

Sialkot murder: Confident PM Khan can deliver justice - PM



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Saturday said that the people of Sri Lanka are confident that Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan will keep to his commitment to bring all those involved in the brutal murder of the Sri Lankan factory manager in Sialkot to justice.

The Prime Minister in a tweet said that he was shocked to see the brutal and

fatal attack on Priyantha Diyawadana by an extremist mob in Pakistan.

"Shocking to see the brutal and fatal attack on Priyantha Diyawadana by extremist mobs in Pakistan. My heart goes out to his wife and family. Sri Lanka and her people are confident that PM Imran Khan will keep to his commitment to bring all those involved to justice", the Prime Minister tweeted.

Sialkot murder: Pakistan PM assures swift punishment



Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has assured President Gotabaya Rajapaksa that the perpetrators of the brutal murder of Sri Lankan Priyantha Kumara, who worked at a factory in Pakistan, will be brought to justice.

In a telephone call to the President, Prime Minister Khan stated that the long-standing friendship and trust between the two countries will never

be compromised. All the videos and information related to the incident have been obtained by the Pakistani Security Forces.

The Pakistani Prime Minister said that 113 suspects have already been arrested and the search for the remaining suspects is ongoing, a statement issued by the Presidential Media Division said on Saturday. **TO PAGE 02**

RICHER NATIONS MUST HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES POST PANDEMIC - PRESIDENT

REGION SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO REVIVE ECONOMY

MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS MUST RESTRUCTURE, GRANT MORATORIA FOR DEBT REPAYMENTS OF POORER COUNTRIES



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa emphasized that everyone in the region should work together to revive the economy after the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

The President made these remarks delivering the Inaugural Address at the Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) held in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on Saturday (4). The measures taken worldwide to combat the pandemic, although they proved invaluable in saving countless lives, came at a steep cost. The rapid decline in economic activity these measures caused have had serious long-term consequences on global travel, trade, and economic growth.

The President pointed out that devel-

oping countries in particular have been very badly impacted by this and that this can only be achieved through the support provided by richer nations to developing countries.

The President said the COVID-19 pandemic will not end until everyone, everywhere is inoculated against the virus and requested the nations with capabilities to provide assistance to underprivileged nations to make their vaccination drives productive. In contrast to the leadership provided by the World Health Organisation (WHO) for the global pandemic response, no world institution has stepped forward to help countries navigate their economic recovery. **TO PAGE 02**

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa making the inaugural speech at the Indian Ocean Conference in Abu Dhabi on Saturday. **Picture courtesy Presidential Media Division.**



Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Sri Lankan Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai on Saturday. **Picture by Jeevan Chandimal, Presidential Media Division.**

UAE leader meets President at Expo 2020

UAE's Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, met President Gotabaya Rajapaksa during his visit to the country's Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai.

During the meeting, Sheikh

Mohammed bin Rashid expressed the UAE's keenness to boost bilateral relations with all friendly countries based on the principles of trust, mutual respect and cooperation.

The Sri Lankan President congratulated Sheikh Mohammed on the

UAE's 50th National Day. President Rajapaksa highlighted the UAE's prominent status both regionally and globally, its capabilities across various sectors, and the UAE leadership's keenness to expand bilateral cooperation with nations around the world. **TO PAGE 02**

Sialkot victim's remains brought tomorrow



The remains of Diyawadana Don Nandasiri Priyantha Kumara who was killed by a mob in Sialkot area in Pakistan on December 3 will be despatched to Sri Lanka tomorrow by SriLankan Airlines at state cost. **TO PAGE 02**

SLBFE to provide relief to Sialkot murder victim's family

Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva has instructed the Foreign Employment Promotion Ministry and the Foreign Employment Bureau (SLBFE) to provide maximum relief to the family and to prepare a programme for the future welfare for dependents of the Sri Lankan manager of a factory who was murdered in Pakistan. **TO PAGE 02**

Parliament condemns Sialkot lynching

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL AND AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Both Government and Opposition MPs on Saturday condemned the brutal murder of the Sri Lankan manager Priyantha Kumara Diyawadana in a Pakistani factory by an extremist mob in Sialkot in Pakistan. **TO PAGE 02**



Expats encouraged to remit via official channels

US\$ 300 mn fall in expat remittances - CBSL



RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

The Central Bank has planned a series of incentives and benefits to ensure that more migrant workers send remittances to the island via official channels.

CB Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal announced to the media on Saturday about the proposed plan and listed some of the benefits the Bank hopes to introduce, such as insurance

and pension schemes. Apart from export earnings and tourism receipts, the foreign remittance inflow which is the hard-earned money of the Sri Lankan migrant workers plays a major

role in strengthening the country's economy, he said.

In such a backdrop, the CBSL has observed a fall in foreign remittances over the past months, with US\$ 300 million

in October alone. The main suspicion is that people may be using unofficial and sometimes questionable channels to send money, bypassing proper mechanisms. **TO PAGE 02**

Act with restraint, intelligence as Sri Lankans - Army Chief



ASELA KURULUWANSA

At a moment when the Pakistani Prime Minister has said that the law will be strictly imposed in connection with the murder of a Sri Lankan in that country, we should make this an opportunity to show the world that as Sri Lankans we are a race which acts with intelligence, the Army Commander General Shavendra Silva said. **TO PAGE 02**

Award for man who tried save Sri Lankan executive - PM Khan

Prime Minister Imran Khan yesterday announced that the man who tried saving the Sri Lankan executive Priyantha Kumara Diyawadana during the recent lynching incident will be awarded the Tamgha i Shujaat, the second-highest civil award for bravery bestowed by Pakistan.

"On behalf of the nation I want to salute the moral courage & brav-

ery of Malik Adnan who tried his utmost to shelter & save Priyantha Diyawadana from the vigilante mob in Sialkot (including) endangering his own life by physically trying to shield the victim. We will award him Tamgha i Shujaat, the second-highest civil award for bravery bestowed by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan" the Pakistani Prime Minister tweeted.

Sapugaskanda refinery to recommence operations tomorrow

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said that operations at the Sapugaskanda oil refinery, which were temporarily suspended, will recommence tomorrow (07). **TO PAGE 02**

All forces will unite under JVP - MP Herath

ASELA KURULUWANSA

A national alliance under the leadership of JVP leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake and supported by several political parties will be formed considering the

current situation in the country, Jathika Jana Balawegaya (NPP) MP Vijitha Herath. He stated this in Hatton during the NPP's *Gamen Patan Gamu* programme yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**



TNA delegation to meet PM Modi on 13A

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE

Tamil National Alliance (TNA) Leader R. Sampanthan and a group of others are scheduled to travel to India next week to discuss the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

TNA Vanni District MP Selvam Addikalanathan said.

He said that the TNA made this decision subsequent to a discussion held with Indian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka who has been here for a long length of time. **TO PAGE 02**

Rights activists in Karachi protest against attack

A group of rights activists in Karachi held a demonstration to protest against the shameful Sialkot incident, in which a Sri Lankan factory manager was lynched and his body was burnt on flimsy allegations of committing religious sacrilege.

They demanded the state to play its role in ending vigilante justice, foreign news reports said. **TO PAGE 02**

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President orders setting up of Green Agriculture Operations Centre

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has decided to establish a 'Green Agriculture Operations Centre' to systematically and sustainably fulfill the priorities identified to make Sri Lanka a 'green' country. This is being implemented under the direction of the Chief of Defence Staff and Army Commander General Shavendra Silva. The President instructed that this Operative Centre should give priority to a number of functions including the amalgamation of Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd and Ceylon Fertilizers Company Limited as

the National Organic Fertilizer and Distribution Company. Further, the Green Agriculture Operative Centre would encourage the production of solid and liquid organic fertilizers in accordance with standards; provide fertilizers free to the farmers on time; fulfill the fertilizer demand in the district; accelerate the production of paddy, maize and other grains, fruits and vegetables; promote quality seeds and seedlings suitable for green agriculture; coordinate the work of all officials from the highest level to the ground level involved in agricul-

ture and distribution of food crop products; and promote health education and communication programmes on organic food consumption. The Operative Centre should also coordinate with the two Presidential Task Forces established to transform Sri Lanka into a Green Social Economy with sustainable solutions to climate change. The Operative Centre for Green Agriculture is also responsible for organizing the National Green Economy Council, which holds meetings once every two weeks under the chairmanship of the President.

Committee on High Posts approves appointments of seven State Secretaries

The appointments of seven Secretaries to the State Ministries and one High Commissioner have been approved by the Committee on High Posts, Secretary General Dhammika Dasanayake said. The appointment of A.M.J. Sadiq as the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to the Republic of Maldives was approved at the Committee on High Posts chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena on Friday (3). Furthermore, the appointments of K.M.S.D. Jayasekara as the Secretary to the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-School and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services and N.H.M. Chitranda as the Secretary to the State Ministry of Home Affairs also received the approval of the Committee on High Posts, the Secretary General said. The Committee has also approved the appointments of A.K.W.W.M.N.K. Weerasekara as the Secretary to the State Ministry of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health and Dr. D.S.P. Amal Harsha De Silva as the Secretary to

the State Ministry of Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandry and Minor Economic Crop Cultivation. Appointments of S.G. Wijayabandu as the Secretary to the State Ministry of Rural and Divisional Drinking Water Supply Projects Development, Eng. Keerthi Ranjith Abeysirwardana as the Secretary to the State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction and Building Materials Industries Promotion and Jayantha Chandrasoma as the Secretary to the State Ministry of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish, Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbor Development, Multiday Fishing Activities and Fish Exports were also approved by the Committee of High Posts. Ministers Dinesh Gunawardana, Douglas Devananda, (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Udaya Gammanpila, (Dr.) Keheliya Rambukwella, State Minister Vidura Wickramanayaka and Parliamentarians John Seneviratne, Rishad Bathiudeen, Thalatha Athukorala and D. Siddarthan were present at the Committee meeting.

SL Envoy calls on Botswana Minister

Sri Lankan High Commissioner for South Africa Sirisena Amarasekara recently visited the Republic of Botswana and held bilateral discussions with its Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation Dr. Lemogang Kwape. High Commissioner Amarasekara conveyed greetings from Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris to Dr. Lemogang Kwape. During the discussion, High Commissioner Amarasekara spoke of the friendly relationship between the two countries while Minister Kwape showed appreciation towards the contributions made by Sri Lankan professionals to the economy and public administration system of Botswana. Highlighting the importance of collaborations between the diamond industry of Botswana and the gem and jewellery industry of Sri Lanka, both parties agreed to study the potentials of these industries to generate more employment opportunities and achieve greater economic growth. Industrial cooperation is particularly beneficial to both countries as the high-quality diamonds mined in Botswana can be crafted into high-quality jewellery by Sri Lanka's skilled jewellery craftsmen. Moreover, Minister Kwape drew attention to the tea industries in both Sri Lanka and Botswana, encouraging cooperation between them. The High Commission of Sri Lanka in South Africa is concurrently accredited to the Republic of Botswana.



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Keynote Speakers



Prof. Charles W. W. Ng - Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

Prof. Charles Ng is the current President of the ISSMGE. Also, he is the Dean of HKUST Fok Ying Tung Graduate School, CLP Holdings Professor of Sustainability and Chair Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the HKUST. He obtained his PhD from the University of Bristol, UK in 1993. Professor Ng was elected an Overseas Fellow by Churchill College, the University of Cambridge, a Fellow of Royal Academy of Engineering, a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences, and a Changjiang Scholar. He is also a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers (UK), the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. Currently, he is an Associate Editor of the Canadian Geotechnical Journal. Prof. Ng has published some 350 SCI journal articles and 250 conference papers and delivered more than 80 keynote and state-of-the-art reports across six continents. He is the main author of three reference books.



Distinguished Prof. Buddhima Indraratna - University of Technology Sydney, Australia (UTS)

Professor Buddhima Indraratna is one of the world's leading researchers in ground improvement and transportation geotechnics. He obtained his PhD from the University of Alberta in 1987. He is the current Research Director at the Transport Research Centre; Faculty of Engineering & Information Technology, UTS and the Founding Director of the National Industrial Transformation Training Centre for Advanced Railroad Technologies funded by the Australian Research Council. He is also a Distinguished Conjoint Professor at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand; Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China and Beijing Jiaotong (Transport) University, Beijing, China. Professor Buddhima is a Fellow of the prestigious Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (FTSE), as well as a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia (FIEAust), the American Society of Civil Engineers (FASCE), and the Geological Society of UK (FGS). He has more than 700 publications including over 300 reputed journal papers, 10 books and over 50 invited keynote papers.



Dr. Brian Simpson - Principal of Arup Geotechnics and an Honorary Professor, University of Nottingham, UK.

Dr. Brian Simpson is an Arup Fellow, a Principal of Arup Geotechnics and an Honorary Professor at the University of Nottingham, UK. His pioneering research on the applications of finite element analysis to the highly non-linear behaviour of soils earned him a PhD from Cambridge in 1971. He was the BGA Rankine Lecturer in 1992. He presented a state-of-the-art report on Geotechnical Analysis and Design at the 2009 international conference of ISSMGE. Since the early 1980's, he has been involved in the development of Eurocode 7 (Geotechnical Design) and has authored two commentaries on Eurocode 7 and several papers on various related issues. He has worked on a wide range of geotechnical and ground-structure interaction problems, maintaining particular interests in numerical modelling, retaining structures, foundations and tunnels. He was one of the expert witnesses invited to the Public Enquiry in Singapore following the collapse of the Nicoll Highway Station during construction in 2004-5.



Dr. Chris Harberfield - Principal Geotechnical Engineer Golder Associates Pty Ltd.

Dr. Chris Harberfield obtained his PhD from Monash University in 1988. He was a full-time academic at Monash until 2004 before becoming a full-time consultant by joining Golder Associates where he is currently a Principal Geotechnical Engineer. Dr. Chris has extensive experience in piled foundation design and analysis, numerical and analytical modelling, laboratory and field testing of geomaterials, stress analysis, ground structure interaction problems. Dr. Chris Harberfield has published over 140 refereed papers many of them dealing with ground structure interaction problems, pile performance and analysis. He was awarded the Australian Geomechanics Society's 2007 EH Davis Memorial Lecture for his work in foundations in weak rock.



Prof. Krishna Reddy - University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

Professor Krishna Reddy is a University Scholar, Distinguished Researcher, and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the Director of Sustainable Engineering Research Laboratory (SERL), and also the Director of the Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering Laboratory (GAGEL) in the Department of Civil, Materials, and Environmental Engineering at the UIC. Prof. Reddy received PhD in Civil Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, USA. Prof. Reddy's research expertise includes geotechnical engineering, environmental site remediation, waste management/landfills, and sustainable engineering. He is also the author of 266 journal papers, 27 edited books/conference proceedings, 22 book chapters, 4 major books and 226 full conference papers. Prof. Reddy has given 231 invited presentations in the U.S.A. and 21 other countries. He serves as Associate Editor/Editorial Board Member of over 10 journals.

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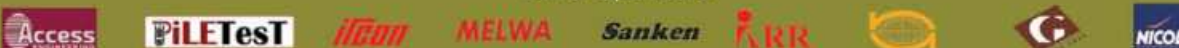
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Attention has been given to extend Colombo-Beliatta Railway Line to Kataragama - Transport Minister

Transport Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi told Parliament on Saturday (4) that attention has been given to extending the Colombo-Beliatta Railway Line to Kataragama.

"We are debating the Expenditure Heads of the Transport Ministry at a time when the Transport Sector is badly affected due to the COVID pandemic and long lockdowns. Due to the travel restrictions and the lockdowns, the private bus operators, their drivers and conductors and school transport operators faced a serious financial crisis," she

added. The Minister also said that over the past 70 years, the Transport Sector had very little progress.

She was speaking during the Budget Committee Stage Debate on the Expenditure Heads of several Ministries, including the Transport Ministry.

The Minister also said that a Cabinet paper has been submitted to buy 600 buses to the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) and that steps are being taken to further develop the Sisu Sariya and Gemi Sariya bus services. Minister Wanniarachchi, however, said that due to

inconsistent granting of permits and preferential treatment towards certain private bus operators, the country's private bus service is in a total mess. She said that as a result, passengers suffer as these busses are only interested in profits. "The bus drivers are overtaking each other putting passengers in danger," the Minister said.

Minister Wanniarachchi said that she will transform the Transport Sector to a better service in keeping with the modern trends for the benefit of the country's future generation.



PARLIAMENT

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Opposition should not level allegations against Govt.'s MPs hiding behind Parliament Privileges - Minister Johnston

The Opposition should not level allegations against the Government or sling mud at Government MPs hiding behind Parliament Privileges, Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said in Parliament yesterday (5).

Minister Fernando was referring to the incident that took place in Parliament between State Minister Kanchana Wijesekera and Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Manusha Nanayakkara. "The Opposition should know better, if they are coming to attack the Speaker, we cannot allow that. If MP Manusha Nanayakkara had a problem regarding his time allocation, he could have stayed in his seat and raised a Point of Order. He did not speak like that. He rose from his seat and went to the Speaker. If he car-

ried a sign saying that I am going to sort things out with the Speaker nicely, we would have understood that. Without that, how can we know? He went there directly to attack Speaker. So this creates problems. We need to protect the Speaker, and we need to protect the Government. Otherwise, we do not want to attack MPs. We have enough power in the House. Majority of the people are standing with us. So we do not need to create unnecessary pressure on any MP. However, if someone is making references to a father, it is not correct. Former Minister Mahinda Wijesekera, who is unwell for a long term due to a terrorist attack, if someone is talking ill of him, it is improper. The Opposition at least should know to respect parents. The

Opposition MPs should know better than hiding behind Parliament Privileges. We do not call it practising democracy. This is not the way of Parliament," the Minister said.

"There should be a limit to slinging mud. Now they are making implications on a bed-ridden father. We cannot allow that in this House. MP Manusha Nanayakkara came to hit the Speaker. Now these Opposition MPs are fleeing the scene because they cannot face this debate. They have no logic or information. They are only trying to show the international community that there is no democracy practised in the House. They are slinging mud against Government MPs nonstop for the same cause. The Opposition slings mud at the President,



who governs this country democratically. The Opposition is only spreading rumours because it is politically bankrupt," the Minister said.

Roads will be developed sans any political agenda - Minister Johnston

Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said that the Government's programme to develop roads in the country will be carried out sans any political agenda and added that developing roads is a significant for rapid economic progress.

Minister Fernando was delivering the reply speech at the Debate on the Expenditure Head of the Highways Ministry on Saturday (4).

"The project to develop 100,000 km of roads envisioned by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will be completed within five years," Minister Fernando said. The Minister said that his Minis-

try will facilitate the farmers to reach the cities easily to transport their goods, let the children reach the schools without any transportation difficulties and the public servants reach their offices with no delays and foreigners to visit the country with all necessary transportation facilities.

Minister Fernando said that although the previous Yahapalana Government did not have challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic, the war or economic crisis, its poor management skills destroyed the economy and the hopes of the youth. "The Opposition is now spreading rumours and trying to destab-

lilise the Government," the Minister added.

The Minister also said that the Opposition MPs had fled the House without facing the debates or come up with logical arguments or proper solutions.

Minister Fernando also said that Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's name will always be remembered as a leader who contributed immensely for the road development of the country. Had the Mahinda Rajapaksa Government been in power in 2015, the construction of the Kandy and Dambulla Expressways would have been completed by now, the Minister said.

Inquiry requested into MP Manusha's attempt to threaten Speaker

The Ruling Party Parliamentarians on Saturday requested Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena to inquire into MP Manusha Nanayakkara's attempt to threaten the Speaker in Parliament on Friday evening.

They also requested the Speaker to initiate an investigation into the allegation by an Opposition member G. Ponnambalam made on Friday that the Chief Opposition Whip did not convey his concerns to the Speaker, which was his responsibility.

These requests were made following Chief Opposition Whip MP Lakshman Kiriella demanding an inquiry into an incident that took place on Friday when MP Manusha Nanayakkara demanded for five more minutes after 5 pm, the time that was decided to adjourn the House for the day. MP Kiriella said that the Government side MPs attempted to assault them.

Leader of the House and Minister Gunawardena said that the Chief Opposition Whip could recall that an Opposition member was the first to rush towards the Speaker and therefore, as it was the responsibility of all to enable to continue with the Parliamentary

proceeding, the other members went there. He said that the first MP to rush there was an Opposition MP.

He also said that Opposition MP G. Ponnambalam on Friday alleged that the Chief Opposition Whip had not handed over his letter to the Speaker, which was Minister Johnston responsibility. An investigation should be initiated on it, too.

Chief Government Whip and Minister Johnston Fernando said that as Manusha Nanayakkara rushed towards the Speaker and he too went there to protect the Speaker to allow him to continue the Parliamentary proceedings. He requested the Speaker to inquire into MP Manusha Nanayakkara's attempt to threaten him. He added that when the Opposition members were in the former Good Governance Government, they at least did not grant a point of order to the Opposition (the present government).

Many other members joined the debate.

However, the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MPs walked out of Parliament later without taking part in the Debate.

Fair criticism will be accepted but not false ones - State Minister Lanza

Rural Roads and other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza said in Parliament on Saturday (4) that he accepts fair criticism but will not back down for fear of false criticism from the Opposition.

"During the past two years, there was a problem that even the most powerful and wealthy countries could not face. That was the COVID pandemic. We thought the COVID crisis would be solved, but a new variant has emerged. Therefore, the whole world is in a crisis again. The relationship between us and the rest of the world has come to a standstill. Countries have to close. Travel restrictions have to be imposed. Due to this, the development of our country as well as the world has come to a standstill. The economy is in recession. It is at such a difficult time that Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa has presented this Budget," the State Minister said.

State Minister Lanza said that even under such trying

times, the President had commenced the development of 100,000 km of rural roads to enable the rural folk to transport their produce and animal products to the market, uplifting their financial status.

The State Minister said that no injustice was allowed to the North and East road development either.

The State Minister said was participating in the Debate on the Expenditure Head of the Highways Ministry on Saturday. "Fulfilling the promise made by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to the country, the project to develop 100,000 km of roads under the Vistas of Prosperity Vision will be completed by five years," the State Minister said.

The State Minister also recalled the construction of the Kokilai Bridge. He said that although the Good Governance Government that had been in power for five years had laid the foundation stone for the bridge, it had not been built. The State Minister said that some disparities in devel-

opment could be seen in the North and East due to the stagnation of development during the last 30 years of war. The State Minister added that 300 km of road development had been initiated in the Jaffna District alone and several other development projects had also been initiated.

"In particular, under the 100,000 km Road Development Project, we hope to develop rural roads to facilitate the transport of rural, agricultural and animal products and other rural products to the city in time," the State Minister said.

State Minister Lanza said that the former Highways Minister in the Good Governance Government asks how much it will cost to build a kilometer. "You can't tell the exact number without looking at the width of the road and the location of that road. Prices vary depending on the length, width and nature of the terrain. Asking questions about something like this is stupid. That is why the Good

Governance Government did not build a single road," he added.

The State Minister said that taking into account the road development, there is no era to match the era of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. "When we went abroad and saw those roads, we did not in our wildest dreams imagine that such roads could be built here. During the COVID pandemic, developing roads continued despite worldwide work stoppages. Road Development Officers continued working. This is why even the World Bank today praises it. Today we have been granted loans from the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank," the State Minister said.

The Minister said that the Opposition had levelled various allegations during the construction of the Lankagama-Meemure Road. He said that however, the roads here attract tourists today.

The Minister said that constructive criticisms by the Opposition were acceptable.



He said that as a result of such constructive criticism, the flooding of the Central Expressway in the Gampaha District had been rectified.

The State Minister also said that over 68,000 roads have been identified. "More than 30,000 tenders have been issued. Therefore, we will complete 40,000 km by 2022. We will also implement the 5,000 Bridges Project and construction of 800 bridges has been commenced. All planned roads have been completed. We will extend the Expressway Network to the North and East up to Ampara. When all these Expressway Networks are integrated, the people will save a lot of time and money. Those who talked about the environment did not plant a single tree during their time. Our Ministry has planted 100,000 saplings. One million saplings will be planted next year," State Minister Lanza said.

Duties of Engineers, other Senior Officials being interrupted - SJB MP Hashim

Duties of the Engineers and the Senior Officials are being interrupted and these interruptions should be brought to an end enabling them to work for the country, Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Parliamentarian Kabir Hashim said in Parliament on Saturday.

The MP said that he has been informed with anonymous letters that the duties of engineers in the Highways Ministry and other senior officials are hindered. The MP added that those engineers are assets to the Ministry as they work for the Government without joining the Private Sector. He, therefore, requested the Ministry to take actions

in this regard. The MP was participating in the Committee Stage Debate on the Budget Proposals 2022 under several Financial Heads including the Highways Ministry, Transport Ministry and the Labour Ministry.

MP Hashim appreciated State Minister Nimal Lanza for cooperating with the officials in the Ministry and for his commitment.

MP Kabir Hashim said that during the Good Governance Government, they did not reduce the 6-track Expressway from Kadawatha to Meerigama to 4-tracks. The MP added that it was planned to construct the basement for six-tracks and



construct only four tracks. The other two will be constructed after 15 years. MP Kabir added, however, they designed and initiated the construction of a sophisticated interchange at the Kadawatha Expressway. He added that they extended the length of those expressways by 350m to 500m and added that the Meerigama to Kurunegala Expressway and the new Kelaniya Bridge were constructed during their government.

Answers to five major questions will reveal persons behind Easter Attacks - NPP leader Anura Kumara

The Government should provide clear answers to five major questions revolving around the Easter Attacks if they truly want to reveal the culprits behind them, National People's Power (NPP) leader MP Anura Kumara Dissanayake said in Parliament on Saturday.

NPP leader Dissanayake said that the first question is on the deaths of two Police Officers in Vavunathive. "When the two Police Officers were killed, ex-LTTE carders were recognised as the ones behind the deaths. However, later it was revealed that these deaths were caused by the supporters of Zaharan. Why was the deaths covered up like that? Who

directed the blame at ex-LTTE carders? If the real culprits were recognised at that time, the Easter Attacks would not have taken place," the NPP leader said.

"The next question is on those terrorists led by Zaharan being in the payroll of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID). Who gave authority to pay these salaries? Who recommended such an act? To whom such salaries were paid?" he asked.

"Third question is on the attacker who came to commit suicide at the Taj Samudra Hotel. He went to a church in Dehiwala as he failed to launch the attack at the Taj Samudra. Later he went to a rest house and committed sui-



cide. In this duration, this suspect travelled from the Taj Samudra to the Rest House and meanwhile, the CID searched the suspect's house. At that time, no revelations were made on the attackers. So how did the CID end up at the suspect's house, the House would like to know," NPP leader Dissanayake asked.

"The next question we need answers is on the person who operated the laptop that the terrorists used to plan these attacks and do other cyber transactions. The name of that person should be revealed to the House. Final question is one person called, 'Podi Saharan' who allegedly called the ISIS, requesting them to take the responsibility of the attacks. Was there a CID or Police Officer who contacted this very person requesting it to be done? These are the five questions we need answers to. Some of the details are included in the Commission report on the Easter Attacks," NPP leader Dissanayake said.

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President at IOC confab in Abu Dhabi



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa greeting Omani Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr Albusaidi at the Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) held in Abu Dhabi.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in conversation with Indian Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar. Foreign Minister Professor G.L. Peiris is also present.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in conversation with International Security Specialist Professor Rohan Gunaratna.

SL enjoys independent Judiciary, Sabry tells parley

MOHAMMED RASOOLDEEN

Justice Minister Ali Sabry told the delegates at the World Law Congress Colombia 2021 that the island nation which enjoys the oldest democracy in Asia, strictly adheres to the separation of powers.

Sabry was addressing the two-day conference at Barranquilla, Colombia, on Saturday (4).

"Sri Lanka has the honour of being Asia's oldest democracy. With the introduction of universal franchise in 1930, elections in our nation have been regular, consistent and has resulted in vibrant governance over the decades," Sabry noted, pointing out at the 1978 Constitution which was Sri Lanka's second republican constitution provided for a clear separation of powers with an effective system of checks and balances. "It sets out a clear framework for the governance of the nation and introduced provisions aimed at achieving legal certainty and an independent Judiciary.

ary. These two factors are absolutely vital for the prevalence of the rule of law."

Minister Sabry also said that the Constitution provided for the appointment of judges of the Supreme Court by the Executive whilst the independence of the Judiciary is guaranteed by the Judicial Service Commission (JSC), which is entrusted with the administration of the Judiciary. This institution is independent of the Legislature and the Executive and strong legal provisions are present in the Sri Lankan legal system to ensure that the JSC is not influenced politically or in any manner.

The Minister recalled that in 2019 Sri Lanka experienced its first terrorist attack since the end of the war with the LTTE. It was an incident which changed the Sri Lankan approach to national security and the political landscape on which it operated. Terrorism, which as many nations are well aware, is not easy to fight. The tactics and strate-



Justice Minister Ali Sabry speaks at the World Law Congress Colombia 2021.

gies which have traditionally been used to combat threats to a country's national security are not effective in the fight against terrorism. With it comes the need to rethink national security strategies as well as geopolitical relations, Minister Sabry said.

"The Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) was

enacted with the aim of addressing the shortcomings in the law that placed law enforcement at a severe disadvantage in identifying and combatting terrorism. The provisions allowed national security to be preserved, yet legislation such as this has come under criticism even in other jurisdictions as being a direct threat

to the rule of law. Therefore, it is important to strike a balance between the interests of national security and the rule of law," he said.

The Government of Sri Lanka is well aware that these two interests need to be balanced carefully and therefore, it is now revisiting certain provisions of the PTA with the aim of achiev-

ing a greater level of transparency and a larger involvement of the Judiciary in the process," Minister Sabry said.

He said historically Sri Lanka has been liberal in its approach to civil protests. Yet, the pandemic has required placing the interests of health and safety above the right to protest. The word 'super spreader event' is commonly used to denote gatherings amongst people that have the potential to cause large spikes in Covid positive cases. The Delta variant with its extremely high transmission rate wreaked havoc on many countries, and it required aggressive strategies by governments to bring it under control. Sri Lanka too had to use a level of movement restriction in the form of curfews and lockdowns in order to bring the situation under control. Yet, despite this clear need to restrict spread there was still groups who continued and still continue to agitate, Minister Sabry said.

Appointments to Vidyalkankara Pirivena



Ven. Dr. Navinne Sugunadhamma Thera



Ven. Welamitiyawe Gnanarathana Thera

Deputy Sanganayake of Colombo - Chilaw and Deputy Parivenadhipathi of Peliyagoda Vidyalkankara Pirivena Ven. Dr. Navinne Sugunadhamma Thera has been appointed Parivenadhipathi of Vidyalkankara Pirivena.

Ven. Welamitiyawe Gnanarathana Thera has been appointed to the post of Deputy Parivenadhipathin

and Director of the Vidyalkankara Pirivena.

These appointments were made by the Vidyalkankara Executive Council which met on Friday for the first time after the passing away of Parivenadhipathi of Vidyalkankara Pirivena, Kelaniya University Chancellor and Agga Maha Panditha Most Ven. Welamitiyawe Kusaladhamma Thera.

Death toll in ferry accident rises

M.S. ABDUL HALEEM
Mullipothana Group Corr.

Another woman who was involved in the Trincomalee Kinniya Kurinjakkani ferry accident died at the Kilinochchi District Hospital on Saturday (4) night, police said.

The deceased has been identified as Zachariah Kalisa (42), a mother of three from Kinniya Kurinjakkani area, police said.

The woman who was injured in the sinking of the Kurinjakkani ferry on

November 23 was admitted to the Kinniya Base Hospital and later transferred to Trincomalee and then from Trincomalee to the Kilinochchi District Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

Eight people have been killed so far in the Kinniya Kurinjakkani ferry accident.

A spokesman for the Kilinochchi Hospital said that the body of the woman would be handed over to relatives.

'Government obliged to pay compensation to farmers for Maha crop failure'

NIMAL WIJESINGHE

Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

It is praiseworthy that the Government even at this late stage has decided to reverse the 'organic agriculture only' policy and lift the ban on the import of chemical fertilizer and agro chemicals, said Solar Power, Hydro and Wind Power Generation Development State Minister Duminda Dissanayake.

The State Minister was speaking at the Anuradhapura East SLFP 'Power of Authority' meeting held at the Nachchaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha auditorium recently.

Today, paddy cultivation is on the verge of destruction. The farmer has neither organic fertilizer nor chemical fertilizer or agro chemicals. Agro nutrients are scarce. The distribution of nano nitrogen fertilizer too seems to be a failure, State Minister Dissanayake said.

He stated further that it was doubtful that private sector companies would be able to import the chemical fertilizer immediately and it would take some months.

"In the Anuradhapura district, due to the scarcity of chemical fertilizer and nutrients, farmers were about to abandon the traditional Maha season maize cultivation on nearly 100,000 acres. With great effort, I managed to get a consignment of 5,000 metric tons of urea released to the Anuradhapura district to revive maize cultivation. But it is a pity that although the Government took the decision nearly two months ago, we have received only 150 tons out of 5,000 MT of fertilizer. So after so much effort, promises and agreements, the maize cultivation is dying and maize farmers are desperate," Dissanayake said.

The State Minister said that the Government has promised the farmers that compensation would be paid for any crop failure caused by the shifting from chemical fertilizer to organic agriculture in the present Maha season.

Referring to the SLFP's policy and the stand over the issue of contesting the forthcoming elections as a single, independent political party, the State Minister said that there were a large number of requests from party stalwarts and supporters to contest the election alone.

He said that so far the party hierarchy has not taken such decision to leave the alliance. "It is too early to decide without any indication of the date for the elections," he said.



One Country, One Law

'Foreign rule has divided us'

M.S. ABDUL HALEEM
Mullipothana Group Corr.

The Presidential Task Force on One Country, One Law held its Trincomalee District Consultative Discussion on Friday (3) at the District Secretariat under the Chairmanship of Ven. Galagoda Atte Gnanasara Thera.

The first session of the One Country, One Law discussions was held in Jaffna in the Northern Province. The first session in the Eastern Province was held in Trincomalee. Discussions will be held in the Batticaloa and Ampara districts.

Ven. Gnanasara Thera spoke on the issues facing the people living in the area, including in education and land matters.

Foreign rule caused division among the people of



A member of the public speaks at the sitting of the Presidential Task Force on One Country, One Law in Trincomalee on Friday. Picture by M.S. Abdul Haleem

this country. Its scars are still found among the people today. So this process was created to bring all people together on the basis of

one country, one law. Ven. Gnanasara Thera said.

He added that the existence of many laws in the country today is an obstacle

to the unity of the people. The event was attended by members of the Task Force and citizens of the Trincomalee District.

Burglar has time for catnap in shop



CCTV image of the burglar taking a nap in the shop.

NAVARATNA BANDARA Mahaweli Systems Group corr.

A burglar who broke into a draper's shop in Mahiyanganaya at night last week, even had time to have a catnap before leaving the place, early on the following morning.

On scanning the CCTV in the shop, Mahiyanganaya Police believe this was an act of a professional thief.

The burglar in denim pants and a shirt with his head covered with a child's T-shirt (as seen on CCTV) allegedly stole cash and clothing from the shop, according to police.

Research project on hypertension

NIMAL WIJESINGHE
Anuradhapura Additional District group corr.

Health care authorities have advised the Government to pay attention to controlling hypertension within the mechanism of primary health services.

The excessive consumption of salt leads to hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases.

At present Sri Lanka adheres to WHO-PEN package for the diagnosis and control of cardiovascular diseases when supplying primary health care services while the 'HEARTS' package was introduced recently by the World Health Organization as an extension of the same package.

According to medical experts, a number of requirements have to be performed for controlling hypertension

including upgrading the required technology preparation of special regulations for treatment, training staff, preparation of training manuals, updating the health information systems, and formulating a communication programme for minimizing the usage of salt at the domestic level when converting it into the new package.

An international non-governmental organization called 'Resolve to save lives' has come forward to fund a research project called 'Multi-purpose medication for enhancing the prevention of and control of hypertension' within the mechanism of the primary health care services in the country. The funding is in the form of a research grant and an agreement signed with strategies for conducting research applicable under the grant.

Centre for sale of freshwater fish

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN
Batticaloa Special Corr.

With the view to providing a sales centre for freshwater fish, a foundation stone was laid at Mannunai Bridge premises in the Mannunai Pattu Secretariat Division on Saturday (4).

Under the 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' policy framework and the Rs. 1.5 million allocated by the Provincial Councils Ministry, this project was initiated by Parliamentarian Sivavesadurai Chandranthan. The Mannunai Bridge connects the western and eastern sections of Batticaloa and the freshwater fishermen in this area undergo difficulties in getting their catch of fish, prawns and crabs.

Over 23,000 freshwater fishermen in the Batticaloa district rely on lagoon fishing for their livelihood and as the rainy season has set in the harvest of prawns is on the increase.

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Bridge to the Future

With the opening of the new Kelaniya Bridge, Colombo is now smoothly networked to the highways and the motorways to the north of Colombo and the traffic problem has eased visibly. The visual aspect cannot be underestimated either. The bridge, to use the time worn cliché when it is most needed, is state-of-the-art, having been constructed with the latest Japanese technology. That counts. Foreign visitors would see a landmark bridge with its high-tech cables and its soaring arches that is a hallmark of modern bridge architecture and decide this is the country in Asia that they want to visit, and invest in. The bridge was conceptualized during the previous Mahinda Rajapaksa Presidency and the agreement enabling its construction was inked in 2014. Suffice to say that the intervening years of the Yahapalana administration, nothing was done to ensure that the bridge would be completed and become functional within a reasonable time frame.

This Government managed to bring construction to a finish and lay the finishing touches despite a raging pandemic in the country. As usual, the carping critics have begun making noises after the new engineering marvel was opened and became functional.

One ex-Yahapalana minister has said it was the Rajapaksa Government that got the country in debt, forgetting the fact that the Yahapalana Government added to the existing debt and ballooned the debt for more consumption purposes when there was no pandemic in the country. The bridge being called 'Colombo's Golden Gate Kalyani' (after the river over which it runs) is symbolic of the fact that in this country there is one politics of achievement and another politics of endless prattle and compliant.

Anyway, the new Kelani Bridge is now a reality and a precursor to the opening of the Kandy Central Expressway that will happen during the tenure of this Government. The bridge and the highway once completed, would bring Kandy (115 Km away) to the doorstep of Colombo, in business and entrepreneurship terms.

