



# STANDING TALL AGAINST ALL ODDS

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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Sport has the power  
to change the world.  
**THE POWER  
TO INSPIRE.**  
The power to unite  
people in a way that  
little else does.

Nelson Mandela



Throughout human history, our greatest leaders and thinkers have used the power of words to transform our emotions, to enlist us in their causes, and to shape the course of destiny. Words not only create emotions, they create actions. And from our actions flow the results of our lives.

Words inspire and motivate people. The power of words could build empires, and destroy kingdoms. At the 1996 Cricket World Cup, of all the national cricket teams, Sri Lanka was able to show the world how inspiring and encouraging words can transform a team. It was not the experience that won the Cup, but the words of strength.

This year's annual report takes 'the Power of Words' as the basis for design language expressed herein. The words are bold, inspiring and motivational – keeping up with the spirit of the game and of course the spirit of the current cricket administration.

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## SRI LANKA CRICKET

# Upholding Our Cricketing Heritage





**COURAGE**  
is grace under  
pressure.

Ernest Hemingway

## Sri Lanka Cricket

Sri Lanka Cricket as formally known at present, was first registered with the Ministry of Sports on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1975 as a national sports body. It was initially known as the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) until it came to be named as Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) in 2003. It has been the stamp of authority on the local cricketing map under the mandate of Ministry of Sports and is focused on upholding the cricketing heritage of the country.

As Sri Lankans have a passion for cricket

being its most popular sport with international recognition, SLC is on course with multifaceted objectives in ensuring overall development of the sport from grassroots level to international level. Due to our relentless efforts, "Sri Lanka Cricket" is renowned as a highly recognised Sri Lankan brand name across the world today.

SLC is a major source of national income and has always been in the public eye and of interest. It therefore makes a pivotal contribution to the nation at large.

### Responsibilities of Sri Lanka Cricket:

- Direct consultation with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and representation of Sri Lanka in cricket
- Implementation of ICC policies
- Allocation and handling of finances
- Administration of player contracts
- Management/upkeep of Sri Lanka A Team, Development Squad and Under-19 pool
- Planning, organising, scheduling and hosting of foreign teams
- Management/upkeep of national pool of cricketers
- Planning, organising, scheduling of visits by national and other teams
- Planning, organising, scheduling of local tournaments at various levels
- Development of cricketing infrastructure in Sri Lanka
- Construction, development and maintenance of cricket grounds and stadia
- Player development and grooming
- Authorisation for players for individual overseas assignments with clubs and counties.
- Professional coaching and infusion of latest technology in related peripheral areas
- Identification and selection of cricketing talents
- Research and development of player performance and counterparts
- Sports medicine and addressing the physical requirements of players
- Canvassing product based sponsorships
- Finalising TV telecast contracts and media rights.
- Cricketers' image boosting campaigns
- Development of provincial, district and club level teams
- Promotion of cricket related souvenirs
- Media handling in the event of major developments
- Safeguarding the legal interests of Sri Lanka Cricket





# VISION

To be the best cricketing nation with the signature benchmark in **consistency**, **stability** and **sustainability** in all departments of the game.

# MISSION

Sri Lanka Cricket will be the most sought after **resource centre** in the world that would shape and fashion the **future of the game** of cricket all over the world.

## Core Values

**01 Integrity**  
We strive to protect Sri Lankan cricket from activities that are detrimental to its integrity by means of disciplinary protocols that ensure fair-play.

**02 Transparency**  
We aim to achieve transparency through our sound governance protocols.

**03 Professionalism**  
We believe in portraying professionalism in our conduct, behaviour and attitude as the chief body of national cricket in Sri Lanka.

**04 Team Work**  
We are a diverse team who possess our own unique ideas. Through the collaboration of our individual uniqueness we achieve collective success.

**05 Accountability**  
We as a team believe in accountability and taking responsibility for our actions

**06 Innovation and Creativity**  
Innovation and Creativity are co-dependent to thrive in a competitive game such as cricket. This helps us to tackle unexpected situations in a competent manner.



We progressed ahead  
relentlessly with  
conviction and  
**DETERMINATION**

**Shammi Silva**

President, Sri Lanka Cricket

## Message from **the President**

**I**t has been a great privilege to serve as the President of Sri Lanka Cricket, since I took office in February 2019.

The year 2020 gave rise to many global challenges, greatly impacting one's ability to function, and above all, administrate. Being adeptly supported by my Committee, we progressed ahead relentlessly with conviction and determination – and I am privileged to have been able to lead through this challenging landscape with confidence in our ability to lead, to administrate, to plan, develop and above all, restore the game of cricket in Sri Lanka in such unprecedented times that will go down in history.

My experience as President has enlightened me on how vital continued assistance is to our stakeholders, as well as to schools and individuals such as coaches, umpires and players – and the incredible contribution SLC is making in sustaining the development of cricket and it's economy in Sri Lanka.

In the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic, it was most unfortunate that most of the scheduled Sri Lanka National team tours, both inbound and outbound, had to be postponed. The England team arriving in March for a two-Test Series had to depart before the commencement of the Series. The West Indies tour remained the only inbound tour successfully staged and only three outbound tours – the tours of India, Zimbabwe and South Africa – were successfully concluded during the year.

Domestic tournaments scheduled too were severely hampered. The Major Club League Tournament was held in segments under strict health guidelines, and I congratulate the Colombo Cricket Club who emerged champions by winning the Tier 'A' Super 8's Round. However, it was unfortunate that the Tier 'B' Tournament and the Inaugural Youth Invitation Tournament for the 2020/21 season, could not be concluded.

The SLC Media arm together with the SLC IT Unit continued their growth through digital platforms, strengthening the SLC digital services and ensuring that cricket fans were kept engaged at a time of global lockdown. A significant achievement during

this period was the SLC official YouTube channel reaching two million subscribers, a milestone that was officially recognised with the receiving of the 'Gold Play Button Award' from YouTube. I am glad to state that as a fresh initiative, SLC also launched dedicated social media channels for the Lanka Premier League 2020.

During mid year, we were glad to welcome Dr. Jayantha Dharmadasa – who needs no introduction, being a Past President and a renowned personality in the public fraternity – as our Vice President - International Cricket, upon the resignation of the elected Vice-President, Mr. K Mathivanan.

The year saw Employment Contracts being offered to Level I of the Umpires' Panel. The Umpires' and Match Referees' policies were also drawn up. The Umpires' Committee embraced the recruitment process of Scorers for accreditation under SLC which was previously executed by the Scorers' Association and undertook the task of training and approving Scorers for recruitment by SLC, for SLC conducted tournaments.

