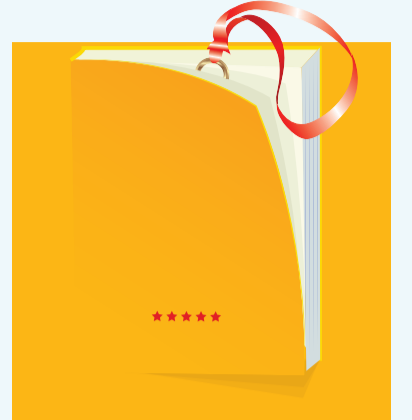
Dharanee also served as an Assistant Commissioner of Elections at the Election Commission and currently, she works as an Assistant Chief Secretary in North Western Provincial Council.

During her career, Dharanee also won the National Art & Essay Competition at Situwili bendi wilangu binda Arts Festival in 2004, conducted by Open University Sri Lanka and many more awards at festivals for a number of her creations.

Dharanee has always focussed attention on writing many more books for readers in the country.

The essence of creative thinking and interpretation

Once the German creator, Goethe tells about a Greek nobleman who was asked about the education of his children. Let them be instructed, he had said, in that which they will never be able to learn. Perhaps the inner layer of expression is much sensitive and analytical than the mere outer expression.



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MERE EXPRESSION

Once the German creator, Goethe tells about a Greek nobleman who was asked about the education of his children. Let them be instructed, he had said, in that which they will never be able to learn. Perhaps the inner layer of expression is much sensitive and analytical than the mere outer expression.

"We learn a lot out of the Kafka thought via his creative works than we learn from the average day to day learning at the school or university level of education is one grave statement passed by the scholar Heller in the course of analysis akin to Kafka and Goethe. Both these creative thinkers cum narrators in their respective expression come closer to Nietzsche well known the world over, via his speculative spiritual work titled 'Thus Spake Zarathustra'. As analysed in the collection of interrelated essays by Heller, the attempt on the part of Nietzsche is to visualize a superman the meaning of which could be manifold and complex.

But the fact remains that Nietzsche elevates himself through his dialogue-like narrative on a superman could be visualized as lifting oneself to a plane higher than that of the mere living worldly plane. Thus elevating gradually to the plane of a spiritual being who remains throughout his or her life as an elevated individual.

POETIC EXPRESSION

In this context of comparison and interpretation, the poet Rilke is linked not only as a metaphysical poet of recognition but also as a creator of a new poetic expression giving vent to insights beyond the day to day grasp. As the scholar Heller notes, Rilke as well as Nietzsche discovers the fountain need of joy in the heart of sorrow.

Furthermore, happiness as a concept for them (Rilke and Nietzsche) is in the absence of pain as it is the fruit of so radical an acceptance of suffering that abundant delights spring from the very affirmation. The denial of pain for them earns an expression of the inner self, as determined by the existence. The very existence for all of them in pain and joy lies in either non-existence or in the understanding of that state through a spiritual path leading to a pain-free state. This pain-free state could be felt only through sensitive and insightful creative work.

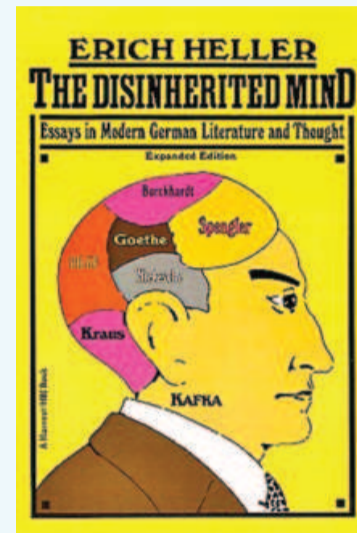
This is stated as the central theme in Nietzsche. Birth of Tragedy as well as Zarathustra and of the work, the will to power. In one of the sonnets of Rilke, the following lines are notable.

"Do not believe you will be deprived of something by your resolution to be
Silken thread, you have entered the weaving
With whatever pattern you are inwardly blended

And be it a scene from the story of agony
Feel that the whole the praise-worthy carpet is meant."

(Translated into English from the original German sonnet titled 'Sonnets to Orpheus by Erich Heller)

Apart from analysis and interpretation, Heller too is seen running various dialogues with several other scholars in order to clarify the central theme of the works of Kafka, Rilke and Nietzsche. A student of all social sciences I feel ought to gain quite a good stream of knowledge leading to their new findings in philosophy, communication recorded that The Disinherited Mind by Erich Heller, first published in 1952. Quickly established itself both as a classic of literary criticism and as an outstanding contribution to the sociology of our time of modern innovations.



Professor
SUNANDA MAHENDRA

As far back as the early part of the 1960s, I had the chance of being introduced to a collection of a series of essays and three major aspects of literature. They, I felt, revolve around the thinking patterns in the creative process, the symbolic layers that are observed as layers in narratives and expressions and the philosophical and spiritual entities that are embedded. The collection, as I saw, also had a strange title that goes as 'The Disinherited Mind' as written by a well known scholar named Erich Heller, who had earned a reputation as a professor of English in several universities namely Cambridge and London. Professor Heller takes into account a comparative analysis and interpretation aiming at four major creators and creative thinkers.

They are Goethe (1749-1832), Rilke (1875-1926), Nietzsche (1844-1901) and Kafka (1883-1924). Quite apart from these four stalwarts, a few others too enter the scene of comparison in the form of creative projections and creative influence. At the outset, the Professor underlines the fact that anyone engaged in the study of literary creations and literary insights, together with the teaching and criticism of the same, as a discipline is likely to become at some time or others aware of one fundamental problem or issue raised by his or her own pursuits of a difficulty that is not equally shared by all around.

LIFTED FROM REALITY

This has been a query in the issue of understanding in the basic forms and gradually elevating to other levels of expressions. Taking into account the works of Goethe, the scholar maintains that the creative flux remains in various forms, they are basically lifted from reality.

The inevitable question raised in the works of Goethe remains whether the works are elevated or raised from reality. Heller analyses to the extent showing that elevating from the realm of reality does not mean that work remains in a fantasy or a make-believe layer. Instead, they rest on various layers of expression as belonging to individuals.

This factor too is observed in the work of Kafka, the narrative writer. Kafka is depicted as not only a mere fantasy narrator but also as a creator of a world that rests in a dreamlike series of sequences that pervades additional insights into the conventional narrative forms. Professor Erich Heller takes into account the creative forms in Kafka works.

Then comes the comparison of the similarities of both Kafka and Goethe firstly in this basic creative form, secondly in the creative thinking forms. Their similarities are observed as creative commoners leading to a supramundane elevator where various interpretations could be levelled by critics and/or average readers. The interpretations rest on the type of attitude the reader and the critic possess in a particular cultural milieu.

Bharatha Natyam Vs dance-dramas

Dr SUBASHINI PATHMANATHAN

The classical Bharatha Natyam evolved out of the temple dance Sathir. With the passage of time, this art form moved from temple to stage. It was performed by a particular clan attached to the temples.

It was responsible for the protection and promotion of this art form. Later with the passage of time due to the effort of the art lovers and social reformers, the art was rescued from oblivion. In the middle of the 20th century, this art form once again regained social recognition under the name of Bharatha Natyam. As a live art, it also faced various changes and challenges.

The traditional classical Bharatha Natyam did not include or accommodate the drama based dance forms under the name of dance-drama or Nirthiya Nadakam. But with the passage of time Kuravanchi dance-dramas entered into the classical dance and developed as a new branch of the classical dance form. Later not only Kuravanchi but various puranic and epics were also adopted for dance dramas. These puranic based dance-dramas borrowed the same categories of adavus, muthras, abhinaya, bhavas and rasas from the classical dance. Due to these similarities often the dance-dramas were considered and confused as a part of Bharatha Natyam.

Standard dresses

Dance-dramas are used to differ-

ent varieties of Akariyaabinaya. Akariyaabinaya means different types of dresses. In a dance-dramas different variety of dresses are adapted to the needs and necessity of the characters but in classical Bharatha Natyam standard dresses are used.

Hence the dance dramas developed out of classical Bharatha Natyam, yet it cannot be considered as classical Bharatha Natyam. Kuravanchi dance dramas and classical Bharatha Natyam used simple stage decor as compared to other puranic based dance dramas.

Modern technology such as lighting, sound and outside impact (smokes) play a limited role in classical and Kuravanchi dance dramas as compared to the puranic based dance dramas. The puranic based dance dramas, elaborate stage decor are adopted, but Kuravanchi dance dramas and classical dance forms the stage decor are simple. In classical Bharatha Natyam selected traditional instruments are used. But for the dance-dramas which developed out of classical

dance variety of instruments including western instruments are used.

The younger generation and growing up artists adopt various social themes and day-to-day occurrences, under the name of creativity. This destroys the divine spirituality of the great art. This turns the art more to dramatic form rather than that of the classical dance. In the olden days the artists were supposed to sing by themselves (Vasika Abinaya). But now the vocal support is provided by the outside vocalist and the dancer is supposed to pretend to show that she sings, while she dances.

Present tendency

But now this trend is disappearing. Many of the present generation artists hardly move their lips. Slightly moving the lips make the programme more lively. But such tendency is not found today. The present generation of artists tries to express their expression mainly through manotharam. But only experienced and efficient artists can express their feeling through manotharam accurately.

Even the Akariyaabinaya is entirely different from earlier days. Earlier the saree was the only dress used for the classical Bharatha Natyam for instance the Bharatha Naty-

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am queen Balasaraswathi used the saree for Bharatha Natyam but today this type of costume has vanished from the dance scene only designed and stitched dance costumes and short saree costumes are used.

More Jewellery and sculptural based designed costumes are used for the present classical Bharatha Natyam recitals. Often silver screen traditions are introduced and adopted for classical Bharatha Natyam.

Today, due to the existing pandemic situation direct stage Bharatha Natyam programmes are very much restricted. Many of the Bharatha Natyam schools conduct online Bharatha Natyam recitals on social media. For these recitals, they produce prerecorded dance programmes. To attract the students and the audience to their programmes, they do the recordings in certain selective places. Especially they select flower gardens, parks, temple backgrounds, seaside and some hired places.

Fresh literary pursuits in the 21st century

K S SIVAKUMARAN

Hill country is called Malaiyam. The estate population were looked down on by people in other places. They were called plantation workers. But now there are more professionals like educationists are rapidly bringing about vast changes in the environment. The literary awakening among the educated people among them is surprisingly amazing and proves that they are not second to others in the North, East, West and South.

A former MP, Thilakar (also known as Mallikaipoo Thilakar) is just one individual who has become

one of the resource people on Malayala Literary and Culture. His prowess and analytical mind were exhibited in his speeches in the Parliament. He is an enterprising young intellectual. This is not the place to tell you more about him or other Malayaha writers. There is the time needed for me to do that.

My purpose is to mention some of the pom written by Aru. Sivananthan, who was an expatriate hill country poet who passed away in south India



Thilakar who has a publishing house called Bhagya Publication in Star square Hatton has collected Aru Sivananthan's poems into a book form called 'Vanna Sirahukal Kavithaikal'. (Poems of Colourful Wings). This is a republication of an edition published in India.

One of the poet's poems is called 'Sentru varukiren jenna bhoomiyee' (I will go and come, my birthland). It's a long poem. Many of his poems are naturally politics-oriented. His, moral indignation of the environ-

ment is understandable. Revolutionary in outlook.

It is better if they are translated into Sinhala for many Lankans can empathize with him of the wretched life the inmates are forced to live.

I hope the present Government is seriously looking into uplifting the standard of living of these unfortunate people. The book of 62 pages is priced at 300 rupees.

Anthony Jeeva, C Pannerchilvam, Thilagar and the poet himself have added essays that are deep analyses of the poet. Congratulations Thilagar for your significant recording of Malayaha awakened history of literary development.

HelpAge Xmas Cards fund free Cataract Surgeries for elders

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The name 'HelpAge Sri Lanka' will never be erased from the minds of young and old, especially during Xmas seasons. Everybody knows that this year's Xmas season is coming closer. All are waiting to celebrate this glorious day on December 25. Like in the past several years, this 2021 HelpAge would like to refresh the minds of people by releasing over 400,000 Xmas greeting cards.

As Xmas is coming closer people would also like to help each other in many ways. As in previous years, many people are in the habit of contributing towards the welfare of less-privileged elders in our society. Many people are purchasing HelpAge Xmas greeting cards to greet their friends, relations and loved ones.

The proceeds after-sales are utilized to perform free cataract surgeries of less-privileged senior citizens over 55 years. The surgeries are done at HelpAge Eye Hospital, Wellawatta (Opposite Savoy Cinema).

The greeting cards are adorned with colourful photographs, paintings and graphic designs which are embossed and foiled.