That is historic because the connectivity between the Hill Capital Kandy and the Commercial Capital Colombo is a matter that determines progress in this country. It has been so, and it would be so in the future.

In the days of yore prior to and during the colonial era the journey to Kandy and back was on bullock carts and such journeys were in reality gruelling voyages that took weeks. This 'disconnect' made the hill country impenetrable for long for enemies as well as friends and that was positive but it was not going to last. That chequered past is now a matter of historical lore, because with time the railways were built and now the new expressway would make it possible for Kandy dwellers to have lunch at a hotel by the lake and be in Colombo well in time for tea, with a few hours to spare.

This opens up immense possibilities but also a few words of encouragement are due to those who are being lectured about debt when they are changing the course of the country. It is true that debt is a daunting issue and a problem that cannot be wished away, especially in the context of the pandemic which resulted in the exacerbation of the repayment crisis.

But the future of the country cannot be made to turn on the debt issue alone. The country has to progress while the issue of debt and repayment is tackled simultaneously. Progress, and the prospects of future generations cannot be put on hold because the Opposition feels debt is the only issue — mind you, a debt that they and their precursor administrations from the same political camp are largely responsible for.

What can be done about debt? The answer is to pay it off as soon as possible without incurring significant new debt, and the way to do it is to ensure that the economy functions properly so that the nation has the financial wherewithal to repay.

The new bridges and expressways etc. would make life easier for those who want to stay back and make a contribution to the economy. These infrastructure improvements would also keep the big cities from being needlessly congested, because people would consider the option of travelling into the City rather than uproot completely with their families to City lodgings.

These are the economics of possibility — and the policymakers have to ensure that they are kept alive when there is so much negativity from those who want progress to come to a standstill because they want to break the spirit of those who want to endeavour by bringing up the debt bogey.

Debt bogey it is, because it is a trumped up fear. As bad as the debt problem is, it is not intractable except in the minds of the Opposition. The fact that a measure of debt is a necessary concomitant of development is also not to be forgotten. The debt ballooned however and for the previous Government for instance, debt was about sustenance, not development. The way out of all this is solid economic progress, and nothing else.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A bridge is something that connects instead of separating. - Santiago Calatrava

Sabotaging the prospects of a Nation

Now & Then
BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Now we are experiencing short power cuts. Last week there was an island-wide power failure that lasted for several hours. Before that nearly 50 LP Gas related explosions were reported from various areas of the country. There were queues all over the country to buy fuel, gas, milk powder, cement, sugar etc. There were strikes one after another launched by health staff, teachers etc. making various demands. Even at this moment some Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) employees are engaged in a work to rule campaign. The Cost of Living (COL) is higher than before. People who have an iota of brain understand that this is not natural at all and COVID-19 cannot be responsible for all those, even if it can be blamed for some.

There were certain issues. There were many natural reasons and there were many artificially made up reasons and conditions. The entire situation in Sri Lanka during the past several months is very unnatural and artificially created.

One thing is crystal clear. This current President or the Government did not require any dramas or theatrics to win the 2019 Presidential Election and the 2020 General Election because they had the people's consent from 2014 onwards. The 2015 Presidential Election was won with a slight majority using various tactics and funds pumped in from foreign countries through some NGOs. The main tactic used was Goebbels' Theory. But Sri Lankans realized that they had been fooled by Yahapalana politicians soon after the 2015 Presidential Election. The Easter Sunday suicide bomb attack series took place on April 21st in 2019 and not in 2015, 2016 or 2017.

The first sign was given by the Sri Lankan people expressing their real feelings, requirements and choice on May 1, 2017. That is just two years after the 2015 Presidential Election. There were no significant problems here in Sri Lanka by that time. The Sri Lankan people showed the entire world where they stood on May 1, 2017 at the Galle Face Green. The Galle Face Green was filled with lakhs of people and all the other political parties especially the then Government started to count the heads in order to tell the country that there were not many people at the Galle Face Green on May 1 in 2017.

Local Government Election

Then the Local Government (LG) Election was held on February 10, 2018. The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) led by the former President and the current Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa came first by winning 40 per cent of the votes and securing the most number of seats and local authorities. The United National Party (UNP) led by then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe came second with 29 per cent of the votes whilst the United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA) led by then President and current MP Maithripala Sirisena came third with 12 per cent of the votes.



Silverfish in action

Well before April 21 in 2019, all Sri Lankans were eagerly waiting to chase away the Yahapalana Government and to elect the SLPP and any suitable leader from the SLPP. The SLPP did not want to 'stage any dramas' to get the people's votes because the people of Sri Lanka were eagerly waiting to vote for the SLPP in any case by that time. This is the bitter truth that is being swept under the carpet by several political parties, politicians, NGOs, and all the evil elements that hate the progress of Mother Lanka and Sri Lankans of all communities and faiths. They need trouble and poverty to exist in the country in order to capture power by any means necessary.

When power greedy politicians realized that they cannot come into power ever again by people's



Sabotage can impede a country's progress by decades

The interested parties can do certain things very easily. Posting a simple single post on social media or holding a 'press conference' is all what they need to do to turn the country upside down. This is how fuel queues were created all over the country within an hour or two. This also puts mental pressure in the minds of people who are already under pressure due to poverty, various illnesses and other issues. All what is required for the interested parties is making people angry towards the Government.

votes, they have started their Plan B immediately. We see its results now. They also have Plan C, Plan D and Plan E. Unfortunately there was no one to keep an eye on them and some thought their tactics would fail. It took two years to realize that their tactics are much better than in 2015 and they are capable of destroying anything or anyone in order to recapture power. Now they have the latest super weapon, COVID-19.

Today is Monday, December 6. We all can very clearly see the current situation of the country. Only the people who were born after 1960 who can remember the local history very well understand that the current situation in Sri Lanka is not normal at all and it is something abnormal and artificially created. However, a majority of people, especially those born after 1977 or 1978 do not see any abnormality in the current situation.

Power failure

The power went out. Sabotage can be done stating that it is something natural. Experts on any specific subject can do it. The other thing is when there is a power failure, all the other interested parties use all the tactics to disrupt power to make people suffer more. The objective is incurring the wrath of the people towards the Government. This was reported from several rural areas of the country where power was not given even when available. One such place is Weerawila.

When a number of real gas explosions were reported from the country, all the interested parties used it to make people more angry towards the Government. Some put fake social media posts. No one goes into the kitchen of a specific house to check whether the gas cylinder had exploded or not. The real issue is there and all the interested parties used to make things worse. When carefully examining social media accounts we can very clearly see that some of them are staging fake explosions and leaks.

There is no point in talking about certain businessmen of this country because they are crooks who try to earn money by killing people, making people sick and making people tired and frustrated. In addition some of them try to make people angry towards this Government and the most common and easiest tactic they use is not supplying any service or goods they have to the people. They stop the supply, delay the supply and sometimes limit the supply pointing out various reasons but if anyone checks inside their houses and shops they can very clearly see that there is no

shortage whatsoever in the service or goods they supply.

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Goods and services

The other major issue is the prices of goods and services. The services and goods providers (businessmen) increase their prices sky high because there is no way of detecting their dirty tricks done at village level. A village shop sells 250 grams of red onions for one price today and increases the price by Rs.10 the next day. The price increases by Rs.20 on the third day and so on. There should be a formal method to entertain complaints in this regard. The Sri Lankan system of investigating such complaints and taking action against culprits is rather hilarious.

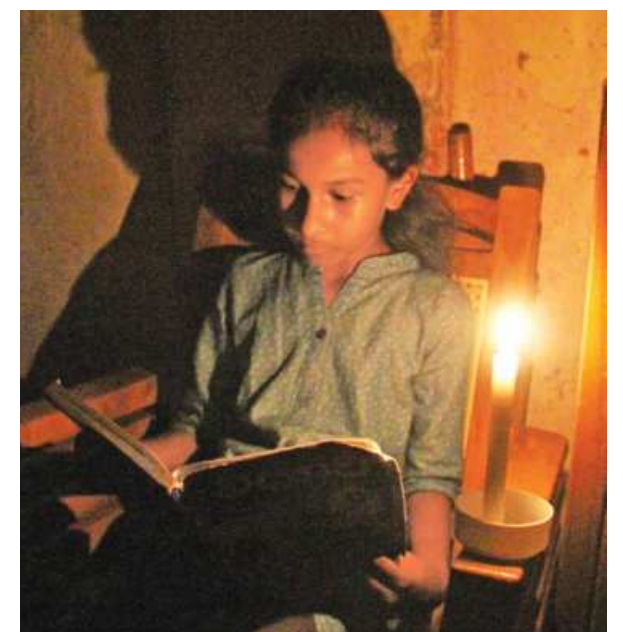
The most pathetic situation is that no one understands that some current issues are created by certain individuals who had been anchored inside the current Government just after May 1 in 2017, after February 10 in 2018, after November 16 in 2019 and after August 5 in 2020. By now they have become really talented actors and no one suspects them. They are in crucial decision making positions. They can make the Government unpopular within hours and days. They survive by setting real patriots against the Government through carrying tales and using all the other tactics.

It is high time that all who love the Motherland understand the real ground situation in the country. The only way of curing a cancer is identifying it as early as possible, performing a surgery and doing chemotherapy. Still there is time to diagnose the cancer faced by Sri Lanka as it is at an early stage. Still there is a chance to remove it through surgery. Still there is a chance to do some chemotherapy and cure the cancer forever.

The cancer is power greedy politicians, their henchmen anchored inside State institutions and brainwashed employees who will die to bring the three percent (3%) into power. They should be identified accurately by carefully checking their past and removing them from crucial decision making positions in the State. Steps need to be taken to tell the young people who they are and what they did in the past. Otherwise the 'silverfish' now scattered everywhere will destroy the country bit by bit.



All safety measures must be followed vis-a-vis LP Gas



The power outages have affected millions of Sri Lankans



The scene of the crime in Sialkot.



Pakistani officials with a portrait of Priyantha Diyawadana Kumara.



A screengrab of the incident.

THE SECOND VIOLENT RUN-IN FOR SRI LANKA IN PAKISTAN

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN

Priyantha Diyawadana Kumara, from Gampaha district near Colombo, an engineer and father of two, was on Friday beaten to death and his body burnt by a mob of hundreds, some of the workers at his factory, who accused him of committing blasphemy.

From the Prime Minister, to the chief of Army Staff, and others, even minister Sheikh Rasheed, a proud supporter of jihadist extremism, all stood unequivocally united in the condemnation of the incident, and promised swift action.

While Pakistan's progressive civil society has always stood against such incidents as going to the core of what is broken within, this is perhaps the first time that a killing in the name of blasphemy has elicited such unanimous and unequivocal condemnation from the political class and the powerful army.

The strong official reactions may be due to the fact that the victim was a foreign national, from a South Asian country with which Islamabad has gone the extra mile to build ties. Pakistan is hyper-conscious about projecting a progressive image abroad.

This is the second time in the last 15 years that Sri Lanka, which has fair people-to-people ties with Islamabad, has found itself wrong-footed by Pakistan's extremist violence. Pakistan is only too conscious of this. In the world of cricket, it is still paying a heavy price for the attack on the Sri Lankan team bus in 2009 – other than the Zimbabwe team last year, Pakistan has not since been able to host a single foreign team, with the Kiwis too pulling out in September this year after a security alert.

But even at the time of the cricket bus attack, the strong ties between the two countries cushioned bilateral relations. Colombo has little regard for the IPKF. It remembers more the "Parippu drop" over Jaffna, when the Indian Air Force dropped food supplies to Tamils when the Sri Lankan Army had laid siege on the Northern peninsula in 1985, but it has never forgotten that Pakistan provided weapons and munitions and trained Lankan Air Force pilots for Sri Lanka's war against the LTTE.

Sri Lanka was subdued in its reac-



Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan

tion to the killing of Priyantha Kumara. It took a full day for President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to break his silence and tweet that he was "deeply concerned by the incident in Sialkot #Pakistan. #SriLanka trusts that PM @ImranKhanPTI and the Govt. of Pakistan will ensure justice is served and ensure the safety of the remaining Sri Lankan workers in Pakistan". Before that the Sri Lankan foreign ministry asked Pakistani authorities to "take the required action to investigate and ensure justice". Earlier, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Sugeeshwara Gunaratna said the Sri Lankan High Commission in Islamabad was in the process of verifying details of the incident from Pakistani authorities.

Pakistan has promised swift action against the perpetrators. Some 100 people said to be part of the mob and two of the main instigators have been arrested, the Pakistani media have reported.

However, Pakistan's regressive and draconian anti-blasphemy law is loaded against the person against whom the allegation is made. In well-known cases that attract international attention and are thought to be spoiling the country's already fragile image abroad, the system steps in to protect the alleged blasphemer, sometimes with prodding from Western powers, and if there has been violence, to hand out punishment to the perpetrators.

Asia Bibi

The most famous example of the way this law, the law enforcers, the government, and the judiciary work is that of Asia Naureen, better known as Asia Bibi, who was arrested in 2009 after her co-workers alleged she had committed blasphemy. She was sentenced to death by a lower court. The punishment was confirmed by the Lahore High Court. It was only under tremendous international pressure at a time that Pakistan was negotiating an IMF bailout, that the Supreme Court took her review petition and ruled there was not enough evidence against her.



Asia Bibi

Protests broke out at the acquittal, roads were blocked by extremist groups such as Tehreek-e-Labbaik. Asia had to remain in custody for the next six months because of fears she would be killed. Prime Minister Imran Khan had to make repeated assurances that she would not be allowed to leave the country. Finally, she had to be spirited away from Pakistan to Canada secretly.

Unlike Asia, in many cases, alleged blasphemers may not live to see jail or a courtroom, and their killers go scot-free. In the rare cases where punishment to the perpetrators is handed out, they are celebrated as "gazi", religious warriors by the military-backed politically vocal and visible sections of Pakistan's religious, conservative Muslims.

Mumtaz Qadri, the police bodyguard who was hanged for the 2011 killing Salman Taseer, the Governor of the Punjab Province (who was accused of blasphemy for speaking up in support of Asia Bibi) is held up as a martyr. The silent majority of Sunni Muslims may not support such glorification even if they are staunch believers, but they are silent.

Qadri's execution led to the founding of Tehreek-e-Labbaik, which regularly holds the government to ransom by bringing out its supporters on the streets. During one such protest in 2017, the ISI brokered a deal between the group and the government of the day, making the government pledge that it would not dilute anti-blasphemy laws. The government had to recently lift a ban on the group.

Mashal Khan

In March 2017, Pakistan was convulsed just as it is now by the killing of a 23-year-old journalism student in a college in Mardan, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. Mashal Khan and two of his friends had been accused by fellow students of posting blasphemous content online.

They were attacked on campus by stu-



A Pakistani man expresses the collective thought of many right-minded Pakistanis.

dents and Mashal Khan was lynched. His friends escaped with injuries.

Nawaz Sharif, then Prime Minister of the country, condemned the incident as saddening and senseless, and asked the entire country to stand together to promote tolerance in society, but a month earlier, he called it an "unpardonable offence". It was the outpouring of public solidarity for him, the huge turnout for his funeral, and the strong reaction in his village to the killing that put pressure on the police to round up the killers. In all 61 people were arrested, one was sentenced to death, and seven others to life imprisonment by an anti-terrorism court.

Junaid Hafeez

In 2014, Rashid Rehman, a well-known human rights lawyer defending an accused in a blasphemy case, was shot dead. His killers have never been brought to justice. Rehman's client, Junaid Hafeez, a university teacher, who was arrested in 2013, was sentenced to death in 2019 by the lower court, where a blasphemy case rarely ends in acquittal. In the trial courts, judges fear for their lives if they let an accused go. Mostly judges delay the cases till their transfer. Law enforcers, witnesses, jailers all worry for their safety in blasphemy cases.

Just in September, a 50-year-old Muslim woman was sentenced to death for an alleged blasphemous act in 2013. The woman, who was a school principal was accused by a local imam for describing herself as a "prophetess". In January, three men were convicted of blasphemy for sharing allegedly blasphemous content on social media, the first case of conviction for online blasphemy in Pakistan. With a precedent set, a woman was accused of forwarding allegedly blasphemous material on WhatsApp.

Section 295A: The blasphemy law

In September, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan expressed concern at the surge in blasphemy cases being registered. It said 40 cases had been registered in August alone. According to estimates by NGOs, some 1,800 cases of blasphemy have been registered since 1977, when the blasphemy law was made stricter.

Law enforcers know Section 295A of the Pakistan Penal Code which deals with blasphemy is widely misused by religious fanatics against members of minority communities – Ahmadi, Shia, Hindus, Christians – and against Muslims too, to settle personal scores. For the accused, prison is often a safer place than freedom as they live under constant threat to their lives. Just this week, two days before the Sri Lankan's killing, a mob burnt down a police station in Char-

sadda in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa where a man who had allegedly torn up a Koran was being held. The police had refused to hand over the man to the mob which was baying for his blood outside, growing in size as the day progressed. The police had to flee the station along with the man just before the station went up in flames.

Pakistan inherited Section 295 A from the colonial-era 1927 anti-hate speech section in the Indian Penal Code following the Rangila Rasool episode. In the Zia era, this section was further expanded to cover more offences under blasphemy and the death sentence introduced as one of the penalties (India has kept the original section). Some believe that the death sentence encourages people to take the law into their own hands for instant "justice".

No Pakistani politician wants to take the risk of trying to repeal the blasphemy laws, though most recognise that it is not in keeping with the image of modernity that the nation wants to project. Even the military ruler Pervez Musharraf backed off though he gave it serious consideration. Now as then, it is considered politically unwise and personally hazardous. Years of pandering to extremists has literally disabled the Pakistani state on this issue.

Cautionary tale for India

Pakistan's experience on its blasphemy law is a cautionary tale for those who want to bring similar laws in India. Despite all advice, Punjab enacted a blasphemy law in 2018 to appease religious sentiment after several cases of sacrilege of the Guru Granth Sahib. Disrespect shown to the Sikh holy book, the Bhagvad Gita, Bible and Koran are all punishable with life imprisonment. An earlier legislation brought in by the Akali Dal did not get presidential assent as it was specific to the Guru Granth Sahib, and it was returned with the comment that all religions are to be treated equally. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board's recent demand for an anti-blasphemy law has received a strong push back from within the Muslim community, with prominent voices warning against the dangers of such a law. In a statement signed by more than 400 people, a majority of them Muslim, the Indian Muslims for Secular Democracy said there was no need for such a law as Muslims had every right to invoke Section 295-A in the Indian penal Code to deal with any complaints. The statement pointed to the "notorious blasphemy law in neighbouring Pakistan which is frequently used to hound individuals from religious minorities and even fellow Muslims with sectarian and personal motives".

- The Indian Express



Sri Lankan cricketers being evacuated from the stadium in Lahore after their team bus was attacked in 2009.



A protest demanding justice for university student Mashal Khan.



Australia won the 2020 T20 World Cup



The Dubai International Cricket Stadium

REVIEW OF T 20 CRICKET WORLD CUP

INDIA WERE DEEMED FIRM FAVOURITES, BUT AUSTRALIA PEAKED AT THE RIGHT TIME

The 2021 T20 World Cup was very nerve tingling for two reasons. One, the matches were played on neutral venues in the Arabian deserts. There was also a debate at these venues. How was it that the team that batted second was more successful? Dew could have been the main reason as to why some teams that won the toss decided to bat first. The second factor was, what are the teams that will be very disappointed with this tournament. You start off with India who were favourites, but unfortunately, they couldn't even qualify for the semifinals. Some perceived that England were also hot favourites. Unfortunately, they lost to South Africa. They almost lost to Sri Lanka as well. And of course they ultimately gave into Pakistan. So a very enthralling tournament overall.

Michael Holding said, "I do not give commentaries for the Indian Premier League because I only give commentaries for cricket." Spot on. Take, for example, Arjuna Ranatunga the Sri Lankan Captain who won the World Cup at Lahore on March 17, 1996. Back in 1996, he also condemned T20 cricket because he said, it's not good for youngsters. Just to mildly digress for the benefit of the curious, there was a Sri Lanka Cricket tour of England and Ranatunga as Chairman of Sri Lanka Cricket, stopped the selected Lankans from playing in the IPL.

However, the world has changed now. Everyone wants instant results. Cricked at T20 level is entertainment, lasting only approximately three and a half hours.

The stroke play you will see in T20 Cricket is not what you will see in the 50 over format or for that matter, Test cricket. Most of the time you watch the ball being slapped across, not driven across. I think the only batsman that I have seen during the World Cup, who had some sense of technicality was Kane Williamson of New Zealand. He executed a wonderful 85 in the finals.

One of the teams I was disappointed with is India. India was rated too highly. One of the reasons as to why India got into so much of pressure was the media hype. Every time you switch on your television they are only talking about India. They spoke about Jasprit Bumrah. They spoke about a load of Indian players, like for example, Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul. So, the hype was too much of pressure for the Indians. Also factor in the spectator value and the money involved in Indian cricket. So that caused a lot of problems for India, psychologically.

Remember India undermined Pakistan. They did not know what their arch rivals were capable of. They left out Pakistan in the Indian Premier League, for reasons best known to them.

They realized that when they came to play against Pakistan, that they looked a mediocre side, mainly because of Pakistan's natural talent. This columnist talked to Rameez Raja, some years back. He said the Pakistanis do have natural talent. And he also said Sri Lankans also do have natural talent - inborn talent. They might not have



the facilities. But the hidden talent in Pakistan and in Sri Lanka is of great value. India played in a lesser group, a group that only had, including them three test playing nations, namely New Zealand, Pakistan, and India. It also included Afghanistan.

But playing against an established team, Afghanistan will suffer. There were Namibia and Scotland, but then you take group A, which involved five test playing nations. So that is where Australia had the advantage as they advanced to the semifinals. And it is a team that peaked at the right time. And that is where they showed their mighty Aussie grit to win the tournament. India made a few mistakes. In example, in their power play approach according to legend Sunil Gavaskar, which is hundred percent true. They did not capitalize on the power play. There are two theories to it. Some experts say, right, power play should go, bang, bang, try and get many runs as possible. But New Zealand found the correct way - they protected their wickets during the power play. They, of course, put away the bad deliveries.

Having said that, Pakistan kept their wickets intact. Then after the tenth over, over with many wickets intact they were able to advance and score a lot of runs. And that was evident also with the Australians. Take Sri Lanka vs England. At the end of 10 overs, they were 48 runs for four wickets. However, what did Jos Butler do? He stayed there for those 10 overs on a difficult pitch where the ball was actually skidding straight through and you are expected to hit through the line without playing across the line.

PAKISTAN, AN ASCENDING SIDE

Pakistan has so many talented cricketers, in both batting and bowling arenas. Their batting was very strong. Under Barbar Azam it was a new era in Pakistan Cricket. Their fielding has been fantastic. They don't talk much on the field. They just get about their business. They don't have big flashy names like skipper Virat Kohli or opening batsman KL Rahul and bowler Jasprit Bumrah to name a few, but they have cricketers, whom we tag as utility cricketers right now. They come with two more overs to go and turn around the entire game. They have got such big hitters at the bottom.

THE FINALS

Ian Chappell made a very strong point in this T-20 World Cup. The side that wins the toss just has an advantage because they



Virat Kohli



Kane Williamson



The T20 World Cup trophy



The T20 World Cup was held in UAE and Oman

tend to chase. And more often than not, most of the teams that won the toss did chase and they were successful. Now let's come to the finals - New Zealand vs Australia. Frankly, before the finals, everyone was of the view that New Zealand has a much better team because they had been faring very much better than Australia during the preliminary rounds. They have got a fantastic opening batsman in Martin Guptill ably supported by Daryl Mitchell.

And we all know what Kane Williamson is capable of. He is a typical Mahela Jayawardene type who plays technically correct cricket. He does not slap the ball. He drives through the line, flips it off the back foot. He is typical player who executes cricketing strokes. Let's not forget that the New Zealanders had an excellent bowling attack, especially in Trent Boult and Tim Southee together with their spinner Sodhi, who has been very impressive right throughout this particular tournament.

Australia wins the toss and put the Kiwis into bat. They got to a very decent total of 172 runs for the loss of four wickets. But the

criticism over there was for their lower order. For example, Glenn Phillip should have fired. Jimmy Neesham, went to bat a little bit earlier because he is a man who can turn the heat on. What was very disappointing was the way that Martin Guptill and Daryl Mitchell got out. I mean, they got the Kiwis to a decent start because the first wicket fell when the score was 28. Between the sixth and the 10th overs, the Kiwis mustered only 32 runs for the loss of one wicket. And all credit must go to Hazelwood. Josh Hazlewood bowled such a tidy line and length, which was absolutely fascinating to watch. He was great. An example of how to bowl in the power play overs was exhibited by this wonderful right-arm seamer and then, of course, by Adam Zampa. If he does not come into the equation as a leg spinner, that is not a game of cricket as far as Australia is concerned, because he is the main cause for all these to succeed in the shorter version of the game because he has such a variety. He bought the wrong 'un and he has a slider which is very, very effective. Just take a look at the New Zealand score-

card - 172 runs for the loss of four wickets. Kane Williamson's was one of the finest innings I have seen in one day international or in the T20 format, a masterly 85. Martin Guptill will be disappointed with his 28 and of course, the rest. As for Glenn Phillip, I wish he got bat to ball because he was disappointing. He made only 18 and Jimmy Neesham, well, had to bat at the end and only made 13 runs.

So 172 for four on this particular track in Dubai was quite a decent score. But that is where my mind goes back to what Ian Chappell very clearly said. Chasing in this particular part of the world has been the norm. So is there an imbalance? As far as the topic is concerned, it is a big question. That has to be answered because it has happened more often than not. Teams winning the toss win the match. I mean, that's not good for cricket is it? Chasing was something that the Australians had no problem with. They needed 173 runs to win this game and they got to 173 for two wickets and they won the game very easily. The game, the finals and the T20 World Cup. All cheers to David Warner, who made 53 runs, though he was ultimately was completely bamboozled by a Trent Boult delivery. David Warner, in the IPL, was tagged as a spent force, but he came back and taught the cricketing world what a great player was. In fact, he felt very comfortable in his own dressing room. He was playing with his actual mates in life, so he got to 53 and ultimately also won the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament Award. But the feature in this particular innings was Mitch Marsh, who made that wonderful unbeaten 77 with Glenn Maxwell getting among the runs at last. So as far as Australia was concerned, let's not forget that they peaked at the right time. That is very important in this type of cricket, especially when you are playing a World Cup Tournament. You need to peak at the right time. You will have struggles right up, no doubt about it because you are new to the country (UAE) and you are playing on a wicket that you are not used to. But where a team shows that they are good is getting used to the atmosphere. This is exactly what Australia did. So they were very, very used to what the Dubai wicket had to offer and they knew there was extra bounce you can drive through the line and of course, the ground is quite big in Dubai, but they knew exactly what the bounce was, so that's where Mitch Marsh should be given so much credit. He made that superb 77. Let's not forget the contribution of David Warner and Glenn Maxwell.

All in all, New Zealand will be very disappointed because they were very competitive. But they lost the finals. Only one bowler did cause some sort of problem to the Aussies. And that was, of course, Trent Boult who took two wickets for 18 runs. He was absolutely fantastic. He gets the inswinger. That did seem very, very late. He also has a deadly out-swinger which he moves away from the right hander. It is very decisive. And let's not forget that his deliveries are extremely effective on any given surface. Whatever the critics may say, Australia turned out to be the better side on that day.



Australia and New Zealand Captains pose before the final



Action from the final

Ministry of Industries to establish Industrial Zones at Divisional Secretariat level - Minister Wimal

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Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries said in Hambantota that the Ministry of Industries has taken steps to establish industrial zones at Divisional Secretariat level from next year. Minister Weerawansa said that allocations have been made to the Ministry of Industries under this year's budget to

identify the industries in the respective Divisional Secretariat Divisions and create suitable industrial zones to create employment opportunities in those divisions. He said this while participating in a programme (on December 3) to inform relevant officials about the identification of lands and suitable industries at each

Divisional Secretariat level to establish industrial zones in the Southern Province. The programme was held at the Hambantota District Secretariat with the participation of officials from the Ministry of Industries, the National Enterprise Development Authority and the Industrial Development Board from the Galle, Matara and Hambantota Districts.

The District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries were requested to make available the lands required for the establishment of suitable industrial zones in the Divisional Secretariat areas and the Ministry of Industries will also contribute to this programme, the Minister said. Minister Weerawansa said that steps will be taken in the future to provide loans

to small and medium scale industrialists to obtain machinery at a concessionary interest rate of 6% each. Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Industries Chaminda Pathiraja, Director General of the National Enterprise Development Authority, Sunil Jayaratne and Hambantota District Secretary H. P. Sumanasekera were also present.

President in Abu Dhabi to attend Indian Ocean Conference



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa arrived in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to attend the Indian Ocean Conference (IOC). The delegation headed by the President arrived at the Abu Dhabi International Airport at 10.00 p.m., Abu Dhabi time, yesterday (03). The President and the delegation were warmly welcomed by Malraj De Silva, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the UAE and the staff of the Embassy.

The President is scheduled to hold several bilateral discussions and the inaugural address of the Indian Ocean Conference (IOC), which will be commenced this evening under the theme "Ecology, Economy, Epidemic," will be delivered by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Foreign Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris and the Principal Advisor to the President Lalith Weerasinghe are accompanying the President on this visit.

Navy bids farewell to Rear Admiral Rohana Lelwala

On completion of over 34 years of distinguished service, Rear Admiral Rohana Lelwala retired from the Navy last Saturday, (December 4, 2021).

Commander of the Navy, Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugutenna and the Board of Management expressed the best wishes to the outgoing officer, who is celebrating his 55th birthday today before he was accorded a Guard of Honour in precision with naval tradition. Thereupon, fellow naval officers made their formal farewells to Rear Admiral Rohana Lelwala, who then took leave from the Naval Headquarters in a motorcade.

The senior officer joined Sri Lanka Navy as an Officer Cadet of the 5th intake of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University in 1987. During his illustrious naval career spanning over 34 years, Rear Admiral Rohana Lelwala has held key appointments such as Commanding Officer of ships and establishments, Naval Officer in

Charge Welisara Naval Complex, Assistant Director Naval Project & Plan, Director Naval Welfare, Naval Coordinator National Defence College, Deputy Area Commander North Western Naval Area, Deputy Area Commander Northern Naval Area and Port Facility Security Officer of the Kankesanthurai Harbour, Director General (Naval & Air Operations) for the Office of Chief of Defence Staff and Director General Administration.



Rear Admiral Rohana Lelwala

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ADA KOTIPATHI. Friday. Date: 03.12.2021. Draw No.: 1408. Colour: Purple. Winning Numbers: 14, 45, 61, 76. English Letter: Z. Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,445,740/-.

Labour Ministry guarantees labourers' rights in spite of COVID-19 challenges - Minister Nimal Siripala

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

The Labour Ministry has collected Rs. 99 billion to EPF during the first 10 months of this year guaranteeing the labourers' rights and security in spite of the challenges levelled by the COVID-19 pandemic situation, said Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva yesterday.

He added that the same contribution made the total EPF amounting to Rs. 2900 billion and which is the strongest in the Asian continent.

He also said that there have been 20,023 petitions filed by employees against their employers this year. He added that due to the COVID Pandemic issue it was a huge challenge to inquire these, yet 8,000 of them have already been inquired.

He made these observations joining the Committee Stage Debate on the Budget Proposal for the Financial year 2022 under several heads including Highways Ministry, Transport Ministry and Labour Ministry.

Minister Silva said that though the EPF is managed by the Central Bank, the collection and suing the fraudulent employers are done by the Labour Ministry. Minister added that not only the private sector but the government sector companies too are sued in this endeavor. He also added that the JEDB and Elkaduwa Plantation too have hence been sued to collect the EPF of their employees.

Minister said that the Ministry has implemented training courses to reduce the accidents at the working sites and it will be established as an institution soon. He added that many measures have been taken to strengthen the welfare of employees. He also added that the minimum salary was increased to Rs. 12,500, while the minimum pay of the Estate Sector workers was increased to Rs. 1,000. He added that there is a case filed against it and however the steps would be taken after the Court decision to make the employers to pay the minimum Rs. 1,000 without any condition imposed.

He said further that the EU too has informed the government to increase the minimum salaries. He added that even before those instructions the Government had taken measures to do so.

He also said that the retirement age in the private sector was increased to 60 years. He added that the compensation for the employees at the termination of their services, which was Rs. 1,250,000 earlier could be increased to Rs. 2,500,000. In addition, employees who were deprived of the employment due to the closure of the Sri Lanka Tractor Ltd, 18 years ago were granted compensation.

Minister further said that although the Indian nationals employed here could get their EPF money, when they leave the job but the Sri Lankans do not have this facility and hence the Ministry has got the approval from the Parliament to discuss the matter with the Indian Government to make the Sri Lankans enjoy the same facility. He added that the government has imposed laws to increase the minimum age of housemaids to 18 years.

SUPER BALL. Draw Number: 1582. Colour: Pink. Draw Date: 03.12.2021. Date: Friday. Winning English Letter and Numbers: O, 05, 38, 44, 52. Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,207,320/-.

SUPER JACKPOT. Date: 04-12-2021. Draw Number: 3295. Colour: Light Blue. Winning Numbers: 15, 18, 34, 39. VIRGO. TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES: Rs. 8,922,720/-.

කොරවත වාසනාව. Development Fortune. Date: 04-12-2021. Draw Number: 465. Colour: Red. SUPER JACKPOT: Rs. 11,326,920/-. English Letter: Y. Winning Numbers: 61, 25, 11. Fate Number: 7. Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,595,980/-. Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 11,438,924/-.

SUPER JACKPOT. Date: 03-12-2021. Draw Number: 3294. Colour: Blue. Winning Numbers: 03, 24, 40, 55. GEMINI. TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES: Rs. 9,990,320/-.

English Letter & Winning Numbers. Draw No: 773. Colour: Green. Date: 03.12.2021. Friday. English Letter: X. Winning Numbers: 28, 38, 65, 67. Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,397,220/-. Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 87,516,890/-.

ශනිදා. Saturday. Date: 04.12.2021. Draw No.: 3744. Colour: Green. Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,767,780/-. Winning Numbers: 04, 35, 46, 67. English Letter: M. Winning tickets are valid only for six months.

SASIRI. Draw Number: 107. Winning Numbers: 25, 42, 48. Draw Date: 04.12.2021. Saturday. Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 1,431,900/-. Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners: 08. The blue and orange tickets are respectively valid on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

ශනිදා. Friday. Date: 03.12.2021. Draw No.: 3743. Colour: Orange. Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,938,600/-. Winning Numbers: 03, 42, 57, 58. English Letter: V. Winning tickets are valid only for six months.

SUPER BALL. Draw Number: 1583. Colour: Blue. Draw Date: 04.12.2021. Date: Saturday. Winning English Letter and Numbers: Y, 26, 55, 60, 69. Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,040,520/-.

ADA KOTIPATHI. Saturday. Date: 04.12.2021. Draw No.: 1409. Colour: Yellow. Winning Numbers: 20, 39, 68, 77. English Letter: E. Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,228,120/-.



Da Mao - the dog with its handler.



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COURAGEOUS CANINES IN THE CHINESE MILITARY

DISHAN JOSEPH

Military working dogs have captivated animal lovers for decades. It is estimated that more than 10,000 Military Working Dogs (MWDs) are currently serving in the Chinese Armed Forces, working in diverse missions like peacekeeping, post-disaster search and rescue, and border patrols in sunshine or snow.

These agile and intelligent dogs are currently serving in many army units alongside their handlers. These military dogs are a vital part of the defence network. In fact these dogs are rated as special combatants. Founded in 1950, China's MWD project was temporarily halted in the 1960s and resumed in 1991. In the past few years, these robust military working dogs have helped solve hundreds of cases. They have been playing a key role in the army that could not be replaced by modern technology or human efforts. The MWD come from ten breeds such as China's very own Kunming dog, the German and Belgian shepherd, and vibrant Labrador retrievers.

The Kunming Wolfdog hails from the great Middle Kingdom of China and excels at all investigation tasks. This dog breed was first discovered by use in the Police Force in China. Over the decades, the Kunming's reputation as an exemplary sniffer travelled far and wide. Since then the trusted dogs of this breed have earned a distinct reputation for their efficiency in the field of security and safety in the global security arena. Their cardinal effort in counter-terrorism work is a manifestation of the strong and intelligent character of the Kunming dog. This is further supplemented by its deep loyalty to its military handler.

Sometime during the 1950s, the Chinese decided to carefully crossbreed German Shepherds with wolves. Yes, you read that right - wolves. The outcome was the sturdy and formidable Kunming Wolf dog, with its extraordinarily sharp instincts and endurance to all weather conditions. While the Chinese Police Force had been depending on them over the last five decades, the turn of the millennium witnessed the growth of this breed's international popularity. The study by Wang (2013) pointed out that the breed was developed in the 1950s by hybridizing German shepherd dogs imported from the Soviet Union with Kunming indigenous village dogs.

Kunming Wolfdog

For example, the United Nations Peacekeeping Force (UNPF) summoned two members of these dogs to Lebanon in 2006. Given the strong natural instinct of a Kunming Wolf dog, the two canines successfully detected concealed landmines that had been buried at a depth of 12 inches, saving many lives and maintaining a



Foot patrol in the snow.



Ding in his parachute harness.



Army dog with frontier guards.



Army dog Xiaolong on patrol.



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sense of security. This detection only increased the good name of this amazing dog breed. For this very trait, they duly tasked by the Guangzhou Municipality to assist with security arrangements during the 16th Asian Games held in 2010. During the event, they were actively engaged in sniffing out concealed explosives and ensuring the safety and security of all the venues. The robust nature of these dogs enables them to be deployed for a longer time at any venue be it a convention hall, airport, or a jungle. While they are perfect as military aides, a Kunming Wolfdog also serves as a devoted and affectionate family pet and is safe with children.

The PLA Air Force has successfully trained a dog named Ding, as an airborne dog. This intelligent German shepherd dog has done its parachute jumps along with Chinese paratroopers. Dogs like Ding will be trained to be inserted into any terrain by day or night as a key member in search and rescue tasks or military operations. This air mobility gives the dog and handler valuable time to search for victims of natural disasters, without wasting precious minutes.

