

Non-Stop 6678152

GET AS MUCH DATA AS YOU NEED, ACROSS 9 APPS FOR JUST 398 RUPEES. LOG ON TO THE SELF CARE APP TO ACTIVATE.

www.ltmobitel.lk

Japan opening jobs for skilled workers - Ambassador

Japan is keen on attracting skilled workers from Sri Lanka said the new Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Mizukoshi Hideaki when he called on Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday.

During his first courtesy call on Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa since assuming duties in Sri Lanka as the new Ambassador Hideaki said Japan is

interested in attracting skilled workers from Sri Lanka. In the past few years, Sri Lanka and Japan signed two MoUs on both low-skilled and specified-skilled worker recruitment to Japan.

According to the Foreign Ministry, under the Specified Skilled Worker Recruitment Programme (SSWRP), 14 job fields have been allowed to recruit employees from Sri Lanka to Japan. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Ships of the Sri Lanka Navy lay at anchor in the shores off the Galle Face Green, Colombo yesterday in a public display to coincide with its 71st anniversary. Picture by Sulochana Gamage.

OMICRON VARIANT LESS DANGEROUS THAN DELTA - SPECIALISTS



RAVI LADDUWAHETTY AND SANDYA KARUNARATNE

Initial studies reveal that the highly mutated Omicron variant of COVID-19 appears to be less dangerous than the Delta variant, Health Education Bureau Director Dr. Ranjith Batuwathudawa said yesterday.

"If a person is infected with the Omicron variant, the effect lasts for a short period of around three days while research has shown that the effects of the Delta variant last for about nine days".

He said that stable data on the Omicron variant were not available at present and that clinical data were available. Health experts in South Africa had come to these conclusions based on data from a study of 166 patients in several hospitals in South Africa.

He added that although the complications and symptoms of the Delta variant were severe, the current clinical data did not indicate that Covid infections caused by the Omicron variant were severe.

Meanwhile in a Twitter thread, Sri Jayawardhanapura University's Immunology and Molecular Medicine Department Director Dr. Chandima Jeevawardana said the first Omicron lab data has been released from a group of South African scientists within two weeks since reports on the variant came to light.

According to him, the scientists, in this study, have assessed how Omicron enters our cells and how antibodies respond to Omicron compared to the original SARS-CoV-2 virus. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

VACCINATION STILL EFFECTIVE AGAINST OMICRON

MORE RESEARCH DATA AWAITED

No vehicle imports, govt jobs in 2022



There will be no food scarcity - Finance Minister Focus on boosting local dairy production

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa yesterday said that there will be no government jobs or vehicle imports in 2022.

He said that the Government was cash strapped and that was the reason for these drastic decisions. However, he said that the Government will assure that there will not be any food scarcity.

He said that the Government was heavily dependent on foreign remittances and the 230,000 expatriates who left for foreign employment had nosedived to 53,000 last year. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Feel Christmas in your Heart with CARGILLS BANK Cards

10% OFF
ON TOTAL BILL



Offer valid on 9th & 10th December 2021

- For bills above Rs. 3,000/=
- Maximum discount per card/ per day is Rs 1,000/=
- Valid only for Cargills Bank credit cards



Fitch Rating AA-(Baa) Terms & conditions apply
www.cargillsbank.com

Cargills Bank Limited is a licensed commercial bank supervised by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Elections Commission preparing for LG Polls - Chairman

The Elections Commission is preparing for the forthcoming Pradeshiya Sabha, Urban Council and Municipal Council elections, Chairman Nimal G. Punchihewa said.

He told the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) for Electoral Reforms that the term of office of

Local Government bodies expires on March 20, 2022.

He stated this when the Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee, Education Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and its members inquired about this during a meeting on Wednesday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Sialkot Bar refuses to represent lynching suspects

The Sialkot District Bar Association has refused to represent the suspects in the murder case of Sri Lankan national Priyantha Kumara in court, Pakistani media reported.

Expressing grief over the ghastly incident, the majority in a meeting of the association on Wednesday decided that no lawyer would pursue the case on behalf of the suspects.

The Sialkot police on Wednesday presented eight more suspects in the murder case of Sri Lankan Priyantha Kumara in an anti-terrorism court, the Dawn reported. These workers of the factory where the deceased was a senior manager were presented in the Gujranwala anti-terrorism court that remanded them in police custody for 13 days. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

SC directs CID to allow lawyers to meet gangster

NELKA MEDEGEDERA

The Supreme Court yesterday (9) directed the IGP and the CID Director to provide an opportunity for Janith Madushanka alias Podi Lasi, a leader of an underworld gang detained by the CID, to meet his lawyers for advice.

The court made the order after considering

a motion filed by his lawyer about not being allowed to meet the suspect in person.

Attorney Harshika Samaranayake, who appeared for Podi Lasi, told Court that although he had gone to the CID on December 3 to meet his client, SP Meryl Lamahewa had not allowed the lawyers to meet him in person.

Food scarcity imminent - Sajith

PAHAN WIJESKERA

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa questioned why there should be an Agriculture Minister or a Fertilizer Minister in the country if the task of distributing fertilizer is handed over to the Army Commander. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

EDB spent Rs.340 mn on hotels in unfruitful programme

PAHAN WIJESKERA

An audit has revealed that the Sri Lanka Export Development Board spent over Rs.340 million from 2017 to 2019 during the last government period on the programme to transform 2,000. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

FOR CHILDREN WHO DARE TO DREAM
Sri Lanka Insurance
Mini Muthu
Education Plans



Guarantee an uninterrupted education for your child with Sri Lanka Insurance Mini Muthu Education Plans

For more information please contact your insurance advisor or

Call 0112 357 357

SUC
Sri Lanka Insurance
Like a father - Like a mother

Company Registration Number - PB 289

SRI LANKA'S TOURISM HUBS THRIVE ON **Dialog Fibre**
GET YOUR BUSINESS ON BOARD

Connect your holiday destination with Dialog Fibre today, and enjoy Gigabit speed, low-latency connectivity, IPTV and Managed WiFi, like never before.

☎ Romesh 0777338150
☎ Lasitha 0777334662

www.business.dialog.lk

Terms & Conditions Apply

- Uninterrupted service
- Configurable speeds
- One-stop solution for Broadband, IPTV, Video streaming
- Tailored Fibre solutions



Taking Your Enterprise To The Future.Today.





Admiral of the Fleet Wasantha Karannagoda was sworn in before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa as the new Governor of the North Western Province at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday. Picture by President's Media Division.



Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Mizukoshi Hideaki called on Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday. Picture by PM's Media.

Ministry assures constant flow of dengue vaccines to country

No shortage of dengue medicine - Dr.Sudarshana

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

Health Ministry Medical Supplies Division Deputy Director Dr.A.T.Sudarshana denied recent media reports that there is shortage of medicine for dengue fever stating that there are enough stocks of dengue vaccines in state hospitals to deal with dengue patients based on patient forecasts.

"In fact the ministry has a strong system in place to deal with dengue. We have enough vaccine stocks in hospitals to fight any increase in dengue, which commonly occur after monsoonal rains," he said.

Dr.Sudarshana said that the ministry has a data-driven model that can predict dengue outbreaks ahead of weeks. "As a result, we are well prepared, and have dengue vaccines and medicine to deal with any outbreak," he said.

"One must examine carefully why some sections would move to cause such panic along the lines of dengue at a time when the government has successfully dealt with the proportion of a severe disease like COVID."

When asked if the Ministry has any dengue vials that are about to expire, he said that if someone orders a medical product that will expire in five years, it will expire on that day.

"But that does not mean the end of the world or the end of that medicine," he said, "because we can place new orders, which the ministry has to do frequently to ensure the sustainability of the public's health."

"A shipment of dengue vaccines is expected to arrive in our country by December 11, or within the first two weeks of this month. It might have arrived already," he said.

"We have placed an order with Thailand to import dengue vaccines. Importing medicine is a never-ending process," he explained.

"In my opinion, they highlighted a non-existent scarcity of dengue vaccines in hospitals, as some private hospitals did not have that vaccine."

"Rich or poor, they all come to government hospitals for dengue treatment because we are highly efficient and capable of treating dengue patients," he noted.

"Private hospitals may not have dengue vaccines on hand because they do not see a high volume of dengue patients. So it's possible that these hospitals don't have these vaccines on hand," he said.

Death of Upali Wettasinghe

The death occurred of Upali Wettasinghe of No. 211, Athurugiriya Road, Malapalla, Kottawa. He was 88. Wettasinghe served the Lake House Circulation Department for 30 years. He was a former Sri Lanka Volleyball Association referee.

He was the beloved husband of Swarna Wettasinghe (retired Lecturer NTS Colombo and Anuradhapura) and father of Champika Galagedara (former Manager HR, Lake House), Vajira Maussawa (retired Commissioner of Inland Revenue (Refunds), Hiranthi Mendis, Shriyantha Wettasinghe (formerly of Lake House-Provident Fund) and Gayani Wettasinghe. Funeral took place on Wednesday, December 8.

Kelani River polluted by 1,374 waste disposal sites - Minister

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera stated that there are 1,374 waste disposal sites in the Kelani River area from Seethawaka to Peliyagoda.

The Minister expressed these views while participating in an inspection tour of the Kelani River yesterday (9) to identify the places where the Kelani River is polluted. The observation tour was organized in collaboration with the SL Navy, the Central Environmental Authority and a number of other agencies.

The Central Environmental Authority (CEA) has conducted a countrywide survey covering the entire river system of our country and according to the results of that survey the Kelani River is the most polluted river in our country and more than 80 percent of the population of Gampaha and Colombo meet their drinking water needs from this river, the Minister stressed.

The Minister further said, "So far no country in the world has implemented programs to conserve the entire river system in their country. Only the river Ganga was conserved by the Government of India

under the Pavitri Ganga programme. Singapore is just one river. However, we have focused on the conservation of all 103 rivers in our country under the Surakimu Ganga program launched by the Ministry of Environment".

He said the government allocated Rs.200 million for this in 2021. That amount has been increased to Rs. 2,000 million for 2022.

"There are 103 rivers in our country. According to the countrywide survey conducted by the Central Environmental Authority, 10,733 places are reported to be polluting the entire river system".

He said the Kelani River is the most polluted river in our river system. It was confirmed that the Kelani River collects pollutants at 1,374 places including 797 polluting sites in the Colombo city area and 577 places in the Gampaha district.

The Minister also said that a special programme will be launched to control the discharge of waste into the Kelani River from the Seethawaka Industrial Zone. CEA DG Hemantha Jayasinghe and other officials also participated.

1st Month Remembrance of Ananda De Soyza



1941 2021
09 11
16 21

Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate his life on 21st December 2021 at 4.30pm at St Theresa's Church, Thimbirigasyaya. We his family, would like to thank most sincerely all our relatives and friends, who visited the parlour and attended the funeral. Thank you for your expressions of sympathy, floral tributes and messages of condolences.
Bernie and the children.

OBITUARY NOTICE

Emmanuel R. Edward (Arasasingham), husband of Philomena, father of Iliana and Varuna, father in law of Ajita (nee Johnthasan), grandfather of Jeevan, Thiviya, Indiran, and Thepan, expired in Ohio, USA on Monday. Born in Mannar Town in 1935, son of the late Gnanamuttu and late Arulammah Murugupillai, son in law of the late Mr. & Mrs.S.J. Vedanayagam, brother of Chandra Gunasegaram and late Indira Johnthasan of Mannar, brother in law of late A. Gunasegaram, late A.S. Johnthasan, late J.Vedanayagam (late Viola), P. Regis (late N. Regis), late L. Edward (Christy), A.Vedanayagam (Subho), and W. Vedanayagam. Funeral in USA on Saturday 11th December.

In Loving Memory



Lion Raja Collure
Past President of our Club, Additional Cabinet Secretary of Lions Clubs International District 306 C1, Governor of North Western Province and Past President of Communist Party of Sri Lanka.

Our heartfelt condolences to his beloved spouse Lion Lady Chandra and the family. May he attain supreme bliss of Nibbana!

Lions Club of Sri Jayawardanepura, Kotte

Omicron variant less dangerous... From page 01

As per the findings, the virus is using the same receptor to enter into our cells (called ACE2 receptors) as before.

They have found that among people with the two-dose Pfizer series, neutralizing antibodies had a 40-fold reduction - with Omicron compared to the original virus. Dr. Jeewandara said this is far higher than they have observed with any previous variant(s) of concern.

The Delta variant had a five-fold decrease while the Beta variant had an eight-fold decrease, he pointed out.

Further, it is revealed that the previous infection, followed by vaccination or booster dose administration is likely to increase the neutralization level and likely confer protection from severe disease from Omicron infection.

"This means we are going to see an increase in breakthrough cases, especially among those

with only the primary series. But this study gives great hope that our boosters will help protect against Omicron. In addition, and importantly, neutralizing antibodies are not our only defence. We have other antibodies, B-cell factories, and T-cells."

Dr.Jeewandara further said that there was hope that the Omicron variant might not spread as fast in Sri Lanka or Europe. "We wouldn't necessarily see the same rate of spread as in South Africa because high rates of Delta and vaccination would be in Omicron's way."

However, the emerging data from the United Kingdom suggests that high levels of Delta and/or immunity are not stopping Omicron in the UK, Dr. Jeewandara said, adding that this is anticipated in Sri Lanka as well. "But we need more data for this conclusion."

Japan opening jobs... From page 01

The Prime Minister reiterated that there is a growing interest among Sri Lankans to both learn the Japanese language as well as to seek employment opportunities in Japan, the Prime Minister's Media Division said.

Ambassador Mizukoshi said he would like to focus on investment promotion during his tenure. Currently, there are around 75 enterprises with Japanese investments operating in Sri Lanka. During the past 15 years, they have

cumulatively invested about US\$ 382 million, providing more than 12,000 employment opportunities.

The two delegations also discussed the recently opened projects that were funded by the Japanese Government, including another phase of the Bandaranaike International Airport development project, the Golden Gate Kalyani bridge and the Kandy city wastewater management project.

Food scarcity... From page 01

Addressing a programme in Bundala yesterday (9) the Opposition Leader said that this was a sign that the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Fertilizers and all relevant officials had failed.

He further stated that due to the reckless and arbitrary actions taken by the government related to agriculture, there will be food scarcity in the country soon.

Elections Commission... From page 01

The Elections Commission Chairman further stated before the PSC that it is essential to prepare for the forthcoming Local Government elections about four months in advance.

Accordingly, if the Local Government elections are held without any change and under the existing legal conditions, the dates for those elections will have to be announced around January 2022.

The other members of the PSC are Ministers Nimal Siripala de Silva, Prof. G.L. Peiris, Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Douglas Devananda, Wimal Weerawansa, Basil Rajapaksa, M.U.M. Ali Sabry, Jeevan Thondaman and MPs Rauf Hakeem, Anura Dissanayake, Kabir Hashim, Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Mano Ganeshan, M.A. Sumanthiran, Madura Vithanage and Sagara Kariyawasam.

Sialkot Bar refuses... From page 01

The court ordered police to present the suspects in court again on December 21. The suspects were arrested with the help of CCTV footage.

They were suspected of torturing the deceased Sri Lankan national on the roof of the factory, dragging his body on the road and later setting it on fire.

Two days ago, the police had obtained a 15-day physical remand of 26 suspects from the anti-terrorism court. They are suspected to have incited factory workers against Kumara.

Sources said the police also arrested suspects belonging to other districts, including Sialkot, Gujrat, Narowal, Lodhran, Rahim Yar Khan and Gujranwala. The law enforcers are identifying suspects through CCTV footage and arresting them using mobile phone data and other technological means.

So far, 345 workers of Rajco Industries have been arrested and shifted to an unidentified location for interrogation. Raids are being conducted in other districts, including Sialkot, to arrest more workers. Police have presented 34 suspects in the anti-terrorism court after conducting an identity parade.

The Sialkot District Bar Association meanwhile has refused to take up the case of suspects in the case.

Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry expressed sorrow over the killing of Kumara. Qasim Malik, the chamber's vice president, told the media that the killing had dealt a major blow to the local industry.

A meeting of businessmen in Sialkot was held that decided to provide financial assistance of Rs.17.3 million and the monthly salary of the deceased to his family.

Malik said the chamber was also launching a training and counselling campaign for workers, adding that desks would be set up in factories where workers could register their complaints. The respective human resource department would take immediate notice of the complaints so that such incidents could be prevented in the future.

On the other hand, the attendance of workers in Rajco Industries remained low on the second consecutive day. (Dawn)

EDB spent Rs.340 mn on hotels... From page 01

entrepreneurs into new exporters. The audit also revealed that in selecting venues for the programmes, the private sector institutions had been invited to bid and there was no such invitation to government institutions and that the relevant programmes had been conducted in six hotels at a cost of over Rs.30 million.

The relevant audit report states that although it was stated in the Board Memorandum No. 20/03/2017 that a Governing Committee should be appointed to implement the said programme, no such action had been taken.

The audit also revealed that Rs.299,500 had been wasted on food, accommodation and stalls for the programme held in Matara due to improper procurement. The audit also states that Rs.57,900 has been spent on food during the programme held in Kurunegala without proper estimates.

The audit also revealed that Rs.215,900 had been spent on these programmes in excess of the estimated cost.

The programme was to attract 2,000 new entrepreneurs, but only 155 participated in 2017 to 2019, according to the audit report.

TENDER NOTICE

ශ්‍රී ලංකා මහ බැංකුව
இலங்கை மத்திய வங்கி
CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

SELECTING A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY PLUMBING AND FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM

Tender Number	FMD/MTN/HQ/2021/04
Tender Description	Selecting a Service Provider for Maintenance of Sanitary Plumbing and Fire Protection Systems at CBSL Buildings
Bid closing and opening	Date : 22 nd December 2021
	Time : 1430 hrs.
	Location : Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo-01.
Pre-bid meeting	Date : 15 th December 2021
	Time : 1000 hrs.
	Location : Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo-01.

For further information please refer
<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/tenders>
or contact Maintenance & Project Engineer on 011-2477479

Director, Facilities Management Department
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT TO MANUFACTURE TYRES FOR EXPORT IN THE PORT OF HAMBANTOTA

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after a study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9 (i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993 as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to the Hambantota International Port Group (Pvt.) Ltd., Hambantota Maritime Centre, Hambantota for the establishment of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and available at the National Environmental Information Centre of the Central Environmental Authority.

Director General
Central Environmental Authority
"Parisara Piyasa"
No. 104, Denzil Kobekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.

Foreign Minister meets Pakistan Envoy in Colombo

Financial security for Priyantha Kumara's family

Foreign Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris met Acting High Commissioner of Pakistan in Colombo Tanvir Ahmad yesterday to discuss financial security/compensation for the family of late Priyantha Kumara, who was killed by a mob in Sialkot, Pakistan last week.

While highlighting the long-standing friendship and trust between Pakistan and Sri Lanka, Minister expressed confidence that the Pakistan Government would take steps that the family of late Priyantha Kumara gets justice.

Recalling the telephone call had with the Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Saturday, the Minister said that the Pakistan Foreign Minister offered his condolences and promised to make available to Sri Lanka all the information from the probe at the earliest.

The Foreign Minister also appreciated the intervention of Pakistan Prime Minister, who has taken personal charge of this investigation and taken steps to immediately investigate the incident. He also welcomed the



Foreign Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris having discussions with Acting High Commissioner of Pakistan in Colombo Tanvir Ahmad.

announcement of the donation of US\$ 100,000 by the business community in Sialkot and payment of the monthly salary of

Priyantha Kumara to his widow. Minister Peiris highlighted that the Sri Lankan Government is concerned

about the future of the two children of the late Priyantha Kumara and the importance of receiving the payments on time. He

requested the Pakistan envoy to arrange a mechanism to ensure that the salary will be received by the family every month without any disruption.

Conveying his heartfelt apologies for the incident, the Acting High Commissioner assured that the Government of Pakistan has taken the necessary steps for a full investigation and ensuring compensation for the family. The law enforcement agencies in Pakistan are working to ensure the safety of all other Sri Lankans living in Pakistan, he stated.

Mattala to get International Airlines, Business Jets – Tourism Minister

The Mattala International Airport is being promoted as a foreign tourist destination. Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said that a special programme has been launched to attract international airlines and business jets in this regard.

The Mattala Airport has been given a number of concessions to attract international airlines. The airport has suspended the US \$ 60 Export Tax for two years and exempts airlines from Landing and Stopping Charges. The Minister said that several rounds of talks have been held to get business jets to land at the Airport by attracting very wealthy businessmen.

A duty-free shopping mall will be set up at the Airport for the tourists and permission has already been granted to maintain communication services and bank counters.

Maldives, Qatar and AirAsia already operate direct flights to the Airport. Many other inter-

national airlines have expressed interest in launching new flights to Mattala next year. The Minister said that discussions with them are already underway.

Salam Air has commenced cargo operations and Emirates too plans to commence operations at the Mattala Airport soon. Steps have been taken to develop the Airport as a transit hub for marine navy staff. Qatar Airways and the AirAsia are already carrying out operations at Mattala. The Minister said that due to the closure of the Indian Zone from February 2020, these operations were initiated to transfer the Marines.

The Government has also paid special attention to establishing aircraft maintenance and repair facilities at the Airport. It is expected to start a foreign investment or a joint venture with a Sri Lankan company and a number of steps have been taken in this regard, the Minister said.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

Vehicle No.	Make	Model	Year
CAR			
017 -5XXX	DAIHATSU	CHARADE	1990
CAC -5XXX	HONDA	FIT GP5	2014
JEEP			
CAG -7XXX	HONDA	VEZEL RU3	2015
BUS			
ND -1XXX	LANKA ASHOK	LEYLAND MITR	2017
THREE WHEELER			
JX -7XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO RE 2 STROKE	2005
OL -4XXX	BAJAJ	AUTO AR4S	2007
YN -0XXX	BAJAJ	RE205	2011
YR -8XXX	BAJAJ	RE 205	2011

Vehicle Inspection:
Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC
 Vehicle Yard - No: 176, Lake Road, Maharagama
 Tel - 0112 088 505

Dates for inspection of vehicles

10th, 13th, 14th & 15th December 2021 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the above address (Acceptance of tenders will be closed at 5.00 pm 15th December 2021)

Tender forms could be obtained from the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC Vehicle Yards at the above addresses upon making a non-refundable payment of Rs.200/-. Successful bidders will be notified over the telephone, and they should remove the relevant vehicles within 7 days from the date of notification. The company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle from the tender without stating any reason. While the successful bidders shall accept the relevant vehicles in the existing condition, any outstanding payment in relation to revenue license and government taxes etc shall have to borne by such bidders.

Decision of the Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC pertaining to this tender shall be final.

Mercantile Investments & Finance PLC

Head Office
 236, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
 Tel No. 2343720 - 7 EXT: 210

Contact:
 Janaka - 071 1624559 / Moditha - 071 9530350

LET'S START THE SEASON'S SAVINGS

The BEST PRICES across the country

 Rs. 245.00 Red Dhal (Bulk) 1kg	 Rs. 155.00 Local Samba Rice (Bulk) 1kg	 Rs. 137.00 White Sugar (Bulk) 1kg	 Rs. 295.00 Basmati Rice (Bulk) 1kg	 Rs. 330.00 Ocean Star/My Choice Mackerel 425g
 Rs. 8.00 Pumpkin 100g	 Rs. 134.00 Red Grapes (Imported) 100g	 Rs. 52.00 Linna 100g	 Rs. 95.00 Chicken Breasts 100g	

Up to **30% OFF** on 50 Selected Products

Offer valid till 16th December 2021. Maximum quantity of 3 units per item during the promotional period. Until stocks last.

SAVE 13.00

Rs. **52.00**

Maggi Papare Spicy Chicken Flavoured Noodles 74g

SAVE 113.00

Rs. **337.00**

Kiit Absolute Orange Juice 1tr

SAVE 313.00

Rs. **937.00**

Baby Cheramy Diapers (M) 24's

SAVE 90.00

Rs. **210.00**

Harpic Fresh Pine 750ml

DAILY SEASONAL OFFERS!

50% off for Cargills Rewards Members

35% off for Others

For bills over Rs. 3000* (From other goods)

<p>December 10th Friday</p> RETAIL PRICE Rs. 800 Fortune Coconut Oil 1tr	<p>December 11th Saturday</p> RETAIL PRICE Rs. 260 Munchee Super Cream Cracker 490g	<p>December 12th Sunday</p> RETAIL PRICE Rs. 300 Meadowlea Fat Spread 250g
--	---	--

Up to 20% OFF on Selected SOFT DRINKS

Up to 10% OFF on Selected SAUSAGES

*Conditions apply. Vegetables, Fruits, Seafood & Chicken offers valid till 12th December 2021. Other offers valid till 16th December 2021. Until stocks last.

On your way home

OBSERVER JOBS

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST RECRUITMENT DATABASE

FOR JOBSEEKERS

www.observerjobs.lk

Court cases against me proceeding without any interference

– Minister Johnston

Chief Government Whip and Highways Minister Johnston Fernando yesterday said in Parliament that he had not interfered with any of the cases filed against him during the Good Governance Government.

The Minister added that the Good Governance Government misusing officials like Shani Abeysekera, Dilrukshi and the Attorney General's (AG's) Department Officials filed baseless cases before Court. The Minister added that they filed 11 cases against him and added that those cases are still being heard and he appears before Court every day.



The Minister also said that during that time, he was acquitted from several cases as they were baseless. He added that he did not fear to face these false cases.

The Minister was responding to Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Parliamentarian Eran Wickramaratne, who said that Minister Johnston Fernando got rid of the cases against him. The Minister was participating in the Committee Stage Debate on the 2022 Budget proposals under the Financial Heads of the Justice Ministry, Youth and Sports Ministry, Technology Ministry, Development Coordination and Monitoring Ministry, Prison Management and Prisoners' Rehabilitation State Ministry, Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement State

Ministry, and Digital Technology and Enterprise Development State Ministry. MP Wickramaratne said that the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) should be amended and added that under this Act, Hejaz Hishullah was arrested. He added that these people are being arrested even without evidence under the PTA provisions. "The PTA is used to threaten people, silent them and to imprison them," the Minister said. The Minister added that the lawyers should be allowed to speak to suspects in custody. Minister Johnston also said that the backlog of

cases has been increased to 920,660 by 2020. "This is a massive number. The Justice Minister is working hard to reduce the backlog of cases and prevent the law's delay. There are many issues at the AG's Department because of the multiple roles it plays and the Conflict of Interest. Therefore, it has a tendency to be politicised. We have to protect the dignity of the Attorney General's Department," the Minister said. He added that the AG's Department should not file cases if there is no evidence.



Pension Scheme within three months for Sri Lankans working abroad – Labour Minister

A Pension Scheme for Sri Lankans working overseas will be introduced within three months, Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said in Parliament yesterday. The Minister also said that measures have already been taken to implement it. He added that laws will be implemented to prevent Foreign Employment Agencies from earning excess profits by sending people to foreign jobs. "This will enable those who go for foreign jobs to have the benefits," the Minister said.



the foreign workers are getting a very little amount and this situation should be changed," the Minister said.

Minister Siripala de Silva added that these job agencies are very strong in many ways and added that reportedly they are getting more than Rs. 1 million from each person they send for foreign jobs. "However, members of Priyantha Diyawadana, who was killed brutally in Pakistan. He added that those who are registered under the Foreign Employment Bureau be provided security under the Labour Ministry only. He added that those who go abroad through Tourist Visa and get employments and get into troubles are not covered by the Ministry. He added that measures are being taken to introduce an insurance scheme to protect those who go for foreign jobs.

The Minister also said that the Sri Lankans employed overseas bring in a massive amount of money and it was US\$ 7.1 billion in 2020 and added that 212,000 Sri Lankans are working overseas as at December 1.

Foreign Reserves stood at US\$ 1,587 million last month – State Minister Semasinghe

"Sri Lanka's foreign reserves stood at US\$ 1,587 million last month, Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment and Business Development State Minister Shehan Semasinghe said in Parliament yesterday.

He tabled a document with this information to a question raised under Standing Orders.

The State Minister was participating in the Committee Stage Debate of the Budget 2022 on the Expenditure Heads of the Ministries of Justice, Sports,

Youth and three State Ministries. He said that the country's economy was not only affected by the global economic crisis stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, but it was also affected due to mismanagement by various governments.

"Sri Lanka's foreign reserves were at US\$ 1009.5 million; International Monetary Fund reserves were at US\$ 67 million; special purchases account funds were at US\$ 127.2 million; gold reserves at US\$ 382.2 million, while other reserves were at US\$ 1.1 million,

totalling US\$ 1,587 million," State Minister Semasinghe said.

He said that since 2015, there was a systematic collapse of the economy. "Then the Easter Attacks occurred. The then government did not prevent it although they had the opportunity, and the economy that was already falling, took a turn for the worse and started crashing. After President Gotabaya Rajapaksa took over the country, the first wave of the COVID pandemic hit the country in 2020, leading to the country's first lockdown.

We had to use the country's reserves to mitigate the impact of the pandemic," the Minister said.

The State Minister said that while only 6.3 per cent of the population in low-income countries has received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine, Sri Lanka has gained global accolade for the efforts taken by the health and military sector in fully vaccinating 76.2 per cent of the population. "We have also taken steps to administer the booster shot. In 2020, the Government had



spent US\$135 billion directly to control COVID in addition to the cost by each relevant Ministry. This year, the Government has spent US\$221 billion on COVID mitigation," the State Minister said.

The State Minister also said that the Government had limited imports and increased exports to manage foreign reserves.

MP Athukorala shows displeasure over Chairman of 'One Country, One Law' PTS

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Thalatha Athukorala said that she is unhappy with the appointment of Ven. Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara Thera as the Presidential Task Force Chairman for realising the 'One Country, One Law' concept.



Laws are not going to be touched? At the end of the day, it is the responsibility of the Justice Minister to present these laws to Parliament," the MP said.

MP Athukorala also brought to the notice of the Justice Minister the issue of prisoners being given to a private company to be used for work at construction sites where Rs. 3,500 is paid per prisoner from the Government.

The MP said that of this, Rs. 3,000 is taken by this private company and only Rs. 500 is deposited into bank accounts of the prisoners. "This is a sinister plot to enable this private company to earn money. They claim these prisoners are being given vocational training. This is fine; but I urge the Justice Minister to focus your attention and take this under the Government. I can reveal the names of those who are involved in this; but I don't want to insult prominent State positions," MP Athukorala added.

The MP said that the appointment of the Thera, who was charged for Contempt of Court and later released from prison on a Presidential Pardon, was problematic and an insult to the Judiciary.

MP Athukorala was participating in the Budget Committee Stage Session in Parliament yesterday.

"The President has appointed a Task Force to advise on the establishment of 'One Country, One Law' concept. It is ironic that this Task Force was appointed and gazetted on October 26 comprising unsuitable members. The Government in 2018 was ousted in an unconstitutional manner on October 26, and this Task Force was also estab-

lished on the same date in 2021. By appointing such unsuitable persons, this concept was made meaningless. Today, we cannot be happy about this Thera's conduct," the MP said.

The MP also said that there were many voice recordings circulating on social media and the latest was posted on Wednesday (8).

"The former Justice Minister said that Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris had met the Ambassadors of the Middle Eastern countries recently and assured them that Personal Laws will not be tampered with. Then what is the purpose of seeking 'One Country, One Law' if these Personal

About 3,000 enterprises to reduce jobless rate to 2 per cent by 2026 – State Minister Thenuka

Three thousand enterprises will be set up to reduce the unemployment rate among the youth to 2 per cent by 2026, Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement State Minister Thenuka Vidanagama said in Parliament yesterday.

The State Minister said that the Government has allocated Rs. 1,867 million for the State Ministry.

He was participating in the Committee Stage

Debate on the Budget proposals for the Financial Year 2022 under the Financial Heads of the Justice Ministry, Youth and Sports Ministry, Technology Ministry, Development Coordination and Monitoring Ministry, Prison Management and Prisoners' Rehabilitation State Ministry, Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement State Ministry, and Digital Technology and Enterprise

Development State Ministry

The State Minister said that the Government has initiated programmes to improve persons' skills in sports. He added that 5,000 persons have been selected for this purpose. These measures were taken using 11 selected Sports Organisations under their supervisions. He added that steps have been taken to build up discipline in the cricket field as well.

The State Minister also said that the Government is building up a sports economy in the country. He added that 40,000 youth have been provided with vocational training. "The Government will commence using modern technology in agriculture next year.

State Minister Thenuka also said that the Government has allocated Rs. 103 million to improve school sports. "In addition, 43 programmes are being imple-



mented under the *Gama Samaga Pilisandara* (Talks with the Village) to improve sports in the rural areas. He added that sports items worth Rs. 60 million are being granted to the Sports Organisations. The State Minister added that provincial level Sports Universities will be set up as well.

Proposal to grow cannabis to increase foreign reserves, shameless

– MP Field Marshal Fonseka

Parliamentarian Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka opposed the recent proposal brought by a woman MP to legalise the growing of cannabis for exports to increase the country's foreign reserves.

"This MP shamelessly claimed Sri Lanka should grow cannabis to increase foreign reserves. This is a violation of our culture. The next thing is they will ask to legalise prostitution as well," MP Field Marshal Fonseka said.

Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka also said that under the Government, hundreds of acres of forests are being cleared on the pretext of engaging in Chena cultivation. "Especially in Kotiyagama and Hambantota this happens on a large scale by these fraudulent elements. Thousands acres of forests are being cleared claiming to grow Aloe Vera," MP Field Marshal Fonseka said.

Minister C.B. Ratnayake at this time requested Fonseka to provide him with any evidence of such illegal activities to look into the matter and take action against anyone engaged in illegally clearing these forest lands.

MP Field Marshal Fonseka told the farmers not to fall victim to the ploys by the Government to entice them to grow these illegal crops and added that when their government comes into power, all such crops will be made illegal.

MP Field Marshal Fonseka also said that when the Good Governance regime in power, he had requested then President Maithripala Sirisena to appoint him (Field Marshal Fonseka) as the Law and Order Minister. "Had he given me that position, I would have dealt with all these illegal activities," Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka said.



Steps taken to prevent delays in getting defaulted EPF, ETF – Labour Minister

The amendments to vest the powers to get default EPF and ETF by the employers to Labour Tribunals from the Magistrate's Court will be moved soon to prevent the law's delays, Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said in Parliament yesterday.

The Minister also said that laws will be amended enabling not only the attorneys but also the trade union leaders and others to appear for an employee

who seek justice from the Labour Tribunal.

The Minister was participating in the Committee Stage Debate on the Budget proposal 2022 under the Financial Heads of the Justice Ministry, Youth and Sports Ministry, Technology Ministry, Development Coordination and Monitoring Ministry, Prison Management and Prisoners' Rehabilitation State Ministry, Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improve-

ment State Ministry, and Digital Technology and Enterprise Development State Ministry. The Minister said that the Justice Minister has taken many measures to prevent the Law's delays. He added that he had amended laws, developed infrastructure and provision of human resources. The Minister also said that a Legal Aid System should be set up to assist employees who sue their employers before the Labour Tribunal. He added

that special measures should be taken to rehabilitate the drug addicts and added that they should be rehabilitated elsewhere rather than keeping them in prisons such as Welikada. The Minister said that even an island around the country could be used for the purpose.

The Minister also said that the death penalty should be implemented not drug addicts but on the those who engage in mass-scale drug trafficking.

Interfering with Judiciary is evident – TNA MP Sumanthiran

Tamil National Alliance (TNA) MP M.A. Sumanthiran said in Parliament yesterday that Justice Minister Ali Sabry, PC seemed that he doesn't know how to resign from his post.

"Being the Justice Minister, it is strange that he does not know how to resign even. According to what we read, the Justice Minister does not even know how to resign from his post. All this indicates his discomfort in holding this post - Minister of Justice," the TNA MP said.

The MP was participating in the Committee Stage Debate of

the Budget proposals 2022 in Parliament yesterday. He said that the Government has been interfering in the Judiciary. We all know that Admiral of the Fleet Wasantha Karannagoda is a suspect in the abduction of 11 youth who were taken to the Trincomalee Naval Base and killed.

The Police have conducted investigations and named several suspects including the Navy Commander at that time and the Attorney General is trying to withdraw indictments or has intimated that he would withdraw indictments against Wasantha Karannagoda. Now this Officer has been appointed as North Western Province Governor," the MP said.

The MP said that the families of these young men have been agitating for so long and during the last regime, managed to move the 'Wheels of Justice' a little bit. "But now it has been reversed and that is such a person that you want to appoint as a Governor. The Attorney General is supposed to be independent in our country. But it is now doubtful," the MP said.

MP Sumanthiran said that the Justice Minister had protested the appointment of another convict who was pardoned. "A complaint was made by a Magistrate for disturbing proceedings of Court against this one. After a full-scale inquiry, he was sentenced.

He is implicated in another Contempt of Court proceeding, which is still pending. Now, this is the person you find suitable enough to appoint as Chairman of a Task Force. Naturally, the Minister protested, also for the reason that he was not even



consulted in this regard," the TNA MP said.

The MP also said that the Tamils have every right as much as anyone else in this country and the Tamils are not afterthoughts. "Therefore, he called on Justice Minister to stand up straight and resign upholding his dignity.

MP Mayantha requests release of Ranjan

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Kandy District MP Mayantha Dissanayake requested the Justice Minister in Parliament yesterday to inform the

President to pardon MP Ranjan Ramanayake, who is serving a prison sentence.

He expressed hope that the Justice

Minister would pay attention to this matter and that he was collecting signatures to a letter to be handed over to the President requesting that steps

be taken to release Ranjan Ramanayake.

He said this during the Committee Stage of the Budget Debate.

NOCPCO concludes ops

The National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) at Rajagiriya, headed by Chief of Defence and Army Commander General Shavendra Silva concluded its operations on Wednesday (8).

NOCPCO worked as the central umbrella organization that coordinated all preventive, control, quarantine and all other related pandemic operations on the instructions given by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

After its launch on March 16, 2020, it functioned for one year and nine months.

The last meeting of the NOCPCO Task Force, attended by its members in-person and virtually, including the Director General of Health Services Dr. Asela Gunawardene, was held on Wednesday (8).

The Army Commander speak-

ing at the meeting said, "We together as a team have been working tirelessly for nearly two years to control a global pandemic in our country, led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the Government of Sri Lanka."

"We experienced three main outbreaks or waves during this period and NOCPCO was entrusted with enormous challenges to protect the citizens of this country from an invisible threat. We worked together as the main committee, expert panel and as different working groups to formulate strategies, to implement different plans and modalities to control this pandemic and those efforts never allowed people of this country to experience a crisis situation, despite many challenges."

"Strategies and modalities proposed by this group resulted in



Chief of Defence and Army Commander General Shavendra Silva speaks at the last meeting of the NOCPCO.

effective patient management, contact tracing, quarantining as well as vaccination of our entire

population and the country is fully opened now, with some limited restrictions. I am confident that the Ministry of Health and medical and public healthcare staff will be able to further improve the control work of the pandemic in future, to enter into 2022 as a COVID free Sri Lanka."