The cards are already on sale at very reasonable prices at all leading bookshops including M.D. Gunasena, Sarasavi, Vijitha Yapa, Unique creations and at HelpAge Head Office at no- 102. Pemananda Mawatha, Raththanapitiya, Boralesgamuwa

HASL, Executive Director, Samantha Liyanawaduge requests people to extend their support to this worthy cause to improve the vision of underprivileged elders.

He said senior citizens could have their Cataract Surgeries completely free of charge at HelpAge Eye Hospital, Wellawatta (Opposite Savoy Cinema). The Hospital is open to the public all weekdays except public holidays and poya days.

HelpAge, Fund Raising Coordinator Kodikara said cards could also be personalized free of charge with the company name and logo.

He said cataract surgeries are performed with the latest technology and quality Intraocular Lenses (IOLs) at the HelpAge Eye Hospital.

For further details contact Kodikara or Depika on 0112803752/53,54, 0114926358, 4926948 / 0777 325821 / 0719311104.

INSIDE MY LITTLE BOAT

Rhythmic waves
The flowing breeze makes
My little boat swings –
Am I in a crib?
As I row, row my little boat
My soft melody complements the scene.
The golden moonbeams were decorating the waves
Multicoloured fishes were like dancing troupes
The flora on the banks shone with moonbeam crowns
What treasures the nature has bestowed this world!
This wealth is not yours
Or mine alone
It's ours –
The man's and animal's
MAN, the supreme creature,
Must take the lead to protect these gifts.
But alas! A terrible, agonizing state!
He is the culprit for damaging these treasures
To swell his purse with rupees, dollars and yens
He'd do anything, vandalize, sabotage, destroy or ruin.

Lalitha Somathilaka

Terminus

River flows down
Sweeping all the dirt to banks
To meet its own end.

Naleen de Alwis

A long wait

When dusk falls she stands at the gate
To watch the road as of any other day,
What has kept him so long she wonders!
Perturbed that she did not hear his usual step or
The click of the rusty old gate,
Nor a tinkle or message,
She keeps her fingers crossed.
Unaware of the twist of fate,
Destiny played a cruel game,
Her better half had gone never to see
The light of another day,
The pandemic had snatched him away.

Yasmin Jaldin

Dreadful stranger

Corona you are worse than death
I know death its familiar to all
It comes at the time due
Everyone needs to encounter death
It's not much painful
Common to all beings
And to nature
And it's a departure
Your attack focuses on
Human beings
Many fail under your power
You are still powerful
You are crueller than biggest worldly enemy
You are more powerful than
Modern weapons
Modern technological way can apply to win the war
You are more superior and never be conquered
You are immensely cunning
You change your mood time to time
You have stored many data
To situationally address
You are like high capacity silicon chip
Some day you may be disappear from this earth
By awarding death certificates to many
Your evil attempt is eternal
You are entitled to punish
You allow many to die
That is the way you allowed
Many to improve their wealth
You crushed the
Childhood of children into farbottom
You make the barrier
For association of sex
You closed the door of birth
You open an avenue to
Missing of all opportunity
Many wombs are waiting to conceive

Your satisfaction is the rate of increase of death
It's very sarcastic....
You are not still responsive to our precautions much
You easily crossing the boundaries of any
Distancing, washing, masking, vaccinating
Those who are just like praying gathas
Without real practicing of religious principles.
We can't bear
Your ignorant and unamiable reposed
You are more dangerous than the world greatest enemy
Cunning wealthy people were released you to the world
Targeting the poorer
You came with endless duty
All healthy, wealthy, worthy
People died like cattle and dogs
Someday I may be meet you suddenly
It may also be the day of your disappearance
In my life
I do not know
That will be the final day of my life
I warn you not to play
Any more game secretly
You have paralyzed the world entirely
You have benumbed the world economy
You have blinded all of us
You are holding the world entirely
With your tiny grips "Spike Glycoproteins"
It's not sure water within the world
Just sufficient to wash you away
We sanitized our hands second by second
We are not purified yet
You try to clean us not internally
You have badly fell down the entire economy
Poor becomes poorer
All dreams of our lives shaded away.

Amarasena Ranasinghe.



With a heavy heart!

In honour of the late, "Lakshman Wijesekara"
My heart did palpitate to note, Lakshman is no more
While we mourn for him, there is no pain in store
Then it makes the indelible impression expand more
That he installed in our hearts through his every word
His soul must be in the horizon in some vicinity
Between the sea and sky beyond our close proximity
Just like he envisaged as per the lyrics and meaning
In his Sinaha pipena song
Where he claims he longs to be
He was an absorbing vocalist with a unique voice
The melodies of many a song creations of his choice

As displayed in the above famous tele-drama song
We are sure his memory in our hearts, will last long
His talent as an actor was a case in point for one
With regard to that and that alone he was second to none
His role Nissanka, A village youth in "Ganga and Nissanka"
Proved ample testimony for his acting beyond a question
Thinking his service done as a musician for our country
Enables to console our hearts to dilute our worry
All these good deeds will be inalienable from his soul
For him to achieve Nibbana, the intended ultimate goal

SSJ Fernando

MARMADUKE



"Look at this. My new chair just became his new chair."



DAY 11: THE DOG STILL THINKS I'M FUR

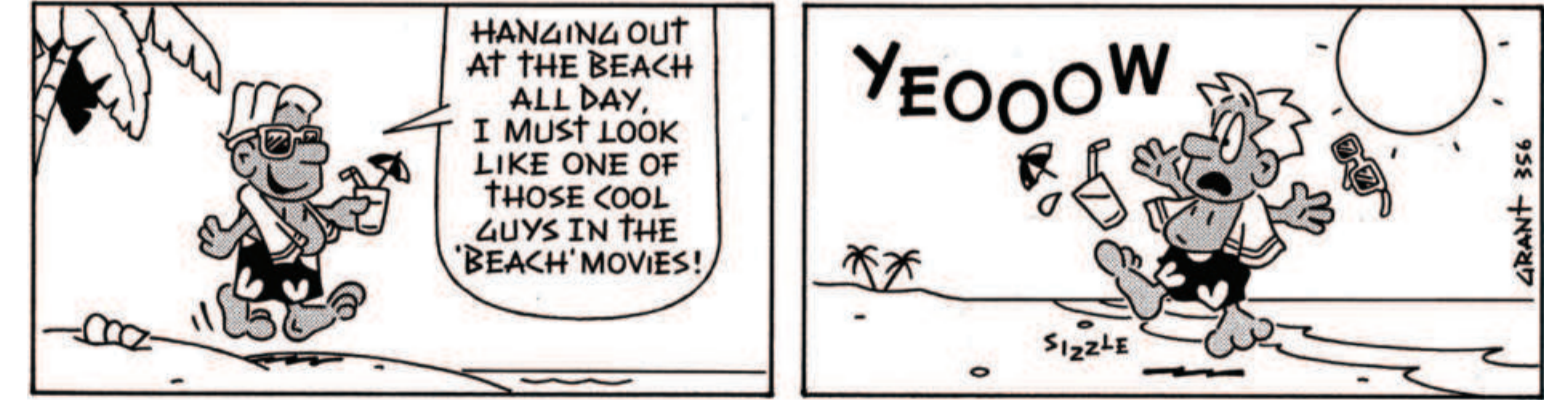
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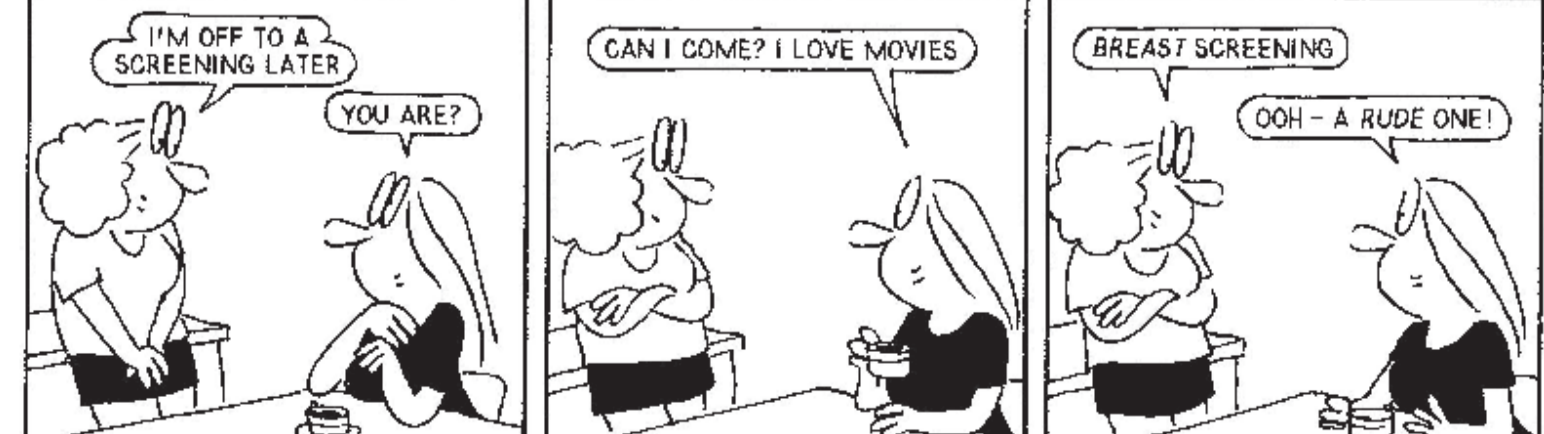
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NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the land described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.
- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands Colombo, 10.12.2021 to 24.12.2021 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 31.12.2021. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio Nos. 121/122 of Volume 60 of Division Kiri of the Land Registry Colombo in Colombo District	All that divided and defined allotment of land in Lot No.502 A3 in Plan No. 1483/27.11.1965 made by D.L. Pieris Licensed Surveyor of the land called "Muunamalghawatta" situated at Kirillapone in the District of Colombo, Western Province and bounded on the, North by: Purwarama Road East by : 502 A4 South by: 502 A5, 502 A2 West by : 502 A2, 502 A1 Extent : A:0 R:00 P:06.25	01. Deed of Transfer No. 3903 written and attested by S.E. Abeysooriya, Notary Public on 01.09.1976. 02. Deed of Mortgage No. 870 written and attested by A.R. Mathew, Notary Public on 01.09.1976.
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Registrar General

DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL - MONARAGALA

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR YEAR 2022

Applications are invited from manufacturers/agents/registered cooperative societies/government institutions including corporations and reputed commercial establishments and individuals for registration under this hospital for the supply of undermentioned goods and services for year 2022. Preference will be given to suppliers within the Uva Province. Institutions registering should compulsorily submit the Business Registration Certificate. All perfected applications should be sent by registered post addressed to "Medical Superintendent, District General Hospital, Monaragala". The caption "Registration of Suppliers for the Year 2022" should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

(a) Supply of Goods	(b) Supply of Services
01. General Stationery	1. Repairing and Maintenance and Servicing of Air-Conditioners, Refrigerators, Mortuary Refrigerators and Deep Freezers
02. Office equipment and Goods	2. Repairing of Typewriters, Calculators, Roneo Machines, Photocopiers and Duplo Machines
03. Consumable Goods, Sanitary Materials (Other consumable Goods such as Soaps, Batteries, Ekel Brooms, Brooms, Disinfectants)	3. Maintenance and Servicing of Oxygen generating Machines
04. Building Materials and Plumbing Accessories	4. Building and Construction Maintenance Works
05. Computers and Computer Accessories	5. Servicing and Maintenance of Air-Compressors and Vacuum Cleaners
06. Toners and Ribbons	6. Repairing / Maintenance / Servicing of Mortuary Air Conditioners and Mortuary Drawers for placing corpses
07. Laboratory Reagents and Materials	7. Servicing and Maintenance of Generators
08. Surgical Medical Equipment, Laboratory equipment	8. Repairing of Tubewells and Cleaning of Pump Hoses
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10. Hardware Goods including Plastic, Aluminium Goods	10. Repairing of all vehicle mechanical parts
11. Supply and Repairing of Vehicles, Tyres Tubes and Batteries	11. Repairing of vehicle electrical systems and equipment and air-conditioning systems
12. Supply of Motor Spare Parts	12. Vehicle Painting and Tinkering works
13. Timber and Plywood	13. Vehicle Cushion work
14. Supply of Food and Beverages	14. Repairing and Servicing of Vehicles
15. Rubber Stamps and Date Stamps, Name Boards	15. Repairing of electrical operating systems, electrical equipment, providing three-phase electric connection
16. Departmental Identity Cards	16. Repairing Medical Gas Pipe System
17. Drugs	17. Repairing of Water Pumps
18. All Textile Materials and Mosquito Nets	18. Refilling, repairing and servicing of fire fighting equipment
19. Shoes	19. Cleaning and repairing of Sewerage Systems
20. L.P. Gas and Gas Ovens	20. Maintenance and Servicing of Telephone Systems
21. Garbage Bags and Polythene	21. Maintenance and Servicing of Electrical Lifts
22. All castor wheels required for Trolleys	22. Repairing of Aluminium doors, windows, roof
23. Hospital Equipment	23. Burial of unclaimed Corpses, disposable body parts, obtained for testing
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25. Supply of Drug Covers, C.T. Covers and X-Ray Covers	25. Welding and Fitting work
26. Surgical consumables materials	26. Carrying out Laboratory tests
	27. Supply of X-Ray Films
	28. Cutting and removal of hazardous trees
	29. Repairing and Servicing of Water Filters

Application for the Registration of Suppliers

- Name of Applicant :
- Business Name and Address :
- Serial No. of Goods/Services for which Registration is sought :
- Business Registration Certificate No. and Date :
- Telephone No :
- Have you supplied such services during Year 2021 :
- Details of Goods and Services Intending to Supply :

Supply of Goods	Supply of Services	Item No.	Money Order / Receipt No.