An important concept that runs through the Army Regulations is that military dogs have been rated as special combatants, an integral part of the military's combat capability and irreplace-

able resource of military strength. The military dogs of the PLA are used at training institutions, airports, wharfs, missile positions, rear warehouses, front lines of frontier defence and coastal defence. The PLA Marine Corps is expected to be the first combat force in the Navy to deploy dogs for combat duties. A dog training regiment under the Nanjing Military Command has trained dogs to clear mines, help with detonation tasks and to carry out reconnaissance missions. The PLA set up its first military dog training base in 1949 at Beijing.

Spirit of teamwork

A few years ago an army dog created much media attention. The three-year-old golden retriever named Da Mao had become inseparable with his trainer, after they worked side by side for the past two years. A video of this friendly dog went viral on social media. The golden retriever had been trained by a Chinese army officer, who was later leaving the army. The dog was not ready to leave his master and created much emotion at the base as he stayed by the officer. This shows the bond of working military dogs and the spirit of teamwork.

Chinese military dogs were praised for their courage after

footage showed them having completed tandem skydiving with special operations forces during training. A brave canine called Heipi was hailed as a star soldier for its gentle performance while being with his trainer from the Chinese Air Force's "Raijin" elite unit. Hei Pi is the second dog paratrooper to become famous in China for his skydiving practice. This German shepherd grabbed the internet audience globally. All military dogs in China get nutritious food and consistent veterinarian care. The dogs have time to play and unwind. Wherever they are stationed the dogs earn the love and affection of everyone on that base. Vector borne diseases are common in canines, but these dogs are inspected regularly and stay fit for their duty.

Knowing the value of their canine friends China trains hundreds of war dogs each year for patrol, scout duty, and sentry duties as well as drug and explosives detection work. The dogs involved in explosive detection work perform a vital service in the spectrum of public security and national security. These dogs can pick up the odour signature of explosives. A dog's powerful sense of smell, known as the olfactory ability, is better than that of humans. The dogs amazing sniffing sense saves and protects lives. Guard dogs in the PLA also perform duties with frontier soldiers who go on long patrols. Combat tracker dogs are also an important element in canine duty. In this case the dogs chase after escaping terrorists. The dog is able to identify, interpret and follow human evidence left behind. Tracking dogs work fast because scent trails can become contaminated with time. The dog bonds with its team and is alert always. The tough and intelligent dogs in the Chinese military augment a new dimension of combat readiness and safety.

BIDEN, PUTIN set for talks on Tuesday

RUSSIA: Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Joe Biden are scheduled to hold talks by video conference on Tuesday, the Kremlin said, as tensions rise over Ukraine.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the conversation will take place in the evening Russia time and the two leaders will determine the duration, according to Russian news agencies.

Biden said Friday he would make it "very, very difficult" for Russia to launch any invasion of Ukraine, which warned that a large-scale attack may be planned for next month.

Washington and Kiev say Moscow has massed troops near Ukraine's borders and accuse Russia of planning an invasion.

Russia has denied any bellicose intentions and accused the West of provocation, particularly with military exercises in the Black Sea, which it sees as



US President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin

part of its sphere of influence. Biden and Putin had been expected since Friday to hold a video call.

Biden told reporters in

Washington he was putting together "the most comprehensive and meaningful set of initiatives to make it very, very difficult for Mr

Putin to go ahead and do what people are worried he may do".

Moscow annexed Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 and

has since been accused of backing separatists fighting Kiev in the east of the country. The conflict has killed more than 13,000.

Moscow, meanwhile, wants to see an end to NATO's eastward expansion, after much of eastern Europe joined the alliance following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Thursday called on his U.S. counterpart Antony Blinken to provide "security guarantees" that NATO would not come closer to Russia's borders.

Despite increased contacts between the two rivals since Putin and Biden met for the first time at a summit in Geneva in June, tensions remain high.

As well as the Ukraine conflict, Russia and the United States continue to argue over cyberattacks and the staffing of their embassies, after several waves of diplomatic expulsions. - THE MOSCOW TIMES

Wikipedia creator's computer and NFT of first edit up for auction

US: The personal computer that Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales used when programming the online reference resource 20 years ago is going under the hammer, along with an NFT memorializing his first edit on the platform, auctioneers said Friday.

The Strawberry iMac was the machine Wales "used for development and research at the time of the website's launch on January 15, 2001," said auction house Christie's, which is overseeing the sale that began Friday in New York.

The second lot is for an NFT - Non-Fungible Tokens are unique digital objects that confer ownership through blockchain technology - created by Wales of Wikipedia's debut onscreen image when he posted the first words, "Hello world," Christie's specialist Peter Klarnet said.

The NFT, presented in JPEG format, will be interactive, with the buyer able to edit the page, "which can be reset with a timer to revert to its original state," according to Christie's.

Part of the proceeds from the sales will help fund Wales's WT. Social project, a "nontoxic alternative" social media network that uses an advertising-free model.

The two lots are for sale online through December 15, with Christie's hoping they will sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars, Klarnet said.

The new darling art form for some collectors and investors,

NFTs have become staples of auction houses and the art market.

An NFT of the World Web's source code sold in July for \$5.4 million at Sotheby's, while the all-digital work of American artist Beeple drew \$69.3 million in March at Christie's, an NFT record.

Also on Friday Christie's announced the auction of a bullet-proof vest worn by rap megastar Kanye West during a party marking the release of his 2021 album "Donda." - BANGKOK POST



The personal computer used by Wikipedia co-founder Jimmy Wales is going up for auction.

COVID outbreak on New Orleans bound cruise ship



People pause to look at Norwegian Cruise Line's ship, Norwegian Breakaway on the Hudson River in New York.

US: Ten people aboard a Norwegian Cruise Line ship approaching New Orleans have tested positive for COVID-19, officials said.

The Norwegian Breakaway had departed New Orleans and was due to return this weekend, the Louisiana Department of Health said in a news release. Over the past week, the ship made stops in Belize, Honduras and Mexico.

More than 3,200 people are on board the ship, officials said.

According to the statement, Norwegian "has been adhering to appropriate quarantine and isolation protocols as new cases

and exposures have been identified aboard this vessel."

Prior to disembarking in New Orleans, each person on board will be tested for the coronavirus. Anyone who tests positive will either go directly home or self-isolate in accommodations provided by the cruise line, officials said.

Officials did not release any information about the conditions of those who have contracted the virus.

Cruise ships were an early source of outbreaks last year at the start of the coronavirus pandemic as some ships were rejected at ports and passengers were

forced into quarantine. Some passengers died of COVID-19 at sea while others fell so ill they had to be carried out of the vessels on stretchers.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a no-sail order in March 2020, prompting a standstill that ended last June as cruise ships began to leave U.S. ports with new health and safety requirements. According to Norwegian's website, the company requires all passengers and crew members to have been vaccinated against the virus at least two weeks prior to departure. - THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

Bus with wedding guests swept into river killing 20

KENYA: More than 20 people drowned on Saturday when a bus travelling to a wedding in Kenya was swept away by fast-flowing waters as it tried to cross a flooded river.

Onlookers screamed as the yellow school bus hired to take a church choir and other revellers to the ceremony in Kitui County keeled over and sank as the driver tried to navigate the surging waters.

Some aboard the stricken bus managed to escape before the bus was quickly submerged, and were helped to safety.

It remains unclear how many passengers were aboard the bus when it tipped into the Enziu River, about 200 kilometres (125 miles) east of the capital Nairobi.

Witnesses said the driver had stopped to



The bus carrying Choir Members that was swept away by flooding in Kenya's River Enziu.

negotiate the river, and was close to the other side when the bus was swept beneath the churning currents. - NDTV

US school shooter's parents plead not guilty

US: The parents of a 15-year-old who shot dead four students at a US high school with a gun bought by his father pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter on Saturday, as a Michigan judge set a combined million-dollar bond for their release.

James and Jennifer Crumbley, the parents of shooting suspect Ethan Crumbley, were arrested overnight after police tracked them down in an industrial building in Detroit - 40 miles (65 kilometres) from the shooting in Oxford.

The pair were considered fugitives - having reportedly withdrawn US\$4,000 in cash and switched off

their phones - although the Crumbleys' lawyers told the court their clients "were absolutely going to turn themselves in."

At their arraignment Judge Julie Nicholson set bond at US\$500,000 for each parent, calling the charges "very, very serious" and saying "the court does have some concern about the flight risk."

Four students, aged 14 to 17, were killed in the Tuesday shooting at Oxford High School north of Detroit and six more were wounded, along with a teacher.

The couple's son Ethan has been charged as an adult with state murder and

terror charges, while his parents each face four counts of involuntary manslaughter - each carrying a sentence of up to 15 years in jail.

In announcing charges against the boy's parents on Friday, Oakland County prosecutor Karen McDonald said the rare move was intended to "send the message" that gun owners have a responsibility.

The Crumbleys are accused not only of supplying their son with a weapon, but of ignoring escalating warnings that he appeared to be on the brink of violence - including on the day of the shooting.

Four days before the tragedy, James Crumbley bought the 9mm Sig Sauer semi-automatic handgun for his son, McDonald told the judge at Saturday's hearing.

His wife took their son to a shooting range the following day, posting on social media that she had bought a gun for her "baby" for Christmas, the prosecutor said. "Instead of disclosing to the school that he had full access to this weapon, they chose not to," she said. - THE MALAY MAIL



From Left: US high school shooting suspect Ethan Crumbley and his parents James and Jennifer Crumbley

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No deaths yet as Omicron grips 40 countries: WHO



Omicron is the Usain Bolt among SARS-CoV-2 variants - Indian virologist

- Who says vaccination key to battling Omicron
- ‘Omicron could dent global economic growth’
- Bangladesh reaches 100mn COVID vaccine milestone
- Cook Islands records first COVID-19 case

SWITZERLAND: The Omicron variant has been detected in 40 countries but no deaths have yet been reported, the WHO said on Friday, as authorities worldwide rushed to stem the heavily mutated COVID-19 strain's spread amid warnings that it could damage the global economic recovery.

The US and Australia became the latest countries to confirm locally transmitted cases of the variant. The WHO has warned it could take weeks to determine how infectious the variant is, whether it causes more severe illness and how effective treatments and vaccines are against it.

"We're going to get the answers that everybody out there needs," WHO emergency director Michael Ryan said.

The WHO said on Friday it had still not seen any reports of deaths related to Omicron, but the new variant's spread has led to warnings that it could cause more than half of Europe's COVID-19 cases in the next few months. The new variant could also slow global economic recovery, just as the Delta strain did, International Monetary Fund chief Kristalina Georgieva said on Friday. A preliminary study by researchers in South Africa, where the variant was first reported on November 24, suggests it is three times more likely to cause reinfections compared to the Delta or Beta strains. Meanwhile, the World Health Organization (WHO) urged countries to boost healthcare capacity and vaccinate their people to fight a surge in COVID-19 cases driven by the Omicron variant, saying that travel curbs could buy time but alone were not the answer.

"Border controls can buy time but every country and every community must prepare for new surges in cases," Takeshi Kasai, the WHO's Eastern Pacific Director, told a media briefing. Also Read

"People should not only rely on border measures. What is most important is to prepare for these variants with potential high transmissibility. So far the information available suggests we don't have to change our approach."

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund is likely to lower its global economic growth estimates



Indian youth conducting an awareness drive against the new coronavirus Omicron variant in Mumbai on Saturday.

due to the new Omicron variant of the coronavirus, the global lender's chief said on Friday in another sign of the turmoil unleashed by the ever-changing pandemic.

"A new variant that may spread very rapidly can dent confidence, and in that sense, we are likely to see some downgrades of our October projections for global growth," IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva said.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh's COVID-19 vaccination drive has achieved a historic milestone of administering more than 100 million vaccine doses, officials said.

According to the figure released on Thursday by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) under the Ministry of Health, a total of 100,002,123 vaccine doses were administered as of Wednesday, including 73,172,360 Chinese vaccine doses, Xinhua reported. Of those, 62,733,739 were administered as

first dose and 37,268,384 shots as second dose. It took Bangladesh about 10 months to reach the milestone of administering more than 100 million vaccine doses. Bangladesh began the COVID-19 vaccination drive in January to contain the pandemic that had spread across the country.

Meanwhile, The Cook Islands on Saturday recorded its first case of COVID-19 since the pandemic began, as the South Pacific country edges toward reopening its borders to tourists.

The nation of around 17,000 people has one of the highest vaccination rates globally, with 96 percent of the eligible population double-dosed.

The virus was detected in a 10-year-old boy quarantined after arriving on a repatriation flight with his family on Thursday, Prime Minister Mark Brown said in a statement. The boy was believed to have flown in from New Zealand. - THE HINDU, THE HINDUSTAN TIMES, INDIA TODAY

INDIA: With the emergence of the Omicron variant of the COVID-19, eminent virologist and nodal officer at the INSACOG lab at NIMHANS, Dr. V. Ravi, who also heads the genome sequencing committee, says that the answer to whether the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) is doing its job, is a resounding 'Yes'. It is important that sequencing is done.

It is different from all other variants for the simple reason that it carries mutations from Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta in one bag. In fact, here's a candidate for the first time in the last nine months that's challenging the Delta variant. Omicron is like Usain Bolt amongst all the SARS-COV2 variants which can spread faster than the others, primarily because it took advantage of all the other variants.

Credible data within Africa showed that from early November, cases from single digit percentage jumped 60-80% in all genomes. Delta is considered seven times more infectious than its prede-



Eminent Indian virologist Dr. V. Ravi

cessor but even that did not rise in such fashion. The virus will be isolated in the next one week.

Once we have it, then cell culture experiments comparing infectivity of variants will be done and then we will know how much more infectious this is.

Secondly, the other way of establishing infectivity is by

determining the R-naught value (how many people get infected from one person).

Also, this variant has 50 to 52 mutations, of which about 28-32 are in the spike protein and 10 to 12 are in the region where the virus binds to the human cell. Omicron is the best key that we have today. - NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

Reinfections three times more likely with Omicron: S. African research



A health worker packages a coronavirus swab test at a COVID-19 testing site in Cape Town.

SOUTH AFRICA: A preliminary study by South African scientists published Thursday suggests the Omicron variant is three times more likely to cause reinfections compared to the Delta or Beta strains.

The findings, based on data collected by the country's health system, provides the first epidemiological evidence about Omicron's ability to evade immunity from prior infection. The paper was uploaded on a medical preprint server and has not yet been peer-reviewed.

There were 35,670 suspected reinfections among 2.8 million individuals with positive tests until November 27. Cases were considered

reinfections if they tested positive 90 days apart.

"Recent reinfections have occurred in individuals whose primary infections occurred across all three waves, with the most having their primary infection in the Delta wave," tweeted Juliet Pulliam, director of the South African DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis. Pulliam cautioned that the authors did not have information about the individuals' vaccination status and therefore could not assess to what extent Omicron evades vaccine-induced immunity. The researchers plan to study this next.

"Data are also urgently needed on disease

severity associated with Omicron infection, including in individuals with a history of prior infection," she said.

Earlier, top South African scientist Anne von Gottberg, an expert at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases, forecast a surge in cases but said authorities expected vaccines would still be effective against severe outcomes.

"We believe the number of cases will increase exponentially in all provinces of the country," she said in a news conference with the World Health Organization's Africa region.

"We believe that vaccines will still, however protect against severe disease," she added. "Vaccines have always held out to protect

against serious disease, hospitalisations and death." WHO experts reiterated calls for a rethink on travel bans against southern Africa, given that Omicron had now been reported in nearly two dozen countries and its source remained unclear.

"South Africa and Botswana detected the variant. We don't know where the origin of this could have been," said specialist Ambrose Talisuna. "To punish people who are just detecting or reporting... is unfair."

In mid-November, South Africa was reporting about 300 cases a day. On Wednesday the country reported 8,561 new cases, up from 4,373 the day before and 2,273 on Monday. - FRANCE 24

Indonesia's tallest volcano in Java erupts, 13 killed

INDONESIA: Ten people trapped after Indonesia's Semeru volcano erupted have been evacuated to safety, the country's disaster mitigation agency (BNPB) said on Sunday, as the death count from the disaster climbed to at least 13 and with dozens injured.

Semeru, the tallest mountain on Java island, threw up towers of ash and hot clouds on Saturday that blanketed nearby villages in East Java province and sent people fleeing in panic.

The eruption severed a strategic bridge connecting two areas in the nearby district of Lumajang with the city of Malang and wrecked buildings, authorities said.

BNPB official Abdul Muhari said in a news release that 13 people have been killed after the eruption, two of whom have been identified. Ninety-eight have been injured, including two pregnant women, and 902 have been evacuated, the statement said.

Thoriqul Haq, a local official in Lumajang, said earlier that sand miners had been trapped around their work sites. BNPB said at least 35 people had been hospitalised, while Lumajang's deputy head said 41 people suffered burns. Semeru, more than 3,600 metres (12,000 feet) high, is one of Indonesia's nearly 130 active volcanoes. It erupted in January, causing no casualties.

Indonesia straddles the "Pacific Ring of Fire", a highly seismically active zone, where different plates on the earth's crust meet and create a large number of earthquakes and volcanoes. - NDTV



A plume of smoke descending on locals from Indonesia's Mount Semeru volcano on Sunday.

Brazilian President to be probed for linking COVID vaccine and AIDS

BRAZIL: A justice of Brazil's top court ordered on Friday that President Jair Bolsonaro be investigated for comments linking COVID-19 vaccines to AIDS, an assertion rejected by doctors and scientists.

Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes instructed the country's top prosecutor, Augusto Aras, to look into the accusation raised by a pandemic inquiry conducted by Brazil's Senate.

Bolsonaro said in an October 24 broadcast that "official reports from the UK government suggest that fully vaccinated people are developing acquired immunodeficiency syndrome much faster than anticipated." Facebook and Instagram took down that video days later, saying it violates their rules.

The Brazilian President, who remains unvaccinated and has frequently pushed against vaccine mandates, argued he was merely quoting an article in the magazine Exame and not making assertions. Moraes said in his ruling that Bolsonaro "used the modus operandi of mass dis-



Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro

semination schemes in social networks," which requires further investigation.

More than 610,000 people have died of COVID-19 in Brazil, second only to the US. The country's current seven-day average of deaths is below 300 a day, which analysts have largely credited to immunization efforts. - PTI

Don't tolerate hate, says Merkel at farewell ceremony

GERMANY: Outgoing Chancellor Angela Merkel called on Germans to stand up to hatred, at a military ceremony Thursday bidding her farewell after 16 years in office.

Merkel was honoured with a traditional military musical performance and march in front of almost all the country's political elite — save for the far-right Alternative for Germany, who weren't invited.

"Our democracy also lives from the fact that wherever hatred and violence are seen as a legitimate means of pursuing one's interests, our tolerance as democrats has to find its limit," said in a speech ahead of the ceremony. The event, which was held at the Defense Ministry rather than in a more public setting due to pandemic constraints, involved a parade and a brass band playing three songs of Merkel's choice. Merkel remains caretaker Chancellor until her successor, the Social Democrat Olaf Scholz, is sworn in next week. She wished him and his new Center-Left Government "all the best, good luck and much success."



German Chancellor Angela Merkel delivers a speech at the Defence Ministry during the Grand Tattoo, a ceremonial send-off for her.

The long-time leader also urged her audience to "always see the world through the eyes of others too" and to work "with joy in your hearts."

- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

Taliban Chief bans forced marriage of women in Afghanistan

AFGHANISTAN: The Taliban decreed on Friday they were banning forced marriage of women in Afghanistan, a move apparently meant to address criteria the international community consider a precondition to recognizing their government and restoring aid to the war-torn country.

The move was announced by the reclusive Taliban Chief, Hibatullah Akhundzade, a cleric chosen as the group's supreme leader who is believed to be in the southern city of Kandahar. It comes as poverty is surging in

Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover in August amid the withdrawal of US and NATO troops. Since then, foreign governments have halted funds that had been a mainstay of the economy.

"Both (women and men) should be equal," said the decree, adding that "no one can force women to marry by coercion or pressure." Women's rights improved markedly over the past two decades of international presence in Afghanistan, but are seen as under threat with the return of

the Taliban, who during their earlier rule in the 1990s virtually cloistered women, banned them from public life and access to education.

Forced marriages have become more commonplace in the poor, conservative country, as the internally displaced marry off their young daughters in exchange for a bride-price that can be used to pay debts and feed their families.

The decree did not mention a minimum age for marriage, which previously was set at 16 years old. - THE INDIAN EXPRESS



The announced decree did not mention a minimum age for marriage, which was previously set at 16 years old.

Kanchana Ramanayake - a crack centre who stunned many opponents

INDIKA WELAGEDARA

Kanchana Ramanayake played school rugby as a three quarter for his alma mater Trinity College, Kandy in the inter schools rugby championship.

He represented club teams Up Country Lions, CR & FC and Kandy Sports Club with distinction and is presently turning out for Navy Sports Club in the inter club rugby tournament as an exceptional speedy centre three quarter.

He went on to represent the Sri Lanka national fifteen side rugby team and Sri Lanka seven a side

national team. Presently he is domiciled with his family in Australia.

Speaking exclusively to the Daily News, Kanchana Ramanayake said "I grew up in a sports background that's where I found inspiration to enter the arena of sports and I have had the passion towards sports since I was small. Probably that is how my journey into the world of sports started".

"There are many people who have supported me, especially my family and my wife. Hence I'm always grateful to all of them."

Since I grew up in a

sports background, I had the luxury of Watching my elder brothers play rugby and played with them during our leisure times; which ultimately made me choose rugby."

"My priorities are surely my family and Rugby and it's not an easy task to be a rugby player unless you can sacrifice many things in your life and you should be able to commit yourself more into the sport."

"My most unforgettable incident is winning the Asians Five Nations rugby championship in 2015 held in Philippines. Hence that will always remain in my



Kanchana Ramanayake

memory throughout my life as the most unforgettable incident to date."



Kanchana Ramanayake (on left) making a break

I spend my leisure time listening to music and watching movies and Bali is my favourite holiday destination "My greatest accom-

plishment is representing Sri Lanka national rugby team for four years."

"The best compliment I have received was in 2016

at the Monaco Olympic Qualifiers, when I scored a few tries for the Sri Lanka team and I have been given good comments for my achievements."

"It's not an easy task to be a rugby player, unless you can sacrifice many things in your life and you should be able to commit yourself more into the sport".

"Thus far indeed yes, I'm really happy with all my achievements."

"My favourite rugby player is Beauden Barrett from the New Zealand All Blacks."

"I won't compare myself

to anyone, because I'm unique in my own way."

"In life the pandemic has taught me to enjoy my life and appreciate what you are and we are all the same regardless of our religion, culture, customs, whether we are poor or rich."

"I wanted to be a businessman when I grow up."

"As a person of courage, confidence and self motivation in the field of rugby, is the kind of legacy I want to be remembered for."

On a concluding note Kanchana said that he likes to describe himself as a confident and ambitious person in life."

NSSF Skeet Nationals 2021 Airman Sandakelum shooting champion



Overall winner Sandakelum Ranasinghe (centre) with the two medal winners Johann Fernando (left) and Jeremy Fernando

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Clay Target Shooting Club of Colombo (CTSCC) dominated the NSSF Skeet National Championship 2021 , but Airman Sandakelum Ranasinghe stole the show clinching the overall championship with 27 points in the final round of the two-day competition held at the Clay Target Shooting Club of Colombo's Shotgun Range in Payagala, Kalutara.

CTSCC's Johann Fernando, with 23 points, bagged the Silver medal while his teammate and sibling Jeremy Fernando accumulated 19 points to win the Bronze medal. CTSCC shooters Shankar Dharmaratne and Sajeev de Silva finished fourth and fifth overall as Dallas Martenstyn of Negombo Rifle Club (NRC) was placed sixth.

CTSCC shooters dominated the Team event by winning the Gold and Bronze medals while Sri Lanka Air Force bagged the Silver medal after a close shave. The Gold medal winning CTSCC 'A' team consisted of experienced shooters Johann and Jeremy Fernando and Shirantha Peries. E.D.M.M. Wijewickrama, Sandakalum Ranasinghe and R.G.P. Madushanka represented Air Force to help their team secure the silver medal. Shankar Dharmaratne,

Shehan Patterson and Sajeev de Silva were part of the CTSCC 'B' team that bagged the bronze medal.

The Open category was also a show dominated by CTSCC with Shankar Dharmaratne claiming the Gold medal and Johann Fernando winning the Silver medal. Overall winner Sandakelum Ranasinghe of Sri Lanka Air Force, however, finished close behind to settle with the Bronze medal.

Dallas Martenstyn of NRC finished with 61 points to claim the Gold medal in the Masters' category while CTSCC's Shirantha Peries won the Silver medal followed by Wimalaratna Rangala of Hill Country SC, who bagged the Bronze medal. Senerath Menikdiwela and Johnston Fernando were the other competitors in this category.

Lasantha has rendered yeoman service for Kandy SC

This is going to be Lasantha Wijasuriya's 20th year as rugby chairman of Kandy Sports Club and have been their senior Vice President for many years, Kandy rugby lovers are waiting to see him taking the presidency of the club. The 1972 year born ruggerite has given his best for rugby as a player, coach and administrator. His keenness is all out building the Kandy Sports Club team to bring back the trend of the game. He has thrown his support with the aim of stamping their mark at club level. He is a man who thinks about the players welfare as well as benefits.

He is the man who has performed his roles quite successfully. A great rugby lover he used to say the success of Kandy Sports Club rugby is due to the good understanding among the players, the discipline and the all-important playing as a team and the support they got from the fans that really made the team a champion outfit in the Sri Lanka Rugby league, knockout and sevens tournaments. It was his knowledge experience and dedication that guided the players.



HAFIZ MARIKAR

From the day he took over the chairmanship in 2001 he has been doing a good job, and also knows how to handle matters, as a former player, captain and coach. He has been commanding rugby players for nearly two decades. He knows his team has got the physical strength needed for rugby to last the pace and to resist any onslaught from the opposition.

He is a product of St. Anthony's College where he learnt the game. Soon after his school career he joined CH and FC on an invitation from Kishin Butani and was selected to play for the country in the Asiad which was held in South Korea in 1992. From CH and FC he came back to his home town club Kandy SC and was put on the correct track by Kandy Sports Club's administration led by Malik Samarawickrema. During his playing days he was one of the top back division players to emerge from the central hills who played as

a centre three quarter while maintaining good discipline

He became the captain of the Kandy Sports Club team in 1997 and in that year the club for the first time were unbeaten in all three tournaments, under the coaching of Nimal Levke. Lasantha's wide experience and pleasant approach is what drew the players to Nittawala with innovative ideas that encouraged the players to unite and play as a team.

After saying good bye to the game as a player, He started coaching and was in charge of the St. Anthony's College team and later helped Kandy SC in coaching. He is a person who knows how to look after the players and get the best from them.

Kavinda and Thisitha to coach Trinity

Trinity College has appointed Kavinda Jayesena and Thisitha de Silva as their rugby coaches. The team is preparing for the schools season and the two coaches are ready to take every challenge in order to bring glory and

triumph to the team. they are now at training.

It seems the two coaches believe with proper and decent preparation, Trinity College could give a fierce fight in the upcoming tournament. Kavinda from 2018 was the overall rugby Manager; who is all out to put his strengths into play and building on the solid work laid down in the past. The other coach Thisitha de Silva played for Trinity as a back-division player and later, for Kandy SC. They have been involved in coaching for some time, both are sure to do well by inspiring, mentoring, creating confidence and stability in transforming Trinity College rugby into a strong unit.

KDCA Cricket tourney

Kandy District Cricket Association who have come out with the qualifying tournament for A & B division have conducted 13 matches out of 59 rest of the matches will be continued. The problem they have is venue and weather. Thanks to Wickramabahu College Gampola, they

gave their grounds to play the thirteen games.

They have to play 24 "A" group matches and 22 "B" group matches. In a few days time when they get the okay from the grounds they will start their matches. In the last game played New Wave Cricket Club beat Honest Star Sports Club by 10 runs on (Parabola Method) at the Wickremabahu College grounds at Gampola. Honest Star Sports Club won the toss and wanted to field first, and the New Wave Cricket Club taking the first turn scored 181 losing all the wickets in 3.2 overs, with Sandun Silva top scoring with 55 and Shamal Athanayake scored 43. A.M.N. Nuzair bowled well to take 6 for 15.

Honest Star Sports Club in reply were (Target 143 in 27over's) were 108/4 in 21 overs New Wave C.C. 181 all out in 34.2 over's- Sandun Silva 55, Shamal Athanayake 43, A.M.N. Nuzair 6 for 15and N. Usman 2 for 46. Honest Star S.C. (Target 143 in 27 over's)108/4 in 21 overs- Y. Kugalashan 36 not out, Sandun Silva 2 for 21

Malinga and Champika to coach Dharmaraja cricket team

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

Kandy Sports Special Corr

Dharmaraja College, Kandy has a long history of playing Cricket for over a century and it has produced outstanding Cricketers in the calibre of TB Kehelgamuwa, Sonny Yatawara, and later Chamara Kapugedara Sri Lanka Test Cricketers and one day Captain. The School has also produced so many outstanding cricketers such as Senaka Dissanayake, G.S. Ratnayake, Ananda Jayasundera, Harold Ranasinghe, Sandun Weerakkody, Priyantha Weragoda, Ravi Rajapakse, Pubudu Seneviratne, Prasanna Walalawala, Mahinda Pethiyagoda, T.B. Talwate, P.L.A. Alwis, S.U. Mendis, D.D.P. Alwis, Dananjaya



Sachintha Dissanayake, Captain of the 1st XI Cricket team

Nawaratne, Nalin. Angammana, Ajith Naranpananwa and Senarath Alwis to name a few.

To gain more experience for School Cricket the School



The Head Coach of the 1st XI Cricket team, Malinga Surappulige.

authorities have appointed two new Cricket Coaches with immediate effect.

The new Cricket coach is 38 year old Malinga Surappulige, an old Nalandian Cricketer as the Head coach replacing Ananda Wijesekera. and 49 year old Champika Siriwardena, an old Anthonian as the Asst.



The Asst. Coach of the team, Champika Siriwardena.

coach replacing E.M.U. Chandrathilak. Malinga represented Nalanda college Cricket team from 2000 to 2002 as a right arm medium pace bowler and selected as the 'Best Schoolboy Bowler' for two consecutive years and his Cricket coaches were Leslie Narangoda and Jayantha Seneviratne.

Malinga was the Asst. coach of St. Peter's college, and he was appointed by the Sri Lanka Cricket as the District Cricket coach since 2015. As a cricketer he has played Club Cricket in England & Australia from 2007 onwards for several years. Champika Siriwardena, an Anthonian Cricketer, a right hand top order batsman being a former Head Coach of Malyiawewa Kurunegala and after St. Anthony's, Katugastota he went to Vidyarthi College, Kandy as the Cricketer coach before being appointed as the Asst. coach of Dharmaraja Cricket with immediate effect as a Level II Coach. His coaches were Sunil Wickremanayake and Sunil Fernando.

Sachintha Dissanayake

has been appointed as the Cricket Captain of the First XI Cricket team of Dharmaraja College for the year 2021/2022, as a left hand batsman who has captained all the college cricket teams i.e. under 13, 15 and 17 before being appointed the Captain of the first XI team. Sachintha is coming from a Cricketer family and his father is Ruwan Dissanayake, former talented Cricketer of Dharmaraja and his elder Brother Kavishka represented the School as well as the Engineering faculty of the University of Peradeniya and at present is an Electrical Engineer.

He is thankful to his coaches as well as his family members for the standard he has reached in Cricket.



Mahela Jayawardene (on extreme left) and Kumar Sangakkara (second from left) seen unveiling their photographs while President MCA . Nalin Wickramasinghe and Wilmot Jayasinghe the General Manager of MCA. Look on. (Picture by - Herbert Perera)

MCA Honours Sanga and Mahela

The Mercantile Cricket Association (MCA) unveiled two Photographs of Two Sri Lankan and World Class Cricketers Kumar Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene at the MCA ViP Lounge in the presence of former presidents of the club and special distinguished invitees last Thursday.

The unveiling of the two photographs of the two brilliant Sri Lankan Cricketers who have brought honour to the country was on a decision by the newly appointed President of MCA. Nalin Wickramasinghe as his first concept to develop the club during his tenure as the president of the club.



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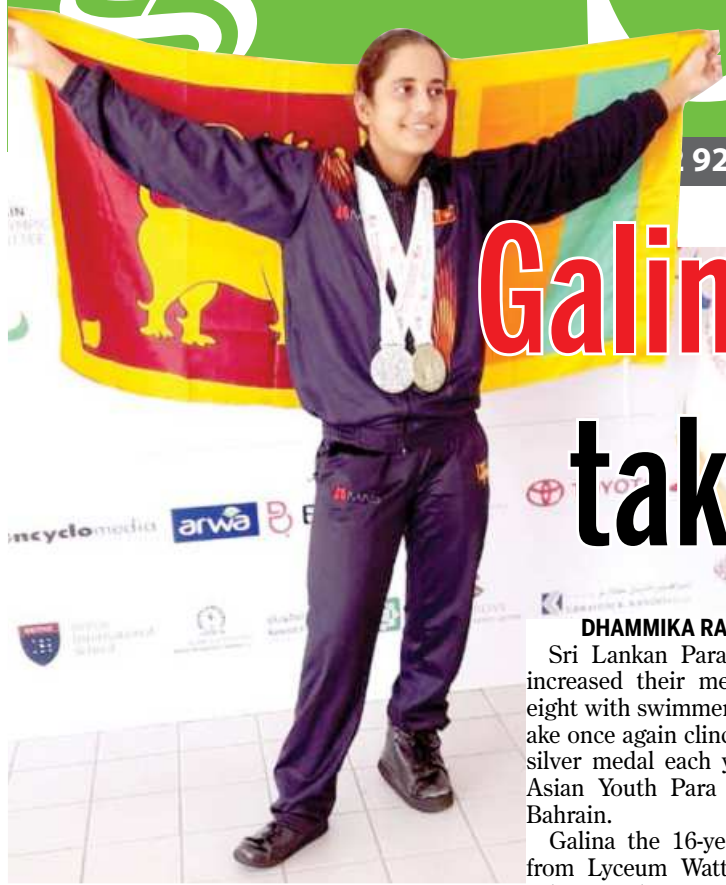
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Galina wins second gold and a silver to take Sri Lanka tally to eight medals

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lankan Para Youth athletes increased their medal tally up to eight with swimmer Galina Basnayake once again clinching a gold and silver medal each yesterday at the Asian Youth Para Games held in Bahrain.

Galina the 16-year-old swimmer from Lyceum Wattala coached by Julian Bowling won the gold medals on the opening day from the 400m

freestyle and yesterday won her second gold medal in 100m freestyle with a time of one minute and 12.09 seconds. Indonesian swimmer Harsanto Mutiara was placed with 1:16.16 seconds while Philippines' Angel Mae finished third with 1:16.66 seconds secured silver and bronze medals at this event.

Galina once again put up a good fight to win a silver medal at the 100m butterfly event. She finished

second with 1 minute 32.86 seconds to secure a silver medal while Indonesian Mutiara was placed first with 1:29.82 to take the gold medal and third place was won by Indian Sathija Devsansi with 1:35.57 seconds.

Earlier on day three, Sri Lanka's Mohamed Safran won a silver medal in the Men's T46 100m. He clocked 13.39 seconds. He is from Arakkala Muslim School, Kekuna-

golla. Janani Wickramasinghe who won 200m bronze on the second day secured another bronze medal in girls T47 100m with a time of 13.88 seconds. She is a student of Suradutha Balika Vidyalaya, Kuli-yapitiya.

Earlier on day two, Jason Jayawardena of Gateway International School won Shot putt silver medal and swimmer Naveed Raheem won 400m freestyle bronze.

Sri Lanka's medal tally is now eight and the best performance so far as the previous highest was five medals in 2013.

"Actually day by day youth para athletes come up with medals", said National Paralympic Committee President Lt Colonel Deepal Herath. "We are very happy with youth talent and we can make a good second string team with them", he added.

Galina Basnayake with her gold and silver medal after the award ceremony



Paralympic gold medalist Dinesh Priyantha Herath who officially declared open the LPL shakes hand with Jaffna Kings skipper Thisara Perera at the opening ceremony. Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, SLC President Shammi Silva, CEO Ashley de Silva and Vice Presidents Dr Jayantha Dharmadasa and Ravin Wickramaratne are also present. (Pic courtesy SLC)

Second LPL starts with grand opening ceremony

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The second edition of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) tournament got underway yesterday with a colourful opening ceremony at the R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium.

The five-teams Jaffna Kings, Galle Gladiators, Kandy Warriors, Dambulla Giants, and Colombo Stars took part at the opening ceremony while Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa was the chief guest on this occasion. The Minister has invited Paralympic Gold medalist Dinesh Priyantha Herath to officially declare open this second edition of the LPL.

The Minister said that LPL always gives youngsters a good opportunity and to perform well with world-class players and provide equal opportunity for Sri Lankan players to compete at the highest level. The first edition was successful and we found really good talented players and we believe it's even better this time. The selec-

tors will identify good tenanted players from this.

"The franchise tournament globally picking up very fast now and a lot of tourists come from different destinations. LPL is just the beginning of the Sri Lankan Sporting Economy. "We will be working towards to have other sports in the guideline to bring them franchise level. This LPL itself doing with tremendous level and very sure this will grow year by year and thanks to the President and health authorities to allow spectators at this hard time. This is something we have needed the entire sporting family of the country," said Minister.

SLC President Shammi Silva, CEO Ashley de Silva, Vice Presidents Dr. Jayantha Dharmadasa, and Ravin Wickramaratne who is also the Tournament Director graced this opening ceremony while renowned artists displayed with official LPL song which added more glamour to this occasion.

Dunith and Yasiru guide Sri Lanka U19 to lead series 2-1

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Skipper Dunith Wellalage and Yasiru Rodrigo produced fine all round performances as Sri Lanka under 19 recorded a two-wicket win over England under 19 in their third ODI cricket fixture played at SSC grounds yesterday. The bowlers dominated this low-scoring game and finally, Sri Lanka took a 2-1 lead with two games to spare.

England under 19's chose to bat first but Sri Lanka's bowlers skittled them out for 114 in just 34.3 overs and Skipper Wellalage led from the front with 3 for 13 while Yasiru Rodrigo, Treveen Mathew, and Raveen de Silva shared two wickets each. Sri Lanka Youth team couldn't get a good start but middle-order batters fought back to reach their target in 44 overs with two wickets in hand.