A major highlight of the year was the successful staging of our pinnacle event 'the Lanka Premier League 2020', under numerous obstacles, drawbacks, restrictions and challenges, after a hiatus of six years. This was made possible through the sheer perseverance and the excellent work ethic of Vice President Domestic Cricket, Mr. Ravin Wickremaratne and the team at SLC. My heartiest congratulations to 'Jaffna Stallions' led by Thisara Perera who lifted the inaugural LPL cup and the title. Their glorious victory will undoubtedly give a tremendous boost to cricket in the Jaffna District and create the essential hype to bring out the hidden talents and skills of the Northern youth. The tournament, which will continue to be an annual feature in the cricketing calendar, will no doubt immensely enhance the popularity of the game in Sri Lanka.

We are glad that Dubai-based IPG Group (Innovative Production Group)

stepped up as the official Rights Holder of the Lanka Premier League 2020. It is remarkable that SLC was one of the few member boards of cricket governing bodies of the ICC (International Cricket Council) to successfully conclude an attractive TV Rights marketing deal and still attract a few new commercial partners whilst renewing most of the existing sponsorships. My sincere gratitude is extended to all our Partners and Sponsors.

The CSR arm of SLC was active having spent an amount of Rs. 41.8 Million on CSR projects. The largest funding in terms of value included a donation of Rs. 25 Million to the President's 'COVID-19' Healthcare and Social Security Fund. SLC also gifted a PCR machine to the Ministry of Sports.

Perceiving that Club health is most important during these complicated times of social distancing, it was also imperative to provide the much needed resources, financial assistance and cricket equipment. Considerable amounts of funds were released as grants, for development of cricket to Member Clubs and Associations, mainly towards their infrastructure development and refurbishment, as well as for the development and refurbishment of International & National Stadia. Moreover, grants were released towards the improvement of Administration activities including salaries and rentals and three Non-member Cricket Associations too received funds.

Though we are in unprecedented times, the year 2020 inspired us to prove ourselves as true custodians of cricket in Sri Lanka, and it has indeed been a great year of service.

In concluding, I would like to thank my Committee, the CEO and staff of SLC for their continued support. I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to our stakeholders for their loyalty at all times and urge our stakeholders, cricket fans and well-wishers to stay connected till we return to a hands-on environment.



# Message from **the Secretary**

## A Snapshot of 2020

The year 2020 where the COVID-19 pandemic decimated economies and livelihoods of people around the world, severely affected global sports and cricket was no exception. Hence, the most significant challenge for all the Cricket Governing Bodies across the world was how best they could stage the scheduled cricket tours, without jeopardising the players and spectators.

The following tours were successfully undertaken by the Sri Lanka National Team. Sri Lanka National Team's tour to India from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to play three T20's in preparation for the T20 World Cup which was to be staged towards the latter half of the year in

in the lines of the IPL of India, ensued by a tremendous amount of hard work and organisation, for August 2020. Innovative Production Group (IPG) of Dubai was selected as the Title Sponsor of the Tournament while online fantasy cricket game provider "My 11 Circle" joined as the Principal Sponsor. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic returned to threaten the tournament, which subsequently had to be postponed. It was finally staged in November/December 2020 and was a huge success. Despite the withdrawing of a few international players at the last minute, the team/player drafts were carried out successfully and the tournament was staged at Mahinda

the necessary exposure to a number of talented players who currently have limited exposure in the outskirts.

The Sri Lanka National team undertook a tour of South Africa in December to play two Test matches.

Taking into consideration, the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on sports all around the world, it was a fairly successful year for Sri Lanka Cricket as far as tours by foreign teams, tours by the Sri Lanka national team and the LPL tournament are concerned.

However, the same cannot be said of the SLC domestic tournaments which were severely hampered by the pandemic. While the Major Club Tier "A" competition of 2019/20 was completed under strict health guidelines, the Tier "B" tournament had to be suspended with few matches remaining. The Inaugural Youth Invitation Tournament of the 2020/21 season was forced to a halt after reaching the Semi Final stages due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Tournament Committee had finalised arrangements for the following tournaments which were subsequently suspended due to the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Major Club T20 Tournament
- Governor's Trophy Tournament
- Major Club Women's Division 1 Tournament

The year under review, 2020, was significant as SLC was able to sign several agreements with both international and local companies as their official partners. Among these was the sponsorship of Red Bull, the globally renowned Energy Drink Company as the 'Official Energy Drink Partner' of Sri Lanka Cricket. Another significant contract was the renewal of the agreement with 'The Long

**Year 2020 was also beneficial, as Sri Lanka Cricket was able to sign several agreements with both international and local companies as their official partners.**

Australia. The Sri Lanka National Team then toured Zimbabwe to play two Test matches from mid-January to end of January 2020. This was followed by the West Indies touring Sri Lanka from 17<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for three ODI's and two T20's. Unfortunately, England's tour to Sri Lanka which was to follow the West Indies team had to be adjourned due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 infection which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in March 2020.

Sri Lanka Cricket had scheduled the staging of the inaugural Lanka Premier League (LPL) T20 franchise tournament

Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium in Sooriyawewa, Hambantota. Five teams participated, namely Colombo Kings, Galle Gladiators, Kandy Tuskers, Jaffna Stallions and Dambulla Vikings.

The LPL provided imminent cricketers outside of Colombo the experience of playing alongside and against some of the stars of world cricket. The Jaffna Stallions winning the inaugural tournament would assuredly give a tremendous boost to the game in and around Jaffna in particular as well as the Northern Province as a whole. The organisers are confident that the next LPL will be expanded to include more franchise teams and will successively offer

We are in relentless pursuit of  
**PERFECTION**

**Mohan de Silva**  
Honorary Secretary  
Sri Lanka Cricket





Island Clothing Company’ (LICC) for a further three-year term, thus becoming the ‘Official Casual Clothing Sponsor’ providing travel t-shirts and jeans for the National men’s, women’s, ‘A’ Team, Development Squad and the Under-19 team. The UK based Masuri Group Limited came on board as the ‘Official Cricket Helmet Partner’ of Sri Lanka Cricket. Locally, Sri Lanka Cricket signed a three-year partnership with My Cola Beverages (Pvt) Limited as the ‘Official Carbonated Beverages Partner’ of SLC. Further, Sri Lanka Cricket also signed an agreement with My Cola Beverages (Pvt) Limited as the ‘Official Bottled Drinking

Water Partner’.