- We hereby certify that we are bound to supply relevant goods and services subject to the conditions laid down in the newspaper advertisement when supplying on credit basis to this institution.

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Date : Director / Manager

Conditions:

- A non refundable registration fee of Rs. 500/= should be paid for each item and service and payments may be made by a Money Order drawn in favour of "Medical Superintendent, District General Hospital, Monaragala". Cheques will not be accepted.
- Hospital reserves the right to call for quotations for supplies and services from the list of registered suppliers.
- When quotations are called, prominence will be given to registered suppliers. However, when suppliers are inadequate hospital reserves the right of calling quotations from other suppliers as well based on competitiveness.
- Hospital reserves the right of accepting the applications received or the rejection of unsatisfactory applications
- Goods and services supplied should be compatible to the required standards and to the samples. Action will be taken to strike off the suppliers who fail to effect supplies and services as per the agreement from the list of registered suppliers. All applications should be sent by registered post to receive before 13.12.2021.
- Head of the Institution reserves the right to purchase goods and obtain services. Late applications will not be accepted.

Medical Superintendent
District General Hospital
Monaragala

Inquiries 0552276261 (223)



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



**MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY
NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND
DRAINAGE BOARD**

Date : 24/11/2021
Loan No. & Title : ADB LOAN NO. 3030-SRI;
ADB Assisted Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme – Project 2
Title : Supply and Delivery of Computers, Laptops, Printers, UPSs, Fax and Accessories for NWSDB
Contract No. : GCWWMIP/ADB/COM/NCB/42

ADDENDUM-2 TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

This Addendum modifies the original Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the procurement of goods for the "Supply and Delivery of Computers, Laptops, Printers, UPSs, Fax and Accessories for NWSDB" published in Daily News, Divaina, Thinakaran newspapers, National Water Supply and Drainage Board website and ADB website on 13th October 2021. All requirements of the Addendum-02 are herein made a part of the bidding document. The Addendum-1 (Pre-bid meeting minute with responses for clarification) is issued at "The Project Management Unit, Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme No. 65, St. Lawrence Road, Colombo 06".

The deadline for bid submission has been extended up to 10:00 A.M (Local Time) on 08th December 2021.

The period for the issuing of bidding document is until 07th December 2021 from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on normal working days.

Revised Lots details are as follows:

Lot	Item List
Lot A: Supply and Delivery of Laptops and Computers	Supply and Delivery of Laptops (i5 2 Nos. i7 206 Nos.), Supply and Delivery of Personal computers (i3 132 Nos. i5 534 Nos. i7 162 Nos. and i7 for Mapping & NRW 18 Nos), Supply and Delivery of UPS (650VA 83 Nos. 1200VA 8Nos, 1500 VA 10 Nos)
Lot B: Supply and Delivery of Laser Printers	Supply and Delivery of Laser Printers – A4 (313 Nos.), Laser A4 colour (2 Nos.), Laser Printers – A3 (30 Nos.) and Fax Machine (2 Nos.).
Lot C: Supply and Delivery of Dot Matrix Printers	Supply and Delivery of Dot Matrix Printers – A4 (43 Nos.), Dot Matrix Printers-A3 (46 Nos.) and Receipt Printers (6 Nos.)

To be eligible and qualified for a contract award, the successful bidder shall fulfill the revised qualification requirements as given below.

Contractual Experience (CI 2.2.1)

Lot B

Supply & delivery of Printers within the last five (05) years for the total value of LKR 9.5 Million with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of supply described in Section 6(Schedule of Supply).

Lot C

Supply & delivery of Printers within the last five (05) years for the total value of LKR 3.5 Million with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of supply described in Section 6(Schedule of Supply).

Technical Experience (CI 2.2.2, ii)

The bidder shall demonstrate that the goods offered have been sold a minimum of 3000 units (Computers & Laptops) for Lot A, 1000 units (Printers) for Lot B and 300 units (Printers) for Lot C of similar type and specification over the last five (5) years in Sri Lanka;

All other terms and conditions of the original bidding document remain unchanged.

Chairman,
Project Procurement Committee (PPC) - Major
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National Water Supply & Drainage Board



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MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

BID NOTICE

The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Water Supply & Drainage Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Works/Supplies as described below.

No	Name of Contract & Contract No	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid Security Requirements	Eligibility Requirements	Estimated Cost (Rs.) Excluding VAT	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time
CIVIL TENDERS							
01	Renovations and improvements of RSC office building and DGM Quarters. Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/REH/BADULLA/2021/52R2	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 58,500/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction in Grade C8 or above	3.9 Million	RSC (Uva), Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla Tele: 0552230934 Fax: 0552230974	01/12/2021 14.00 hours
02	Improvement of Water Supply Facilities to Rural Schools in Monaragala District (Building & Civil Works) Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/RECH/SCHOOL/MONARAGALA/2021/113R2	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 281,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	18.7 Million	RSC (Uva), Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla. Tele: 0552230934 Fax: 0552230974	01/12/2021 14.00 hours
03	Supply of Water for B/Broton, Glanore, Saraswathi Shools and Bandarawela Central College in Badulla District under water for school Stage 1 Project Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/RECH/EDU/BADULLA/2021/195R	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 325,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction in Grade C5 to C9 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	21.5 Million	RSC (Uva), Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla. Tele: 0552230934 Fax: 0552230974	01/12/2021 14.00 hours
04	Construction of Boundary Wall and Road Works at Bangalawadiya Water Treatment Plant Sammanthurai Contract No: NWSDB/RSC(E)/CP/A2-84/GOSL/2021/50R	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 248,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building & Highway Construction in Grade C5 to C9 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	16.51 Million	AGM (Eastern South) Office, NWSDB, Sri Dharmaratne Mawatha, Ampara, Tele: 063-2223926 Fax : 063-2224975	09/12/2021 13.00 hours
05	Construction of 3000m ³ Ground Sump, Pump House, Generator House Supply and installation of Pumps and Accessories at Mahamar, Kinniya Contract No: NWSDB/E/CP/A2-94/GOSL/2021/03	60,000/- + VAT	2.90 Million	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage in Grade C2 or above and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	290 Million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885	23/12/2021 10.00 hours
06	Construction of 1000m ³ Capacity Clear Water Service Reservoir in Naula Water Supply Scheme Contract No: NWSDB/C/CP/A4-59/GOSL/2021/04	20,000/- + VAT	Rs. 893,200/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage and Building Construction in Grade C4 and above and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	89.3 Million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885	15/12/2021 10.00 hours
07	Construction of 5000m ³ /day Capacity Water Treatment Plant (Civil & M&E Works) Awissawella New Water Treatment Plant Contract No: NWSDB/WC/P&D/CP/A4-1/GOSL/2021/01	100,000/- + VAT	12.5 Million	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage in Grade C1 or above and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	893 Million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885	28/12/2021 10.00 hours
08	Construction of 9000m ³ /day Water Treatment Plant, Service reservoirs, transmission mains (Civil & M&E Works) for Chilaw Water Supply Project - Stage II Contract No: NWSDB/NW/CP/A4-8/GOSL/2021/8	500,000/- + VAT	35.3 Million	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C2 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	3,527.8 Million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885	24/12/2021 10.00 hours
09	Extension of Record Room, Commercial Entrance, Access Road & Construction of Vehicle Park at Regional Manager's Office Kallady In Batticaloa Region Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/RH/EXTENSION WORKS/BATTI/2021/50	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 340,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction in Grade C5 to C9 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	22.50 Million	RSC (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Trincomalee. Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 0262225225	08/12/2021 10.00 hours
10	Renovation of Existing Fence at Kallady Land in Batticaloa Region Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/RH/RENOVATION-FENCE/BATTI//2021/51	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 353,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction in Grade C5 to C9 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	23.50 Million	RSC (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Trincomalee. Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 0262225225	08/12/2021 10.00 hours
11	Improvements of Consumers' Relation Unit Phase-II in Kallar Water Supply Scheme Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/RH/IMPROVE CRU/BATTI/2021/86	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 236,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction in Grade C5 to C9 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contract	15.70 Million	RSC (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Trincomalee. Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 0262225225	08/12/2021 10.00 hours
12	Providing New Service Connection for Akurana Water Supply Scheme Contract No: RSC-C/CN/CIVIL/NC/AKURANA/2021/268	6,000/- + VAT	Rs. 120,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	7.9 Million	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027	15/12/2021 14.00 hours
13	Providing New Service Connection for Pujapitiya Galagedara W.S.S. Contract No: RSC-C/CN/CIVIL/NC/PUJAPITIYA-GALAGEDARA/2021/272	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 183,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	12.1 Million	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027	15/12/2021 14.00 hours
14	Hiring Services for Leak Repair Works at Daulagala Zone Contract No: RSC-C/CS/O&M/UDU/YATI/2021/255	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 47,500/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9	4.75 Million	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027 Pre Bid Meeting 2021/12/13 at 11.00 hours Manager Central South office	15/12/2021 14.00 hours
15	Contract for Providing New Service Connections for Harispalthuwa W.S.S Contract No: RSC-C/CN/CIVIL/NC/HARISPALTHUWA/2021/267	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 167,500/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage Grade C5 to C9 and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	11.15 Million	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027	15/12/2021 14.00 hours

Reference to the advertisement dated 2021/07/28, Construction of Loggaloya Water Supply Scheme Contract No: NWSDB/U/CP/A4-27/GOSL/2021/01 Please note that the Closing date of this tender has been extended up to 2021/12/27 at 10.00 hours.

SUPPLY TENDERS

16	Supply & Delivery of Aggregate Base Course (ABC) & Quarry Dust for Laying of pipes along New Kandy Road from Rathupaswala Galoluwa Junction to Weliveriya Junction Contract No: NWSDB/WN/CP/A3-11/GOSL/2021/23R	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 56,250/-	As Per the document	3.75 Million	RSC(W/N) Office, No.433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha Tele: 0112922129 Fax: 011292146	15/12/2021 10.00 hours
17	Supply & Delivery of Electrical Control Devices & Accessories for Phase III pump house in Ampara region Contract No: NWSDB/RSC(E)/CP/A3-66/GOSL/2021/47R	6,000/- + VAT	Rs. 100,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agents for Supply and Delivery of Electrical Control Devices & Accessories and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	-	AGM (Eastern South) Office, NWSDB, Sri Dharmaratne Mawatha, Ampara, Tele: 063-2223926 Fax : 063-2224975	09/12/2021 13.00 hours
18	Supply and Installation of Chlorine gas Neutralization System & Accessories at Himudurawa Water Treatment Plant Contract No: RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/S&I/NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEM/HIMUDURAWA/RH/2021-66	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 151,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agents for Supply of Water Pumping sets and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	-	AGM (Eastern South) Office, NWSDB, Sri Dharmaratne Mawatha, Ampara, Tele: 063-2223926 Fax : 063-2224975	09/12/2021 13.00 hours
19	Supply & Delivery of Filter Sand for SETA Water Treatment Plant, Ambatale Contract No: RPC/WP/G/AMB-SETA/CIVIL/O&M/2021/90	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 37,000/-	Firms having experience in similar contract	-	RSC (Western-Production), NWSDB, Udumulla Road, Mulleriyawa, New Town, Tele: 0112418532 Fax: 0112549199	22/12/2021 14.00 hours

Reference to the advertisement dated 2021/10/27, Supply and Laying of DI Pipes, Fittings, Specials and Accessories for Treated Water Transmission Line from Kappalthurai to Andankulam Outlet
Contract No: NWSDB/E/CP/A2-90/GOSL/2021/02(R) Please note that the Closing date of this tender has been extended up to 2021/11/30 at 10.00 hours.