"From today onwards, this operation centre will start contributing to another mammoth national effort while 1906 hotline and 1904 SMS service will be taken over by the Ministry of Health, with the integrated patient management system and a new hotline will come into effect for the new operation centre. We have already compiled NOCPCO's experiences into a document, and the final version of this document will be published within the next couple of days."

Suspects spill the beans on thefts

RAKSHANA SRIYANTHA

The Akkaraipattu Police have been able to obtain information needed to solve a number of crimes reported to various police stations by questioning two suspects who are detained under a detention order.

Based on the information obtained from the two suspects, the Akkaraipattu Police are conducting further investigations.

The Akkaraipattu Police have arrested two suspects aged 29 and 45, both residents of the Irakkamam area, with three grams and 220 milligrams of heroin. The police have obtained a detention order after the two suspects were pro-

duced before the Akkaraipattu Magistrate's Court on November 28.

The suspects had engaged in various crimes in Ampara, Kalmunai, Akkaraipattu, Thirukkovil, Central Camp, Chavakade, Karadiyanaru and Kattankudiyan police divisions. They have allegedly stolen gold necklaces and motorcycles. The suspects had sold and mortgaged the stolen items. Of them, 37 pounds of gold jewellery worth Rs. 3.7 million have been recovered by the police. The Akkaraipattu Police are conducting further investigations to ascertain whether the suspects have committed any other crimes.

India rescues Sri Lankan fishermen

In a humanitarian gesture reflective of the goodwill and friendship between India and Sri Lanka and their peoples, an Indian fishing vessel rescued distressed Sri Lankan fishermen and their boat.

A Sri Lankan fishing vessel, Lulu-01 was facing considerable difficulties in deep waters on December 2. It was sighted by an Indian fishing boat 24 nautical miles north of Chennai. Concerned for the safety of the Sri Lankan vessel and the people on board, the Indian fishing boat successfully towed the Sri Lankan vessel to the safety of Adani Port, Kattupalli. All four crew members of the Sri Lankan vessel are safe and have been provided necessary assistance by Indian authorities, a news release from the Indian High Commission said.

Bogus foreign employment agency owner held

The Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) has taken into custody a foreign employment agency owner who had illegally obtained over Rs.6 million by duping Sri Lankans seeking foreign employment,

while misusing his licence. He was remanded till December 15 after being produced before the Kurunegala Magistrate's Court.

The owner of this agency had transferred his labor licence to another

outsider through a power of attorney.

The SLBFE said it is illegal to transfer the licence issued by the Licensing Division of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment to

another person to run a foreign employment agency.

The Bureau of Foreign Employment has received 41 complaints against the suspect so far alleging fraudulent deals.

Suspects held for theft of three-wheeler

RAKSHANA SRIYANTHA

Three suspects wanted in connection with the theft of a three-wheeler worth Rs. 420,000 were arrested by the Colombo Central Divisional Crime Bureau on Wednesday along with the stolen three-wheeler.

The suspects have been handed over to the Maradana Police Station for further investigations. The suspects, aged

29, 30 and 38, are residents of Colombo 14 and Peliyagoda, police said.

During investigations, the police have found several stolen items including eight three-wheeler batteries, three DVD players and a mobile phone.

The suspects were to be produced before the Maligakanda Magistrate's Court yesterday. Maradana Police are conducting further investigations.



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 12(1) (a) OF THE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY ACT, NO. 20 OF 2009

INTENTION TO EXTEND LICENSE

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka ("the Commission") hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 12(1) (a) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 that the Commission proposes to extend license for the purpose of generating electricity to the following persons, in order to ensure the availability and continuity of the supply of electricity to consumers.

Application Ref. No.	Applicant	Plant/ Facility Name	Capacity (MW)	Technology
E/AL/N/21/41	Hydrotrust Lanka (Private) Limited	Salawa Miri Hydro Power Plant	2.0	Mini Hydro
E/AL/N/21/42	Santak Power (Private) Limited	Upper Korawaka Oya Mini Hydro Power Plant	1.5	Mini Hydro
E/AL/N/21/43	Vidullanka PLC	Bambarabotu Oya Mini Hydro Power Plant	3.2	Mini Hydro
E/AL/N/21/44	Kalupahana Power Company (Private) Limited	Kalupahana Mini Hydro Power Plant	0.8	Mini Hydro
E/AL/N/21/45	Bhagya Hydro (Private) Limited	Gomala Oya Mini Hydro Power Plant	0.8	Mini Hydro

Representations (if any) may be made in writing to the Commission with respect to the above proposal, within twenty-eight (28) days of this notice. Please quote the Application Ref. No. when making representations.

Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
Level 06, BoC Merchant Tower, 28,
St. Michael's Road,
Colombo 03.

Telephone: (011) 2392608
Fax: (011) 2392641
E-mail: licenssing@pucl.gov.lk
Website: www.pucl.gov.lk

Date: 10.12.2021

PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY By Fiscal Under No. 11/2021 Execution Sale District Court of Chilaw connected with the Case No. 5124/MB

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot No: 01 A 01 depicted in Plan No:- 1783 dated 02.03.2012 made by Mr. M.K. Manju Sri Priyankara Licensed Surveyor of the Land called 'Wewa Ihala Kele' situated in the Grama Niladari Division of Andanankattuwa, within the Divisional Secretary Division of Arachchikattuwa, Within the Pradesiya Shaba Limits of Arachchikattuwa, Anawilundun Patthuwa, Within the Land Registry Division of Chilaw, and in the District of Puttalam, North Western Province and which said Lot No. 01 A 01 is bonded on

North :- by Pradeshiya Shaba Road
East :- by 10 feet Width Road way Marked as 1A 02 depicted in the above Plan.
South :- by 10 feet Width Road way Marked as 01 B depicted in Plan No.1477 made by Mr. A.G.S.B. Parakkarama Licensed Surveyor.
West :- by 10 feet Width Road way

Containing in extent of One Rood and Thirty Six Decimal Five Perches (A: 00, R: 01, P: 36.5) together with Trees, Plantations, Fruits, Buildings and everything standing thereon

Containing in Extent - 00 A , 01 R, 36.5 P

This land was Registered in Land Registry Chilaw in the folio of R 82/75

Access to Property

Proceed from Chilaw Town passing about 15 Kilometers Arachchikattuwa Junction is situated. Towards the right side of that Junction Adippala road is situated, passing about 2.5 Kilometers the Adippala Post Office is situated, Passing the Post Office Adippala Temple and Paddy Field is situated. Passing that Paddy field there is a Tar Road, towards the left side of the road there is a large Teak Estate. Passing the Teak Plantation (In front of the Adippala Pre-School) there is a Gravel Road on left side, again turn left side bend of the above mentioned road, the land property is situated Secondly on left side of the road. 07 Kilometers from Arachchikattuwa.

Sell by Public Auction by Deputy Fiscal on 21st of January 2022 at 11. AM on the spot

MODE OF PAYMENT

The successful purchaser will have to pay the following amounts in cash at the fall of the hammer

- (Twenty Five Percent) 25% of the Purchased Price
- Sales Tax (One Percent) 1% Payable to the Local Authority
- Fiscal commission fee, According to Section 258 of the Civil Procedure Code.
- All Advertisement Fees
- Clerk's & Crier's Fee of Rs. 500/=
- Cost of Sale and any other charges, if any
- Stamp duty for the Certificate of sale

*** The Auction will be held Under the Authority granted by the Courts.**

The Balance 75% of the purchased price will have to be paid within 30 days from the date of sale deposited to the above Case.

If the said amount is not paid within 30 days as stipulated above, Bank shall have the right to forfeit 25% of the Purchased Price already paid and resell the property. The Title Deeds and other references may be obtained from the Regional Manager, People's Bank, Regional Office, People's Bank Building, First Floor, No.79, Marawala Road, Naththandiya.

T'Phone : 032-2253300, 032 - 2253301

Fax : 032-2255247

**Registrar/ Deputy Fiscal
District Court
Chilaw**



PEOPLE'S BANK

www.peoplesbank.lk



DELMEGE INTERIOR

Christmas Sale

11th, 13th - 17th December 2021, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
at 101, Vinyalankara Mw, Colombo 10.

Carpets

Office Chairs

Office Furniture

Laminate Flooring

Wooden Flooring

Vinyl Flooring & More....

CALL NOW: 0117 729 290 delmegeinterior.com

Our tertiary education system needs urgent reforms - President

There is a mismatch between the education generally on offer in Sri Lanka and what is necessary for our country to develop in the 21st Century. This is why I have constantly called for educational reforms, especially in our tertiary education system" said President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, addressing the General Convocation of the Sir John Kotelawala Defence University held at the BMICH, yesterday (09).

"I strongly believe that no matter the degree programme followed by university students, they must all graduate having gained at least some proficiency in information technology. They should also receive exposure to other skills necessary for success in today's world, including critical thinking, entrepreneurship, and English language skills," the President further said.

"I am pleased to note that several of these reforms have already been implemented by our universities, and that more are to be introduced next year. One of the early accomplishments of my administration was increasing the number of places for students in universities throughout Sri Lanka by ten thousand," President Rajapaksa added.

"Even with this increase, however, there will still be thousands of students who cannot access university education in Sri Lanka despite passing their Advanced Level examinations. This is because there just isn't enough capacity within the state university system to accommodate all qualifying students. We need to create more opportunities for our young people to study at universities in Sri Lanka. There is absolutely no reason why these universities should only be state universities. Almost all the best universities in the world are not state universities. Most are structured as independent self-governing entities, charitable institutions, or non-



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Health Minister Keheliya Rambukwella, Defence Secretary General (retired) Kamal Gunaratne and Vice Chancellor of Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Major General Milinda Peiris arriving at the BMICH to participate in the General Convocation. Picture by Sagara Lakmal De Mel - President's Media Division

profit organizations focused on education," President Rajapaksa said.

"The old objection about higher education institutions outside the state universities being education shops that sell degrees is nonsensical," the President further said.

This was the 32nd General Convocation of Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. One PhD Graduand, 227 Master's Graduands and Postgraduate Diploma holders from the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and 1,180 Bachelor's Degree holders from different faculties of KDU were among the 1,408 graduands who received parchments at this year's convocation.

President Rajapaksa presented special awards to Cadet Officer S.H. Rodrigo as the Best Army Officer, Lieutenant S.D.

Karunasena as the Best Naval Officer, Fg Off S.K.S. Rukshan as the Best Air Force Officer. The sword of Honour for the Best All-Round Performance of Intake 34 was awarded to Lt L.D.I. Liyanarachchi.

The General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was established in 1981 to meet the educational needs of the officers of the three Armed Forces. It was elevated into a fully-fledged University in 2009 by then Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa. In 2009, civilian students were granted the opportunity to study there. At present, members of the three Armed Forces and local and foreign students can pursue doctoral, postgraduate and postgraduate diploma courses at the University.

The Kotelawala Defence University is currently a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities and the International Association of Universities as a world-recognized university.

Minister Keheliya Rambukwella, Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Defence Secretary and Secretaries of other ministries, Chief of Defence Staff and Commanders of the Armed Forces, the Inspector General of Police, Director General of the Civil Defence Force and other Heads of the Security Sector, Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University General Gerard de Silva, Vice Chancellor Major General Milinda Peiris and the members of the academic and non-academic staff were also present.

CB issues notice on four Authorised Money Changers

The Central Bank (CB) yesterday issued notice on four Authorised Money Changers based in Colombo and Wannappuwa to comply with relevant directions within a specified time period.

This is in response to several complaints that certain Authorised Money Changers are engaged in activities which are not in compliance with the Directions issued under the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Act No. 12 of 2017 (FEA).

The Central Bank is conducting a series of spot examinations at the places of Authorised Money Changers, thereby strengthening the monitoring and supervision of the Authorised Money Changers.

"The general public is also informed that Authorised Money Changers have no authority to transact foreign exchange at rates higher than those offered by the banks to such Money Changers", the statement issued by the CBSL said.

Lanza's Ministry receives UN award

The State Ministry of Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure has been awarded the UNV 50 Award by the United Nations for its volunteering contribution to the world community and its positive social impact.

Secretary Prof. Ranjith Disssanayake received the award on behalf of the State Ministry, at the Galle Face Hotel recently.

The United Nations has appreciated the work of State Ministry due to the high level of benefits obtained by the rural population through its development projects throughout Sri Lanka.

The State Ministry's projects on road reconstruction and improvement, construction and improvement of rural bridges, tree planting, mobile application 'Maga depasa thuru sevana' and bridge design competition were commended. These programmes are being implemented under the guidance of State Minister of Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure Nimal Lanza.

Road rehabilitation and improvement are being carried out in rural areas islandwide, providing a high level of access for transportation of agricultural and other products throughout the country using the National Highway System. This project is currently being implemented in 14,022 grama niladhari divisions in Sri Lanka.

It is expected to improve connectivity by road in rural areas throughout the country so that agricultural and other products could be transported using the National Highway System. Also, the target of constructing 5,000 bridges within four years to facilitate the daily activities of the people is to be achieved.

Accordingly, a programme to plant two million saplings has been commenced in the implementation of development programmes carried out by the Ministry. The target is to plant more than two million saplings on roadsides and in public places by 2025. Also, for the success of this, a mobile application has been introduced under the theme 'Maga depasa thuru sevana Surakumata parisarya'. (The aim is to protect the environment in the implementation of development plans.)

A platform has been set up for all stakeholders in the implementation of the rural bridges programme to share knowledge and discuss the technical challenges of the programme. It is expected to enhance the technical capacity of the stakeholders. Resource persons share knowledge on the construction process and other technical challenges.

Sialkot murder

Lawyers Beyond Borders appeals for assurance of rights of migrants

In the backdrop of the brutal killing of a defenseless Sri Lankan expatriate manager in an apparel manufacturing factory in Pakistan, Lawyers Beyond Borders - Sri Lanka, an organisation of legal professionals which aspires to protect and defend the rights of migrant workers, yesterday made several proposals to relevant authorities to ensure greater protection for migrant workers.

Attorney-at-law Sujeeva Lal Dhanayake, National Coordinator, Lawyers Beyond Borders - Sri Lanka issuing a statement on behalf of his organisation, said their proposals should be seriously considered and action taken by the relevant authorities.

The proposals made by the organization are as follows: "Pakistan should conduct a complete and an impartial inquiry into the murder of the Sri Lankan migrant employee and all wrongdoers and miscreants should be brought to justice and tried by a competent court of law and the law should be enforced without any fear, favour or hesitation.



Also, whenever there exists bilateral treaties between States, there should be provisions of law that guarantee the protection of the lives of migrants and the said treaties should be adopted and followed up in a realistic manner.

The migrant worker's labour rights and physical protection should be ensured and enhanced. New laws should be enacted by the countries which seek their services.

In addition, in this case, there should be diplomatic engagement where the Government of Sri Lanka holds continuous dialogue with the Government of



Members of the public in Pakistan protest against the murder of Priyantha Kumara.

Pakistan forthwith in order to ensure the rights of the lives of Sri Lankan migrant workers in Pakistan.

An appropriate mechanism must be in place for the payment of maximum possible compensation for the bereaved family of the said Sri Lankan migrant employee.

And lastly, substantial measures and safeguards should be

introduced within the shortest possible timeframe to ensure universally acceptable protection to migrant workers irrespective of their country of origin.

The organization while condemning the incident unconditionally and categorically, also said it is ironic that this unfortunate incident unfolded during the month of December in which the Universal Day of Human Rights and International Migrants Day fall, a period during which the international fora is expected to protect the rights of migrants.

Thus, this horrifying bloodshed deserves further condemnation as a dastardly occurrence that caused indignation to the entire humankind.

The organization said how a civilized society should deal with those found guilty (if any) of a punishable offence is crystal clear and are adequately entailed in the Constitution of Sri Lanka as well as the UDHR (Universal Declaration on Human Rights).

In most domestic judicial systems, whether it is monist or dualist, as well as regional and international conventions, tor-

ture inflicted on persons is adequately discussed and dealt with while emphasizing that torture should not be inflicted or why it should be abhorred has been widely interpreted. International laws and regulations are set out as to how the law should be enforced in respect of a wrongdoer in a humanitarian context. Accordingly, no person could be subject to any extrajudicial killings, irrespective of the crime purported to have been committed.

In an atmosphere where technology and modes of communication have risen to unprecedented levels paving the way for improving our quality of life along with much refined and sophisticated mindset of the modern world, there is absolutely no space left for a slavish society where the basic human rights of the downtrodden are crushed at the behest of those who are in power-wielding positions. In an era, where certain internationally accepted conventions are in force, no State should give vent to such opportunity as sternly advocated by us."

Special General Meeting and 62nd AGM

The Special General Meeting for the amendment of the constitution of the Young Men's Buddhist Association of Kelaniya (YMBA) and its 62nd Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday December 12 at 3.00 pm. at the Sri Sudharshanarama Purana Viharaya, Kiribathgoda, presided over its President S. Sepala Rathnayake.

New office bearers for 2022 are scheduled to be elected on the same day.

The meetings will be coordinated by Ven. Makola Mangala Thera, Senior Lecturer of University of Ruhuna and Chief Incumbent Thera of Sri Sudharshanarama Purana Viharaya.

DN Diary

NATA survey shows single cigarette sales should be banned

MANJARI PEIRIS

It is revealed that 15.8 percent of the Sri Lankan population above the age of 14 year consume tobacco, according to a survey conducted by the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol (NATA).

The current data related to tobacco consumption in the country was revealed through a survey conducted using two steps, through the internet and by submission of a physically printed copy of the sur-

vey distributed throughout the country.

Of over 1,000 candidates who participated in this survey, 62 percent were men and over 40 percent belonged to the 17 to 30 age group. Thirty percent were smokers. Education-wise they were from high school graduates to undergraduates.

Some of those who participated believed that if the Government increases the prices of cigarettes, it would increase

beedi consumption whereas studies show it is not so.

It is interesting and encouraging to note that since the inception of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol under the Act No. 27 of 2006, it is the first time that a public survey has been conducted by the Authority.

NATA believes that the survey results would immensely help the Authority in amending the NATA Act by way of presenting the facts to policymakers. Sixty-five percent of the participants of the sur-

vey had consented to banning the sale of single cigarettes which currently motivates use of cigarettes among potential and poor smokers (vulnerable groups).

Ninety-five percent of respondents have opted that cigarette smoking should be banned in public places and should not be sold within 500 metres of boys' schools.

The 2022 Budget presented in the Parliament recently includes a price increase of cigarettes along with an increase of the excise tax.

Car falls down precipice

GAMINI BANDARA Maskeliya Group Corr.

The driver of a car that fell 100 feet down a precipice in the St. Clair area in Talawakele has been hospitalized with serious injuries.

The car was travelling from Nuwara Eliya to Kotagala when it fell into a precipice of about 100 feet near a bend in the St. Clair area in Talawakele, causing severe damage to the car and injuries to the driver, police said.

The driver of the car was travelling alone at the time of the accident and examinations have revealed was under the influence of liquor, according to Talawakele Police.



The car fell down a precipice near a bend in the St. Clair area in Talawakele. Picture by Maskeliya Group Corr.

Karapitiya surgeons save life of woman stabbed with fishing rod

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE

Galle Central Spl. Corr.

Two surgeons at the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital, Galle, successfully removed a five-foot fishing rod that had penetrated through a woman's left shoulder to her thorax.

The victim is a resident of Moroituduwa in Rathgama. She is 40 and a mother of two. The woman's husband had allegedly stabbed her with the fishing rod.

She was admitted the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital on Tuesday with the fishing rod fixed to her body.

She was unconscious at the time of admission and surgeons Rasika Pathirana and Palitha Bat-

aduwa operated on her for about an hour and a half to remove the fishing rod.

Senior Resident Surgeon Rasika Pathirana said that the woman is currently recovering well. She was admitted to the hospital at around 1.30 am on Tuesday.

"The fishing rod pierced through her left arm and into her thorax. We had to cut off part of the rod to do a CT scan. The scan showed that her nerves were not damaged. We were able to remove the rod without damaging the muscles or nerves," Dr. Pathirana said. The woman's husband is a fisherman, police said. He has fled the area after the incident and Rathgama Police are conducting investigations to find and arrest him.



An X-ray of the woman's chest shows the fishing rod on the right. Picture by Mahinda P. Liyanage

NIHAL RATNAIKE

Pioneering cultural icon in the English Press

The colonial masters bequeathed a segregated cultural landscape when they finally left the isle. The citizens of post-Independence Ceylon were led into wonders of the industrial revolution initiated in the 19th Century.

The newspaper is one offshoot of the revolution, though could be aptly termed as one of the most ancient communication tools compared to today's sophisticated palm-held technology dynasty. Still, the newspaper readership was mostly confined to the Ceylonese elite.

Those who conversed in English had little or no concern towards what happened in Sinhalese, the language of the natives. The scarce allocation that Ceylon Daily News had for culture and arts in its limited count of pages during the initial decades was confined to English art.

ings, mostly short stories, are noteworthy for foreign bylines.

Space, if any, reserved for local arts was little.

To this foray entered Ediriweera Sarachchandra whose Maname has weathered through half a century. Sarachchandra's academic links with the Western-educated local elite provided his iconic play with a fitting audience, though the English-speaking elite did not show much interest at the outset.

Could that be attributed to disdain or disinterest? The answer lies in a piece of writing.

"The art is the old mask, seen rarely outside of private collections nowadays, which has been delicately and reverently (a mask was treated with religious respect by the traditional carvers) carved by the old craftsmen and coloured with natural dyes painstakingly made out of roots and leaves and earth mixed with a binding oil extracted from the dorana tree.

This writing appeared in 'Kala: Viranga' art column of the Ceylon Daily News editorial page in the early 70s. The writing belongs to Nihal Ratnaike who breathed his last on December 4.

Nihal Ratnaike was a pioneer wordsmith

who revived the Sinhalese culture and arts in Ceylon Daily News. The Daily News was the first English language newspaper to take notice of the re-awakening in the local cultural scene as seen most vibrantly in the productions of Sarachchandra, Chitrasena, Henry Jayasena, Sugathapala de Siva and some others.

"These productions were mostly staged at the Lumbini Hall in Havelock Town which was really a school hall not built for theatre, but made available by a sympathetic school head to the impecunious Sinhala theatre people. The Lumbini soon became the Mecca of Sinhala theatre. And the Daily News unerringly recorded these happenings. As a result, the English reading public too, or at least the culture-conscious among them, began to patronise the Sinhala theatre."

In 1951, the then Observer Editor Denzil Peiris was looking for young and vibrant writers for his Editorial staff. The requirement was advertised on the paper. This was the Eureka moment for Ratnaike who cut his professional teeth with news reporting as a trainee journalist. Writing to the paper was nothing alien. Even while schooling, he had penned letters to the editor. As he honed his writing style, Ratnaike gradually switched to



writing features. That led him to a certain point of culmination. Features Editor Bennie Fernando suggested that he must initiate a column on arts.

'Kala: Viranga' drew quite a response. The heavy influx of letters and telephone calls raced Ratnaike's analytical motor. As Premil Ratnayake, a contemporary scribe, records in one of his reminiscences, the victims of 'Kala: Viranga' were 'standing at the footsteps of Lake House crying for Nihal's blood'. He went into crucial details which mattered much for the readership. The column certainly initiated a new chapter in the English Press for it elevated the Sinhalese cultural platform.

Not only the Western educated elite, but the English-speaking elite too developed an interest in the Sinhalese theatre. The attention drawn to the likes of Lionel Wendt was progressively shifted to the school of Sarachchandra and Chitrasena. Ratnaike's pen sped, stimulating as well as stirring the local cultural circles. But the very same pen he did not cast away when he made a re-entry to the paper as its Editor-in-Chief in 1995.

Ratnaike gradually ascended the journalistic ladder as Features Editor, Deputy Editor, Editor-in-Chief, Chief Administrative Officer and finally Editorial Director of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. The Editorial Director's position was traditionally reserved for luminaries with journalistic excellence. Nihal Ratnaike, with his linguistic prowess, was among the few luminaries who occupied that prestigious chair.

"There was one habit which Nihal Mama never abandoned," his nephew, Varuna de Silva, would disclose to me at the funeral: "He made sure that both the Daily News and The Island were delivered right to his door and read them both."

Nihal Ratnaike celebrated his 87th birthday on November 22 before the curtain fell on a well-lived life. His legacy is forgotten and forsaken on the sands of time. But Nihal Ratnaike remains a towering figure for initiating a renaissance of Sinhalese culture in the English Press. When he was, we used to look up to him; his presence had depth and resonance.

For those of us who felt it, the presence lives on even if he is no more.

SACHITRA MAHENDRA



SUNIL PERERA

A musician loved by many

Appreciations are usually written for friends, relations, colleagues and close associates of a person. However, this is an appreciation done for a talented, versatile and big-hearted human being I have not associated with, but who occupies a huge place in my heart and hence in my thoughts every day.

This gentleman is none other than our beloved unassuming and humble Sunil Perera, a straightforward human being who has immensely contributed to the music industry while remaining popular for five decades.

His music has been an integral part of my life since time immemorial and my thoughts go back to the times I discussed "music" with my father, after dinner. I recall him saying that "Gypsies played at their wedding, way back in 1979, when 'Thorani Bandimata, Linda Langa Sangamaya' were popular hits.

Subsequently, as a child, I reminisce the happy moments when my family who were ardent music lovers listened to their Lunu dehi album, followed by Ojaye album. My parents and I loved these songs which were sung frequently especially when we went on trips.

These extremely catchy songs, have a "feel good factor" associated with them, thus spreading positive vibes. Further, most of these songs (loway sama, hama dema wenay hondatai etc) carry a valuable message to our society at large.

The main personality behind all these songs is Sunil Perera who was versatile enough to sing songs ranging from ballads such as Oba dutu e mul dinay to relatively faster songs such as Sathutu sina ha vasana to his very own bailla which are played at parties.

While being a successful musician who was recognised locally as well as internationally among the Sri Lankan communities, he was a person known for the remarkable support and assistance he rendered towards the younger musicians. These musicians were interested in building careers for themselves and never hesitated to reach out to dear Sunil Aiya for advice. It is a known fact that he assisted younger musicians very sincerely and wholeheartedly. What Nalin Perera, Bathiya and Sathush, and Dushan etc. reveal about Sunil bears testimony to the above-mentioned fact.

Apart from his music, I have firsthand information (through a friend who is closely associated with Piyal and Sunil) about his generosity. This is an attribute, most of the people in our country lack. Sunil was a person with a lot of empathy who always assisted the less fortunate people to improve their quality of life. He has shown his gratitude to parties who assisted him to gain fame (especially composers, previous members of the band etc.) who were financially rewarded on a monthly basis, continuously, until his demise. He has done all these deeds without expecting anything in return. This information was revealed only by the recipients who found Sunil to be an exceptional human being with great qualities.

Further, his discussions we see on YouTube have a lot of substance where all of us can learn to become better people who are less



selfish and less self-centred. He always advised people to be united as citizens of one country, rather than by religion, caste or creed. Further, some pieces of advice given by him have enabled me to become a better human being and I owe a lot to this gentleman although I have never known him personally.

My one and only acquaintance with Sunil was way back in 1989 as a nine-year-old girl clinging on to my father's arm at a "Maroons Ball" when the Gypsies performed. I recall a few moments, when my father spoke to him, looked at me and then said "They played at our wedding". I still remember Sunil smiling at me when he heard what my father said.

In spite of my acquaintance being limited to the above incident, his talent, generosity, beliefs and attitude towards all religions have left a lasting impression on me as well as everyone else who admire him.

His music most certainly helps to make people happier, improve people's heart rates and blood pressure via rhythm and tempo. I love his music. Whenever I'm feeling tired or drained after a hard day's work, listening to his catchy songs brightens my spirits. I have been enjoying his music for more than 30 years and this would undoubtedly continue until my last breath.

Farewell, dear Sunil, you will occupy a special place in many a person's hearts, due to your remarkable contribution to the music industry, generosity and willingness to lend a hand to anyone irrespective of religion, caste or creed.

The music industry will not be the same now that you are gone and the void you have left will remain forever.

However, I know you are a person who lived your life to the fullest while being an enormously big-hearted human being with a lot of empathy. Although you are no more, your great musical performances and all your good deeds will stay forever in our hearts and minds.

TARINDRI DE MEL

MAHANAMA ELLEPOLA

A true gentleman

It is with deepest sorrow and sadness that I write this tribute to the late Mahanama Ellepola, who left us in September this year. He was humble, kind, loving, caring and good at heart and soul, and a rare individual who touched so many lives by selfless and countless acts of kindness.

Mahanama Ellepola was born in 1943. Having schooled at St. Anthony's College Kandy, he earned a General Arts degree at the Peradeniya University in 1970. He joined the Marga Institutes (Sri Lankan Center for Development Studies) in 1972 as Research Officer where he worked until 1984. During this period, he was involved in a number of research studies and contributed in numerous ways to Marga publications.

He was first interested in pursuing his studies in law and passed the first in Law examination from the Colombo University in 1975 as an external candidate, where he then decided to pursue postgraduate studies in urban and rural development. He completed the Master of Science Degree in Town and Country Planning in 1982 and joined the Mahaweli Development Authority in 1984. Until his retirement, Mahanama served in the Authority in various positions such as Senior Manager and Deputy Resident Manager, particularly serving in the Mahaweli settlement areas in Anuradhapura and Matale districts.

He enjoyed his work serving the resettled families, and one time he oversaw the distribution of food items under the World Food Programme. After retirement, he became a consultant to prepare documents on development projects. Although there were difficulties to work after the ethnic conflict in 1983, he continued to work in conflict-affected areas at the field level.

The Institute of Town Planners Sri Lanka (ITPSL) was established in 1982 and in 1984, Mahanama became a member of the ITPSL and has been attending meetings and discussions for promoting the profession of town planning in Sri Lanka. Mahanama Ellepola was rare among our peers and his death is a considerable loss. He will long be remembered both as an engaging and as a kindhearted person - a man of honesty, integrity and loyal to his wife and others. He left us with so many unforgettable memories. He is survived by his wife Ranjini (my aunt), who was a pillar of strength to him.

Uncle Mahanama, you were and will always be an inspiration to myself, the entire family and anyone who associated with you. You have left a void in the family that will never be filled. May you attain the Supreme Bliss of Nirvana!

UKSHAN WIDYALANKARA



SALE UNDER SECTION 29D OF PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 32 OF 1986

PEOPLE'S BANK WELIGAMA BRANCH (077)

AUCTION SALE OF A VALUABLE PROPERTY

ALLOTMENT OF LAND MARKED: Lot 0204 in Block No. 01 in cadastral Map No. 820008 of Surveyor General of the land called Tikiriappuwewewatta and Abanchigewatta alias Thekkawatta, situated at Hittetiya, Grama Niladhari Division of No. 420-D-Hittetiya-East, within the Municipal Council Limits and Divisional Secretariat Division of Matara, in Matara District, Southern Province.

LAND IN EXTENT: Naught Decimal Naught One Nine Nine Hectares (H-0.0199) together with buildings, plantations, everything else. Registered at Title Certificate No. 00170012994 in Matara Land Registry.

Under the authority granted to me by People's Bank, I shall sell by Public Auction on 28th December 2021 Commencing at 3.30 p.m at the spot.

The auction will be conducted in accordance with the strict guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, adhering to COVID - 19 protocol.

FOR NOTICE OF RESOLUTION: Please refer the government gazette of 26.11.2021 and Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran of 18.11.2021 news papers.

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY: 1.5 km away from Matara Town to Hakmana and from there to Kumaradasa Mawatha, from Pindiya Junction, and when you go to Muchalinda Pirivena which situated about 900 metres away. This property is situated at the left-side of the road when you go about 15 metres from the said junction.

MODE OF PAYMENT: The successful purchaser will have to pay following amount in cash at the fall of the hammer.

- 1. 10% purchased price
2. 01% of the tax payable to the Local Authority.
3. Auctioneer's Commission of 2 1/2 % (Two and a half percent only) on sale price.
4. Clerk's and crier's fee of Rs. 1000/=
5. Cost of sale and any other charges, if any.
6. Stamp duty to the certification

Balance 90% of the purchased price will have to be paid within 30 days from the date of sale to the Regional Manager, People's Bank, Regional Head office No. 215, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Nupe, Matara.

Tel: :041-2223437, 041-4922605 Fax: 041-2222601

The title deeds and other references may be obtained from the following address. If the said amount is not paid within 30 days as stipulated above, the bank shall have the right to forfeit the purchased price already paid and resell the property.

11/55, Bogahawatta, Kudabuthgamuwa, Angoda T.P. 011 2053286, 072 3207533, 076 9217329 E.S. Ramanayake Court Commissioner Licensed Auctioneer, Valuer and (JP Whole Island)

DATE : 08.12.2021 WEDNESDAY OFFICIAL RESULTS www.nlb.lk

Mahajana Sampatha draw results: DRAW NUMBER: 4610, Prizes won in this draw Rs. 10,084,090.00, The super prize of next draw Rs. 26,067,663.00

Govisetha draw results: DRAW NUMBER: 2905, TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 5,281,540.00, THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 77,614,612.96

Mega Power draw results: DRAW NUMBER: 958, TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 2,983,240.00, NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE Rs. 158,423,444.40, NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE Rs. 10,000,000.00, NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE Rs. 10,000,000.00

Dhana Nidhanaya draw results: DRAW NUMBER: 640, TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 2,893,460.00, THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 87,025,951.60

Jathika Sampatha draw results: DRAW NUMBER: 1178, TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 3,042,160.00, THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 10,795,826.40

08.12.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 597,648, TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS Rs. 24,284,490.00, Rs. 2,000,000 PRIZES 07, Rs. 1,000,000 PRIZES 01, Rs. 100,000 PRIZES 18

32, Deshamanya N. W. J. Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo - 01.

Daily News



The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited,
LAKE HOUSE
P. O. Box 1217 No. 35, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha,
Colombo 10, Sri Lanka
Telephone : (011) 242 9211 Fax: (011) 234 3694
E-mail : editor.dailynews@lakehouse.lk
news.dailynews@lakehouse.lk
Friday, December 10, 2021

A prudent move

The Government's decision to make refusal to obtain both COVID jabs punishable under the law is a prudent step given the urgency for such drastic action due to the new emergency situation following the advent of the Omicron strain of the Coronavirus. Perhaps, the detection of the female with the Omicron variant unvaccinated, due allegedly to religious beliefs forced the Government's hand in this regard.

Health Minister Keheliya Rambukwella made the announcement that henceforth obtaining both vaccine doses would be made compulsory under the law at an event in Hataraliyedda on Wednesday. The Minister told the media that they had decided to follow other countries which had taken certain measures to keep their countries open amidst the pandemic. "We have to think about the economy. Although Government employees continue to receive their salaries there are a large segment of others who have been deprived of an income due to pandemic driven restrictions. Therefore we have to take certain steps to ease their burden. Towards this end we have decided to make obtaining both vaccines compulsory under the law".

The worsening spread of the Coronavirus too may have hastened the Government's decision. It is reported that during the past seven days alone 5,205 COVID-19 cases had been detected while deaths amounted to 171 during the same period. There are also 77 COVID patients receiving ICU treatment. Since December 2, the number of positive cases being detected stood at between 700 and 760, a rise by some 44 per cent since October when the graph steadied somewhat around 500. According to Dr. Anvar Hamdani, COVID-19 Chief Coordinating Director of the Health Ministry they have reserved 17,155 beds for COVID-19 patients at 159 centres and there are already 7,669 patients occupying these beds.

The situation certainly looks grim and with the festive season all ready to break out into an explosion in the coming days there is no knowing what is in store for the country in the New Year. Frighteningly, schools too have now fallen victim to a great degree, including leading schools in the City where cases are being reported. The problem, no doubt, is exacerbated with the carriers of the virus not showing symptoms leaving room for an infected student to spread the contagion.

The rash of protests too is not helping. Television showed Government servants protesting for a pay hike conducting themselves in a most irresponsible manner, with some of the union leaders themselves captured mask-less in front page pictures. If this state of affairs were to continue, even the legally enforced vaccinations are not going to help. As is already known several prominent figures including politicians and artists who had taken both jabs succumbed to the virus. It is therefore vital for the public to strictly adhere to the health protocols. But we don't see this happening.

Private buses continue to carry their capacity loads and trains ply as in the pre-Coronavirus days, with the commuters spilling out of the compartments. Workplaces continue to report positive cases in increasing numbers, calling into question the prudence of calling back the full complement of staff instead of making do with a core group that would have been sufficient to make the offices functional.

Medical experts and PHIs raised fears about relaxing the restrictions the last time around and the country was made to suffer the consequences, with lengthy lockdowns crippling the economy. It looks like history is going to repeat itself going by the *laissez-faire* attitude displayed by the public. It is as if there never was a pandemic in this country. Worse, at a time when schools are becoming increasingly vulnerable, sports events such as rugby that necessarily call for body contact are being organised while spectators are allowed to witness the current franchise cricket matches, albeit only those having taken both jabs.

All this is indicative that the country is back to normal while at the same time health professionals appear daily on television issuing dire warnings of another deadly outbreak of the pandemic if the public continues to put their guard down. In this context, the move made by the authorities to have all supermarkets and shopping centres kept under check is a prudent one. It is felt that at the peak of Christmas shopping in the coming days these supermarkets may allow entry to more than the permitted capacity in order to cope with the numbers. This situation is fraught with risk as crowds gathering inside air-conditioned premises in large numbers are highly vulnerable. The festive spirit may also force crowds to part with safety measures such as the distance rule. Already the pavements in the Fort and Pettah are teeming with hawkers and so are the crowds with disaster staring in the face since wearing masks and distance rules are invariably observed in the breach by the very nature of the business.

The authorities should act fast before it is too late to install a proper monitoring process to salvage the situation. Lessons from the past should be taken to heart. One cannot be too careful in the present situation.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Great interests demand great safeguards.
- Thomas Francis Meagher

US: Myopic view on democracy

BIDEN INVITES STATES WITH AUTHORITARIAN CHARACTERISTICS TO HIS DEMOCRACY SUMMIT – AMERICAN DEMOCRATS

Sugeeswara Senadhira



US President Joe Biden's Democratic Summit concludes today (December 10, the Human Rights Day), with several leaders of countries branded by independent watchdog institutions as most authoritarian regimes in the world. Two American institutes, Freedom House index and Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) revealed that eight invitees fall exceptionally low on these democracy rankings, raising troubling questions about their invitations: Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Kenya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Serbia, and Zambia. Four additional invitees prompt serious backsliding concerns due to heightened levels of autocratization or big declines in freedom of expression over the past ten years: Brazil, India, the Philippines, and Poland. Of the strange mix of invitees, the Freedom House listed at least 3 of the invitees as 'not free' and as many as 31 as 'partly free'. By the American State Department's own account, the governments of both Pakistan and the Philippines are responsible for "unlawful or arbitrary killings."