In addition to the above agreements, Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN) was awarded the exclusive ‘Global Media Rights’ of Sri Lanka Cricket’s inbound tours for the period 2020 to 2023. ITW Consulting – a sports marketing firm based in India was chosen as the ‘Ground Rights Holder’ for Sri Lanka Cricket’s inbound tours from 2020 to 2023. Innovative Production Group (IPG) of Dubai was awarded the ‘Production Rights’ of Sri Lanka Cricket’s inbound tours from 2020 to 2023.

These were significant achievements

during the year under review, taking into consideration the dire situation the world was in, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Looking back at 2020 Sri Lanka Cricket can be proud of its achievement both in terms of the tours undertaken and the commercial agreements signed with local and foreign companies, with the crowning achievement being the successful staging of the inaugural Lanka Premier League, which Sri Lanka Cricket hopes to expand in the years to come. All in all, a good year taking into consideration the COVID-19 pandemic which continues to hamper cricket worldwide.

Development of Domestic Cricket

Cricket Development grants released to Clubs and Associations

- During the period under review, SLC has provided grants totalling to Rs. 2,360,000 to eight Provincial Cricket Associations in order to stage the Division III Tournament 2019 Final Round Matches.
- SLC has assisted Colombo District Cricket Association, by releasing a sum of Rs. 2,500,000 for their team’s tour to India.
- SLC has also provided financial support to The University of Colombo of approximately Rs. 500,000 to participate in an Overseas Cricket Tournament in Malaysia.

- SLC has sponsored the Galle District T20 Cricket Tournament by providing a sum of Rs. 500,000.
- In order to upgrade the standard of Cricket of Member Clubs, SLC has provided financial assistance to conduct the Major Tournament 2019 by releasing Rs. 200,000 to the Anuradhapura District Cricket Association and Rs. 200,000 to the Matale District Cricket Association. In addition to the above, SLC has provided a grant of Rs. 150,000 to the Anuradhapura District Cricket Association for conducting the Foundation Coaching Programmes in the Anuradhapura District.
- SLC has released a grant of Rs. 250,000 to the Monaragala District Cricket Association to conduct the “President’s Trophy 20/20 Tournament” in the Monaragala District.

- Further, SLC has provided Rs. 536,884 as a grant to conduct an “Awareness Programme” for the Development of rural cricket in Ampara, by the Ampara District Cricket Association.
- A number of District Cricket Associations were provided financial support through their respective Provincial Cricket Associations to conduct the “Age Group Coaching Programmes for Districts” (Under-15 and Under-19).
- Sri Lanka Cricket supplied 180 Nos. of Leather Balls to the Mercantile Cricket Association and a grant of Rs. 4.5 Million to meet the additional cost in completing tournaments in the year 2020 during the post COVID-19 pandemic.

Improvement of Women’s Cricket

- a) In order to upgrade the standard of Women’s Cricket at the grassroots level in schools, SLC sponsored the Girls’ Schools Big Match between St. Anthony’s Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Panadura and Princess of Wales College, Moratuwa, by donating Rs. 100,000 to each school to cover expenses.
- (b) Sri Lanka Cricket has assisted the ‘Women’s Cricket Development Programme’ by Focusing on the “ICC Under-19 Women’s Cricket World Cup 2021” by providing Rs. 600,000 to the Southern Province Cricket Association and Rs. 300,000 to the Uva Province Cricket Association.

Grants given to Clubs and Associations affiliated to SLC, to cover the expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic

Since the lockdown situation owing to the COVID-19 pandemic abruptly halted all the functions of Clubs and significantly impacted on the operational aspects of the Club such as maintenance costs, staff salaries, player fees, training, equipment, and other amenities, Sri Lanka Cricket released special grants to Clubs and Associations in light of the financial difficulties related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Financial Assistance to the Coaches

Sri Lanka Cricket, considering the prevailing circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic financially assisted 225 School Cricket Coaches who are employed either full-time or part-time by Schools, that have been severely affected financially, since Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association cannot meet the expenses of such magnitude.

COVID-19 Aid to the Government

Sri Lanka Cricket generously granted Rs. 20 million to the Sri Lanka Government as a donation for COVID-19 pandemic relief work.

Infrastructure

During 2020, Sri Lanka Cricket had invested in the development and refurbishment of international stadiums, such as R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium (RPICS), Pallekele International Cricket Stadium (PICS), Galle International Cricket Stadium (GICS), Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium (MRICS), Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium (RDICS) and Asgiriya International Cricket Stadium.

In addition to the development of International Cricket Stadiums, Sri Lanka Cricket has taken steps to develop national stadiums around the country namely, Mallakkam Sri Baskaran Cricket Stadium, Badulla Cricket Stadium, Polonnaruwa

National Cricket Stadium, Hettipola Cricket Stadium, Samadhi Cricket Grounds, Ratnapura Cricket Stadium, Monarawila and Uyanwatte Stadium in Matara.

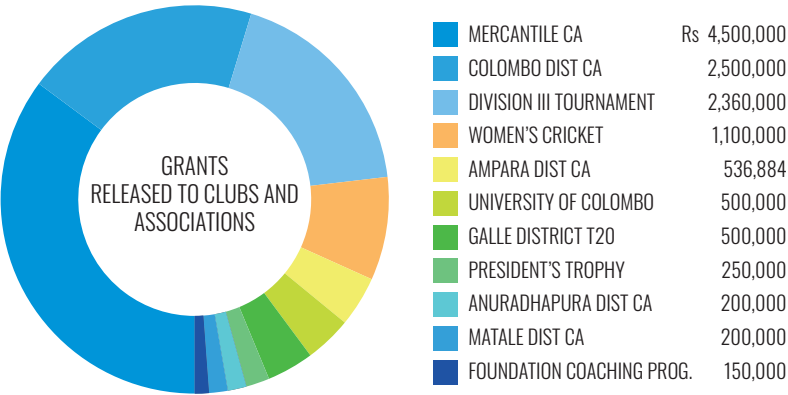
In order to provide enhanced facilities, Sri Lanka Cricket has funded its Member Clubs and Associations for development, upgrading and refurbishments of Club Houses/Pavilions/Stadiums and Indoor facilities.

Construction of side concrete wickets

Sri Lanka Cricket has constructed 200 Side Concrete Wickets with the professional assistance of appointed consultants and NDC engineers.

Never give up;  
just absolutely  
NEVER GIVE UP.

Shane Warne





software at their offices. A number of District Cricket Associations were funded to settle the utility bills, salaries of their employees and rentals.

Sri Lanka Cricket has released a grant of Rs. 200,000 each to 14 clubs, who do not fall under the category of Affiliated or Controlling Membership of SLC and yet qualified to play 'The Governor's Trophy'.