Sri Lanka chasing their target were struggling 5 for 46 after 18.4 overs and the game was wide open for both teams. Especially Shevon Daniel (0) and previous match centurion Pawan Pathiraja (13) were back to the pavilion with two run outs and visitors were fighting back strongly. Opener Anjala Bandara top scored 29 in 58 balls with four boundaries while skipper Dunith Wellalage made 18 runs in 55 balls with a boundary trying to repair the innings. However, Sri Lanka once again was struggling at 96 for eight wickets after 38.5 overs.

All-rounder Yasiru Rodrigo the number nine batter took the responsibility to stay at wicket using his experience finally scored an unbeaten 12 in 28 balls with two fours supported by paceman Matheesha Pathirana with 6 runs in 13 balls and the pair associated 19 runs ninth-wicket stand which paved the way to get important victory to take the series 2-1 lead.

The two teams will meet their 4th ODI on Nov. 8 at the same venue.



Skipper Dunith Wellalage celebrating a wicket



Yasiru Rodrigo in action (pic courtesy SLC)



Mohamed Imran, the Colombo FC goalkeeper makes a valiant effort to save a kick from a rival player.

Colombo FC bounce back to draw game

A late second half rally by Colombo FC enabled them to hold Red Star to a 2-all draw in their Super League match at the Sugathadasa Stadium yesterday.

After trailing 2-nil until the last 15 minutes, the Colombo lads bounced back to score two goals in quick succession to force a draw.

Both teams fought hard in search of their maiden goal in the first half, but they failed to improvise on the given chances which led to a scoreless first half.

After the turn around Red Star played a much-settled game with an attacking approach. They reached success as Mohamed Rahuman booted two sensational goals to put his side in the box seat. But Zarwan Johar reduced the gap midway in the second half, while Ahamed Shazny scored the equalizer to hold the scoreline 2-all at the full-time whistle. (AN)



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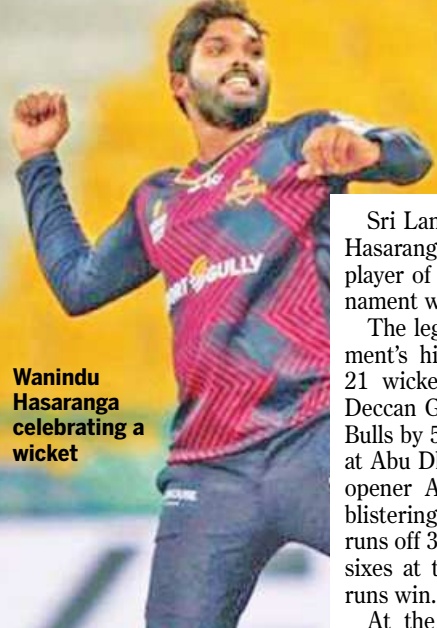
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Wanindu Hasaranga celebrating a wicket

Wanindu wins Abu Dhabi T-10 Player of the Series award

Sri Lankan all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga has been adjudged the player of the Abu Dhabi T10 tournament which ended on Saturday.

The leg spinner was the tournament's highest wicket taker with 21 wickets for the title winners Deccan Gladiators who beat Delhi Bulls by 56 runs at the final played at Abu Dhabi Stadium. Gladiator's opener Andrew Russel stroked a blistering knock of an unbeaten 90 runs off 32 balls with 9 fours and 7 sixes at the final to seal their 56 runs win.

At the final, Wanindu claimed two for 20 to help restrict the opponents to 103 for seven, in pursuit of a 160 run victory target.

Delhi Bulls Dominic Drakes won the bowler of the tournament for his 19 wickets, while teammate Rahmanullah Gurbaz, with 343 runs, was the batter of the tournament.

Earlier in the tournament Wanindu Hasaranga created history as he claimed best bowling figures.

During the 27th match Deccan Gladiators and Bangla Tigers at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu

Dhabi, Hasaranga wrecked havoc in the Bangla Tigers batting line-up with a five-wicket haul. Hasaranga's bowling figures of 5/8 in the innings were the best by a player in an Abu Dhabi T10 league match. Hasaranga was back home yesterday morning to play LPL tournament.

Earlier Wanindu Hasaranga was also the leading wicket-taker in the recently concluded 2021 ICC T20 World Cup in Dubai, wherein he scalped 16 wickets at a splendid average of 9.75 and an economy rate of 5.20 runs per Over. (D.R)

India need five wickets to seal victory

Ajaz Patel bagged 14 of the 17 Indian wickets to fall in the Mumbai Test, but the hosts continued to boss the game, setting New Zealand an improbable 540 after declaring on 276 for 7. R Ashwin then cracked open the visitors' top order, leaving his side five wickets away from victory at stumps on the third day.

Ajaz had finished with 14 for 225 - the best match figures against India in Tests - and finally found a modicum of support from Rachin Ravindra, the other left-arm fingerspinner, who picked up three wickets.

However, there wasn't as much support on the batting front for Daryl Mitchell, who led New Zealand's resistance with an assured 60 off 92 balls. Mitchell, who batted at No.3 again in the injury-enforced absence of Kane Williamson, was either right forward or right back to India's spin trio. He often jumped out of the crease and upset the lengths like how Mayank Agarwal had done earlier in the match.

Brief scores:
India 1st innings 325
New Zealand 1st Innings 62
India 2nd Innings 276/7 Dec.

(Mayank Agarwal 62, Cheteshwar Pujara 47, Shubman Gill 47, Ajaz Patel 4/106, Rachin Ravindra 3/56)
New Zealand 2nd Innings 140/5
(Daryl Mitchell 60, Henry Nicholls 36, Will Young 20, Ravichandran Ashwin 3/27, Axar Patel 1/42) (Cricinfo)

Bhanuka's 56 seals opening win for Galle Gladiators over Jaffna Kings

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Skipper Bhanuka Rajapaksa made a fine knock of 56 as Galle Gladiators defeated defending champions Jaffna Kings by 54 runs in the opening game of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) tournament played at the R. Premadasa Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Jaffna Kings, chasing a target of 164 runs, were bowled out for 110 in 18.4 overs with leg spinner Samit Patel doing most of the damage for the winning Gladiators, taking 3 for 21.

Earlier, Galle Gladiators lost their first three wickets, adding only 41 runs, but Skipper Bhanuka Rajapaksa made a brilliant innings of 56 in 31 balls; hitting six fours and three sixes while Samit Patel made a good supporting role by scoring 42

in 31 balls, hitting six fours to build up the innings. Champion leg spinner Wanindu Hasaranga, who came from Abu Dhabi yesterday morning, finished with figures of 2 for 30, while Caribbean paceman Jayden Seales took 3 for 23.

Chief scores

Galle Gladiators: 164/7 in 20 overs (Kusal Mendis 16, Mohammad Hafeez 15, Ben Dunk 17, Bhanuka Rajapaksa 56, Samit Patel 42, Jayden Seales 3/23, Wanindu Hasaranga 2/30)

Jaffna Kings: 110 all out 18.4 overs (Upul Tharanga 17, Rahmanullah Gurbaz 11, Tom Kohler-Cadmore 10, Thisara Perera 11, Sammu Ashan 15, Wahab Riaz 27, Mohammad Hafeez 2/11, Samit Patel 3/23, Paulina Tharanga 2/13)

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New BOI Board this week

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has demanded the resignation of all the members of the Board of Investment including Chairman Sanjaya Mohottala, BOI Trade Union sources told the Daily News on Friday.

These sources also said that investors need not panic as President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was expected to appoint a new Board to the BOI this week.

The resentment against the BOI Board was such as out of the 1,100 employees over 900 of them had signed a petition within two

days against the Board. This was the first time that all six unions stood together for the common cause, sources said.

Only the employees of the Board who were on leave were not available for placing their signatures on the petition. Even they had expressed willingness to come out of their leave to sign the petitions, these sources said.



Some of the reasons for the employees signing the petition calling for the removal of the Board were the lack of vision of the Board to attract Foreign Direct Investment in consonance with President Rajapaksa's vision to make Sri Lanka, the Investment Hub of South Asia.

Other operational reasons such as having some political favorite

on special 'five star' salaries, way above normal which was even probed by the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) in Parliament, they said.

There were 29 employees who had been brought under a special unit of the BOI who had been placed on high salaries say from Rs. 600,000 and above and who had to be directed by the senior staff who were getting paid less.

That proposal was also approved by the Cabinet as well and that was why the resentment of the Unions grew against the Board, they said.

India finalises cooperation plan to revive COVID hit Sri Lanka economy

As Sri Lanka battles to revive its Covid-battered economy, New Delhi and Colombo have agreed on a four-pronged cooperation package comprising urgent food and health security, energy security, currency swap and Indian investments.

The short- to medium-term plan was decided during Sri Lanka Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa's visit to India this week. He met his Indian counterpart Nirmla Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, among others.

The brother of Sri Lanka Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Basil Rajapaksa is considered a political strategist. He was a confidante of Mahinda Rajapaksa when he was President.

According to a statement issued by the Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi, the two sides discussed "four pillars" for short- and medium-term cooperation.

These are: urgent food and health security package that would envisage an extension of a line of credit to cover the import of food, medicines and other essential items from India to Sri Lanka; energy security package that would include a line of credit to cover the import of fuel from India, and early modernisation of the Trincomalee Tank Farm; offer

of a currency swap to help Sri Lanka address its balance of payment issues; facilitation of Indian investments in different sectors that would contribute to growth and expand employment

The Sri Lanka Finance Minister's discussions with his Indian counterpart and the External Affairs Minister focused on issues of mutual importance pertaining to the bilateral relationship. "Both sides expressed satisfaction over the evolving trajectory of the bilateral relationship. During the discussions, they identified ways and means through which the existing bilateral economic relationship between the two countries could be further broadened and deepened," the statement said.

The short- to medium-term plan was decided during Sri Lanka Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa's visit to India this week

According to a statement issued by the Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi, the two sides discussed "four pillars" for short- and medium-term cooperation. (Twitter/Basil Rajapaksa)

Indian side of the economic situation in Sri Lanka and his government's approach to addressing post-Covid challenges. The Indian ministers expressed solidarity and reiterated that the country has always stood by Sri Lanka.

According to the statement it was agreed that modalities to implement these objectives would be finalised within a mutually agreed timeline.

The ministers also agreed to open direct lines of communication to coordinate the initiatives.

(indianexpress.com)

Tea export revenue to reach US\$ 1.3 bn this year



Tea Board Chairman Jayampathy Molligoda. Picture by Saliya Rupasinghe.

Despite many obstacles the country has archived a tea export revenue of USD 1.2 billion till the end of November, Tea Board Chairman Jayampathy Molligoda told a felicitation ceremony held in recognition of the historic



achievement of conducting the Colombo Tea Auction on an online platform for the first time in over 125 years held at Shangri-La Hotel Colombo on Friday.

He expressed optimism that the tea exporters would be able to achieve a target of USD 1.3 billion tea export revenue. In rupee terms, they have already achieved Rs 242 billion. He said this rupee figure was significant because that is what trickles down right up to the farmers. The tea industry must not be viewed

only from the export revenue or as a major foreign exchange earner it's a way of life for the 500,000 farmers smallholders, 135,000 estate workers, 20 odd regional plantation companies, 590 tea factories and about 280 tea exporters apart from the brokers and other associations supporting this entire global value chain.

He said with the introduction of the e-auction the prices have gone up and with the increase of crop production the price stabilized. Molligoda said in today's context Rs 242 billion when the economy is not doing well in terms of foreign exchange earnings particularly because of loss tourism the country losing over US\$ 9 billion in the last two months.

UK inflation surges to a 10-year high

The cost of living in the U.K. surged in October to a 10-year high, with the figure now more than double the target set by the Bank of England.

The U.K.'s Consumer Prices Index rose by 4.2% in the 12 months to October, up from 3.1% in September. Economists polled by Reuters had a expected a figure of 3.9% for October.

The Bank of England held interest rates steady earlier this month, defying many investors' expectations that it would become the first major central bank to hike rates following the coronavirus pandemic.

The Bank has been monitoring a confluence of crucial data points as inflation remains persistently high while economic growth moderates and labor conditions tighten. Wednesday's data will surely add more pressure on the Bank to act at its December meeting. (BBC)



Sri Lanka Economic Summit begins today

Timely to deliberate and reset economy after C-19 havoc - CCC Chairman

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

The upcoming Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2021, the foremost and most anticipated economic event of Sri Lanka, will be inaugurated by the Chief Guest - Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa, 6, (Today) under the theme 'Springboard for revival: Opportunity to reset'.

Governor of the Central Bank, Ajith Nivard Cabraal will deliver the Keynote Address at the inauguration of the Summit, which will bring together leading national and international thought leaders, economists and industry experts on to one platform, as they lead discussions on charting a sustainable course for economic recovery and development. Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, (CCC) Vish Govindasamy will deliver the welcome address.

Commenting on the 2021 Economic Summit, Chairman of both the umbrella Private Sector Lobby Group - the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and also that of the Employers Federation of Ceylon, Vish Govindasamy told *Daily News Business*.

"The conference is absolutely timely as the Government has just presented the National Budget and the way forward for 2022 and this is the way to discuss the way forward."

This is also to deliberate on the methodologies on the proceeding way in the immediate aftermath of the C-19 pandemic which wreaked havoc on the Sri Lankan economy, he said.

Continuing, Govindasamy said:

"The title of the Summit is to reset and go forward. Now that we know how the Budget is going to work and hopefully tourism which is one of our major foreign exchange earners should also work hopefully, more investments will come. We will be discussing all the difficult things as well, such as the Foreign Reserves and the Exchange Rates as well, he remarked.

"We will also see how we can reduce the Cost of Living for our people", he said.

The two-day summit will feature seven curated sessions offering unique insights and perspectives on several topics of contemporary economic significance, including setting the macro foundation for growth, the case for public-private sector collaboration in advancing economic development, Sri Lanka's potential as a technology hub, opportunities to enhance export revenue and how Sri Lanka can reposition itself for the new normal in travel.

The Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2021 (SLES 2021) is scheduled to be held on 6th and 7th December as a hybrid summit catering to participants who would join online as well as participate in-person at the Shangri-La Hotel. The theme for the 21st Sri Lanka Economic Summit is based on creating an environment that will be a Springboard for Revival, leveraging on the Opportunity to Reset.

Measures to curtail informal fund transfer channels

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), along with the Financial Intelligence unit and the Police will take immediate action to curtail informal fund transfer channels, which would, in turn, further encourage migrant workers to use formal channels to remit their hard-earned foreign exchange to the benefit of their dependents.

According to Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal money coming from legitimate channels have come down in recent months, or USD 300 million were lost to unofficial channels in recent months. "We have a suspicion that there could be drug money involved in these types of transactions. Hence, we want to come down hard on those types of actions.

While encouraging people to send money through organized channels, we also make it unproductive for people to send money through any other means as we believe that those means are definitely not lawful and support unlawful activities."

In order to track unusual patterns of money from accounts, money laundering tracking software has also been deployed.



CBSL issues operating instructions on Inward Workers' Remittances

The Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) has decided to pay an incentive of Rs. 8.00 per US dollar for workers' remittances, in addition to the existing incentive of Rs.2.00 under the "Incentive Scheme on Inward Workers' Remittances", when such funds are remitted through Licensed Banks (LBs) and other internationally accepted formal channels and converted into Sri Lankan rupees during the period from 01.12.2021 to 31.12.2021.

Accordingly, the total incentive for inward workers' remittances converted into Sri Lankan rupees during the month of December 2021 will be Rs. 10.00 per US dollar.

Mystery on gas equipment disruptions

Mystery surrounds the disruption on Gas related equipment says President of the LP Gas Distributors' Association Sathyendra Wijayapura.

He said that the storage and transfer over several hundred gas cylinders and none has ever exploded. Hence the issue is not with storage," he told *Daily News Business*. "We also supply LP gas to hospitals and crematoriums and no issues were reported to date."

"However it's a fact that some gas burners have blown up and there is an issue."



He also assured that the Gas cylinder is made of tough material and would not explode at any condition and such incidents too were not reported. "I am also blaming the Social media for blowing this issue out of proportion just to get 'more views' on them."

While all this is under discussion I still say there is a mystery



Sathyendra Wijayapura

element behind these gas disruptions Wijayapura added. (SS)

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AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY JOBS AT STAKE - PILAPITIYA

FIZEL JABIR

The import ban on automobiles has crossed two years now and all stakeholders of the trade are having issues of survival leave aside making profits, opined Gihan Pilapitiya, industry expert and

Past President Ceylon Motor Traders Association(CMTA). Speaking to **Daily News Business** he said the legitimate importers employ up to 12,000-15,000 individuals both direct and indirect and most of their jobs are now at stake due to longstanding import ban. **Excerpts of the interview**

Q: What is your perspective of the motor industry today?

A: We quite understand the challenges the government has to face due to the unforeseen negative effects to the economic front.

The import ban has now crossed two years now and all stakeholders of the trade are having issues.

The challenge now is survival leave aside making profits. The legitimate importers employ up to 12-15,000 individuals both direct and indirect and all their jobs are now at stake due to longstanding open ended import ban.

Q: What are the consequences importers face due to the import ban?

A: Covering the overheads of the business, payment of salaries and servicing the borrowings has been an impossible task as a result for most companies.

On top of this foreign currency restrictions affect the importation of spare parts that are essential for repair and servicing of vehicles on the road.

Q: What are your suggestions to revive the industry?

A: Any country needs at least a reasonable volume of vehicles coming in to the market every year. This will help renew (at least) part of the fleet that will support management of cost structures and minimize environmental issues etc.

Also this is a very good opportunity for the government to regularize the industry.

A vehicle should be imported only by a government registered and an authorized organization that can support warranty offers and after sales servicing of them. It is also critical to keep to the latest safety standards, invest into new technology that is essential in managing a complicated today's automobile.

It may be an ideal time to set up a regulatory body in order to regulate the automobile industry.

However, before all these it is essential to reopen imports with an import quota system, maybe considering the number of employees as a yardstick until the economic challenges are settled to reasonable levels.

Q: How has the Corona pandemic affected the livelihoods of motor stakeholders?

A: Due to closure for COVID most companies have not been able to carry out their operations and currently there is a serious concern with regard to importing spare parts due to non availability, lack of foreign currency. On top of this the overall productivity levels in technical teams have dropped to very low levels due to COVID related issues and the output of workshops have dropped to low levels.

Q: What do you expect at this moment from the government?

A: Regularize the industry. Do not allow illegal entry such as allowing illegally imported vehicles to be registered, specially four-wheelers. Introduce a quota system for imports for all legitimate importers.

Q: What are the relief and concessions

the industry needs at this juncture?

A: In addition to the above suggestions of a quota system and spare parts import support to allow vehicles that were ordered and LCs opened prior to the import ban to be cleared without surcharges, waive off the Social Security Contribution for the automobile trade as there are no imports.

Q: How have these stringent measures affected your relationships with vehicle manufactures?

A: There were vehicles manufactured for specific orders by manufacturers, when the import ban came into effect. These were not allowed to be imported despite even opening the LC's. Most manufacturers have already lost faith in the system in Sri Lanka.

Also most local bank LC's are now not accepted by the international manufacturers/trading houses. Some importers have managed to dispose of some of these ordered stocks at heavy

losses to other countries. Other vehicles are still lying at export yards or the local port yards.

Q: How will the non imports affect development activities in the country?

A: Imports have to be allowed at some space to keep the economic activities going. Specially, commercial vehicles have to be allowed to be imported as the cost of maintenance climbs higher than replacement cost after certain parameters of age of vehicle/mileage etc.

Q: What are the social impacts of the prohibition of vehicle imports?

A: Frustration among the masses and high cost of maintaining old vehicles. Also the market prices of available vehicles have skyrocketed and most prices are artificially high.

PROFILE

Gihan Pilapitiya, is a senior figure in the automobile trade in Sri Lanka with over 30 years of experience in the trade. He has been managing many international brands over the years during his career and currently works as the General Manager in one of the leading automotive companies in Sri Lanka. He is also the past Chairman of the Ceylon Motor Traders Association (CMTA), the sole association that represents the brand new importers and franchise holders in the country.

Q: Will there be a relaxation to import curbs by the government?

A: Not in sight.

Q: Is assembling vehicles a practical measure in Sri Lanka?

A: This looks to be a good initiative but has to be done on a long-term plan. Same as the fertiliser issue.

Ceylinco VIP pays Rs. 437 mn for serious illnesses

Additional benefits to motor policyholders

Ceylinco VIP on the Spot paid a whopping Rs 437 Million for serious illnesses of its motor policyholders. All Ceylinco VIP On the spot motor policyholders who insure their vehicles with Ceylinco VIP are automatically entitled to an exclusive Rs 1 Million Serious Illness Cover that will reimburse medical costs incurred in the treatment of heart disease, cancer, kidney failure, stroke and several other serious illnesses (including major organ transplants, chronic lung and liver diseases, deafness, blindness, multiple sclerosis, paralysis etc).

From the Rs. 437 million paid out, Rs 315 Million was paid for heart-related ailments and another Rs 122 Million for the treatment of cancer and kidney ailments and several other serious illnesses.



Among the beneficiaries are comprehensive policyholders who insured all types of vehicles with Ceylinco VIP as well as 3rd party policyholders.

"Ceylinco General Insurance believes in delivering a high level of service that delight customers," opined Ceylinco General Insurance Chairman / Chief Executive Officer Patrick Alwis.

Adding further, Managing Director Upali Witharana said, "Since Ceylinco VIP has carved out a major share of the vehicle insurance market, most Sri Lankan vehicle users are now entitled to this valuable health insurance cover in addition to others they already enjoy. Some of the other benefits are a 10-year warranty for their vehicle against manufacturer's defects, which is valid for the first 10 years from the year of manufacture; if a brand new or unregistered vehicle gets condemned within two years of the first registration and the market price is higher than the present sum insured, an additional 25% is given for free with the claim; a Rs.4 million Emergency Hospitalization Insurance Cover; a similar replacement vehicle in the event the accident repair exceeds four days; emergency roadside assistance; personal accident cover of up to Rs.200,000/- for each passenger; the insured value of the vehicle increasing by 10% every year, payment of lease instalments of up to two months in the event of a repair exceeding 30 days etc. These are unique and exclusive benefits only accessible

to our Ceylinco VIP on the Spot policyholders." Ceylinco General Insurance introduced the exclusive Rs. 1 Million Serious Illnesses cover as a landmark move in 2017 for its Ceylinco VIP on the Spot Motor policyholders. In the case of individual customers, the insured is entitled to this revolutionary benefit, while corporate customers or fleet owners must name an individual (user or driver) as the beneficiary. For individual customers with more than one vehicle, the spouse or immediate family members could be named as beneficiaries. Similarly, comprehensive motorcycle and Three Wheeler policyholders are entitled to a cover of Rs.100,000/- and third party customers are entitled to a cover of Rs.100,000/-.

Practicality and suitability of EV's for Sri Lanka considering the current infrastructure



An EV is surely better for the environment. Similarly, a Plug-in Hybrid can also significantly reduce your carbon footprint. With Co2 emissions of just 46 g/km (for example outlander PHEV), the PHEV puts less into the atmosphere, improving local air quality and reducing impact on the environment. As the world is moving towards a greener environment the future would be more towards EV and PHEV depending on the country.

It was indicated by the government sources recently of a move to allow electric vehicles to be imported once they decide to open out

importation of CBU (Completely built Units) vehicles breaking the over two-year ban on the importation of vehicles. By Electric vehicles what they mean is Battery Electric Vehicles that typically does not have an ICE (Internal Combustion Engine), fuel tank or exhaust pipe and rely purely on electricity for propulsion.

While easy on the environment (and the wallet based on the country specific cost structures and infrastructure) it looks to be the long-term solution for many environmental and economic aspects for a country that has reached the development



of the basic infrastructure needed to run an EV. When it comes to the Sri Lankan case of EV's the experience of the country so far has not been that great with many EV's being allowed to be imported with a heavy cost to the government coffers during the period of 2014-15.

This had been done with no logical process of evaluating the pros and cons of such imports, allowing any importer to import and dump vehicles into the market, and as a result many Japanese domestic models and few units from the EU specifications had been imported. Most of these vehicles had put in 60-100K

so far with no major technical hiccup but are now facing the need to replace the battery as in an EV the battery depletion is one main technical drawback.

The other concern is the serviceability of most of these vehicles due to non-availability of after care service facilities including software needed to identify any fault freely to support any major technical issues. So, it is extremely important that all above aspects are looked into before deciding on the way forward for allowing EV imports, and ideally the cycle should start with more hybrid and PHEV types.

Three-wheeler electric vehicle project in Sri Lanka?



Marubeni Corporation's Executive Management Team for Asia visiting Sri Lanka now have been requested to explore the possibility of introducing three-wheeler electric vehicles as well as setting up an electric vehicle charging network in Sri Lanka and if this materializes it will exceed an investment of US\$ 1 billion.

Global automotive industry to reach just under USD 9 trillion

It is projected that the global automotive industry will grow to just under nine trillion U.S. dollars by 2030. It is anticipated that new vehicle sales will account for about 38 percent of this value. According to a report,

the Global Automotive Market consisted of 85.32 million units in 2020, and is expected to reach 122.83 million units by 2030. The industry is expected to grow at a CAGR of 3.71% from 2020-2030.

Challenge of electric vehicles

As electric vehicles continue to feed the marketplace worldwide, and there's a whole new vocabulary associated with them that consumers should become familiar with in order to make the most educated decision. Below are some of the terms commonly used in the industry.

BEV

Battery Electric Vehicles typically do not have an ICE, fuel tank or exhaust pipe and rely only on electricity for propulsion. While easy on the environment (and the wallet), owners may suffer from range anxiety as they must ensure their BEV contains enough energy for travel — unless they opt for a model that has an optional gasoline-powered generator such as the BMW i3.

Extended-Range Electric Vehicle (EREV)

An EREV utilizes an all-electric drive unit powered by a larger advanced battery for its initial range. After depleting the battery, an on-board generator provides electricity to travel an extended distance.

PHEV

An acronym for plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, this type of EV is powered by both gasoline and electricity. Compared to a



BEV
BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLE



EREV
EXTENDED RANGE ELECTRIC VEHICLE



PHEV
PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE



HEV
HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE

standard hybrid, however, PHEVs, as the name suggests, may be plugged into an outlet or charging station to recharge the on-board battery. In addition, it usually possesses the ability to run solely on battery power alone, as well as just gas or a combination of both.

HEV

The first type of mainstream electrified automobile to arrive in showrooms was the Hybrid Electric Vehicle. Think Toyota Prius, where a small electric motor assists the internal combustion engine (ICE). Under light load, for instance during initial acceleration, only electricity is consumed.

The battery replenishes itself via energy generated by the ICE as well as regenerative braking, explained in further detail below.

NEWS

SL Handicraft Board and Sala partner to promote LAKSALA IN CHINA

Sri Lanka Handicraft Board, popularly known as "LAKSALA" has partnered with Sala Global to take products of Sri Lankan artisans overseas.

The signing of the partnership was done physically and using Zoom. (Hybrid) It was attended by State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products Dayasiri Jayasekera, Sri Lankan Ambassador in China Palitha Kohona, Embassy Secretary Janaka Darmakeerthi, Laksala Chairman Lakmal Wickramaarachchi - , Sala Group Chairman Chinthaka Wijewickrama, Jason Wong and Alia Sleep of Technology (Guangdong) Co. Ltd. China.

Laksala has 12 branches island-wide of which 4 are located in Colombo and the balance in prominent main towns outstation. The ranges of items have exceeded 50,000. Having seen the destitute situation of the Artisans and the Craftsmen in the country due to the present COVID pandemic, SALA Global (Pvt) Ltd have joined hands with LAKSALA to take their products globally by having their showrooms and using their IT knowledge. Chinthaka Wijewickrama stated that there are many advantages to working with China. Some of them are China's GDP, Ability Booming consumer market: disposable incomes up 13% Year On Year. China's consumer market is the fastest growing in the world. China's retail annual growth rate is expected to grow at a 10% compound annual growth rate until 2025. In 2021, the average disposable income of Chinese families rose by 13% over the last year. A culture that appreciates arts & crafts. Tech Innovations facilitating sales of goods and services - E-Commerce. Politically, and economically stable country. China is taking a lot of interest in our handicrafts because this is a



Sala Group Chairman/MD Chinthaka Wijewickrama, signing the partnership agreement with Lakmal Wickramaarachchi while Minister Dayasiri Jayasekera looks on.



Sri Lankan Ambassador in China Palitha Kohona on Zoom.

dying craft there and it is also facing higher labour costs, where countries like Sri Lanka can capitalize. He also said we have to learn from our South Asian neighbours about handicrafts to find new markets. One of the leading exporters of handicrafts to China is India. It competes with Malaysia and Vietnam in wooden handicrafts and Korea in metal handicrafts. Bangladesh is a competitor in jute while it takes on Pakistan on stonework and the Philippines on items made of bamboo.

One of the main attractions for Sala to take this opportunity was the 50,000+ locally made products available with LAKSALA, its craftsmanship and the quality. Special emphasis would be on natural medicinal herbs being used for a healthy life. There are samples of traditional medicinal oils of 1,000 years old, indigenous medical practices that have cured many human ailments.

SALA can offer a Global presence & experience, explore new markets and explore online (Digital) marketing reaching a wide base of customers. They also hope to provide the cus-

tomers with a virtual shopping experience, provide information on new trends in Handicrafts and generate leads & achieve faster growth.

Having signed the Franchise Agreement with LAKSALA for UAE and Japan the 3rd Franchise Agreement was signed on the 3rd of November 2021 for China tying up with Aliya Technology (Guangdong) Co., Ltd who presently has its showrooms in Fenghuang Beilu, Guangzhou, China.

Wijewickrama says that in addition to Dubai, China, and Japan, there will be SALA Global showrooms open in the USA by the end of next month.

In addition to handicrafts, LAKSALA having a range of food items including organic, spices, herbal, ayurvedic, spices, cosmetics, leather, clothing etc have made it more viable for SALA to reach out to many countries around the globe. He also added that apart from the increased revenue the artisans and the manufacturers would be receiving; there would also be a better use of local raw material for their production. The country too would benefit from the foreign exchange that would be generated through the business.



CBSL Governor, Ajith Nivard Cabraal with HNB MD/CEO Jonathan Alles and Singer Sri Lanka Chairman Mohan Pandithage. Also pictured are

HNB, Singer Sri Lanka partnership accelerates digitalization of payment ecosystem

Pioneering the nation's evolution in cashless and contactless payments, Sri Lanka's most innovative private sector bank HNB PLC, partnered with Singer Sri Lanka to launch the Dynamic QR facility for the latter's PoS (Point of Sales) terminals across the island.

Joining a list of growing tier-one merchants adopting the new technology, Singer will now offer its customers the facility of making a direct payment for their goods via Dynamic QR, in which a unique code is generated for each transaction.

"The Dynamic QR code facility is the next step in our journey, and we are delighted to see these bold new initiatives supported by the banking industry," CBSL Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal said, addressing the gathering.

Notably, the tech evolution brought about by the HNB - Singer partnership supports the CBSL's LANKAQR

'Janagathakaranaya' campaign to ensure all QR code-based transactions are standardized and interoperable, facilitating faster, secure and low-cost digital payments to merchants.

The new tech eliminates the need to manually enter the payment value, increasing customer convenience and avoiding errors. This allows customers using an app linked with the LANKAQR initiative to make contactless purchases at stores by simply scanning the Dynamic QR, which appears on the display screen of the Point of Sale (PoS) machine.

"Digital wallets connected to LANKAQR have opened up new market segments which are rapidly gaining traction. Dynamic QR is another milestone in our digital transformation journey, and we are delighted to launch this partnership with an organization of the calibre of Singer Sri Lanka with the patronage of the

CBSL," HNB Managing Director / CEO Jonathan Alles said.

The innovation is also beneficial to merchants as the integration of HNB's system with the merchant's cash PoS results in real-time confirmation of the purchase credited to the merchant's account. Additionally, the transaction fee that the merchants are levied for using the 'LANKAQR' platform is significantly lower than the fee charged by international debit/credit card brands.

Moreover, the partnership will enable all Sri Lankans, including customers of other banks, to complete transactions with Dynamic QR codes.

"The addition of Dynamic QR codes represents the latest in a long series of innovations introduced by Singer, that leverage technology to make the lives of our customers easier and better," Singer Sri Lanka Chairman Mohan Pandithage said.

eZ Cash partners Rakuten Viber to launch Chatbot Payments Feature

Lanka's first mobile money with mechanism on Viber

eZ Cash, Sri Lanka's largest mobile money platform by Dialog Axiata PLC, recently announced its partnership with Rakuten Viber to launch for the first time in Sri Lanka, chatbot payments via the Viber app. The eZ Cash Viber BOT will mark its debut as the first chatbot payments feature in Sri Lanka launched by a mobile money platform and will ensure secure transactions take place with greater ease.

The eZ Cash BOT enables Viber users to register and access their eZ Cash wallets via the Viber app thereby enabling them to send money, conduct reloads, settle their bills, utility and other institutional payments with greater convenience. The first 500 Dialog customers who register and conduct one transaction via the eZ Cash Viber BOT will receive a 2 GB Anytime Data reward on their Dialog mobiles.

Speaking on this occasion, Renuka Fernando, Group Chief Digital Ser-



vices Officer of Dialog Axiata PLC stated "As a dynamic brand which is continuously evolving with our customer's needs, eZ Cash is delighted to partner with Rakuten Viber thereby becoming the first mobile money platform in Sri Lanka to provide customers with a modern payment service via the Viber app. Our customers will now be able to send money, make reloads and bill payments, and pay for purchases easily using the eZ Cash Viber BOT, which not only offers users greater convenience but also assurance in their transactions as it is backed by the security afforded by both platforms."

"Our aim through the launch of the eZ Cash BOT is to continuously improve customer experience focusing

on what consumers truly need to improve their quality of life" Senior Director, APAC of Rakuten Viber, David Tse commented. He further stated "Over the years we have been empowering our users to accomplish much more in lesser time, a turning point in expanding the company outside the domain of messaging.

Using the eZ Cash BOT feature on Viber, it is now possible for users while communicating with friends and family to be able to conduct their mobile reloads and bill payments and also pay for goods and services directly on the messaging platform with just the click of a button. Money can also be received from overseas on the eZ Cash wallet."

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South Asian Residences has announced the launch of The Loft Apartments and Residences project in Wijerama, Nugegoda, focusing on the locational prominence to major education, healthcare and shopping hubs of the country.

With its' close proximity to the Sri Jayawardenapura University, The Loft is a prime location of convenience and investment. Both the Medical Faculty and the Management Faculty of the University is a short walk away and yet the property is well secluded to offer peace of mind while offering access to a busy hub.

With the significantly increasing real estate value within the past 18 months combined with the scarcity of such prime locations, investors can expect in their return on investment (ROI) of more than 30 percent to 50 percent per annum.

The Loft Apartments is designed to offer 09 apartments spread across three selections, with the option of fully furnished or semi furnished interior. Furthermore the rooftop, while showcasing the views of city vistas acts as a common lobby providing access to fitness and well being.

QUICK ADS

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ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

Rs. 66,000 million Treasury Bills are to be issued through an auction on 08th December 2021

The Details of Treasury Bill issues are as follows :

| Maturity Period | 91 Days | 182 Days | 364 Days | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| ISIN* | LKA09122C114** | LKA18222F106** | LKA36422L090** | |
| Amount Offered (Rs. Mn.) | 18,000 | 24,000 | 24,000 | 66,000 |

Date of Auction : 08th December 2021
Date of Settlement : 10th December 2021
Date of Issue : 10th December 2021
Closing date and time of bid submission : **Wednesday** 08th December 2021, at 11.00 a.m.
Minimum amount of a bid : Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/=) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/=) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities.

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| S.No | Bid Number | Item | Bid Security Amount (Rs) | Bid Security Validity Period | Non-Refundable Fee (Rs) |
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| 1 | NP/25/03/10/Electric pump/Saubhagya/2021/07-01 | Supply of Electric Water Pump | 253,000/= | 24 th April 2022 | 5,000/= |
| 2 | NP/25/03/10/Water pump/Saubhagya/2021/06-01 | Supply of 3 HP Engine Driven Agriculture Water Pump | 63,000/= | 24 th April 2022 | 2,000/= |

1. Bidder shall be a Sri Lankan citizen or private entity who may have a valid business Registration / company registration and valid registration certificate issued by respective Authority for the supply of respective Items.
2. Bidder should have experience in the relevant field in Sri Lanka as required in the bidding documents.
3. A complete set of bid documents in English language could be purchased by interested bidders on submission of "Application for Bid Documents" available in this office and upon payment of a **Non-refundable fee** on working days from **06.12.2021 to 24.12.2021** during office hours from 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs on working days. The method of payment will be by cash.
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T/P No. 021 221 9027, Fax No. 021 221 9027
5. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Data Sheet.
6. Deadline for submission of bids shall be **27th December 2021** at 10.00 hrs
7. Each sealed bid must be dispatched either by registered post, Courier or by hand addressed to Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Provincial Department of Agriculture, Northern Province, No.68, Crossette Lane, Chundikuli, Jaffna on or before **27th December 2021 at 10.00 hrs**. Bid number must be written on the top of the envelope. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing time. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of bids.
8. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid security" mentioned in the tender document. Any bid not accompanied by an acceptable bid security will be rejected.
9. The Chairman reserves the right to accept or reject or partially accept any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time without thereby incurring any liability to the bidders.
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Jaffna.

Large trading in tobacco, beverage, and food counters

The Bourse ended the week on a mixed note this week with ASPI decreasing by 209.36 points (or 1.87%) to close at 10,988.32 points, while the S&P SL20 Index increased by 61.96 points (or 1.62%) to close at 3,884.57 points.

Turnover & Market Capitalization

Browns Investments was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 8.68Bn or 19.87% of total turnover value. Expolanka followed suit, accounting for 16.61% of turnover (value of LKR 7.25Bn) while L O L C Holdings contributed LKR 1.85Bn to account for 4.24% of the week's turnover.

Total turnover value amounted to LKR 43.66 Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 39.46 Bn), while the daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 8.73 Bn (10.65% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 7.89 Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, decreased by 1.87% W-o-W (or LKR 93.43 Bn) to LKR 4,903.91 Bn cf. LKR 4,997.35 Bn last week.