SERVICE TENDERS

20	Provision of Janitorial Service for Demodara Water Supply Scheme Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/O&M (BAN)/DEMODARA/2021/197	2,000 /- + VAT	Rs. 9,500/-	As Per the document	-	RSC (Uva), Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla Tele: 0552230934 Fax: 0552230974	01/12/2021 14.00 hours
21	Janitorial services for Regional Support Centre office (North Western) Contract No: RSC(NW)/DEV/SER/O&M/RSC/2021/30	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 35,000/-	As Per the document	-	RSC (North-Western) Office, NWSDB, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala, Tele: 037-2223158 Fax : 037-2230086	08/12/2021 14.00 hours
22	Cleaning and Maintenance Services for University Treatment Plant Office at area University and Upper Hanthana Reservoirs and Pump House Contract No: RSC-C/CS/SER/O&M/UDU/UY/2021/288	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 38,500/-	As Per the Document	-	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027 Pre Bid Meeting 2021/12/06 at 10.00 hours Manager Central South Office	08/12/2021 14.00 hours
23	Cleaning and Maintenance Services for Hanthana Water Treatment Plant, Office, Hanthana and Udumwela Intake, Sewerage Treatment Plant and Pump House at area at Hanthana W.S.S Contract No: RSC-C/CS/SER/O&M/HANTHANA/2021/262	6,000/- + VAT	Rs. 80,000/-	As Per the document and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	-	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027 Pre Bid Meeting 2021/12/06 at 10.15 hours Manager Central South Office	08/12/2021 14.00 hours
24	Cleaning and Maintenance Services for Doluwa, Gampolawtta and datry intake and water treatment plant in Gampola WSS Contract No: RSC-C/CS/SER/O&M/GAMPOLA/2021/289	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 42,000/-	As Per the Document	-	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027 Pre Bid Meeting 2021/12/06 at 10.30 hours Manager Central South Office	08/12/2021 14.00 hours
25	Cleaning Services for Gannoruwa Zonal Office Yahalathenna Pump house and Area of Service reservoir. Contract No: RSC-C/CS/SER/O&M/UDU/UY/2021/66	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 13,500/-	As Per the Document	-	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027 Pre Bid Meeting 2021/12/06 at 10.45 hours Manager Central South Office	08/12/2021 14.00 hours
26	Cleaning Service for Kadugannawa Zonal Office Pump House at Balumgala and Service reservoir area. Contract No: RSC-C/CS/SER/O&M/UDU/UY/2021/60	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 13,500/-	As Per the Document	-	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027 Pre Bid Meeting 2021/12/06 at 11.00 hours Manager Central South Office	08/12/2021 14.00 hours

27	Meter Reading activities for Manager Central North Region Contract No: RSC-C/CN/SERVICE/O&M/METER READING/2021/273	12,500/- + VAT	Rs. 160,000/-	As Per the document and Certificate of Registration of the Contract as per the Act No.3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contracts	RSC (Central), NWSDB, Getambe, Peradeniya Tele : 0812386068 Fax : 0812388027	08/12/2021 14.00 hours
HIRING VEHICLE						
28	Hiring of 01 No 4WD van or 4WD cab for Wariyapola ground water Office Contract No: RSC(NW)/M&E/HV/O&M/GW-WARI/2021/60	2,000 /- + VAT	Rs.10,000/-	As Per the document	RSC (North -Western) Office, NWSDB, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala. Tele: 037-2223158 Fax : 037-2230086	15/12/2021 14.00 hours
29	Hiring of 01 No of Light Lorry for MAHO WSS Contract No: RSC(NW)/O&M/HV/O&M/MAHO/2021/52	2,000 /- + VAT	Rs.10,000/-	As Per the document	RSC (North -Western) Office, NWSDB, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala, Tele: 037-2223158 Fax : 037-2230086	15/12/2021 14.00 hours
30	Hiring of 03 Nos. of Backhoe Loaders for Manager (Gampaha) Region. Contract No: RSC(W/N)/SS/HIRING/GAM(O&M)/2021/116	6,000 /- + VAT	Rs.6,000 /-	As Per the document	RSC(W/N) Office, No.433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha. Tele: 0112922129 Fax: 0112922146	15/12/2021 10.00 hours
31	Hiring of 01 No. of Van for RSC(W/N) Office. Contract No: RSC(W/N)/SS/HIRING/RSC(O&M)/2021/131	2,000 /- + VAT	Rs.5,000/-	As Per the document	RSC(W/N) Office, No.433/4A, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha Tele: 0112922129 Fax: 0112922146	15/12/2021 10.00 hours
32	Hiring a Van for Assistant General Manager (Operation) Office RSC (East) Trincomalee Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/RSC(O&M)/HIRING VAN-AGM(OP)/TRINCO/2021/97	2,000 /- + VAT	Rs.23,000/-	Firms having experience in similar service	RSC (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Trincomalee. Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 026-2225225	08/12/2021 10.00 hours

Please register online www.drc.gov.lk of Registrar of Companies to get PCA 3 form (only for tenders marked as ****). Further, please use gmail for registration.

Bidding documents will be issued on production of a letter of request on a business letterhead together with the payment receipt of non-refundable tender fee between 09.00 hours and 15.00 hours on normal working days up to day before the closing date.

Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.

Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

Chairman, National Water Supply and Drainage Board



Department of Sports Development

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation of Quotations for the Selection of Suppliers for the Hostel Kitchen of the Department of Sports Development - 2022

Quotations are invited under National Competitive Bidding procedure for the supply of Food Materials required under following categories from 1 to 10 for the Hostel Kitchen of the Department of Sports Development, No. 09, Philip Gunawardana Mawatha, Colombo 07.

- I. Kinds of Rice
- II. Kinds of Cereals
- III. Kinds of Condiments
- IV. Grocery Item - I (Food Items)
Grocery Item -II (Non Food Items)
- V. Yoghurt and Dairy Products
- VI. Dry Fish
- VII. Kinds of Meat, Fish and Eggs
- VIII. Vegetables
- IX. Fruits
- X. Bakery Items

- 02) To be eligible for award of contract, the successful bidders should not have been blacklisted and should have a valid registration under either Business Registration or under the Companies Act regarding Food Manufacture / Supply. Further, there should be experience of two (02) years in the supply of food materials and copies of documentary proof to that effect should be submitted with the bid and should be able to transport and supply the food materials to the Kitchen of the Hostel within 24 hours.
- 03) Bidders may submit quotations for all above categories or only to any selected categories. Quotations should be submitted for all items included in the category or categories for which quotations are submitted.
- 04) Relevant procurement documents may be obtained between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 24.11.2021 until 14.12.2021 from the Procurement Division on submission of the receipt obtained upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00 from the Shroff of the Accounts Division of the Department of Sports Development, Second Floor, Ministry of Sports. Further information may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 0112-697001.
- 05) All bidders should submit a bid security to the value mentioned in the table below obtained in favour of Director General, Department of Sports Development from any commercial bank approved by the Central Bank with the bid. This bid security should be valid until 28.02.2022.
- 06) All quotations should be valid for one year from the date of awarding of contract. When the government has imposed a control price, the bidder should supply such materials under the controlled price. When the price approved by the Procurement Committee has either increased or decreased by 10% in the market, may negotiate with the Procurement Committee and the Technical Evaluation Committee every three (03) months and arrive at an agreement either to increase or decrease the process subject to a maximum of 10%.
- 07) All quotations will be valid only up to 31.12.2022.
- 08) Quotations should be submitted in duplicate as "Original" and "Duplicate" in the specified forms. Bids will be received up to 2.00 p.m. on 14.12.2021. The caption, "Quotation for the selection of suppliers for the Hostel Kitchen - 2022 and Contract No." should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. Bids sent by registered post should be addressed to "Director General, Department of Sports Development, No. 09, Philip Gunawardana Mawatha, Colombo 07". Hand delivered bids should be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Establishment Division of the Department of Sports Development, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Sports.
- 09) Bids will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 14.12.2021 and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

Contract No.	Description	Bid Security
DSD/P/2/O.Hostel.k	Invitation of Quotations for the Supply of Food Materials required for the Hostel Kitchen of the Department of Sports Development	Rice - Rs. 66,000.00 Cereals - Rs. 33,000.00 Condiments - Rs. 20,000.00 Grocery Items - I (Food Materials) - Rs. 150,000.00 Grocery Items - II (Non Food items) - Rs. 40,000.00 Yoghurt and Dairy Products - Rs. 77,000.00 Meat, Fish and Eggs - Rs. 259,000.00 Dry Fish - Rs. 11,000.00 Vegetables - Rs. 73,000.00 Fruits - Rs. 118,000.00 Bakery Products - Rs. 100,000.00

Director General
Department of Sports Development
No. 09, Philip Gunawardana Mawatha
Colombo 07
Tel. No. 0112-697934
Fax: 0112-695822

DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATIONS, SRI LANKA

It is hereby informed that the Admission Cards and Timetables in respect of the following examinations have been dispatched to the addresses given in the applications.

No.	Examination	Date of Examination	Venue
01	Competitive Examination for Promotion to the Supra Grade of Management Service Officers' Service on Merit Basis - 2019 (2021)	28th of November 2021	Colombo
02	Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Grade III of the Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service - 2019 (2021)	28th of November 2021	Main Towns in 09 Provinces

Candidates who have not received Admission Cards or those who require further information are kindly requested to communicate with the Institutional Examinations Organization Branch of this Department giving their full Names and Addresses. Admission Cards can be downloaded from the Department's Website - www.doenets.lk

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24th November 2021

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, KANDY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Purchase of Cleaning Agents for the Laundry

Sealed bids are invited by the Regional Procurement Committee Chairman of the National Hospital, Kandy from eligible bidders for purchase of cleaning agents for the National Hospital Laundry, Kandy.

Since bids will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 17.12.2021, you are hereby informed to submit the bids before 10.30 a.m. on this day. Bids should be addressed to "Chairman, Regional Procurement Board, National Hospital, Kandy and sent by registered post or if hand delivered, these could be inserted in the sealed bid box kept in the Chief Accountant's Office to receive before the specified time. The date of opening bids and "Bid for supply of cleaning agents for the laundry" should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the bid.

	Item	Details	Quantity
01	Laundry Liquid	For washing Fabric	6000 litres
02	Heavy-duty Detergent Liquid	For removal of dark colour patches	6000 litres
03	Emulsifier	For removal of oil patches	
04	Chloro bleach liquid	For removal of patches in white fabric	
05	Oxygen bleach liquid	For removal of patches in coloured fabric	
06	Fabric softener	For softening of fabric	
07	Neutralizer	Removal of applied chemicals and eliminating micro organism	
08	Fabric perfume	Scenting fabric	

02. The original receipt obtained for payment of the non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 to the Shroff of the National Hospital, Kandy and a certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be submitted when obtaining bid documents. Bid documents could be obtained on normal working days from 25.11.2021 up to 16.12.2021 between 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. from the Accounts Section of the National Hospital, Kandy on submission of a written request. A letter of approval from the applicant along with the National Identity Card should be submitted when a representative calls over for this purpose.
03. Bid forms could be inspected at the Accounts Section of the National Hospital, Kandy free of charge before obtaining bid documents.
04. A bid security to the value of Rs. 100,000.00 obtained in favour of the Director, National Hospital, Kandy, valid for 180 days from the date of opening bids should be attached to every original copy of the bid and submitted.
05. Bids should be prepared according to the conditions and specifications indicated in the bid documents and submitted.
06. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at 10.30 a.m. on 17.12.2021 in the Director's Office of the National Hospital, Kandy. The applicant or an authorized representative could be present at the opening of bids. A letter of approval issued by the applicant and the National Identity Card should be submitted when a representative calls over for this purpose.
07. Bidding will be conducted under National Competitive Bidding procedure.
08. The bidder should accept the decision of the Regional Procurement Board of the Kandy National Hospital as deemed final.

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Board
National Hospital,
Kandy.

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **Katuwa Pitiyage Upendra Rohitha Chandrasena** (Holder of National Identity Card bearing No. 197530800910) now of No. 386/1, "Rosa Tharu", Nainamadama West, Nainamadama in Puttalam District, North Western Province in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka do hereby notice that the Power of Attorney No. 5801 dated 15.10.2018 attested by R.N.J. Fernando of Lunuwila, Notary Public by which I have appointed Warnakulasuriya Shamila Indiwani Fernando (Holder of National Identity Card bearing No. 795285172 V) of No. 316/A, Waikkala, Thopputhota as my Attorney hereby cancelled and revoked with effect from 14.10.2021.
Katuwa Pitiyage Upendra Rohitha Chandrasena
 14th October 2021

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **Balasooriya Mudiyansele Dissanayake**, Residing opposite Courts, Puttalam Road, Anamaduwa hereby inform the General Public that the Power of Attorney No. 2237 dated 01.09.2013 attested by A.A.M.N Chandra Bandara Notary Public appointing my wife Surani Sri Rita Siriwardana as my attorney is revoked and cancelled with effect from 26.10.2021.
Balasooriya Mudiyansele Dissanayake

DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATIONS SRI LANKA PUBLIC NOTICE

**Final Examination of the Teachers' Training Colleges - 2018/2019 (2021),
 Final Examination of the Tenders' Training Colleges - 2019/2020 (2021) and
 Examination of Training Courses for non-graduate untrained teachers - 2018/2021 (2021)**

Steps have been taken to conduct examinations from 01.12.2021 to 06.12.2021. It is hereby notified that the Admission Cards of the applicants, who have followed the course in Teachers' Training Colleges have been dispatched to the Principals of respective Teachers' Training Colleges and the Admission Cards of applicants, who have followed the training course for non-graduate untrained teachers have been dispatched to their private addresses.