#### Annual Administration Grants

Sri Lanka Cricket has released Annual Grants of Rs. 500,000 to each Minor District Cricket Association and Rs. 750,000 to each Major District Cricket Association to cover their administration expenses.

In addition, SLC also provided financial assistance by releasing Rs. 200,000 each to three non-member District Cricket Associations in the Northern Province, namely; Mullativu, Mannar and Killinochchi Districts Cricket Associations as administration grants.

### Past Cricketers Beneficiaries Scheme

Sri Lanka Cricket has implemented a Past Cricketers Beneficiary Scheme, in recognition of their past services to the game. This would be in the form of a monthly payment and the reimbursement of the cost of hospitalisation.

It is noteworthy to mention that in the year 2020, the monthly payment has been enhanced by 100% to the 11 beneficiaries who are in this scheme.

#### Human Resource

The Human Resources Department is committed to working with the SLC community in attracting and retaining a top-talented and diverse workforce. To achieve these objectives, the Department provides a full-range of support services, programmes and resources in the areas of employee benefits, compensation, and the recognition of talent management and training. We continue to focus on the following four primary areas:

1. Position Human Resources to support senior leadership in executing SLC

priorities and strategies.

2. Improve HR systems and processes to enhance operational effectiveness, efficiency and employee satisfaction.
3. Improve employee engagement through increased responsiveness, transparent communications and recognition of employees for demonstrating organisational skills.
4. Leverage expertise, build capacity and solidify commitment through learning & development.

We have had an eventful year starting in March 2020 that has changed the landscape of our behaviour in our personal and official lives to a different scale.

The COVID-19 pandemic challenged the Human Resources Department in more ways than one. While our focus was on the safety of our staff, we could not let work suffer or fall behind. Therefore, we had to learn fast and go forward with the 'new normal'. Staff were at times, requested to report on a roster basis, and/or work from home. However, we fought through all obstacles to deliver what was expected.

### Financial Performance 2020

Despite the global uncertainties prevailed during the year 2020, SLC was able to stage one international inbound tour (West Indies) against the scheduled seven tours as per the Future Tour Program (FTP) of ICC. This includes very valuable England and Indian tours which would have generated major revenue to SLC through International Cricket Income. Hence, SLC was able to achieve only 6% of the budgeted income of Rs. 4,309,758,086 through its international cricket income.

As such, whilst the budgeted net income deficit for the year which was Rs. 116,024,817 the actual net income deficit was increased to Rs. 211,234,954

Despite the postponement of many lucrative tours including India and England, SLC managed to maintain its net cash and cash equivalents position at Rs. 3,732,055,679 as at the balance sheet.

SLC was able to compile its fixed assets registers and revalue assets of its main venues including R. Premadasa

### We invested in the development and refurbishment of international stadia, including Galle International Cricket Stadium.

International Cricket Stadium, Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium, Galle International Cricket Stadium, Pallekelle International Cricket Stadium, Surrey Village Cricket Grounds, Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium and SLC Head Quarters for the first time in SLC's history. This has enhanced the asset value of SLC by gaining a revaluation surplus of Rs. 4,047,920,491.

Sri Lanka Cricket was challenged as never before with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. This challenge was twofold – financially and socially. On one hand SLC had to ensure financial viability while at the same time ensure the safety of all its staff. Hence, we were forced to change our normal work practices and follow the trend in having virtual meetings and some staff having to work from home. All in all we achieved most of our objectives due to the untiring efforts of all concerned.

In conclusion, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the President and members of the Executive Committee, all Member Clubs and Associations, the members of the staff at Sri Lanka Cricket, and last but not least, the cricket loving public of Sri Lanka who supported the National Team through these difficult and trying times.

*Galle Stadium was known as 'The Esplanade' and it is considered to be one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in the world. The Galle Stadium is identified as one of the luckiest venues for the Sri Lankan national cricket team.*





# Message from the CEO

My team and I welcome the opportunity to connect and share our unique approach to innovative cricket management that strives to deliver extraordinary results.

It has always been our desire to work hard each year and we entered 2020 with similar levels of anticipation and enthusiasm especially as our cricket calendar was crowded with consequent series for the national team, of both inbound & outbound tours (seven outbound & seven inbound). The COVID-19 pandemic compelled us to make some hard decisions and we had to postpone tours which we would normally have proceeded with, as our collective contribution to the national and state-wide efforts in cricket.

However, through hard work and determination, we managed to forge though to make the best out of a challengingly uncertain situation.

## National Cricket

Out of the scheduled tours we managed to conclude the West Indies tour to Sri Lanka in February 2020 whilst the 03 outbound tours namely the tour of India, tour of Zimbabwe and the tour of South Africa were concluded in the year under review. Although the England team arrived in Sri Lanka for the 02 Test match series in March 2020 they had to return to England before the commencement of the series due to the pandemic.

However, after a lapse of almost 08 months the successful staging of the Lanka Premier League 2020 in Nov/ Dec 2020 at the MRICS in Hambantota, brought some life and light to SLC and the cricket loving fans. We witnessed strong performances from the five teams participating namely the Colombo Kings, Galle Gladiators, Kandy Tuskers, Jaffna Stallions and Dambulla Viiking. Jaffna Stallions emerged victorious. It was very

encouraging to observe that despite the obstacles and pressure of following additional health protocols due to the pandemic, we were still able to stage a very successful tournament. We are exploring the possibility of expanding the next LPL (2021) to include more franchise teams which in turn will give much needed exposure to a number of talented players who currently have limited exposure due to cricket in Sri Lanka being Colombo centric. This will give our supporters even greater confidence that the future of Sri Lanka cricket is built on ever-strengthening foundations.

## Domestic Cricket

Domestic Cricket saw a slump due to the COVID-19 pandemic and most of the tournaments were severely hampered. The Major Club Tier A Competition of 2019/20 was the only tournament which was completed, and the Tier B

**Ashley de Silva**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Sri Lanka Cricket

## Covid-19 and its Impact on Cricket

New Zealand's test tour of Bangladesh, which was due to take place in August, was postponed due to health and safety concerns amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) reported on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020.

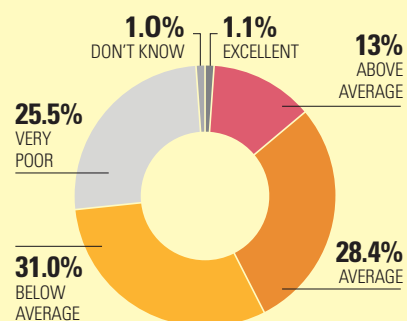
England's two-match test series in Sri Lanka was postponed and rescheduled for January 2021. England were scheduled to play two tests in Galle and Colombo in March before the coronavirus outbreak.