Some countries were not invited due to very surprising reasons. Hungary, a member of the European Union, and Turkey, a NATO ally, were excluded. Asked about the criteria, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said, "Inclusion or an invitation is not a stamp of approval on their approach to democracy — nor is exclusion a stamp of the opposite of that, of disapproval." The excluded countries aren't buying that lame excuse. Hungary complained that the country is being penalized for its closeness to former President Donald Trump. The Hungarian Embassy in Washington said the Biden administration's decision was "disrespectful."

South Asia's oldest democracy, Sri Lanka has been excluded while countries with blatant human right violations have been invited as they vote with the US on any resolution at the United Nations General Assembly.

Derek Mitchell, a former U.S. ambassador to Myanmar and the President of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, agreed. "My sense is this is not an initiative to create an exclusive club of democracy but to just celebrate this issue of democracy," Mitchell said.



US President Joe Biden

"But you can't help geopolitics being here."

Attack on US Capitol

Another challenge for the administration is that the United States itself is not a perfect example of a well-oiled democracy. Freedom House's 2021 Freedom in the World report — which scores countries on a scale of 0 to 100 — gave the United States a score of 83, a marked decline from its score of 94 a decade ago. The deadly January 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, too, undermined American democracy in the eyes of many allies. Hence, one critic said the US democracy and human rights call is a 'pot calling the kettle black'.

Two of the strangest invitees to the Democracy Summit are Brazil, the country with the largest population in the continent and Marshall Islands, which has the lowest population — mere 56,000. Both are listed human rights violators. The first thousand days into President Jair Bolsonaro's administration, Brazil is considerably worse off than when he took office, Amnesty International said. Gross mismanagement of the COVID-19 pandemic, the aggravation of a public security crisis, and vast environmen-

tal devastation are just three outcomes of a tenure that has been nothing less than 'disastrous for human rights.' Amnesty International has highlighted 32 government actions that have clearly led to serious human rights violations since the Brazilian President's inauguration to September 26, 2021.

Millions of people across the country have felt the impact of these harmful policies in their pockets, on their dinner tables, and in their bodies. Brazil is mired in a grave and multidimensional human rights crisis, AI added.

The US, while inviting perpetrators of human rights violation to the Summit, failed to take into account the steps taken by Sri Lanka towards strengthening human rights, peace, reconciliation. Sri Lanka's National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (NHRAP) was published nine years ago and steps were taken to implement it vigorously. One of the main pledges made was to adopt and implement a national plan of action that would encapsulate all national efforts towards improvement in human rights promotion and protection in the country. The Cabinet granted its approval for the NHRAP and also the process of implementation, coordination and monitoring in the following year 50 agencies of government were given the responsibility for implementation. The progress report was placed during the periodical review process in UNHRC in Geneva, outlining progress made to date and underscored the importance of the NHRAP in the promotion and protection of human rights as well as contributing towards reconciliation and peace-building initiatives of the Government.

The US, while excluding many important democratic countries, invited its lackey Marshall Islands to the Summit. Marshall Islands was ceded to U.S. control after the World War II and the US used it for nuclear testing. From 1946 to 1958, the United States detonated 67 atomic bombs on the islands—the equivalent of 1.6

The United States itself is not a perfect example of a well-oiled democracy. Freedom House's 2021 Freedom in the World report — which scores countries on a scale of 0 to 100 — gave the United States a score of 83, a marked decline from its score of 94 a decade ago. The deadly January 6 insurrection at the US Capitol, too, undermined American democracy in the eyes of many allies. Hence, one critic said the US democracy and human rights call is a 'pot calling the kettle black'.

Hiroshimas a day for 12 years. The effects are still felt today, and the Marshall Islands are one of the countries least visited by tourists.

This is a sprawling chain of volcanic islands and coral atolls in the central Pacific Ocean, records a population of 58,791 people. Bikini Atoll, where the US military conducted nuclear testing from 1946 through 1958 is one of the atolls in the chain.

Human Rights

The Republic of the Marshall Islands, though claims to be a sovereign state, has a Compact with United States who has agreed to pay at least US\$57 million every year. Under the Compact, the United States has full authority and responsibility for security and defense of the Marshall Islands, and the Government of the Marshall Islands is obligated to refrain from taking actions that would be incompatible with these security and defence responsibilities.

On the instructions of the US, Marshall Islands still recognize Taiwan as the legitimate rulers of China and maintains diplomatic relations with them. The Marshall Islands also has a very dubious record of selling babies to the US through an astonishing and shameless human trafficking ring, operating for years across the Marshall Islands archipelago and the United States of America. The racket involved pregnant women from Pacific being lured to the United States with offers of \$10,000 and the promise of a new life in America, to give up their babies. That is the record of a country invited by President Biden to his Democratic Summit.

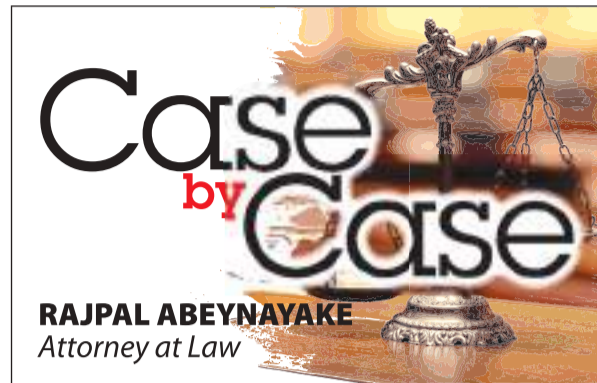
There is a long notorious record of human rights violations by Iraq, another invitee to Biden's Democratic Summit. The Human Rights Watch accused Iraq of arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, and extrajudicial killings of demonstrators in the last two years. The Iraqi government failed to address these issues or to prevent most serious human rights violations and there is no democracy in Iraq.

Another invitee, Fiji has been questioned by human rights groups over the years. Prime Minister Rear Admiral Frank Bainimarama was the leader of 2006 coup (he also led the counter-coup of 2000) and has held onto power, albeit through few elections during some of which fundamental rights including freedom of speech, association, and assembly were openly violated. Two years ago, during the Fiji's general election, Amnesty International called on the government to tackle the country's failing human rights protections. Amnesty Spokeswoman Roshika Deo said security forces continued to torture people, media workers were harassed for doing their job and women were shamed and harassed for calling out violence and discrimination against them. "We had reports of torture and death in police custody and in remand centres. Freedom of expression is criminalised in Fiji. There's an increasing use of sedition and other criminal provisions to arrest and attack the media." However, Admiral Bainimarama's military coups and decrees are democratic, according to the lopsided logic of the US.



Protesters storming the US Capitol on January 6, 2021 in Washington, DC. - Global Times

Make no mountains out of technical molehills



learned President's Counsel for the defendant on the above objection and the Counsel for the plaintiff, had inquired from the Counsel for the plaintiff as to whether he wishes to amend the plaint but Counsel for the plaintiff indicated to Court that the plaint need not be amended but sought permission from Court to allow the registered Attorney of the plaintiff to initial or endorse the caption showing the alteration with the word Colombo which was handwritten on the plaint."

Imagine that a plaint filed in District Court had a caption that stated District Court of Mt. Lavinia which words had been struck off with a pen and replaced with the words Colombo. Imagine that such a plaint was admitted in Court despite the fact that the alteration mentioned had not been initialed.

This is exactly what happened in a matter taken up in 1994. The reader would probably expect such a plaint in Court that had alterations made in this rather amateur fashion wouldn't be tenable, or acceptable. Well, the story on this DC matter is long, and episodic.

The plaint was indeed dismissed by the District Judge due to the un-initialed change in the caption. However, the plaintiff appealed this decision in the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal in judgement noted the events that led to the appeal:

"This appeal arises from the order of dismissal of the plaintiff's action on 31.5.1994 by the learned Additional District Judge, Colombo where a preliminary objection was raised at the trial by the defendant-respondent to the plaint filed of record stating that the caption of the plaint reads as District Court of Mt. Lavinia and the word Mt. Lavinia had been struck-off and the word Colombo inserted in hand writing. The original Court Judge after hearing both the

The defendant-respondent was unrelenting. His Counsel took up the position that the un-initialed change indicated it could have been made at any time i.e even after the case had been filed, even though the copies given to the defendant also did not carry the alteration. One would have thought the defendant had a valid point, though technical in nature.

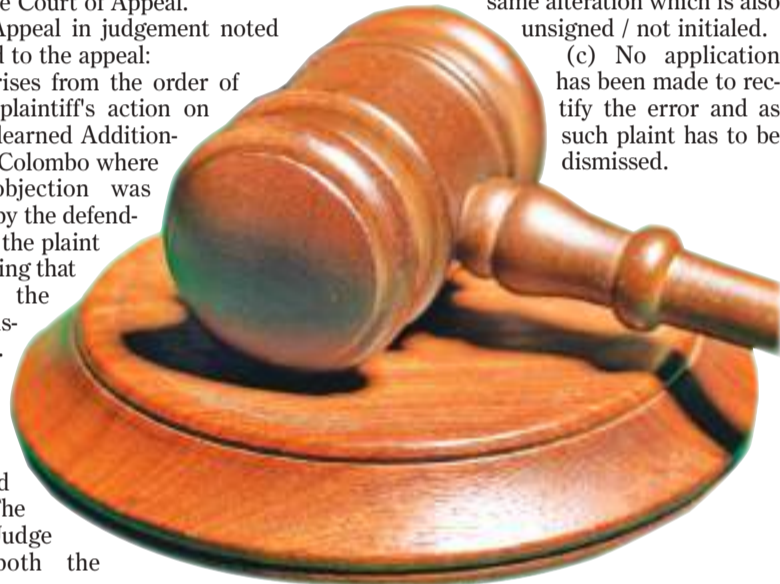
The Court of Appeal judgement recorded the defendant-respondent's objections in this manner:

It was contended on behalf of the defendant-respondent that:

(a) Failure to initial the caption is indicative of the fact that the caption would have been altered at any time on any date.

(b) Service copy of the plaint too has the same alteration which is also unsigned / not initialed.

(c) No application has been made to rectify the error and as such plaint has to be dismissed.



Supreme Court complex

However, the contention of the plaintiff-appellant was clear. The plaint was tendered to Court and duly accepted after the alteration was made, and the date stamp was duly affixed by the registrar. The defendant had taken up the position that no alteration made without the consent of the counsel for the plaintiff for instance, can be accepted — inferring that the alteration could have been made by say a mischievous third party. But the defendant's Counsel was adamant that the registered attorney made the changes.

His contentions in Court were:

(a) any objection of this nature should be taken at the earliest opportunity by motion prior to the trial date.

(b) Plaint had been tendered to the registry on 29.9.91 and accepted on 30.9.91. (date stamp placed)

(c) Plaint accepted after the caption was altered correctly.

(d) Service copy has been subscribed by the registered Attorney for plaintiff.

The Court of Appeal considered the following questions before arriving at a judgement.

Was an amendment of caption an imperative under the following circumstances?

a) Is there any prejudice or injustice caused to the defence?

(b) Is the objection of a trivial nature, which can be cured?

(c) Is an amendment of the caption really necessary?

(d) Should the merits of the case be considered and permit the parties to proceed to trial rather than dismissing the case without considering the merits, merely because plaintiff took the view that there is no need to amend the plaint.

The plaintiff's Counsel had taken up the position that all that needed to be done was to initial the caption, and not have the plaint be amended. The Court of Appeal took up the position that the District Judge was correct only to the extent that the plaint had to be initialed.

Court of Appeal seemed to concur with plaintiff's Counsel, in any case:

"Plaintiff's position was that an amendment was not necessary or that there is nothing to be done to alter the plaint other than to place

the initial of the Attorney in the place where the word 'Colombo' (hand written) appears, since the plaint has been presented and accepted by Court by that time the objection was raised by the defence. If that position of the plaintiff is accepted the only lapse if at all on his part would be his failure to endorse or initial the place where the word 'Colombo' appears on the plaint. To this extent the learned District Judge is correct as any slight alteration needs to be initialed by the registered Attorney-at-Law".

Court was of the view that the fundamental fact to be taken into account was that plaints are amended in order to clarify the issues between parties and not for other extraneous matters such as a correction in the caption which had nothing to do with the issues:

"However, I am inclined to accept the position of the plaintiff's Counsel that there was no necessity to apply to Court to amend the plaint, other than to place one's initials with permission of Court at the point where hand written word appears on the plaint. Amendment of pleadings will become necessary only as ascertain the points in issue in case of doubt and it has been considered by our courts that the function of the pleadings is to clarify the issues so that the real issues between the parties may be tried. J. E. Senanayake v V. H. L. Anthonisz and another - 69 NLR 225 at 227".

In another curious case that was taken up in the Supreme Court (Jeneeta Martel Loren Perera Nee Cooray vs. Francis Rajeev Perera and five others, SC Spl LA No. 198/2011, C.A 624/2001 (F)), the Court of Appeal had included the name of a dead person in the caption of the judgement and the Petitioners in the Supreme Court had taken this caption as is, verbatim, in submitting the caption when filing papers in the Supreme Court. One year later the caption was amended to exclude the dead person, and the Respondents objected to this amendment.

In this Special Leave to Appeal application the lordships the SC judges noted that to allow an amendment to the caption was not the purview of the Court.

However the Court itself decided to expunge the name of the deceased fifth respondent, and hear the case for support, even though the amended caption wasn't accepted.

Assange deserves Nobel Prize

KALINGA SENEVIRATNE

In the early 1980s when I was studying mass communications in Australia, our journalism lecturer told us that as journalists we will have to hold governments to account, and to do that sometimes we may need to depend on leaks from government officials. "You should not hesitate to use that information, while ensuring that you do not disclose the source," he instructed us, adding, "if anyone asks you (for the source) tell them it fell off the back of a truck".

What founder of WikiLeaks, Australian journalist Julian Assange did 20 years later was exactly that, and in the Internet age, instead of using some paper documents leaked by a government official, he used electronic documents leaked to him via computer by a US government intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning.

If this year's Nobel Peace Prize is about promoting "Press Freedom" the Norwegian Nobel Committee has missed a golden opportunity to make a powerful statement at a time when such freedom is under threat in the very countries that have traditionally claimed a patent on it.

Assange held under torturous conditions in a high-security British prison awaiting possible extradition to the US, should have been given the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize.

US war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan

The UN's Special Rapporteur on Torture, Nils Melzer has accused the British government of torturing Assange. "The purpose of what has been done to Julian Assange is not to punish or coerce him, but to silence him and to do so in broad daylight, making visible to the entire world that those who expose the misconduct of the powerful no longer enjoy the protection of the law," he said in media statement before his trial began.

Assange has paid a heavy price for exposing US war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan with the help of Manning. He is now facing 19 espionage charges for activities related to the publication of leaked classified US government information. If convicted he faces a maximum of 175 years in a US jail.

US authorities have accused the 50-year-old WikiLeaks founder of conspiring to hack government computers and of violating an espionage law in connection with the release of confidential cables by WikiLeaks in 2010-2011.

"Julian Assange committed the crime of letting the general population know things that they have a right to know and that powerful states don't want them to know," noted renowned American media critic Noam Chomsky in an interview on Russia's RT channel last year.



Julian Assange

In announcing this year's Nobel Peace Prize to Filipino journalist Maria Ressa and Russian newspaper editor Dmitry Muratov, the Nobel Committee said that it was awarded "for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace".

They added that the two of them have fought a courageous battle for freedom of expression in the Philippines and Russia.

It is true that they have waged a courageous battle against their own governments. But these are regimes, which are not subservient to the West. Both of them, are alleged to be heavily funded by Western "donor" agencies, thus, a reason for their governments cracking down heavily on both, seeing their activities as a form of espionage and a security threat.

Assange's battle

The question that needs to be asked from the Nobel Committee is why is Ressa's and Muratov's activities seen as far more important to achieving world peace, than the coura-



Nobel Peace Prize winners Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov

geous battle of Assange to exposed far more serious crimes that have far greater impact on world peace?

If charges against Assange were brought before the US courts for his publishing activity, he would be found not guilty due to the US First Amendment constitutional protections for free speech. Thus, the US security apparatus arguing that Assange's actions compromised the safety of its personnel around the world, has defined WikiLeaks as a "non-state hostile intelligence service". Basically their claim to be a publisher and journalist were struck down, so that espionage charges could be laid. Amnesty International's Secretary-General Agnes Callamard in a statement released on October 27 called on US authorities to drop the charges against Assange, and UK courts to release him immediately. "It is a damning indictment that nearly 20 years on, virtually no one responsible for alleged US war crimes committed in the course of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars has been held accountable, let alone prosecuted, and yet a publisher who exposed such crimes is potentially facing a lifetime in jail," she said.

In January this year, a British court ruled that Assange could not be extradited to the US due to fears of psychological torture in the US prison system. But, he remains in British custody because the Biden administration has appealed against it. A two-day hearing on the appeal was heard on October 27-28 and the verdict is due in the new year.

In a statement following the January verdict, Australia's journalists' union MEAA said "journalists everywhere should be concerned at the hostile manner in which the court dismissed all defence arguments related to press freedom" and added "Julian has suffered a 10-year ordeal for trying to bring information of public interest to the light of day, and it has had an immense impact on his mental and physical health".

"Julian Assange is a truth-teller who has committed no crime but revealed government crimes and lies on a vast scale and so performed one of the great public services of my lifetime," noted fellow Australian journalist John Pilger writing in Global Research after the latest court case in London. Pointing out that the case was ignored by the mainstream media, he adds, "most people would not know that a court in the heart of London had sat in judgment on their right to know: their right to question and dissent".

Former UK's *Daily Telegraph* chief political writer Peter Osborne in a recent commentary for Press Gazette warned that, "future generations of journalists would not forgive us if we do not fight extradition (of Assange)". He pointed out that there has been a deafening silence on Assange's plight in the mainstream media in the UK. Osborne argues that if it's a



case of a foreign journalist held in Britain's Belmarsh Prison charged with suppose espionage offences by the Chinese authorities, for exposing war crimes of the Chinese troops, and the Chinese were putting pressure on the British government to extradite him to China, where he could face up to 175 years in jail, "the outrage from the British press would be deafening". "There would be calls for protests outside the prison, solemn leaders in the broadsheet newspapers, debates on primetime news programmes, alongside a rush of questions in parliament," he noted, adding that the situation of Assange is identical to this scenario. "Yet there has been scarcely a word in the British mainstream media in his defense." If the UK courts agree to extradite Assange to the US, it would send a chilling message to journalists everywhere that fascism has arrived at the doorstep of the so-called "free world" and "watchdog" journalism is dead. In the meantime, President Biden and his allies will be trumpeting free speech at the democracy summit he has called for December 9 and 10, 2021.

[IDN-InDepthNews]

Striking a balance between ELEPHANTS and HUMANS

Long-term exposure to human hostility may make elephants both over-reactive and hostile to people in response. They take a series of revenge actions against human beings. We have observed, when they meet people at close range, they often take the initiative to attack humans without any provocation. On the other hand, villagers are pushed into a precarious position, with their livelihood, property, and life in danger.



DISHAN JOSEPH

A few weeks ago a video went viral on social media. It was about a disturbed wild elephant chasing a safari jeep, and subsequently one other jeep reversing and turning on its side amidst screams of terrified nature lovers. Why do such incidents continue to happen endangering human lives? Is the majestic Sri Lankan elephant also at risk?

Sri Lankans have a responsibility to protect endangered wildlife. However, when the elephant population thrives, the habitats that are situated close to or overlap with the human living space may not be able to fully support their survival, which creates new problems. When the needs and behaviours of wildlife have a negative impact on human interests, or the goals and interests of humans have a negative impact on the behaviours of wildlife, human-wildlife conflicts develop. Is the rapid growth of the population the root cause of the human-elephant conflict?

Wildlife damage can be divided into three categories:

(1) the damage caused by wild herbivores such as elephants and wild boars which mainly rely on crops as food sources, causing economic losses to human beings

(2) the damage caused by large wild carnivores such as leopards, which hunt poultry and other livestock and

(3) wildlife damage to human life caused mainly by elephants.

Death caused by poisonous snake bites in rural Sri Lanka is another issue, and another day's topic. Many studies have found that the frequency of conflicts between people and wildlife and economic losses are increasing. In my travels to many regions, the villagers expressed their attitude towards elephants. Most of them had a favourable attitudes towards elephants, and did not want to see any serious harm to the elephants. A small number of farmers had a dislike for elephants and hoped that they can be relocated. The main reason why some villagers liked elephants is that the elephants carry a symbolic value to the villagers; they represent the local environment and culture.

The villagers who had not experienced an elephant attack and damage had higher tolerance and positive attitudes towards the elephants. I have observed that male farmers, who had experienced crop damage, were more likely to have negative attitudes towards wild elephants. This may be affected by the social-ecosystem relationship between the local community and the elephants. The main type of elephant incident is the damage



of food crops and cash crops. Men are the main labour force in agricultural production, so they tend to show more negative attitudes towards wild elephants. To Sri Lankans, in the city or village, their impressions of elephants often remain in beautiful symbolism. However, negative attitudes are not conducive to the protection of the Sri Lankan wild elephants.

The traditional migration corridor of the elephants has been cut off, and the area for human settlement and the distribution area for the elephants gradually overlap. As a result, accidents associated with the elephants have become a serious problem. At the same time, the human-elephant conflict not only causes economic losses, but also affects and threatens the daily activities and

safety of village residents. Once the conflict exceeds the tolerance of local villagers, it is likely to endanger the villagers' enthusiasm for wildlife conservation.

There is an urgent need to protect and manage our wild elephants and alleviate the human-elephant conflict. Considering that the attitude and behaviour of indigenous people directly affect the effective implementation of conservation policies and the scientific construction of coexistence mechanisms for human beings and wildlife, it is necessary to conduct research on the relationship between humans and elephants. The elephants rarely

attack humans or livestock. The human-elephant conflicts occur mainly in villages bordering forest areas and nature reserves. The livestock that is mainly affected includes cattle and goats, while the food crops include rice, corn, sugarcane and banana. Agricultural production can be carried out throughout the year, and crops are planted in all seasons. Therefore, the incidents associated with the elephants are experienced throughout the year. With the vigorous development of economic crops, the original virgin forest has been permanently removed in some areas, and the habitat is more fragmented. Reclamation and cultivation have led to the continuous decrease in the habitat and food sources for elephants,

thus forcing the elephants to go out of the forest to seek food in the surrounding agricultural land, forming a situation in which humans and elephants compete against each other for living space.

Most of the villagers assumed a passive role in preventing the human-elephant conflict and after elephant accidents. Most of the villagers did not take any measures after the event. In the selection preference of preventive measures, most people chose to increase foot patrols around their cultivations, followed by driving away elephants with fire or lighting fire-crackers at night. With time the elephants have become used to the noise of the "thunder" crackers. It is worth noting that although the conflict between humans and elephants has affected the lives of rural residents, most of the residents still have a positive attitude towards the elephants. This may be closely related to the local historical, cultural tradition and current ecological and environmental protection education.

The Sri Lankan elephant has become a cultural symbol to the world, which stimulates the pride of the local people. They think that protecting the elephant is protecting certain characteristics of the local cultural heritage and the unique tropical forest

With the vigorous development of economic crops, the original virgin forest has been permanently removed in some areas, and the habitat is more fragmented. Reclamation and cultivation have led to the continuous decrease in the habitat and food sources for elephants, thus forcing the elephants to go out of the forest to seek food in the surrounding agricultural land, forming a situation in which humans and elephants compete against each other for living space.

environment. The compensation mechanism for wildlife attacks can be a more effective way to enhance villagers' tolerance towards elephants. The compensation mechanism does not only improve people's tolerance for the animals causing accidents, but also minimises the economic losses caused by the continuous wildlife damage. Can we assume that elephants have a new demand for food, which has changed their previous feeding behaviour?

Wild elephants prefer sugarcane, corn, banana, and other wild plants. These foods are relatively concentrated and easy to eat, and food from crops has replaced food from wild plants. Once the crops are ripe, elephants swarm into crop areas to feed on crops, thus aggravating the conflict with local villagers.

Long-term exposure to human hostility may make elephants both over-reactive and hostile to people in response. They take a series of revenge actions against human beings. We have observed, when they meet people at close range, they often take the initiative to attack humans without any provocation. On the other hand, villagers are pushed into a precarious position, with their livelihood, property, and life in danger. The forced change in livelihood style as a result of the human-elephant conflict may instigate negative attitudes among villagers towards the elephants, thus jeopardising the effectiveness of elephant protection.

The reality is that Local Government Bodies cannot solve a series of social problems brought about by the overall relocation of villages or the relocation of elephants. The villagers themselves do not want to leave the land where they have lived for generations. The Wildlife Department needs to enhance its response to incidents involving wild elephants. There are many dedicated rangers but they need more resources. Wildlife related tourism, especially safari tours need more regulation and educated guides/drivers who respect the forest and have a genuine passion for wildlife conservation. Sri Lankans must protect the wild elephants that have the natural birthright to live in the forest.





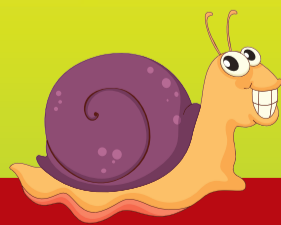
විවිධ අයුරු විනු ප්‍රදර්ශනය



2021
දෙසැම්බර්
11 වැනි
සෙනසුරාදා

මහජන පුස්තකාල ශ්‍රවණාගාරයේ දී

ගරු තොරතුරු හා ජනමාධ්‍ය අමාත්‍ය ඩලස් අලහස්සෙරුම
මැතිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්
පෙරවරු 9.00 සිට පසුවරු 5.00 දක්වා



නිර්මාණ සඳහා ත්‍යාග හා සහතිකපත්

QUEENSLAND DETECTS NEW OMICRON LINEAGE

UK PM brings back 'WFH' guidance as Omicron tally rises

Omicron detected in over 50 countries

Johnson orders Christmas party probe



Mask wearing is being enforced more strictly on public transport in the United Kingdom.

AUSTRALIA: Australia's Queensland State has found a new Omicron lineage in a traveller who arrived from South Africa, health authorities said on Wednesday.

The new lineage has about half the gene variations of the original and can't be detected with typical screening, the state's acting Chief Health Officer Peter Aitken told reporters. It was found in a traveller who had arrived from South Africa and tested positive for the coronavirus on Saturday, he said.

The new lineage has enough markers "to be able to classify it as Omicron, but we don't know enough about it as to what that means then as far as clinical severity, vaccine effectiveness", Aitken said. "We now have Omicron and Omicron-like."

The discovery comes as the World Health Organization said on Wednesday that the Omicron variant has been reported in 57 nations and the number of patients needing hospitalisation is likely to rise as it spreads.

"Even if the severity is equal or potentially even lower than for Delta variant, it is expected that hospitalisations will increase if more people become infected and that there will be a time lag between an increase in the incidence of cases and an increase in the incidence of deaths," the WHO, in its weekly epidemiological report, said.

Meanwhile, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson tightened pandemic rules to curb the spread of the omicron variant, advising people to Work From

Home (WFH) and mandating the use of so-called vaccine passports in large venues.

"It's become increasingly clear that omicron is growing much faster than the previous delta variant," Johnson said at a televised press conference on Wednesday, announcing the measures for England. It's the "proportionate and responsible thing to do to move to Plan B," he said.

Meanwhile, the Omicron COVID-19 variant, discovered two weeks ago in southern Afri-

ca, is now present in 50 countries, the US CDC Director Rochelle Walensky has said.

The super mutant strain of Covid is also present in about 19 states in the US, Walensky said during a White House COVID-19 press briefing on Tuesday. She said the US is currently "seeing about 100,000 new cases of COVID-19 each day".

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson apologised and his adviser resigned on Wednesday after a video

emerged of senior aides joking about a Christmas party at Downing Street last year when social events were banned under COVID-19 rules.

The leaked footage appears to contradict more than a week of denials by Johnson and his Ministers that a party took place, following newspaper reports that dozens of staff had attended an evening-long gathering on December 18, 2020.

- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES, THE STATESMAN



Another 7 UN Peacekeepers KILLED IN MALI

MALI: Seven UN Peacekeepers were killed and three critically injured when their vehicle was blasted by an improvised explosive device in central Mali on Wednesday, bringing the death toll of UN soldiers in the troubled west African nation to 19 so far this year.

UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said all the peacekeepers killed and injured were from Togo, and the UN Peacekeeping department said the seven deaths were the highest number from a malicious act against peacekeepers in Mali this year.

Mali has struggled to contain an Islamic extremist insurgency since 2012.

Extremist rebels were forced from power in Mali's northern cities with the help of a French-led military operation, but they regrouped in the desert and began launching attacks on the Malian Army and its allies. Insecurity has worsened with attacks on civilians and UN Peacekeepers.

The 19 peacekeepers who have lost their lives in Mali this year include eight from Togo, three from Egypt including one who died Monday from injuries suffered in an attack in northern Mali last month, four from Ivory Coast and four from Chad, the UN said.

- THE INDIAN EXPRESS

'GRIEVING TOGETHER WITH INDIA': World mourns CDS Bipin Rawat's sudden demise

INDIA: Condolences poured in from across the world over the sudden death of India's Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat in a chopper crash in Tamil Nadu. The CDS, his wife Madhulika Rawat and 11 others died when an Indian Air Force (IAF) chopper crashed near Coonoor in Nilgiris district of the southern state.

US secretary of state Antony Blinken in a tweet extended his condolences. "My deep condolences on the deaths of Indian Chief of Defence Staff General Rawat, his wife, and colleagues who perished in today's tragic accident. We'll remember Gen. Rawat as an exceptional leader who served his country and contributed to the US-India defense relationship," Blinken said in a tweet.

In a statement, the US Envoy to India called Rawat a "strong



CDS General Bipin Rawat with General of the Army Valery Gerasimov, Chief of General Staff, Armed Forces of the Russian Federation during meeting in Orenburg, Russia in this file photo. (PTI Photo)

friend and partner of the United States" and expressed his condolences at his demise.

Russian Envoy to India Nikolay Kudashev said he is grieving with India at this time of crisis. British High Commis-

sioner Alex W Ellis said Rawat was a wise man, a brave soldier and a pioneer. "Tragic news. Gen Rawat was a wise man, a brave soldier, a pioneer & a generous host to me only weeks ago. We mourn his death and

that of his wife, and all killed in this terrible accident," Ellis tweeted.

Japanese Envoy Satoshi Suzuki said he was deeply saddened by the news. Among others who also extended their condolences was former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Pakistan's top military brass on Wednesday expressed condolences over the "tragic death" of India's Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 others who died in a helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu.

Pakistan Army's Spokesman in a short statement posted on Twitter said that Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCS) General Nadeem Raza and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa expressed condolences.

- PTI

Nobel laureate Ressa urges journalists to defend their rights

NORWAY: Philippine journalist Maria Ressa, this year's co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, on Wednesday urged fellow reporters to defend their rights in order not to lose them to "authoritarian-style leaders and budding dictators."

"It has become incredibly hard and far more dangerous for every one of us," Ressa told reporters awaiting her arrival at Oslo's airport ahead of today's Nobel Peace Prize ceremony, where she will be honoured alongside Dmitry Muratov of Russia.

Ressa, the co-founder of the investigative news site Rappler, and Muratov, a co-founder of Russia's leading independent newspaper Novaya Gazeta, were given the award in October for their efforts to "safeguard freedom of expression".

Ressa urged journalists to defend their rights. "Now more than ever we need to protect our rights, otherwise we will lose them," she said.

"When facts are under threat, when you don't have integrity of facts, you cannot have integrity of elections. So it begins with us, we must keep getting the facts and serving the people," the former CNN correspondent said.

Wearing a black facemask inscribed with the words "Journalism is not a crime", Ressa was



Philippine Nobel Peace Prize laureate Maria Ressa talks to media upon her arrival at Oslo Airport Gardermoen after arriving in Norway to receive the Nobel Prize.

emotional after her arrival and struggled to fight back tears in the icy temperatures. "It's very cold but it's very warm."

The Philippines is currently ranked 138th in the world for press freedom on an annual list compiled by Reporters Without Borders, while Vladimir Putin's Russia is in 150th place.

- THE MALAY MAIL

Finnish PM apologises for nightclubbing despite COVID exposure



Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin holds a news conference outside the Finnish Parliament building in Helsinki, Finland on Wednesday.

FINLAND: Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin came under sustained criticism on Tuesday after it was revealed she stayed out dancing until the early hours on the weekend despite knowing she had been exposed to COVID-19.

Sanna Marin, 36, apologised on Monday after a gossip magazine published photos of her attending a Helsinki nightclub on Saturday night until almost four in the morning, hours after her Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto tested positive for coronavirus.

"My husband and I... had been out to eat, been shopping in town, seen friends and also spent time [enjoying] the evening and nightlife," the Social Democrat leader wrote on Facebook.

She added that she was told by an official that the coronavirus guidelines

did not require her to isolate, despite having been in contact with an infected person.

"I should have used better judgement and double-checked the guidance given to me. I am very sorry for not understanding that I needed to do that," Marin wrote.

A poll commissioned by TV channel MTV3 found that two-thirds of respondents thought Marin's night out was a "serious mistake".

Opposition parties also slammed Marin for potentially breaking official COVID guidelines and for missing a later text message warning her to isolate.

Finland has sustained some of Europe's lowest incidences of the virus throughout the pandemic, recording more than 196,000 cases and 1,384 deaths in the country of 5.5 million.

- FRANCE 24

Olaf Scholz takes over as Germany's ninth post-war Chancellor

GERMANY: Olaf Scholz became Germany's new Chancellor on Wednesday after 16 years with Angela Merkel at the helm, pledging his centre-left-led coalition would offer a "new beginning" for Europe's top economy.

Scholz was officially named the country's ninth post-war leader by President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, who urged him to "ensure that the pandemic does not keep us firmly in its grip for another year" as a fourth wave of the coronavirus outbreak rages.

The former Finance Minister, who won 395 of the 707 votes cast in the Bundestag lower house, has vowed broad "continuity" with the popular Merkel while making Germany greener and fairer. "It will be a new beginning for our country,"

Scholz pledged as he officially assumed the office from Merkel and thanked her for her lengthy tenure. "I will do everything to work towards that."

Merkel wished Scholz luck as Chancellor, urging him to "take this office and work in the best interest of our country". She then left office by motorcade for the last time as her staff looked on, applauding.

Scholz led his Social Democrats from a deep poll deficit to victory in the September 26 election. The 63-year-old, who turned emulating Merkel in style and substance into a winning strategy, forged Germany's first national "traffic light" coalition with the ecologist Greens and the liberal Free Democrats, nicknamed after the parties' colours.

- INDIA TODAY



Germany's new Chancellor Olaf Scholz swearing in after being elected at the Bundestag in Berlin, Germany on Wednesday.



Outgoing German Chancellor Angela Merkel leaving the Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament) in Berlin for the last time.

India records largest reductions in Malaria cases in South-East Asia - WHO

INDIA: India made impressive gains in the global fight against malaria, recording the largest reduction in cases in South-East Asia from 20 million in 2000 to about 5.6 million last year, according to the World Health Organisation.

The World Malaria Report 2020, released on Monday, said that in 2019, malaria cases globally numbered about 229 million, an annual estimate that has remained virtually unchanged over the last four years.

Last year, the disease claimed

about 4,09,000 lives, compared to 4,11,000 in 2018.

"Countries in South-East Asia made particularly strong progress, with reductions in cases and deaths of 73% and 74%, respectively. India contributed to the largest drop in cases region-wide — from approximately 20 million to about 6 million," WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in the report's forward.

The report said that the WHO South-East Asia Region accounted



for about 3% of the burden of malaria cases globally.

Malaria cases reduced by 73% in the region, from 23 million in

2000 to about 6.3 million in 2019.

The WHO noted the impressive gains made by India in the fight against malaria, with reductions in cases and deaths of 18% and 20%, respectively, over the last two years.

India also recorded a decrease in the number of deaths from malaria between 2000 and 2019. Malaria deaths in India declined from about 29,500 in 2000 to about 7,700 last year, the report said. - THE HINDU

Permanent Residency for Sri Lankan Businessmen and their Families in Australia & New Zealand

Immigrate with your family become an Australian citizen.

Book a face-to-face consultation with an Australian lawyer.

Basic Requirements :

- * Registered Business for 4 years
- * Age- 55 or below
- * Business + Family Assets - Rs 160 million+
- * Annual Turn Over (Not the Profit) - Rs.120 million+

English knowledge is not mandatory!

The best education and health facilities in the world.

Hot Line - 071 0424473 Call - 033 2239756 Email- info@auslawyerslk.com

ADA KOTIPATHI - Friday

Draw No.: 1415 Colour: Purple
Date: 10.12.2021

Today's Jackpot

Rs. 60,589,008/-

Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Plaza, Colombo 2
Tel: 2 333 546-47 Fax: 2 333 545 Website: www.dlb.lk
Hotline - 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA**

Registration for General / Honours Degree Examinations, Level 1, 2, 3, 4 in Science - 2020 (First Semester)

The above end of course Examinations are scheduled to be held in January 2022. The Examination Timetable will be made available in the faculty website: <http://www.sci.jfn.ac.lk/index.php/end-of-course-timetables/>.

All candidates (proper & repeat) of the Faculty of Science are requested to register for the above examination on or before 17.12.2021 by filling the online form which is available in the faculty website.

09.12.2021 Registrar

Employment Opportunities

VACANCIES

A branded tea export organization is looking for a dynamic, capable, hard working individuals for following positions.

Production Supervisors
G.C.E A/L - 3 passes,
G. C. E O/L - English Distinction
A good command of English is essential

Tea Clerks
G.C.E A/L - 2 passes,
G. C. E O/L - English Credit pass

The above-mentioned qualifications are an essential requirement

Please state the applicants post on top left hand corner of the envelope

Applicants should be within the ages of 18 & 25

Please email your Application to: directorproduction1983@gmail.com

NOTIFICATION ON CLOSURE OF M.S. PERERA & SONS PAWNING CENTRE

Please be informed that the Pawning Business of the above named institution will be closed down with effect from 30.12.2021.

**M. Gamani Perera
M.S. Perera & Sons
Pawning Centre
345, Biyagama Rd., Sinharamulla,
Kelaniya.
08.12.2021**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Invitation for Bids

STATE MINISTRY OF RURAL AND DIVISIONAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Department of National Community Water Supply

The chairman of the Department Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following works.

Supply of Pumps & Accessories for CBOs in Water Supply Schemes

Procurement Committee invites sealed bids from Pumps Suppliers for described below.