Please contact following numbers, if needed, for any further clarifications in this regard.

Inquiries:

Telephone : 011-2784208 / 011-2784537 / 011-27885413 / 011-2786616
Hotline : 1911
Fax Number : 011-2784422
Postal Address : Commissioner General of Examinations, School Examinations Organization and Results Branch, P.O. Box 1503, Colombo.

B. Sanath Pujitha
 Commissioner General of Examinations

6/24/G.V./2021
 Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka
 School Examinations Organization and Results Branch
 Pelawatta, Battaramulla.
 23.11.2021

LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7

My No: KEG/LAN/AQUIS/A3/01/115
 Land Ministry Ref. No: 4-3/12/2018/F/343
 The allotment of land which is described in the following schedule have been acquired to acquire the lands to construct the Excise office Complex in the Kegalle Divisional Secretariat Division. Refer the Sri Lanka Democratic Republic Government's Gazette Extraordinary No. 2253/8 dated 08 November 2021 for further details.

SCHEDULE

District : Kegalle
Divisional Secretariat Division : Kegalle
Grama Niladhari Division : Division No. 9, Golahela
Names of the Land : Walawwatta, Assessment No. 120/8, Kandy Road.
Plan No. and Lot No. : Lot No. 01 and 02 in P.P.K. 3831
K.G.S. Nishantha
 Divisional Secretary/
 Land Acquisition Officer,
 Kegalle.
Divisional Secretariat, Kegalle.
 23.11.2021

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NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 16 SUB-SECTIONS (2D) OF THE COAST CONSERVATION AND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT NO. 57 OF 1981

Proposed 652 Roomed Marino Tower City Hotel Project - No. 594, Galle Road, Colombo 03

Environmental Impact Assessment Report

It is hereby notified that the Report of Environmental Impact Assessment study on proposed **652 Roomed Marino Tower City Hotel Project** has been submitted by the Damro Leisure (Pvt) Ltd. No. 361, Kandy Road, Nittambuwa, as required by Section 16 (1) of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management Act No. 57 of 1981 as amended by the Act No. 64 of 1988 and No. 49 of 2011 will be available for inspection by the public at the following Institutions from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. for a period of 30 days from 24.11.2021 (Except weekends and public holidays).

In addition, this report with 03 languages can be used in the Official Website (www.coastal.gov.lk) of the Department of Coast Conservation & Coastal Resources Management

- (1) Coast Conservation & Coastal Resources Management Department, New Secretariat Building, 4th Floor, Maligawatte, Colombo 10.
- (2) Central Environmental Authority, No. 104, "Parisara Piyasa", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.
- (3) District Secretariat, Colombo.
- (4) Divisional Secretariat, Thimbirigasyaya
- (5) Municipal Council, Colombo

Any member of the public may within 30 days from 24.11.2021 submit their comments in writing on the above Environmental Impact Assessment Report to the Director General, Coast Conservation & Coastal Resources Management Department.

Eng. R.A.S. Ranawaka
 Director General
 Coast Conservation & Coastal Resources Management

Coast Conservation & Coastal Resources Management Department
 New Secretariat, 4th Floor, Maligawatta, Colombo 10.

Telephone - 011-2449754, 011-2449197, 011-2387922
Fax - 011-2438005, 011-2472623

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

PIYANKARAGE PUSHPA KUMUDINI (Holder of Passport No. 519968347 and holder of National Identity Card No. 1970 5791 0011) of No. 11/T, Gemunupura, Kothalawala, Kaduwela in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and presently of No. 61a, Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD18, 7ED, United Kingdom do hereby inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the general public that the Special Power of Attorney dated 16th July 2020 and certified by Deepika Lakmini Dias Dahanayake Solicitor and Commissioner for Oaths of 144, Cranbrook Road, Ilford Essex IGI 4LZ and registered under the number of the Day Book 7255 (date 24th July 2020) Folio 49 Volume 310 at the Registrar General's office granted to **WIJESINGHA ARACHHIGE DONA ANUSHA KRISHANTHI** (holder of National Identity Card bearing No. 746 691 076 V) of No. 11/T, Gemunupura, Kothalawala, Kaduwela in the District of Colombo Western Province is hereby cancelled and revoked and will not be held responsible of my behalf.

SPECIAL NOTICE



Central Environmental Authority

REGISTRATION OF GULLY BOWSERS INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER

It is a mandatory requirement that the gully bowser service providers involved in transportation of wastewater generated from the activities prescribed in the Gazette Notification (Extraordinary) No:1533/16 dated 25.01.2008, should be registered in the Central Environmental Authority.

In order to control the environmental pollution due to illegal discharge of gully bowzers, CEA has now started the registration of gully bowser service providers for the year 2022/2023.

Wastewater generated from all industries obtaining the Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) should be transported only by using gully bowser service registered under the Central Environmental Authority.

Details and applications required for registration could be obtained from any office of the Central Environmental Authority or from the website: www.cea.lk and submit to the address given below on or before 31.12.2021.

Director (Environmental Pollution Control), Central Environmental Authority, No.104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.

Director General
 Central Environmental Authority



PROCUREMENT NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, Sri Lanka invites Bids from Local Principals / Local Suppliers & Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the **supply of following item.**

Item 01 - Stretch Films - 2000 Nos.
Closing Date of Bids : 13.12.2021 - 2.00 p.m.
Bid Reference No. : SCP02/NCB05/Stretch/2021-25

Bidding Documents relevant to this notice will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, 118, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08 on written application along with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2000/= per each Bid. Bidding documents will be issued by the Supplies Division itself before 2.00 p.m. on or before the day prior to the closing date given above.

Further particulars could be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Gangani Liyanage
 Chairman, Procurement Committee

Department of Government Printing
 118, Dr Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08.
Telephone/Fax : 011-2694898
Website : www.documents.gov.lk
 23.11.2021

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

State Ministry of Digital Technology & Entrepreneur Development Industrial Technology Institute

Invitation for Tenders for Maintaining the Canteen of this Institute

Procurement Reference No : SUP/SD/21/63

Sealed Quotations are accepted from well established, experienced Institutions and individuals for Maintaining the Institute's Canteen of the Industrial Technology Institute located at No. 363, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 for a period of one year.

- (1) The receipt obtained upon payment of Rs. 500/= to the Accounts Section and the list of prices of Food and Beverages should be attached to the application and submitted.
- (2) The names of other outside Institutions and relevant documents for evaluation in proof of eligibilities of having provided similar services should be attached and submitted.
- (3) Blacklisted Suppliers should not submit applications.
- (4) Tender Forms could be obtained from 24.11.2021 up to 14.12.2021 from the Industrial Technology Institute, Supplies Section located at No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thaladena, Malabe.
- (5) Further details could be obtained from the Supplies Section on Tel. Nos. 0112797314 / 0112797315.
- (6) Duly completed Tenders should be sent to the address below to receive before 10.00 a.m. on 15.12.2021 and Tenders received thereafter will be rejected.
- (7) Tenders will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 15.12.2021 at the Industrial Technology Institute located at No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thaladena, Malabe and the Tenderer or his representative could be present on this occasion.

Director General, Industrial Technology Institute, No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thaladena, Malabe.



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

TENDER NO. : NSB/PT/ITE/2021/31

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, COMMISSIONING & DELIVERING OF E-MAIL COLLABORATION SOLUTION TO THE NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Principal Manufacturers / Suppliers or their Accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for the Supply of E-Mail Collaboration Solution with replication & High Availability Clusters.

Description of Procurement	E-Mail Collaboration Solution
Method of Procurement	National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
Applicable non-refundable Tender Fee	Rs. 2,500/=
Value of the Bid Bond to be submitted	Rs. 60,000/=
Last Date & Time of Issuing Bid Documents	14.12.2021 at 3.00 p.m.
Date & Time of Closing Tender	15.12.2021 at 10.00 a.m.
Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	06/12/2021 at 10.00 a.m. (Online Via MS Team)

1. It is mandatory for any person who acts as an agent or sub agent, representative or nominee for and on behalf of any tenderer to register himself before applying for tender and the contract after the tender is awarded.
2. Bid Documents could be obtained from the Supplies Manager, Supplies Division, National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tender forms will be issued from 24/11/2021 between 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days till 14/12/2021 on submission of a written request.
3. Perfected bidding documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond acceptable to National Savings Bank for the value relevant to the tender as indicated above and issued by a commercial bank and valid for a minimum period of 105 calendar days from the date of opening of the Tender.
4. Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 10.00 a.m. on the date and the bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopen.
5. National Savings Bank reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adducing any reasons.

Further details could be obtained from the Senior Manager - Supplies.

Chairman - Corporate Procurement Committee - Minor, National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Road, Colombo 3.

No. 84
FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE PROBATE OFFICER
Notice under Section 529 (2) of the Civil Procedure Code

It is hereby notified that the following applications have been made for the proof of will/probate/grant of letter of administration / issue of certificates of heirship, in respect of the estates of the deceased persons described in the Schedule hereto.

Any person having objections to the making of an Order declaring a will proved or the grant of probate or letters of administration with or without a will annexed or the issue of certificates of heirship to the persons named in the petitions, shall make such objections in writing supported by affidavit and filed on or before the dates fixed by the respective District Courts specified below:

SCHEDULE

District Court of Kandy
Last date for filing of objections 29th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Negombo
Last date for filing of objections 24th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Baddegama
Last date for filing of objections 20th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Galle
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Negombo
Last date for filing of objections 31st day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Moratuwa
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Point Pedro
Last date for filing of objections 04th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Negombo
Last date for filing of objections 27th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Udugama
Last date for filing of objections 18th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Batticaloa
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Pugoda
Last date for filing of objections 24th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Theldeniya
Last date for filing of objections 25th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Galle
Last date for filing of objections 19th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Moratuwa
Last date for filing of objections 28th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Colombo
Last date for filing of objections 28th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Kekirawa
Last date for filing of objections 21st day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Kuliypitiya
Last date for filing of objections 18th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Anuradhapura
Last date for filing of objections 20th day of December 2021
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Kuliypitiya
Last date for filing of objections 24th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Anuradhapura
Last date for filing of objections 20th day of December 2021
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Kandy
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Panadura
Last date for filing of objections 31st day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Kandy
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Colombo
Last date for filing of objections 28th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Panadura
Last date for filing of objections 31st day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
Column I: District Court Registration No.
Column II: Name and Address of Deceased
Column III: Whether Deceased left Will
Column IV: Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Negombo
Last date for filing of objections 24th day of January 2022
SCHEDULE
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SCHEDULE

District Court of Kalutara			
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022			
SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T378	Maddumage Don Ruwan Prasanna, 'Thusara', Panwila Kalutara South.	No	Maddumage Don Rathnasiri, 'Thusara', Panwila, Kalutara South.
Date : 05.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kalutara	

District Court of Horana			
Last date for filing of objections 28.01.2022			
SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T7309/21	Demuni Chandrasari,	No	Demuni Chandrasari, No. 100, Polkoatuwa, Anguruwatota (Petitioner)
Date : 28.10.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Horana	

District Court of Pelmadulla			
Last date for filing of objections 21st day of January 2022			
SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/6823	Godalla Pathirage Indrajith Somaratna	No	Malwette Arachchilage Gayani Nilushika, No. 60, Kalawana Road, Dala.
Date : 11.10.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Pelmadulla	

District Court of Mawanella			
Last date for filing of objections 30th day of January 2022			
SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
46/T	Karunanyaka Pathirannehelage Sumathipala, No. A 1/33, Aludeniya, Hemmathagama.	No	Megasooriya Mudiyansele Indrani Kumarihami Megasooriya, No.A 1/33, Aludeniya, Hemmathagama.
T/41	Ranchothe Lalith Jayanatha Wickramasinghe Kandewatte, Galathara.	No	Paliskara Mudiyansele Renuka Damayanthi, Kandewatte, Galathara.
Date : 01.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Mawanella	

District Court of Wariyapola			
Last date for filing of objections 18th day of January 2022			
SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
23/T	Ranasinghe Arachchige Keerthi Sri Harischandra Ranasinghe	Yes	Arawwajale Don Rangimal Tirosch Arunasinga Dharmapala Palapathwala, Awanaga.
Date : 03.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Wariyapola	