The men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League A, scheduled to begin on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 in Malaysia, was postponed. The start of the Indian Premier League T20 tournament due for 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 was postponed until 15<sup>th</sup> April, but eventually held on 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

The Pakistan Cricket Board announced that Pakistan Super League matches in Karachi will be played with no spectators in the stadium.

Australia's proposed test tour of Bangladesh in June was postponed and both boards will work together to find new dates to reschedule the series. Road Safety World Series T20 Tournament featuring the legends of the game was postponed till 2021.

**Relative to other industries, how well was the sports industry prepared to face the COVID-19 crisis?**



## Top three industry-wide opportunities and threats

### Opportunities

1. Enhanced digital media fan experience
2. Creation and monetization of digital assets
3. Innovation in media rights packaging and distribution

### Threats

1. Impact of health and safety crises
2. Reduced financial resources to invest/innovate
3. Dominance of major tech firms as gateway to content

Source: PwC 2020 Sports Survey



tournament had to be suspended with a few matches yet to be played. Major Club Youth Tournament of the 2020/21 season was also halted after reaching the semi-final stage.

Although arrangements were finalised to stage the Major Club T20 Tournament, Governor's Trophy Tournament and the Major Club Women's Division I Tournament, these too were suspended due to the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Women's Cricket

Lt. Col. Manuja Kariyapperuma formed an integral part of the strategy implemented to overlook and organise the operational matters relating to Women's Cricket following her recruitment as the Consultant Women's Cricket Operations & Development.

Ms. Apsari Tillekeratne was recruited as the Women's Cricket Coordinator and has been assigned to overlook Women's School Cricket and coordinate the same with a view of introducing and taking women's cricket to grass root level.

Further, SLC is delighted to unveil procured facilities at the Tamil Union Cricket & Athletic Club for women's cricket to carry out their activities.

### Schools Cricket

In the meantime, there was a lot to look forward to in August 2020 on the directive of the Honourable Prime Minister, Mahinda Rajapaksa. The School's Cricket Advisory

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Committee was appointed comprising of the following members, to deliver a report on the current status of School's Cricket in Sri Lanka and to formulate a pathway/ programme to develop Schools Cricket in Sri Lanka.

Mr. Thilak Waththuhewa – President of the SLSCA

Mr. Anura Tennekoon

Mr. Ranjit Fernando

Mr. Ashantha De Mel

Mr. Roshan Mahanama

Mr. Mahela Jayawardena

Mr. Roger Wijesooriya

Mr. Ashley de Silva – CEO

Mr. Chinthaka Edirimanne – Head of Domestic Cricket

Mr. Tim McCaskill – Head of National Cricket Development

The Report that was formulated by the above Committee was submitted to the Prime Minister's office via the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

### Coaching

The year 2020 welcomed Jerome Jayaratne once again as the Chief Cricket Operating Officer of the High-Performance Centre. The Coaching department is committed towards professional development. As a result, the department was restructured and facilitated through a large investment to fill up the relevant positions.

The Coaching Department has been an integral mechanism to propel national cricket at large. It has served as the backbone to nurturing and unearthing the desired latent talent to international standards. In the modern science era of cricket that has enriched the sport in high dimensional competitive standards, the Coaching Department has been given top billing to instil high technology skills on youth to prepare them for the rigours of the modern game.

### Medical Advisory Panel

In September 2020, the Executive Committee of SLC appointed the following

professionals to serve on SLC's Medical Advisory Panel.

1. Vidyajothi Prof. Arjuna de Silva MBBS, MSc (Oxon), MD, FRCP (Lon), FRCP, FCCP AGAF, FNASSL  
Consultant Physician and Chairman of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency
2. Dr. Maiya Gunasekara MBBS MS FRCS (Eng), FRCS (ED), FRS (SL), FMAS, FICS  
Consultant Surgeon & Gastroenterologist
3. Dr. Harindu Wijesinghe MBBS (Col), MD, MRCP (UK)  
Consultant Rheumatologist and Specialist in Sports Medicine
4. Dr. Chamara Wijesinghe MBBS (Col), MDPsych (Col), Dip.Psychology (UK), MRCPsych (UK)  
Consultant Psychiatrist, North Colombo Teaching Hospital, Ragama
5. Dr. Daminda Attanayaka MD (RUS), MSc in Sports & Exercise Medicine (UK), Sport and Exercise Physician at the National Institute of Sport and Exercise Medicine.

### Finances/ Sponsorships

The year under review – 2020 was beneficial as SLC was able to sign several agreements with both international and local companies as our official partners, despite the challenges of COVID-19 which was experienced globally.

### Development

During 2020, Sri Lanka Cricket not only invested in the development and refurbishment of international stadia, such as RPICS, PICS, GICS, MRICS, RDICS and the Asgiriya International Cricket Stadium, it has taken steps to develop national stadia around the country. Sri Lanka Cricket has also constructed 200 Side Concrete Wickets with the professional assistance of appointed consultants and NDC engineers.

SLC also funded Member Clubs and Associations to develop, upgrade and refurbish their club houses, pavilions, stadia and indoor facilities.

### Past Cricketers Beneficiaries Scheme

Past Cricketers Beneficiaries Scheme which came into effect in 2018 was renewed once again for a further period of one year commencing August 2020. There are 11 beneficiaries in this scheme and a payment is made to them monthly and they are also entitled to claim reimbursement of the cost of hospitalisation in line with the scheme.

### Aid to the Government

Sri Lanka Cricket made a generous grant of Rs. 20 million to the Sri Lanka Government as a donation for COVID-19 pandemic relief work.

Looking back at 2020 Sri Lanka Cricket can be proud of its achievements both in terms of the tours undertaken and the commercial agreements signed with local and foreign companies, with the crowning achievement being the successful staging of the inaugural Lanka Premier League 2020.

In conclusion, the pandemic has contributed to fresh financial challenges on both a national and global level. However, despite the difficulties that have been presented to us during this calendar year, there have been reasons to smile.

This was possible due to the support of the Executive Committee and the untiring efforts of the committed staff of Sri Lanka Cricket.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the Hon. Minister of Youth & Sports and the other officials of the said ministry, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the other ministries & government institutions, the President and the Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket for their assistance, advice and guidance in achieving our goals. We are incredibly proud of the hard-working and devoted staff we have at SLC, who worked throughout all the uncertainty with a smile on their faces. I thank them for their patience and understanding, in which they have adapted to the 'new normal'.