Name of Contract	Qualifications	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security in Rs. (Bank Guarantee)	Place of Issuing of Document & Contract Person And bid closing date
1. Supply of Pumps & Accessories to CBOs in Districts Contract No: DNCWS/PRO/2021/ PUMP/08	Pumps Suppliers	30,000.00	For Lot A 600,000.00	Director (procurement) Department of National Community Water Supply, No.1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda TP - 0112774927 Bid closing date and time 24th of December 2021, 10.00 A.M.
			For Lot B 600,000.00	
			For Lot C 600,000.00	

General instructions and conditions for the above subject

- Bidding Documents will be issued on submission of a written application on the applicant's letterhead and deposited slip of non-refundable fee (Director General, Department of National Community Water Supply, Account No: - 0007040440 BOC) to the Department of National Community Water Supply.
- Bidding Documents can be collected between 09.00 hours & 15.00 hours up to 23rd of December 2021 on normal working days (please make an appointment to collect documents via telephone) and also **through email, by sending a copy of deposit slip & request letter to (dncwsfortender@gmail.com) due to the period of travel restrictions imposed & prevailing pandemic situation in the country.**
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Department of National Community Water Supply and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the place of during normal working hours.
- Duly completed bids shall be either be deposited in the Tender Box which is placed in the 2nd floor of the department or dispatched by registered post or courier to the address given below, at or before 10.00 a.m. on 24th December 2021
- All bids will be opened at the same address on 24th of December 2021 at 10.15 a.m. in the presence of the bidders' or their representative who choose to attend. **Late bids will be returned unopened.**
- Bid security should be addressed to Director General, Department of National Community water supply, No1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda and valid up to (Minimum 120 days from the Bid Opening) **23rd April 2022.**

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Department of National Community Water Supply,
No. 1114, Pannipitiya Road, Thalawathugoda.
10/12/2021**

BE BETTER INFORMED!

News you can trust now free on your mobile phone.

Dinamina Daily News Thinakaran

VISIT apps.lakehouse.lk

DOWNLOAD TODAY!

AVAILABLE AT

LAKE HOUSE

Date : 08-12-2021
Draw Number : 3299
Colour : Green

Super Jackpot
Rs. 2,397,690/-

Winning Numbers

01 21 51 60

PISCES

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Plaza, Colombo 2
Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Fax: 0114 824 824
Hotline: 0112 333 778
Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 4 825 825

TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES
Rs. 9,934,220/-

SUPER BALL

Draw Number: 1587 Colour: Orange
Draw Date: 08.12.2021 Date: Wednesday

Winning English Letter and Numbers

W 22 27 57 70

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,871,500/-

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Plaza, Colombo 2
Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Fax: 0114 824 824
Hotline: 0112 333 778 or 1919
SMS: DLB-appeal-L01-appeal-08 & send to 999
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

SANSIRI

Draw Number: 108 Colour: Orange
Draw Date: 08.12.2021 Date: Wednesday

Winning Numbers

14 20 28

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 1,455,560/-

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Plaza, Colombo 2
Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Fax: 0114 824 824
Hotline: 0112 333 778 or 1919
SMS: DLB-appeal-L01-appeal-08 & send to 999
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

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.

Date : 08-12-2021
Draw Number : 1792 | Colour : Orange

Super Jackpot
Rs. 28,619,560/-

Winning Numbers

28 36 60 66

English Letter

S

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,232,820/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 28,740,092/-

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Plaza, Colombo 2
Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Fax: 0114 824 824
Hotline: 0112 333 778
Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 4 825 825

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

WEDNESDAY

Date: 08.12.2021
Draw No.: 1413
Colour: PINK

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 5,163,920/-

Winning Numbers

08 13 49 71

English Letter

L

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Plaza, Colombo 2
Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Fax: 0114 824 824
Hotline: 0112 333 778 or 1919
SMS: DLB-appeal-L01-appeal-08 & send to 999
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

Wednesday

Date: 08.12.2021
Draw Number.: 3748
Colour: Purple

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,921,500/-

Winning Numbers

32 33 51 72

English Letter

P

Development Lotteries Board
356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Plaza, Colombo 2
Tel: 0112 333 546-47 Fax: 0114 824 824
Hotline: 0112 333 778 or 1919
SMS: DLB-appeal-L01-appeal-08 & send to 999
For Interactive Voice Response Service - Call 0114 825 825

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

SALE UNDER SECTION 29D OF PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 32 OF 1986

PEOPLE'S BANK

WELIGAMA BRANCH (077)

AUCTION SALE OF A VALUABLE PROPERTY

ALLOTMENT OF LAND MARKED: Lot 5¹ depicted in Plan No. 92/2011 dated 11.10.2011 made by H. Abeyasinghe, Licensed Surveyor of Lot 05 in Plan No. 2269 dated 14.11.1980 made by M. Wimalasooriya, Licensed Surveyor of the land called Rajapaksha Liyadda, bearing assessment No. 1004 in Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, situated at Madiha, Grama Niladhari Division of No. 411A- Madiha-West, within the Four Gravets of Matara, Municipal Council Limits and Divisional Secretariat Division of Matara, in Matara District, Southern Province.

LAND IN EXTENT: Ten Decimal Naught Five Perches (A-0 R-0 P-10.05) together with building, plantation, everything else. Registered at A 905/89 Matara Land Registry.

Under the authority granted to me by People's Bank, I shall sell by Public Auction on 28 December 2021 commencing at 10.30 p.m at the spot.

The auction will be conducted in accordance with the strict guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, adhering to COVID - 19 protocol

FOR NOTICE OF RESOLUTION: Please refer the government gazette of 26.11.2021 and Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran of 16.11.2021 newspapers.

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY: When you go from Matara - Galle Road about 3.3 km you will meet Walgama Junction from there when you go about 600 meters, this property is situated towards the South of the road.

MODE OF PAYMENT: The successful purchaser will have to pay following amounts in cash at the fall of the hammer.

- 10% of the purchased price
- 01% of the Sales Tax payable to Local Authority.
- Auctioneer's Commission of 2 1/2 % (Two and a half percent only) on sale price.
- Clerk's and Crier's fee of Rs. 1000/=
- Cost of sale and any other charges, if any.
- Stamp duty to the certification of sale.

Balance 90% of the purchase price will have to be paid within 30 days from the date of sale to the Regional Manager, People's Bank, Regional Head office No. 215, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Nupe, Matara
Tel: :041-2223437, 041-4922605 Fax: 041-2222601

If the said amount is not paid within 30 days as stipulated above the bank shall have the right to forfeit (10%) of the purchased price already paid and resell the property.

The title deeds and other references may be obtained from the following address.

People's Bank reserves the right to stop or cancel the sale without prior notice.

**11/55, Bogahawatta,
Kudabuthgamuwa, Angoda
T.P. 011 2053286,
072 3207533,
076 9217329**

**E.S. Ramanayake
Court Commissioner
Licensed Auctioneer,
Valuer and (JP All Island)**

SALE UNDER SECTION 29D OF PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 32 OF 1986

PEOPLE'S BANK

WELIGAMA BRANCH (077)

AUCTION SALE OF A VALUABLE PROPERTY

ALLOTMENT OF LAND MARKED: Lot 4A depicted in plan No. 2/12 dated 24.01.2021 made by A.H.Kodippili Licensed surveyor of contiguous lot "B" of lot 05 and Lot 04 of the land called Gamagewatta, situated at Warakapitiya, Grama Niladhari Division of No.333 - Warakapitiya-North, within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Weligama, Divisional Secretariat Division of Welipitiya, in Weligama Korale, Matara District, Southern Province.

LAND IN EXTENT: Thirty Eight Decimal six Perches (A-0R-0P-38.6) together with buildings, plantation and right of way. Registered at N 115/80 Matara Land Registry.

Under the authority granted to me by People's Bank, I shall sell by Public Auction on 28 December 2021 commencing at 1.30 p.m at the spot.

The auction will be conducted in accordance with the strict guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, adhering to COVID - 19 protocol

FOR NOTICE OF RESOLUTION: Please refer the government gazette of 26.11.2021 and Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran of 16.11.2021 news papers.

ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY: When you go to Thelijjawila Junction from Matara Akuressa Road, you will meet Welihinda Junction about 6.3 KM from the said junction off Weligama Road, when you go about 1.9 KM from said junction on the Warakapitiya Road which leads from the left side of the junction, turn towards the Dharmadasa Mawatha and go about 300 metres and turn to left on the road and when you go about 50 metres on the road, there is a 12 feet wide road on which you have to go about 25 metres and at the point you will meet the property.

MODE OF PAYMENT: The successful purchaser will have to pay following amount in cash at the fall of the hammer.

- 10% purchased price
- 01% Local Authority Tax payable to Local Authority.
- Auctioneer's Commission of 2 1/2 % (Two and a half percent only) on sale price.
- Clerk's and crier's fee of Rs. 1000/=
- Cost of sale and any other charges, if any.
- Stamp duty to the certification of sale

Balance 90% of the purchase price will have to be paid within 30 days from the date of sale to the Regional Manager, People's Bank, Regional Head office No. 215, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Nupe, Matara.
Tel: :041-2223437, 041-4922605 Fax: 041-2222601

If the said amount is not paid within 30 days as stipulated above the bank shall have the right to forfeit (10%) of the purchased price already paid and resell the property.

The title deeds and other references may be obtained from the following address.

People's Bank reserves right to stop or cancel the sale without prior notice.

**11/55, Bogahawatta,
Kudabuthgamuwa, Angoda
T.P. 011 2053286,
072 3207533,
076 9217329**

**E.S. Ramanayake
Court Commissioner
Licensed Auctioneer,
Valuer and (JP Whole Island)**



DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Desktop Computers, and Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) Units for SLIATE

IFB No: SL21/HO/G/01

- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC), Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE), No. 320, T.B Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders established in Sri Lanka who have ex-stock to Supply, Delivery and Installation of 500 Nos. of Desktop Computers, and 219 Nos. of Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) units for SLIATE.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding. (NCB)
- Vendor will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Government Procurement Guidelines by selecting the substantially responsive lowest bidder.
- The interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information from Accountant (Capital), Procurement Division, SLIATE, No.320, T.B Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 on 011-2691307 during working days, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Bid documents can be inspected free of charge at the Accountant (Capital), Procurement Division, SLIATE, No.320, T.B Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, from 13th December, 2021 to 23rd December, 2021.
- The Bidder shall meet the following minimum qualifications criteria to be eligible for awarding of Contract. The additional details are provided in the Bidding Document.
 - The Bidder should have minimum of Ten years' experience in selling Computer Hardware and Computer Related Hardware products in Sri Lanka. (Document evidence should be provided).
 - The Bidder shall provide copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, written Power of Attorney/Board Resolution of the signatory of the bid to commit the bidder.
 - Local company bidding for this tender should be registered under the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987.
 - Bidder should have ex-stock sufficient to supply 500 Desktop Computers and 219 UPSs before 31/12/2021.
 - The bidder should have proven experience in supplying and installation of at least Three (3) Projects in similar nature during last 3 years (copies of Purchase Orders should submit as proof documents. If proof documents are not attached purchaser will consider the bid as non-responsive.)
 - The bidder should have an average annual turnover of at least Rs. 25 Million or above for a period of last 3 years. (Documentary evidence should be submitted).
 - The bidder should possess a minimum of Rs. 50 Million net liquid assets (Current assets - Inventory - Current Liabilities) and or / credit facilities for this project (Documentary evidence should be submitted).
 - The bidder should submit the certified copies of Audited Accounts (Profit & Loss Account & Balance Sheet) of the company for the last 3 years.
 - The bidder should have a fully equipped service center. Documentary evidence is to be provided. The bidder should provide responses to issues immediately upon submission of an issue and the resolution would be within 24 hours to any SLIATE location islandwide.
 - Information regarding any litigation, current or during the last ten (10) years, in which the bidder is involved, the parties concerned, and disputed amount.
 - The bidder or its subsidiaries or affiliated companies should not be blacklisted by any government institution during the past 10 years.
- A complete set of Bidding Document in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on a submission of a written application to the Accountant, Finance Division, SLIATE, No.320, T.B Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 during working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 13th December, 2021 to 23rd December, 2021. Upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 10,000/= . The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the tender box at Procurement Division, SLIATE, No.320, T.B Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, addressing the Director General, Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education, No. 320, T. B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 on or before 24th December 2021 at 2.00 p.m. Bids should 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.
- The name of the Contract and the IFB Number should be stated on top left-hand corner of the envelope of the bid. All bids must be accompanied by a bid Security of LKR 750,000/= (Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Sri Lankan Rupees) issued by any licensed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka.

Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education No. 320, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10



Promotional Rates for Classified Advertisements (Only 15 Words)		
Any Single Newspaper	Two Newspapers	Three Newspapers
Rs. 300/- (Except Thinkaran Varanjan)	Rs. 500/- (Except Thinkaran Varanjan)	Rs. 650/-

- ISLANDWIDE -

MONARAGALA MONARAGALA.....077 6 565 653 SRI RAMIN STORES, NO 23, 2B, MONARAGALA.
MATARA MATARA.....047 2 230 093 NEELINI STORES - NO 09, DHARMAPALA MAWATHA, MATARA
ANURADHAPURA THABUTTEGAMA.....025 2 276 431 MUTHARODA PAPER CORPDR - No 68, Thabuttegama
ANURADHAPURA025 2 221 411 MAHA JANA BOOK SHOP - Anuradhapura
ANURADHAPURA025 2 222 806 SATSABA BOOK SHOP - 40, MADAMPANA, ANURADHAPURA
ANURADHAPURA025 2 222 575 INDUSTRY BOOK SHOP - 55/72, ANURADHAPURA
RATHNAPURA RATHNAPURA.....071 2 900 35 NO 35, CHURCH ROAD, RATHNAPURA
RATHNAPURA045 2 223 883 LAKE HOUSE ADVERTISING CENTER - NO 84, MAIN STREET, RATHNAPURA
HAMBANTHOTA MIDDENIYA.....047 2 27 245 SOMASRI STORES - HANAKAMA ROAD, MIDDENIYA.
TANGALLE047 2 240 402 D/WRITERS - NO 158, MATARA ROAD, TANGALLE
HAMBANTOTA077 0 051 975 MESRIYA STORES - NO 32, MAHAJANA POOLA, HAMBANTOTA.
AMBALANTOTA047 2 223 152 SUMATHRA TRADE CENTER - NO 11, MAIN STREET, AMBALANTOTA.
TISSAMAHARAMA047 2 239 088 T.D. MADURUKAYE & COMPANY (PVT) LTD - MAIN STREET, TISSAMAHARAMA.
BATTICALO KATHTHANKUDY.....077 7 435 566 R.L.M. LINDAS, R.D. POST OFFICE BUILDING, KATHTHANKUDY.

classified@lakehouse.lk
011 2 429 342 | 011 2 429 343
Fax - 011 2 429 375 / 011 2 429 380



HECTOR KOBBEKADUWA AGRARIAN RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2022

Applications are hereby invited from suppliers who wish to register themselves with the institute for the supply of goods and services indicated below for the year 2022.

SUPPLIES

- Office stationery
- Stationery (toners and papers) for computers and photocopy machines
- Office furniture (steel and wooden) Steel products including almirah, chairs, cabinets, etc.
- Printing supplies:- Paper for photocopying, off-set printing and cyclostyling ink, binding cloth & paper
- Building materials :-
 - Hardware, pipes and fittings, sanitary ware
 - Lawn mowers, garden tools and accessories
 - Paint, floor and furniture polish, wax, thinner and turpentine etc.
 - Timber, plywood items, cement, bricks, sand, tiles and glass sheets
- Electrical equipment:- Air conditioners, refrigerators, floor polishers, fans, electric cookers, etc.
- Electrical accessories :- Electric bulbs, fluorescent tubes, switches, cables, torch lights
- Office equipment :- Computers, photocopy machines, fax machines, multi media and audio visual equipment, typewriters, duplicating machines, scanners, binding equipment, franking machines and calculators
- Photographic equipment and photographic material
- Fire fighting equipment
- Mosquito nets and material for uniforms, curtains, bed sheets
- Shoes, brief cases, gum boots, umbrellas, rain coats and caps
- Motor spares, batteries, tyres and tubes
- Brooms, ekel brooms, wastepaper baskets and other coir products, soap, disinfectants, detergents, toilet requirements, insecticides, etc.
- Crockery and cutlery, water filters, plastic and aluminium products, pails, containers, cooking utensils, and ceramic ware
- Name boards and plastic letters.
- Garden plants, flower pots, fertilizer, seeds, etc.

SERVICES

- Repairing and servicing of electrical equipment refrigerators, audio visual equipment, air conditioners, floor polishers, gas cookers and fire extinguishers
- Electrical engineering work, electrical wiring, etc.
- Repairing, painting and polishing of office furniture (steel and wooden)
- Repairing and servicing of office equipment, computers, typewriters, duplicating machines, scanners, binding equipment, photocopiers, franking machines, etc.
- Repairing of motor vehicles, mechanical repairs, tinkering, painting and vehicle servicing,
- Supply of labour for carpentry, masonry, plumbing, painting
- Printing, services
- Tailoring of uniforms, curtains, etc.
- Building construction and renovation
- Hiring of vehicles

Applications for registration should contain the following particulars

- Name, registered business address, telephone and fax numbers
- Category of supplies/ services for which registration is sought (Please mention only the available items and services)
- Nature of business organization (whether sole proprietor, partnership of limited liability company)
- Business registration number, if any
- Delivery facilities
- Availability of credit facilities

Each applicant should pay a non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 1,000/= for each category of supplies/ services to the institute. The payment can be made to cashier at HARTI or current account No. 2323293, Bank of Ceylon, Torrington Branch. A copy of the receipt of this payment should be attached to the application form for registration.

A minimum of one month credit facility should be extended to the institute in respect of supplies made/ services provided.

Quotation for supplies and services will usually be called from the list of registered suppliers/ contractors, but the institute reserves the right to obtain quotations from other suppliers as well. Those who fail to quote or communicate when requested or effect deliveries within the stipulated time of placing the order or whose supplies are not in conformity with specifications or samples will be struck off from the register.

All applications should be forwarded under registered cover addressed to undersigned to reach him no later than the 07th of January 2022. The top left-hand corner of the envelope should be clearly marked "REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR 2022".

DIRECTOR / CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
HECTOR KOBBEKADUWA AGRARIAN RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE
NO. 114, WIJERAMA MAWATHA, COLOMBO - 07

09.12.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



STATE MINISTRY OF COAST CONSERVATION AND LOW LYING LANDS DEVELOPMENT
SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SUPPLY OF STEEL I BEAM, M/S CHEQUERD PLATE, M/S SHEET AND FLAT IRON FOR CENTRAL STORES

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following contract.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Security
S/628/21	Supply of Steel I beam, M/S Chequerd Plate, M/S Sheet and Flat Iron for Central Stores	31 st December, 2021 13.30 hrs	Rs. 100,000.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from 10th December, 2021 up to 30th December, 2021 (working days) upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00. The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3rd Floor, New Building).

Or

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected on the web site mentioned below and the payment for Bidding Document could follow Online Payment method or Direct Cash Deposit to Account No 3271113 (Account Name - Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, Bank; Bank of Ceylon, Rajagiriya) Procurement no and Supplier Name should be indicated as remarks on the payment slip for reference and the payment reference slip should be sent to the Supplies Division through Fax (0112871637) or email (dprasanga@silrdc.lk) and inform the officer in charge Mr Prasanga (0112866832). Bidding document will be e mailed only after receiving the payment details. Payment can be made up 30th December, 2021 at 10:00 hrs.

- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1st Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before 31st December, 2021 at 13:30 hrs. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (Supplies and Stores) of SLLDC Tel: +94 11 2866832 Fax: +94 11 2871637

Chairman
Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation
No.03, Sri Jayawardenepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.
Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk



REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDDING TO RENT OUT OR ON LEASE BUILDING FOR NEW LAND REGISTRY OFFICE IN KADUWELA

Building Premises

Office	Square feet
Land Registry Office Kaduwela	11500-12500

Office	Required Specifications
Land Registry Office	*Should be within City limits *Access road for vehicles and minimum parking space for 15 vehicles

General Specifications for Land Registry Offices

- Separate three phase electricity and Water supply
- Ample Janitorial facilities for staff and General Public (Male/Female/Staff officers)
- There should be a gate for access road
- There should be a security post for security personnel and outside janitorial facility
- There should be access way to disables
- If the building is storeyed, there should be enough space on ground floor and 1st floor and if necessary to use 2nd floor, elevator facility should be available and janitorial facility should be available on every floor.
- There should not be established any other offices between the floors
- Minimum agreement period should be 3 years
- Should agree for government assessment

You should prepare bidding documents with duplicate along with internal plan of the building and documents for ownership of the building and sealed quotation should be sent to the Registrar General's Department, No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla by registered post or by hand before 02.00 p.m. on 24/12/2021 or should put in the tender box placed in Supply Section of the department.

"Rent out or lease out a building for Land Registry Office - Kaduwela 2021" should be mentioned on the top left-corner of the envelope.

Tender bidding will open on 24/12/2021 at 2.00 p.m. and quotations reach after that will be rejected

Registrar General
Chairman Tender Board

Wimaladasa - proud Peterite captain who brought back the knock-out trophy

INDIKA WELAGEDARA

Kenneth Wimaladasa played school rugby as a fly half cum centre three quarter and captained his alma mater St. Peter's College, Bambalapatiya in the inter schools rugby championship. Then he went on to represent the Sri Lanka junior national fifteen a side as well as seven a side rugby team as well.

Speaking to Daily News Kenneth said "Ever since I started my school career it was my parents that supported me, but along the way my coaches were of great support too. Hence I am grateful to all of them, especially my family and coaches".

"I chose this sport of rugby because I come from a background of rugby players where my father, brother, uncle and two of my cousins were rugby players, so it always seemed fun. Having watched my brother play for school at the



Kenneth Wimaladasa receiving the the Milo knock-out trophy



Kenneth Wimaladasa making a break

time, I knew that I wanted to play as well". "I would say that completing my higher studies is one of my priorities at the moment and excelling in my career to create a better future for me and my family is one of my top priorities".

"I don't have a favourite holiday destination as such, but definitely would love to visit Greece and Bali one day. There are so many but number one I should say is being a part of the winning team of the knock-out tournament in

2018 - an unforgettable memory that we still talk about to this day. Being able to lead the team was a bonus. The game before the Finals of that year against Wesley college is also a match that I really enjoyed, Keeping a 100%

score on the kicks that were taken, remembering every kick taken at every angle, and finally lifting the knockout trophy was a dream come true. Hence to date I really cherish those moments." "I really don't have much leisure time

activities as such, but I like to travel and spend quality time with my family and friends."

"It's not that hard really to be a rugby player, as long as you have the love, passion and commitment towards the game, it's real-

ly easy to enjoy and have fun as a rugby player.

"More than embarrassing, I like to think of this moment as a setback - The day of our big match in 2018 when I missed scoring a try inches away from the goal line against St. Joseph's."

"The pandemic had taught me that in life nothing is certain and nothing is permanent and things are always bound to change, everything depends on how we approach any challenge or a setback."

"Being a part of the winning team of the knockout tournament in 2018 and knowing that we made our parents, coaches, and school proud is quite an accomplishment for me."

"I compare myself to the person I was yesterday because I strive to be a better person with each day to come". "I don't have just one favourite rugby player

as such but Quade Cooper, Dan Carter and Richie McCaw are my top three at the moment". "The best compliment that I have received was from my coach Sanath Martis during and after the knockout tournament. It's always good to know from your coach that we did a good job".

"Yes I am happy with all my achievements thus far and always patient for more to come". "When I grow up I want to be an entrepreneur and a philanthropist". "In life I believe that I'm on the path of doing what I believe in, I wouldn't want to settle for anything less". "The legacy that I wanted to be remembered for is someone who kept going and didn't give up on things that I was passionate about". On a concluding note Kenneth said "I would like to think of myself as a caring and determined person in life".

Sea Hawks only unbeaten team

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Sea-Hawks continued their dominance remaining as the only undefeated team in the inaugural 'Super League' Football Tournament conducted by the Football Sri Lanka (FSL) after pulling off a spectacular 1-0 win over Up Country Lions in their match played last weekend at the Sugathadasa Stadium.

In a match that was closely contested until the solitary goal scored in the extra time until then it was the Up Country Lions who dominated proceedings, where the much-needed luck didn't favour them eventually forcing them to suffer their second defeat of the tournament.

Nevertheless, full credit should go to the Sea-Hawks players who held their nerve until they gained their opportunity, which striker Dhanushka Madushanka was instrumental in breaking the shackles to sail them to victory and to remain on top of the points table at the end of the fourth consecutive week. Subsequently, they are also the only team not to concede any goal against them which is a unique feature of the tournament that has proved their strength in defence. Rifkhan Mohamed their indefatigable striker and play maker once again

SUPER LEAGUE 2021

Points Table as at November 29, 2021

No	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Sea Hawks FC*	4	4	0	0	9	0	9	12
2	Red Star FC	4	2	2	0	12	4	8	8
3	Up Country Lions FC*	4	2	1	1	7	3	4	7
4	Blue Star SC	4	2	1	1	6	4	2	7
5	Colombo FC*	4	2	1	1	8	4	4	7
6	Defenders FC	4	1	2	1	2	3	-1	5
7	New Youngs FC*	4	1	0	3	3	14	-11	3
8	Renown SC	4	0	2	2	1	4	-3	2
9	Ratnam SC	4	0	2	2	2	6	-4	2
10	Blue Eagles SC	4	0	1	3	1	9	-8	1

had a share in their victory scoring a goal which makes him the highest goal scorer of the tournament with five goals to his credit. The Japanese coach has played a pivotal role in transforming this unit into a champion team which earned them 12 points so far in the tournament.

Their rivals UP Country lads climbed to the third position after being slated in the fifth place before the commencement of this stage of the tournament.. Out of their four outings, they managed

to post two wins but lost one and drew equal numbers of games. A team inculcated with the best players locally and overseas is capable of performing better than what they are and are one of the dark horses in the fray to clinch the title led by national skipper cum goalkeeper Sujana Perera.

Meanwhile, Red Star the team from Beruwela retained the second slot further after they drew 2-all against Colombo FC. After leading 2-0 until the midway of the second half, due to some

defensive lapses, they conceded goals where they managed to force a draw. This outcome made them notch up two wins while drawing an equal number of matches collecting eight points.

Blue Star after a scoreless draw against Ratnam pushed them to fourth place after remaining third at the end of the previous weeks matches. Colombo FC too dropped down to the fifth slot after their drawn game against Red Star. The other significant change in the Points table is the ascendancy of the team New Young after notching up their inaugural 2-1win over

Blue Eagles which has placed them in the seventh position after relegating last in the position in the table.

This week match schedule-
10 Dec.- Blue Eagles vs. Renown at 3.30 p.m. and Up Country Lions vs. Blue Star at 7.30 p.m.

11 Dec.- Seahawks vs. Defenders at 3.30 p.m. & Ratnam vs. Colombo FC at 7.30p.m.

12 Dec.- New Young vs. Red Star at 3.30 p.m.
(All matches will be played at Race Course Stadium)

Sri-Lanka Masters 50 plus T/ 20 Cricket quadrangle

M.H. YAKEEM

Sri-Lanka Masters 50 plus T/20 Cricket quadrangle tournament for the Dr. R.A.H.de Zoysa Memorial Trophy will be played on December 11 at the P.Sara Stadium and Semi finals and the Finals on December 12 at the MCA grounds.

In the opening match on December 11, State Services Cricket Association will meet Mercantile Cricket Association commencing at 9 am and in the afternoon, Colombo Masters Cricket Association will meet Nationalised Services Cricket Association commencing at 1 pm

The winners of these two matches will qualify to play in the finals on December 12 at the MCA grounds commencing at 1pm and the losers will battle for 3rd and 4th place commencing at 9 am

Mahasen Samarakoon a talented soccer player of Dharmaraja

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA
Kandy Sports Special corr

Sixteen year old, Mahasen Bandara Samarakoon, a Grade Eleven Student of Dharmaraja College, Kandy is a talented Soccer player who started playing

soccer at the age of five years under the coaching of his late father, G.S.Piyatissa, former Dharmaraja College Soccer Captain who represented

the Country as the shortest player at 5 ft.3 inches and he was also an Internationally qualified Soccer coach and he went to Sweden and played there as a Soccer player cum coach for a number of years.

Piyatissa used to bring a bag full of footballs from Sweden and distributed among the Soccer players of Clubs in Sri Lanka. Like father like son, Mahasen is following his footsteps and playing the game of Soccer while



Mahasen Bandara Samarakoon, talented Soccer player. (Pic. By Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Spl. Corr

improving same and in the year 2019 he won the 'Best Player's' Trophy on two occasions at the Under 16 Soccer tournament organized by the SISU Soccer Club as well as the Nawalanka Sports Club, Kandy.

He scored Eleven goals throughout the Soccer tournament and he uses both feet effectively to play in any position. His Soccer coaches are W.A.Priyantha and E.Wijewardena, both from the Kandy Municipal Playgrounds Department and he is practicing Soccer at the Lewella Municipal Grounds.

Mahasen is a bright student who is always among the first ten out of fifty five students in his class and his favourite subject is science. His intention is to improve the game of Soccer further to be a talented Soccer Player and Coach like his father and represent the National Soccer team in future while becoming a scientist. His favourite International Soccer player is Lionel Messi of Argentina. His is thankful to his soccer coaches for his great improvement in the game of soccer.

Ranaweera - Most Outstanding Sportsman of Trinity middle school



HAFIZ MARIKAR

The Trinity College middle school sports awards were presented to up and coming sportsmen who have excelled at or made an outstanding contribution to sports. The annual prize giving of the middle school for the year 2019 was not held in time due to the present situation, was held

on Wednesday 8th under the distinguished patronage of the principal Rev. Fr. Araliya Jayasundara.

It was a colourful event at which sports awards were presented. S.N. Ranaweera a top class swimmer, ruggerrite and athlete was awarded the middle school sportsman of the year and also the middle school swimmer of the year award. Middle School Best All Round student award went to Ryan Weerasekara who is a

boxer who excelled both in sports and academics and discipline

The middle school outstanding contribution for sports award went to .M.S.T.B Wansekara, Table Tennis player award went to D.C.D. Bartholomeusz, Ruggerrite award was won by W.M.S.R.B Wansekara, and the two Karatekas who represented Sri Lanka in KL - J.M.S. Jayasinghe and N.V.N. Dias won the Karate award. Football player of the year S.M.WY. Hulanga-

muwa, Golfer of the year S.L. Paranagama, Basketballer of the year award went to P. Machchagama.

The Under 15 cricket - batting award was won by Rahal Amarasinghe, bowling Vihan Mudunkotuwa, fielding Kusal Wijetunga and the best all rounder in cricket went to Vibhawith Ehelepola. Under 13 cricket batting Deemantha Mahawithana, bowling Malith Rathnayake, fielding Aadam Hilmy, best all-rounder Lakwin Abeyasin-

ghe. Scout of the year H.R.L. Hettiarachi, the promising track athlete U.S. Gammudali, field athlete A.N. Amarasinghe, open W.M.S.R.B. Wansekara junior athlete S.N. Ranaweera.

Them middle school sports team of the year 2019 award went to under 13 cricket team for winning the All Island tournament for the first time and Rugby team for winning the All Island tournament.

Vintage Cricketers emerge champions

M.H.YAKEEM

Vintage Cricketers Circle beat Kotte Kings in a nail biting finish in the Masters six-a-side, which was played for the Colin Thabrew Memorial Trophy at the P. Sara Stadium, on December 4. Eight teams participated in this inaugural tournament and was divided into two groups and played on a league basis.

Old Senanayakians, Old Zahirians, Northern Masters and Royal Masters were in group A, Champions, Vintage Cricketers Circle, Kotte Kings and Lanka Cavaliers in group B.

In group A, Northern Masters were unlucky not to enter the Semis with a fine display of Cricket, due to the calculation of the run rate, where the other two teams, Royal Masters and

Old Senanayakians having an edge, which all three winning two games and losing one. In group B too was the same as group A, which Kotte Kings and Vintage Cricketers Circle were ahead of Lanka Cavaliers on the run rate.

The most surprising moments of the game was Kotte Kings beating Vintage Cricketers Circle in the league and bounced back to enter the Finals with a win over Royal Masters in the semi finals

In the finals, Kotte kings taking first lease made up a gallant 77/2, which was 6 balls an over. In reply Vintage Cricketers Circle came back strongly and in the last ball they had to score four runs for victory, which they did it in style to emerge as Champs in this inaugural tournament making 78/ 2.

SINCE 1978

43rd OBSERVER SLT-MOBTEL SCHOOL CRICKETER OF THE YEAR 2021

Recognizing talent, inspiring greatness.

43rd OBSERVER SLT-MOBTEL Most Popular School Cricketer 2021

Vote for your favourite Schoolboy/Schoolgirl Cricketer and elevate him/her to win the prestigious OBSERVER SLT-MOBTEL Most Popular Schoolboy/Girl Cricketer of the Year title.

Most Popular Schoolboy Cricketer 2021

Cricketers from schools competing in Division one, two and three of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association Under 19 Inter-School Tournament 2020/2021 are eligible to be voted.

Most Popular Schoolgirl Cricketer 2021

Schoolgirl Cricketers from schools competing in all Island school's of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association Under 19 Inter-School Tournament 2020/2021 are eligible to be voted.

Nominee

Boy :

Divisions for Boy : Division I Division II Division III

All Island Girl :

(Each coupon must contain only one vote)

School :

Sender's Name :

Address :

Mobile No. :

Vote online now: vote.schoolcricketer.lk

Win prizes in the weekly coupon draw:

1st Prize : Rs. 2,500

2nd Prize : Rs. 1,500

3rd Prize : Rs. 1,000

The 43rd Most Popular Schoolboy/girl Cricketer Contest is now on. Mail the completed coupon to the SPORTS EDITOR, SUNDAY OBSERVER, LAKE HOUSE, COLOMBO 10.

CONDITIONS:

Children of Lake House & SLT-Mobitel staff are not eligible to participate in the competition.

Each coupon must contain only one vote for one player and for one contest.

In all matters connected with the contest, the decision of the Sports Editor, SUNDAY OBSERVER is final.

DATE **2021-12-11**

NO. **10**

NOW, EVERYTHING IS ANYTIME

6.5 GB

for Rs. 399/-

9 GB

for Rs. 499/-

14 GB

for Rs. 699/-

20 GB

for Rs. 999/-

60 GB

for Rs. 1999/-

4G LITE

Warm welcome for Youth Para athletes at BIA

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Sri Lankan team which took part in the Asian Youth Para Games returned yesterday after a successful tour. The seven-day competition finally ended on a high note by winning 12 medals (4 gold, 4 silver, and 4 bronze) to create history and this is a good sign for the future said National Paralympics Committee (NPC) President Lt Colonel Deepal Herath after athletes were welcomed at the Katunayake Airport. The Director-General of Sports Amal Edirisooriya graced this occasion while Ex-co members of NPC were also present.

"The eight-member Sri Lanka team

always maintained unity to give a good message and junior athletes proved how to triumph under one flag to bring glory for Sri Lanka," said National Paralympic Committee (NPC) President.

The 17-year-old swimmer Galina Basnayake the golden girl was outstanding and she took three gold medals and most probably her achievements will pave the way to the next Asian Para Games. She is already among the first eight swimmers in her events at the Asian Para Games and we can expect more medals from Galina. Hailing from Lyceum International, Galina Basnayake won gold in the S6-10 400m Freestyle (5:25.27min), 100m

Freestyle (1:12.09min), 50m Freestyle, and a silver in the S6-10 100m Butterfly (1:32.86min). The only other gold medal for Sri Lanka was won by Safran Mohamad in the M U17 long Jump event with a leap of 5.60m. He also bagged another silver in the M U17 100m event. He is from Arakkala Muslim School Kekunagolla, Kuliyaipitiya. Jason Jayawardena won two silver medals from shot putt and discus throw from Colombo 07. Janani Wickramasinghe added three bronze medals to the tally in the Track and Field events 200m with a time of 29.36sec, 100m, and in the long jump with a leap of 4.38m. Naveed Raheem added to the



Sri Lankan team that took part at the Asian Para Youth Games in Bahrain created history to take highest number of 12 medals. They were warmly welcomed by the Director General of Sports Amal Edirisooriya, President of National Paralympic Committee Lt Colonel Deepal Herath and Exco members of NPC at the Katunayake Airport.

tally with a Bronze in the 400m Freestyle event.

"Most of the time we had to depend on Army Para athletes but now we know several civilian athletes also are among the Para medal winners and they were inspired by Dinesh Priyantha Herath and Samitha Dulan the gold and

bronze Paralympics medal winners in Tokyo. The juniors started their preparation from 2019 after Junior Nationals and coaches gave fine guidance to them for their success which always has been a big boost for their future," said the NPC President. "We also have a plan to give a chance for all junior

medal winners for the Asian Games second selection trials to be held at Sugathadasa Stadium which provides more exposure for them. Sri Lankan swimming legend, Julian Bolling coached the swimmers while Nalinda Senarath joined the Bahrain tour as the athletics coach.

Galle Gladiators to take on Dambulla Giants today

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Galle Gladiators will meet Dambulla Giants, while Colombo Stars will clash with Jaffna Kings in their Lanka Premier League (LPL) matches today at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium.

The Galle team led by Bhanuka Rajapaksa started with a 54-run win over defending champions Jaffna Kings and are already at the top of the points table with the highest run rate. They have a strong spin department to make a good challenge. Two experienced players, England's Samit Patel (leg spinner) and Pakistan's Mohammad Hafeez (off-spinner), together with Afghan wrist spinner 16-year-old Noor Ahmad, are leading their spin department. Young bowling all-rounder Dhananjaya Lakshan always strengthens their side. O opener Dhanuska Gunathilleka, Kusal Mednis, Skipper Bhanuka Rajapaksa, and Patel are leading their batting department.

Meanwhile, Dambulla Giants led by Dasun Shanaka have the services of opener Phil Salt, who already has two half-centuries, while all-rounders Chamika Karunaratne and



Avishka Fernando and Thisara Perera entertained the crowds in their match against Kandy Warriors.

Ramesh Mendis strengthen their side. Experienced paceman Nuwan Pradeep and leg spinner Imran Tahir have taken many wickets as well.

Jaffna Kings Skipper Thisara Perera and Opener Avishka Fernando gave a superb batting display with brisk half centuries in their last game against Kandy Warriors. Shoaib Malik and Chaturanga de Silva are useful middle-order batters of the side. Two key spinners Wanindu Hasaranga and Maheesh Theekshana are leading their bowling department, and pacemen Suranga Lakmal and Jayden Seales are also among the wicket-takers.

Colombo Stars led by Dhananjaya de Silva, in the absence of Angelo Mathews, have the services of batsmen Dinesh Chandimal and

Kusal Janith Perera, while Dushmantha Chameera and Naveen U-Haq are the leading pacemen. They beat Galle Gladiators in their first game, but lost to Dambulla Giants after a good fight. Today, they will face Jaffna Kings.