Liquidity (Value & Volume)

Food Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 25.50% (or LKR 11.14Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by Browns Investments which accounted for 77.92% of the sector's total turnover.

Capital Goods Industry Group meanwhile accounted

for 18.84% of the total turnover value while Transportation Industry Group contributed 16.62% to the weekly turnover.

The Food Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 40.54% (or 670.37 Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 11.14Bn. The Diversified Financials Industry Group followed suit, adding 15.31% to total volume (253.16 Mn shares) while Materials Industry Group contributed 10.31% (170.42 Mn shares) to the weekly share volume.

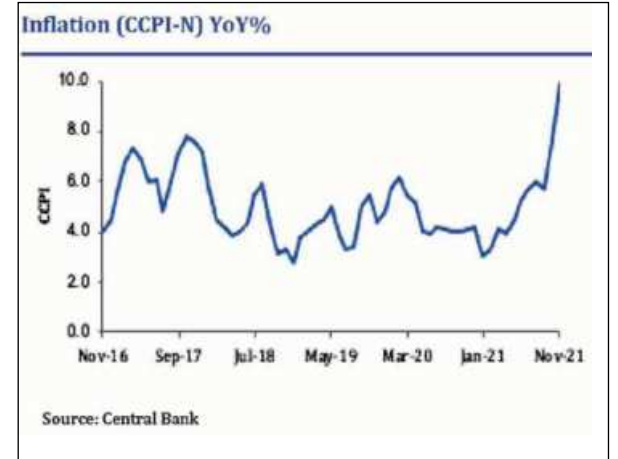
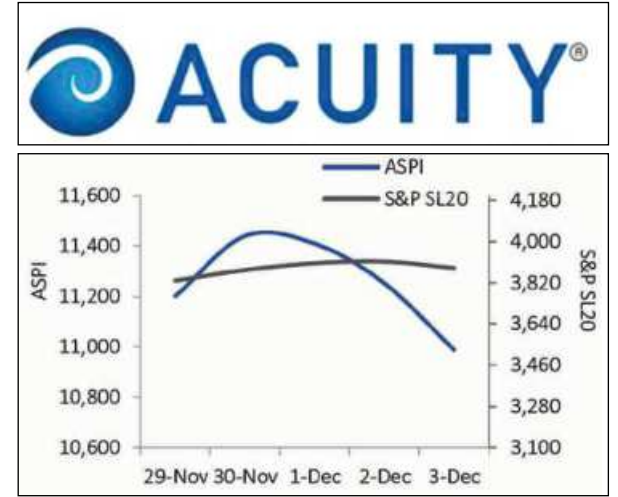
Dividend Announcements

Company, DPS(Rs.), Dividend Type, Date(XD); DILMAH CEYLON TEA COMPANY PLC, 15, First interim, 10-Dec-21; CENTRAL FINANCE COMPANY PLC, 1.5, First interim, 13-Dec-21.

Key Economic Indicators November; Prime Lending Rate- 7.89%; Ave. Wtd. Deposit Rates- 4.82%; Ave. Wtd. Fixed Dep. Rates- 5.75%; CCPI Inflation Y-o-Y- 9.9%.

Net Foreign Position

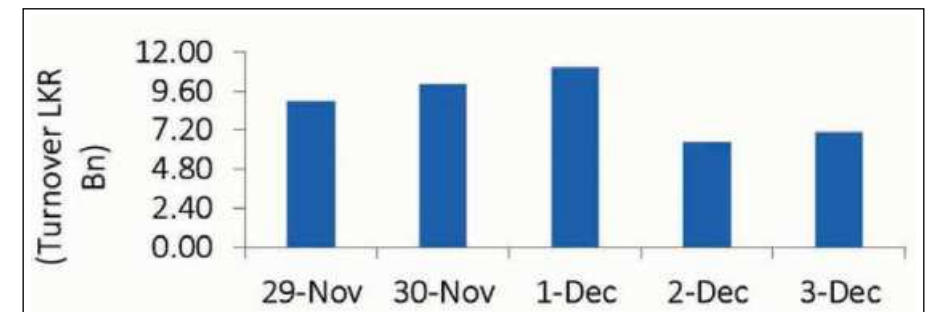
Foreign investors were net sellers this week with a total



net outflow amounting to LKR 0.33 Bn relative to last week's total net outflow of LKR 1.53 Bn (78.7% W-o-W).

Total foreign purchases increased by 120.4% W-o-W

to LKR 0.84Bn from last week's value of LKR 0.38Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 1.17Bn relative to LKR 1.91Bn recorded last week (-38.8% W-o-W).



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SRI LANKA UNDER 19 TEAM SPONSOR FOR ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2022 (WEST INDIES)



CALLING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM INTERESTED PARTIES EXTENDED

SRI LANKA CRICKET, AN INTERNATIONAL CRICKETING BRAND WISHES TO CALL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) ALONG WITH FINANCIAL OFFERS FROM LOCAL AND GLOBAL FIRMS INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THE SRI LANKA UNDER 19 CRICKET TEAM DURING THE ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2022, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE FROM 14TH JANUARY 2022 TO 5TH FEBRUARY 2022.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTRACT GLOBAL ATTENTION TO YOUR VALUED BRAND. SRI LANKA UNDER 19 CRICKET TEAM, A COMPETITIVE TEAM DURING THE ICC UNDER 19 WORLD CUP CAMPAIGNS.

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THE SELECTED PARTNER WILL GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY ITS 'BRAND LOGO' ON THE TEAM'S PLAYING AND TRAINING ATTIRE AS SPECIFIED BELOW.

| NUMBER | CLOTHING CATEGORY | LOGO SIZE | LOGO POSITION |
|--------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 01 | PLAYING T SHIRTS | NOT EXCEEDING 10 SQ INCHES (64.5CM ²) | LEADING ARM ON SLEEVE |
| 02 | PRACTICE TOP | TEAM SPONSOR'S LOGO NOT EXCEEDING 32 SQ INCHES (206.45 CM ²) | CENTER CHEST |
| 03 | TRAINING BIB | TEAM SPONSOR'S LOGO NOT EXCEEDING 32 SQ INCHES (206.45 CM ²) | ON THE FRONT |

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

MARKETING AGENCIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART IN THIS EOI

KINDLY NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICE CATEGORIES ARE PROTECTED/ RESTRICTED.

- A) PASSENGER CARS, VANS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (INCLUDING SUVs, SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLES), BUSES, TRUCKS, MINI-BUSES, TRAILERS, AND MOBILE HOMES, THIS INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF RENTED VEHICLES**
- B) MOBILE TELEPHONE DEVICES INCLUDING SMARTPHONES, TABLETS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES**
- C) TYRES AND INNER TYRE TUBES**
- D) COMPANIES RELATED TO TOBACCO, ALCOHOL (SURROGATED AND NON-SURROGATED), BETTING, ONLINE BETTING & GAMBLING**

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL STRUCTURE/ PAYMENT TERMS/ LOGO SUBMISSION

- A) FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SHOULD STATE THE FIGURE OF THE NET RIGHTS FEE OFFERED IN SRI LANKAN RUPEES AND/OR US DOLLARS (IN WORDS AND NUMBERS) EXCLUDING OF VAT/TAX/ANY OTHER DEDUCTIONS DEPENDING ON LOCAL OR FOREIGN EOI PARTICIPANT.**
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 - a. THE TOTAL RIGHTS FEE (I.E. THE OFFERED VALUE) SHOULD BE PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE 20TH DECEMBER 2021.**
 - b. THE MODE OF PAYMENT: BANK TRANSFER TO THE SLC DESIGNATED ACCOUNT/ BANK DRAFT ISSUED IN FAVOR OF SLC.**
 - c. LOGO OF THE SPONSOR SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE 15TH DECEMBER 2021.**

THE EOI NEEDS TO BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- 01. CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION/ BUSINESS REGISTRATION**
- 02. COMPANY PROFILE AND INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' / OWNERS' PROFILE.**
- 03. CERTIFIED COPY OF MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION ALONG WITH CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OR SIMILAR CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS**
- 04. UPDATED VAT REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, TRADE LICENSE AND TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) CERTIFICATE OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS.**
- 05. REFERENCE FROM A REPUTED INTERNATIONAL BANK CERTIFYING THE FINANCIAL STABILITY (BANK SOLVENCY CERTIFICATE)**
- 06. LATEST AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (IN CASE OF CONSORTIUM, EACH PARTY'S AUDITOR'S REPORT NEEDS TO SUBMITTED INDIVIDUALLY).**
- 07. IN CASE OF CONSORTIUM, NOTARIZED CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT.**

INTERESTED PARTIES, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) ALONG WITH FINANCIAL OFFERS ON OR BEFORE **12.00 NOON 09TH DECEMBER, 2021** TO sponsorship@srilankacricket.lk AND THE HARD COPIES OF THE SAME BEING COURIERED TO AFOREMENTIONED ADDRESS.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SRI LANKA CRICKET, NO 35, MAITLAND PLACE, COLOMBO 07, SRI LANKA.

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS WORKS

Employer : Road Development Authority
Project : Inclusive Connectivity & Development Project (ICDP)
Contract title : Rehabilitation/ Improvement and Maintenance of 51.08 km Rural Roads in Wilgamuwa, Galewela and Dambulla Divisional Secretariat in Matale District, Central Province
Country : Sri Lanka
Loan No. : 9290
RFB No. : LK-RDA-251191-CW-RFB
Issued on : 6th December 2021

- The Government of Sri Lanka has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Inclusive Connectivity & Development Project (ICDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract Rehabilitation/Improvement and Maintenance of 51.08 km of Rural Roads in Wilgamuwa, Galewela and Dambulla Divisional Secretariats in Matale District, Central Province.
- MPC of the Ministry of Highways on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA) now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for Rehabilitation/Improvement and Maintenance of 51.08km Rural Roads in Wilgamuwa, Galewela and Dambulla Divisional Secretariats in Matale District, Central Province as follows.

| Lot No. | Description | Contract No. |
|---------|---|---------------------------|
| Lot 01 | Rehabilitation/ improvement and maintenance of 13.8 km rural roads in Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariate in Matale District, Central Province | LK-RDA-251191-CW-RFB-LOT1 |
| Lot 02 | Rehabilitation / improvement and maintenance of 37.28km rural roads in Galewela and Dambulla Divisional Secretariats in Matale District, Central Province | LK-RDA-251191-CW-RFB-LOT2 |

- Bidders may bid for one or several lots, as further defined in the Bidding Document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one lot will be allowed to do so, provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Bid.
- Bidding will be conducted through open competitive procurement - nationally advertised using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers - Procurement in Investment Projects Financing" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible bidders as Defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, Inclusive Connectivity & Development Project (ICDP) during the office hours at Inclusive Connectivity & Development Project (ICDP), Road Development Authority, 3rd Floor, 1st Stage, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla, (Postal Code:10120), Sri Lanka and inspect the Bidding document during office hours between 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs at Inclusive Connectivity & Development Project (ICDP), Road Development Authority, 3rd Floor, 1st Stage, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla (Postal Code 10120). Telephone: + 94112885202/ + 94112868563; Facsimile number: + 94112885209; Electronic mail address : wbidcpbid@gmail.com
- Bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders between 09:00 hrs to 14:30 hrs on any working day upon submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 35,000.00 and LKR 100,000.00 for Lot 1 and Lot 2 respectively. The method of payment will be by bank demand draft in favour of the Director General, Road Development Authority, (Account No. 1943), payable at Bank of Ceylon, Corporate Branch. The document will be sent by post or courier on the payment of carrier fee by the Bidder.
- Bids must be delivered to Procurement Division, Ministry of Highways, 7th Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", No: 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Koswatte, Battaramulla, (Postal Code:10120), at or before 11:00 hrs on 4th January 2022. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend promptly after bid submission at the same venue.
- All bids must be accompanied by separate bid security for each lot for the amounts shown below.

| Lot No. | Contract No. | Amount of Bid Security (LKR million) |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Lot 01 | LK-RDA-251191-CW-RFB-LOT1 | 4.5 |
| Lot 02 | LK-RDA-251191-CW-RFB-LOT2 | 13.0 |

- All Bids must be accompanied by a Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and/or Sexual Harassment (SH) Declaration.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Road Development Authority
"Maganeguma Mahamedura"
No: 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Koswatte, Battaramulla,
(Postal Code: 10120)

SMIB celebrates 90 years of excellence in service to the nation

State Mortgage and Investment Bank (SMIB) celebrates its milestone 90th Anniversary on 6th December 2021

SMIB was initially incorporated as the Ceylon State Mortgage Bank (CSMB) on 6th December 1931. The Bank was founded by amalgamating the Ceylon State Mortgage Bank and the Agricultural and Industrial Credit Corporation under the State Mortgage and Investment Bank Law No. 13 of 1975. SMIB commenced its operations on 1st January 1979 and was granted the License to operate as a Specialized Bank by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka on 27th April 1998 in accordance with the Banking Act No. 30 of 1988.

The Bank bears a proud history of continuous growth and successful steering through the years, while earning a unique identity as the 'Housing Bank to the Nation'. SMIB has continued to pioneer the mortgage-backed lending sphere in the country while meeting the housing financing needs of the nation throughout its rich history of 90 years.

Commenting on the significant milestone of the Bank, SMIB, Chairman, Dr. Udayasri Kariyawasam said, "We are extremely pleased and proud to have completed 90 years of service as one the leading housing financiers to the nation. Over the years, SMIB has grown in leaps and bounds while transforming the lives of many and fulfilling the housing dreams of the people of Sri Lanka. The success of the Bank thus far has been built on the dedication of our employees and the common vision we share to serve the nation and its people with the best possible financial solutions. I take this opportunity to thank our employees, well-wishers and customers for being a part of our journey of success over the years. With the novel possibilities available with the digitalization of the financial services industry, the next phase of growth for SMIB is both prospective and exciting. I wish to invite our stakeholders to be a part of our growth and journey of success in the years to come."

With the expansion of the Bank's operation over the years, SMIB has today strengthened its position by extending its product portfolio well beyond the main proposition of mortgage loans in a bid to meet the varied banking needs of customers. With the introduction of the Passbook Savings account in October 2001, the Bank has broadened its product scope to offer fixed deposits and savings



SMIB Chairman
Dr. Udayasri Kariyawasam



SMIB Acting General Manager / CEO
Lushantha Ranasinghe

products that are tailored to the varying needs of retail banking customers while continuously fortifying its mortgage-backed housing loan offerings to become one of the sought-after housing financiers in the country.

Commenting on the 90th Anniversary milestone of the Bank, SMIB, Acting General Manager / CEO, Lushantha Ranasinghe added, "At this significant juncture, we are pleased to state that SMIB has been in the forefront of fulfilling the housing dreams of Sri Lankans for nine long decades. The Bank has a strong market presence in the lending business and has touched the lives of a broad customer base with extensive lending schemes including housing financing, mortgage-backed loans and specialized lending schemes for SME businesses. SMIB has established its position as a specialized bank and as a leading financier to not only individuals but also to numerous government institutions and projects, thus being an active enabler of national development programmes throughout its 90-year existence. We also take pride in pioneering specialized products catering to key customer groups with customised solutions such as the Pensioners' Loan

schemes and special EPF loan scheme which make borrowing more affordable to all. In addition to its core focus on lending, the Bank has strengthened its portfolio with savings and deposits products, with special focus on children's savings products as well. Enabled by technology and digital possibilities presented, we will continue to strengthen our position as a banking partner to the nation and its people in the years to come."

Having recognised the importance of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) for national economic development, the Bank follows an inclusive financing strategy to strengthen SMEs in various industries with cost-effective financing options and advisory services.

The Bank delivers its services via a network of 25 branches in strategically identified locations island-wide. In its next phase of growth, SMIB will seek to enhance its branch presence with digital-enabled touch points that will create greater convenience and accessibility to customers, while delivering tailored financial services designed to meet the emerging financial requirements of Sri Lankan individuals and businesses.



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SLIC inks deal with PIMA to provide vehicle insurance for members

Sri Lanka Insurance signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Postgraduate Institute of Management Alumni (PIMA) one of the leading professional bodies in Sri Lanka to provide an exclusive vehicle insurance package for the PIMA members.

The MoU exchange took place between the two parties on November 5, with the participation of Denzil Perera President of PIMA, Shiranthi Thevarapperuma Vice President of PIMA and Chandana L. Aluthgama CEO of SLIC.

The strategic tie-up between the two organizations intends to facilitate a unique customized comprehensive Motor Insurance solution for more than 3,000 members of the PIMA under the sector partnership.

The premier vehicle insurer Sri Lanka Insur-

ance Motor Plus is striving to empower the professionals of Sri Lanka with its unmatched benefits to offer protection for their vehicles.

Sri Lanka Insurance Motor Plus offers fast-track claim settlement, cashless settlement facilities and a variety of flexible payment plans, accurate on site assessment by a team of technical professionals, 24/7 customer care assistance service, ability to renew motor insurance via SLIC mobile app and customer portal www.srilankainsurance.net while providing customers protection and peace of mind with the trust build through generations.

As a part of the MoU signed by the two bodies, the Postgraduate Institute of Management Alumni (PIMA) and Sri Lanka Insurance will collaborate for various industry initiatives led

by PIMA as a pioneering professional body in Sri Lanka.

Inaugurated in 1983 under the name "Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Management (SLAAM)", the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) is one of the pioneering providers of an MBA, MPA or equivalent qualification, is now widely recognized for high quality management education across Sri Lanka.

Established in 1962, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation is the largest government-owned insurance company in Sri Lanka, with a managed asset base of over Rs.235 billion and a Life fund of Rs. 134 billion, the largest in the local insurance industry.



MoU exchange between SLIC and PIMA. Pictured are Mahesh Gamage, SLIC CEO Chandana L. Aluthgama, PIMA President Denzil Perera, and Shiranthi Thevarapperuma.

SLT-Mobitel recognized in 'Most Admired Companies of Sri Lanka 2021' rankings

SLT-Mobitel, the National ICT solutions Provider has emerged as the sole telecommunications company in the Most Admired Companies of Sri Lanka 2021 - Top 5 Honourable Mentions.

The Most Admired Companies of Sri Lanka is an annual list compiled by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), the International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka (ICCSL). The adjudication of the prestigious rankings was presented by a distinguished panel of judges after a stringent evaluation process based on globally accepted criteria.

Entities on the list were recognised not only for their financial performance but ability to create value for all stakeholders including employees, customers, shareholders and communities.

Achieving a place in the 'Top 5 Honourable Mentions of the Most Admired Companies of Sri Lanka 2021' is among the latest in a string of accolades SLT-Mobitel has received this year, including the recent honour



Aruna Jayasekara Chief People's Officer and Harshana Ranmuthugala, General Manager HR & IR of SLT receives the award. SLT-MOBITEL recognised in 'Most Admired Companies of Sri Lanka 2021' rankings

as the 'Best Telecom Service Provider' Award at the Global Economics Awards; a testament to the company's role in transforming Sri Lanka with innovative digital connectivity solutions.

SLT-Mobitel, as a brand, continues to champion technological innovations

that are transforming lives and businesses across the country. Guided by its vision to enrich peoples' digital lives SLT-Mobitel aims to stay ahead of the curve by introducing new and innovative services to an ever-evolving market and to accelerate the nation's road to being a fully digital economy.

ESOFT Metro Campus holds Graduation Ceremony 2021

The Annual Graduation Ceremony of ESOFT Metro Campus was held at the Bandaranaike International Memorial Hall (BMICH) on November 23-24.

A total of 1,800 students graduated at this year's event. Successful students received their Pearson BTEC Higher National Diplomas, Pearson Level 7 Qualifications, London Metropolitan University (UK) Degrees and MBA's, Kingston University (UK) Degrees and MSc's.

In addition to the conferring of degrees, batch tops were awarded gold medals and special awards were made to the top achievers of the programmes.

Keynote addresses were by an eminent group of academics and industry leaders including Conard Dias CEO, LOLC Finance, Thushera Kawdawatta CEO, Axiata Digital Labs, Dr. Dayan Rajapakse Chairman and Managing Director of the ESOFT Group, Dr. Sampath Wahala Chairman, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board, Tishan Subasinghe Managing Director and joint Managing Partner Moore Stephens Consulting and Moore Stephens Aiyar, Prof. A.A.C. Abeyasinghe M. Phil. PhD Programme Coordinator, Senior Lecturer Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo.

Foreign delegates from the University Partners were present virtually and delivered their speeches and wishes for the graduates via video. The Virtusa careers team were also present on both



Dr. Dayan Rajapakse Chairman and Managing Director of the ESOFT Group presents a certificate to a graduate.

days in order to provide career opportunities to the young and successful graduates. ESOFT prides itself in producing graduates who are work-ready and able to take on the challenges and opportunities presented by the new economy.

ESOFT has a rich history of 21 years and is the largest private sector higher education network in Sri Lanka, and offers a variety of programmes through an extensive island-wide network of over 40 branches and serves over 40,000 learners each year in a range of programmes from school leaver courses to postgraduate programmes.

ESOFT partnered with Kingston University London in 2012 to offer undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in engineering and soon established a dedicated College of Engineering in Katubedda. In 2013, they partnered with London Metropolitan University to offer a range of programmes leading to undergraduate and postgraduate awards in Computing, Business, Hospitality and Travel and Tourism. A range of MSc programmes in IT and an International Doctoral programme for IT, Science and Engineering research areas, has also been introduced via Kingston University.

ComBank partners PayHere to offer Q+ users eCommerce experience

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has partnered with PayHere, Sri Lanka's largest Aggregated Internet Payment Gateway Service, to offer users of its Q+ Payment App a unique, user-friendly and secure eCommerce experience.

Commercial Bank customers can now conveniently pay for their purchases via the Q+ app to over 3300 registered PayHere Online Payment Service enabled merchants.

The Bank's Credit, Debit and Prepaid Card holders who pay through Q+, the fastest-growing QR app in the country, will not be required to tap in their card details as this information is already stored on the app, the Bank said.

Payments to PayHere merchants via the Q+ Online Pay facility will enhance customer convenience as the transaction will only require the entering of users' mobile numbers registered with the app. Disbursements via Q+ require authentication using a static PIN which ensures the safety and security of transactions, making the Q+ App more secure than a normal card as the customers' sensitive data is not transmitted to merchant websites.

The partnership also presents PayHere enabled merchants another conduit to collect payments, the Bank said. PayHere merchants can now add the Q+ Online Pay facility to their websites and offer customers another option to settle their payments, in addition to the acceptance all major credit cards, mobile wallets, and internet banking systems. Notably, Com-



Commercial Bank's Group Chief Marketing Officer Hasrath Munasinghe and PayHere Founder and CEO, Dhanika Perera exchange the agreement in the presence of PayHere Head of Developments, Karvin Mendis and the Bank's Senior Manager Card Centre Seewali Wickramasinghe.

mercial Bank processes the highest number of card transactions in the country.

To pay through Q+, Commercial Bank Card holders simply have to select the 'Q+' payment option in the checkout page of the merchant's website or application, enter the registered mobile number, click on the alert that will pop up and complete the transaction by entering a four-digit transaction PIN in the Q+ Online Pay tab to which they will be directed. Once the transaction is complete, customers will receive a confirmation notification via SMS or email.

The ComBank Q+ App which recently surpassed the 100,000 active user milestone is Sri Lanka's first QR-based payment application to be launched under LANKAQR.

Since the launch, the app underwent several functionality-enhancing

upgrades including biometric authentication login for both the consumer and merchant applications, an 'In-App Bill Payments' feature that allows users connected to the Bank's Debit, Credit or Prepaid cards to pay bills instantly, the facility to promptly settle Credit Card outstanding and top-up Pre-paid Cards and most recently, the addition of an 'Online Pay' feature which enables customers to pay for online purchases by entering their mobile numbers in merchant websites and apps that have 'ComBank Q+' as a payment option.

Sri Lanka's first Central Bank approved Aggregated Internet Payment Gateway Service with the largest customer base, PayHere enables businesses to conveniently accept online payments locally and globally from customers around the world.

Global Lifestyle Lanka wins Platinum at 2020 Business World Int'l Awards

In recognition of exceptional business leadership and quality management systems, Global Lifestyle Lanka was awarded Platinum at the recently concluded 2020 Business World International Awards Ceremony organized by the Business World International Organization.

Held at the Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo, the Awards recognize global business excellence and acumen and reward successful business ventures that show dynamism and business leadership.

A globally active initiative presents in over 300 leading business communities in ten countries, the Business World International Awards are awarded to businesses in recognition of multiple achievements such as CSR activities and positive outcomes generated in the community.

Dr. Solamuthu Sivarajah, COO of Global Lifestyle Lanka received the award on behalf of the company. The award ceremony was attended by Former President Maithripala Sirisena and Chamal Rajapaksa Minister of Irrigation, State Minister of National Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management who were the Chief Guests.

Global Lifestyle Lanka was recognized for their exceptional business leadership quality, management systems, innovation, creativity, corporate social responsibility and outcome documentation based on a relevant criterion of evaluation.



Commenting on the Award, Dr. Solamuthu Sivarajah says that being recognized by an international body adds value to the business presence and scope of activities undertaken by Global Lifestyle Lanka.

He further adds that the recognition the Company's CSR Initiatives have received enhances the potential for activities that build social goodwill for the communities benefitting from such ventures.

As an organization committed to sustainability, the Company practices several efforts that include tree planting and minimizing single use plastics. During the COVID-19 pandemic, flood disasters the Company donated several items to be used by front line healthcare workers, hospitals and public.



Another milestone for Elephant House bottled water

Ceylon Cold Stores, iconic household consumer brand 'Elephant House' that is associated with trust and reliability through many generations, has taken yet another step in the right direction, in an effort to expand its ongoing operations.

Ceylon Cold Stores has acquired the water manufacturing plant located at Kotagala from their subcontracted partner Worldwide Enterprises, who was engaged in the production of premium quality Elephant House Bottled Water.

Elephant House beverages, which is 100% trusted island-wide, launched Elephant House Water in June 2018 sourcing water

from the purest streams and fountains. Elephant House water bottles are manufactured under the SLS certification, ensuring that the water is filtered and packed in compliance to the exact specifications, maintaining the highest quality and hygiene standards.

Fulfilling the company's objective of offering hydration in its most pure form, the new facility will be operated exclusively as the "Water bottling Plant of Ceylon Cold Stores" allowing greater expansion possibilities for the company. The official inauguration of the factory under the ownership of Ceylon Cold Stores took place on the 9th of November 2021 and was ceremoniously

opened by President Consumer Foods, Daminda Gamlath in the presence of the Ceylon Cold Stores management team.

"We are delighted that will be able to enhance our production and delivery with this new acquisition. At CCS we have always been concerned with our consumers' safety and have strived to provide pure water, sourcing them from the purest streams located in the hill country. With this acquisition we will unlock the possibility to offer our consumers a variety of new innovations. We hope to improve our processes through innovation and technological advancements to ensure that we meet the highest quality

standards," stated Daminda Gamlath, President Consumer Foods, commenting on the acquisition.

The acquired plant is situated within the Kotagala Industrial Estate as a venture listed under the Industrial Development Board. With the new acquisition, Elephant House Water as the market leader plans to disrupt the bottled water market with exciting innovations elevating brand presence and consumer satisfaction. Operating under ISO 22000 and SLS 894:2003, the facility is equipped with an experienced team and proven performance exceeding 3 years of operation with CCS.

Top Kandy Entrepreneur to elevate the Kingdom with more investments

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE IN KANDY

The kingdom of Kandy, the second-largest city of the island with a rich history of monarchy and culture behind it and listed as a 'must visit place' in the tourism catalog, is now having a growing middle class and a high spending youth population.

When it comes to buying their day-to-day essentials, this segment is always looking at quality and comfort and high service level for which they are willing to pocket more. "Though there are large supermarket chains mushrooming everywhere, I saw a void for a quality supermarket that gives something more to the 'shopper' unmatched service levels," said entrepreneur and economist, W. H. M. Nimal Bandara.

"Having started as an Executive and ending up in the Director Board I was heading one of largest blue-chip institutions with over 14,000 employees over a decade ago. Then I moved into the Public sector and was employed as a Director in the Board of Investment and then as the Director General Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Authority installing new thinking and a change of mindset to the institution."

"This resulted in the Gem and Jewellery Authority making the highest ever profits in its history and new mining areas such as Kataraga-

ma were detected and given out to miners in a very transparent manner. However the State sector pressure was too much for me and I bowed down from the institution gracefully and moved into Kurunegala starting my own business in Real Estate (Onelta) while continuing my advanced studies in marketing."

Armed with an MBA I studied the areas where there was scope to grow and offer a different and a unique level of service to the public to the public and then moved to Kandy opening a Service station and then reinvesting it to convert it to a Kandy's most sought-after Sunrise Auto Spa in Kundalase bringing a new dimension to the auto servicing segment and catering to all Auto care needs including a sales outlet under one roof.

"One of the unique features of Sunrise Auto Spa is that we cater to all segments of vehicles which have resulted in several Three Wheeler's obtaining our services on a regular basis."



W. H. M. Nimal Bandara

With the quest to diversify Nimal Bandara then acquired a rundown super market in new Digana Road Naththrapotha Kundasale and created and launched Sunrise Super, dubbed to be the best Supermarket in Kandy," said Chairman Sunrise Super, Nimal Bandara.

"I invested nearly Rs. 1 billion for these three ventures and a lot of praise should also go to my Daughter Dewmini Bandara based in Liverpool UK for doing the interior which is the first striking feature of Sunrise Super."



ventures and looking back I have delivered one of the best shopping experiences in Kandy by creating Sunrise Super."

Next, I am planning to move in the appeal sector and create one of the best fashion stores on top of Sunrise Super investing a further Rs. 100 million. "My next mega project is to create and open a carbon copy of Sunrise Super in Kurunegala."

Another priority is to enhance youth empowerment and have provided over 200 jobs and they were also never retrenched or financially penalized even during the pandemic single handedly shrouding the lossless during lock downs. His efforts were richly appreciated and rewarded when he won a haul of accolades from leading chambers. These also included Entrepreneur of the Year Kandy and many more such prestigious honor.

Asked why he invested in a Supermarket when so many chains were available even in close proximity, he said that he knew his product, Sunrise Super, was something different to the 'traditional' supermarket chains and he proved to be right with the sales values he was achieving. "As for competition, it helps us to enhance product and service levels and constantly keeps us in check."

I always wanted to be a 'trend setter' which I did at the Gem and Jewellery Authority as well as the BOI and in my Auto Spa

Victoria Golf & Country Resort awarded Sri Lanka's Best Golf Course at World Golf Awards



Victoria Golf & Country Resort (VGCR) secured the award for Sri Lanka's best golf course at the eighth Annual World Golf Awards. The World Golf Awards celebrate and reward excellence in golf tourism, world-class courses and golf destinations, recognizing leaders setting the benchmark in the industry. Votes are cast by professionals working within the golf industry and by golf tourism consumers.

VGCR is owned by John Keells Properties (JKP) and managed by Troon International. It is located by the Victoria Reservoir, in the hills of Digana. The golf course has been lauded for its picturesque nature and unique sporting experience.

"Victoria Golf & Country Resort's recognition at the World Golf Awards is a validation of JKP's investment in its properties and future growth, the untiring efforts of the staff and the faith that members, residents and guests have in the quality and distinctive experience on offer at the resort," said Nayana Mawilmada, Sector Head of John Keells Properties and Executive Vice President - JKH.

The award also has considerable significance for Sri Lanka's tourism sector. "Sri Lanka's tourism industry is in the process of recovering from the pandemic. As we continue to

navigate current challenges and as global tourism and travel are gradually open, it is important to keep building and investing for the future. Golf tourism constitutes a key segment of the global travel and tourism market. The award also provides a boost for the country as it signals Sri Lanka's numerous offerings and experiences that speak to a wide demographic of global travellers," noted Asela Wavita - General Manager of Victoria Golf and Country Resort.

The unique shapes and contours of VGCR, flanked by scenic vistas, create a challenging and memorable sporting experience even for seasoned golfers who have experienced fine courses around the world. Landscaped on 517-acre land, the course was designed by Donald Steele & Co. in 1977 and is ranked among the "100 Most Beautiful Golf Courses in the World" by Golf Digest. VGCR's recently introduced turnkey holiday villas and townhouses located within the golf course have been well received. Over 50% of Sunrise Ridge Holiday Homes have been sold to date while all premium land plots from phase one, which was launched in September 2020, have been sold out.



course and its facilities have been extensively renovated recently - the course was laid out with Turf Grass "Zorro Zoysia" from the USA and installed with state-of-the-art automated irrigations systems. The recent award at the World Golf Awards reaffirms the quality of the course, unique experience and world-class standards at the Victoria Golf & Country Resort.

Victoria Golf & Country Resort is managed by Troon International, the biggest golf resort and club management company with over 640 resorts around the world. Through its partnership with VGCR, Troon International brings world-class agronomy practices and turf management as well as clubhouse management and operations, offering unique golfing experiences in Sri Lanka and exclusive benefits and access to Troon-managed courses around the world for members of VGCR. The World Golf Awards™ is part of World Travel Awards™, which is currently celebrating its 27th anniversary. Their global media partners include Destination Golf, TV5Monde, International New York Times, Bloomberg and CNBC with a monthly readership of 1.7 million and a TV audience reach of 90 million.



Grand Kandyan Hotel emerges strong amid pandemic

(UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA-KANDY Sports Special Corr.)

While most institutions were having negative sentiments with the COVID Pandemic rating, The Grand Kandyan Hotel in Kandy was always optimistic.

They saw the silver lining well before the others and brighter times ahead for the tourism industry that nursed the property and most importantly their staff. Inspired by their Managing Director of Canora Hotel's Gmini Weeraratne, positive vision and under the experienced eyes of veteran hotelier and General Manager, Thushith Samaraweera, Grand Kandyan Hotel in Kandy opened its doors once again offering the same warm smiles and hospitality of the staff and all the luxuries it offered in the past to its guests.

"The reason for this is that the staff is happy as the management never initiated pay cuts hence almost 99% of the staff stayed with us and

now they want to get back to businesses," said Thushith Samaraweera.

"We also see an increased number of bookings not only from locals but also from Europeans and Indians as well. We even hosted Indian weddings and see more positive booking tenders for the winter."

Situated amongst the island's lush acres of evergreen tea estates and blanketed by history of Sri Lanka's final monarchy and culture of the kingdom of Kandy, lies the hotel which was built on a two acre land.

"However to get a different spotlight to the hotel and create a novel concept, the management moved slightly away from the traditional Kandyan architecture and adopted the concept of Thailand monarchy offering more 'royalty' to the guests.

"This is why the hotel has used a lot of gold color in walls and furniture and large vacant areas for guests to roam around freely. Overlooking the city, this six sto-

reyed building gives its guests a 360-degree view of the historic reserve Udawatta kele sanctuary, Hantana, Knuckles, Hunnasgiriya mountain ranges. Hotel is just 10 minutes away from 'Sri Dalada Maligawa'.

"As its name suggests the Grand Kandyan boats extravagance and profusion with its beautiful, scenic atmosphere and unparalleled, panoramic scenic views has makings of an unforgettable stay for our guests," said Assistant Manager PR and Marketing Imesha Munasinghe.

With over 100 rooms including two Presidential and three honeymoon suites, 78 deluxe and 17 slanted rooms the hotel with all modern amenities hotel also offers three in house restaurants that host to its guests many different palates, exquisitely designed ballrooms (Royal Peacock for over 1,100 guests and 2,00 for Cocktails) Golden Eagle (350 banquet and 600 cocktail) Flamingo (300 + 500) and a multi-purpose conference hall (for 100) and modern MICE facilities which are labeled as the best in the region."

The Sky Lounge which gives a picturesque view of the city could accommodate 500 guests.

"At Grand Kandyan, guests are treated with the reverence, respect and care given to royalty. With a plethora of things to do and see we promise an adventurous retreat to all."

"With our motto 'A New Dimension of Luxury' the hotel and its staff are the embodiment of the fin-

est luxury experiences. This makes the Grand Kandyan Hotel a perfect haven for those visiting to explore the warm Kandyan hospitality and its cultural heritage," said Assistant General Manager Nazeem Amit.

The Grand Kandyan also has roof top swimming pool and Children's pool, fully equipped gym, spa kiddies club and unisex saloon.

The hotel was awarded with the "Best Five Star Resort Hotel" at the National Tourism Awards 2018 organized by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and Hotel reiterated its excellence when it emerging victorious at the National Business Excellence Awards 2019, which was organized by the National Chamber once again, proving its stature among the hospitality and tourism sectors.

In addition several other awards were also presented dot the hotel.



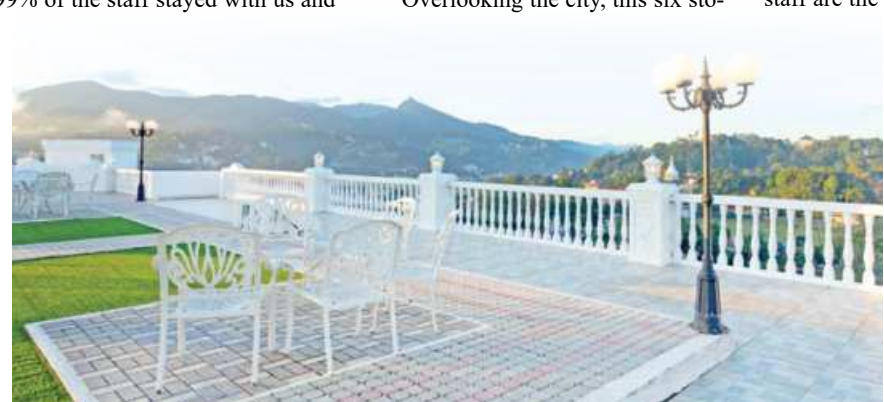
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Nestlé Health Science launches latest product, Nestlé BOOST Original



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Nestlé Health Science consists of a team of experts who are committed to helping people age well. With its purpose of empowering healthier lives, Nestlé Health Science offers a range of every day, high-quality nutritional products developed based on innovative science and supported by comprehensive research.



Bandula Egodage, Vice President, Corporate and Regulatory Affairs, Nestlé Lanka; Rolf Blaser, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of A. Baur & Co. Pvt. Ltd.; Madhu Siriwardana, Business Manager, Nestlé Health Science; Jagath Wedage, Senior Vice President, Sales, Nestlé Lanka.