**GREATNESS**  
is a lot of things  
done well.

Ray Lewis





# Executive Committee



**Shammi Silva**  
President



**Ravin Wickramaratna**  
Vice President



**K. Mathivanan**  
Vice President  
(until 29.07.2020)



**J. Dharmadasa**  
Vice President  
(from 29.07.2020)



**Mohan de Silva**  
Honorary Secretary



**Oshara Panditharathna**  
Vice President (School Cricket)  
(until 10.03.2020)



**Thilak Wathuhewa**  
Vice President (School Cricket)  
(from 10.03.2020)



**Lasantha Wickramasinghe**  
Honorary Treasurer



**Chryshantha Kapuwatte**  
Assistant Secretary



**Bandula Dissanayake**  
Member



**Lalith Rambukwella**  
Assistant Treasurer



**Sujeeva Godaliyadda**  
Member



**Gihan Weerasinghe**  
Member



**Priyantha Zoysa**  
Member



**Marlon Ranasinghe**  
Member



**Ashantha de Mel**  
Member



**Rohana Dissanayake**  
Member



**P. H. U. Imalsha**  
Member



**Keerthi Siribaddana**  
Ministry Rep.



**Deepal Madurapperuma**  
Member



# The Management



**Chandima Mapatuna**  
Head of International Cricket



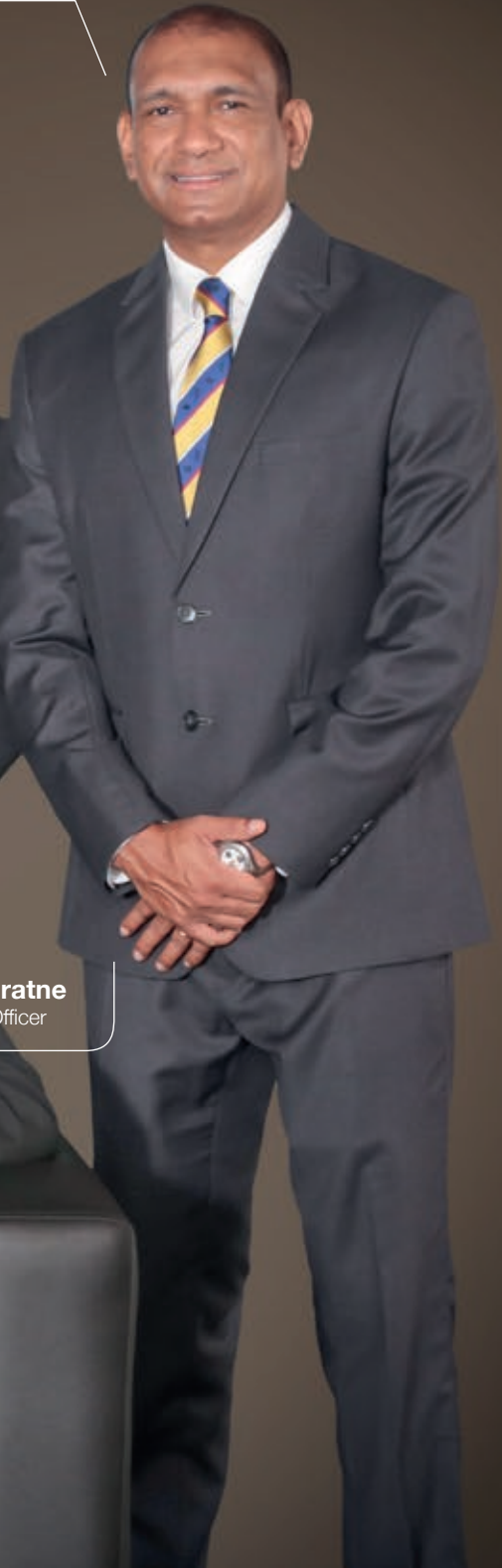
**Kamal Dharmasiri**  
Head of National Development Centre



**Upul Nawaratne Bandara**  
Head of Marketing



**Aruna De Silva**  
Head of Administration



**Chinthaka Edirimanne**  
Head of Operations – Domestic Cricket



**Ashley de Silva**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Jerome Jayaratne**  
Chief Operating Officer



# SLC Sub-Committees | 2019/20

Sri Lanka Cricket employs the assistance of 13 sub-committees with specific responsibilities to support the Executive Committee to perform their duties. Some committees are appointed by the Ministry, some by the Executive Committee and some are elected.

## Cricket Committee

(Appointed by Ex. Co.)

1. Mr. Anura Tennekoon
2. Mr. Ranjith Fernando
3. Mr. Samantha Dodanwala
4. Mr. Ashantha de Mel - Chairman Selection Committee
5. Mr. Asanka Gurusinha (upto August 2019)
6. Mr. Ashley de Silva - CEO, Ex-officio
7. Mr. Jerome Jayaratne - Chief Cricket Operations Officer

## Selection Committee

(Appointed by the Ministry of Youth and Sports)

1. Mr. Ashantha de Mel - Chairman
2. Mr. Vinothen John
3. Mr. Chaminda Mendis

## Junior Selection Committee

(Appointed by the Ministry of Youth and Sports)

1. Mr. Ranjith Madurasinghe - Chairman
2. Mr. Ranjan Paranavithana
3. Mr. Gajaba Pitigala
4. Mr. A. S. Nishanthan
5. Mr. K. H. Nandasena
6. Mr. Gamini Wickremasinghe
7. Mr. Dilshan de Silva
8. Mr. Nilantha Rathnayake
9. Mr. Farveez Maharoof

## Tournament Committee

(Elected)

1. Mr. Bandula Dissanayake - Chairman (Member Ex. Co.)
2. Mr. Kasun Fernando - Secretary
3. Mr. Yusuf Khan
4. Mr. Marlon Fernandopulle
5. Mr. Samantha Dondanwela
6. Mr. Dumindu Hemal
7. Mr. Ashley de Silva - CEO, Ex-officio

## Umpires Committee

(Elected)

1. Mr. Deepal Madurapperuma - Chairman (Member Ex. Co.)
2. Mr. Dilran Abeysekera
3. Mr. Mohammed Siddique
4. Mr. Wasanthala Fernando
5. Mr. Ashley de Silva - CEO, Ex-officio

## Disciplinary Committee

(Elected)

1. Mr. L.D.A. Weerasinghe (Chairman)
2. Mr. J.A.T. Jayasinghe
3. Mr. Niroshana Perera
4. Mr. H.H.A. Chandrasiri
5. Mr. R. Y. Weeratunga

## Financial Advisory Committee

(Appointed by Ex. Co.)