Dambulla Giants opener Phil Salt has the highest runs (137) in three matches, while Jaffna Kings Jayden Seales and Colombo Stars Nuwan Pradeep are the top bowlers, with seven wickets each.

Himasha tests positive for doping

Former Sri Lanka and South Asia 100m record-holder Himasha Eashan has been suspended from track and field activities after being found positive for using a banned substance.

This is the second time that Eashan tested positive for a banned substance. The first instance occurred

in 2012, when he was a minor and was given a one-year ban, which was brought down to 9 months following an appeal.

Eashan's out-of-competition sample was collected on October 26 at the Narahenpita Army Quarters in Colombo, which has now tested positive for sub-

stances that were included in the 2021 World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) prohibited list.

He has been called for a hearing on November 15 at the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency (SLADA), where further inquiries will be carried out before further legal proceedings. (D.R)



Srimali wins Gold at Commonwealth Weightlifting C'ship

Sri Lanka's women's weightlifter Srimali Samarakoon won a gold medal competing in the women's 45kg category at the ongoing Commonwealth and World Weightlifting Championship held in Uzbekistan, yesterday.

Twenty-one-year-old Samarakoon is an outstanding woman weightlifter holding the present Sri Lanka Weightlifting Record total of 140Kg in 48Kg. She is the first Sri Lankan weightlifter to take a medal at this tournament, which commenced last Tuesday.

Srimali is a past pupil of Habarana Central College who did her higher studies at Mahamaya Girls' College in Kandy and entered the University of Sri Jaywardenepura. She is one of the most promising weightlifters in the National team. (D.R.)

Travis Head's unbeaten ton put Aussies in command

Travis Head thumped a century in a session to rip the game away from England after they briefly clawed their way back into the contest following another morning of self-destruction.

Head made the joint third-fastest Ashes century, off 85 balls, and became the first to score a Test century in a session at the Gabba, to torch any hopes England had after Australia had lost 4 for 29 in the afternoon to lead by just 48 with five wickets in hand. Australia finished the day with a lead of 196 and three wickets in hand with Head still unbeaten on 112.

Head's century came on the back of a supreme 156-run stand earlier in the day from David Warner and Marnus Labuschagne, with Warner making an eventual 94, while Labuschagne a masterful 74 in difficult batting conditions to set the game up. Ollie Robinson bowled superbly to take 3 for 48, but limped off with a hamstring injury late in the day while Ben Stokes also battled a leg issue and a host of no-ball problems, including bowling Warner on 17 when he overstepped. Mark Wood also bowled wholeheartedly all day for little reward. Halfway through the day, Australia were ready to make England pay as their calamitous start to this series had turned

from bad to worse. Australia were 1 for 166 with Warner and Labuschagne having passed England's first-innings total on their own, with Warner having survived being bowled off a no-ball, dropped at slip, and missed being run-out.

But a rare mistake from Labuschagne opened the door for England to keep the door ajar thanks to a superb spell from Robinson, only for Head to all but slam it shut. He tore into England's weak links, thumping a struggling Stokes for three boundaries in an over to get his innings going.

He then latched onto Jack Leach, just as Labuschagne and Warner had earlier in the day, hammering him with lofted strikes over long-on and powerful cuts and pulls. Leach took 1 for 95 from 11 overs, which did include four overthrows as England unravelled. Head brought up his third century against the second new ball with a superb drive down the ground and celebrated to a standing ovation.

Head had entered the Test as the last man picked for Australia, having beaten Usman Khawaja for the No. 5 spot, and might have cemented his place long term. England only have themselves to blame for their predicament. Warner could have been out on 17, 48 and 60. *Cricinfo*

SCORECARD

ENGLAND 1ST INNINGS 147		AUSTRALIA 1ST INNINGS	
David Warner	c Stokes b Robinson 94	Marnus Labuschagne	c Wood b Leach 74
Marcus Harris	c Malan b Robinson 3	Steven Smith	c Buttler b Wood 12
Ben Stokes	not out 112	Travis Head	not out 112
Cameron Green	b Robinson 0	Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 4, w 2)	14
Alex Carey	c Pope b Woakes 12	TOTAL (for 7 wickets in 84 overs)	343
Pat Cummins	c Hameed b Root 12	Yet to bat: Nathan Lyon, Josh Hazlewood	
Mitchell Starc	not out 10	Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-166, 3-189, 4-195, 5-195, 6-236, 7-306	
		BOWLING: Chris Woakes 20-7-56-1, Ollie Robinson 18-8-48-3, Mark Wood 20-4-57-1, Ben Stokes 9-0-50-0, Jack Leach 11-0-95-1, Joe Root 6-0-29-1	

Sanath and Murali's sons in U-15 Youth cricket tourney

The sons of two former cricketing legends of Sri Lanka - Sanath Jayasuriya and Muttiah Muralitharan will be seen in action in the under-15 Inter District Youth Cricket Tournament organised and conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket island wide.

Ranuk the son of Master Blaster Sanath Jayasuriya will represent the Colombo North zone (3) while Naren the son of spin wizard and World record holder Muttiah Muralitharan will play for Colombo North (1) respectively. This popular tournament will be held in 25 districts to encourage the young kids to take up the game and to scout their talents at a young age. The Western province which has the biggest participation in this tournament is divided into three districts. The Colombo district comprises of six teams each tagged as Colombo South and North. But the Gampaha District is segregated as zone 1, 2 and 3 while the Kalutara district too consists same number of teams slated in three zones.

Meanwhile, Ranuk Jayasuriya's team will meet Gampaha Zone 2 team at Godigamuwa grounds in Negombo today while Naren is to play a game in a few days time. (A.M.)



Ranuka Jayasuriya



Naren Muralitharan

Daily News Business

Business Editor : (011) 242 9221 Fax : (011)2343694 e mail : business.dailynews@lakehouse.lk


**TRIAD WINS 'SOUTH ASIA
INDEPENDENT AGENCY'** **PAGE
20**
When import restrictions are eased

Electric vehicles to be given top priority

Govt to import 100 low floor electric buses
70% alternative energy sources by 2030

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Brand new Electric vehicle imports would be the top priority by the government when it decides to allow the imports of auto vehicles, said Secretary to the Ministry of Environment, Dr. Anil Jasinghe.

He said that globally Sri Lanka has come into high praise as it maintains a very high standard when it comes to controlling emissions. "We want to better it and this is why the President is keen to power the nation with 70% alternative energy sources by 2030 and become 'net zero' by 2050. India is planning to reach this target by 2070. This is also the reason why the government said 'No' to the construction of future coal power plants.

"While the small countries like us are doing their part in maintaining emissions it's the big countries like China and USA that are not doing their part."

He however said that the local



Ansell Vice President Research And Development, Frank Stivalet, Secretary to the Ministry of Environment, Dr. Anil Jasinghe, National Director UNIDO Nawaz Rajabdeen, and CEO National Cleaner Production Centre Eng. Samantha Kumarasena, at the event. Picture by Saliya Ruapsinghe

transport, power generation and industries are the 'bad' players for Sri Lanka. "Hence now we have decided to make way for EV vehicles and as a first priority the government will import 100 low floor buses powered by Electric soon," he disclosed. These would be run as City buses. Likewise EV vehicles too would get priority to import, he said answering a question from Daily News Business.

He also said that the government

also understands the plight of Nissan Leaf car owners and a solution for their issues would be given soon. (Nissan car owners which purchased a vehicle for around Rs. 2.5 million now need to replace their E batteries but it costs them around Rs. 1.2 million for each! There are around 4,000 such cars in Sri Lanka and due to the issue with their E battery they can travel only around 25 KM per charging circle and no

secondhand E battery imports too are allowed.)

Meanwhile CEO NCP, Eng. Samantha Kumarasena said that the second "International Conference on Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy" will be held on January 19 at Waters Edge.

"NCP organised the first International Conference on Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy in January 2020 with 200+ delegates, 10+ renowned international speakers and 20+ partners. This year too a foreign and local audience will attend it." The conference created an impact among masses by passing international knowledge and updates on several timely topics. "The conference was an eye opener and led the industries and businesses to create novel circular economy solutions for the existing problems."

In addition the NCP awards too would be held with it and this year the public sector too would be invited to send entries.

Foreign employment good litmus test

Increase STEM fields in education policy – Minister Dr Gunawardena



Trade Minister Dr Bandula Gunawardena receives a token of appreciation from CA Sri Lanka President Manil Jayasinghe as Vice President Sanjaya Bandara looks on. Picture by Dinesh Perera.

DINESH PERERA

Trade Minister Dr Bandula Gunawardena called on all officials and policymakers to target STEM fields in their education policy. He noted that initiatives that exposed young children to STEM fields were highly popular among students and useful to them in future employability.

Dr Gunawardena was speaking on December 9 at the launch of the new campus of the School of Accounting and Business under CA Sri Lanka on Galle Road. Dr Gunawardena recalled how the present

members of the government have over the decades set the foundation of a knowledge-based economy.

Dr Gunawardena noted that it was policymakers currently in the government that had established the education hubs in Pitipana and Homagama. Dr Gunawardena wanted there to be broader awareness of how the Mahinda Rajapaksa School benefitted from the 40-acre NSBM campus next door. He noted how NSBM had created the capacity for the country by providing spaces for 12,000 students. **TO PAGE 18**

Port of Colombo ranks 17th in World Bank and IHS Markit Container Port Performance Index


Port of Colombo Best Connected-port in South Asia – UNCTAD

The Port of Colombo is the best-connected port in South Asia, according to the annual report of the Maritime Transport Review released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for the year 2021.

According to the Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) at port level, eight of the top ten ports were in Asia, led by Shanghai; the remaining two are in Europe – Rotterdam and Antwerp. The best-connected port in Latin America and the Caribbean was Cartagena, Colombia; in South Asia, it was Colombo, Sri Lanka; in North America, it was New York/New Jersey, United States; and in Africa, it was Tanger Med, Morocco.

In April 2021, to provide stakeholders with a reference point for maritime trade and transport the World Bank and IHS Markit published

a new index, the Container Port Performance Index (CPPI). This index combines data on vessels, their port calls and the cargos they load and unload, as well as the time they spend in ports. According to the CPPI index, the Port of Colombo is ranked at 17 out of 25 best ports in the World.

"The first version had data for 2019 and the first half of 2020 and was dominated by ports in East Asia, led by Yokohama in Japan, which was ahead of King Abdullah Port in Saudi Arabia and Qingdao in China. In Europe, the highest-ranked port was Algeciras in Spain at 10; in South Asia, it was Colombo in Sri Lanka at 17; and in the Americas, Lazaro Cardenas in Mexico at 25," the UNCTAD's Review of Maritime Transport quoted the Container Port Performance Index of World Bank and IHS Markit.

Promise narrowing spread on FX

Informal remittance channels assisting drug trade - People's Bank Chairman

DINESH PERERA

People's Bank Chairman Sujeewa Rajapakse stressed to the public that the usage of informal remittance channels was akin to being in support of the drug trade and other nefarious activity. Rajapakse stressed that People's Bank would continue to work towards formalising and providing fair services to overseas workers.

Rajapakse was speaking on December 9 on the sidelines of the CA launch of the new location for their School of Accounting and Business. Rajapakse acknowledged that the banking sector could do more to narrow the spread that they maintain on popular foreign currency. Alongside narrowing the spread the bank



People's Bank Chairman
Sujeewa Rajapakse

is looking at a host of other incentives to attract foreign remittances.

The Central Bank has protected the local banking sector's FX Trading Business by preventing competition from major remittance providers like PayPal. This overtime has allowed wider spreads of for-

eign exchange through formal channels and consequently the space for the growth of an informal sector. This informal sector has over time become embedded in the economy and has been the source of money laundering and tax evasion for nefarious actors both overseas and locally.

Rajapakse signalled confidence in dollar liquidity in the local market given the rise of receipts from the tourism industry. Rajapakse noted that unlike the apparel sector the tourism industry had much higher levels of domestic value creation in their revenue streams and that the revival of the sector alongside other initiatives by the government would stir confidence in the markets.

Awareness required on current and future EU policies

Awareness is required around current and future EU policies such as Green Deal, new GSP scheme, proposed sustainable textile, organic products requirements etc. These sentiments were expressed at the Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2021, organized by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

Addressing a session titled, "Resetting the Export Portfolio at the Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2021, two main speakers at the session, Dilhan Fernando CEO, Dilmah Tea and Shalin Balasuriya, Co-Founder, Spa Ceylon emphasised the need for continuous and much greater connection with SME exporters. Moreover, they highlighted the need to look at non-traditional EU markets, other non-



CEO Dilmah Tea
Dilhan C Fernando

EU markets which have special arrangements with the EU.

"From around 7,000 EU GSP+ eligible products from Sri Lanka only around 60% of the products utilize the scheme. New EU GSP will have 6 additional conventions for the same list of products so Sri Lanka can target that to develop exports." It was recommended that the Government facilitation can



Co-Founder, Spa Ceylon
Shalin Balasuriya

come from creating conducive environment for FDIs which can increase value addition as well as capitalise on the opportunity with businesses moving out of China. In addition, it was mentioned that negotiating trade agreements including GSP and FTAs with Far East Asian countries; proper policy environment and directions and, consistency; and efficiency in approval processes.

Pandemic has increased regulatory requirements for good as they help to improve product quality and improve competition; and speakers highlighted the need to build fabric parks to improve lead time, increase domestic addition of exports.

It was suggested that it is essential to move from commodity to value added growth while creating an ecosystem where startups can launch freely.

"We need to create more brands to export. That is what is going to generate a premium. New thoughts and brands should be given opportunity. It is important to use authenticity, culture and knowledge to brand in overseas markets," Shalin Balasuriya said.

Ministry of Aviation and Investment Zone Development Janaka Sri Chandragupta assumes duties as Secretary

S. Janaka Sri Chandragupta assumed duties as the Secretary to the State Ministry of Aviation and Investment Zone Development yesterday at the Ministry located on the 30th floor of the World Trade Centre in Colombo.

Chandragupta is a Special Grade Officer in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service and has previously held a number of posts in Health, Education, Investment Promotion, Public Administration, West-



Janaka Sri Chandragupta accepts his letter of appointment from State Minister of Aviation and Investment Zone Development D V Chanaka.

ern Provincial Council, General Treasury, Divisional Secretariat

- Beruwala and the Additional District Secretariat - Kalutara.

**An alternative to
Savings Accounts**
**NDB | WEALTH
MONEY
FUND**

* Current Yield as at 2nd December 2021

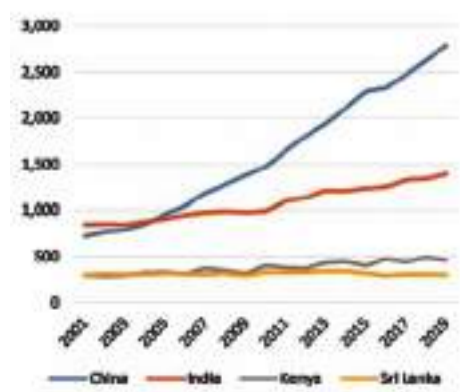
7.30%
WITHDRAW ANYTIME
**It's time for more
than banking!**

Disclaimer: * Current yield is variable and subject to change. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Exploratory Memorandum before investing. Among others, investors should consider the fees and charges involved.

071 9 788 788
**NDB
Wealth Management**

Licensed by the Securities & Exchange Commission

SL Plantation sector facing headwinds in past few decades



Tea production of main tea producing countries ('000 tonnes)

Plantation sector has been facing headwinds in the past few decades. Declining production levels, shrinking market share, and meagre profitability pose a major threat to the long-term viability of the industry, says ICRA Lanka in their 'Sri Lanka plantations at a fork in the road, thrive or survive?' report.

"Poor performance of the industry with respect to its peers is a culmination of an intricately intertwined set of problems. Low yielding crops, labor issues, government policy changes, price volatility, and vagaries

of weather are among the top problems for the industry." When it comes to profitability, the industry is characterized by volatile revenue growth and high degree of variability in profitability. Only a handful of RPCs managed to remain highly profitable while at least 25% of the companies were consistently making losses in the last decade.

Poor performance of the industry with respect to its peers is a culmination of an intricately intertwined set of problems. Majority of the RPCs neither produce sufficient internal

generation nor receive adequate capital infusions from the parent companies to finance these investments and as it stands, due to relatively moderate leverage among many RPCs, borrowing is also not a viable long-term option. In the past two decades, tea production by Sri Lanka's main competitors; China, India and Kenya, grew roughly at around 8%, 3% and 2% respectively on a CAGR basis while Sri Lanka remained more-or-less flat.

Sri Lanka's total tea production slumped in 2020 for the third consec-

utive year since 2017. Sri Lanka ranks fourth on the tea production in terms of the volume. The nation's global market share continues to fall amid stiff competition among the major tea producing countries. Sri Lanka held a market share of over 20% which has now declined to an alarming 5%.

To overcome these issues some RPCs have adopted some strategies in an attempt to improve their profitability and long-term viability. These include replanting, factory upgrade, mechanization, and diversification. **TO PAGE 18**

MARKET/NEWS

SHARES - COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE

ASPI, S&P SL20, Market Market Closed. ASPI: 13,778.43, S&P SL20: 3,995.74, Market: 499,520,783.



Market Statistics on 09.12.2021

Main Board table with columns: Security, Volume, **V.V.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, **V.V.A. Yesterday's Close, Change (Rs.).

Table with columns: Security, Volume, **V.V.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, **V.V.A. Yesterday's Close, Change (Rs.).

COCONUTS

Coconut Products - Prices on 09.12.2021. Table listing various coconut products and their prices.

EXCHANGE RATES

Table with columns: Currency, Buying Rate, Selling Rate. Lists exchange rates for various currencies.

ICTA to conduct regional Cluster Development Program today

ICTA will conduct regional Cluster Development Program to nurture Digital Technology Awareness and Adoption in the Western Region today at BMICH.

MARKET STATISTICS

Table with columns: EQUITY DETAILS, TODAY, PRV.DAY. Lists market statistics for various equities.

SL Plantation... From Page 17

Factory renovations and plant upgrades are also considered mandatory to ensure capacity expansions, quality improvements and increased efficiency.

Increase STEM fields... From Page 17

Dr Gunawardena went on to describe how through the policy measures by the government that had been significant co-locating infrastructure notably the SLINTEC and Telecom Centres.

SL Plantation... From Page 17

Dr Gunawardena was of the view that the success of the education sector was measurable by whether or not Sri Lankan graduates were able to seek employment.

Increase STEM fields... From Page 17

Dr Gunawardena went on to describe how through the policy measures by the government that had been significant co-locating infrastructure notably the SLINTEC and Telecom Centres.

CHAMBER NEWS

NCE renews partnership with Bank of Ceylon

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka recently announced the renewal of their strategic partnership with Bank of Ceylon, latter being one of the principle partners of the NCE Annual Export Awards for the last many years.

The Chamber signed a Memorandum of Understanding with BOC last week at Bank of Ceylon, Head Office premises. Through this MoU BOC will extend a comprehensive array of financial solutions to member exporters of the Chamber, through its recently launched "Export Circle" in line with the bank's 82nd anniversary celebrations.

This MoU is valid for a period of one year and enables all export oriented ventures especially start-ups and SME Exporters to obtain a gamut of financial services as well as advisory needs with a 360-degree perspective.

As foreign exchange income is a critical requirement, this partnership will serve to develop and sustain Sri Lankan exports to supply high quality products/services to the global market and increase foreign exchange earnings, ensuring the Country gains financial stability.

Thus, this long standing partnership witnesses to add significant value in growing exports overall, whilst securing economic stability and resilience of the Country.

Through this partnership, NCE as the exclusive Chamber representing exporters will be able to support its members, as always by creating a stronger platform for members and the bank to interact. Our aim is to facilitate both BOC and member exporters of the Chamber through various programs conducted by us including the NCE Annual Awards, the flagship

event of the NCE, a senior Chamber official stated.

Bank of Ceylon (BOC), the fully state-owned leading commercial bank in Sri Lanka launched "BOC Export Circle" an export boosting effort in keeping with its resilient stand during the uncertain times.

As Banker's to the Nation, the Bank has taken in its task to accommodate the exporters as well as budding exporters to transform them to become vital exporters for the nation.

The National Chamber of Exporter of Sri Lankais the leading chamber exclusively responsible for serving the export sector with a variety of services.

The Membership of the Chamber represents leading exporters across all product and service sectors in Sri Lanka, ranging from Large to Small export-oriented enterprises.



Menaka Wanniarachchi Director Operation (NCE), Shiham Marikar Secretary General and CEO (NCE), W.N.P. Surawimala Deputy General Manager, Corporate and Offshore Banking (BOC), Rochelle Fernando Assistant General Manager, Trade Services (BOC) Lasantha Samarawickrama (BOC).

Korean Ambassador Santhush hosts SRI LANKA-KOREA Business Council



Korean Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Santhush Woonjin JEONG welcomed Sri Lanka-Korea Business Council members at his residence in Horton place for a lunch gathering. Members of the Council including President Priyantha Mendis, Vice President Shamil Mendis, the Immediate Past President Mahen Kariyawasam and the Founder President Prof. Lakshman R. Watawala attended the luncheon.

Highlighting the infinite potential Korea and Sri Lanka has for boosting trade and investment, Ambassador Santhush stated that, "As the Korean Ambassador, it is one of my priorities to increase opportunities for Korean and Sri Lankan businessmen to engage with each other more proactively.

My Embassy will pave the way for both businessmen and promote more active partnerships in the business communities between Korea and Sri Lanka. On a hopeful note, the volume of exports from Sri Lanka to Korea has increased 10 percent from USD 100 million in 2019 to USD 110 million 2020.

This increase is an exceptional case amid the world experiencing an economic depression due to covid-19 pandemic." He also commended the invaluable contribution of the Sri Lanka-Korea Business Council to

promote commercial ties and strengthen economic cooperation between Korea and Lanka.

Addressing the luncheon, Priyantha Mendis President of the Sri Lanka-Korea Business Council thanked Ambassador Santhush for the immeasurable support extended by him and the Korean Embassy to facilitate bilateral trade and bolster commercial ties by encouraging joint ventures, promoting investments and supporting many webinars and meetings between Korea and Sri Lanka.

He further stated, "I must mention that the Korean Government has once again helped our youth find employment in Korea and arranged the first batch of new entries to depart to Korea soon.

Your initiative has helped to uplift the living standards of our youth and earn foreign currency at present."

Executive Committee Members of the Sri Lanka-Korea Business Council M.K. Kunendran, Patali Karunathilake, Asitha Martis, K.D.L. Chamara, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Dinithi Dias and First Secretary of the Korean Embassy Miyeon LIM were also present at the luncheon.

ICCSL recognized at Business World Awards 2020

The International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka was recognized at the Business World International Organization Award Ceremony for a Most Outstanding Service Excellence award 2020 which was held at the Taj Samudra Hotel on Sunday. Immediate Past Chairman Dinesh Weerakkody is seen receiving the award from the Former President Maithripala Sirisena MP. Several leading personalities were recognized at the event including Arjuna Ranatunga, Singer Yohani de Silva, Mahela Jayawardena and many more.



SLAEA appoints new Executive Committee at 39th AGM

Sri Lanka's apparel industry has risen to the challenges posed by the pandemic and the sector can contribute further to the country's economy, provided that all stakeholders collaborate to address critical constraints, apparel exporters point out.

These views were expressed at the recent 39th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sri Lanka Apparel Exporters Association (SLAEA), the pioneer association representing the country's apparel exporters.

Apparel exporters highlighted the need for COVID-19 vaccine boosters for staff, addressing domestic macroeconomic constraints – particularly the lack of foreign exchange and strengthening export market access, for the industry to realize its potential. At the event, SLAEA's Executive Committee expressed appreciation of the role played by health and other public authorities in vaccinating the apparel industry's 350,000 workforce. However, apparel exporters emphasised the need to secure COVID-19 boosters for employees of the sector, given that the six-month window since the vaccinations



Rehan Lakhany Immediate Past Chairman Chairman Original Apparel, Deputy Chairman Indika Liyanahewage CEO Eskimo Fashions Knitwear, Chairman Aroon Hirdaramani Director Hirdaramani Group, and Hon. Treasurer Jeevith Senaratne Senior Manager Business Analysis Star Garments.

were rolled out is fast approaching. In addition, apparel exporters discussed the vital importance of retaining the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Plus trade concessions to the European Union as well as the United Kingdom. It was noted that the country needs to strengthen access to other key and emerging export markets.

"The apparel industry's contribution to the Sri Lankan economy remains unparalleled, a fact duly recognized by the Government," Chairman of SLAEA's Executive

Committee for 2021/22, Aroon Hirdaramani said. "However, we are now facing significant issues in the context of the country's foreign reserve shortages and overall economic issues.

Together with our apex body – the Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF) – we are working with the authorities on solutions that can continue the growth witnessed from 2021 onwards, with minimal disruption."

The SLAEA Chairman also commended and appreciated the contri-

buton of the Executive Committee and the members of the association. Under the Executive Committee's leadership, overcoming pandemic-induced disruptions, SLAEA undertook several key initiatives. These include the key role played by the association and its individual members in collaborating with the authorities on worker safety and vaccinations, as well as the rebranding of the SLAEA.

In 2020, as part of its rebranding, the SLAEA rolled out a new logo, website and a video promoting the industry, the culmination of more than a year-long activity performed diligently by the association's branding committee. SLAEA is seeking to further leverage digital tools to strengthen the positive positioning of Sri Lanka's apparel industry, to assist in increasing its market share.

The Executive Committee of the SLAEA for 2021/22 comprises; Chairman Aroon Hirdaramani Director Hirdaramani Group, Deputy Chairman Indika Liyanahewage CEO Eskimo Fashions Knitwear, Rehan Lakhany Immediate Past Chairman Apparel and Treasurer Jeevith Senaratne Senior Manager Business Analysis Star Garments.

National Chamber conducts briefing session on "Business Excellence Awards"

The National Chamber conducted an Introductory seminar virtually recently where Nandika Buddhipala, President, National Chamber, Sunil G. Wijesinha, Chairman Panel of Judges, NBEA 2021 and Sanath Fernando, Chairman, Technical and Financial Evaluation Panel, NBEA 2021 have explained to the applicants as to how the application should be compiled.

There were more than 125 potential applicants who participated in the briefing session. It is noted that there had been more than 100 applicants in the year 2019; the number is expected to increase this year even amidst the Covid-19 pandemic situation. The National Chamber is proud to note that even towards the end of November there were more than 100 potential applicants already collected the NBEA Applications.

"National Business Excellence Awards 2021" was



Nandika Buddhipala, President, National Chamber, Sunil G. Wijesinha, Chairman, Panel of Judges and Sanath Fernando, Chairman, Financial and Technical Panel NBEA and Waruna Mallawaarachchi Consultant Business Development Lake House. Pictures by Ruwan De Silva

launched officially on November 10, 2021, with a sizable gathering of Print and Electronic Media Institutions. NBEA 2021 is conducted for the 17th year being one of the pioneering Awards Competitions initiated as way back as 2004, by the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka, the National Business

Excellence Awards (NBEA), has maintained its highest standards and gained much recognition and prestige amongst the business community as a well-structured Awards Scheme it has today become the symbol of recognizing "Excellence" of businesses in Sri Lanka.



The President of the National Chamber after recognizing the current evolving trends such as agile nature of strategies to address disruptive nature of business environment with Covid-19 pandemic, emphasis on reducing carbon emission, transforming nature of workplace, increasing tendency of capital is getting attracted to trusted, ethical and environmentally friendly organizations and the purpose of the institutions more aligned towards creating long term sustainability and creating value for all in the society and not restricting to a selected few. The National Chamber appointed a

selected Committee in order to revive the National Business Excellence Awards application in order to accompany such important emerging trends. The Committee, recognizing the fact that such changes should be introduced gradually, allowing our organizations to adopt over a period of time managed to introduce an application with some important changes but the model will still be based on the Evaluation Model of seven criteria, namely – Excellence in Strategy and Leadership, Excellence in Corporate Governance, Excellence in Capacity Building, Excellence in Perfor-



mance Management, Excellence in Local and Global Market Reach, Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Sustainability, Excellence in Business and Financial Results. It is expected to allow the contemporary needs to the application over a period of time.

The numbers and Quality of Applications have been on the rise over the years. The Competition comprises categories – Extra Large, Large, Medium, Small and Micro – and diversified industry sectors; it also creates the opportunity for 29 industry sectors to secure Awards, category-wise or on evaluation criteria. Ninety two Awards will be presented to the Winners this year (NBEA 2021), including Overall Excellence Winners of Gold, Silver and Bronze. The evaluations will be car-

ried out initially, by a Technical and Financial Panel with a desk review, headed by the Chairman of the Financial and Technical Panel, Sanath Fernando, Partner, Assurance, at Ernst & Young.

The shortlisted applications will be reviewed and interviewed by a panel of judges to ascertain the best Corporate Companies as Award Winners. Selection of winners will be made by an eminent Panel of Judges chaired by Sunil G. Wijesinha, Past President - National Chamber, Former Chairman Employers' Federation of Ceylon, Former President Japan Sri Lanka Technical and Cultural Association (JASTECA) and Non-Executive Chairman of several Listed Companies. The Awards Ceremony will be conducted in February 2022 amidst a large gathering of distin-

guished guests, invitees, Diplomats, leading businessmen, entrepreneurs, high level senior officials from the Government and private sector. In compliance with anti-Covid-19 rules, the event may be held in a hybrid format. The National Chamber will announce any changes, ensuring in any case the smooth running of the event.

The President and the Council of the National Chamber cordially invite the business community of Sri Lanka to participate in the National Business Excellence Awards (NBEA) which is widely recognized as the prestigious symbol of Excellence in doing business in Sri Lanka. This virtual event was recorded and now available on National Chamber Facebook page, www.national-businessexcellence.lk and on the www.nationalchamber.lk.

AWARDS

'Campaign Agency of The Year Awards 2021'

Triad, Sri Lanka's 1st agency to win 'South Asia Independent Agency'

Triad has marked a new milestone in its trajectory of excellence, being named South Asia's Independent Agency of the Year 2021. For the last two years alone, Triad has won 27 international awards.

The latest recognition at Campaign's Agency of the Year Awards, saw Triad becoming the first Sri Lankan agency to claim South Asia Independent Agency while Triad's Chief Strategy Officer, Shehan Samarasingha was named South Asia Strategic/Brand Planner of the Year 2021 winning the award two years consecutively.

The Campaign Agency of the Year (AOY) Awards presently in its 28th edition recognises inspiring leadership, management excellence, outstanding business performance, and overall achievements in advertising and brand communications. Candidates are subject to rigorous examination and exacting standards, judged by an independent panel of judges made up of industry veterans and experts with results tabulated by PwC Singapore.

Triad's Joint Managing Director,

Varuni Fernando recounted Triad's journey thus far, "Triad started with three friends and a dream, at a time when only internationally affiliated agencies were operating in Sri Lanka. We have always been fiercely independent and hungry to make our mark, and have worked hard to set a benchmark for locally owned, independent agencies. Today, we are incredibly proud to be amongst the top integrated communications agencies in Sri Lanka and the region because above all, this shows Sri Lanka Can. We look forward to many more victories ahead and renew our resolve to always challenge norms and be the best at this game!"

Triad Chief Strategy Officer Shehan Samarasingha stated, "Winning any of the Year awards shows commitment to work beyond work. We truly believe that clients come to us for our creativity but stay with us for our strategy. This focus on acts over ads has been central to our success in driving value for clients. My sincere gratitude goes



Commenting on the accolades, Sarva Ameresekere, Chief Executive Officer at Triad said, "These awards recognise the contributions of Triad's Next Generation. It is wonderful to see that we are creating world class ad industry professionals who are ensuring business continuity and growth for the organisation."

Founded on March 11 1993, Triad has evolved from simple creative advertising to providing comprehensive 360-degree creative solutions capable of addressing any brand communications requirement. Over nearly three decades, Team Triad has grown to include over 100 unique individuals whose diversity and resourcefulness have enabled the agency to emerge as a fully-integrated total communications solutions provider, strengthened and supported by its many subsidiaries.

Flash Health awarded Merit Award at FITIS Digital Excellence Awards

Flash Health, one of Sri Lanka's premier healthcare service providers, revolutionizing medicine delivery, home lab testing and many more healthcare services, is proud to announce that the company has been named winner of the Merit award in the Born Digital Category of the FITIS Digital Excellence Awards. Flash Health was selected for the award by a panel of leaders in the technology sphere of Sri Lanka. The Born Digital award is given to recognize a brand-new category of enterprise, consisting of companies that are completely digitized, who base their strategies on the latest mobile technologies.

Winning this award is a testament of the strategy and unique operational methodology that Flash Health employs for its core activities. In line with its goal of 'Health & Wellness at your Convenience' Flash Health has used mobile and digital technologies to change the people's perspectives and

buying patterns regarding medical services. From its inception as a mobile based medicine delivery company, Flash Health has scaled its operations to include additional medical services such as mobile laboratory testing facilities and many upcoming features. Speaking about the achievement, CEO of Flash Health Arshad Ameer said, "We are honored to have

received this award from FITIS. The whole Flash team is pleased to be recognized for all the work we have done over the last two years. Changing people's perspectives and mindsets about what is possible with technology and using technology to make people's lives easier is our driving factor. We remain committed to delivering new and innovative services and solutions to enrich the lives of all Sri Lankans."



Flash Health received the FITIS Merit Award under the category of Born Digital.

HNB shines at Best Corporate Citizens Sustainability Awards

Continuing its trailblazing legacy at the Best Corporate Citizens Sustainability Awards (BCCSA) 2021, Sri Lanka's leading private sector HNB PLC was presented with two awards in recognition of its outstanding CSR initiatives, which includes the Bank being ranked among the Top 10 Best Corporate Citizens in Sri Lanka.

"Despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic, we put sustainability at the heart of our business practices, driving digital experiences exponentially and taking many innovative measures to reduce our carbon footprint. Working in alignment with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, we contributed towards the revival of businesses by supporting customers who were severely impacted. Our policies and commitment to these initia-



HNB Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Dilshan Rodrigo and HNB Chief Transformation Officer and DGM L. Chiranthi Cooray with HNB Head of Legal Shiroini Halloluwa and HNB Officer in Charge Sustainable Business, Shanel Perera.

tives has ensured financial security and growth for MSMEs across the island. We are honoured by the accolades presented to HNB today and pledge to continue as a partner in progress for the nation." HNB Executive Director / Chief Operating Officer, Dilshan Rodrigo stated.

HNB was adjudged the winner of the recently introduced award for 'Demonstrated Resilient Practices for COVID-19 Context'

by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) in acknowledgement of its efforts to keep staff and customers safe, support offered to customers in multiple forms of moratoriums and business revival efforts and other technological transformations. CCC's ranking of the 10 Best Corporate Citizens in Sri Lanka, is based on an evaluation of corporates that have enhanced the well-being of their communities in conjunction with achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Fostering a reputation for excel-

lence, HNB has consistently ranked among the 10 Best Corporate Citizens in the past.

Moreover, CCC adopted an improved evaluation criteria this year to highlight the need to mainstream business emergency preparedness, resilience, and stakeholder management in businesses to meet unforeseen challenges. The focus area of the competition included environment, customer relations, community relations, governance, financial performance, economic contribution and special sustainable projects.

The Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards program has been in operation for 18 consecutive years and received 63 applications in 2021, the highest number of applications received in the history of the program.

Established in 1839, the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and one of the leading business chambers in Sri Lanka.

HNB has a national rating of AA- (Ika) by Fitch Ratings (Lanka) Ltd. The bank was also ranked among the World Top 1,000 Banks list compiled by the prestigious UK-based Banker Magazine for five consecutive years.

KVPL wins 'Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Award' in Agriculture

Kelani Valley Plantations PLC (KVPL) secured the Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Award in Agriculture at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards (BCCSA).

The prestigious honour cements KVPL's status as one of the country's most respected pioneers in the field of sustainable and ethical plantations management. Hayleys Plantations Managing Director, Dr. Roshan Rajadurai believes that the company's latest accolades will also help to establish Hayleys Plantations as a case study of exceptional corporate stewardship within the nation's agricultural sector, at a time when sustainable innovation is the urgent need of the hour.

"We are honoured to have been granted such recognition. I express my gratitude to the entire team, without whom such an achievement would not be possible.

"Sustainability is a way of life at Hayleys Plantations, and over the years, our entire team has worked tirelessly to incorporate environmental best practices into every aspect of our operations in a real and meaningful way, while investing in our employees and their communities. Having collated our experience in sustainability, we stand tall as a veteran, ready to collaborate, and help formulate a blueprint for a more sustainable future for the entire Plantations sector," Dr. Rajadurai stated.

Celebrating its 30th year of operations in 2022, Hayleys Plantations has been at the forefront of a progressive transformation in the plantation sector. Elaborating on the unique expertise developed by Hayleys Kelani Valley Plantations Director and CEO, Anura Weerakoon said; "For three decades, KVPL has invested, experimented and innovated an entirely new approach to plantations



KVPL Director and CEO, Anura Weerakoon accepts the certificate from CCC Secretary General and CEO Manjula De Silva, as CCC Board Member Ashoka Peiris presents Hayleys Plantations Managing Director, Dr. Roshan Rajadurai the award with KVPL General Manager HR, Anuruddha Gamage and KVPL Assistant Accountant, Shehan Anupama.

management. Today, we stand ready to share all of the hard-earned, in-depth knowledge that we have gained with all stakeholders to Sri Lanka's agriculture sector.

"By adopting a total systems management approach that incorporates sustainability into every aspect of the business, and focusing on excellence in management of people, environment and finance, we are building accountability and trust with our business partners and the communities we touch, so that together, we can chart more sustaina-

ble trajectory for our nation and its citizens."

KVPL was the first plantations company in the world to commit to the globally-recognised Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) aimed at reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

Kelani Valley Plantations is also known for its unique "A Home for Every Plantation Worker" programme, supporting the wellbeing of 58,000 people including its workforce and surrounding communities, for the benefit of the plantation workforce.

Jayalanka Group clinches Bronze at Presidential Export Awards

The Jayalanka Group, an emerging brand in the field of local food exports, reaffirmed its excellence by winning the Bronze Award for the Best Exporter of the Year in the New Export category at the Presidential Export Awards.

The awards ceremony was organized by the Export Development Board at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall and was attended by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and several Ministers and members of parliament.

"Our company was initially engaged in indirect exports. We had the opportunity to export a number of food products in a very short period of time after we shifted to direct exports. I gratefully acknowledge the founder of the company

and my father, K.G. Upatissa who constantly strived to provide customers with high quality products," said Ganidulshara, Chairman of the company.

Presently, the Jayalanka Group exports a wide range of local food items including spices, sesame products and treacle products to Australia, Canada, Zambia, USA, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, New Zealand and Germany which contributes to receive a significant amount of exchange to the country.