“As a company which strives to serve consumers across generations from early childhood to old age, we continue to introduce innovative nutritional solutions that can make a positive impact on people’s quality of life. We hope the introduction of Nestlé BOOST Original will help Sri Lanka’s growing older generation, as it is specifically designed to meet a variety of nutritional needs of older adults,” said Jason Avanceña, Managing Director of Nestlé Lanka.

Distributed by A. Baur & Co. Pvt. Ltd, Nestlé BOOST Original is now available in supermarkets, stores, and pharmacies island wide, in 480g value packs. “As the trusted and long-term mar-

keting and distribution partner for Nestlé Health Science, we are very excited to add Nestlé BOOST Original to our portfolio. With a proven track record in this product category, we believe Nestlé BOOST Original will become a household name very soon.

Having done major investments in our sales and distribution network, today we stand as one of the most technologically advanced and best skilled sales forces in the country, ready to bring Nestlé BOOST Original to the market in the most efficient way” said Rolf Blaser, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of A. Baur & Co. Pvt. Ltd.



Vignettes of the event.

Pictures by Saliya Rupasinghe

Spring and Summer launches showroom in Negombo



Vignettes of the opening.

Pictures by Saliya Rupasinghe

Spring and Summer announce plans for island-wide expansion of illustrious apparel and fashion brand with the opening of its first store in Negombo on December 2, 2021. The ceremonious unveiling of the new store located at Main Street, Negombo was attended by Chief Guests Mr and Mrs Colin Rodrigo and the Spring and Summer family.

The Boutique-style showroom is designed as a more exclusive space spread across one main floor and is located in the commercial hub of Negombo.

The brand offers locals and tourists alike access to the beloved brands signature fashion collection, as well as new exclusive collections that are aesthetically appealing, versatile and available at an affordable price.

Co-Founder, Spring and Summer Shyamalie Wijegunawardana, noted, “Negombo is a highly populated area and the opening of this store is yet another first step towards expansion island-wide. We are elated to announce to our Spring and Summer family that we are now available in Negombo just in time for the season”.

The planned island-wide mega-expansion of the Spring and Summer brand is expected to see iconic store-fronts being erected within shopping, leisure and enter-



tainment hubs around Sri Lanka and will meet strict sustainability, quality and operational guidelines as set out by the company in their bid to expand their market share in Sri Lanka’s growing Fashion and Apparel market.

Spring and Summer was founded in 1995 by Daya and Shyamalie Wijegunawardana. The clothing brand, at present, has seven major outlets in Wattala, Nugegoda, Maharagama, Panadura, Colpetty, Bambalapitiya and now Negombo.

The brand is also available via an online store, with delivery island-wide. As one of Sri Lanka’s leading retail brands, Spring and Summer has 85% of its products designed and manufactured locally.

Incredible seasonal shopping experience at revamped Browns Deals Showroom



Dr. Nilmini Nanayakkara ceremonially opening the revamped Browns Deals main showroom by cutting the ribbon as Sanakan Thamotharanpillai, Group Chief Operating Officer cum Group Chief Financial Officer, Browns and Mangala Wijesinghe, Chief Operating Officer, Pharmaceutical, Consumer and Integrated Engineering Solutions Cluster, Browns look on



Arrival of Dr. Nilmini Nanayakkara, chief guest of the event



Dr. Nilmini Nanayakkara handing over the invoice to first customer Indika Dodangodaarchchi for the maiden transaction conducted following the opening of the showroom. Also in the background (L-R) Sanakan Thamotharanpillai, Group Chief Operating Officer cum Group Chief Financial Officer, Browns and Mangala Wijesinghe, Chief Operating Officer, Pharmaceutical, Consumer and Integrated Engineering Solutions Cluster & Kumara Kulendra, Branch Manager, Browns Deals



Browns Deals, the consumer electronic arm of the Browns Group, recently opened their upgraded main showroom at T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10. The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr. Nilmini Nanayakkara, Sanakan Thamotharanpillai, Group Chief Operating Officer cum Group Chief Financial Officer, Browns Group and officials representing the senior management of both Browns and LOLC Groups.

Browns Deals markets a host of world-renowned brands, and the products can either be purchased online — www.brownsdeals.com — or from the main showroom. Browns Deals was introduced in 2016 with the vision of offering the best brands of high-quality consumer and electronic products at the lowest price in the market coupled with the trusted Browns warranty. The international brand line-up includes consumer electronics and

other lifestyle products. Furthermore, Browns Deals has partnered with several leading e-commerce sites such as daraz.lk, kapruka.com, wasi.lk and takas.lk to reach a wider market. Moreover, customers can find the Brown and Company PLC flagship store on Daraz and browse through an extensive collection of products. Browns Deals is ready to unveil a plethora of offers for the festive season, including special discounts

up to 50% on a wide range of consumer electronics, household appliances, personal care items and many more. The Browns Group is one of Sri Lanka’s largest diversified conglomerates, which manages a fast-growing and valuable portfolio of brands across several key industry sectors, such as power generation, agriculture and plantation, pharmaceuticals, investments, marine and manufacturing, as well as leisure and hospitality.





Sea Lanka's responsibility...

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The Shipping Corporation plans to explore new routes that connect Sri Lanka's ports to other sea lanes.

If I may describe the governmental involvement since the start of the Sea Lanka Shipping, it is the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, which is the lead in the development of the Sea Lanka Shipping. The Sea Lanka Shipping is one of the key units in the Ministry of Maritime Affairs. It is the responsibility of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs to ensure that the development of the shipping sector is in line with the national interest and to ensure that the shipping sector is developed in a way that is in line with the national interest.

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● Key Objectives

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- 2. Modernize the fleet...
- 3. Invest in infrastructure...
- 4. Collaborate with the private sector...
- 5. Form strategic alliances...
- 6. Digitalize operations...
- 7. Promote sustainability...
- 8. Drive innovation...
- 9. Expand globally...

● Key Functions

- 1. Ship Chartering, Operating, Managing, Maintaining...
- 2. The Transportation of Goods by Sea...
- 3. The Transportation of Passengers by Sea...
- 4. Ship Management...
- 5. Maritime Insurance...
- 6. Maritime Law...
- 7. Maritime Security...

● Future plans

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Ceylon Shipping Corporation

Community of Ceylon Shipping Corporation (CSC) is celebrating its 50th anniversary, to-day, in the morning planned for the 50-year-old shipping corporation. CSC has been the leading shipping corporation in the world. It has been the backbone of the economy. The 50th anniversary is a milestone in the history of the corporation. It is a time to reflect on the achievements of the past and to look ahead to the future.

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The owner of Ceylon Shipping Corporation, Mr. D. S. Perera, speaking at a press conference on the 50th anniversary of the corporation.

Proposition to elevate the nation

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Ceylon Shipping Corporation

Inception and the early years from 1971-1980

Ceylon Shipping Corporation (CSC) which was incorporated in 1971 under the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Act No. 11 of 1971 is the only Government owned national carrier of Sri Lanka. "Lanka Star" was the first vessel commissioned by CSC in 1971. This fleet was conventional vessels employed in exporting of rubber to China and importing of rice from there under the Rubber / Rice Barter Agreement between Sri Lanka & China. By 1980, CSC owned a fleet of nine vessels (eight conventional and one tanker

purchased in 1974). During this period CSC was able to operate in the main routes from Colombo to Europe, China, Karachi and Middle East. Major export handled were tea, rubber, coconut and coconut products, Australia, South Africa, West & East South America were covered though in collaboration with other lines.

CSC was supported by Ceylon Foreign Reserves (CFR) by providing all government imports and 70% of private sector exports to strengthen the balance of payments of CSC. Moreover, CSC offered promotional freight to

exporters to support export oriented industries in Sri Lanka which facilitated and encouraged Sri Lankan exporters in their overseas trading activities. CSC as the "one stop - shop" for an shipping sector was able to create an excellent service to her valuable customers.

1980 TO 1989

The Port of Colombo was modernized in the year 1980 prompting CSC to commence container operations in the same year. CSC operated the container liner service to UK & Continent, Far East, Arabian Gulf & Red Sea and entered in joint venture with Japanese Overseas Lines (JOL) and it operated on the UK and North Europe routes. CSC was proud to offer the first containerized operations in the Indian Sub-Continent and supported modernization of Sri Lanka Port Authority thereby facilitating Colombo Port as the hub port in the region. The joint venture with JOL was discontinued in 1983 and CSC operated UK / North Europe service via services from container vessels of 100 TEU capacity of size. This service earned substantial revenue and CSC commissioned the first vessel to Colombo and Karachi to go cargo for the return trip as well. During this period, "Lanka Mariner" with a capacity of 400 TEU was introduced to Red Sea service in 1983 and an additional vessel was introduced in 1984 to cover Singapore area. Further, Sri Lanka - Arabian Gulf service operated with

170 TEU vessels and South Asia Far East routes were covered by using smaller size vessels. It is also very vital to mention that, CSC could offer a car carrier service for importers with the commission of Mitsui O.S.K. Line, Japan.

CSC had joint services with CMA, with Maersk Line and United States Lines, Australian National Line joined with CSC to operate the Australia service and also a service to Colombo via Australia in 1984 with the participation of Australian National Line.

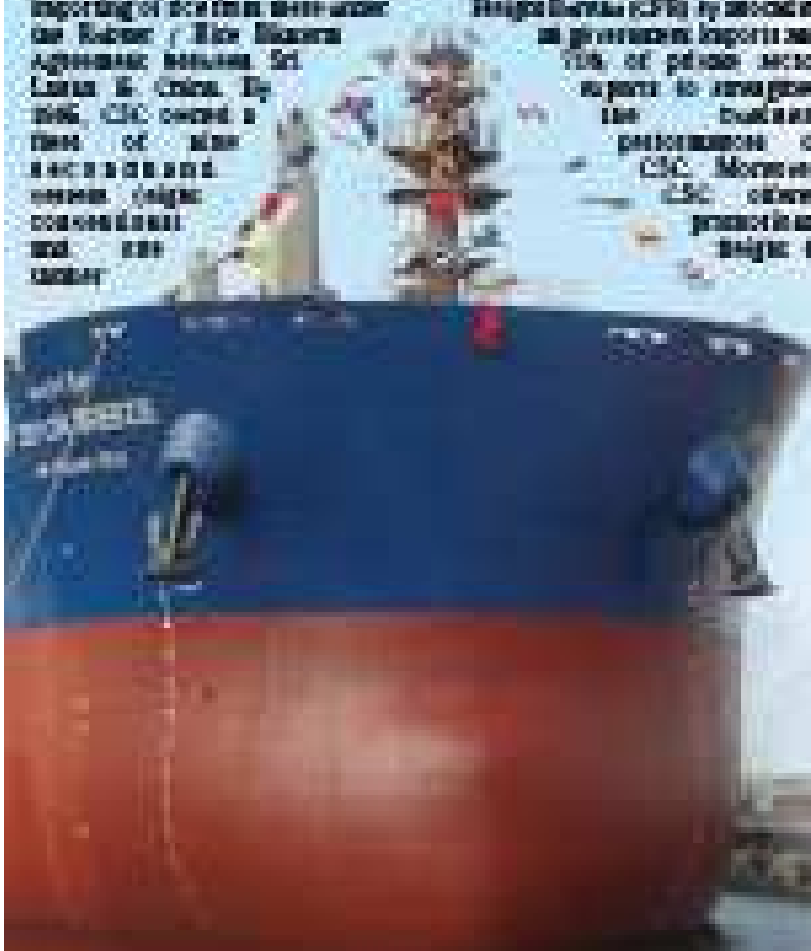
In addition, CSC was able to launch a shuttle service from Colombo to Karachi, West Coast of India to Colombo and from the East Coast of India to Singapore. During the post - liberalization era, the upward trend of CSC emerged based on the peak levels in South Africa Region and one was proud to be the National Carrier of Sri Lanka. The monopoly, which was prevailing in Sri Lankan shipping industry created many advantages to the country in many aspects.

THE IMPACT OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY

The impact of CSC (During 1970) The shipping industry was largely liberalized by the government of Sri Lanka in 1984/1985 and CSC was exposed to the highly competitive market conditions.

However, only the Europe service was allowed one year grace period in CSC to be steady while facing the competition. In order to face the competition, in 1985 CSC incorporated a marketing arm namely Ceylon Shipping Agency Pvt. Ltd. In the year 1986 the Europe service was successfully liberalized and CSC had to operate in highly competitive open market conditions. CSC was awarded to a government owned monopoly in Ceylon Shipping Corporation Limited (CSCL) in the year 1988 under the commission of public corporation act Government Owned Maritime Undertaking (or Public Corporation Act No. 21 of 1988). Unfortunately CSC failed to compete with the free freight rates as quoted by other container shipping lines. The frequent increases of acquisition of fuel as a result of operating new generation vessels toward the world with large capacities where CSC was unable to respond to such fierce competition as our vessels were of approximately 1000 TEUs capacity with charter hire as high as US\$ 22,000 per day. The freight rate in Europe that was a US\$ 1200 per TEU drastically dropped and US\$ 450 crossing with various inputs and charges in CSC's marine portfolio. During this period, CSC continuously received loss from the business activities and the Treasury granted financial assistance to overcome the financial instability of the Corporation. CSC market share in the Europe Service gradually declined from 81,500 TEUs in 1981 to 10,000 TEUs in 1987.

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Corporation. CSC would also be the flag carrier for the country and will be the only one to be registered in Sri Lanka.

Under the Memorandum of Association, CSC will be the sole shareholder of the company. The company will be a public company and will be listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange.

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Business relationships between the two entities envisaging to strengthen it with an agency agreement

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DEVOL MADUWA

Fragrance speaks!



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RAVIPATHI UTHPALA KANDAGE
During the Chola rule in India, soldiers ordered to kill a Stag that was deserting the garden of King Seramana, but the Stag fell into the nearby king's pond and died as he chased after him. Stag, realizing that it was the king who had caused him this calamity, died in anger at the king. Stag gave birth to a small frog in the same pond. One day when the king went to the pond, he broke a beautiful flower that was in bloom and smelled it. In an instant the frog that had been hiding under the flower crawled into the brain along the King's nose. No matter how much the king was treated for his headache, he did not recover. Sometime later, the king saw a beautiful woman in a dream.

The priests told the Brahmins that their idea was that the goddess Pattini had appeared in a dream and that the king had a curse on her. Therefore, one should go to a country where Buddhism is established and give thanks to the goddess Pattini. Deciding that the most suitable country for this was Ceylon, the king came to the island from Wattala and went to Kelaniya to worship the Buddha and done the first 'Devol Maduwa' at Ruwanwella. Legend has it that the king's headache has been gone since then.

Traditional artisans

In some legends, there is a slightly different storyline. It is said that King Seramana sailed with the queen on a ship and inhaled the fragrance of a flower, and then fell ill with poisonous gas, and then stood on an ark in the name of the 'God Devol' for the king, and then sacrificed and cured the disease. Some believe that the 'Kala Pandam Gaha' and 'Biso Kapa' found in the present 'Devol Madu' are reminiscent of the previous incident. Traditional artisans are of the opinion that 'Devol Madu' has existed since then. This Mduwa was the main one and from it came 'Gammadu', 'Devol Madu' and 'Kumbal Madu'. It is said that the offering of oil flowers was called 'Thelme dance' and later the main ones were the Devol dance in the name of the Devol deity and the Vahala dance in the name of the Vahala deity. (This dance is in the morning) Then the 'Dolaha Pelapali' are danced in the name of the 'Dolaha Deviyan'. The Dolaha Pelapali are as follows.

1. Udu Viyan
2. Pawada
3. Daul
4. Thammattam
5. Horanae
6. Veenawa
7. Hakgediya
8. Muthu Kuda
9. Sesath
10. Chamara
11. Bull of the God Vahala
12. An elephant in the name of Shakra

Up to the twelve Pelapalis of this procession, 'Amba Vidamana' and 'Mara Ipidima' are performed in the name of Goddess Pattini. This sacrifice ends with 'Divi Pooja'. Here a leopard-shaped pottery with 'twelve Kemi' is taken. It is believed that this sacrifice removes all life defects. He sings a verse called "Dividola Hella" in front of his family on a mortar. Singing like this, all the diseases are inserted into the pottery and taken to the water and the pottery is broken by hitting the head of a calf to escape the diseases. Then the dance Gara Ves, Yaga will be completed.

Similarities

It is important to note here that Prof. Tissa Kariyawasam, in his book 'Gammadu Purana', describes the similarities and differences between the Madu Thothra known as Gammadu, Devolmadu, etc.

"Gammadu" or 'Devolmaduwa' is connected to the main devayala and when it is done on the temple grounds it becomes 'Devol Maduwa'. Giving priority to the occasion of the arrival of Pattini Halamba in the evening and giving the opportunity to seven people instead of one Pattini as 'Pattini Maduwa'. At the time of the landing of the god Devol, the fire pit set up in front of Kadawatha was made in a very large size, and the shed where the people were placed and given priority to it was called the 'Gini Maduwa'.

It is also known as the 'Gara Maduwa' as it focuses on the part that is done to finish the Gara Yakun Madu Thottara. Giving priority and consideration to the alms given to the god Kataragama in every Madu and considering it as the most important part of the Madu, it is also known as 'Dammaduwa' or 'Dana Maduwa'. It is also known as the 'Mal Maduwa' when it focuses on the elements of calling the Mal Yahan and praying to God for blessings. It is also known as the 'Pooja Maduwa' when it is given a specialty for the pooja offered on the three periods of the day. Priority was given to the very simple scenario of milk shed being held in a Devol Madu, and it became known as the 'Kiri Madu'. Today's practice shows that the name Mangara, which is only mentioned by name, has been given an important place and it has been turned into a 'Mangara Maduwa'."



FEATHERED FRIENDS FROM YOUR BACKYARD



Konda Kurulla



Bird feeder

Kanchana Weerakoon's background on BIRDS

She was a university student in 1997 and Prof. Sarath Kotagama the renowned Ornithologist in Sri Lanka, was one of her university professors. He selected her as one of the team members for an international expedition called "Sinharaja 97".

"It was an expedition between 5 students from University of Cambridge and Field Ornithology Group of Sri Lanka. So, I was one of two Sri Lankan students in the expedition and 7 of us lived for 3 months in three forest patches around Sinharaja finding and preparing the list of birds there. Delwala, Walankanda, Kudumeriya were the

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Martin Wijesinghe who left last week was our guide for tree identification. We learnt about animals and plants other than the birds in our wet zone forests and worked with the communities educating them about the importance of these forests. Most importantly even though this expedition ended in 3 months, the UK team wanted me to continue the research work for another year on my own with the supervision of Prof. Sarath Kotagama. I was just finishing my BSc. Degree in Natural sciences at the Open University, but with this extension I was lucky enough to continue the bird studies to gain my post graduate degree. So, I did a three-year long MPhil degree from University of Colombo thanks to "Sinharaja 97" expedition and became the first female Ornithologist in Sri Lanka. I am very grateful to Prof. Sarath Kotagama and the UK team for the opportunity and guidance."

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Sri Lankan fishing cat



Ati Kukula

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

In many ancient civilizations, there were ancient birds that saw something extraordinary in birds. We cannot arrogantly call this fanciful thinking. According to the ancients, the bird has been a symbol of power throughout history. We are told that in many myths and legends, birds link the human world to the divine or supernatural realms that lie beyond ordinary experience. According to mythology, this creature you see in your home garden, is creation itself.

Founder President of Eco Friendly Volunteers (ECO-V), Kanchana Weerakoon is the first female Ornithologist (with academic qualifications in ornithology) in Sri Lanka and she is a noted authority on birds. Weerakoon speaks to Green Thumbs on the bird in your home garden. "The world of birds is fascinating. They are amazing creatures and there is lot we can learn from them. They have evolved from reptiles and the initial bird fossil is named as Archeopteryx from Jurassic period. It was the size of a crow and had teeth and claws which the current birds are lacking. There are about 10,000 bird species recorded so far in the world. But some researchers say it could be around 18,000 species. Flying and non-flying birds are there. They are very colorful flying creatures who are making homes (nests) like us. Their behavior really is amazing," said Weerakoon.

Statistics concerning birds

Weerakoon updated us on the latest statistics concerning birds. The total number of bird species recorded in Sri Lanka is 492 of which 219 are breeding residents. We have 34 listed as endemic to Sri Lanka. We can categorize these 492 birds into sea birds, water birds, forest birds or migrants. Many are very uncommon birds. Home garden birds are quite commonly seen and this depends on the zone we live in. We may even have some endemic birds in our home gardens too. Therefore, home garden birds can be further categorized as forest, edge birds and urban birds. After categorizing these into different types, we can say more than 35 species

are common home garden birds in Sri Lanka. But that number will vary according to tree cover in the garden and the zone you live in.

According to Egyptian Mythology, the Benu bird created the universe and then made gods and goddesses and men to live in that universe.

"If you want birds to visit your home garden and thrive in your home garden, you need to understand that birds definitely need trees. So, you must grow different type of trees or plants in your home garden. They love to eat fruits, get nectar out of flowers or eat insects on plants or on the ground. So, you must have fruiting plants, flowering plants and you should not use any chemicals. If you do not use any chemicals, then there will be insects in your garden for them to feed on. Also, you can keep a bowl of water for them to have a bath as they love to have baths. You can maintain a bird feeder, but you have to be very careful not to feed them unlimitedly. One mistake we make is, because of endless love or lack of awareness, we keep rice and some fruits throughout the day to attract birds to our homes. This can do



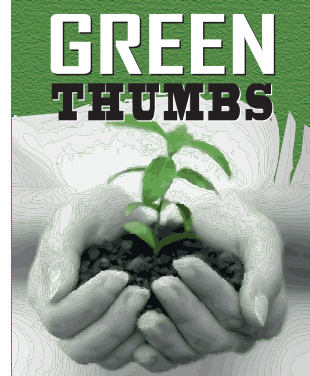
The benu bird

a lot of damage. When they get used to this supply, they become lazy and they become dependent on humans for their food. Also cooked rice is not that good. That is not part of their natural world. If we love them, we should encourage them to live naturally. So, you can maintain a feeding place but very limitedly. Placing a water bowl throughout the day. That is a good habit," explained Weerakoon.

Large sized insect predators

Birds are the best large sized insect predators. For example, they prey on grasshoppers, caterpillars, spiders, beetles, snails and slugs. If you see an Ati Kukula (Common Coucal) in your garden, you can be very happy as it is the best slug and snail controller you have. Birds also prey on some troublesome disease creators like mealy bugs, red and black ants, aphids and some tiny beetles. You will see how small birds like Demalichcha (Common Babbler), Battichcha, (Tailor Bird), Pilalichcha (Flowerpecker) and Sootikka (Sunbird) hop around your gardens and eat on visible and almost non-visible prey. They play a huge role in bio controlling methods and make the garden more sustainable.

"You don't have to do anything to attract their prey. Once you plant different varieties of



GREEN THUMBS

plants and do not use any chemicals in the garden, naturally all sort of animals will be born within your garden. This is because they are part of the biodiversity. We humans call these creatures bad or good. That is a human point of view. But they play their part to balance the ecosystem. So, once you maintain a poison free garden, you can see the automatic functions. Just wait and see!"

Of course, if you cut a grown-up tree with many branches thinking it's a burden for you then obviously you are going to lose many birds. Then applying chemicals will reduce their prey and you will see very few birds. If you have a cat, (who has a habit of hunting) then you will not see some ground birds like doves, pigeons or hammers. The best solution is getting a necklace with a small bell for your cat. Then you can enjoy both cat and the birds.

"During heavy rains, birds are okay with hiding under leaves of trees or branches. They have feathers to cover themselves. So having some shady trees will be helpful. For birds like Polkichcha (Robins) or Ge kurulla (Sparrows) you can put an old clay pot so they will use them to make their nests during the breeding season. European species are using artificial nest boxes, but not our birds in the Tropical weather. But if you have a dead tree in your garden then try to keep it without cutting it as woodpeckers, barbets and parrots will use it for nesting," said Weerakoon.

Prey-Predator relationship

Prey-Predator relationship brings balance to the ecosystem. Why are humans thriving? There is no predator for humans. So what she believes is that we should not do anything to protect the bird chicks from predators.

"It's part of the natural cycle. If we try to save the chick from the snake, then what about the food for that lovely snake? We should respect all equally and not interfere with nature. What I always say is, if our cat or dog is going to catch a wild animal then we should prevent that as they both have enough food at home and do not need to hunt. Otherwise let nature function its own way," added Weerakoon.

Bigger birds like Kites, Shikras and Eagles eat small birds, eggs and chicks. Snakes and animals like Mongoose, Water Monitors and Land Monitors eat them too. Small wild cats like Fishing Cat, Rusty Spotted Cat and Jungle cats or Jackals (if you have bigger home gardens with them) eat them.

Green Thumbs asked Weerakoon, once the hatchlings emerge from the nest, how does the mother bird behave? How many times does she leave her nest to find food? How can WE also intervene to make it easier for her to find food?

"First, she will clean the nest by removing the egg shells (usually she drops them far away to avoid attracting predators who smell the egg shell). Then mostly both mother and father start feeding them. Even incubating eggs was done by both parents in many occasions. Usually, they take turns and watch the nest while one is out searching for food. Hatchling time is a crucial time because of predators. So, they watch carefully. In the night one of them will sit in the nest with babies."



Water monitor



Polkichcha

Weerakoon pointed out that as humans we don't need to get involved in their functions. Just let them live peacefully. Some people love taking pictures of eggs and chicks. Her advice is to avoid doing that as it may help predators find the nest. You may even drop the eggs accidentally. If the parents notice you they may even abandon the nest and will start a new nest soon by forgetting those eggs and chicks. That's their behavior.

When do the young ones leave the nest and fly off into the world? How can we make sure that they return to our home garden and make their home in our home garden?

"That depends on the species. Usually for many home garden birds it's less than 45 days. Just leave them alone so they will realize that you are not a threat and then they will choose your garden again and again. Some birds like Sunbirds and Red Vented Bulbuls (Konda Kurulla) will use your map shades or light bulbs for making nests. If they use them it means that they feel secure with you. So try not to disturb them and you can enjoy their behavior."

She concluded by saying that bird watching in your garden can be a method of relaxation gifted by nature.

"It is proven that it will reduce heart attacks. It will also help you to get rid of anxiety and anger. Bird activities will bring a smile to your face. Bird watching needs a lot of patience. So, if you can train your kids to watch birds patiently without disturbing them, they will develop patience and they will also start to respect others. Teach your children to start listening to their calls and songs. Watching them or listening to them will bring you happiness and give you peace of mind," said Weerakoon.



Ge Kurulla

Gardening with children



of their hard work! By engaging all five senses, gardening can help children to better understand the process of gardening and where their food comes from.

Responsibility

Undertaking a gardening project can teach responsibility to children, as they learn that it is their job to take care of their seeds and plants each day in order for them to be healthy. By creating a checklist for children to run through each day, they can get a better understanding of the role they play in taking care of plants.

Motor skill development

Gardening requires children to practice and hone in on their fine motor skills. Planting seeds, scooping dirt and watering plants all help to improve motor skills, which can in turn help to improve their concentration and learning capabilities.

Promote healthy eating

Getting children to eat their fruits and vegetables can sometimes be a challenge. When they

are involved in every step of the process, however, they are more likely to gain a sense of ownership and pride over their healthy eating choices.

Introduction to science and math

There are so many parts of gardening which introduce children to basic concepts of science and math. Math concepts can include counting seeds, measuring soil depth and counting petals/leaves. Science concepts can include the sprouting process and gaining an understanding of how plants require sunlight and water for growth.

In addition to these wonderful benefits from gardening, the process teaches children to be patient. The waiting time for a vegetable to be ready to pick, or for a flower to open up, will make the moment even more exciting.

Life Long Learning



Simple gardening tips and tricks

From using leftover coffee beans to preventing dirt from getting underneath fingernails, master gardener Paul James shares his top tips and shortcuts to make spring gardening a breeze.

- To remove the salt deposits that form on clay pots, combine equal parts white vinegar and water in a spray bottle. Apply the mixture to the pot and scrub with a plastic brush. Let the pot dry before you plant anything in it.

- To prevent accumulating dirt under your fingernails while you work in the garden, draw your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt can't collect beneath them. Then, after you've finished in the garden, use a nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.

- Turn a long-handled tool into a measuring stick! Lay a long-

handled garden tool on the ground, and next to it place a tape measure. Using a permanent marker, write inch and foot marks on the handle. When you need to space plants a certain distance apart (from just an inch to several feet) you'll already have a measuring device in your hand.



- To create perfectly natural markers, write the names of plants (using a permanent marker) on the flat faces of stones of various sizes and place them at or near the base of your plants.

- The next time you boil or steam vegetables, don't pour the water down the drain, use it to

water potted patio plants, and you'll be amazed at how the plants respond to the "vegetable soup."

- Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries. A light sprinkling of about one-quarter of an inch applied once a month will keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.

- If you need an instant table for tea service, look no farther than your collection of clay pots and saucers. Just flip a good-sized pot over, and top it off with a large saucer. And when you've had your share of tea, fill the saucer with water, and your "table" is now a bird-bath.

- The quickest way in the world to dry herbs: just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and close the doors. Your herbs will be quickly dried to perfection. What's more, your car will smell great.

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Enough MAKING THE HUNTED THE HUNTER



CRUWINI JAYAWARDANA entering on the gradual empowerment of a battered wife Michael Apted's 2002 movie 'Enough' might have been made differently if had been made today. The take of spousal abuse and how the woman learns how to fight back is admirable yet lacks clarity. Domestic abuse is a topic which is widely in focus today. Though many think that it is something which has gained much understanding during the 20th century, in countries like Sri Lanka, it is sadly still perceived in a minor angle. Thus the Sri Lankan housewives today are expected to bear all and even if they complain to authorities like the police, they are eager to turn a blind eye on the harassment and abuse that the woman had to tolerate and proceed to patch things up with the two parties. At times this might be the right steps to take - but not always! Not many can put themselves in the shoes of domestic abuse victims and share the horrors they have experienced by living a life with the abuser. Rightfully said, women are not doormats. From juggling to earn a better income for her family to cooking, cleaning, caring and preparing nutritious home-made meals for her family, a woman multi-tasks, playing many roles around the clock. She is an unpaid labourer where her family duties are concerned. She does all her house chores putting a lot of heart into what she does and all she asks for in return is understanding, love and respect. While husbands and children relax before the television or add a few hours to indulge in their favourite past-time most working mothers scramble for time to make a better living environment for what becomes most important to her after marriage - the well-being of her family. How fair is it that she should become the battering ram for her spouses' stress, worries and unpleasant experiences outside their domestic set-up too? Slim's life is transformed virtually overnight from familial bliss to a conjugal nightmare. For five years of marriage, Mitch has

been nothing but a loving husband and a caring father to the couple's daughter, Grace. Suddenly out of the blue, Slim discovers that Mitch has a relationship with another woman. Once she confronts him, Mitch turns violent. He hits her and threatens her not to consider leaving him. Fearing the safety of her daughter, Slim sought her friend, Ginny and former boss, Phil's help to find a means of escape. Like most spouse abusers, Mitch, is not willing to let go or face the consequences of his actions. He uses financial means to track Slim and their daughter down wherever they try to settle. Tired of being hunted like a deer, Slim finally decides to confront her husband once and for all. One of the major drawbacks in the film is that it seems all too repetitive. Slim and Grace find a new hideout and Mitch manages use his sources to track them down and ends up with threatening messages. This makes it a dull watch. Abused wives fighting back is not that uncommon these days. However the nature in which it is done in 'Enough' does not hold much logic. Jennifer Lopez does well as slim but there is little that even she can do when presented with a plot of this nature. In contrast Billy Campbell who had mostly played the roles of a good guy plays against type, trying to show that he can fit into the role of a badass too. Grace is just old enough to understand the situation, but not quite old enough to make an actual impact in the story. Although the film uses a child better than most movies like this would, she is still a cheap ploy to raise the stakes. Though the ending gives the villain a piece of what he deserves, it also put across a wrong message. The lawyer at the end of the movie basically implied that by the time Slim came to him that the legal justice system couldn't help her at all. So it gave a message of if someone hurts you it is okay to hurt them and that the justice system only works up to a point. 'Enough's simple and direct conclusion is not as satisfying as we hope for, but it does work for what it is.

REEL REVIEWS

Get ready for more Clifford. Paramount Pictures has announced it is developing a sequel to 2021's family-friendly adventure "Clifford the Big Red Dog." The studio has not disclosed whether the newest installment will play only in theaters or simultaneously on digital platforms, like the original. The first film premiered in theaters earlier in November and has since generated \$34 million at the domestic box office while playing concurrently on Paramount Plus. Though the company didn't provide any tangible metrics, Paramount says "Clifford the Big Red Dog" has become the nascent streaming service's most-watched original film to date. It should be noted that Paramount Plus rebranded from CBS All Access last March with limited cinematic offerings, so "Clifford" didn't have much competition to cement its place as the streamer's most popular new film. Audiences who opted to watch "Clifford the Big Red Dog" on the big screen have appeared to be fond of the tale about the oversized scarlet pooch. Ticket buyers gave the film a coveted "A"



'Clifford the Big Red Dog' is screening at Liberty by Scope Cinemas, PVR - Colombo 2, Milano 2 - Kegalle, Scope Cinemas (CCC) - Colombo 2, Kandy City Center - Kandy, Maxx Lite - Moratuwa and Vista Life - Ja-Ela

CinemaScore, though critics were slightly more discerning. In Variety's review, chief critic Owen Gleiberman called the movie a "winsome formula fable." He wrote: "Clifford the Big Red Dog" becomes a rowdy chase film — as agreeable as Clifford himself, as simultaneously cute and in-your-face, and as genially random in its ability to create chaos." Based on the popular children's book series, "Clifford the Big Red Dog" follows 12-year-old Emily Elizabeth, who is gifted a little red puppy. Much to her surprise, she wakes up to

find the petite canine has grown overnight into a giant, 10-foot hound. The cast includes Jack Whitehall, Darby Camp, Tony Hale and Kenan Thompson. Walt Becker directed "Clifford the Big Red Dog" from a script by Jay Scherick, David Ronn and Blaise Hemingway. The film was made in association with Scholastic Entertainment and eOne, the latter of which distributed "Clifford" in Canada and the United Kingdom. The sequel would likely bring back the original filmmaking team, though contracts have not been signed yet. *Variety*



'Bawatharana' in cinema halls

Young filmmaker Devinda Kongage's latest film 'Bawatharana' is screen at Rithma circuit film halls these days. The film rotates around a series of incidents which happened between 1747 and 1760 during the reign of King Keerthi Sri Rajasinghe. Screen Queen Malani Fonseka acts in this film. Sajeew Kashthriya Rajaputhra is introduced to cinema through this project. The other characters are played by Sriyantha Mendis, Mahendra Perera, Udayanthi

Kulathunga, Roshan Pilapitiya, Roshan Ravindra, Chandika Nanayakkara, Kumudu Nishantha, Srimal Wedisinghe, Kanchana Kodithuwakku, Sanketh Wickramage, Dharshan Dharmaraj, Chitra Warakagoda, Deepani Silva, Richard Manamudali, and others. The film has won a number of international awards like the Best Film awards at the Delhi International Cinema Festival 2015 and the Golden Kite International Film Festival 2018 in China. The editing and colour mixing for the project is done by Praveen Jayaratne.

Naradha Dhananji Thotagamuwa is the make up artiste. Manoj Wickramasinghe and Chinthaka Wijeratne are the Art Directors. Kalinga Gihan Perera is in charge of sound effects. Nawaratne Gamage is the Music Director. Jagath Wickramasinghe penned the lyrics and rendered his voice for the songs in the movie. Devinda has written the script and penned some of the lyrics. Shirani Kepitipola and Mawathagama S R Wijesinghe had produced the film on behalf of Kasthriya Films and Rajaputhra Productions.



'Nim Him' coming on December 9



Michelle Fonseka's latest cinema production 'Nim Him' is finally coming to the M P I circuit theaters after being postponed several times due to the coronavirus pandemic. The story is about Radhika Krishnaswami and Jehan's love affair. It tells us that true love emerges out of understanding and respect rather than cast, class or ethnicity. Gangu Roshana, Milinda Madugalla, Janak Permalal, Kumari Munasinghe, Nirosha Thalagala, Nilusha Fernando, W Jayasiri, Gihan Fernando, Roshan Pilapitiya, Sampath Tennakoon, Anura Bandara Rajaguru, Wasantha Witachchi, Susanga Kahandawela, Saman Dharmawansa and others act in the film. The Art Director and Assistant Director is Susanga Kahandawela. Gamini Costa is the make up artist. Dilan Gunawardena is the editor, in charge of sound effects. Gayan Gunawardena, Saman Dharmawansa, Prince Wickramanayake, Pradeep Herath and Indika Madawala have produced the film on behalf of Alankara Films and Ama Films.

50 different hairstyles for 'House of Gucci'



With months of preparation, a 400-page log of Patrizia Reggiani's beauty evolution and a deep dive into Italian hair trends through the decades, Lady Gaga's hairstylist for 'House of Gucci', Frederic Aspiras, was determined to make sure her beauty looks accomplished a whole lot more than simply making the star look camera ready. He wanted her evolving look to be a storytelling tool. "The profession of the character's life had to be depicted not only by the script and setting, but also into her hair," Aspiras exclusively told Us Weekly. To remain as "authentic" and as "honest" as possible, Aspiras and

makeup artist Sarah Tanno poured themselves over everything and anything that would give insight into Reggiani's character. Given that the socialite's life didn't start out in the spotlight however, creating an accurate depiction required an intense look at Italian beauty trends in the '70s. "There wasn't much of her life documented in photos or videos as a young woman to refer to ... I had to create a complete forensics of her hairstyles from a young, blushing bride to a scorned, convicted older woman," Aspiras told Us. While factors like Patrizia's socioeconomic status were crucial to showing the character's development, creating a repertoire of looks reflective of the time (which spanned from 1972 to 1997), was just as important. "Hairstyles weren't as fast-changing

in Italy as they were in the States, so that had to be accounted for with each hairstyle," Aspiras explained. Still, every single wing (there were 10 total) needed to be cut and styled in a manner that was indicative of the time period. "From wet pin curls set with setting solution and pins to power blowouts and Velcro sets, these methods contributed to the authenticity of look and empowered the actor [Gaga] to feel and look in its actuality," he added. Styling played a key role for sure, but so did hair color. "She begins with a virgin dark brown because she came from a working class family and most likely didn't go to a high-end, luxury hair salon to have her hair colored by a specialist," Aspiras explains. But, as her relationship with Maurizio Gucci evolves, so do her strands.