District Court of Homagama			
Last date for filing of objections 18th day of January 2022			
SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
20891/T	Ekanayake Mudiyansele Sanjaya Ravindra Ekanayake No. 162/6, 2nd Lane, School Mawatha, Kirigampamunuwa, Polgasowita.	-	Kandambige Moreen No. 41/25/175, Sampathapura, Watereka, Meegoda.
20888/T	Ranasinghe Arachchige Gunapala	No	Ranasinghe Arachchige Dona Kanthi Ranasinghe No. 161/A, Athurugiriya Road, Malapalla, Pannipitiya.
20878/T	Kandabaddage Don Premadasa No. 467, Makumbura Pannipitiya	No	Kandabaddage Dona Priyantha Malkanthi 138/2, High Level Road, Kottawa, Pannipitiya.
20832/T	Kahandawala Arachchige Wilson	Yes	Kalubowilage Dona Karunawathie, No. 01, Kotigamgoda, Padukka.
20829/T	Inoka Dharshani Walpola, No. 402B, Kumbuka West, Gonapola.	No	Hetti Arachchige Don Athula Premalal, No. 402B, Kumbuka West, Gonapola.
20950/T	Kanaththage Upali Rathnasiri	No	Kanaththage Upul Kumarasiri, 59/1, Mulleagama, Homagama.
20938/T	Indrajith Kashyapa Bandara Rajakaruna.	No	Welmilla Arachchige Chandani Pathma Kumari Sriyalekha Perera, No. 155/74C, Amuetamulla Road, Katukurunda, Kottawa.
20913/T	Jayarathna Jayasingha, No. 26, High Level Road, Panagoda, Homagama.	No	Pubudu Padmika Jayasinghe, No. 26, High Level Road, Panagoda, Homagama.
20912/T	Palada Pathirage Dotlin Dias.	No	Gammampilage Anuradha Uneyangani Perera, No. 1497/8/9, Vidyalaya Junction, Kottawa North, Pannipitiya.
20820/T	Kasthuri Arachchige Thilakarathne Perera	No	Kahangam Pathiranege Pathmasheeli Nanayakkara No. 412/9, Mahinda Mawatha, Pitipana North, Homagama.
20800/T	Upasena Wijesinghe	No	Pushpa Perera Wickramage No. 41/3, Horana Road, Padukka.
20724/T	Henadhera Apuhamilage Dona Sumedha Surangane Gunasekara of No. 28, 'Siri Sewana', Nagara Seema Mawatha, Homagama.	Yes	Damith Rajiv Kosgallana Durage, No. 741, Rukmate Road, Kottawa, Pannipitiya.
20704/T	Thudunage Dona Ruban Sinno.	No	Rajapasha Gamage Chandrawathi No. 145/01, Rania Rd, Habarakada, Homagama.
20668/T	Edith Pathma Lolimbawansa	No	Gamaarachchi Pathiranege Don Rukmal Jananka of No. 85/B, Temple Road, Malapalla, Pannipitiya.
20590/T	Andraavaas Patabendi Gimani De Vaas Gunawardhane, No. 102/9, Samagi Mawatha, Godagama, Homagama.	No	Andraavaas Patabendi Sandhana De Vaas Gunawardhane, No. 278/4, Erewwala Road, Pannipitiya. Petitioner
20505/T	Hikkaduwa Galappaththige Gunadasa de Silva.	No	Hikkaduwa Galappaththige Ravindra de Silva No. 308/16, Mountclipered Garden, Magammana, Homagama.
20475/T	Bambaragamage Swarna Wanigasekara No. 120/14/1, Samagi Mawatha, 2nd Lane, Magammana, Homagama.	-	Subramaniyam Santha Kumaran, No. 120/14/1, Samagi Mawatha, 2nd Lane, Magammana, Homagama.
Date : 05.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Homagama	

District Court of Galle			
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022			
SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T 643	Muthuwa Handi Lakshman De Silva No. 375/3, Dewagoda, Madampe, Ambalangoda.	No	Pallimulla Kapugamage Champika Sepali Hemanthi De Silva No. 375/3, Dewagoda, Madampe, Ambalangoda.
T 645	Dodampe Gamage Dhanapala Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla, Galle.	Yes	Dombagoda Lyanage Milinawathi No. 300, Nakiyadeniya, Udumalagala and Now Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla.
Date : 10.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Galle	

District Court of Kandy			
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022			
SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
DTS 49/21	Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Dharmarathna alias Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Dharmarathna No. 115/B, Gangoda, Pilimathalawa.	No	Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Nuwani Chathurika Weerathunga No. 115/B, Gangoda, Pilimathalawa.
DTS 14/21	Wijewansa Gamlathge Gunaratna Bandara Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.	No	Wattegedera Gederu Karunawathi alias Wattegedera Gederu Karuna Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.
Date : 02.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy	

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T 645	Dodampe Gamage Dhanapala Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla, Galle.	Yes	Dombagoda Lyanage Milinawathi No. 300, Nakiyadeniya, Udumalagala and Now Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla.
Date : 10.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Galle	

District Court of Kandy			
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District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
DTS 49/21	Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Dharmarathna alias Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Dharmarathna No. 115/B, Gangoda, Pilimathalawa.	No	Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Nuwani Chathurika Weerathunga No. 115/B, Gangoda, Pilimathalawa.
DTS 14/21	Wijewansa Gamlathge Gunaratna Bandara Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.	No	Wattegedera Gederu Karunawathi alias Wattegedera Gederu Karuna Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.
Date : 02.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy	

District Court of Kandy			
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022			
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District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T 643	Muthuwa Handi Lakshman De Silva No. 375/3, Dewagoda, Madampe, Ambalangoda.	No	Pallimulla Kapugamage Champika Sepali Hemanthi De Silva No. 375/3, Dewagoda, Madampe, Ambalangoda.
T 645	Dodampe Gamage Dhanapala Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla, Galle.	Yes	Dombagoda Lyanage Milinawathi No. 300, Nakiyadeniya, Udumalagala and Now Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla.
Date : 10.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Galle	

District Court of Kandy			
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DTS 49/21	Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Dharmarathna alias Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Dharmarathna No. 115/B, Gangoda, Pilimathalawa.	No	Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Nuwani Chathurika Weerathunga No. 115/B, Gangoda, Pilimathalawa.
DTS 14/21	Wijewansa Gamlathge Gunaratna Bandara Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.	No	Wattegedera Gederu Karunawathi alias Wattegedera Gederu Karuna Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.
Date : 02.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy	

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T 645	Dodampe Gamage Dhanapala Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla, Galle.	Yes	Dombagoda Lyanage Milinawathi No. 300, Nakiyadeniya, Udumalagala and Now Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla.
Date : 10.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Galle	

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DTS 14/21	Wijewansa Gamlathge Gunaratna Bandara Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.	No	Wattegedera Gederu Karunawathi alias Wattegedera Gederu Karuna Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.
Date : 02.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy	

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T 643	Muthuwa Handi Lakshman De Silva No. 375/3, Dewagoda, Madampe, Ambalangoda.	No	Pallimulla Kapugamage Champika Sepali Hemanthi De Silva No. 375/3, Dewagoda, Madampe, Ambalangoda.
T 645	Dodampe Gamage Dhanapala Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla, Galle.	Yes	Dombagoda Lyanage Milinawathi No. 300, Nakiyadeniya, Udumalagala and Now Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla.
Date : 10.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Galle	

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DTS 14/21	Wijewansa Gamlathge Gunaratna Bandara Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.	No	Wattegedera Gederu Karunawathi alias Wattegedera Gederu Karuna Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.
Date : 02.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy	

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T 645	Dodampe Gamage Dhanapala Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla, Galle.	Yes	Dombagoda Lyanage Milinawathi No. 300, Nakiyadeniya, Udumalagala and Now Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla.
Date : 10.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Galle	

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DTS 14/21	Wijewansa Gamlathge Gunaratna Bandara Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.	No	Wattegedera Gederu Karunawathi alias Wattegedera Gederu Karuna Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.
Date : 02.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy	

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T 645	Dodampe Gamage Dhanapala Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla, Galle.	Yes	Dombagoda Lyanage Milinawathi No. 300, Nakiyadeniya, Udumalagala and Now Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla.
Date : 10.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Galle	

District Court of Kandy			
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DTS 49/21	Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Dharmarathna alias Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Dharmarathna No. 115/B, Gangoda, Pilimathalawa.	No	Weerathunga Mudiyansele Muhandiram Walauwe Nuwani Chathurika Weerathunga No. 115/B, Gangoda, Pilimathalawa.
DTS 14/21	Wijewansa Gamlathge Gunaratna Bandara Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.	No	Wattegedera Gederu Karunawathi alias Wattegedera Gederu Karuna Weerawansa No. 225/5, Wawala North, Bokkawaia.
Date : 02.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy	

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District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T 643	Muthuwa Handi Lakshman De Silva No. 375/3, Dewagoda, Madampe, Ambalangoda.	No	Pallimulla Kapugamage Champika Sepali Hemanthi De Silva No. 375/3, Dewagoda, Madampe, Ambalangoda.
T 645	Dodampe Gamage Dhanapala Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla, Galle.	Yes	Dombagoda Lyanage Milinawathi No. 300, Nakiyadeniya, Udumalagala and Now Dodamhiroawita, Udumalagala Road, Yakkalamulla.
Date : 10.11.2021		Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Galle	

**No. 84
FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE PROBATE OFFICER
Notice under Section 529 (2) of the Civil Procedure Code**

It is hereby notified that the following applications have been made for the proof of will/probate/grant of letter of administration / issue of certificates of heirship, in respect of the estates of the deceased persons described in the Schedule hereto.

Any person having objections to the making of an Order declaring a will proved or the grant of probate or letters of administration with or without a will annexed or the issue of certificates of heirship to the persons named in the petitions, shall make such objections in writing supported by affidavit and filed on or before the dates fixed by the respective District Courts specified below:

SCHEDULE

District Court of Ratnapura
Last date for filing of objections 19th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/2356	Sitha Luxhimi Johans (after marriage Sitha Luxhimi Wickramarachchi) No. 35, Antony E. Perera Mawatha, New Town, Ratnapura.	Yes	Wickramaarachchige Seevali Wickramaarachchil No. 35, Antony E. Perera Mawatha, New Town, Ratnapura.

Date : 13.10.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Ratnapura

District Court of Kandy
Last date for filing of objections 29th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
DTS/18/2021	Anthony Mahesan Kandaiya also known as Kandaiya Mahesan Anthony No. 595/1, Wiseman Ferry Road, Gunderman, New South Wales 2775, Australia	No	Dr Bernard Jayanesan Kandiah No. 62, Galleons Drive, Barking IG11 9GU United Kingdom.

Date : 01.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy

District Court of Kaduwela
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
775/T	Don Anura Wickramasinghe No. 279 D, Kothalawala, Kaduwela.	No	Renuka Damayanthi Paliheha Wickramasinghe nee Renuka Damayanthi Paliheha No. 279D, Kothalawala, Kaduwela.
728/T/2020	Chintha Weerakoon Abeynayaka	No	Julian Harsha Prasad Mendis No. 1142, Dammodaya Mawatha, Battaramulla.
790/T/2021	Ajith Thilak Almeda No. 740/1, Pannipitiya Road, Battaramulla.	No	Hansika Vidarshi Almeda No. 348, Pannipitiya Road, Battaramulla.

Date : 03.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kaduwela

District Court of Nuwara-Eliya
Last date for filing of objections 28th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/129	Sakalasuriya Mudiyansele Jayarathna No. 17, Creton Village Housing Scheme, Nuwara-Eliya.	No	Sakalasuriya Mudiyansele Karuna Godagama No. 200, Wijithapura, Magasthota, Nuwara-Eliya.
T/128	Amarajeeva Jayananda Withanage, No. 36/1, Blackpool, Ruwan Eliya, Nuwara-Eliya.	No	Hewa Manamperige Anoma Siiyangani No. 36/1, Blackpool, Ruwan Eliya, Nuwara-Eliya.

Date : 01.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Nuwara-Eliya

District Court of Avissawella
Last date for filing of objections 31st day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/1459/21	Waththe Leekamalage Anarasintha No. 59/27, Thawalammawatha, Deraniyagala.	No	Jangu Ralalage Pemawathi No. 59/27, Thawalammawatha, Deraniyagala.