The Jayalanka Group of Companies, established in 1975, is now involved with both indirect and direct exports. Jayalanka now plans to expand its business in the future.



Ganidulshara Chairman of The Jayalanka Group of Companies receives the award from Minister of Trade Bandula Gunawardane.



Devinda Fernando, Manager Digital Processes and PMO; Charana Rajahetty, Project Manager, Kumudu Shyamalee, Manager HR; Priyantha Rathnayake, Manger HR; Ruwanthi Fernando, Chief Information and Process Officer.

Hela Clothing receives Silver at Digital Excellence Awards

Hela Clothing, a leading end-to-end apparel supply chain solutions provider in Sri Lanka, has received the Silver Award for Workforce Enablement at the recently concluded Digital Excellence Awards.

The award comes at a time when the company has embarked on a complete digital transformation to support its global growth while future-proofing the business.

Organised by the Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka (FITIS), the Digital Excellence Awards recognizes the achievements of organizations that have successfully planned and executed their digital transformation through migrating enterprises from Industry 3.0 to 4.0.

As part of phase one of Hela's digital transformation strategy the company launched the HR 360 Programme. This programme aims to connect people, systems, and devices, via the Internet, thus digitalizing the process and generating actionable insights for management. The core of the programme is built on the Microsoft MiHCM solution running on the Microsoft Azure platform. Employees are able to access the HR

360 Programme via an app on their phone.

Since its launch the company has achieved a number of key benefits which include real time data availability and digital empowerment of the workforce. The initial roll-out focused on Hela's 9 locations in Sri Lanka and from January 2022 the app will be made available to their teams across Africa as well.

Expressing her opinion about the win, Ruwanthi Fernando, Chief Information and Process Officer Hela Clothing, said, "We are proud to have been presented with such a prestigious award by FITIS. It underscores the fact that our digital transformation journey is heading in the right direction and further strengthens our resolve to see it through in a timely manner."

She went on to add, "We are confident that the benefits we are seeing now are only the tip of the iceberg. Once completed, we expect our digital transformation journey to help strengthen our position and provide us with a launching pad to achieve greater innovation and prudent growth in the future."

Nations Trust Bank recognized at FITIS Digital Excellence Awards

Nations Trust Bank affirmed its leadership in the digital banking arena, received eight awards led by an overall Silver in the 'Digitised Organization' category and a Gold award each in the Connected Product and Workforce Enablement sub-categories, at the inaugural FITIS Digital Excellence Awards and Conclave 2021.

Out of the 34 awards presented, Nations Trust Bank walked away with the most awards as a bank at the gala event, held at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo.

The Digital Excellence Awards honoured the achievements of organizations that successfully planned and executed digital transformation through migrating enterprises from Industry 3.0 to 4.0. The highest level of transparency and impartiality was maintained throughout the evaluation process with each nomination reviewed and validated using a multi-tiered process and assessed by a panel of, both local and international, independent judges composed of industry thought leaders, veterans, and academia.

Nations Trust Bank Director and



Nations Trust Bank team at the Inaugural FITIS Digital Excellence Awards 2021 with the awards.

Chief Executive Officer Priyantha Talwate spoke on the significance of the award. "We are humbled to be recognized on such a platform, sharing the space with so many organizations revolutionizing the digital space. It is heartening to see this recognition for our digital capabilities which are, aligned to delivering our vision."

Nations Trust Bank's robust digital ecosystem garnered wins as Nations Alpha by Nations Trust Bank received

the Merit Award for the overall Digitised Operation category, whilst securing a Bronze for Customer Centric Process Automation and a Merit Award for Agile Operation. The Silver Award for Connected Partner Eco System was secured by FriMi, with the revolutionary features of FriMi also shining under the Digitised Product and Service category with the digital mobile wallet picking up a Gold for Connected Product and a Silver for Digital Market-

ing Strategy, under the Digitised Customer Experience category. Together the awards made Nations Trust Bank stand high with a Silver for Digitised Organization, setting the industry benchmark.

"Nations Trust Bank embarked on digitalisation very early, as our data driven insights showed the evolution of the banking industry. The Digital Excellence Awards we have won are a true validation of the digital strategy and digital transformation across all levels at Nations Trust Bank. We have created a digital ecosystem with robust products and services, to meet current and future demands," said Randil Boteju, Senior Vice President Sales and Digital Banking at Nations Trust Bank speaking on the win.

The award categories and selection criteria at the FITIS Digital Excellence Awards are aligned to reflect today's most critical business transformation areas and the framework was developed modelling the industry standard Digital Transformation Assessment Framework.

ADVERTORIAL

ComBank opens banking counter at Dept. of Immigration and Emigration

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has opened a banking counter at the Department of Immigration and Emigration for the convenience of visitors and staff.

Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal graced the opening ceremony, which was attended by the Bank's Chief Operating Officer Sanath Manatunge and Deputy General Manager Personal Banking Delakshan Hettiarachchi. Besides providing routine banking services, the counter will provide advice on foreign currency accounts, remittance services and other products offered by Commercial Bank.



Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal accompanied by Commercial Bank Chief Operating Officer Sanath Manatunge presents a Remit Plus Remittance Debit Card to the first customer that walked up to the Commercial Bank counter.

ICTA conducts Regional Cluster Development Programme

ICTA will conduct a Regional Cluster Development Programme to nurture Digital Technology Awareness and Adoption in the Western Region at the BMICH today.

ICTA will conduct a one-day Roadshow in the Western region in collaboration with the Ministry of Technology, Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (TRCSL), Telecommunications Partners and Industry partners.

The Main Forums of the Western Region Roadshow will be held at the BMICH. The forum's main objective is to create awareness about the county's national digital trans-

formation plan and engage with regional stakeholders to create a conducive environment in the Western Region for establishing technology clusters.

The Western Region Roadshow will be focused on Western and North Western Provinces and it will be the final Roadshow for the year, out of the five Regional Roadshows planned by ICTA.

The Roadshow creates new engagements, strengthens prevailing engagements, communicates the national digital Roadmap.

SLT-MOBITEL's mCash continues support to CBSL's LankaQR Nationwide Campaign

SLT-MOBITEL's revolutionary mobile money platform, mCash, has joined hands with the LankaQR nationwide rollout campaign introduced by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) which aims to promote and popularise the digital payment method among merchants as well as customers.

Following the campaign launch in October, a follow up campaign was held in Tangalle recently, with merchants and customers drawn to the event in large numbers. The key focus of this event was to introduce LankaQR payments and educate both customers and merchants in the area on the benefits of LankaQR as a method of contactless payments.

Supporting the LankaQR drive, mCash also acquired new merchants, including Hameedia to facilitate LankaQR payments via its platform. Hameedia is a household name in Sri Lanka with an unmatched legacy of 72 years, leading and innovating in menswear brands with premium styles and quality.

The LankaQR initiative was put forward by the CBSL, to implement a national Quick Response (QR) standard to enable convenient digital transactions between customers and businesses using mobile devices by simply scan-



Minister Namal Rajapaksa with mCash officials during the LankaQR event in Tangalle.

ning the LankaQR code to make payments.

SLT-MOBITEL was the first telecommunications company to launch LankaQRcode through its state-of-the-art mobile money platform mCash and is a testament to the company's continuous commitment to pioneer greater convenience and novelty to the market with digital financial services.

Further, mCash has been spearheading breakthrough innovations in digital payments and collections and enhancing digital inclusivity in Sri Lanka. Apart from extending financial inclusion, the fintech brand has redefined the way consumers carry out transactions with the use of a mobile phone.

mCash has experienced immense growth over the years and continues to expand islandwide offering services such as sending and receiving money, mobile reloads and bill payments, utility, insurance, finance and leasing payments, online and in-store shopping payments via QR code, bank deposits and digital loans where customer could apply and get a loan from the mobile via mCash along with a portfolio of other financial solutions.

The next edition of the LankaQR Nationwide Rollout Campaigns is set to unfold in Negombo on December 18, focusing on the merchants and customers in the area.

Horizon Campus offers degrees for students under IFSLs

Horizon Campus, Malabe has announced the availability of world class degree programmes for students who have not been able to gain entrance to state owned universities, under the Government funded Interest Free Student Loan Scheme (IFSLs) facilitated through the Non State Higher Education Division of the Ministry of Education.

The IFSLs initiative, introduced by the Government, encourages students who have successfully passed the GCE A/L exam to apply for a world class degree from selected higher education institutions, giving them the opportuni-

ty to complete their higher education with access to student facilities, an environment conducive to studies within the confines of a modern campus. Horizon Campus is one of few pioneering institutions to participate in the IFSLs, which commenced in the year 2016

A number of international caliber degrees are offered at Horizon Campus under the IFSLs, each one carefully curated to enhance the capabilities and talents of the students. The repayment period of this Interest free Loan is set at 12 years in duration, where the student only starts to repay the loan after

the completion of the 5th year from the application date of the loan.

Under the IFSLs umbrella, Horizon Campus offers degrees in IT, Accounting, Education, Science and Management Faculties, giving the students the opportunity of internship for 06 months and training, along with career guidance and English language and computer skills.

With their state-of-the-art facilities at the modern premises based at Knowledge City Malabe (KCM), Horizon Campus possesses one of the most advanced on site facilities as a Recognised Non state higher Education insti-

tution in Sri Lanka. Recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka and approved by the Ministry of Higher Education, Horizon Campus is staffed by a distinguished panel of academics, headed by Prof. S.J.B.A. Jayasekara, who himself, is a 2 term Vice Chancellor at a State University in the recent past.

Horizon Campus has a distinguished history as one of Sri Lanka's pioneer Non state educational institutions and has nurtured hundreds of students who continue to excel in their chosen stream of studies. To supplement the academic programmes and student facilities,

Horizon campus has recently partnered with Industry giants in the IT and Management field as well professional Institutions, providing avenue's for students to either seek employment or pursue professional qualifications, after graduation.

"The degree programmes available under IFSLs at Horizon Campus brings the best of today's higher education opportunities to the students" notes

Upul Daranagama Chairman and Founder of Horizon Campus, "The degrees awarded by Horizon Campus give students cutting edge skills in equipping them to enter the employment market successfully."

You could visit www.horizoncampus.edu.lk for further information on the campus and the IFSLs.



Dignitaries at the head table

Officials on stage

Guests in the audience

17th Convocation of College of Chemical Sciences, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon



The 17th Convocation of the College of Chemical Sciences was held on the 30th of November 2021 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, felicitating the 38th batch of Graduate Chemists and 46th batch of Diplomates.

The convocation was declared open by Prof. Srianthie Deraniyagala, President of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, followed by the conferment of designations and certificates to 163 Graduate Chemists, 1 Licentiate Chemist, 3 Advanced Diplomates in Chemistry, 4 Diplomates in Chemistry and 55 Diplomates in Laboratory Technology. The Shireen Jayasuriya Memorial Gold Medal

for the Best Performance in all parts of the Graduateship Examination was awarded to L.P.L. Jayasinghe, while H.D.B.S. Siriwardana was awarded the Dr. R.O.B. Wijesekara Felicitation Fund Award for the Best All-rounder of the GIC programme. The Dr. G.C.N. Jayasuriya Award for the first in batch of the DLT programme was secured by Ms. H.L.F. Sara.

The convocation address was delivered by the chief guest, Prof Chandrika Wijeyaratne, Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo. L.P.L. Jayasinghe and H.L.F. Sara delivered the valedictory addresses of the GIC and DLT programmes respectively.

The much anticipated

convocation was held in true grandeur amidst many an obstacle, fulfilling the long awaited dream of the graduates and diplomates of the class of 2020.

Binelka Siriwardana Graduate Chemist (2020)



A diplomate being conferred her certificate



A graduate being conferred her designation and certificate



Prof. Srianthie Deraniyagala declaring the 17th Convocation of CCS open



Valedictorian of the 38th batch of Graduate Chemists, Binini Jayasinghe addressing the audience



Sara Iqbal delivering the valedictory address of the DLT programme





Daily News

T/G

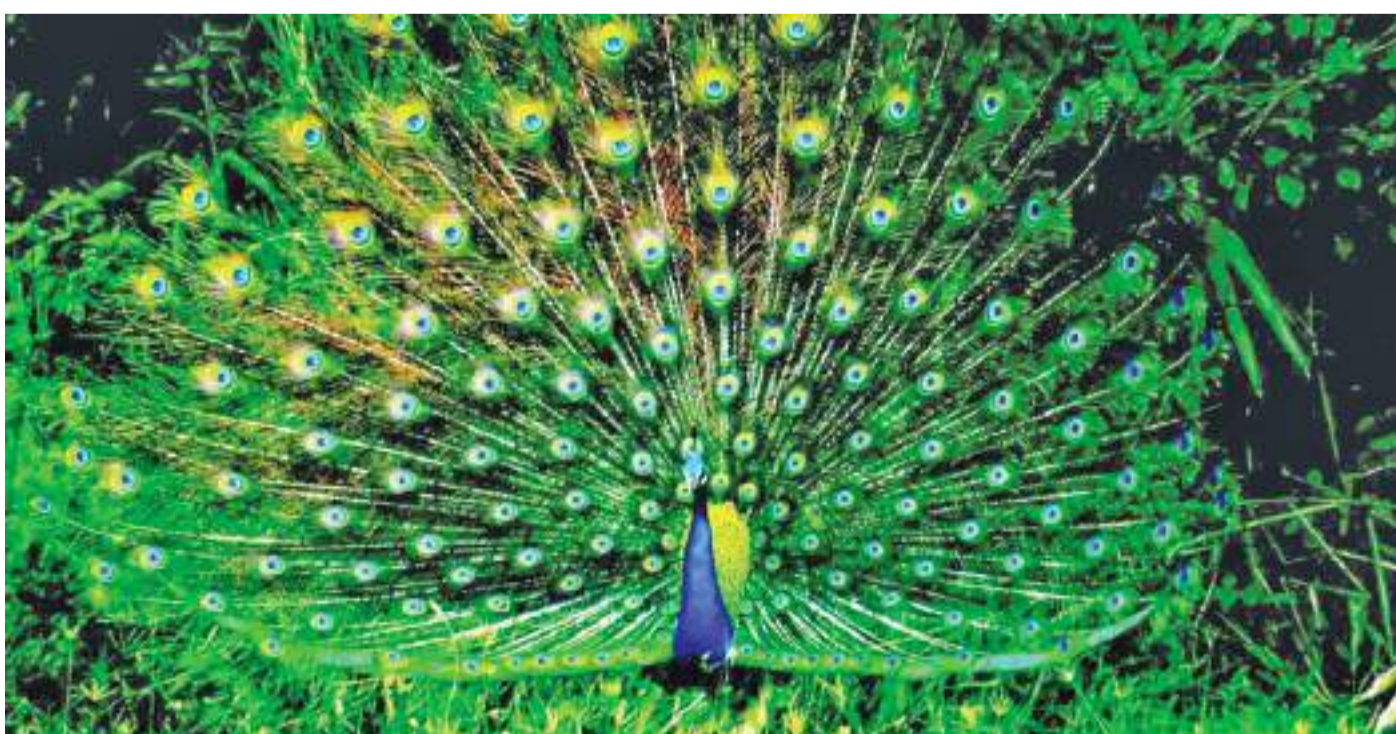
To re-ignite the passions of town & country folk

FEATURES EDITOR : (011) 242 9216 Fax: (011) 234 3694
E-mail : features.dailynews@lakehouse.lk

Village life demarcated by coconuts



Simply green. Great to rise along paths and find shade



Peacocks - one of the 97 birds on site



Moonstone decoration

Anuradhapura's wild wonders

JULIET COOMBE

Moving around historic sites is much more fun by bike as you can take as long as you like at each place and also keep cool as you cycle from one ruin to the next. The best time to start exploring is at sunrise, when the heat of the day has not set in and you can also take a break in the middle of the day when the temperatures go sky high, making even bike riding sticky and unpleasant. Also take a comfy backpack to carry water, provisions and binoculars to spot wildlife. I also take a camera in a waterproof bag in case it rains, or the water bottle leaks, a good map of the historic points of interest, hand sanitiser and spare face masks.

At dusk head home to your hotel and find a nice spot to look up at stars twinkling over head. Anuradhapura is a city you really appreciate. It is an auspicious place to visit during the nocturnal hours. It is a great time to contemplate how people lived as monks in ancient times.

Anuradhapura I am told is not only Sri Lanka's first Kingdom, but also the first proper thought out city and it is where you will find the sacred tree Jaya Sri Maha Bodhiya and the auspicious Bo leaves they believe have special healing powers. Over 2200 years ago Sanghamitra Thera brought a branch of the sacred Bodhi tree under which Buddha attained enlightenment to Anuradhapura in a long journey from India. The tree was planted by the then reigning monarch, King Devanampiyatissa and is the oldest recorded tree in the world. Fold a Bo leaf in half and you will see how nature inspired the architectural design of the areas magnificent temple stupors that tower over you like the pyramids do in Egypt. Thousands of years on from when they were built you will find religious activity every where as they are a magnet for pious pilgrims, who come from far and wide to see the temple and its sacred Bodhi tree.

The knowledgeable temple priests says: "All Sri Lankan Buddhists believe in the Sri Maha Bodhi. The tree has many special qualities like the way that only one leaf falls at a time from the south branch, but from the other branches three leaves fall simultaneously." You can hire national guides or a local one as they add so much more depth to your visit and it is nice to be able to ask questions and see the place through historically knowledgeable eyes. In 337 BC the city was made the capital of the country by King Paundukabhaya, who started the irrigation works and tanks that have made the area so inhabitable, and are still great places to cool off. At one time, the city was ranked alongside Nineveh and Babylon for its colossal proportions, with avenues that artists occupied and areas where important foreign merchants had their houses. Most impressive is

the enormous Lovamahapaya, situated on the processional way that leads to the tree, an extraordinary ruin with countless rows of tightly packed granite columns, originally seven storeys high and housing more than 3,000 monks. It demonstrates the enormous talent of early architects and the ability to build multiple storeys.

The three or six hour amazing guided bicycle tours are the best way to explore these ancient ruins and if you are into peaceful cycling then hire a bike from one of the locals. The guides are also happy to provide delicious picnics, which you can take in one of the 44 ruined sites, which are so much more accessible by bike and of course much better for the sustainability of the area as it avoids car pollution.

After a busy time seeing the sites, it is great to unwind and have a lunch break in the shade of the unspoilt jungle, where you can truly go back to nature and learn about Sri Lanka's many traditional medicinal plants and even a few that have been used for not such good purposes.

After exploring the shady jungle find yourself a higher point as the views are amazing along with listening to the eerie prehistoric caterwaul mating call of the peacocks when in season and the orchestra of birds. The area has recorded bird songs of more than 97 different types, which have been spotted around the area, lake and ancient water tank built by King Mahasena in the 5th Century. Each setting provides great wildlife experiences, so bring those binoculars to fully enjoy this tweeters paradise as well as the historic ones. Best time to see birds is 6.00 a.m. and being on a bike means you can stop in the villages for snacks and get a wonderful insight into village life. Anuradhapura is a place full of fascinating artefacts such as the first letter written by mankind, which was discovered a few of years ago.

Staying in the jungles near Anuradhapura means having a greater chance of seeing a giant squirrel and two types of monkeys the grey langur and the more scary red face macaques, noisy peacocks, lizards, different varieties of butterflies and dragonflies. Biking along the jungle paths each day is different as nature is a ever changing kaleidoscope of activity. Paths shrouded by trees envelope you into the jungle's ancient mysteries, and at each twist and turn you weave around it feels like a spider moving from one side of the forest to the other,

However the chants of monks, walking barefoot in the ruins and making offerings in the ancient temple complex will remain the most mesmerising experience from any visit long or short to this beautiful ancient spot. A place that will remain in your heart long after you have returned home. It is so rich in hidden historic treasures and real life religious fervour.



The sacred Bo leaf folded is the architectural inspiration



Leave your shoes outside



Natures wonder - giant squirrels

The next wave of Real Estate growth

Impact of COVID 19 around the world is of numerous ways. It covers not only the economic sector but also heavily affects the social and environment sector as well. The accurate predictions on long-term effects are still indistinct.

Real estate sector is being impacted in different ways depending on the region, and its economic strength. Within this scenario of uncertainty, real estate sector in Sri Lanka experienced similar effects which reflect in variety of ways like inactive real estate markets due to decrease in transactions and declining property prices.

As the relationship between real estate markets and GDP growth is so strong declining in property prices and transactions contributed to the fall in GDP during the pandemic alongside with economic drops in various other sectors. Commercial real estate sectors affect directly by the shutdown and other health restrictions imposed on mobilization of people. COVID-19 similarly affect the households' income and, hence, on residential housing markets as well as mortgage markets. The hotel market or the so-called leisure property market was one of the hardest hits by the Covid-19 pandemic which significantly contributes to the service sector of the economy in Sri Lanka.

On the other hand, office, logistics and retail operations have been changed as a result of introducing work from home or hybrid operations of office activities and increased online purchasing among the people.

The effect of the pandemic on the real estate raised several questions that require answers/ expressions from professionals, practitioners and academics.

Key questions which require the answers/expressions are:

1. What kind of potentials that available in Sri Lanka that can be harnessed under these uncertainties?

2. What kind of adaptations that requires in the real estate sector to face this uncertainty and seeking opportunities?

3. What are the barriers especially in the construction sector to move forward towards within this new scenario?

4. What kind of measures taken by the government to face this uncertainty?

5. What is the nature of international and regional demand for real estate in Sri Lanka?

The Department of Estate Management and Valuation (DEMVA) of the



University of Sri Jayawardenepura hosted The International Conference on Real Estate Management and Valuation (ICREMV) with the collaborative partners which is an annual event of the DEMVA. The fifth conference -ICREMV 2021 was held under the theme "SMART Real Estate - Unmet Socio-Economic Needs". Among the events "Real Estate Talk" received a prominent place.

Real Estate Talk was aiming at sharing knowledge and building the relationship between academia and industry practitioners. The cross-sector panelists held a discourse around the theme: "The Next Wave of Real Estate Growth" in which the audience could listen and interact. The panel consisted of the following dignitaries:

1. Architect Russel Dandeniya, President, Sri Lanka Institute of Architects
2. Namal Peiris, Chief Executive Officer, International Construction Consortium (Pvt) Ltd
3. Plnr. E.A.C. Piyashantha, Deputy Director General, Urban Development Authority (UDA)
4. Dr. (Ms.) Nishani Wickramaarachchi, Senior Lecturer, Department of Estate Management and Valuation, USJP
5. Yamuna Jayaratna, Director - Sales & Marketing, Port City Colombo

This document summarizes the reflections of the panelists on the above theme.

"As a nation, Sri Lanka has to look within this uncertainty for the most opportunities it provides."

Architect Russel Dandeniya, President of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects pointed out that the next wave of the real estate sector is also unpredictable due to prevailing uncertainties.

Further he stated that "Currently in Colombo, lot of office spaces are vacant and available for rent. Further, most people will move to having their offices at home similar to the past practices where many houses allocated a room as an office room and studies. In the near future, there is a possibility of altering the floor

plans in houses with an added quarantine room with all accessible amenities".

"Apartments, individual houses, and hotels, offices, etc. may require modifications"

His perception on the required changes to the real properties especially building designs and associated infrastructure is that real properties may require modifications with required new air conditioning systems. The acoustic condition has become an important item than ever before where one can have a zoom meeting room with an online connectivity.

Instead of thousand people working on one particular office, hundred people working in ten decentralized offices would be the ideal situation in near fu-

ture. Further, the shift basis working hours will lead to explore convertible, easy, flexible coworking spaces. Individual shops and boutique shops will gain the lead with private sort of mini markets flourishing instead of high scale densely visited super centers.

In addition, Architect Dandeniya emphasized that the real estate sector in Sri Lanka has various inherited issues such as limitations in the planning approval procedure and land disputes as the barriers for the development of the sector.

"The Great Reset in the Built environment/ Real Estate" is the solution"

Architect Dandeniya proposed "The Great Reset in the Built environment/ Real Estate" as a solution to address prevailing issues and he further emphasized that Covid 19 is a great reset in every aspect in building a better world with sustainable economic recovery after this pandemic situation. Sri Lanka possesses all the required components for a reset even during this doubtful economic situation.

He further stated that "Sri Lanka should move ahead with the service sector development as there are lot of potentials. It is highly required to be sturdy on planning the infrastructure, telecommunication, power, vaccination programme, etc. In the meantime, resolving the disputes prevailing at construction sites is also essential. Rather than focusing only on the strategy of getting investors to Sri Lanka, in future, the top thirty business entities in Sri Lanka should explore how they can get foreign inflows by participating proactively in overseas business opportunities".

"An easy planning approval process and investor friendly environment are essential for the growth of the real estate industry"

In addition, promoting data accessibility via websites of government official institutions such as urban Development Authority (UDA) would save time, money and energy and inculcating such mechanism in the system would generate various benefits to many parties.

Even though various challenges have been faced, people in Sri Lanka simply forget every scar of the past and they are very positive on a speedy recovery. In that case, the Sri Lanka is a very robust and resilient nation.

"After this recessionary period, with the government support by the capital investment, the real estate sector in Sri Lanka can reach a growth again up in an unprecedented status."

Lanka represented at Dubai Expo 2020



AVI KUMAR

The Expo 2020 in Dubai seems as if the world at large is so tangible and we can see a small sample of it.

Dubai has invested a lot to make the tourist attraction that represents the world and diversity, devoid of political undertones - it is a very clever display of a multicultural world meant to unite rather than divide.

Nations exhibit pavilions, which vary in what they have to offer on display: showcasing their history and culture at large. For example, there is a sample of tea in the Sri Lankan pavilion, a display of a waterfall in the Peru pavilion reminiscing the Amazon, majestic horse statues outside Turkmenistan, a 3D printed Michaelangelo's David in Italy, boats in the Solomon Islands and Lego in Denmark. It is truly a great display of the 190+

countries and Sri Lanka was well represented.

Sri Lanka pavilion Director Hawama Sanghani says that the Sri Lankan pavilion is "kept simple and warm to showcase our innate hospitality." Entering the pavilion is a retail store with tea bags, spices, statues and crafts.

Sanghani adds: "Expo

is very vast and there are many exhibits, so under every item, there is a barcode by the display so visitors can scan the item then go read up about it when they go home at leisure."

They get the experience of Sri Lanka in a summary you could say - seeing retail, craft, spice and other items and on the display, there are

masks and statues. But they are rotated every two weeks so that repeat visitors coming back get to experience something new when they return.

The director adds that "Foreign tourists often ask if it's open to visiting after seeing what we have showcased."

Then you can sample the tea - kind of like a welcome drink. There are all types from Uva to Ruhuna.

And there are colourful bakamuna masks giving a sense of vibrancy and life to them. Also of note is a small statue of a fisherman - the statue metaphorically echoes the fact that Sri Lanka is an island, the fact that we are seafood eaters and reflects the simplicity and beauty of it.

One simply cannot see all the displays in one day, but it is a worthy experience.



Discover the Magic of Colombo on the CCC Social Bus

Colombo City Centre (CCC) Mall along with Ebert Silva Holidays (Private) Limited launched the CCC Social double-decker bus, a much-needed travel experience where CCC shoppers can discover all that Colombo has to offer on a bus tour covering some of the most iconic buildings and monuments in the city of Colombo. The best part is that this entire tour is absolutely free of charge exclusively for all CCC shoppers!

On the CCC social bus tour, one can discover the magic of Colombo and learn more about the history; live commentary will be presented by a professional tourist board-certified guide who will be part of this special tour. Travellers can learn the significance of each site along the route and witness Colombo through a new lens as the ride allows you to catch a glimpse of our rich culture and heritage through the preserved pieces of history that hide in plain sight. Thus, it is also a great educational tour, especially for children to learn more about Colombo and the history of Sri Lanka.

CCC social tour has the added advantage of being endlessly convenient as all you just have to do is park, shop, dine-in and simply hop on the bus. The tours will all start and end at Colombo City Centre. To hop on the CCC social bus the shoppers simply must present their invoices of shopping done at any retail outlet at CCC to the concierge desk and obtain a free travel pass.

The CCC social bus tour will last 90 minutes and travel about 25kms, taking you on a journey around town that will change your entire perspective on Colombo City with true historical stories about the sites. The tours will be operated on Saturdays and Sundays with three tours each day timed at 11.30 am 1 pm and 2.30 pm. During the tour, there will be two stops at the Colombo Museum and the Independence Square, where passengers can choose to hop off at these two stops, explore the locations and re-join the tour on the next rounds.

Colombo City Centre Mall launched this special bus tour to make all people, local or foreign fall in love with Colombo and provide an opportunity to truly appreciate the city.

Not only is this one of the best ways to discover the magic of the city but also to discover the beautiful history and stories about Colombo that will



CEO of Colombo City Centre, Praveen Methil

amaze and astound anyone.

The CCC Social Bus itself is unique and beautifully designed, to capture the eyes of Colombo and make the tour itself a marvel of the city. This bus will take a great route through the city, with some of the main monuments that will be seen being the War Memorial, the Colombo Public Library, the Mayor's Residence, Nelum Pokuna Theatre, Viharamahadevi Park, Town Hall, Dewatagaha Mosque, Eye Hospital Building, Colombo Cricket Club, National Library of Sri Lanka, Sports Ministry Grounds, BMICH, Replica of Aukana

Buddha Statue, Sri Lanka Cricket, SSC Grounds, NCC Grounds, Race Course, Royal College, Methodist College, Temple Trees, SLTDA, St Andrews Scots Kirk Church, Hotels, Embassies enroute, Automobile Association, Victoria Masonic Temple, Galle Face Urban Park, Beira Lake Estuary, Presidential Secretariat, Colombo Light House, SambodhiChaitiya, Ministry of Finance buildings, Old Dutch Hospital, Bank of Ceylon Head office, Prison Cell of last King of Kandy, Kingsbury Hotel, Navy Headquarters, Chatham Street Light House & Clock Tower, President's House, Cargills Building, Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo Port, Gaffoor Building, Khan Clock Tower, Air Force Grounds & Head Quarters, Defense Services College, Siva Subramaniya Hindu Temple, Nippon Hotel and the Prime Minister's Office. This route has been carefully planned in order to showcase as much of the city as possible.

For more information about this exciting new travel experience, follow the Colombo City Centre Facebook and Instagram pages or ask the concierge desk on your next visit to the Mall!

Spot on!

Sri Lanka is home to many species of birds and animals, thanks to its geographical diversity. But sadly, many species are endangered, some critically endangered, while others are on the verge of extinction or near threatened.

'Phantoms of the Night', a coffee table book on the wild cats of Sri Lanka, will be launched on December 17 at 6 pm at the Shangri-La Hotel Colombo to shed light on this purpose. Collectively penned by naturalists Thilak Jayaratne, Janaka Gallangoda, Nadika Hapuarachchi, and Madura de Silva, it follows the series of coffee table books compiled by the team on Primates of Sri Lanka, Sri Lankan Freshwater Fish, and Mannar Unbound. The response they got from these volumes encouraged the group to launch a book focusing on Sri Lanka's wild cats.

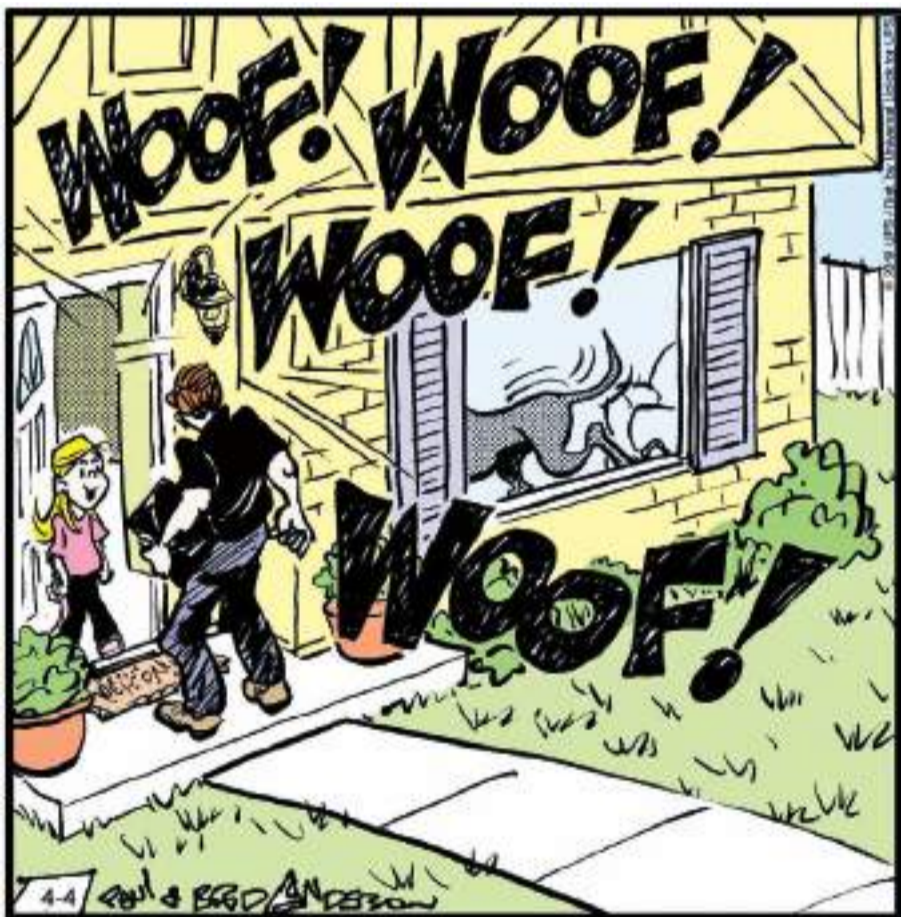
The team will also be holding an exhibition at the Lionel Wendt Art Gallery on December 18 and 19 from 9 am to 6 pm. Published by Chaya Publishers, 'Phantoms of the Night' these spotted beauties are deadly as they move swiftly through the darkness yet vanish at the slightest sound which disturbs them. Thus, the team hopes that though these wild cats do not make an appearance before the public often, their work would shed light on their existence and help them in their conservation project. 'Phantoms of the Night' is the result of their two decades of wandering about in various parts of the country and their fascination with nature. The publication of 'The Phantoms of the Night' was done in partnership with HSBC, a bank with a long history of commitment to conserve and uphold the rich heritage of our country.

President of the Wildlife Conservation Society of Galle (WCSG) Madura de Silva says, "Sri Lanka is home to four species of wild cats: the leopard, fishing cat, jungle cat, and rusty-spotted cat. The leopard is the elite member of this family overshadowing the other wild cats. Some of these wild cats even survive on edges of congested cities and rural villages. We want this book to mainly raise awareness about Sri Lanka's other wild cats."

The Rusty-spotted cat is the world's smallest cat, and the Fishing cat is a wetland specialist. According to the National Red List of threatened fauna, the Jungle cat is Near Threatened and all other wild cats are listed as Endangered.



MARMADUKE



"Marmaduke protects our house unless you want to come in and play."

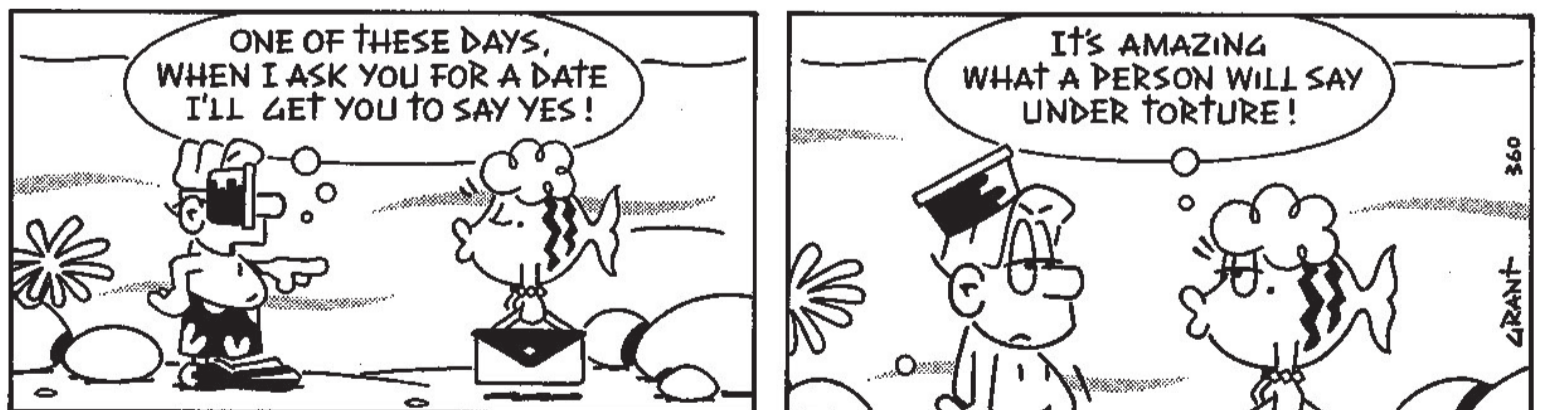
MUTT AND JEFF



ARCHIE



FISH TALES



UP & RUNNING



TENDER NOTICE

MADULLA PRADESHIYA SABHA
DAMBAGALLA

Sealed tenders are invited by me up to 10.00 a.m. on 22.12.2021 from Voluntary Organizations registered within the Moneragala District or from permanent residents, personally registered for leasing of property indicated in the schedule below located within the area of authority of the Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha and belonging to the Sabha for a period of one year from 01.01.2022 up to 31.12.2022 for granting of trading rights. (Tender forms will be issued from 09.12.2021).

Tenders will be opened in the presence of the Tender Board at 10.05 a.m. on this day itself and the tenderer or a representative with written permission could participate.

Tender documents could be obtained only up to 3.00 p.m. on 21.12.2021 from the Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha upon payment of the specified form fees and the tender deposit as mentioned in the schedule below. The applicant should submit the National Identity Card of self in proof of identity when obtaining tender forms.

S. No.	Details	Minimum Bid (without VAT) Rupees	(Refundable) Tender Deposit Rupees	(Non-refundable) Tender Form Fee Rupees
01	Makulla Weekly Fair with 04 Trade Stalls	6,500,000.00	60,000.00	10,000.00
02	Mari-arawa Weekly Fair	700,000.00	25,000.00	6,000.00
03	Mari-arawa Trade Stall No. 02	30,000.00	7,000.00	2,500.00

More details regarding tender conditions could be obtained from the Officer in Charge of tenders at the Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha.

D.M. Chaminda Pushpa Kumara
Chairman
Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha

Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha
Enquiries : 055-2275186
055-2275187

08.12.2021

TENDER NOTICE

YATINUWARA PRADESHIYA SABHA

I do hereby entertain bids for renting under mentioned shops belongs to the Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha, leasing on monthly rental basis for the period from 01.02.2022 to 31.01.2024. Tender forms can be obtained from the Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha office from 13.12.2021 to 30.12.2021, after paying the prescribed form charges and the sealed tenders can be submitted up to 31.12.2021 till 11.00 a.m. Tenders will be opened on 06.01.2022 at 10.30 a.m. at the Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha Office. Tenderers or their authorized representatives could be present at the tender opening time. Further details and condition issued along with the tender forms. National Identity Card should be forwarded to obtain tender forms.