'House of Gucci' is screening at Liberty by Scope Cinemas, PVR Colombo 2, Milano 2 - Kegalle, Scope Cinemas (CCC) - Colombo 2, Kandy City Center - Kandy, Maxx Lite - Moratuwa, and Vista Lite - Ja-Ela

"As she starts to play the part of a society woman and wants so much to be accepted into the Gucci dynasty, her hair becomes more tended to and then kept longer and is professionally highlighted to meet current style trends of that time." All in all, Aspiras ended up creating a whopping 50 hairstyles for the film, though not every style landed a spot on the big screen. In order to create such amazing looks — which range from updos to perms — the stylist relied on a handful of Joico products. *US Magazine*

DIVISION OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

PROCUREMENT NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

1. Sealed bids for the Supply of undermentioned medical equipment will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ministry of Health, up to 10.00 a.m. on closing date stated below.

| Item | The period Bidding Documents could be obtained | | Closing Date | Non refundable fee to be made at BES Office (Rs.) | Estimated cost (Rs.) (In Million) |
|------------------------------------|--|------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | From | To | | | |
| 1 550 Nos. Syringe Pumps | 06.12.2021 | 21.12.2021 | 22.12.2021 | 12,500.00 | 55.00 |
| 2 200 Nos. Suction Apparatus | 06.12.2021 | 21.12.2021 | 22.12.2021 | 3,500.00 | 40.00 |
| 3 20 Nos. RO Plants | 06.12.2021 | 21.12.2021 | 22.12.2021 | 3,500.00 | 20.00 |
| 4 150 Nos. Multipara Monitor Basic | 06.12.2021 | 21.12.2021 | 22.12.2021 | 3,500.00 | 45.00 |

- Only the sole nominated representatives/accredited agents of manufacturers of the medical equipment offered for Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this procurement.
- Sealed bids shall be made on a complete set of bidding documents in duplicate purchased by any interested eligible bidder.
- Bidding Documents can be obtained from the Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Seram Place, Colombo - 10 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. during the period stated above. (Tel. No. : 011 2691916, 2694479 - Fax No. : 011-2698317)
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the office of Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Seram Place, Colombo - 10.
- Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services, 27, De Seram Place, Colombo-10.
- Please submit contract registration certificate issued by Company Registrar with bidding document.
- Further information could be obtained from Director (Finance), Division of Biomedical Engineering Services on Tel. No. 2684732.

**Chairman/ Procurement Committee,
Division of Biomedical Engineering Services,
27, De Seram Place, Colombo - 10.**

My No: RG/NB/11/2/21/2021/89/සෙ

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 lands 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 Negombo from 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 |
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| Folio No. 300 of volume 632 of Division C of the Land Registry Negombo in Gampaha District | All that divided and defined allotment of land marked lot 80 in Plan No.: 2525/11.11.1984 made by D.J. Nanayakkara Licensed Surveyor of the land called 'Katunayake Kuruduwa alias Goniwatta' situated at Liyanagemulla in the Dasiya Pattu in the Aluthkuru Korale in the District of Gampaha, Western Province and bounded on the, North by : Lot 79 East by : Lot 78 South by : The Deaf and Blind School and Workshop West by : Negombo to Colombo High Road Extent : A:00 R:00 P:12 | 01. Deed of Transfer No. 77 written and attested by S.A.M.H. Seneviratne Notary Public on 02.10.1988 02. Deed of Transfer No. 2193 written and attested by G.A. Wijayasinghe Notary Public on 11.05.2006. 03. The Lispendens No. 6765/96 of Negombo High Court. |
| Folio No. 277 of Volume 631 of Division C of the Land Registry Negombo in Gampaha District | All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot B in Plan No.: 115/30.11.1927 made by L.H.C. Dabarera Licensed Surveyor of the land called 'Katunayake Kuruduwa alias Goniwatta' situated at Liyanagemulla in the Dasiya Pattu in the Aluthkuru Korale in the District of Gampaha, Western Province and bounded on the. North by : Lot A East by : The land of Solaman Fernando, K. Mandis Silva Solaman Fernando and Aron Silva South by : The land of Sam De Silva West by : Road Extent : A:08 R:01 P:05 | 01. Deed of Transfer No. 5477 written and attested by H.J.C. Perera Notary Public on 14.07.1984 |

**W.M.M.B. Weerasekara
Registrar General**

**Registrar General's Department,
No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,
Battaramulla.**

LOLC FINANCE VEHICLES FOR SALE

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| <p>AMPARA</p> <p>THREE WHEELER BAJAJ 173CC 2010 EP QW XXXX</p> <p>FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR KIOTI DS4510 2197CC 2017 EP RF XXXX</p> <p>LOLC AUTO MART, NO 223, KANDY ROAD, AMPARA SAMANTHA - 063-5780880/881</p> | <p>AMBALANTHOTA</p> <p>THREE WHEELER BAJAJ 198CC 2011 WP YM XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2011 SP YV XXXX</p> <p>LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 162, MAIN STREET, AMBALANTHOTA KAVINDU - 0475118080</p> |
| <p>BADULLA</p> <p>MOTOR BIKE DEMAK DTM 150CC 2017 UP BHH XXXX</p> <p>THREE WHEELER BAJAJ 173CC 2007 UP QK XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2007 CP QM XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2008 CP QO XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2008 UP QP XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 UP QU XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2011 UP YS XXXX</p> <p>TRUCK MAHINDRA MAXXIMO 909CC 2012 UP PT XXXX</p> <p>LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 161 A, KEPPETIPOLA ROAD, BADULLA LAHIRU - 054549948</p> | <p>GOTHATUWA</p> <p>THREE WHEELER BAJAJ 198CC 2012 WP AAA XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2013 WP AAG XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2013 WP AAH XXXX BAJAJ 150CC 2003 WP HS XXXX BAJAJ 150CC 2004 WP JW XXXX BAJAJ 145CC 2005 WP QA XXXX BAJAJ 145CC 2006 WP QF XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2007 WP QJ XXXX BAJAJ 145CC 2006 WP QJ XXXX BAJAJ 145CC 2006 WP QJ XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP QU XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP QX XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP QX XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2011 WP YQ XXXX</p> <p>NO. 42/5, GOTHATUWA GAMSABHA RD, GOTHATUWA MAHESH - 0773493535</p> |
| <p>WELLAMPITIYA</p> <p>THREE WHEELER BAJAJ 150CC 2004 WP JF XXXX BAJAJ 150CC 2004 WP JG XXXX BAJAJ 145CC 2003 WP JW XXXX BAJAJ 150CC 2005 WP JW XXXX BAJAJ 145CC 2005 WP QA XXXX BAJAJ 145CC 2005 WP QA XXXX BAJAJ 145CC 2006 WP QG XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2007 WP QL XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2008 WP QO XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP QS XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 UP QS XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP QU XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP QU XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP QW XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP QW XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2010 WP QX XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2011 NW YO XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2011 WP YR XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2012 WP YV XXXX</p> <p>LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTER, NO. 98/1, AVISSAWELLA RD, MAHABUTHIGAMUWA, WELLAMPITIYA JAYANTHA - 0773242324</p> | <p>GRANDPASS</p> <p>TRUCK TATA ACE EX 702CC 2013 WP PV XXXX</p> <p>LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 260, GRANDPASS RD, COLOMBO 14 HASITHA - 0767951865</p> |
| <p>MATHUGAMA</p> <p>THREE WHEELER BAJAJ 173CC 2008 SP QO XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 WP QV XXXX</p> <p>LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NEAR THE PEOPLE'S BANK, WIJAYA MAWATHA, MATHUGAMA PRAMODA - 0775634245</p> | <p>DAMBULLA</p> <p>THREE WHEELER BAJAJ 198CC 2015 WP AAX XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2007 SG QL XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2008 NW QO XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 NW QT XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 CP QT XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2010 NP QZ XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2011 CP YJ XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2011 WP YP XXXX</p> <p>LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, ETHABENDIWEWA ROAD, THALAKIRIYAGAMA, DAMBULLA CHAMINDA - 0665118181</p> |
| <p>VAVUNIYA</p> <p>HARVESTER AGROTECH ECO 4LZ-4.0ZD COMBINE</p> <p>LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTER, NO 363, MANNAR ROAD, VEPPANKULAM, VAVUNIYA THIMOTHY - 0766582329</p> | <p>KURUWITA</p> <p>TRUCK CAKY 1809CC 2015 SG DAD XXXX</p> <p>THREE WHEELER BAJAJ 173CC 2007 SG QK XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2007 SG QL XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2008 SG QO XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2008 SG QP XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2009 SG QV XXXX BAJAJ 173CC 2010 SG YB XXXX BAJAJ 198CC 2011 SG YR XXXX PIAGGIO 395CC 2008 SG QP XXXX PIAGGIO 395CC 2009 SG QV XXXX PIAGGIO 395CC 2011 SG YU XXXX PIAGGIO 395CC 2012 SG YV XXXX PIAGGIO 395CC 2010 SG QX XXXX PIAGGIO 395CC 2010 SG YB XXXX</p> <p>LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 472 F, MALAWA, KURUWITA ISHANKA - 0772752097</p> |

The Company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle/vehicles from the Sale without prior Notice.
Tender forms can be collected from the Head Office - Rajagiriya & the relevant branches of the above addresses
Tender closes at 12.30 p.m on 09th December 2021
LOLC FINANCE PLC
No.100/1, Sri Jayawardanepura Mw, Rajagiriya.



SRI LANKA TRANSPORT BOARD (SLTB)

Invitation for Bids for the Sale, under fixed prices, of Scrap Items removed annually from use from Depots belonging to Colombo, Kandy, Sabaragamuwa, Gampaha and Nuwara Eliya Regional Offices and from Regional Workshops at Yatinuwara, Kaludewala

Bid No. SLTB/TS/SUI/2021-1

Sealed bids will be received up to 10.30 a.m. on 28.12.2021 by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Sri Lanka Transport Board at No. 200, Kirula Road, Colombo 05 for the purchase and disposal of Scrap items (lots) under a fixed price, which are removed from use annually, from depots belonging to Colombo, Kandy, Sabaragamuwa, Gampaha and Nuwara Eliya Regional Offices and from regional workshops at Yatinuwara and Kaludewala during the period of next year. Bids received will be opened at 10.30 a.m. same day, at the Tender Board Section of the SLTB Head Office.

| S/ No. | Description | Place of Inspection of Items | Refundable Deposit Rs. | Non refundable Fee Rs. |
|--------|--|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| 01 | Scrap Cast Iron, Scrap Steel, Scrap iron, Scrap aluminium, Scrap aluminium alloy, Scrap Brass, Scrap copper, scrap leafsprings, scrap iron mixed copper, Scrap (iron) heap, Scrap rubber mixed iron, Scrap lead, Scrap rubber mixed lead, Scrap rubber mixed brass, Scrap clutch plates (with liners), Scrap radiator core, Scrap jacks, Scrap complete engines. | Depots belonging to Colombo Regional Office | 200,000.00 | 2,500.00 |
| | | Depots and Regional Workshops belonging to Gampaha Regional Office | 200,000.00 | |
| | | Depots and Regional Workshops belonging to Kandy Regional Office | 200,000.00 | |
| | | Depots and Regional Workshops belonging to Sabaragamuwa Regional Office | 200,000.00 | |
| | | Depots and Regional Workshops belonging to Nuwara Eliya Regional Office | 200,000.00 | |

Relevant Bid documents for the selection of a buyer or buyers for the next year period can be obtained from 06.12.2021 up to 15.00 hrs on 27.12.2021 from the office at the address stated below on submission to the Secretary of the SLTB Procurement Committee of the A-10 receipt received from the SLTB Deputy General Manager (Finance) for the payment of the non refundable fee of Rs. 2500.00 as stated above.

The relevant scrap items can be inspected at the above stated places during office hours. Further details required can be obtained from the Regional Offices at Colombo, Kandy, Sabaragamuwa, Gampaha, Nuwara Eliya and from the Works Engineers at regional sites. A copy of the A-10 receipt received from the SLTB Deputy General Manager (Finance) for the payment of a refundable deposit of Rs. 200,000.00, payable to the Regional Offices, to be paid at or before 15.00 hrs on 27.12.2021, should be attached with the bid. Bidder or one of his representatives with a written authority can be present at the bid opening.

**Chairman - Procurement Committee,
Sri Lanka Transport Board,
No. 200, Kirula Road,
Colombo 05.**
Engineers - Secretary, Procurement Committee - SLTB.
Tel No. 011-2588457, 011-7706110, 011-7706111

Colombo - Regional Engineer - 077 1056302
Gampaha - Regional Engineer - 077-1056502
Kandy - Regional Engineer - 077-1057002
Sabaragamuwa - Regional Engineer - 077 1057502
Nuwara Eliya - Regional Engineer - 077 1057402

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National Transport Commission



Invitation for Bids

Calling for Bids for Printing of Sisuseriya Bus Service Stickers (Screen Printing)

Sealed bids are invited from experienced registered agencies for printing of 04 types of stickers (screen printing) to be affixed to the buses belonging to Sisuseriya project implemented by the National Transport Commission.

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Interested suppliers can inspect the bidding documents by calling the Procurement Division of National Transport Commission and visiting the office from **10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.** On weekdays.
- A bid security of **Rs. 17000.00** valid till **21/02/2022** should be submitted for this printing work.
- A complete set of bid documents can be obtained from the procurement division from **06/12/2021 to 20/12/2021** during **09.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Rs. 500.00** and submitting a written request to the Assistant Director (Procurement), National Transport Commission.
- All the bids should be deposited in the tender box placed at the Procurement Division before **2.00 p.m. on 21/12/2021**. Bids received late will be rejected. Bidding documents will be opened immediately soon after the closing of bids and bidders or their authorized representative may attend.

Chairman,
National Transport Commission
No 241, Park Road,
Colombo 05
Telephone : 011-2503969



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

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

| Tender No. | Name of the Tender | Bid Security Amount (Rs.) | Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT) | Closing Date & Time |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| CMS/LP/20/PT/04/057 | Gold Coins - 22 KT with SLPA Logo | 789,500.00 | Rs. 12,500.00 | 03/01/2022 13.30 hrs |

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable to tenders total Cost exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly all parties involved in aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
- Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last five (5) years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Materials Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 06th December 2021 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up today prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned Bid Security.

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

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



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROVIDING JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR SLIATE / ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTES 2022/23

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) invites sealed bids from registered business organizations for Janitorial Services for its Head Office and ATIs located islandwide.

| | INSTITUTION | Contact No. |
|----|--|-----------------------|
| 01 | Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education, No. 320 "Janawathu Piyasa", T. B. Jayah Mawatha , Colombo 10. | 0112691307 |
| 02 | ATI-Colombo, No. 42, Rodrigo Place, COLOMBO 15. | 0112521152/0112521282 |
| 03 | ATI -Dehiwala, Waidya Road, DEHIWALA. | 0112738349 |
| 04 | ATI-Kandy, No. 16, Keppetipola Mawatha, KANDY. | 0812232097 |
| 05 | ATI - Galle, Labuduwa, Akmeemana, GALLE. | 0912246179 |
| 06 | ATI- Ampara, Inginiyagala Road , AMPARA. | 0632222056/0632223035 |
| 07 | ATI- Jaffna, No. 665/5, Beach Road, Gur Nagar, JAFFNA. | 0212222595/0212229803 |
| 08 | ATI-Kurunegala, 22/1 ,Wilgoda Road , KURUNEGALA. | 0372229583/0372224911 |
| 09 | ATI - Kegalle, Bandaranayake Mawatha, KEGALLE. | 0352221297/0352221713 |
| 10 | ATI-Trincomalee, Kanniya Road, Varodyanagar, TRINCOMALEE. | 0262223232/0262050617 |
| 11 | ATI-Badulla, Greenland Drive, BADULLA. | 0552230218/0552223818 |
| 12 | ATI-Gampaha, Naiwala Essela, Naiwala, VEYANGODA. | 0332287519/0332292544 |
| 13 | ATI Ratnapura, New Town, RATNAPURA | 0452231492/0452231493 |
| 14 | ATI - Tangalle, Yayawatta, Netolpitiya, TANGALLE | 0472241845/0472241846 |
| 15 | ATI -Mannar, De La Salle English Medium School Building, Thalaimannar Road MANNAR. | 0233122555 |
| 16 | ATI Vavuniya, off A9 Rd, Veppankulam, Omanthai, VAVUNIYA | 0242052733 |
| 17 | ATI Nawalapitiya, No15-1/6, Back Street, Gampola, NAWALAPITIYA | 0542050634 |
| 18 | ATI- Batticaloa, Main Street, Kovil Kulam East, Atayampathi, BATTICALOA | 0652247519/0652247470 |
| 19 | ATI Sammanthurai, Main Street, SAMMANTHURAI | 0672261304 |
| 20 | Advanced Technological Institute, No III, Anula Mw, Pandulagama, ANURADHAPURA | 0252234417 |

Interested bidders may obtain a complete set of bidding documents from the Finance Division of relevant Institution (ATI/ Head Office), from 07-12-2021 to 28-12-2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days producing the receipt for the payment of non refundable fee of Rs.3000.00 paid to the Finance Division of relevant Institute. If the bidder wishes to bid for more than one Institute contact Procurement Division of Head Office to get instructions. (Tel.011-2691307 ext 128)

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security amount of 2 % of the annual contract bid price to be valid for 120 days from the date of Bid opening . The bid security should be obtained from any Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favor of "Director General, Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education"

Duly completed Bidding documents marked "Providing Janitorial Services for (name of the relevant Institution)-2022/23" on the top left hand corner of the envelope and deposited in the Tender Box kept at the relevant Institution to be received before 2.00 p.m. on 29-12-2021. Late bids will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened soon after the closing time of bids at the relevant Institute. Bidders or their authorized representatives are allowed to be present at the time of opening of bids.

Further information can be obtained from the Accountant (Procurement Division), Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education, 320, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 (Tel.011-2691307 ext 128) or Registrar of relevant Institution during working days. Please see www.sliate.ac.lk for contact details.

Bidders should visit and inspect the premises before the submission of bid and fully acquaint themselves with the details, nature and requirement of the services and quote all inclusive.

Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education
320, T.B. Jayah Mawatha,
Colombo 10

BANK OF CEYLON

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY AGENCIES

EOI No. P/PROC/2021/272

The Bank of Ceylon, Sri Lanka's No. 1 Bank would like to obtain the services of Public Relations and Publicity Agencies to handle the work as and when required.

Interested parties should have the following requirements to be eligible for the submission of Expressions of Interest. Failure to provide this information will result in the rejection of the proposal.

Public Relations and Publicity Agencies

- Minimum three (3) years' experience in the captioned industry.
- Should have employed at least one writer to write articles in each language Sinhala / Tamil / English. (Details of minimum three subjective articles should be attached)

The EOI documents could be obtained from the Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Head Office Building, Colombo 1, after making payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.3,780.00 (Rs.3,500.00 + Rs.280.00 VAT)

Last date & time for issuing EOI documents : 1400hrs on 27.12.2021

Time duration for issue of EOI Documents : From 0900 hrs to 1400hrs

Closing date & time of EOI : 1000hrs 28.12.2021

Documents received later than the specified date and time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

Envelope should be marked the EOI No.P/PROC/2021/272 and "Expressions of Interest for selection of PR and Publicity Agencies", on the top left hand corner.

The final decision will be made by the Bank and appeals will not be entertained. The Bank reserves the right of rejecting any or all Bids and the right of accepting any portion of the Bid without adducing any reason.

The selected agencies will be registered with the Bank for providing of the above services and quotations will be entertained as and when required.

All material created and produced for the Bank by the agencies and paid by the Bank shall be the bank property in terms of copyright and ownership.

The selected agency/s will be registered with the Bank for a contract period of 02 years.

Canvassing in any form will be disqualification.

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The Chief Manager

Properties & Procurement Department,
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Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,
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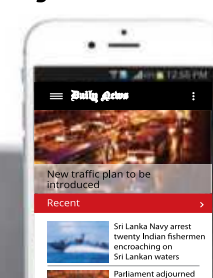
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State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Materials
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NATIONAL EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY ORGANIZATION OF SRI LANKA
INVITATION FOR BIDS CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED JOGGING TRACK DEVELOPMENT

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the National Equipment & Machinery Organization now invites sealed bids from the bidders for the Works as described below. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.

| Bid No. | Name & Identification No. of Bid | Construction Period | Non- Refundable Fee | Bid Security Fee |
|---------|---|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | Bid for Landscaping Works and Electrical Work for proposed Walkway Track and Landscaping at Batticaloa. NEMO/PR/7173/2021/05-II | 45 Days | 2,000/= | 100,000/= |

2. With the Grade C7 with similar work capacity or above contractors to be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be a reputed local company having experience in one (01) contract of a nature, complexity and value equivalent to the proposed works within last Three (03) years in Sri Lanka for the above bids.

3. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language, may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the National Equipment & Machinery Organization of Sri Lanka, Theme Park Building, Negombo Road, Peliyagoda from 07.12.2021 until 10.11.2021 on any working day from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of the tender fee 2,000/= (non-refundable) to the Cashier, Accounts Division, National Equipment & Machinery Organization of Sri Lanka, Theme Park Building, Negombo Road, Peliyagoda. For more information 011-2982215.

4. Bids will be delivered to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, National Equipment & Machinery Organization of Sri Lanka, Theme Park Building, Negombo Road, and Peliyagoda on or before 14.00 hrs on 13.12.2021. Contract name should be marked at the top left hand corner of the Bid. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to attend.

5. All bids shall be accompanied by a separate Bid Security for the amount is 100,000/=, Bid security should be an unconditional, the Construction Guarantee Fund and should be valid up to 13.01.2022.

Chairman,
 Department Procurement Committee,
 National Equipment & Machinery Organization of Sri Lanka.
 03.12.2021

Ministry of Fisheries
 State Ministry of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming,
 Fishery Harbour Development,
 Multiday Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka

Invitation for Bids
Procurement Notice

01. The Chairman of the Department Procurement Committee (Major) invites sealed bids from qualified and eligible bidders for the Procurement of Fish Feed.

| Contract No & Name of Procurement | Bid Security (SLR) and Validity Period | Non-Refundable Bid Fee (SLR) | Closing Date & Time of Issuing of Bidding Documents | Closing Date & Time of Receiving of Bid |
|--|--|------------------------------|---|---|
| NQ/DPC/2021/NCB/G/17 Procurement of Supply and Delivery of Fish Feed (a) To be supplied and delivered on monthly basis to each Aquaculture Development Centers located in Island wide. (b) Monthly requirement is approx. 34,000 Kg | Bid Security amount is specified in the Schedule 1 of ITB clause 20.2 of the Section II – Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) of the Bidding Document | 5,000.00 | 27.12. 2021 at 3.00 p. m. | 28.12.2021 at 2.00 p. m. |

02. The Fish Feed requirement shall be supplied by eligible bidders on national level or regional level on total fish feed quantity or selected fish feed item wise or location wise. A national level bidder and a regional level bidder are specified in the ITB clause 35.5 of the Section II – Bidding Data Sheet (BDS) of the Bidding Document.

03. All eligible bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Director (Fresh water) (Tel: 071 445 3333 / 011 278 6544 / 6495, Fax: 011 278 6493 / 6575, adfw@naqda.gov.lk) and www.naqda.gov.lk and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the following address during office hours from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 06.12.2021 to Closing Date of Issuing of Bidding Documents as per above. A Pre – Bid Meeting will be held on 17.12.2021 at 11.00 a. m. at the Board Room in address mentioned below.

04. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application with a copy of registration as per Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 to the following address and upon payment of a non-refundable bid fee in cash or bank draft during the period as indicated above.

05. Bids shall be valid for Ninety-One (91) days (28.03.2022) from the deadline of bid submission.

06. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security issued by a commercial bank approved by Central Bank of Sri Lanka as specified in the Bid Documents and must be delivered to the address given below in accordance with the general conditions on or before the dates mentioned above.

Chairman,
 Department Procurement Committee (Major)
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka
 41/1, New Parliament Road, Pelawatte, Battaramulla.
 06.12.2021

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY (ENGINEERING SERVICES)
UVA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS - 2022

Applications are invited for registration under this institution, from manufacturers, agents, registered Co-operative Societies, Government Institutions including Corporations, Gramodaya Mandalas, reputed commercial establishments, contractors, suppliers and individuals to obtain goods and services mentioned below for the Deputy Chief Secretariat (Engineering Services), Office of the Provincial Director of Buildings and five (05) Divisional Engineering Offices of Buildings and Programme Implementation Unit. Preference will be given to contractors and suppliers who are permanent residents of the Uva Province.

A non-refundable fee of Rs. 750/= for one supply and Rs. 250/= for any additional supply should be paid either by a Money Order drawn in favour of "Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services), Deputy Chief Secretariat (Engineering Services), Pinarawa, Badulla" payable at Badulla Post Office or paid in cash at this office and the relevant receipt should be submitted with the application.

All applications may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services), Deputy Chief Secretariat (Engineering Services), Pinarawa, Badulla" or hand delivered to receive before 30.12.2021. The caption, "Registration of Suppliers and Contractors - 2022" should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

| Serial No. | Supply / Service |
|------------------------------|---|
| Construction Services | |
| 01 | Construction and Repairing Services (Mention Registered CIDA Grade) |
| Supply / Service | |
| 02 | Supply of all Office Stationery |
| 03 | All office equipment and Furniture (Wooden, steel, plastic, fibre glass, iron) |
| 04 | Supply of curtains, carpets, table cloths |
| 05 | Computers and Computer accessories, Roneo machines and Photocopiers |
| 06 | All equipment coming under electronic category (overhead projectors, cameras, video cameras, multi-media projectors, refrigerators, air conditioners) |
| 07 | Tyres, tubes and collars, batteries required for all construction machinery and vehicles |
| 08 | Generators / water pumps |
| 09 | All building materials, plumbing materials and fittings, timber, plywood, paints and other items |
| 10 | All kinds of sanitary goods, sanitary chemicals, garbage bags, polythene bags, chemicals and laboratory equipment and rugs |
| 11 | All printing works (banners, notice boards), rubber stamps, date stamps, plastic name boards and departmental identity cards |
| 12 | All kinds of Information Technological Services (Software Designing, Computer Networking, Website Designing and relevant other works) |
| Other Services | |
| 13 | Repairing of electrical circuits, generators, plumbing equipment, water pumps |
| 14 | Repairing and maintenance of air conditioners, refrigerators, deepfreezers |
| 15 | Servicing and repairing of computers, fax machines and photocopiers |
| 16 | All kinds of Toner |
| 17 | Tinkering and painting work on vehicles, Fibre Glass Services and Cushioning, Carpeting, Sticker, Number Plates |

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Ministry of Trade
Registration of Suppliers - 2022

Applications will be entertained from 06.12.2021 up to 27.12.2021 from Suppliers to obtain undermentioned Goods, Materials and Services for the Ministry of Trade for the Year 2022.

- > Supply of Stationery
- > All kinds of Sanitizers and Masks
- > Printing works and Supply of Seals / Franks
- > Supply of Drinking Water Bottles (15 ltrs. and 350 ml.)
- > Computers and Computer Software
- > Computer Printers, Toners and related Services
- > Supply and Maintenance of Fax Machines, Photocopiers & Duplicators
- > Building repairs and Maintenance Works
- > Office Room Partitions
- > Interior Designing / Decorations
- > Architectural works and Consulting Services
- > Office Furniture and equipment
- > Household equipment
- > Maintenance and Servicing of Office equipment
- > Supply of Food and Beverages and related Services (Catering Services)
- > Supply and Maintenance of Airconditioners
- > Sanitary Services
- > Provision of Security Services
- > Transporting of Goods
- > Supply of Vehicles on Rent/Hire basis
- > Vehicle Tyres and Spare Parts
- > Repairs and Servicing of Vehicles
- > Vehicle Insurance Works

Application Forms and Conditions of Registration could be obtained from the **Accountant of the Ministry of Trade, No. 492, Fourth Floor, R.A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 2,500.00**. Duly completed applications and other required documents should either be sent by registered post to the following address to receive on or before **27.12.2021** or hand delivered to the same address on public working days before **4.00 p.m.** on the same day.

Secretary,
Ministry of Trade,
No. 492, R.A. de Mel Mawatha,
Colombo 03.
 03.12.2021

Telephone No : 011-3680752
Email : info@trademin.gov.lk

CONDITIONS:

- Action will be taken to strike off the names of suppliers who fail to supply goods and services as per the agreement and of those who fail to quote twice when requested from the list of registered suppliers.
- All applications should be sent by registered post or should be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services) to be received on or before 30.12.2021.
- Secretary reserves the right to purchase goods and obtain services. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Departmental Procurement Committee of the Deputy Chief Secretariat reserves the right to either register suppliers and contractors or reject registration.

Engineer K.A.B. Seneviratne
 Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering Services)
 Deputy Chief Secretariat (Engineering Services)
 Pinarawa, Badulla.
 Telephone: 055-2222217 / 2222218 Fax No: 055-2222218
 30.11.2021

Application for the Registration of Contractors / Suppliers – 2022

- Name of Applicant:-
- Name and Address of Business:-
- Items for which registration is sought:-
- Service No:-
- No. and Date of Business Registration Certificate:-
- Telephone No.: Fax No.:
- Email Address:-
- Have you supplied such services during year 2021:-
- Conditions of Credit facilities offered to this institution for the above services:-
- Transport facilities that could be offered for above services:-
- Conditions regarding the goods and services intended to be supplied:-
- VAT Registration No.:-
- If registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) contract limits, Grade and Registration No. (Applicable only to construction work and supplies):-

| Supply of Items/Supply of Services | Item No. | Money Order No. / Receipt No. |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
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13. I, hereby certify that I am / we are bound to supply goods / services subject to the conditions of providing credit facilities to this institution and to the conditions stipulated in the newspaper notice.

Date:
 Director / Manager



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HIRING OF VEHICLES

Applications are invited for the below detailed vehicle categories, registered during the last 5 years.

- Dual A/C Vans with 9 or more seats (Year of manufacture 2015 or after) - with Driver
• (Toyota/Nissan new models)
- Cars (Year of manufacture 2015 or after) - without driver
• (Toyota Axio hybrid, Allion 260, Premio 260, Honda Grace)
- SUV'S - without driver
• (Audi Q3, Q5, Q7, BMW X3, X5, Honda CR-V, Outlander Etc...)

All applications should be clearly mentioned "Hiring of vehicles" on top left hand corner of the envelope and send by post/ by hand, on or before 09th December 2021 to below address.

| SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Name and Address | : |
| NIC No. | : |
| Applied Category | : |
| 1. Vans with driver | : |
| 2. Cars/without driver | : |
| 3. SUV's/without driver | : |
| Vehicle model | : |
| Year of manufacture | : |
| Registration No. | : |
| Signature of applicant | Date |

The final decision of selection of suitable vehicles will be at the discretion of the Bank.
For further information please contact Logistics Department
on 0771-960646, 0772-651022, 0778-328669 or 0115-600668.

Senior Manager - Administration
SAMPATH BANK PLC (PQ 144)
110, Sir James Peiris Mawatha, Colombo - 02

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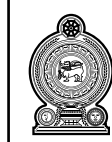


This is to inform the public that **Mr. Kotte Acharge Chinthaka Dilruk Wanigaratna, Holder of NIC No. 733410132V of 221/5, Pamunuwa, Maharagama, Postcode: 10280**, is no more an employee of **M/s: Spillburg Holdings (Pvt) Ltd.**, effective from 1st December 2021.

Further, M/s: Spillburg Holdings (Pvt) Ltd., shall not be responsible for any transaction by him on behalf of Spillburg Holdings or any related companies.

Any Inquiries: Contact: +94 11 2 336116

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, invites Bids from Foreign Principals / Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of following.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Material | : Photopolymer Plates |
| Thickness | : Total Thickness 0.95mm Relief Thickness 0.65mm |
| Size | : 610mm x 860 mm or available size |
| Quantity Required | : 100 Nos. |
| Bid Reference No. | : S.I. 2021/55 |

Closing of above Bids : 2.00 p.m. on **27.12.2021** and open the bids immediately after closing the same. Bidding documents will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 pm. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing at the below mentioned address on written application together with a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 1,500/=** per each bid at or before 2.00 p.m. day prior to the closing date of bids 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 : 011-2694898

Websites : www.documents.gov.lk
www.npa.gov.lk

24.11.2021

My No: RG/NB/11/2/57/2021/BQ/esc

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 lands 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 Negombo from 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 No. 273 of Volume 624 of Division E of the Land Registry Negombo in Gampaha District | All that divided and defined allotment of land marked lot 01 in Plan No.: 191/15.04.1988 made by M. Theivendran Licensed Surveyor of the land called 'Western Seaton Farm' situated at Kadirana - North in the Dunagaha Pattu in the Aluthkuru Korale in the District of Gampaha, Western Province and bounded on the, North by : Lot 01 and 03 of Plan No. 3131 East by : The land of E. Falder South by : Lot 02 and 03 of Plan No. 191 West by : The land of S. Appuhamy and D. Chandra Jayawickrama Extent : A:02 R:00 P:00 | 01. Deed of Transfer No. 5088 written and attested by W.L.V.A. Rodrigo Notary Public on 20.08.1990. |

W.M.M.B. Weerasekara
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,
No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,
Battaramulla.

BANK OF CEYLON

INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLY OF A WELFARE VEHICLE FOR BANK OF CEYLON NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

Bids are invited for the Supply of a Welfare Vehicle on Rent Basis for Anuradapura district in North Central Province

Applicant should have the minimum qualification given below to participate in this bid ;

- The vehicles should be duly registered, passenger transport, high roof vehicle with comfortable seating capacity for 14 passengers.
- Should be registered as passenger transport vehicles.
- Vehicles should have dual air condition facility.
- The manufacture year of the proposed vehicle should be 2012 or later.
- The vehicles should be fully insured with the passengers.
- Cost of vehicles maintenance / Driver's wages / Insurance & fuel charges should borne by the owner of vehicles.
- The owner of the vehicle should have the ability to supply vehicles facility by meet the requirements of the institution.
- Owner should have additional Vehicles with similar facilities with there own and expected to have the ability to provide vehicles with the experienced and discipline drivers.

Relevant application form can be obtained from Operations Manager, Bank of Ceylon, North Central Province Office, Anuradhapura upon payment of a tender fee of Rs. 1,500/-. Bids should be deposited in the tender box available in Operations Manager, Bank of Ceylon, North Central Province Office, Anuradhapura or post by register post reach to above address on or before 10.00 a.m. on 20.12.2021.

For further details, please contact Operations Manager on tel : 025-2235680 / 025-2235685 during the office hours on week days.

Operations Manager,
(North Central Province),
Bank of Ceylon, North Central Province Office,
Anuradhapura.
Tel No : 025-2235680

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MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

INVITATION FOR BIDS



Invitation of Quotations for Obtaining Qualified Labourers on Contract Basis for Electrical Maintenance Work in Mirigama to Kurunegala Section of the Central Expressway

- Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Division (EOM&M Unit) of the Road Development Authority from eligible and qualified bidders for the following projects in the section of the Central Expressway.

| Contract No. | Name of the Project | No. of Labourers Per Shift | Contract Period (Months) | Bid Security (Rs.) |
|---|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| RDA/EOM&M/ GOSL /ELE/MNT / CEP/ 2021/41 | Invitation of Quotations for the supply of Qualified Labourers for Electrical Maintenance Work in the section from Mirigama to Kurunegala in the Central Expressway | 08 | 12 | 100,000.00 |

- Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority will be the implementing agency.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for the award of contract, bidders having experience in supplying labourers of similar capacity will be considered as a qualification.
- Bids should be valid for 91 calendar days (up to 29.03.2022) from the closing date of bids.
- Bids should be accompanied by a bid security for the value mentioned in the table above. (should be valid up to **26.04.2022**). Bids without a valid bid security will be rejected.
- Bidder should place the signature and the official seal on every page of the bid.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 1.20 p.m. on **17.12.2021** at the Interchange Office in Kurunegala of the Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority.
- Interested bidders may obtain a set of bid documents from the Office of the Director of the Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama of the Road Development Authority on submission of a written application including the Registration Certificate issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts under the Companies Registration Department Act No. 03 of 1987 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00 + 240.00 (VAT) per bid between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. from **06.12.2021** until **27.12.2021**. Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m.** on **28.12.2021**.
- Sealed bids in duplicate may either be sent by registered post or hand delivered to "Director, Procurement Committee of the Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Division, Road Development Authority, Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Unit, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama to receive before the scheduled closing date and time. The caption, "Supply of Qualified Labourers for Electrical Maintenance Work from Mirigama to Kurunegala Section of the Central Expressway" should be mentioned on the left-hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at the Office of the Director of the Expressway Maintenance and Management Unit, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Telephone Nos. for further details:
 - Engineer (Electrical - EOM&M Unit, Road Development Authority, (Tel. 011-3047824 / 0774777687)
 - Engineer, (Construction - Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Unit), Road Development Authority - Tel. No. 011-3047806.

Chairman,
Procurement Committee of the Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Division,
Expressway Operations, Maintenance and Management Division
Road Development Authority,
Kahatagahahena, Walgama,
Bandaragama.



National Transport Commission



Registration of Office Transport Services

Pursuant to Section 08 of the National Transport Commission Act No. 37 of 1991, the National Transport Commission is mandated to meet the transport needs of the public by providing bus services.

In order to collect data on daily bus services for the purpose of ensuring safe transport facilities to the public during Covid 19 pandemic, National Transport Commission (NTC) has taken actions to register all the buses plying in inter and intra provinces providing office transport facilities.

Accordingly, if you are an owner of an office transport bus, please submit the information requested by the following format to the National Transport Commission **before 20/12/2021**.

Further, if your company uses office transport service buses for daily transportation, please submit the information requested by the following format to the National Transport Commission **before 20/12/2021**.

| Bus No | Bus Owner's | Departure and destination |
|--------|---|---------------------------|
| | 1. Name 2. Address 3. Telephone No: | |

Further information can be obtained from the Assistant Director (Driving and Service Supervision) on **011-2587372**.