1. Mr. Lasantha Wickremasinghe - Honorary Treasurer
2. Mr. Nishan Fernando (upto 31/1/2020)
3. Mr. Dinesh Weerakkody
4. Mr. Rajiv Amarasuriya
5. Mr. Sameera Anthony
6. Ms. N.P.A.R. Jayawardena
7. Mr. P. Ariyasena
8. Mr. Ashley de Silva - CEO

## National Development Committee

(Appointed by Ex. Co.)

1. Mr. Shammi Silva - Chairman, President, Ex. Co.
2. Mr. Mohan de Silva - Honorary Secretary, Ex. Co.
3. Mr. Lasantha Wickremasinghe - Honorary Treasurer, Ex. Co.
4. Mr. Chryshantha Kapuwatte - Assistant Secretary, Ex. Co.
5. Mr. Lalith Rambukwella - Assistant Treasurer, Ex. Co.
6. Mr. Sujeewa Godaliyadda - Ex. Co.,  
Provincial Secretary, North Central Province
7. Mr. Gihan Weerasinghe, Ex. Co.
8. Mr. Ashley de Silva - CEO, Ex-officio
9. Mr. Janaka Pathirana - Provincial Secretary, Central Province
10. Mr. Anura Weerasinghe - Provincial Secretary,  
Western Province
8. Mr. Kamal Dharmasiri - Head of NDC

## Administration Committee

(Appointed by Ex. Co.)

1. Mr. Mohan de Silva - Honorary Secretary
2. Mr. Chryshantha Kapuwatte - Honorary Assistant Secretary
3. Mr. Sujeewa Godaliyadda
4. Mr. Priyantha Zoysa
5. Mr. Ashley de Silva - CEO
6. Mr. Jerome Jayaratne - COO
7. Mr. Aruna de Silva - Head of Administration
8. Major Tanesh B. Dias - Senior Manager, HR
9. Mr. Asantha Dissanayake - Manager, Administration
10. Mr. Chaalaka Silva - Manager, Legal

## Procurement Committee

(Appointed by Ex. Co.)

1. Mr. Ravin Wickremaratne - Chairman, VP Ex. Co.
2. Mr. Mohan de Silva - Honorary Secretary
3. Mr. Lasantha Wickremasinghe – Honorary Treasurer
4. Mr. Ashley de Silva - CEO
5. Mr. Aruna de Silva - Head of Administration
6. Ms. Kamalika Jayasekera - Acting Head of Finance
7. Mr. Senaka Angulugaha - Manager Cricket Development

## Corporate Communication Committee

(Appointed by Ex. Co.)

1. Mr. Chryshantha Kapuwatte - Chairman, Honorary Assistant Secretary
2. Mr. Lasantha Wickremasinghe – Honorary Treasurer
3. Mr. Mohan de Silva - Honorary Secretary
4. Mr. Lalith Rambukwella - Honorary Assistant Treasurer

## Domestic Cricket Affairs Committee

(Appointed by Ex. Co.)

1. Mr. Ravin Wickremaratna - VP Ex. Co.
2. Mr. Bandula Dissanayake - Chairman, Tournament Committee
3. Mr. Deepal Madurapperuma - Chairman, Umpires Committee
4. Mr. Sarath Ranaweera

## Tour Organizing Committee

(Appointed by Ex. Co.)

1. Mr. Wasantha Ariyawickrema
2. Mr. Luxman de Silva
3. Mr. Bimal Perera
4. Mr. Surin Merinnage
5. Mr. N. B. Ranjan
6. Mr. Avishka Liyanage
7. Mr. Hatim Akbarally
8. Mr. V. Pretheepan
9. Mr. Sanjeewa Jayasinghe
10. Mr. Prasanna Jayawardena
11. Mr. Mahen Perera
12. Mr. Travis Fernando - Manager Tour Organizing



## INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

# 2020 At a Glance





# 2020 At a Glance



Sri Lanka National Team tours Zimbabwe

- 16<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2020
- Two Test Matches played

Tour of Zimbabwe

02



Sri Lanka National Team tours South Africa

- 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021
- Two Test Matches played

Tour of South Africa

04



Sri Lanka Women's Team tours Australia for the T20 Cup

- 14<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020

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Tour of India

Sri Lanka National Team tours India

- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2020
- Three T20's played

03

West Indies in Sri Lanka

West Indies National Team tours Sri Lanka

- 17<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2020
- Three ODI's played
- Two T20's played



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ICC Under-19 World Cup 2020

ICC Under-19 World Cup 2020

- 10<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020
- South Africa



Muttiah Muralitharan named the **Most Valuable Test Player of 21st Century** by WISDEN Cricket Monthly.



07

Sri Lanka Cricket organises the inaugural Lanka Premier League (LPL) 2020

Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium  
December 2020






## National Team Results









## Sri Lanka Tour of India

2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Three T20's Played

Sri Lanka vs India   1 <sup>st</sup> T20				
	<b>0/0</b> (00.0)	<b>T20</b>	<b>—</b> (0.0)	 <b>NO RESULT</b>
Sri Lanka vs India   2 <sup>nd</sup> T20				
	<b>142/9</b> (20.0)	<b>T20</b>	<b>144/3</b> (17.3)	 <b>INDIA WON</b> BY 7 WICKETS
January 2020 Sri Lanka vs India   3 <sup>rd</sup> T20				
	<b>201/6</b> (20.0)	<b>T20</b>	<b>123</b> (15.5)	 <b>INDIA WON</b> BY 78 RUNS

## Sri Lanka Tour of Zimbabwe

16<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 – Two Tests Played

Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe   1 <sup>st</sup> Test				
	<b>358   170</b>	<b>TEST</b>	<b>515/9   14/0</b> DECL.	 <b>SRI LANKA WON</b> BY 10 WICKETS
Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe   2 <sup>nd</sup> Test				
	<b>406   247/7</b> DECL.	<b>TEST</b>	<b>293   204/3</b>	 <b>MATCH DRAWN</b>

















Holly Holm

Find  
**PASSION**  
and everything  
will fall into  
place.