Shop Number	Tender Deposit Amount	Refundable Tender Form Charges	Minimum Bid (Rs.)
Shop Number 01 - Multi Activity Building in Poththapitiya Town	Rs. 3000.00	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 6000.00
Shop Number 01 - Multi Activity Building in Poththapitiya Town	Rs. 3000.00	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 4250.00
Shop Number 01 - Multi Activity Building in Poththapitiya Town	Rs. 3000.00	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 4250.00
Shop Number 01 - Multi Activity Building in Poththapitiya Town	Rs. 3000.00	Rs. 1000.00	Rs.4250.00
Shop Number 02 - Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha old building	Rs. 3000.00	Rs. 1000.00	Rs.6500.00

Further details, could be obtained over the telephone number 081-257 5475, during office hours.

R.N.K. Rupassara
Chairman
Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha.



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
CMS/LP/21/PT/20/005	01 No. Annual Maintenance of Fire Detection & Protection Systems at Pilot Station.	40,000.00	1,000.00	23/12/2021 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/20/006	Provision of Maintenance Service of the Detection & Suppression Systems.	30,000.00	1,000.00	23/12/2021 13.30 hrs

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No.03 of 1987 are applicable to 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.

3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last five (5) years.

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 10th December 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.

6. 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



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
CMS/LP/21/PT/09/051	Wall Tiles and Floor Tiles	34,000.00	1,000.00	05/01/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/08/052	500M.4C X 16SQMM, PVC, Non Armourd Cable	25,000.00	1,000.00	05/01/2022 13.30hrs

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No.03 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.

3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last five (5) years.

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 10th December 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.

6. 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 No. : 2381652,2470443

BANK OF CEYLON

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

CONSULTANCY ON IMPLEMENTING COBIT 2019 IT GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK
REOI No. P/PROC/2021/243

The Bank of Ceylon, Sri Lanka's No. 1 Bank would like to obtain the service of a Consultancy firm / individual who is engaged in IT Governance consultancy services as an implementation partner for implementing COBIT 2019 IT Governance framework in the Bank.

Interested parties should have the following qualifications to be eligible for the submission of Expression of Interest. Failure to provide this information will result in the rejection of the proposal.

- Bidder should have at least one professional having following qualifications.
 - COBIT, and
 - One from the following;
CISA, CISM, CRISC, CGEIT, ITIL
 (Further, Project Management Professional Certification and Master's Degree will be an added qualification.)
- Bidder should have experience in the field of IT Governance consultancy for at least 10 years specially in the institutes where IT is just an enabler/ support service but not the main business.
- Bidder should have completed at least 3 COBIT implementations during last 10 years. At least two in Banking and Finance Sector.
- Bidder should have provided or providing end to end consultancy services comprising of strategy, support and project Management of COBIT implementation.

The REOI in English Language could be obtained free of charge from the Chief Manager, Properties and Procurement on submission of a written application to the email address procurement@boc.lk on or before 1600 hrs on 30.12.2021.

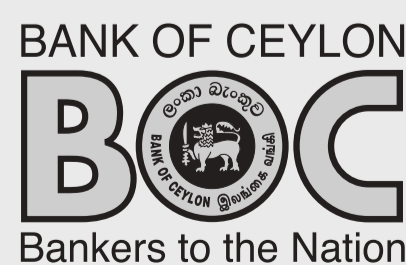
Sealed Expression of Interest in duplicate shall be deposited in the Box available for the purpose at the Ground Floor, Bank of Ceylon, No.01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01 on or before 1000 hrs on 31.12.2021.

Expression of Interests will be opened immediately after closing at 1000 hrs on the due date and the documents received later than 1000 hrs will be rejected and returned unopened.

Envelope should be marked the REOI No. P/PROC/2021/243 and "Expression of Interest for Consultancy on Implementing COBIT 2019 IT Governance Framework"

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 adding any reason.

Canvassing in any form will be disqualification.



Bankers to the Nation

The Chief Manager

Properties & Procurement Department,
14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office,
No. 01, "BOC Square",
Bank of Ceylon Mawatha,
Colombo 01.



MINISTRY OF POWER
State Ministry of Solar Power,
Wind & Hydro Power Generation
Projects Development



SRI LANKA ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD
PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Procurement of Web Based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Office Automation System

Sealed Bids are invited from Local Software developers for,

- Design, Development, Installation, Implementation, Hosting & Maintenance of Web Based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Office Automation System

Complete information of the procurement is in SLAEB webpage www.aeb.gov.lk

Chairman,
 Department Procurement Committee,
 Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board,
 60/460, Baseline Road,
 Orugodawatta,
 Wellampitiya.

Telephone: 0112-533427 (Ex. No. 235)
 Fax: 0112-533448
 E-mail: procurement@aeb.gov.lk

REVOCATION OF SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY
 I, Katurachchige Rohan Wijesiri of No. 103, Raja Maha Vihara Road, Navinna, Maharagama in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do hereby revoke and cancel the Special Power of Attorney No. 3327 dated 19th September 2020 attested by Muddumage Don Wijayapala Notary Public wherein I had appointed Mr. Kahapala Arachchige Niroshana Fernando of No. 8/2A, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Wekada, Panadura in the said Republic of Sri Lanka to be my Attorney to attend to the affairs stipulated in the said Special Power of Attorney. I do hereby declare that I shall not be liable to any act or acts done by the said Mr. Kahapala Arachchige Niroshana Fernando from the date hereof.
 Katurachchige Rohan Wijesiri
 3rd day of December 2021

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (SECTION 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (AMENDED) NO. 28 OF 1964

My Ref. No. : DSM/RT/LND/1/3/82
 Land Ministry Ref No.: 4-3/7/2012/0500/65

The land described below is expected to be acquired by the Government for extending and developing of Matale - Illukkumbura - Pallegama Road. For more details, refer to Gazette Notification No. 2235/24 dated 06.07.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Sub Document
 District : Matale
 Divisional Secretariat : Raththota
 Grama Niladhari Division : Raththota
 Name of Village : Raththota
 Name of the Land : Mentioned as Gazette.
 Extent : 0.4199 Hectare.
 Lot Nos. :
 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65.
 Plan No. : Preliminary Plan No. Ma 1757
 Address : Divisional Secretariat, Raththota.
 Acquisition Officer / Raththota Divisional Secretary.
 Date : 29.11.2021

Notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act (Section 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition Act (amended) No. 28 of 1964.

My Ref. No.: DSM/RT/LND/1/3/83
 Land Ministry Ref. No. 4-3/7/2012/0500/65

The land described below is expected to be acquired by the government for extending and developing of Matale-Illukkumbura - Pallegama Road. For more details, refer to the Gazette Notification No. 2235/23 dated 06.07.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SUB DOCUMENT
 District : Matale
 Divisional Secretariat : Raththota
 Grama Niladhari Division : Raththota
 Name of Village : Raththota
 Name of Land : Mentioned as Gazette
 Extent : 0.3916 Hectare
 Lot Nos. : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60.
 Plan No. : Preliminary Plan No. Ma 1754
 Address : Divisional Secretariat, Raththota.
 Acquisition Officer / Raththota Divisional Secretary
 12.11.2021

OBSERVER JOBS

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST RECRUITMENT DATABASE

FOR JOBSEEKERS

www.observerjobs.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/FP/04/PT/6236(EL)	30 Nos. B2500 Digital Output Module for JCT Cranes	80,000.00	1,000.00	13/01/2022 10.00hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contract Act No.03 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 & 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 10th December 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m on working days, up to day 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 No. : 2381652,2470443



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
CMS/LP/21/PT/04/058	Spares for Mitsubishi / Caterpillar DP25/FD25 Forklift Trucks - 06	65,000.00	1,000.00	06/01/2022 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/17/062	Spares for Isuzu C240 Engines Fitted with Heli And TCM Forklift Trucks	15,000.00	1,000.00	06/01/2022 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/21/PT/04/059	Spares for Caterpillar C-15 Engines of ZPMC 41T RTGC at JCT	16,000.00	1,000.00	07/01/2022 13.30 hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No.03 of 1987 are applicable to 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.
- 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 10th December 2021 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m on working days, up to day 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

කෘෂි නවීකරණ ව්‍යාපෘතිය
 கமதுதொழில் அமைச்சு
 Agriculture Modernization Project



කෘෂිකර්ම අමාත්‍යාංශය

கமதுதொழில் அமைச்சு

Ministry of Agriculture

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Agriculture Sector Modernization Project - Ministry of Agriculture

IDA Credit No: 5873 LK

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Construction of Agro-Wells for Banana and Guava Cultivation at Rajanganaya and Ipologama areas, Anuradhapura District North Central Province

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies equivalent to US\$ 58.630 Million towards the cost of the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project of the Ministry of Agriculture and it intends to apply portion of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments under the below mentioned contracts.
- Chairman, Provincial Project Procurement Committee on behalf of the ASM Project, Ministry of Agriculture now invites **separately** sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for below items and details are as follows.

Contract No.	Description of Works	Estimated Cost Excluding VAT (Rs. Mn.)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Bid Security Validity	Non Refundable Cash Fee (Rs.)
LK-MOA-PMU-260949-CW-RFB	Construction of 18 Nos. of Agro-Wells for Banana Cultivation at Rajanganaya, Anuradhapura District, North Central Province	26.12	2 Months	C4 or above in Irrigation and Civil works	262,120.00	5th April 2022	3500.00
LK-MOA-PMU-261238-CW-RFB	Construction of 13 Nos. of Agro-Wells for Guava cultivation at Ipologama, Anuradhapura District, North Central Province	18.85	1.5 Months	C4 or above in Irrigation and Civil works	188,500.00	5th April 2022	3500.00

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure approved by the World Bank.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Agriculture Sector Modernization Project, over the Phone : 0776189143 / 0718072078 or inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below, from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on working days during the period of **10th December 2021 to 24th December 2021**.
- Pre Bid Meeting** will be held on **20th December 2021 at 10.30 a.m.** in the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project, NIPHM premises, Jayanthi Mawatha, Anuradhapura.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee. The method of payment will be by cash to the Provincial Finance Manager of the Project.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **2.00 p.m. on 05th January 2022**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. 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 **2.00 p.m. on 05th January, 2022**.
- Completed bids should be separately forwarded in two copies as original and duplicate. The original and the duplicate should be enclosed separately and marked as 'original' and 'duplicate' respectively in sealed envelopes. Both envelopes enclosed in a sealed single envelope and marked contract number and name of the contract on top left-hand corner of the envelope.
- The address referred to above is;

Chairman,
 Provincial Project Procurement Committee,
 Agriculture Sector Modernization Project,
 NIPHM Premises, Jayanthi Mawatha,
 Anuradhapura.

Tele : 0252227890 / 0716902271 / 0776189143 / 0718072078

Date : 06.12.2021

BE BETTER INFORMED!

News you can trust now free on your mobile phone.



visit - apps.lakehouse.lk

DOWNLOAD TODAY!



CANCELLATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
 I, **Hewavitharanage Chaminda Priyadharshani** of Beligahahena, Hettiyawala, Puhulwella in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka hereby inform the general public that the Power of Attorney bearing No. 396, dated 08.05.2017 granted by me to Parana Gamage Ranjith of Egodawatta, Kirinda Heelakanda Puhulwella as my attorney is cancelled and annulled as from today.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

VEHICLE NO	VEHICLE CATEGORY	MAKE & MODEL	YOM
64-8604	CAR	MAZDA FAMILIA	1992
UP LG-9894	SINGLE CAB	TOYOTA HILUX	2009
NW DAE-2001	SINGLE CAB	MAHINDRA BOLERO	2016

TENDER WILL BE CLOSED ON 17th December 2021
 Vehicle inspection during week days from 10th December 2021 to 17th December 2021 from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm
UB Finance reserves right to remove any vehicle without prior notice whatsoever

For Details Contact :
Anushka - 0713 170 496 | Arjuna - 0712 628 552

UB FINANCE
 A UNION BANK COMPANY

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (SECTION 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (AMENDED) NO. 28 OF 1964

My Ref. No. : DSM/RT/LND/13/81
 Land Ministry Ref No. : 4-3/7/2012/202a/65

The land described below is expected to be acquired by the Government for extending and developing of Matala - Illukkumbura - Pallegama Road. For more details, refer to the Gazette Notification No. 2235/23 dated 06.07.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Sub Document
 District : Matala
 Divisional Secretariat : Raththota
 Grama Niladhari Division : Kuruwawa
 Name of Village : Kuruwawa
 Name of the Land : Mentioned as Gaze.
 Extent : 0.5811 Hectare.
 Lot Nos. :
 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88.

Plan No. : Preliminary Plan No. Ma 1747
 Address : Divisional Secretariat, Raththota.
Acquisition Officer/ Raththota Divisional Secretary.
 Date : 29.11.2021

Expression of Interest (EOI)
 State Ministry of Promoting the Production & Regulating the Supply of Organic Fertilizer, and Paddy & Grains, Organic Foods, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promoting, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture (SMOA)
National Fertilizer Secretariat

Selection of Analytical laboratories for testing the quality of Fertilizers in terms of Section 17 of the Fertilizer Regulation Act No. 68 of 1988

The Director of the National Fertilizer Secretariat has decided to call Expression of Interest (EOI) for the selection of local laboratories for sample analysis of locally produced and imported Organic and Inorganic Fertilizers to ensure their quality. The interested Local Laboratories are requested to prepare proposal as per the forms 1, 2, 3 published on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture "www.agrimin.gov.lk" and forward the duly completed proposal to the following address on or before **31.12.2021** by registered post.

Director
National Fertilizer Secretariat
 80/5, Rajamalwatta Lane,
 Battaramulla.
 Tel : 0112034321/011-2034300

State Ministry of Solar Power, Wind & Hydro Power Generation Projects Development
SRI LANKA ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2022

Applications are invited by the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board (SLAEB) from reputed business organizations and individuals to register for the supply of goods and provide service during the 2022 on or before 31.01.2022.

For more information about the required "Goods and Services" and to download to the specimen application for registration of suppliers, please log on to our official website www.aeb.gov.lk. (English → Procurement → Supplier Registration 2022)

Director General,
 Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board,
 60/460, Baseline Road,
 Orugodawatta,
 Wellampitiya.
 Tel: 011-2533427
 Fax: 011 2533448

UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS / CONTRACTORS FOR YEAR 2022

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Ruhuna invites applications from the qualified Suppliers/Contractors/Service Providers to register with the University of Ruhuna for the supply of under mentioned Goods/Services/Works for year 2022.

Applications can be completed and submitted printed online from <http://www.ruh.ac.lk> on or before 31st December 2021. Applications can be submitted online only.

Suppliers who wish to register themselves for any category of Goods/Services/Works should attach a scanned copy (PDF Format) of **Business Registration** together with the duly online completed application. In addition, contractors who wish to register themselves for Construction Contracts should attach a scanned copy (PDF Format) of **CIDA Registration**. One month credit facility should be provided for all the supplies/ works/ services.

Each application should be accompanied with a non-refundable fee of **Rs.750.00** for each category and payment slip can be downloaded from the above website and payment should be made to any branch of People's Bank using account reference number generated after completing the application. Payment should be done on or 31st December 2021. Late applications and incomplete applications will be rejected without giving any notice.

Hard copy of the application with relevant certificates and original receipt for payment should be kept with the applicants for submitting to the university, if need arises.

Interested Suppliers/Contractors/Service Providers may obtain further information from Senior Assistant Bursar (Supplies) University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara. T.P - 041-2227027.

University of Ruhuna has scheduled a **Zoom Meeting** for further discussion. Therefore, interested suppliers/contractors/ service providers are invited to join the zoom meeting using the following link.

Topic : Suppliers / Contractors Registration
Time : Dec 22, 2021 10:00AM Colombo
Join Zoom Meeting : <https://zoom.us/j/92309363900?pwd=bWVqelVDL0hmUkFsNTFfMThFSzdlU09>
Meeting ID : 92309363900
Passcode : 801263

<p>Categories of Capital Goods</p> <p>C 1. Computer Hardware and Software Desktop Computers, Laptop Computer printers, scanners, ups, network switches & network accessories, servers, and other accessories etc.</p> <p>C 2. Office Equipment Photocopiers, duplicating machines, collator, telephones and fax machines, accessories etc.</p> <p>C 3. Furniture – Steel Tables, beds, bunk beds, wall cupboards, chairs, almirahs, stools, book racks, file cabinets, cupboards and other steel furniture</p> <p>C 4. Furniture - Wooden Beds, tables, chairs, almirahs, stools, wall cupboards, sofa, settee and other timber furniture</p> <p>C 5. Fiber Glass and Plastic Products Tables, chairs, name boards, water tanks, and other fiber/plastic goods.</p> <p>C 6. Laboratory Equipment All types of equipment for science, fisheries, engineering and agricultural laboratories.</p> <p>C 7. Medical Equipment All types of medical equipment</p> <p>C 8. Teaching and Workshop Equipment All types of equipment and tools used in teaching and general workshops</p> <p>C 9. Air Conditioners and Accessories All types of air conditioners and accessories</p> <p>C 10. Electrical and Electronic Appliances Freezers, refrigerators, fans, televisions, water boilers, rice cookers, wall clocks & table clocks etc. irons, kettles, filters, boilers and spare parts etc.</p> <p>C 11. Cameras Cameras, video cameras and accessories</p> <p>C 12. Security Systems CCTV camera and accessories</p> <p>C 13. Books, Periodicals and Other Publications</p> <p>C 14. Sports Goods and Items</p> <p>C 15. Kitchen, Utensil and Cutlery Items Ceramic / glass/ plastic / stainless steel / aluminum / kitchen utensil and cutlery items.</p> <p>C 16. University ceremony items Cloaks, garland etc.</p> <p>C 17. Safety Equipment Helmets, goggles, safety shoes and cloths, boots, gloves, lifesaving jackets etc.</p>	<p>Categories of Recurrent Items</p> <p>R 1. Stationery and Office Consumables All types of stationery including calculators, staplers, punchers, pen drives, C.R. Books, photocopy papers, rough sheets, half sheets, envelopes, pencils, erasers, ballpoint pens, clips, pins, blank CDs & DVDs etc.</p> <p>R 2. Toner Cartridges and Master rolls All types of toner cartridges, ink, master rolls etc.</p> <p>R 3. Laboratory Chemicals All types of chemicals for science, medical, fisheries, engineering and agricultural laboratories, etc.</p> <p>R 4. Cell Culture Materials</p> <p>R 5. General Laboratory Chemicals</p> <p>R 6. Laboratory Glassware All types of glassware for science, medical, fisheries, engineering and agricultural laboratories</p> <p>R 7. Sanitary Items Disinfectants, detergents, soap/ toilet paper.</p> <p>R 8. Motor Spare Parts All types of spare parts for motor vehicles and motor cycles</p> <p>R 9. Tyres and Tubes All types of tyres and tubes for motor vehicles, motor cycles and three wheelers</p> <p>R 10. Book Binding Materials</p> <p>R 11. Fertilizer and Agro Chemicals</p> <p>R 12. Animal Feed and Veterinary Drugs</p> <p>R 13. Uniform Materials & Uniform Items Raincoats, boots, shoes and related products.</p> <p>R 14. Curtain Materials and Items</p> <p>R 15. Medical and Dental Items Medical drugs and surgical items</p> <p>R 16. Electrical Wiring and Fittings Switches, holders, lamps and fittings, circuit breakers, surge arrestors, distribution boards, wires and cables etc.</p> <p>R 17. Building Materials Bricks, metal, river sand, red soil, gravel, tiles, sawn timber Brass fittings, hinges, door locks, casement stays, fasteners, tower bolts. Sheets (asbestos, plastic, Formica, aluminum sheets etc.) Wire mesh, wire nettings Glass (plain, tinted and pin head). Wash basins, bathroom fittings, cement etc.</p> <p>R 18. Sawn Timber(Local and Imported)</p> <p>R 19. Cement Products Cement blocks, fence posts, compost bins, flower pots, etc.</p>	<p>R 20. General Hardware Items Bolts and nuts, washers, wire nails, iron screws, padlocks, buckets, rubber hoses etc. Bicycles and spares. Brushes, tools (agricultural & others), all types of paints, PVC pipes & fittings, GI pipes etc.</p> <p>R 21. Vehicle Batteries All types of batteries for motor vehicles, motor cycles and three wheelers</p> <p>R 22. Blocks, Rubber Seals and Date Stamps</p> <p>R 23. Fire Extinguishers Fire extinguishers, fire hose, etc.</p> <p>Categories of Services</p> <p>S 1. Printing and Binding of Books/Record Books</p> <p>S 2. Printing and Supply of ID Cards</p> <p>S 3. Repair of Office Equipment Photocopiers, printers, scanners, multimedia projectors, Duplo machines, O.H.P, Fax Machines, Telephone and typewriters.</p> <p>S 4. Repair of Laboratory Equipment</p> <p>S 5. Service and Lubrication of Motor Vehicles</p> <p>S 6. Service and Lubrication of Motor Cycles</p> <p>S 7. Service and Lubrication of Three Wheelers</p> <p>S 8. Repair of Motor Vehicles</p> <p>S 9. Repair of Motor Cycles</p> <p>S 10. Repair of Three Wheelers</p> <p>S 11. Repair and Maintenance of Computers and Network Accessories</p> <p>S 12. Repair of Electrical and Electronics Appliances</p> <p>S 13. Repair and Maintenance of Air Conditioners/Refrigerators/Freezers</p> <p>S 14. Transport Services Cab services, all types of buses, passenger vans and lorries etc.</p> <p>S 15. Repair and Maintenance of Gas Supply Systems</p> <p>S 16. Photography Service Photographs, video, mobile studio at university for convocations</p> <p>S 17. Supply of Earth Movers Renting JCB, Forklift etc.</p> <p>W. Categories of Contracts/Works</p> <p>W1. Constructions, Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Buildings, Structures and Roads. Buildings, Roads, Laboratories, Hostels, Quarters, Canteens etc.</p> <p>W2. C1 to C9 Grade ICTAD Registered contractors.</p> <p>W3. EM1 to EM3 Category Registered contractors.</p> <p>"Please Register Only for Relevant Category."</p> <p>The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara. 10th December 2021.</p>
--	--	---

Employment Opportunities



VACANCIES

UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA

This has reference to the advertisement dated 03.12.2021 calling applications for the vacancies for the Academic positions at the following facilities:

1. Faculty of Engineering
2. Faculty of Agriculture

It is hereby amended the bank account details as follows;

"The deposit of a sum of Rs. 100/= credited to the People's Bank in favour of University of Jaffna **Collection Account No. 97000090000387** of Bursar, University of Jaffna."

Registrar
University of Jaffna,
Sri Lanka.

09.12.2021

CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY



PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION (IEE) REPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING ZONE AT OYAMADUWA, ANURADHAPURA NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after a study of the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report of the above project, the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 9 (i) of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993 as amended by the Gazette No. 1159/22 dated 22nd November 2000 to grant approval to the State Ministry of Production, Supply & Regulation of Pharmaceuticals, "Suwasiripaya", No. 385, Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha, Colombo 10 for the establishment of the above project subject to specified terms and conditions. This IEE report is a public document according to the provisions of the National Environmental (amendment) Act No. 53 of 2000 and available at the National Environmental Information Centre of the Central Environmental Authority.

Director General
Central Environmental Authority
"Parisara Piyasa"
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.



COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

As per the Standard By-Laws of Colombo Municipal Council published in the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2245/30 dated 17.09.2021

(Local Authorities (standard By-Laws) Act No. 6 of 1952 - Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 541/17 dated 20.01.1989; Tender Notice as per the Part V of the by Laws)

INVITATION TO TENDER / BID

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed tenders for the following supply of services / goods from eligible and qualified Tenderers / Bidders.

Serial No.	Tender No.	Description	Eligibility of Tenderers / Bidders	Non-refundable Tender/ Bidding Document Fee	Value of Bid Bond / Security
1.	CPD/15/3077/2021	Procurement of 12 Nos. Dot Matrix Printers	Suppliers/Service Providers having Experience in this type of supplies / services with Business Registration	Rs.2,160.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 15,000.00
2.	CPD/22/3110/2021	Supply of Food Items, Water Bottles and milk packets for Public Health Department functions, programmes and meetings for a period of six months.		Rs.2,160.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 25,000.00
3.	CPD/09/2552/2021	Tender for the Supply of Aluminium Doors with frame.		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 50,000.00
4.	CPD/03/2141/2021	Tender for the Supply of Safety Items.		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 50,000.00
5.	CPD/15/1814/2021	Procurement of 13 Nos. of Laptop Computers		Rs.2,160.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 75,000.00
6.	CPD/15/1813/2021	Tender for Maintenance of the Existing Computer Network in the New Building of the CMC		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 100,000.00
7.	CPD/20/2430/2021	Tender for supply of Sports Items and Trophies		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 100,000.00
8.	CPD/18/2397/2021	Tender for the supply of Cement		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 100,000.00
9.	CPD/09/1879/2021	Tender for the supply of Paints & Paint related Items		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 100,000.00
10.	CPD/03/562/2021	Tender for the supply of Machinery Items		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 125,000.00
11.	CPD/06/2667/2021	Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Bulb, Lamp, Wire, Sunk Box, MCB Cable, PVC Conduit Pipe, Switch, etc.		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 150,000.00
12.	CPD/20/1651/2021	Tender for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of 01 No. Fire Protection System for Town Hall Main Building		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 200,000.00
13.	CPD/08/2357/2021	Tender for the Supply of D. I. manhole cover with frame		Rs.5,400.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 350,000.00

Tender document (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by **two methods**

Method 01 - Download from the CMC website (www.colombo.mc.gov.lk)

- Non-refundable Tender / Bidding Document fee can be paid by following method.
 - Any People's Bank branch to credit **People's Bank, Town Hall branch, Acc No: 167-1-001-6-3169425.**
 - Payment counters of following Municipal premises of Colombo city limit from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.
 - > **District Office 04**
No. 147, High Level Road,
Kirulapone, Colombo 06.
 - > **Drainage & Water Supply Division,**
Maligakanda, Colombo 10.

ii. It is mandatory to attach the original receipt / slip with the tender / bidding document.

Method 02 - Collect from Town Hall Premises.

- Tender / bidding document could be obtained from the office of **Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 29/12/2021, upon payment of a non-refundable tender document fee for each tender / bidding document** to the shroff counters of Town Hall Premises.
- Tender / bidding documents will not be available on the website / issued after **3.00 p.m. on 29th December 2021.**
- Value of unconditional on demand bid bond / security should be valid till 210 days from the date of closing tenders / bids. **Bid bond / Security shall be valid till 27/07/2022. Offer should be valid till 27/06/2022.**
- The ORIGINAL duly filled sealed tender / bidding document with the DUPLICATE should be deposited in the Tender box kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 30th December 2021.**
- Tenders / bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 30th December 2021** and tenders / bids received after closing time will be rejected and tenders / bids will be opened immediately thereafter. If this day is declared as a Public Holiday, tenders / bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs. on the following working day. Tenderers / bidders or authorized representatives are allowed to be present at the opening. Clarifications could be obtained from the Chief Accountant (Procurement) Tel: 0112- 686389, 0112-686369, 0112-662329.
- Tenderers / Bidders whose Tenders / Bids are over Rs. 5.0 Million should submit PCA (3) after registration with the Public Contracts Registrar according to the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.

Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney at law
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL



National Enterprise Development Authority



INVITATION FOR REGISTRATION OF COURIER COMPANIES FOR MADE IN SRI LANKA TRADE PORTAL

National Enterprise Development Authority is in the process of establishing the "Made In Sri Lanka" Trade Portal in order to provide online market space for all Micro, Small and Medium entrepreneurs to promote their products and develop market linkages within and outside the country. Registrations are open for courier companies to deliver and collect products from SME's scattered island wide. Courier companies should fulfill the following criteria in order to qualify to bid for this project.

1. The courier company should have both domestic and international operations here in Sri Lanka.
2. The company/group of companies should be able to traverse the entire island in order to collect the goods and transport them both locally and globally.
3. The successful company/Group of companies should forward us all necessary API's for integration on to the "Made in Sri Lanka" trade portal
4. Tracking system - Able to track shipments for both domestic/international with POD (Proof Of Delivery) updates.
5. Speed of the delivery - Both standard and express shipping should take between 5 - 7 days.

Eligible companies should forward their applications to **madeinsrilanka.contact@gmail.com** before 24.12.2021.

For further information, please contact Mr. Ravin Abeyesundara, Enterprise Promotion Officer, - 0717002581.

Chairman/ Director General
National Enterprise Development Authority
No. 561/3, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.
0115922990 Fax: 011-2368393



Department of Sports Development

Registration of Suppliers and Construction Contractors for the Year 2022

Applications will be received by the Department of Sports Development at No. 09, Philip Gunawardene Mawatha, Colombo 07, from qualified Suppliers, for the Supply of the undermentioned items, for the Year 2022.

- Requirements in the sports field
- Office requirements
- Vehicle maintenance and servicing
- Construction contract works, consultations and maintenance work
- Food and beverages requirements
- Sanitary equipment in the prevention of Covid-19 epidemic
- Purchase of Air Tickets
- Other requirements

(Details of the Provision of Services coming under each of the categories stated above are contained in the instructions leaflet attached with the bid documents).

Conditions relevant to the Supply of Goods and Services :

- 1) All Suppliers who are applying for the supply of these Goods and Services should be institutions having a minimum of two years experience in the applying field and documents substantiating the facts should be submitted with the Bid application.
- 2) Suppliers should compulsory attach the Business Names Registration Certificate.
- 3) **A registration fee of Rs. 1000.00 will be levied for each item of the items contained in A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H above. When applying for more than one item, each extra item will be charged Rs. 1000.00 and the relevant payment should be made to the Shroff Section of the Department of Sports Development.**
- 4) In addition, construction Contractors should produce a copy of the ICTAD Registration Certificate for the year 2022. Architects should have obtained the membership at the Institute of Chartered Architects, Sri Lanka (AIA/FIA). Further, they should also be registered at the Architecture Registration Board.
- 5) Institutions applying for the provision of Air Ticketing work should be institutions registered at the Civil Aviation Authority and the Tourist Board of Sri Lanka. Certificates to the effect should be annexed with the application. Relevant institution should possess above 05 years of experience and should agree to provide Air Tickets subject to a 2-week credit period.
- 6) Suppliers are required to complete the order before the stipulated date stated in the purchase order of this Department. Suppliers who fail to carryout the order as above, will be blacklisted by the Department.
- 7) If the Supplier happens to be the authorized Agent in Sri Lanka for the equipment imported, that fact should be stated in the application and a copy of the Agency permit should be submitted.
- 8) Qualified Suppliers would be registered after a premises inspection as the requirement warrants.
- 9) Further details relevant to this can be obtained from this Department's Admin Section (Tel. 011-2694566) and the Development Section (Tel. 0112669884).

Qualified institutions and individuals expecting to supply the Goods and Services stated above, can obtain the relevant application forms from the Procurement Section on payment of the stipulated monies to the Shroff Section of the Department of Sports Development, up to **3.00 p.m. on 28.12.2021**. Duly completed applications **should be placed in the Tender Box kept at the official room of the Director (Admin) on the second floor of the Department of Sports Development at No. 09, Philip Gunawardene Mawatha, Colombo 07, to be received at or before 3.00 p.m. on 29.12.2021**. The cover containing the application should be marked **"Registration of Suppliers and Construction Contractors - 2022"** at the left-side top corner. (Application Forms will only be issued from 13.12.2021 upto 3.00 p.m. on 28.12.2021.

- * Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted
- * This registration should not be treated as a right to grant contracts and the qualifications will be subject to rescrunity and review as the requirement warrants.

Director General
Department of Sports Development
No. 09,
Philip Gunawardene Mawatha,
Colombo 07.

BE BETTER INFORMED! News you can trust now free on your mobile phone.



Visit: apps.lakehouse.lk

DOWNLOAD TODAY!

AVAILABLE AT

LAKE HOUSE

Daily News

Classifieds



63-2284 Toyota
Coaster Bus for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 079792

106



Cars

121



Vehicles Wanted

NW JH-0198 Hyundai Accent Car for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 079789

Wanted without driver all types of Jeeps, Double Cabs, luxury cars, Premio, Axio, Prius, Wagon-R, Alto, immediately for Directors, Executives. 0760521588. 078847

119



Buses & Lorries

122



M/Cycles & T/Wheelers

NC NA-0947 Lanka Ashok Leyland Bus for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 079790

EP BJB-1630 TVS Apache RTR 160 bike for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 079791

61-3997 Nissan Civic Bus for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 079796

NW BIA-9369 Honda Navi, 2017, motorcycle for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0711210810. 079694

61-5168 Isuzu Journey Bus for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 079794

SG BJA-3707 Rana-moto Pattaya Motor Bike for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 079788

62-7128 Nissan Civic Bus for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries: Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 079793

WP YT-3706 Bajaj, 2011, WP AAA-3679 Bajaj, 2012, three wheel for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0711210810. 079697



COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS' DEPARTMENT

Registration of Consultants for the Preparation of Solid Waste Management Proposals for the Year 2022

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council Invites sealed Bids for the above from qualified personnel/companies for registration with the Colombo Municipal Council for the preparation of Solid Waste Management Proposals in order to obtain solid waste approval for high rise buildings for the year 2022.

Persons with undermentioned qualifications are eligible to register with the Colombo Municipal Council for the above purpose.

1. Postgraduate qualifications in Engineering or Environmental Science.
2. Chartered Engineers who have enough knowledge and experience in Solid Waste Management (SWM).
3. Chartered Architects who have enough knowledge and experience in SWM.
4. Lecturers who are practicing Solid Waste / Environment Subjects in Educational Institutions.
5. Qualified persons with more than 5 years experience in Solid Waste Management.

Note that the persons who are presently working in Government Organizations are not eligible to apply for the above registration.

Relevant application forms could be purchased on a request made on Business Letterhead from the Projects Management Division of Municipal Engineers' Department at Town Hall, Colombo-07 on payment of Rs.1,170.00 (inclusive of VAT) in cash as non-refundable form fee. Fee of Registration of Rs.2,000.00 will be levied in advance and a photocopy of the receipt for payment shall be submitted along with the application. The registration fee will be refunded to the applicants who will be disqualified for the registration.

Duly filled application forms along with the supporting documents shall be posted under registered cover to Director Engineering (SWM), Municipal Engineers' Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo-07, to reach the office on or before 31/12/2021.

"Registration of Consultants for the Preparation of Solid Waste Management Proposals for the year 2022" shall be written on top left-hand corner of the sealed envelope.

Applicants will be called for an interview to verify the qualifications and experience and to demonstrate the knowledge in SWM.

Originals and true copies of all the certificates/documents supporting the application shall be submitted at the interview.

Further particulars could be obtained from the Director Engineering (Projects) on telephone No. 011-2691191 -252 or 011-2692403 of the Project Management Division of Municipal Engineers' Department.

Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney at Law
Municipal Commissioner,
Colombo Municipal Council,
Town Hall,
Colombo 07.



COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

As per the Standard By-Laws of Colombo Municipal Council published in the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2245/30 dated 17.09.2021

(Local Authorities (standard By-Laws) Act No. 6 of 1952 - Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 541/17 dated 20.01.1989; Tender Notice as per Part V of the by Law)

INVITATIONS TO TENDER / BID

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed tenders for the following supply of services from eligible and qualified tenderers / bidders.

Serial No.	Tender No.	Description	Eligibility of Tenderers / Bidders	Value of Bid Bond / Security Rs.
01	ME/ME/ML/265/2021	Leasing out of Operation and Management of Road side parking fee collection in the city of Colombo - Stage XXI	Following enterprises are eligible for bidding. Limited liability companies/ Firm in case of a partnership / Individual business	Unconditional on demand Guarantee for 2% of value calculated for Contract period

Tender document (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by two methods.

Method 01 - Download from the CMC website (www.colombo.mc.gov.lk).

- I. Non-refundable Tender / Bidding Document fee of Rs. 5,400/- can be paid by following method.
 - a) Any People's Bank branch to credit **People's Bank, Town Hall branch, Acc No: 167-1-001-6-3169425.**
 - b) Payment counters of following Municipal premises of Colombo city limit from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on week days.
 - > **District Office 04**
No: 147, High Level Road, Kirulapone, Colombo 06.
 - > **Drainage & Water Supply Division,**
Maligakanda, Colombo 10.

II. It is mandatory to attach the original receipt / slip with the tender / bidding document.

Method 02 - Collect from Town Hall Premises.

- I. Tender / bidding document could be obtained from the office of **Project Management Division of Municipal Engineer's Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 10.00 a.m. on 30/12/2021, upon payment of a non-refundable tender document fee of Rs. 5,400/-for each tender / bidding** to the Shroff counters of Town Hall Premises.
 - a) Tender / bidding documents will not be available on the website / issued after 10.00 a.m. on **30th December 2021.**
 - b) Value of unconditional on demand bid bond / security should be valid for **210 days** from the date of closing of tenders / bids. **Bid bond / Security shall be valid till 30/07/2022. Offer should be valid till 30/06/2022. Bid security deposit in cash will not be accepted.**
 - c) The ORIGINAL duly filled sealed tender / bidding document with the DUPLICATE should be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 31/12/ 2021.**
 - d) **Tender / bid will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 31/12/2021** and tenders / bids received after closing time will be rejected and tenders / bids will be opened immediately thereafter. If this day is declared as a Public Holiday, tenders / bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs. on the following working day. The tenderers / bidders or authorized representatives are allowed to be present at the opening. Clarifications could be obtained from the Director Engineering (Projects) Tel: 0112- 692403.
 - e) Pre bid meeting will be held on 22/12/2021 at 10.00 a.m at TDRS conference room, Town Hall premises.

Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney at Law
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PEOPLE'S BANK

Bambalapitiya Branch

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 29 D OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO.29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY THE ACT NO.32 OF 1986

It is hereby notified that the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board of Directors of the People's Bank, under Section 29 D of the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No.32 of 1986 at their meeting held on 29.10.2021.