Chairman
National Transport Commission
No 241, Park Road,
Colombo 05.

Fax - 2503725 Email- chairman@ntc.gov.lk



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

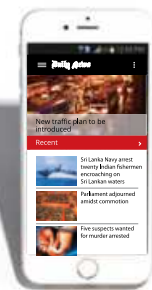
1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the items given below.

| Tender No. | Name of the Tender | Bid Security Amount (Rs.) | Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT) | Closing Date & Time |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| CES/LP/21/PT/17/011 | 01 No. of Fiber Glass Hydrographic Survey Boat | 150,000.00 | 3,500.00 | 20.12.2021 13.30 hrs |

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No.3 of 1987 are applicable for tenders total cost exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of public contracts and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
- The bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last Five (5) years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 06th December 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m. on working days, prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned Bid Security.

**Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.
Telephone Nos : 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2483024, 2482638
Fax Nos : 2381652, 2470443**

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE



**CENTRAL PROVINCIAL
MINISTRY OF ROAD DEVELOPMENT,
TRANSPORT, POWER & ENERGY AND HOUSING &
CONSTRUCTION - CENTRAL PROVINCE**

Amendment to the Press Advertisement Published on 29.11.2021

01. Pre-Bid meeting in connection with the 1000kg electric lift proposed to be installed at the four storey multipurpose building under construction at Gampola belonging to Provincial Road Development Authority will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 13.12.2021 at the Head Office of the Provincial Road Development Authority at No. 09, Ehelepolu Kumarihami Mawatha, Bogambara, Kandy.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic situation prevailing in this country, following amendment has been made.

02. Bid form opening committee meeting which is scheduled to be held at 10.30 a.m. on 20.12.2021 at the Head Office of the Provincial Road Development Authority will be held via Zoom Technology and the details are as follows:

**Meeting ID : 710 432 4355
Passcode : PRDA12/20**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7104324355?pwd=Qy8xcUtyMURWMDJmZmRFTm9Pd3pDdx09>

Further it is hereby notified that all the other details and conditions mentioned in the press advertisement dated 29.11.2021 remain unchanged and valid.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Provincial Road Development Authority,
No. 09, Ehelepolu Kumarihami Mawatha,
Bogambara, Kandy.**

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Provincial Department of Education North Western Province

Procurement of Printing & Delivery of Diagnostic Test Papers for Grades 6 to 12

NWP/EDU/ProAcc/07/3-20/2021

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the **Provincial Director of Education (North Western Province)** now invites sealed bids for the **Procurement of Printing & Delivery of Diagnostic Test Papers for Grades 6 to 12 - 2021** from eligible and qualified bidders.

2). Details are given in the table below.

| Lot No. | Grade | No. of sets of papers for each medium (approximately) | | | General English papers | Value of Bid Security (LKR) | Date of Delivery (To Zonal Education Offices) |
|--|-------|---|--------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | Sinhala Medium | Tamil Medium | English Medium | | | |
| 1. | 6 | 37322 | 6675 | 3264 | | 90,000/= | 01.03.2022 |
| | 7 | 36743 | 6290 | 3033 | | | |
| | 8 | 37988 | 6701 | 2903 | | | |
| | 9 | 37093 | 6186 | 2297 | | | |
| 2. | 10 | 34869 | 5925 | 2304 | | 70,000/= | 01.03.2022 |
| | 11 | 33682 | 5215 | 2011 | | | |
| No. of Papers for each medium (approximately) | | | | | | | |
| 3. | 12 | 96222 | 12537 | 3074 | 26607 | 45,000/= | 01.03.2022 |

The Bidder shall quote for one or more lots. All grades & all medium in each lot shall be quoted. Each lot shall be evaluated separately.

Delivery Location: Supply & Delivery should be done at the **Thirty one Divisional Education Offices** in North Western Province. (Kurunegala & Puttalam Districts)

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **Chief Accountant, Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala (Tele/Fax: 037-2222422)** and inspect the Bidding Document at the aforesaid address during office hours on working days. (09.00hrs to 16.00hrs)
- Qualification requirements include:
 - The minimum average turnover of the printing exam papers during the last three years as mentioned below. (2017-2020)

| Lot No. | Turnover |
|---------|-----------------|
| 1. | Rs. 4.8 Million |
| 2. | Rs. 3.5 Million |
| 3. | Rs. 3.9 Million |

- Minimum of 3 years past experience in printing of exam papers.
 - Minimum of 5 years past experience in printing.
 - Bidder should have a press with technically qualified and competent crew.
- 6). A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below in Paragraph 08 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Three Thousand Five Hundred rupees (Rs.3,500/-) to Provincial Director of Education (NWP) from 06 December, 2021 to 27 December, 2021** during office hours on working days. (09.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs). The method of payment will be in cash or deposit to the Bank Account. Please refer on our website www.nwpedu.lk for more details.

Due to the prevailing COVID - 19 situation in the country pre bid meeting will be held on 20 December, 2021 as Zoom Meeting at 10.00hrs. The Meeting ID & Password will be published at 8.30hrs on 20 December, 2021 in our website www.nwpedu.lk

7). Sealed bids marked "**Bid for Procurement of Printing & Delivery of Diagnostic Test Papers for Grades 6 to 12 - 2021**" on top left-hand corner, of the envelope & bids must be delivered under registered cover in duplicate to the address given below or deposited in the "**Tender Box**" provided for the purpose, at the **Chief Accountant's office at the Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala at or before 09.30hrs. on 28 December, 2021.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend in person at the **Chief Accountant's office at the Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala at 09.30hrs on 28 December, 2021.** All bids must be accompanied by a "**Bid-Security,**" as mentioned above.

Due to the prevailing COVID - 19 situation in the country, all changes related to this procurement will be noted on our website www.nwpedu.lk.

8). The address referred to above is:

**A.S.K. Jayalath
Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Provincial Department of Education (NWP),
Kandy Road,
Kurunegala.**

**Telephone: 037-2222422/037-2220221
Facsimile Number: 037-2222422
Web address: www.nwpedu.lk
Email: provincialeducationnwp@yahoo.com**

Date: 06 December, 2021

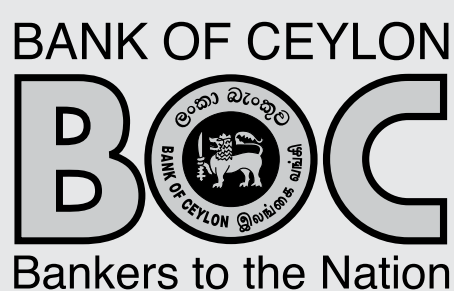
BANK OF CEYLON

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids are hereby invited from reputed Principal Manufacturers / Suppliers or their accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of equipment given below.

| | |
|--|--|
| Bid No. | P/PROC/2021/121 |
| Description of the Procurement | 5000 nos Electronic Data Capture (EDC / POS Machine) Terminals for Bank of Ceylon |
| Applicable non-refundable Bid Fee | Rs. 23,760/= [Rs.22,000/- + Rs.1,760/- (8% VAT)] |
| Value of the Bid Security to be submitted | Rs. 1,500,000/= |
| Last date & time of issuing Bidding Documents | 23.12.2021 at 1400 hrs |
| Date & Time of Closing Bid | 27.12.2021 at 1000 hrs |

- The bidders should fulfill the following qualifications to be considered for bid evaluation ;
 - Minimum Average Annual turnover of LKR 250 million through selling of EDC Terminals for the last 03 financial years (2020/21, 2019/20 and 2018/19).
 - Supplied, Installed, Commissioned and Maintaining of minimum 2500 nos EDC Terminals in Sri Lanka within last 05 years (from 01.01.2016 to 2021.10.31). Documentary evidence should be submitted of all orders executed during the last 05 years (from 01.01.2016 to 2021.10.31).
- Bidding Documents could be obtained from Properties & Procurement Dept. 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon on payment of the non refundable fee between 0900 hrs and 1400 hrs on working days of the Bank.
- Perfected bid documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee for the value relevant to the bid as indicated above issued by a commercial bank (other than Bank of Ceylon) acceptable to the Bank of Ceylon and valid up to 25.04.2022. Cash deposits / Bank Pay Orders / Bank Draft are also acceptable in lieu of Bid security. Cheque drawn by the bidders will not be accepted as Bid Security.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing at 1000 hrs on the due date and the bids received later than 1000 hrs will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank of Ceylon 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 Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement Dept.



Chief Manager
Properties & Procurement Department,
14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon,
No. 01, "BOC Square",
Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,
Colombo 01.
Telephone : 2544310, 2434786

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

BID FOR REFURBISHMENT OF 'CENTRE FOR MEDIA DEVELOPMENT' BUILDING

WATER PROOFING, RE-TILING AND RELATED WORK FOR ROOF TERRACE AND REPAIRING OF WATER TANK STRUCTURE REPAIRING OF AUDITORIUM ROOF REFURBISHMENT OF PUBLIC TOILETS ON SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS

CONTRACT No.: DI/PRO/04/2021/08

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Department of Government Information at No. 163, Kirulapone Avenue, Colombo 05 now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Refurbishment of 'Centre for Media Development' Building including Water Proofing, Re-tiling and Related work for Roof terrace and Repairing of Water Tank Structure, Repairing of Auditorium roof, Refurbishment of public toilets on second, third and fourth floors.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall possess ICTAD - Grade C5 or above in Building Construction.
- Average of the annual volume of building construction work performed in the last three years shall be not less than Rs. 30 million.
- The estimated cost for this Bid is Rs. 27 million without VAT and the construction period is 90 Days.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chief Accountant, Department of Government Information, No. 163, Kirulapone Avenue, Colombo 05, over the telephone numbers 0718859889, 0112514759.
- A complete set of Bidding Document in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Information, No. 163, Kirulapone Avenue, Colombo 05 from 06.12.2021 until 24.12.2021 from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 7500.00. The method of payment will be in cash.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Information, No.163, Kirulapone Avenue, Colombo 05 at or before 11.00 hrs on 27.12.2021. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid for 90 days.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 270,000.00 and be valid for 120 days after the deadline for Bid submission.

**Chairman
Procurement Committee
Department of Government Information.**

Request For Expressions of Interest

Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) - IDA 6346 LK

Ministry of Agriculture

Consulting Services to Prepare a Agro-ecological Landscape Resilience Plan in the Hambanthota District HSA

Reference No: LK-MOA-241953-CS-LCS

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a credit financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) - Ministry of Agriculture and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consultancy Service "Prepare a Agro-ecological Landscape Resilience Plan in the Hambanthota District HSA. Reference No: LK-MOA-241953-CS-LCS.

The Consultancy services ("the Services") include (a) Review the ecological character of the Hambanthota District. (b) Identify issues, threats and drivers of change that have and will continue to shape the ecological character and balance within the landscape. (c) determine critical ecological networks within the HSA landscape and the economic value of key ecosystem services (d) study the extent of the HEC over the last 10 years, (e) understand the social impacts of the HEC on community living and livelihoods including impacts on vulnerable groups. (f) identify key stakeholder groups in the HSA landscape, assess their level of interest and influence its future land-use and identify means of engaging them for fostering greater harmony between conservation and production land use practices to improve climate resilience of the HSA landscape. (g) identify appropriate landscape level management strategies etc, and (h) develop an Agro- ecological Landscape Resilience Plan (ALRP) as a climate smart intervention for the proposed Hambanthota District Agricultural Hot Spot Area. Consultancy period is four months. Expected start date of the assignment is 25th February 2022.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.csiap.lk, www.agrimin.gov.lk or can be obtained at the address - Project Management Unit, Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) No: 61/1, M.D.H. Jayawardena Mawatha, Madinnagoda, Rajagiriya from 9.00 to 16.00 hrs. during the working days.

The Project Consultants Procurement Committee on behalf of The Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) - Ministry of Agriculture, now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are core business and years in business, relevant experience, technical and managerial capability of the firm. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulation"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the "Least Cost Selection" (LCS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained from the Procurement Specialist, Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) No. 61/1, M.D.H. Jayawardena Mawatha, Madinnagoda, Rajagiriya Tel: 0112871293 Fax: 0112053167 from 9.00 to 16.00 hrs during the working days.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) at or before 15.00 hrs on 20th December 2021.

**Chairman
Project Consultant Procurement Committee
Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP)
No. 61/1, M.D.H. Jayawardena Mawatha, Madinnagoda, Rajagiriya.
Tel : 0112871293
Fax: 0112053167
Email: pdcsiap@gmail.com
6th December 2021**

GAMPAHA PRADESHIYA SABHA

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Procurement No. FDS/01/2021

01. Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha for the supply of goods mentioned in the table below.

| Serial No. | Category of Procurement | Details of raw materials / accessories / equipment relevant to the procurement | Basic value of Procurement |
|------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1. | Building Construction Materials | Asbestos Sheets 8', 10', 12', 6' Cement bags 50kg | 2,400,000.00 |
| 2. | School equipment | Exercise Books (60, 80, 120, 200 pages) CR Books (120 pages) Drawing Books (80 pages) Colour pencils, Mathematical instrument boxes, sharpeners, pens, pencils, erasers, foot rulers, school bags, lunch boxes | 3,000,000.00 |
| 3. | Function Items | Canopy huts (10'x10'/10'x15'/10'x20'/20'x20' Metal Sheet huts (10'x15' / 10'x20') Canopy material for Canopy huts (with canopy) (10'x10'/10'x15'/10'x20'/20'x20') Canopy for metal sheet huts (10'x15'/10'x20') White Bunting flags (15', 16', 18', 20') Small white flags (7 1/2') Vehicle wash machine Flag post 1", flag post 3/4" (GI pipes) Speaker set / Amplifier, Mike, mike stand Movable baffle set (3 in 1) LED flasher set 200W Large gas burner, Sourcepan (10,25,30,50 kg) Buffet containers round (3L/5L/7L/10L) Buffet containers square (5L/7L/10L) Electric coconut scrapers Party umbrellas White Porcelain plates Plastic chairs without arm rest Plastic Chairs with arm rest Steel spoons Nescafe machine | 5,120,000.00 |
| 4. | Self employment equipment | Grass mower machines Sewing machines Mamoty blades (dry land / muddy) Wok (Masonry) Welding plant Grill machine | 776,000.00 |
| 5. | Library equipment | Steel Book almirahs Steel Book racks | 80,000.00 |

- Bidding will be conducted according to National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Bidders interested in this matter could inspect bid documents on Government working days from 04.12.2021 up to 24.12.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. at the Finance Development Section in the Head Office of Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha and further details relevant to this matter could be obtained from the Supplies Officer on Tel Nos 033-2222020 / 0332220145 during office hours.
- A complete set of bid documents could be obtained from 04.12.2021 up to 24.12.2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 (One Thousand) in cash and submitting a written application to the finance development section.
- Bid documents prepared as original copy and duplicate copy should be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha, Miriswatta, Mudungoda" to receive at or before 10.00 a.m. on 27.12.2021 or should be inserted in the tender box kept in the Secretary's Official room at the Head Office of Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha.
The Procurement No. the name of the item for submitting bids and whether original or duplicate should be clearly indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelope. Bids received late will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids in the presence of bidders / representatives present on this occasion at the Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha Auditorium.
- Goods (raw material / accessories / equipment) ordered according to the bid should be delivered to this institution free of charge.
- The relevant bids will be settled only if the supplies are according to the recommended specifications.
- The quotations submitted should be valid up to 01.03.2022.
- Only samples relevant to the items for which bids are submitted should be forwarded.
- All goods ordered should be delivered in entirety within two weeks from the date of order and goods to be supplied should be delivered from time to time according to requirements.
- The additional Value Added Tax (VAT) relevant to the accepted bids will not be paid by this institution.
- The Pradeshiya Sabha Procurement Committee retains the right of accepting or rejecting all bids.

**Deshabandu Ranjith Gunawardhana
Chairman / Procurement Committee Chairman,
Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha**

At the Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha

Date: 03.12.2021

Notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) as Amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964

Divisional Secretary Reference No.: BOP/4/4/1 - 87

Land Ministry Reference No.: 4-3/19/2020/E/265

The Government intends to acquire the Land described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2255/26 dated 25.11.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District - Galle
D.S. Division - Bope Poddala
G.S. Division - No. 123 A, Niladeniya

Name of Village - Niladeniya
Name of Land - Piyanarachchewaththa alias Mulanegewaththa

Plan No. - G/4620
Lot No. - 01

**Acquiring Officer,
Divisional Secretary,
Bope Poddala Division,
Galle District.**

Address: **Divisional Secretary's Office,
Bope Poddala.**

Date: 29.11.2021



MINISTRY OF ENERGY

CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Bids for the Supply of the Services for Unmooring, Mooring & Towing of Crude Oil Single Point Buoy Mooring (SPBM)

B/79/2021

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) invites sealed bids from competent & experienced parties having required facilities and well-equipped workshop to provide the services for Unmooring, Mooring & Towing of Crude Oil Single Buoy Mooring (SPBM).

To be eligible for awarding the Contract, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have complied with the eligibility and qualification criteria stated in the Bidding Document.

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 bidder 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 a Bid Security amounting to Rs. 280,000.00

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs. on 28.12.2021 and opened immediately after the closing time of Bid at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation at the address given below:

Interested bidders may obtain further information from Manager (OS&TO) Tele No. 0115455289 or E-mail: menakaj@ceypetco.gov.lk

**Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 09, Sri Lanka.**

Tel : 0094-11-5455331
Fax: 0094-11-5455424



INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Engineering Design Centre, Faculty of Engineering
University of Peradeniya**

Outsourcing Services for Environmental Impact Assessment Study & Special Studies for Kandy Tunnel Construction Project (KTCP)

Changes made to the bid published in the Daily News Paper on 30th November 2021

Site Visit & Pre-bid Meeting: Site can be inspected on 13.12.2021 at 9.00 a.m. It is highly recommended to attend the pre-bid meeting that will be held on 13.12.2021 at 3.00 p.m. at the Lecture Hall Number 10, Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya.

Bid Submission Method & Bid Closing Date: Closing date 20.12.2021. The closing time shall be at 2.00 p.m. on the day of 20th December 2021.

The total cost of the Project (excluding 8% VAT) : Approximately Rs. 20,000,000.00.

**The Chairman,
University Procurement Committee,
University of Peradeniya,
Peradeniya.**

Email : edc@eng.pdn.ac.lk / copy to edcuop@gmail.com / diredc@pdn.ac.lk
Website : <http://eng.pdn.ac.lk/pages/Centers/edc/>

**Ministry of Irrigation
CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PRIVATE)
LIMITED (CESL)**

Registration of Suppliers for the Supply of General Hardware Items - 2022

- Applications are invited from reputed suppliers who wish to register themselves with the Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited for the supply of General Hardware Items for the year 2022.
- Applications should be prepared as per the specimen given below. Specimen application form can also be downloaded from the CESL website: www.cesl.lk. Following information should be submitted along with the application:
 - o A copy of Business Registration Certificate
 - o A copy of VAT Registration Certificate
- All applications should be clearly marked, "Registration of Suppliers for CESL - 2022" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope and should be sent by registered post to reach the following address on or before 28 December 2021.

**Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD),
CESL Office, 6th Floor,
Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited,
No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07.**
- Generally, quotations are invited from the list of registered suppliers. However, CESL reserves the right to invite quotations and purchase requirements from any other source.
- CESL reserves the right to accept or reject any application for registration without giving any reason.
- For further clarifications, please contact Procurement Section of the CESL head office. Telephone 0112668800 Ext 5612, Email - ceslcsdproc@gmail.com

**Chief Executive Officer
Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited**

**Registration of Suppliers for the
Supply of General Hardware Items - 2022
Application Form (Specimen)**

- Name of the Applicant (individual/organization):
- Address:
- Telephone Number:
- Fax Number:
- Email:
- Contact Person's Details
Name:
NIC Number:
Telephone Number:
- Ownership Details:
- Business Registration Certificate Number:
- VAT Registration Number:
- Credit Facilities Offered (value and period):
- Any Other Relevant Information:

We undertake to supply the goods during the year 2022 to the Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited (CESL) if we are selected as per the conditions in quotation forms and Purchase Orders.

Date: _____ Seal and Signature _____

**NATIONAL HOSPITAL OF SRI LANKA (NHSL)
COLOMBO 10**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply of LP Gas and Polythene Garbage Bags

Sealed bids are hereby invited for the purchase of following items for the requirements of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo 10.

| | Description | Ref. No. |
|----|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | L.P. Gas 37.5 kg / 12.5 kg | SI/02/2021 |
| 2. | Polythene Garbage Bags (Varieties) | SI/03/2022 |

Quotations / Bids for the above supplies, could be submitted by interested qualified eligible bidders (Institutions and Individuals) and bidding documents including conditions of bidding could be obtained from the Supplies Division of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo 10, from 07.12.2021 to 04.01.2022, from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on weekdays upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 4,500.00 for the Polythene Garbage Bags varieties and a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00 for L.P. Gas Supplies paid to the Shroff's Division of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. Samples and relevant quality standard certification reports should be produced on the occasion of submission of quotations.

Quotations will be opened at 10.00 am. on 05.01.2022 at the Office of Chief Accountant, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo 10.

**Dr. W.K. Wickramasinghe
Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
National Hospital of Sri Lanka,
Colombo 10.**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**DEPARTMENT OF SAMURDHI DEVELOPMENT
State Ministry of Samurdhi Household Economy, Micro
Finance, Self Employment and Business Development**

**INVITATION OF QUOTATIONS TO OBTAIN
HOSTING SERVICE FOR
COMPUTER SOFTWARE MAINTAINED
AT SAMURDHI BANKS
AND BANK SOCIETIES**

**INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS
(Amendment of the Date)**

It is hereby notified that the date of acceptance of applications and the date of pre-bid meeting have been amended with reference to the press advertisements published on 19.11.2021 in Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran Newspapers regarding obtaining of the hosting service for installation of computer software, maintained at Samurdhi Banks and Bank Societies of the Department of Samurdhi Development.

Perfected applications could either be sent by registered post to be received at or before 1.30 p.m. on 20.12.2021 addressed to Director General, Department of Samurdhi Development, 4th Floor, (First Stage), Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla or may be deposited in the tender box placed in the Procurement Unit of the Micro Finance Section.

Quotations received will be opened at the Auditorium of the Department of Samurdhi Development at 2.00 p.m. on 20.12.2021 and bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the opening. Bidders should participate at the Pre-bid meeting scheduled to be held at 2.00 p.m. on 13.12.2021.

Further details relevant to this can be obtained from the Manager - Procurement on Telephone number 0112 889003.

**Chairman / Director General
Department Procurement Committee,
Department of Samurdhi Development
04th Floor,
Sethsiripaya,
Battaramulla.**

STATE MINISTRY OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION,
RESEARCH & INNOVATIONS



**NATIONAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH &
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF SRI LANKA**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
BIDS FOR HIRING OF VEHICLES
ON CALL BASIS FOR THE
YEAR 2022**

BID NO : NERDC/DPC Minor(S)/02/21

The Chairman, DPC Minor on behalf of the National Engineering Research & Development Centre of Sri Lanka, 2P/17B, Industrial Estate, Ekala, Jaela will receive sealed bids for the above contract from the reputed suppliers of hiring of vehicles.

- Bids should be submitted on forms obtainable from the Supplies Officer, National Engineering Research & Development Centre of Sri Lanka, 2P/17B, Industrial Estate, Ekala, Jaela, up to 22.12.2021 from 9.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m. during weekdays on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00.
- Bids should be addressed to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, National Engineering Research & Development Centre of Sri Lanka, 2P/17B, Industrial Estate, Ekala, Jaela and should be sent under sealed cover by registered post or dropped into the Tender Box provided at the Office of Finance Department at or before 2.00 p.m on 23.12.2021
- Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives at 2.00 p.m. on 23.12.2021
- Envelope enclosing the bid should be marked "Bid Name & Bid No." on the left-hand top corner.

**Chairman
Department Procurement Committee,
National Engineering Research & Development Centre of Sri Lanka,
2P/17B, Industrial Estate,
Ekala, Jaela**

**Tel : 011-5852103, 2236284, 2236307
Fax : 011-2233153
E-mail : supplies@nerdc.lk**

CORRECTION NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



INVITATION FOR BIDS

"ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDER 100,000 KM"
Supplying & Piling of Aggregate Base Course Material (ABC - Conform with RDA Standard) for Kurunegala District.

This refers to the above titled advertisement published on page No. 37 of Daily News on 1st December 2021.

Please note that heading of the advertisement should be corrected as follows:
"Supplying & Piling of Aggregate Base Course Material (ABC - Conform with RDA Standard) for Kurunegala District"

The other contents remain unchanged.

**The Chairman,
Provincial Procurement Committee (NWP),
Provincial Director's Office,
Road Development Authority,
Puttalam Road, Kurunegala.**



**SRI LANKA TELECOM
TENDER NOTICE**

REGISTRATION OF SALES DEALERS FOR 2022

SLT calls applications from suitable organizations, to be registered as dealers for 2022. Selected dealers will be authorized to promote and sell SLT products and services in following areas.

| | | |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Ampara | Mulativu | Ratmalana |
| Batticaloa | Vavuniya | Horana |
| Trincomalee | Mannar | Panadura |
| Kalmunai | Kotte | Matale |
| Killinochchi | Maradana | Hambantota |
| Jaffna | Havelocktown | |

Prospective dealers can apply for one or more than one area depending on resource and other capabilities of the organization.

This registration is for a period of one year and extensions will be decided by SLT based on the performance

Application forms & further details can be obtained from the Regional Manager/External Channel Manager of the respective regional office of SLT by paying Rs. 1,000/= (Govt. Taxes will be added).

Application together with the other documents should be submitted to SLT procurement division on or before 2.00 p.m. on 20th December 2021

**GENERAL MANAGER PROCUREMENT
PROCUREMENT DIVISION,
9TH FLOOR, SLT/HQ - A BUILDING
SRI LANKA TELECOM
LOTUS ROAD, COLOMBO 01.**

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ANGODA 011 3069404
Kotikawatte Junction, Kudabuthugamuwa,

ATHURUGIRIYA 011 2760479, 011 4876968
267, Godagama Road,

BATHTHARAMULLA 011 2866705, 077 0736770
West Town, Bake House, Sweet House,

BORALESGAMUWA 071 6505533, 011 2519954
No. 17, Wewa Rd,

HANWELLA 011 4967962, 011 4967960
Sithumina Newspaper Agency, 144, High Level Rd,
Pahalhagama,

HOKANDARA 071 8685437
No. 501, North Hokandara,

HOMAGAMA 011 2892262, 077 7304046
"Aradanas", Senanayake Shopping Complex,
Station Road,

KADUWELA 011 2579609
Nayana Bake House

KADUWELA 011 2412291, 011 4443566
375/1, Pahala Bomiriya, Yakkala,

KALUBOWILA 077 3551145, 011 2767259
No 195, Hospital Road,

KESBEWA 011 2703415
Seedevi Newspaper Office, 19, Horana Rd,

KIRULAPONE 071 5439396, 011 2514166
Ramani Book Shop, 27-A High Level Rd,

classified@lakehouse.lk
011 2 429 342 | 011 2 429 343
Fax - 011 2 429 375 / 011 2 429 380

MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION

**CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
(PRIVATE) LIMITED**

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

**Supply and Fixing of Stainless Steel for Augmentation of Water
Treatment Plant at Penrith Estate, Avissawella.**

Bid Number: CESL/CPU/SPC/2021/16

- The Chairman, Senior Procurement Committee (SPC), on behalf of Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified local bidders for the supply and fixing of Stainless Steel for Augmentation of Water Treatment Plant at Penrith Estate, Avissawella.

Engineer's estimate is Rs. 57 million. The Intended Completion Date of the Works shall be 8 calendar months from the Start Date.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for the Contract Award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
 - Bidder shall possess a valid certificate issued by the Registrar of public Contracts, in accordance with the Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for the Contract Award include:
 - Successful completion of at least 03 Stainless Steel work in similar nature and complexity for not less than Rs. 55 million each, completed during last five years.
 - Average of the annual value of turnover of construction work performed in the last five years shall be at least Rs. 80,000,000.00.
 - The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payment which may be made under the Contract shall be not less than Rs. 20,000,000.00

Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7 and inspect the Bidding Documents free of charge at the above address from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs., during normal working days, from 06.12.2021 until 28.12.2021.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7, from 06.12.2021 until 28.12.2021 from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs., during normal working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 12,500.00. The method of payment shall be by cash.
(Telephone: 011 2668800 - Ext. 5612, e-mail : ceslcsdproc@gmail.com)
- Bids shall be delivered and deposited in the Tender Box provided for at the Office of the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7 at or before 1400 hrs. on 29.12.2021. 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 fixed for closing of bids or any extended period.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of Rs. 600,000.00, valid for 119 days from the date of Closing of Bids.
- A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 1000 hrs. on 14.12.2021 and a site visit will be held on the same day after the Pre-Bid Meeting at the Site of the Augmentation of Water Treatment Plant at Penrith Estate, Avissawella.

**The Chairman,
Senior Procurement Committee
Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited
No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7.**

“NETHSETHA”
LIONS VISION FOR SIGHT HOSPITAL

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS/CONTRACTORS FOR 2022

Applications are hereby invited from recognized suppliers / contractors who wish to register as Suppliers/ Contractors for the following listed items for the year 2022.

ITEMS

1. Intraocular Lenses
2. Pharmaceutical products
3. Optical products (Frames, Lenses, Boxes, Contact Lenses....)
4. Eye related surgical consumables
5. Other consumables (Toilet Papers, Serviette Papers)
6. Stationery and related consumables
7. All kinds of hospital furniture
8. Electrical and Electronic items
9. Medical Equipment
10. Computers, printers, and related consumables
11. Repairs and services. (Vehicles, Electrical items, Security, Housekeeping...)
12. Linen, Uniforms, Theater Footwear and tailoring services.
13. Building materials (Sand, Bricks, Tiles, Cement)
14. Building constructors, Partition and Painting
15. Plumbers and plumbing materials & Bathroom Fittings
16. Garbage Bags
17. Fire and Safety Equipment
18. Cafeteria & Service - Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
19. Disinfection Liquids and Sanitizers

Applications could be downloaded from the hospital website: www.lionsvisionnethsetha.org

All applicant must pay Rs. 1000/= non-refundable application fee to the A/C number 1490030550 in Commercial Bank, Ratnapura and the carbon copy of the bank slip must be attached to the application. The duly completed applications should be sent by registered post indicating "Registration of Suppliers/ Contractors - 2022" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope and should be submitted on or before 31st of December 2021 to:

The Manager / Administrator,
"Nethsetha" Lions Vision for Sight Hospital
Newtown - Ratnapura.
T.P. 045-2222381

STATE MINISTRY OF ORGANIC FERTILIZER PRODUCTION PROMOTION & SUPPLIES, REGULATORY AND PADDY AND GRAINS, ORGANIC FOOD, VEGETABLES, FRUITS, CHILLIES, ONION AND POTATO CULTIVATION PROMOTION, SEED PRODUCTION AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AGRICULTURE

INVITATION FOR BIDS - 2022

Quotations are hereby invited from permanently resident persons & institutions in the Anuradhapura District by the Thambuttegama Dedicated Economic Centre Management Trust for the following service providing premises of the Thambuttegama Dedicated Economic Centre.

01. Issuance of entry tickets to the vehicles entering Thambuttegama Dedicated Economic Centre

02. Canteen 01

03. Canteen 02

04. Canteen 03

Further particulars in this connection can be obtained from the following websites and Economic Centre Manager on Telephone No. 025-2275171.

<https://www.thambuttegamadec.com/app/public/?>
- Dedicated Economic Centre - Thambuttegama

<http://www.thambuttegama.ds.gov.lk/index.php/en/>
- Divisional Secretariat - Thambuttegama

Sumith K. Somarathna,
Divisional Secretary (Thambuttegama) /
Chairman Procurement Committee,
Thambuttegama Dedicated Economic Centre
Management Trust,
Management Office,
Thambuttegama.

06.12.2021

PEOPLE'S BANK

TENDER NOTICE
INVITATION FOR
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest - Proposal EOI - 04/2021

Privileged Access Management Solution (PAM)

01. People's Bank invites Expressions of Interest from reputed, experienced, leading local vendors to submit their proposals for the above EOI.
02. Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 on payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs.1,500/- for each tender from 07.12.2021 to 28.12.2021** between 9.00 a.m and 2.00 p.m (Except Saturdays ,Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays.)
03. Sealed Covers of EOI proposals in duplicate addressed to Chief Manager (Supplies) may be sent by registered post or be deposited in the Tender Box kept at Supplies Department the No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo - 02 during working days of the Bank.
04. The Proposals will be opened at **2:00 p.m. on 29.12.2021**. Any proposal received after closing date & time will be rejected and returned unopened.
05. The Bank reserves itself the right of rejecting any or all of EOI or cancelling the whole proposal and the right of accepting any portion of a proposal without assigning any reason.

Chief Manager - Supplies Department
People's Bank,
No. 30/101, Kew Road,
Colombo 02.

Tele No : 2439577 / 8
Fax No : 2439576
Web : www.peoplesbank.lk
Email : supplies@peoplesbank.lk

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Department of Examinations

Procurement of
Supplying 300 Paper Rolls for
Océ CS 3500Z Inkjet Production Printer
(for a period of One year)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Commissioner General of Examinations, invites sealed bids for the **Procurement of Supplying 300 Paper Rolls for Océ CS 3500Z Inkjet Production Printer**, from eligible and qualified bidders possessing a minimum laid down experience. **Complete details are included in the bidding document.**
2. Bidding will be conducted following the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and three years' experience in supplying paper roll for printer in relevant field.
4. The Bidder should possess a valid certificate issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts in accordance with the section 6 of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Supply Division, 03rd Floor, Department of Examinations (Telephone: **011-2786200** or **011-2785219**) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge from 09.00 am to 03.00 pm on working days until 2021.12.26.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders from the Supply Division upon submission of a written application with a copy of the Business Registration Letter at or before 3.00 pm on 2021.12.24 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 7,100/- for each document (The payment method will be in cash),
7. A pre bid meeting will be held on 2021.12.20. at 10.30 am at the Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.
8. Bids shall be valid up to 120 days (until 2022.04.26) from the date of bid opening.
9. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of Sri Lankan Rupees Three hundred and twenty five thousand rupees (LKR 325,000.00) unconditional bank guarantee from a reputed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka on the format attached to the bidding document and should be valid up to 150 days (until 2022.05.26) from the date of submission of the bid.
10. Bids must be delivered to the Supply Division, 03rd Floor, Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla on or before 2021.12.27 at 2.30 pm. Late bids will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given above after closing of bids.
11. Duly filled and sealed Bids marked "Procurement of Supplying 300 Paper Rolls for Océ CS 3500Z Inkjet Production Printer", Contract No: 4/4/4/2021 on top left hand corner of the envelope should be submitted.
12. The Department Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and reject all Bids at any time prior to award the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the Department Procurement Committee's action.

The Commissioner General of Examinations,
Department of Examinations,
Pelawatta,
Battaramulla.

2021.12.06

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Ministry of Technology

e-NIC PROJECT
Department for Registration of Persons

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Procurement of 662 Nos. of Web Cameras for DS-DRP Units

IFB No: DRP/e-NIC/PRO/2021/33

01. On behalf of e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, the Chairman of Project Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Procurement of 662 Nos. of Web Cameras for DS-DRP Units (DRP Units in Divisional Secretariat Office)
02. Procurement will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding. (NCB)
03. The interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information from Senior Procurement Officer, e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons on 011-2874626 or enic.drp@gmail.com during working days, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Bid documents can be inspected free of charge at the e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, from 07/12/2021 to 27/12/2021.
04. A complete set of Bidding Document in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on a submission of a written application to the Project Director of the e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Person Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, during working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 07/12/2021 to 27/12/2021 upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 5,000/=. The method of payment will be in cash.
05. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate marked as "Original" and "Copy", in one sealed cover to the address indicated in Para 4 or shall be deposited in the tender box placed at the **Procurement Division, e-NIC Project, Department for Registration of Persons, Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla, on or before 28/12/2021 at 2.00 p.m.** Bid shall be valid up to 91 days from the deadline of bids submission or any extended date stipulated by the purchaser. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of bids, in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
06. The Name of the Contract and the IFB Number shall be stated on top left hand corner of the envelope of the bid. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security of LKR 140,000/=** issued by any licensed commercial bank registered under Central Bank of Sri Lanka and operating in Sri Lanka.

Chairman,
Project Procurement Committee,
e-NIC Project,
Department for Registration of Persons
Wing B, 10th Floor, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road,
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Red Rose Book Shop, Royal Shopping Complex, Main St,

RATNAPURA. 045-2223883, 0777-221939
Lake House Advertising Centre, No. 88, Main Street,

RATNAPURA. 045-2230730
G.G. Karunaratne, No. 16, Church Road

SOUTHERN PROVINCE

AMBALANGODA. 091-2255744 / 4382034
H.D. Mendis, 96 B 1/1, Galle Road,

AMBALANGODA. 091-2258483, 0779639214
"Royal Book Shop", No. 152, Main Street,

BADDEGAMA. 091 2292263, 091 3926084
Gamage Book Shop,

BENTOTA 034-2270090, 034 2270572
Sumudu News Papers, No. 117, Galle Rd,

ELPITIYA. 091-2290746, 077-2609456
Chandima Groceries,

GALLE. 091-2232733, 091-5627646
New Aradhana Traders, 81, Maha Veediya,

GALLE. 0914-385548/0914-924261
Paranagama Traders, No. 28, P & J City, Gamini Mw,

HAMBANTOTA. 047-2220808, 0716-370337
Misiriya Stores, No. 37, Mahajana Pola,

HIKKADUWA. 091-2277792, 091-2277285
Gallage News Agencies, No. 270A, Galle Rd,

MATARA. 041-2222185, 0414921530
Nilmini Stores, 69, Dharmapala Mawatha,

TANGALLE 047-2240402
No. 158, Matara Road,

WALAHANDUWA 091-2222915
Madola Velendaseela, Ihlagaloda

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Lake House Advertising Office, No. 14, Opp. Muthiyangana Clock Tower,

BANDARAWELA. 057-2232145, 071 8269555
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MONARAGALA. 055-2276397, 055-2276108
No. 19, Siri Ramya Stores,

CENTRAL PROVINCE

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Jayakody Agencies, No. 229/A, Peradeniya Road,

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