Date : 06.08.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Avissawella

District Court of Negombo
Last date for filing of objections 27th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
TS/1464/21	Liyanarachchige Dona Mary Josephine Hany alias Liyanarachchige Dona Mary Josephine No. 606/10, 2nd Kurana, Colombo Road, Negombo.	No	Bamunuge Lourde Thusani Deepika Perera No. 606/10, 2nd Kurana, Colombo Road, Negombo.
1450/T	Kaha Sinhalese Mary Ranjani Fernando No. 315/102, St. Mary's Road, Mahahunupitiya, Negombo.	Died without a Last Will	Maraba Hewage Thushara Jithendra Kumar No. 315/102, St. Mary's Road, Mahahunupitiya, Negombo.
T/1472/21	Dehiwala Leo Philip Perera No. 66, Negombo Road, Kochchikade.	Died without a last will	Dehiwala Chaminda Indika Perera No. 66, Negombo Road, Kochchikade.
1462/T	Haddala Kankanamalage Hemalatha Heenpella alias Haddala Kankanamalage Hemalatha No. 223 A, Colombo Chilaw Road, Kattuwa, Negombo.	Died without a last will	Siri Hewa Heenpella No. 223A, Colombo Chilaw Road, Kattuwa, Negombo.
District Court : Negombo Testametry No : 1466/2021/T	Gardiyanasan Albrethulage Justin Camilus Fernando	No	Mary Agnes Kusum Fernando (nee Dias) 318/A, Negombo Road, Kandana.
T/1470/21	Jayasundara Mudiyansele Gunathilake No. 77, Kuswala, Raddolugama.	Died without a Last Will	Lokubalasooriyage Dona Sujatha Jayasinghe No. 77, Kuswala, Raddolugama.

Date : 03.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Negombo

District Court of Moratuwa
Last date for filing of objections 28th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
845/T/21	Manuwel Pirisilage Jayashantha Piris alias Manuwel Peerisilage Jayashantha Peiris No. 198/A, "Bavindi" Temple Place, Thalagala, Gonapala Junction.	No	Liyanage Parika Perera No. 37(63/1B), Old Galle Road, Moratuwa.
896/T/21	Weerahnadige Diksan Sasil Fernando No. 34/2, Deepananda Road, Villorawatha, Moratuwa.	No	Weerahnadige Malindu Tushantha Fernando, No. 34/2, Deepananda Road, Villorawatha, Moratuwa.

Date : 05.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Moratuwa

District Court of Kandy
Last date for filing of objections 21st to 28th February 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
DTS46/21	Sisira Kumara Ekanayake Madawala No. 02, Siyambalapatiya Rd., Mulgampola.	No	Dilanthi Sudarshani Rathnayake No. 02, Siyambalapatiya Rd., Mulgampola.

Date : 05.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy

District Court of Kegalle
Last date for filing of objections 29th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/277/21	Karathana Acharige Lalith Jayashantha	No	Lokugam Hewage Anuradha, Surangani Gunathilaka 263/03, Main Street, Kegalle.

Date : 03.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kegalle

District Court of Balapitiya
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
Testamentary /09	Daluwathumulla Gamage Tiron Kapila de Silva Ilukpitiya, Batapola.	No	Indika Yasmin Guruge Ilukpitiya, Batapola.

Date : 02.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Balapitiya

District Court of Baddegama
Last date for filing of objections 20th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/14	Jagodage Inoka Kumuduni of Baddegama, Baddegama New City, Wincent Abeywikrama Mawatha.	Yes	Weiwiwi Kankanamge Lalani of Baddegama, Baddegama New City, Wincent Abeywikrama Mawatha. Petitioner

Date : 10.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Baddegama

District Court of Homagama
Last date for filing of objections 18th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
20663/T	Dimingupurage Chandradasa No. 121/2/3C, Swarna Place, Hokandara Road, Kottawa, Pannipitiya.	No	Kudaligamage Dayawathi No. 121/2/3C, Swarna Place, Hokandara Road, Kottawa, Pannipitiya.

Date : 02.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Homagama

District Court of Negombo
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
TS/1476/21	Bulathsinhala Aarachchige Gamin, No. 03, Shri Gangarama Mawatha, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15.	No	Walimuni Dewage Premawathi, No. 43/2, Amandoluwa, Seeduwa

Date : 15.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Negombo

District Court of Hingurakgoda
Last date for filing of objections 24th day of March 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
49/T/21	Raththiya Gedara Darmadasa alias Raththiya Gedara Darmadasa No. 29, Kumaragama, Hingurakgoda.	No	Ranthiya Gedara Sanduni Isanka Darmadasa alias Raththiya Gedara Sanduni Isanka Darmadasa No. 43, Kumaragama, Hingurakgoda.
48/T/21	Thennakoona Mudalige Hemawathi *Rajarata Sewana*, Diyabeduma, Polonnaruwa.	Yes	Divakara Mudiyansele Upali Thennakoona No. 168/2, Himbutana, Mulleriyawa - New Town.

Date : 21.10.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Hingurakgoda

District Court of Warakapola
Last date for filing of objections 24th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/18/2021	Gunawathie Wickramasinghe Medagoda, Warakapola.	No	Nilaksha Hemantha Kumara Medagoda, Warakapola.

Date : 10.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Warakapola

District Court of Avissawella
Last date for filing of objections 31st day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/1454/21	Lakshman Ratnasiri Pattiarachchi, Bope Watta Road, Bope, Padukka.	No	Kusumsiri Pattiarachchi, No. 169/01/A, Bope Watta Road, Padukka.

Date : 18.08.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Avissawella

District Court of Kandy
Last date for filing of objections 30th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
DTS 10/2021	Pitiduwa Gamage Kalyani Mendis 10, Katukele Lake Rd., Kandy.	No	Paranapalliya Guruge Gunapala 10, Katukele Lake Rd., Kandy.

Date : 03.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kandy

District Court of Embilipitiya
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/34/2021	Kasthuri Arachchige Premadasa alias Kasthuri Arachchige Premadasa 36/98, Hospital Road, New Town, Embilipitiya.	No	Sudesh Rangana Kasthuri Arachchige No. 36, Hospital Road, New Town, Embilipitiya.

Date : 11.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Embilipitiya

District Court of Panadura
Last date for filing of objections 03rd day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
873/T	Athapaththuge Janaka Chaminda No. 110, Siriraja Mawatha, Veedagama, Bandaragama.	No	Dona Indika Samanthi Kumuduni Athapaththu No. 110, Siriraja Mawatha, Veedagama, Bandaragama.

Date : 09.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Panadura

District Court of Kalutara
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T 382	Totagamuwege Ananda Wimalaweera Somasiri 'Saketha', Kiulawatta, Bombuwala.	No	Maddumage Lalitha Kanthi 'Saketha', Kiulawatta, Bombuwala.

Date : 09.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kalutara

District Court of Negombo
Last date for filing of objections 27th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
1474/T	Dinayadura Chanalata Somachandra, No. 117, Temple Road, Negombo.	Died without a Last Will	Rattaranhandi Sunil Ranjith Lal alias Rattaran Handi Sunil Ranjith Lal, No. 117, Temple Road, Negombo.

Date : 12.11.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Negombo

District Court of Avissawella
Last date for filing of objections 31st day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/1453/21	Bernard Neil Eustace De Jacolyn Seneviratne of Seethawaka Walawwa, Avissawella.	Last Will No. 735 of Sisira Ranalunge Public Notary	Dion Christoper Neil Bernard De Jacolyn Seneviratne, Seethawaka Walawwa, Avissawella.

Date : 18.08.2021 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Avissawella

District Court of Batticaloa
Last date for filing of objections 28th day of January 2022

SCHEDULE			
Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
District Court Registration No.	Name and Address of Deceased	Whether Deceased left Will	Name and Address of Applicant
T/1355/2021	Ponnaiah Somasuntharam Mahilavathan Aiythiyamalai	No	Somasuntharam Deyani No. 52/17, First Cross, Garment Road, Vijayapuram, Batticaloa.
T/1358/2021	Ganesha Poopathy Gopalaraman D/8/G/2, Manning Town Flats, Elvligala Mawatha, Matha Road, Colombo 08.	No	Ganesha Poopathy Gopalaraman "Ayothis", Cor Road, Arayampathy - 01

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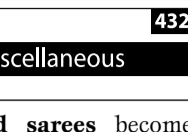
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Notice is hereby given by Neraluyana Estate (Private) Limited - PV 15534 situated at No. 93, Maya Avenue, Colombo 06. Share Certificate No. 01, Distinctive Nos from 01 to 01 in the name of Mr. Jayantha Asiri Pathikirikorale has been reported lost/misplaced and an application has been made by him to the company for issue of duplicate share certificate.

The company hereby invites claims or objections (in writing) for issuance of duplicate share certificate within the period of 14 (fourteen) days from the publication of this notice. In no claims / objections are received during this period the company shall be free to issue duplicate share certificate.

G R S Management & Secretarial Services (Pvt) Ltd

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED GOLD ARTICLES PAWNED

Biyagama Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Limited being a Pawning Agent of the Sri Lanka Co-operative Rural Banking Federation will sell by Public Auction, Gold Articles pawned in their Rural Bank Branches at **Kadawatha, Makola, Mawaramandiya, Malwana, Delgoda, Pattiwila, Biyagama, Galpotta, Meegahawatta, Heiyantuduwa, Bollegala, Pahala Biyanwila, Gonawala and Power House** Branches up to **30.06.2020** and still remain unredeemed at **19.12.2021 at 10.00 a.m. on 19.12.2021** at the Head Office premises of the Biyagama Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Limited.

General Manager Biyagama Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd., Samupakara Mandiraya, Mawaramandiya, Siyambalape. Tel. Nos. 0112977199 / 0112977071

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is to inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Special Power of Attorney No. 375 dated 11th June 2015 attested by S.S. Reshika Ruwani Notary Public of Gampaha registered under Volume 103, Folio 73 dated 17th November 2021 in the Registrar General's Department of Gampaha in favour of Weerasinghe Arachchige Chanaka Sugath (NIC 721003205V) of No. 426/62/1, HPT House, Welipillewa, Ganemulla and granted by me Niluka Courtis alias Weerasinghe Arachchige Niluka Dilrukshi (NIC 758151433V) of No. 426/62/1, HPT House, Welipillewa, Ganemulla presently at 43, Hillside, Witchurch, RG28 75N, Hants, United Kingdom is cancelled and revoked with effect from today and I also declare that I will not be responsible for any transaction entered by him on behalf of me from today.

Weerasinghe Arachchige Niluka Dilrukshi alias Niluka Courtis

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Sri Lanka Economic Association (SLEA) NOTICE

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.00 pm on Monday, 13th December, 2021 **online through Zoom** from the SLEA office at OPA Building, No: 275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07.

Members are requested to forward resolutions, if any, to reach the SLEA office before 29th November 2021, by letter or email.

Council of Management has resolved that the Annual General Meeting will be held **online using Zoom due to the prevailing health restrictions.**

Members are kindly requested to register with SLEA office by providing their names, membership number, if available, contact cell number and email, either to SLEA email or Web link or by phone/post to enable SLEA office to inform of the meeting ID and Pass Code.

Sri Lanka Economic Association, OPA, Professional Centre, 275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07.
Tel: SLEA Office - 0112559478
Coordinating Secretary - 0703889356
Email : slea.office@gmail.com
Website : www.slea.lk

Ministry of Agriculture

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors Year -2022

Applications are called under shopping method from qualified and eligible local manufacturers, local suppliers, contractors, community based organizations and authorized dealers of foreign suppliers for the supply of goods, works and services to the Ministry of Agriculture in year 2022.

Please visit the official website for further information www.agrimin.gov.lk.

Suppliers registered for the year 2021 are valid for the year 2022 and not required to re-register.

Duly completed application along with relevant documents and payment receipts should be sent by registered post or hand delivered to the Senior Assistant Secretary (Procurement), Ministry of Agriculture, No. 80/5, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla before **2.00 pm on 14.12.2021.**

Contact for more information. T.P. 0112-887406

Secretary Ministry of Agriculture

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER SEC.34 OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO.07 OF 2007

In pursuance of Sec.34 of the Companies Act No.07 of 2007 application has been made to the Registrar General of Companies for a licence directing a Forum about to be formed under the name "MOVE FRONT INSTITUTION" to be registered as a company limited by Guarantee without the addition of the word "Limited" to its name. The primary objects for which the Forum is proposed to be established are:

- (a) OBJECTS the company's objects are for the benefit of the public:
 - (1) To provide a holistic transformation of women, men, children, youth and disadvantaged communities by offering training, counselling, Capacity Building, empowerment, livelihood and exposure to life-changing innovations.
 - (2) Contribute to protect the nature and the environment whenever they are at risk and to support ecological agriculture and promote community-level measures to protect through the environment such as recycling waste and reducing the carbon foot print.
 - (3) Collaborate with various Companies both local and Foreign, which are in line with the objectives of our group, to provide and receive mutual assistance.
 - (4) providing to the awareness program, counselling, seminars, discussions, workshops for reducing use of human trafficking, develop the technical capacity of people in a building peace and harmony, Gender equality, Child development and rights, peace building, and social cohesion as well as income generation
- b) Other following activity consistent with the public good in the field.
 - (1) A universe where all men, women, children, youth and disadvantaged communities nature and environment can live in peace and harmony Develop the technical capacity of people in advocating for Gender equality, Child rights, peace building and social cohesion.
 - (2) As a group to get actively involved in building up a society capacities and sensitize women and children on sexual reproductive health, mental health and other preventable viral illnesses like HIV and chronic hepatitis
 - (3) Building and strengthening Civil Society Organizations capacities and promoting collaboration between public and private stakeholders
 - (4) To Support Community-led initiatives to develop their income with a focus on using sustainable development matures
 - (5) Engaging in activities to promote joint ventures between local children, youth, women organization, entrepreneur women and foreign organizations, with the main aim of bringing foreign Exchange to the country for the necessary technological know-how and management and marketing expertise.