Whereas, D.M. Jeevan (Private) Limited, a Company duly incorporated under the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 registered under PV 7752 having its registered office at No. 108/11E, Lavender Park, Watarappala Road, Mount Lavinia the "OBLIGOR" Company which term or expression as herein used shall where the context requires admits, means and includes the said D M JEEWAN (PRIVATE) LIMITED its successors and assigns, (hereinafter called and referred to as the obligor) and GANESHAN KOUATHY nee KOMATHY KAPUATH PILLAI alias KOUATHY GANESHAN of No. 2/2/1, Ebenezer Place, Dehiwala (hereinafter called and referred to as the MORTGEGOR which term or expression as herein used shall where the context so requires, admits mean and include the said GANESHAN KOUATHY nee KOMATHY KAPUATH PILLAI alias KOUATHY GANESHAN his heirs executors administrators and assigns) have made default in payment due on Mortgage Bond No. 7011 dated 04.04.2016 and Bond No. 6571 dated 19.03.2015 both attested by Priyanthi Liyanage, Notary Public of Colombo and Bond No. 474 dated 13.11.2020 attested by W O K A W K Wijesingha, Notary Public of Colombo Mortgage Bond No. 7361 dated 02.01.2017 attested by Priyanthi Liyanage, Notary Public of Colombo and Mortgage Bond No. 476 dated 13.11.2020 attested by W O K A W K Wijesingha, Notary Public of Colombo and Mortgage Bond No. 477 dated 13.11.2020 attested by W O K A W K Wijesingha, Notary Public of Colombo in favour of the People's Bank and there is now due and owing to the People's Bank a sum of Rupees One Hundred and Twenty Seven Million Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and One and Cents Eighty Eight (Rs. 127,757,501.88) on the said Bonds.

The Board of Directors of the People's Bank under the power vested in them by the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986 do hereby resolve that the property and premises mortgaged to the said Bank by the said Mortgage bonds be sold by Public Auction by Trivanka S Senanayake, Licensed Auctioneer of Colombo for recovery of the sum of Rupees One Hundred and Twenty Seven Million Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and One and Cents Eighty Eight (Rs. 127,757,501.88) together with further interest at the rate of 12.63% per annum on the sum of Rupees Thirty Seven Million (37,000,000.00) from 10.07.2021 and together with further interest at the rate of 12.63% per annum on the sum of Rupees Three Million Six Hundred and Sixty Six Thousand (Rs. 3,666,000.00) from 10.07.2021 and together with further interest at the rate of 12.63% per annum on the sum of Rupees Three Million Ninety Seven Thousand (Rs3,097,000.00) from 10.07.2021 and together with further interest at the rate of 10.13% per annum on the sum of Rupees Seventeen Million (Rs. 17,000,000.00) from 10.07.2021 and together with further interest at 10.13% per annum on the sum of Rupees Fourteen Million Three Hundred and Thirty Three, Thousand (Rs. 14,333,000.00) from 10.07.2021 and together with further interest at 9.13% per annum on the sum of Rupees Eleven Million Nine Hundred Thousand (Rs. 11,900,000.00) from 13.07.2021 and together with further interest at 9.13% per annum the sum of Rupees Nine Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand (Rs. 9,950,000.00) from 13.07.2021 of sale with costs and other charges of sale less payments (if any) since received.

DESCRIPTION 1 **2 2/1, Ebenezer Place, Dehiwala FOUR DECIMAL NINE FOUR PERCHES (A0.R0.P4.94)**

DESCRIPTION 2 **78/8, Liyanage Road, Dehiwala EIGHTEEN DECIMAL NAUGHT SEVEN PERCHES (A0.R0.P18.07)**

DESCRIPTION 1
All that divided and defined allotment of land marked as "Lot 3510" depicted in Plan No. 235 dated 10.09.1996 made by S.Aberatne, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "ALUTHWATTA" together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon bearing Assessment No.2, Ebenezer Place situated at Dehiwala in Ward 8 Dehiwala West within the Grama Niladhari Division of No. 540A, Dehiwala West and Divisional Secretariat Division of Dehiwala within the Municipal Council Limits of Dehiwala, Mount Lavinia in Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot 3510 is bounded on the **NORTH** by Premises bearing Assessment No.32A, Galle Road (Lot E), on the **EAST** by Lots 3511 and 3512, on the **SOUTH** by Ebenezer Place and on the **WEST** by Premises bearing Assessment Nos. 4, 4/1 and 4/A, Ebenezer Place (Lot C) and containing in extent **FOUR DECIMAL NINE FOUR PERCHES (A0-R0-P4.94)** according to the said Plan No. 235 and according to a recent survey of the above "Lot 3510" in Plan No.235 and registered in Dehi 141/03,04 at the Delkanda - Nugegoda Land Registry.

According to a recent survey the above "Lot 3510" in Plan No. 235 is morefully described as follows:

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked as "Lot A" depicted in Plan No. 6405 dated 15.11.2006 made by Gamini B Dodanwala, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "ALUTHWATTA" together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon situated at Dehiwala in Ward 8 Dehiwala West within the Grama Niladhari Division of No. 540A, Dehiwala West and Divisional Secretariat Division of Dehiwala within the Municipal Council Limits of Dehiwala, Mount Lavinia in Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot A is bounded on the **NORTH** by Premises bearing Assessment No.32A, Galle Road, on the **EAST** by Premises bearing Assessment No. 34, 34A and 34B, Galle Road, on the **SOUTH** by Ebenezer Place and on the **WEST** by Premises bearing Assessment Nos.4, 4/1 and 4/A, Ebenezer Place and containing in extent **FOUR DECIMAL NINE FOUR PERCHES (A0-R0-P4.94)** or 0.0125 Hectares according to the said Plan No. 6405 and registered in Dehi 141/03,04 at the Delakanda-Nugegoda Land Registry.

DESCRIPTION 2
All that divided and defined allotment of Land marked Lot 267C depicted in Plan No. 11 dated 18.09.1951 made by R.R.Vander Hoeven, Licensed Surveyor of the Land called "GRACIA KUMBURA and GRACIA OWITA" situated at Liyanage Road, Dehiwala being a part of Premises No.72, Liyanage Road, Dehiwala within the Grama Niladhari Division of No. 540A, Dehiwala West and Divisional Secretariat Division of Dehiwala within the Municipal Council Limits of Dehiwala - Mount Lavinia in Palle Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province and which said Lot 267C is bounded on the **NORTH** by Lots 266 & 267D, on the **EAST** by Lots 267D & 267L Reservation for a Road 30 feet, on the **SOUTH** by Lo. 267B & 267L Reservation for Road 30 feet and on the **WEST** by Lot 266 and containing in extent **SEVENTEEN DECIMAL FIVE NOUGHT PERCHES (A0-R0-P:17.50)** according to the said Plan No.11 together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon, and registered in Dehi 141/05,06 at the Delkanda Nugegoda Land Registry.

The above said land according to a recent survey morefully described below:

All that divided and defined allotment of Land marked Lot 267^{C1} depicted in Plan No.10163 dated 10.03.2014 made by Gamini B.Dodanwala, Licensed Surveyor of the Land called "GRACIA KUMBURA and GRACIA OWITA" presently bearing Assessment No.78/8, Liyanage Road situated at Dehiwala aforesaid and which said Lot 267^{C1} is bounded on the **NORTH** by Ela and Lot 4323 (Assessment No.78/10, Liyanage Road), on the **EAST** by Lot 4323 (Assessment No.78/10, Liyanage Road) and Lot 1151^A (Road), on the **SOUTH** by Lot 1551^A (Road) and Lot 895 (Assessment No.78/7, Liyanage Road) and on the **WEST** by Lot 895 (Assessment No.78/7, Liyanage Road) and Ela and containing in extent **EIGHTEEN DECIMAL NOUGHT SEVEN PERCHES (A0-R0-P:18.07)** or 0.0457 Hectares according to the said Plan No. 10163 together with the buildings, trees, plantations and everything else standing thereon.

Together with right of way over the allotment of land marked Lot 267L in aforesaid Plan No.11 described as follows:

All that divided and defined allotment of Land marked Lot 267L depicted in said Plan No.11 of the Land called "GRACIA KUMBURA and GRACIA OWITA" situated at Liyanage Road, Dehiwala being a part of Premises No.72, Liyanage Road, Dehiwala aforesaid and which said Lot 267L is bounded on the **NORTH** by Lots 267B to 267G, on the **EAST** by Lots 267H, 267K & 294B, on the **SOUTH** by Lots 267I to 267K & Liyanage Road and on the **WEST** by Lots 267A to 267C & 294A and containing in extent **ONE ROOD AND FOUR DECIMAL FIVE TWO PERCHES (A0-R:1-P:4.52)** according to the said Plan No.11.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
Regional Manager
Colombo South

Zonal Head Office (Western Zone-01)
No. 11, Duke Street,
Colombo 01.





PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA



NOTICE UNDER SECTION 21(2) OF
THE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY ACT, NO. 20 OF 2009

INTENTION TO GRANT EXEMPTION

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka ("the Commission") hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 21(2) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No.20 of 2009 that the Commission intends to grant exemption to the entity identified below for the purpose of distributing and supply of electricity only within the specified/respective premises as it has a limited distribution network within their premises and the quantum of energy distribution is low.

Application Ref. No.	Entity	Premises	Nature of consumers
E/AE-D/21/09	M.C Urban Developers Limited	135-139, Niwala Road, Narahenpita, Colombo 05	Residential

Representations (if any) may be made in writing to the Commission with respect to the above proposal, within twenty-eight (28) days of this notice. Please quote the Application Ref. No. when making representations.

Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
Level 06, BoC Merchant Tower, 28,
St. Michael's Road,
Colombo 03.

Telephone: (011) 2392608
Fax: (011) 2392641
E-mail: licensing@pucl.gov.lk
Website: www.pucl.gov.lk

Date: 10.12.2021

Replies to
Classifieds

&

Casual
Advertisements
published
C/o the

Daily News

should only be
sent by
ordinary post.

Replies sent
under
registered cover
will not be
accepted.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL AND CHEST DISEASES

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS - 2022

Applications are invited from 10.12.2021 up to 01.01.2022 for the registration of suppliers for the supply of the undermentioned goods and services for this Institution and the Central Chest Clinic, Borella, Chest Clinic, Gampaha and National Tuberculosis Laboratory, Welisara, which are administered by it.

- The cover containing the completed application should be marked "Registration of Suppliers - 2022" at the left top corner and sent by registered post.
- A non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 should be paid per item and the payment can be made to the Accountant of this institution between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on weekdays. The application, obtainable from this institution, should be completed and along with the receipt received for the above payment could either be sent by registered post or delivered personally, to be received before 3.00 p.m. on 03.01.2022. Money Orders will not be accepted.
- Applications received after the closing of acceptance of applications will not be entertained.

SUPPLY OF GOODS

- Office Stationery (including computer stationery)
- Furniture (Wooden, steel, fibre)
- All varieties of soap, detergents, vehicle cleaning liquids
- Plastic containers (Yoghurt cups)
- Electrical equipment - Refrigerators, air-conditioners, electric fans, tube lights and spare parts.
- Laboratory equipment and medical equipment
- Tyres, tubes and batteries for vehicles
- All printing works (Hand bills, banners, posters, name boards)
- Computers, photocopiers, fax machines, printers, adding machines and spare parts

PROVISION OF SERVICES

- Repairing and maintenance of air-conditioners and refrigerators
- Repairing of Vehicles
- Repairing and maintenance of computers, printers
- Repairing and maintenance of laboratory equipment, medical equipment
- Electrical repairs and maintenance work
- Repairing of wooden and steel furniture (including cushion work)
- Building construction and maintenance work (C06, C07, C08, C09)
- Maintenance and servicing of electric generator (Cummins Diesel 150 KVA)
- Short-eats, beverages and cooked food parcels.

CONDITIONS:

- This institution retains the right to call tenders also from sources outside the registered list.
- Prospective suppliers to be registered should substantiate their qualifications with documentary proof (including registration certificates)
- Suppliers will be registered for a period of one year commencing from 04.01.2022.

Director,

National Programme for Tuberculosis Control & Chest Diseases,
Public Health Complex (04th Floor),
No. 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha,
Narahenpita.

Tel.No. 0112368274

TENDER NOTICE

1. Tenders are invited for Creative Agencies as per the following requirements

Objectives

Requesting for proposal rate card to carry on bank's advertising campaigns on behalf of SDB bank.

Quotations should be addressed to the head of administration and should be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked "Creative artwork designing 2022 - Ref No: 163/2021 on the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

2. Tenders are invited for Public Relations (PR) & Monitoring Agency as per the following requirements

Objectives

Requesting for proposals to carry on Bank's PR coverage through print media & media monitoring on behalf of SDB bank.

Work scope under PR

- Interview and draft articles in all 3 languages
- Ensure publishing on minimum 12 publications
- Provide report with all published articles once the project is completed in line with

PR monitoring

- Published SDB articles and advertisements (Print)
- Competitor PR stories and advertisements

Quotations should be addressed to the head of administration and should be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked "PR & Monitoring Agency 2022 - Ref No: 162/2021 on the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

3. Tenders are invited for Digital Media Content Management Agency as per the following requirements

Objectives

- Grow brand equity and support brand positioning through digital media
- Increase engagement rate for digital contents
- Execute performance marketing efforts against set targets (Leads, App Downloads, Brand Recall, etc.)
- Build thought leadership around content pillars

Scope of Work

- Development of platform specific content marketing strategy for the brand.
- Development of monthly content plan according to content marketing strategy
- Content ideation and creation.
- Paid media strategy and execution
- Monitoring, optimizing and reporting in set intervals (Weekly/ Monthly/ Quaterly)
- Agile content creation as needed

Exit Clause

The service may be terminated in writing for both parties by providing 30 days notice

Service Agreement Period

1 Year

Quotations should be addressed to the head of administration and should be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked "Digital Media Content Management Agency 2022 - Ref No: 161/2021 on the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

4. Tenders are invited for Media Scheduling Agency as per the following requirements

Request of proposal to carry out all ATL Media Planning, Buying and Operations on behalf of SDB bank which includes the following

- Develop and execute media strategies to achieve Marketing Communication Objectives
- Get the best industry ROI and cost savings for SDB bank through efficient and effective negotiation

Exit Clause

The service may be terminated in writing from both parties by providing 30 days notice

Service Agreement Period

2 Years

Quotations should be addressed to the head of administration and should be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked "Media Scheduling Agency 2022/2023 - Ref No: 161/2021 on the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

In the first step of the process, we will evaluate different agencies based on relevant selection criteria. Above mentioned tenders supplier selection criteria can be obtained from the bank's website www.sdb.lk/downloads under tender notice.

Sealed quotations should be lodged in the quotation box kept at the SDB bank, administration dept or by registered post to SDB bank administration dept, No. 18/1, Edmontom Road, Kirulapone, Colombo 6, on or before **2.00pm on 21st December 2021** Please note that SDB bank has every right either to accept or reject any tender quotations received.

For further information, with regards to above, please contact

- Creative Agencies: 0768 772 092
- PR & Monitoring: 0767 089 828
- Media Scheduling: 0772 004 623
- Digital Media Content Management: 0774 002 793



#whereyouarevalued

SANASA Development Bank PLC is a licensed specialised bank, supervised by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Fitch Rating BB+ (Stable), Reg. No: PB62PQ

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

SRI JAYAWARDENEPURA GENERAL HOSPITAL

SUPPLY OF RAW FOOD ITEMS

Q 811/21

- Sealed Bids are hereby invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital, Thalapatthitiya, Nugegoda up to **10.00 a.m. on 30.12.2021** from the citizens of Sri Lanka, Business Establishments, Manufacturers and Suppliers who are capable of continuous supply of Raw Food items such as fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, meat and eggs, dry food materials, bakery products and packeted food materials (Packets, Tins and Bottles) to the Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital, Thalapatthitiya, Nugegoda for the Year **2022/2023** for the consumption of resident patients and employees of the hospital.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure. Tender documents could be obtained from the interested Suppliers on submission of a written request to the Director of the Hospital on a business letterhead of the Institution to the Supplies Division of the Hospital along with the receipt for the payment of a non-refundable tender fee of **Rs. 3500.00** paid to the Accountant of the Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** on weekdays from **11.12.2021 to 29.12.2021**.
- Quantities of gross requirements of good stuffs for the Year **2022/2023** and relevant information and provided with the tender documents.
- Only the Tenderers who fulfill the following qualification criteria, will be considered and relevant information of (I) to (VIII) should be submitted along with the relevant Bids.
 - Documentary evidence and reports of having three (03) years of experience in the supply of food materials to the Government Hospitals, Three Armed Forces or Prisons or to the premises where over 500 Nos. of persons daily consume foods and having satisfactory performance of same.
 - A copy of the Business Registration Certificate / Certificate of Incorporation and documentary evidence / reports of having engaged in such businesses for a period of (03) Three years after the registration as business venture and having adequate / sufficient staff and office facilities.
 - Having satisfactory financial stability for the continuous supply of foods for a minimum period of three (03) months.
 - Details provided in respect of financial stability should be compatible with the reports of tax payments / returns.
 - Should have adequate communication facilities. (Telephone, Mobile Phones, Fax Machines, Email facilities.)
 - Sufficient storage facilities (Cool Rooms, Good Sheds / Stores, Refrigeration facilities, etc.)
 - Should have adequate transportation facilities including Freezer Trucks
 - (PCA 03 Form) as per Section No. 03 of Public Contracts Act of 1987 ("Samagam Medura")
- Duly perfected Bids signed and placing the Official Rubber Seal / Stamp on it, should either be sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the same address, to receive at or before **10.00 a.m. on 30.12.2021** and the caption to the effect "**Contract for the Supply of Food varieties for the Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital for the Year 2022/2023**" should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing Bids. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids. Tenderer or his authorized Agent could be present on this occasion of opening of Bids. Late Bids will be rejected and returned unopened.
- Prospective Tenderers may inspect the tender documents free of charge at the Supplies Division of the Hospital.
- Further details could be obtained from the Supplies Division of the Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital, Telephone Nos. **011-2778610 Ext 3142 or 011-2778624**.

Chairman

Sri Jayawardanepura General Hospital,
Thalapatthitiya, Nugegoda.



REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given to the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that I, Chulaswama Madugalle of No. 185/01, Epitumulla Road, Pitakotte have revoked the Power of Attorney bearing No. 14948 dated 26.10.2019 attested by Daya Gunathilake, Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public of Kurunegala and registered in the book of written authorities maintained by the Registrar General in volume 142 folio 11924 entry 3764 on 30.10.2019 in favour of Muhammadu Laheer Mohamed Naufal of Gurumada Post, Panagamuwa in Kurunegala District.

Chulaswama Madugalle

Date: 05.12.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATUS CHANGE OF NAME OF THE COMPANY

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 11(5) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 of the Company's Special Resolution to change the status from C L Synergy (Private) Limited to C L Synergy Limited with effect from 9th December 2021.

Financial and Business Associates (Private) Limited
Corporate Secretaries

Replies to Classifieds & Casual Advertisements published C/o the

Daily News

should only be sent by ordinary post. Replies sent under registered cover will not be accepted.



INVITATION

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

OBTAINING A BUILDING ON RENT BASIS

Procurement No : CHA/ACC/14/12/2021

Sealed Bids are called to obtain a Building on rent basis for a period of two (02) years from 01st February 2022 to house this Department's Office under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.

01. The Building should comprise the following requisites :

- Should be situated in the authority area of the Colombo Municipal Council within the Zones of Colombo 01, 02, 03, 07, 08, 10 and 12 bordering a Road with easy accessway.
- The extent of the building should be 3500 - 4500 sq.ft.
- Should have adequate space parking facility to park at least three (03) vehicles within the premises of the Building, securely and safely.
- Should be situated in a well protected, safe place with sanitary facilities such as pipe borne water, electricity, water sealed toilets, etc. and good water supply facilities.
- The owner of the rented building should enter into an agreement, with the department in case where the department being transferred and installed in a Government building in a future date, possible giving three (03) months prior intimation / notice.
- Preference will be given to the buildings with fixed telephone line facility, garage, assembly hall, air-conditioning, electrical fans, etc.

02. It is compulsory to submit your quotations completed on forms prepared by this department. Said quotation forms could be obtained visiting this department or sending a self-addressed envelope to this department or downloaded from the Department's Website (www.christian.gov.lk). Duly completed Tenders along with a copy of the building plan approved by the Municipal Council and a document of verification of ownership of the building should either be sent by Registered Post to the following address or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this office to be received at or before 11.00 a.m. on 30.12.2021. The caption to the effect "Obtaining a Building on Rent Basis - 2022" should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing tenders. Tenders will be opened immediately after closing of tenders at 11.00 a.m. on 30.12.2021.

03. Department Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any tender, as a whole or as part thereof. The owner of the building should agree to enter into an agreement with the Department regarding matters pertaining to the renting of the building after having a discussion with the Department.

Director
Department of Christian Religious Affairs,
Colombo 08.

Telephone : 011-2665584

Date : 10.12.2021

PRADESHIYA SANWARDHANA BANK

INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROPOSED ROOF CONSTRUCTION AND UPSTAIR IMPROVEMENT WORKS OF MIHINTHALE BRANCH BUILDING OF PRADESHIYA SANWARDHANA BANK BRANCH OFFICE AT MIHINTHALE

BID No.: DGM/HR/RDB/2021/153



Chief Human Resource Officer on behalf of the Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank (also known as RDB) No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for PROPOSED ROOF CONSTRUCTION AND UPSTAIR IMPROVEMENT WORKS OF MIHINTHALE BRANCH BUILDING OF PRADESHIYA SANWARDHANA BANK as described below.

Under the proposed works mainly consists of construction of roof renovations of the branch building and electrical, plumbing and other building related works of upper floor of the branch building.

Location	Bid No.	Estimated Cost without Tax & Contingencies	Construction Period	Grade	Bid Security (Bank Guarantee or Refundable Cash Deposit)	Non-refundable Fee
Mihintale	DGM/HR/RDB/2021/153	Rs. 6.7 Mn	90 Days	C7 or above	Rs. 70,000/-	Rs. 3,000/-

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.

To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall meet the requirements of C7 or above.

Bids shall be valid for 91 days (05th April 2022) or any extended period. Bid Securities shall be valid up to 03rd May 2022. (91 + 28)

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Assistant General Manager (Engineering), Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank, No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya, through 011 2035 474 and inspect the bidding documents at the same address, 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs from 13th December 2021 to 03rd January 2022.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Chief Human Resource Officer, Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank (RDB), No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya, from 13th December 2021 to 03rd January 2022 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of above mentioned non-refundable fee. The method of payment shall be by cash.

Sealed Bids shall be delivered or deposited in the tender box to the Chief Human Resource Officer, Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank (RDB), No. 933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya, on or before 14.00 hrs on 04th January 2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidder or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.

The words, "PROPOSED ROOF CONSTRUCTION AND UPSTAIR IMPROVEMENT WORKS OF MIHINTHALE BRANCH BUILDING/ BID No. DGM/HR/RDB/2021/153" shall be indicated on the top left corner of the envelope.

Chief Human Resource Officer,
Pradeshiya Sanwardhana Bank,
Head Office,
No.933, Kandy Road,
Wedamulla, Kelaniya.

T.P. - 011 2035454/011 2035455/011 2035456
Fax. - 011 2906883 | www.rdb.lk

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



STATE MINISTRY OF COAST CONSERVATION AND LOW LYING LAND DEVELOPMENT
SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SUPPLY OF GRAVELLY EARTH FOR DRAINAGE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT WORKS FOR BUS STAND AND MIX DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT PILIMATHALAWA AND GANNORUWA

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following contract.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Security	Non-refundable Fee
S/686/21	Supply of Gravelly Earth for Drainage and Land Development Works for Bus stand and Mix Development Project at Pilimathalawa	31 st December, 2021 13.30 hrs	Rs. 95,000.00	Rs. 1,000.00
S/687/21	Supply of Gravelly Earth for Drainage and Land Development Works for Mix Development Project at Gannoruwa	31 st December, 2021 13.30 hrs	Rs. 250,000.00	Rs. 4,000.00

1. A complete set of Bidding Documents in Sinhala language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from 10th December, 2021 up to 30th December, 2021 (working days) upon payment of non-refundable fee as mentioned above. The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3rd Floor, New Building).

Or

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected on the web site mentioned below and the payment for Bidding Document could follow Online Payment method or Direct Cash Deposit to Account No 3271113 (Account Name - Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, Bank; Bank of Ceylon Rajagiriya) Procurement no and Supplier Name should be indicated as remarks on the payment slip for reference and the payment reference slip should be sent to the Supplies Division through Fax (0112871637) or email (nayomi@slldc.lk) and inform the officer in charge Ms Nayomi Perera 0112866832. Bidding document will be emailed only after receiving the payment details. Payment can be made up to 30th December, 2021 at 10:00 hrs.

- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1st Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before 31st December, 2021 at 13:30 hrs. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from DGM (Construction) of SLLDC Tel: +9411 2 862 438 Fax: +9411 2 867 516



Chairman
Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation
No.03, Sri Jayawardenepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.
Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk

QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF 80 GSM - 60 GSM - OFFSET WHITE PRINTING PAPER & 80 GSM - D/S ART PAPER

IMP/ADV/2021/23

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "80 GSM - 60 GSM - Offset White Printing Paper & 80 GSM D/S Art Paper" as specified below.

Quantity	Description
20 MT	80 GSM - Offset White Printing Paper - Size : 24" x 36"
20 MT	60 GSM - Offset White Printing Paper - Size : 24" x 36"
20 MT	80 GSM - D/S Art Paper - Size : 24" x 30"
20 MT	80 GSM - D/S Art Paper - Size : 24" x 35"
20 MT	80 GSM - D/S Art Paper - Size : 22" x 29"

Packing: Palletized packets with extra Seaworthy Export packing with moisture barrier.

Foreign Offers

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

Offers with samples and specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Quotations for 80 GSM - Woodfree Offset White Printing Paper" on the top left-hand corner.

Local Offers

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

Offers should be sent to the **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 17th December 2021 at 2.30 p.m.** which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc. to be clearly indicated on the offers.

Acceptance of new sources / product is subjected to a quality test.

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

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



LAKE HOUSE

Head of Procurement
The Associated Newspapers of
Ceylon Limited
No.35, Lake House,
D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.
For details: 2429451, 2429452

The Housewives' companion
Classifieds on
Daily News

Registration of Construction Machinery and Vehicles Hiring Suppliers - 2022



Irrigation Department (Ministry of Irrigation)

Applications are herewith invited from Government Owned Business establishments, Public Corporations, Private Owned Reputed Suppliers, Local Agents, Manufacturers, Business Organizations who own such Machinery and Vehicles, and wish to register themselves with the Irrigation Department for Supplying following Construction Machinery and Vehicles on Hired Wet-lease basis (with Operator / Driver, fuel and lubricant, etc.) for the Construction, Rehabilitation and Maintenance works to be implemented by the Irrigation Department in year 2022.

1.0 General

- 1.1 All applicants who wish to register themselves should collect the specimen application form by paying Rs. 200.00 from respective Director of Irrigation and prepare their application as per the specimen. Specimen applications are published in the Website www.irrigation.gov.lk If desired can use the forms instead of obtaining from the respective Director of Irrigation office.
- 1.2 Only the machine/vehicle owners are eligible for this registration.
- 1.3 A non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 500.00 should be paid for each category of Machinery (Eg. Crawler Tractor, Crawler Excavator, etc) by cheques with 06 months validity period or in cash. Considering the disruptions occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation throughout the island, we suggest to deposit the cash to respective Director of Irrigation given in Table 1 and submit the copy of the deposit slip to respective Director of Irrigation with the application.
- 1.4 Following relevant documents to be furnished together with the application.
 - a. Copy of Business Registration/Company Registration
 - b. Copy of CIDA Registration
 - c. Copy of Machinery/Vehicle Registration
 - d. In case of Government owned Organizations, Corporations, Boards, etc. the Head of the Institute shall make the submission in the letterhead of the organization.
- 1.5 The Application together with cheque or cash deposit slips and relevant documents should be forwarded through Registered Post or delivered by hand to the intended Regional address given below. The wording "Registration of Construction Machinery and Vehicle Hiring Suppliers - 2022" - Name of the Region (Eg. Anuradhapura or Colombo or)" should be marked at top left-hand corner of the envelope.
- 1.6 All applications received after the deadline will be rejected without any notice/query. Also any applications received without required registration fee, copies of certificates as mentioned above or cheques with inadequate validity period (06 Months) will be rejected without any notice / query.
- 1.7 Blacklisted entities will not be eligible for this registration. If registered due to oversight, registration of any organization, which will be identified as a blacklisted entity, will be cancelled at any time by the Irrigation Department as it feels reasonable to do so, without any refunding of registration fee.
- 1.8 The Director General of Irrigation is empowered to reject any, single or all applications on his own discretion.
- 1.9 All applicants who wish to supply machinery should submit their Rates under Wet-lease (with Operator / Driver, fuel and lubricant, etc. supplied by the supplier) basis.
- 1.10 Supplier who has submitted his application to register under the Registration of Suppliers & Service Providers for Year 2022 for Irrigation Department as per the paper notice published in (Dinamina, Thinkaran & Daily News) on 05/11/2021 should also register under this notice. If not, they will not be considered when hiring machinery / vehicles by Irrigation Department for 2022.
- 1.11 All machinery should be manufactured after 2009.

2.0 Registration

- 2.1 Suppliers who wish to register with following Regions as per the Table 1, can obtain the sets of applications by paying application fee of Rs. 200.00 or by website of Irrigation Department (www.irrigation.gov.lk). The duly completed sealed set of applications together with cheque or cash deposit slips, with all relevant documents should be forwarded through Registered Post to reach the following addresses or delivered by hand on or before 31.12.2021 at 2.30 pm. The price schedules will be opened immediately after the closing of calling of Bids. No late submissions will be considered thereafter.

The cheque should be drawn in favour of respective Director of Irrigation (See Column iv) / For Cash Deposits, Respective Account Numbers given in Column v of Table - 1 below.

Table 1

(i) S/N.	(ii) Region	(iii) Postal Address	(iv) Cheque to be Drawn	(v) For Cash Deposits BOC A/C Nos.	(vi) Contact Number
01	Ampara	Director of Irrigation - Ampara Region, 78, New Town, Ampara.	Director of Irrigation - Ampara Region	7042395	063-2222276
02	Anuradhapura	Director of Irrigation - Anuradhapura Region, Airport Road, Anuradhapura.	Director of Irrigation - Anuradhapura Region	7042398	025-2222499
03	Badulla	Director of Irrigation - Badulla Region, Director of Irrigation's Office, Bandarawela.	Director of Irrigation - Badulla Region	7042403	057-2222527
04	Batticaloa	Director of Irrigation - Batticaloa Region, Amman Kovil Road, P.O.Box 02, Kalladi, Batticaloa.	Director of Irrigation - Batticaloa Region	7042440	065-4929357
05	Colombo	Director of Irrigation - Colombo Region, Coniston Place, Colombo 5.	Director of Irrigation - Colombo Region	7042441	011-2584965
06	Galle	Director of Irrigation - Galle Region, 481, Beligaha Handiya, Galle.	Director of Irrigation - Galle Region	7042408	091-2234845
07	Hambantota	Director of Irrigation - Hambantota Region, Debarawewa, Tissamaharama.	Director of Irrigation - Hambantota Region	7042446	047-2237070
08	Kandy	Director of Irrigation - Kandy Region, Kundasale, Kandy.	Director of Irrigation - Kandy Region	7042447	081-2420423
09	Kurunegala	Director of Irrigation - Kurunegala Region, P.O. Box. 44, Kandy Road, Kurunegala.	Director of Irrigation - Kurunegala Region	7042448	037-2223161
10	Monaragala	Director of Irrigation - Monaragala Region, Hulandawa, Monaragala.	Director of Irrigation - Monaragala Region	7042422	055-2276017
11	Polonnaruwa	Director of Irrigation - Polonnaruwa Region, New Town, Polonnaruwa.	Director of Irrigation - Polonnaruwa Region	7042423	027-2222215
12	Puttalam	Director of Irrigation - Puttalam Region, Anuradhapura Road, Puttalam.	Director of Irrigation - Puttalam Region	7042451	032-2265362
13	Trincomalee	Director of Irrigation - Trincomalee Region, Orr's Hill, Trincomalee.	Director of Irrigation - Trincomalee Region	7042452	026-2222108
14	Mannar	Director of Irrigation - Mannar Region, Mannar Road, Murunkan.	Director of Irrigation - Murunkan	7042429	023-2050351

3.0 Evaluation Criteria

- 3.1 Hourly / Daily all inclusive wet-lease rates for each variant of each Categorized Sub Item of Machinery / Vehicle excluding (VAT) will be considered for the evaluation.
- 3.2 Hourly / Daily all inclusive wet-lease rates will be compared with the similar machinery rate of CIDA and the Procurement Committee will decide the base rate. Outlier rates (extremely low or higher rates to average market rates) will be removed before evaluation of each category, and compare the balance rates.
- 3.3 Once the Procurement Committee approves the base rate the substantial responsive suppliers may ask to declare their consent to the aforesaid base rate, and supply machinery accordingly.
- 3.4 Base on the approved hourly / daily / monthly / km all-inclusive wet-lease rate, and agreed suppliers (as above 3.4) will be ranked, and Contracts will be awarded accordingly by respective Regional Directors / Divisional Engineers.

4.0 Others

- 4.1 If any supplier fails to provide machinery, equipment or vehicles in two consecutive times he / they will not be considered for future contracts.

5.0 Description of Machinery / Equipment / Vehicle

Table 2

Category No.	Sub Item No.	Description of Machinery / Vehicle (With Operator / Driver)
A	Crawler Excavators / Crawler Excavator (Long Arm) / Crawler Excavators (with Boulder Breaker) Crawler Excavators (with Barge) / Amphibious Excavators / Wheel Excavators	
	1	Crawler Excavator - PC 200 or equivalent
	2	Crawler Excavator - PC 120 or equivalent
	3	Crawler Excavator - PC 70 or equivalent
	4	Crawler Excavator - PC 40 or equivalent
	5	Crawler Excavator - PC 30 or equivalent
	6	Crawler Excavator - Long Arm (50 feet reach) - PC 200 or equivalent
	7	Crawler Excavator - PC 200 or equivalent with Boulder Breaker
	8	Crawler Excavator - PC 120 or equivalent with Boulder Breaker
	9	Crawler Excavator with Barge / Pontoon - PC 120 or equivalent
	10	Crawler Excavator with Barge / Pontoon - PC 70 or equivalent
	11	Crawler Excavator with Barge / Pontoon - PC 40 or equivalent
	12	Crawler Excavator with Barge / Pontoon - PC 30 or equivalent
	13	Amphibious Excavator - PC 200 or equivalent
	14	Amphibious Excavator - PC 120 or equivalent
	15	Wheel Excavator - PC 200 or equivalent
16	Wheel Excavator - PC 120 or equivalent	
B	Crawler Tractors (Dozers) / Crawler Tractors (with ripper)	
	1	Crawler Tractor - D4 or equivalent
	2	Crawler Tractor - D5 or equivalent
	3	Crawler Tractor - D6 or equivalent
	4	Crawler Tractor with ripper - D4 or equivalent
	5	Crawler Tractor with ripper - D5 or equivalent
6	Crawler Tractor with ripper - D6 or equivalent	
C	Vibrating Roller / Smooth Compaction Roller / Vibrating Rammer / Vibratory Plate Compactor	
	1	Vibrating Roller - 01 Ton (Walk behind)
	2	Vibrating Roller - 03 Ton
	3	Vibrating Roller - 05 Ton
	4	Vibrating Roller - 07 Ton
	5	Pad Foot Roller - 10 / 24 Ton (Compactor with vibration & pad foot)
	6	Smooth Drum Roller - 10 / 24 Ton (Compactor with vibration & smooth drum)
	7	Sheep Foot Roller Attachment - 02 Ton
	8	Sheep Foot Roller Attachment - 05 Ton
	9	Vibrating Rammer (Wacker BS50 or equivalent)
	10	Vibrating Rammer (Wacker BS60 or equivalent)
	11	Vibrating Rammer (Wacker BS70 or equivalent)
12	Vibratory Plate Compactor	
D	Loaders	
	1	Front End Loader - 1 m ³ (Bucket Capacity)
	2	Backhoe Loader (JCB 3CX or equivalent)
3	Skid Steer Loader	
E	Motor Graders	
	1	Motor Grader - 10 feet (Blade width)
2	Motor Grader - 12 feet (Blade width)	
F	Rear Dumpers	
	1	Rear Dumper - 1 Cub
	2	Rear Dumper - 2 Cub
	3	Rear Dumper - 3 Cub
	4	Rear Dumper - 5 Cub
	5	Rear Dumper - 2 Cub (Boulder Transport)
6	Rear Dumper - 3 Cub (Boulder Transport)	
G	Tractors (with Trailer) / Tractors (With Water Bowser)	
	1	Tractor with Trailer - 0.75 Cub
	2	Tractor with Trailer - 0.9 Cub
	3	Tractor with Water Bowser (3000 Lts.)
4	Tractor with Water Bowser (5000 Lts.)	
H	Lorries / Truck Mounted Water Bowsers / Boom Trucks / Cranes / Low Bed Trailer	
	1	Lorry - 10 Ton (Half body)
	2	Lorry - 16 Ton (Half body)
	3	Truck Mounted Water Bowser (Minimum capacity 6,000 Lts.)
	4	Truck Mounted Water Bowser (Minimum capacity 8,000 Lts.)
	5	Truck Mounted Water Bowser (Minimum capacity 10,000 Lts.)
	6	Truck Mounted Water Bowser (Minimum capacity 13,200 Lts.)
	7	Boom Truck - 03 Ton
	8	Boom Truck - 05 Ton
	9	Mobile Crane 10 Ton
	10	Mobile Crane 25 Ton
11	Low bed Trailer with Mover	
I	Air Compressors	
	1	Air Compressor CFM 90 with Hammer
	2	Air Compressor CFM 125 with Hammer
3	Air Compressor CFM 250 with Hammer	
J	Water Pumps / Submersible Water Pumps (With required accessories)	
	1	2" Engine Operated Water Pump
	2	3" Engine Operated Water Pump
	3	4" Engine Operated Water Pump
	4	6" Engine Operated Water Pump
	5	2" Electrically Operated Water Pump
	6	3" Electrically Operated Water Pump
	7	4" Electrically Operated Water Pump
	8	6" Electrically Operated Water Pump
	9	2" Submersible Water Pump
	10	4" Submersible Water Pump
11	6" Submersible Water Pump	
K	Concrete Mixtures / Poker Vibrators / Generators	
	1	Concrete Mixture - 7 / 10
	2	Concrete Mixture - 10 / 14
	3	Poker Vibrator - 1"
	4	Poker Vibrator - 1 1/2"
	5	Generator 2 kVA - Single phase
	6	Generator 5 kVA - Single phase
	7	Generator 2 kVA - Three phase
8	Generator 5 kVA - Three phase	
L	Double Cab	
	1	4WD 5 Seater with A/C
M	VAN	
	1	14 Seater with Dual A/C

For further information, please contact Irrigation Engineer (Contracts & Procurement) / Divisional Assistant (Procurement) - 011-2582677.

Eng. K. D. N. Siriwardana
Director General of Irrigation,
Irrigation Department,
No. 230, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.