Further details in Articles of Association can be examined where kept in No- 310, ORUWELLA, KATUNERIYA. notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may make such objection within 21 days from this publication, by a letter addressed to the Registrar General of Companies, 400, D.R. Wijewardena Maw, Colombo 10.

Bord of Directors (JAYASINGHE ARACHCHIGE KAWYA PARAMI & WEERAKKODI ARACHCHIGE SHAMAL HANSANA SILVA)

Municipal Council - Kurunegala

Procurement Notice

Municipal Council Kurunegala Municipal Commissioner of Municipal Council Kurunegala invites tenders for the following Item

S/N	Industry/ Service	Tender Form Fees + VAT 8% Rs.	Grade for Construction	Tender Fee Deposits/ Bid Securities can be in the form of Cash or Bank Guarantee (Refundable) Rs.	Allocation
1.	Calling for project proposals under DESIGN AND BUILD method to sanitary landfilling at Sundarapola Solid Waste Management Center belonging to Kurunegala Municipal Council	Rs.10,000.00	C3 or above	Rs.2,000,000.00	Municipal Council Allocations and Central Government Allocations
2.	Cleaning Service for New Office Complex	Rs.2,000.00	Not Applicable	Rs.20,000.00	Municipal Council Allocations

The Municipal Commissioner of Kurunegala Municipal Council has decided to call for open national competitive bids from qualified institutions in the island for the above tender and to call for project proposals. Accordingly Procurement documents can be inspected during the office hours from **8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.** on weekdays Bidding documents for the above bidding can be obtained from the **Municipal Accounts Department** during office hours from **24.11.2021 to 13.12.2021** until **2.00 p.m.**

The tender will be opened on **14.12.2021** at **2.00 p.m.** at the Committee Meeting Hall of the Municipal Council and the bidder or their authorized representative can participate. Other particulars can be obtained along with the tender documents.

Pre bid meeting regarding Item No. 01 will be held on **07.12.2021** at the Municipal Committee Meeting Hall at **10.00 a.m.**

Further details can be obtained on **0374941869 / 0374941868**

Municipal Commissioner Municipal Council Kurunegala

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CORRIGENDUM LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) Notice under Section 7

My No : KOLDS/LND/05/ACQ/23
Land Ministry Ref : 13/99/VEP/133

I hereby give notice that the extent of the land and the dates indicated in the notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act published under 09-89 in the Gazette Extraordinary bearing No. 1407/2 dated 12th August 2005 and under 04-217 in the Government Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka bearing No. 2220/33 dated 23.03.2021 on the above caption are expurgated and replaced with revised extent of the land and the dates.

Facts to be expurgated

193,426 Hectares depicted as Lot A, B, C, D, E and F in the advance trace No. R/K/L/N/99/195K/L/N/99/195 prepared by the Surveyor General and situated in the Village of Ullinduwa depicted in the F.V.P. 790 prepared by the Surveyor General
21.06.2021
10.00 a.m. on 28.06.2021

Facts to be replaced with

Land called Panilkanda Waththa in extent about 40.1709 Hectares depicted as Lot Nos. 815, 818, 819, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825 in the F.V.P. 790 Extra No. 16 Sheet No. 16 prepared by the Sureyor General
10.00 a.m. on 29.12.2021
23.12.2021

Amila Wijerathne
Divisional Secretary,
Kolonna.

At the Divisional Secretariat, Kolonna.
On 21.09.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Niyagama Pradeshiya Sabha

Consultancy Services for Design and Estimating of Construction of Main Office Building for Niyagama Pradeshiya Sabha

- The Chairman of Procurement Committee invites proposals to provide the above consulting services for Designing and Estimating.
- Consultants may obtain further information from Niyagama Pradeshiya Sabha at the address given below from 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on weekdays from 24th November to 07th December 2021.
- A complete set of RFP (Request for Proposals) in English language can be obtained by consultants on submission of a written application to the address below free of charge from 24th November to 06th December 2021.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a refundable tender deposit of Rs. 50,000/= . This should be deposited in cash at Niyagama Pradeshiya Sabha and the 'original bill copy' has to be attached to the 'original bid document'
- Pre bid meeting will be held on 02nd December 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at Niyagama Pradeshiya Sabha.
- Proposals must be inserted in the tender box placed at the address below or sent by registered post on or before 07th December 2021 at 2.00 p.m. Late proposals will be rejected.
- Proposals will be opened in the presence of the consultants or consultants' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 2.30 p.m. on 07th December 2021.
- The Procurement Committee decision to accept or reject bids will be the final regarding bids.

Chairman - Niyagama Pradeshiya Sabha
Chairman of Procurement Committee
Niyagama Pradeshiya Sabha,
Niyagama.

Tel. : 091-4944231 Fax : 091-2296518
E-mail : niyagamaps@gmail.com
24.11.2021

Colombo Municipal Council

Amendment to the Bid Opening Date

It is hereby notified that the opening date of Tenders **CPD18/1054/2021** and **CPD18/2790/2021** only should be amended as **26.11.2021** with reference to the Tender Notice published on **05.11.2021**.

Roshini Dissanayake, Attorney-at-Law
Municipal Commissioner,
Colombo Municipal Council.



CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TENDER FOR THE TRANSPORT OF PACKED GOODS FOR CPC HEAD OFFICE AND REFINERY - 2022/2023 (FOR SEA/AIR CARGO & LOCAL GOODS)
B/77/2021

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) invites sealed bids from reputed Transport Contractors, who possess the capability of commandeering a minimum of ten (10) lorries of two and a half/five ton (2.5 to 5 ton) capacity and ten (10) Nos. of container transporting lorries and one 20 ft. low/high bed trailer with prime mover and any other vehicle requested by CPC as per price schedule depending on the requirement, for the transportation of packaged goods and container transportation from Katunayake Airport, Colombo Port and Hambantota Port to respective locations at CPC.

The contract will be for a minimum period of one year. However this may be extendable to a further period subject to the total value of the contract on mutual agreement, at the same rates and on the same conditions.

To be eligible for awarding the Contract, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have complied with the eligibility and qualifications criteria stated in the Bidding Documents.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the bidders can download the bidding document from CPC website, i.e. <http://ceypetco.gov.lk/public-tenders/>. The bidders should pay a non-refundable fee of Rs.1,000.00 (Rs. 925.83 + 8% VAT) to the Account No. 004100110208633 of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation of People's Bank (Head Office) and the payment receipt should be submitted along with the Bid.

All bids should be accompanied by Bid Security amounts to Rs. 140,000.00

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs. on 15.12.2021 and opened in the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation at the address given below, immediately after the closing time of the Bid. Bidders or their authorized representatives may present at the opening of the Bid.

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 09, Sri Lanka.
Tel: 5455331/5666225
Fax: 5455424

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that we, **Iyathurai Kulenthiran** and wife **Pankayatselvi** formerly of Moolai South, Chulipura, Jaffna and presently of 5252, Rue De Darroise Pierrefonds (QC) HSZ 0A6 have this day revoked cancelled and annulled **Special Power of Attorney dated 28.08.2019 attested by Me Lilia Talmaci Notary Public of Canada and Power of Attorney No. 2485** dated 26.11.2018 attested by **Sellathurai Kanagasabapathy** Notary Public of Jaffna appointing Nadarajah Senthamilchelvan of Moolai South, Chulipuram, Jaffna and we shall not henceforth ratify and or be responsible for any act, power, deed, matters thing done by him on behalf of us.

IYATHURAI KULENTHIRAN
PANKAYATSELVI

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is to inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Special Power of Attorney No. 67 dated 03rd March 2013 attested by Eranga Pinnaduwa Notary Public of Colombo registered under Volume 2127, Folio 90 dated 07th March 2013 in the Registrar General's Department of Colombo in favour of Weerasinghe Arachchige Nishanthi Nirmala (NIC 836063830V) of No. 59/6, Pathamaperuma Mawatha, Galahitiyawa, Ganemulla and granted by me Weerasinghe Arachchige Niluka Dilrukshi Courtis (NIC 758151433V) of No. 426/62, HPT House, Welipillewa, Ganemulla presently at 43, Hillside, Witchurch, RG28 7SN, Hants, United Kingdom is cancelled and revoked with effect from today and I also declare that I will not be responsible for any transaction entered by her on behalf of me from today.

Weerasinghe Arachchige Niluka
Dilrukshi Courtis

Request for Proposals for Fixed Assets Verification and Reconciliation

LPA/13/2021

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd (ANCL), calls for proposals from reputed Accounting & Audit Firms to submit a proposal for Fixed Assets Verification and reconciliation. The scope includes the physical verification & ascertains the location of the assets and reconciliation with assets register.

Entities who are interested in providing the above mentioned services to ANCL are requested to submit a proposal including,

- Company profile
- References and contact details
- Financial proposal with all taxes

Proposals should be sent in sealed envelope marked as "Proposals for Fixed Assets Verification & Reconciliation" on the left hand corner and sent to **Hand of Procurement on or before 07th December 2021 at 2.30 p.m.**

The Associated Newspaper of Ceylon Ltd reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason what so ever.

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WESTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

- The Chairman, **Procurement Committee of Divisional Engineer's office - Gampaha** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following work as described below.
- I. "Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Total Cost Estimate of this procurement (excluding VAT and other taxes) is below Rs.50Mn., regional Preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No.04/2016(iii)."
II. Public Finance Circular No 03/2020(i) is entitled to this Procurement and, "If the State Owned Enterprises (SOE) are quoted for bids, five percent (5%) preference will be given."
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted or assigned contracts should not be defaulted or not completed in given time period beyond bidders control or terminated prematurely and shall meet the following requirements and Qualifications should be fulfilled as in the Bidding Document.

(1) Serial No.	(2) Contract No.	(3) Description of Work	(4) Direct Estimate Cost (Rs.)	(5) Requirement of Public Contracts Act No. 03	(6) CIDA Registration	(7) Non-Refundable Fee (Rs.)	(8) Bid Security/ Cash Deposit Validity Period	(9) Place of submission of bidding documents and Contact Phone No.	(10) Place of Issuing bidding documents and Contact Phone No.
Procurement for Construction									
1	WP/DEG/ CON/21/01	Works of 3,4 years building (Jacketing of columns and beams) at Dompe P.V. - Stage 01	5,486,000.00	Yes	C7 and C6	3,000.00	Cash Deposit - Rs.50,000.00 Bid Security - Rs.100,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office, Gampaha, No. 50, Court Road, Gampaha. T.P. - 0332222515	Divisional Engineer's Office Gampaha, No.50, Court Road Gampaha. T.P. - 0332222515

- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Divisional Engineer's Office - Gampaha** and may free inspect the bidding documents at the same office during office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any prospective Bidder or their accredited agent on the submission of a written request to the **Divisional Engineer - Gampaha** upon payment of a non-refundable fee from **09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** on any working day from **25.11.2021** until **13.12.2021**. Payment shall be made in cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate with separate envelopes, project name written at the top left-hand corner and addressed to the **Divisional Engineer's Office - Gampaha** on or before **14.12.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be rejected.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security or cash deposit (as in Column No. 08 of the Table)
- Bidder shall have been registered under the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 and the Certificate of Registration should be submitted. (as in the Column No.06 of the Table).

Divisional Engineer, Divisional Engineer's Office,
No. 50, Court Road,
Gampaha.
T.P.- 033 2222515
23.11.2021

Ministry of Trade

Co-operative Wholesale Establishment

Invitation for Quotations for Audit Activities

Quotations are invited from eligible Institutions possessing qualifications mentioned below for Audit activities regarding marketing of imported Rice in the Year 2018 by the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment.

- Should be an Accountant registered at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka
- Should have completed Audit work of a minimum of Five Institutions certified by the Government.

Only Institutions possessing the eligibilities mentioned above, along with copies of certificates regarding experience should submit applications obtained on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 to the Cashier. Applications should be enclosed in an envelope and sealed and inserted in the Tender Box No. 10 to receive before 1200 hours on 06.12.2021 and Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter.

A refundable Tender Deposit of Rs. 15000.00 should be paid before 10.00 a.m. on 06.12.2021 when submitting Tenders. The Tender Board retains the right of the final decision.



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