Sri Lanka records a 3-0 clean sweep in ODI Series vs West Indies

West Indies Tour of Sri Lanka					
17 <sup>th</sup> February to 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020 – Three ODI's and Two T20's Played					
Sri Lanka vs West Indies   1 <sup>st</sup> ODI					
	289/7 (50.0)	ODI	290/9 (49.1)		SRI LANKA WON BY 1 WICKET
Sri Lanka vs West Indies   2 <sup>nd</sup> ODI					
	345/8 (50.0)	ODI	184 (39.1)		SRI LANKA WON BY 161 RUNS
Sri Lanka vs West Indies   3 <sup>rd</sup> ODI					
	307 (50.0)	ODI	301/9 (50.0)		SRI LANKA WON BY 6 RUNS
Sri Lanka vs West Indies   1 <sup>st</sup> T20					
	196/4 (20.0)	T20	171 (19.1)		WEST INDIES WON BY 25 RUNS
Sri Lanka vs West Indies   2 <sup>nd</sup> T20					
	155/6 (20.0)	T20	158/3 (17.0)		WEST INDIES WON BY 7 WICKETS
Sri Lanka Tour of South Africa					
18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020 to 8 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021 – Two Tests Played					
Sri Lanka vs South Africa   1 <sup>st</sup> Test					
	396   180	TEST	621		SOUTH AFRICA WON BY INNINGS & 45 RUNS
Sri Lanka vs South Africa   2 <sup>nd</sup> Test					
	157   211	TEST	302   67/0		SOUTH AFRICA WON BY 10 WICKETS

## Other Notable Milestones

In addition, some noteworthy player achievements are:

**Lasith Embuldeniya:**

5 wickets taken in the 1<sup>st</sup> Innings vs Zimbabwe (1<sup>st</sup> Test)

**Angelo Mathews:**

- 200 runs in the 1<sup>st</sup> Innings vs Zimbabwe (1<sup>st</sup> Test)
- 4/59 runs vs West Indies (3<sup>rd</sup> ODI)

**Kusal Mendis**

- 116 runs (2<sup>nd</sup> Test v Zimbabwe)
- 119 runs vs West Indies (2<sup>nd</sup> ODI)

**Avishka Fernando**

127 runs vs West Indies (2<sup>nd</sup> ODI)



Avishka Fernando celebrates his ODI century



The skipper congratulates Lakshan Sandakan



Isuru Udana successfully dislodges a WI wicket.















# SRI LANKA UNDER-19 WORLD CUP SQUAD 2020





## ICC Under-19 World Cup 2020

10<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 in South Africa









Sri Lanka vs India   1 <sup>st</sup> ODI					
	<b>297/4</b> (50.0)	<b>ODI</b>	<b>207</b> (45.2)		<b>INDIA WON</b> BY 90 RUNS
Sri Lanka vs New Zealand   2 <sup>nd</sup> ODI					
	<b>242/9</b> (50.0)	<b>ODI</b>	<b>243/7</b> (49.5)		<b>NEW ZEALAND WON</b> BY 3 WICKETS
Sri Lanka vs West Indies   3 <sup>rd</sup> ODI					
	<b>43</b> (18.3)	<b>ODI</b>	<b>47/1</b> (8.3)		<b>SRI LANKA WON</b> BY 9 WICKETS
Sri Lanka vs Nigeria   Plate Quarter Finals					
	<b>306/7</b> (50.0)	<b>PLATE Q/F</b>	<b>73</b> (17.3)		<b>SRI LANKA WON</b> BY 233 RUNS
Sri Lanka vs Scotland   Plate Semi Finals					
	<b>277/6</b> (50.0)	<b>PLATE S/F</b>	<b>149/8</b> (40.0)		<b>SRI LANKA WON</b> BY 97 RUNS (DLS)
Sri Lanka vs England   Super League Play-off					
	<b>279/7</b> (50.0)	<b>PLAY-OFF</b>	<b>127</b> (31.0)		<b>ENGLAND WON</b> BY 152 RUNS

You don't play for the crowd, you play for the COUNTRY.

MS Dhoni

## ICC WOMEN'S T20 World Cup 2020

14<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 in Australia

22-Feb-20 Sri Lanka vs New Zealand					
	<b>127/7</b> (20.0)	<b>T20</b>	<b>131/3</b> (17.4)		<b>NEW ZEALAND WON</b> BY 7 WICKETS
24-Feb-20 Sri Lanka vs Australia					
	<b>122/6</b> (20.0)	<b>T20</b>	<b>123/5</b> (19.3)		<b>AUSTRALIA WON</b> BY 5 WICKETS
29-Feb-20 Sri Lanka vs India					
	<b>113/9</b> (20.0)	<b>T20</b>	<b>116/3</b> (14.4)		<b>INDIA WON</b> BY 7 WICKETS
2-Mar-20 Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh					
	<b>91/8</b> (20.0)	<b>T20</b>	<b>92/1</b> (15.3)		<b>SRI LANKA WON</b> BY 9 WICKETS



Sashikala Siriwardena is awarded the Player of the Match





## DOMESTIC CRICKET

# Lanka Premier League (LPL) 2020



# Lanka Premier League (LPL) 2020

Sri Lanka Cricket successfully executed their brainchild, the Lanka Premier League (LPL) 2020, Sri Lanka's topmost T20 League from the 26th of November to the 16th of December. The tournament was held at the MRICS, Hambantota, probably marking this to be the pioneer tournament of this magnitude to be conducted in a single venue. The ground facilities included ten centre wickets, 22 side wickets and four dressing rooms, alongside other essential amenities to host the event successfully. The LPL featured

most of the opportunity what many others would have deemed impossible due to the current global health pandemic. The five founding franchises of the tournament included Colombo Kings, Galle Gladiators, Kandy Tuskers, Jaffna Stallions and Dambulla Viking, who competed in the tournament with the participation of 78 local players and 34 overseas players. The five teams played a total of 23 matches within a span of 15 days. The teams were meticulously trained by reputed coaches with eminent cricket

**The LPL 2020 is a remarkable example to demonstrate that cricket is indeed an institution that unites people together from all walks of life to rejoice and celebrate a shared passion.**

a high-profile panel of officials, which included Chief ICC Match Referee Ranjan Madugalle and ICC Elite Panel Umpire Kumar Dharmasena. The LPL T20 was conducted under a strict Bio-Secure Bubble system, as health was a top-most priority due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The bio-secure bubble limits the players and crew to a limited environment which restricts movement outside the permitted space. The tournament commenced in grandeur, where the opening ceremony was conducted virtually to a global television audience of over 100 million viewers. It was the wake of success for SLC as they scrambled to make the

careers and the trainers' squad consisted of three overseas Head Coaches and two Local Head Coaches. The tournament was organised by Sri Lanka Cricket in the T20 format with the Dubai-based Innovative Production Group (IPG) as the Official Production Rights holders while My11Circle, a fantasy sports platform was the principal sponsor. The LPL was telecast live across the globe via television and digital channels with millions of fans from across the world joining in to watch the tournament. The LPL 2020 was held abiding by the ICC Standards and in compliance with Anti-doping and Anti-Corruption protocols while being regulated under strict COVID-19

guidelines. SLC's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) in collaboration with the ICC strictly administered the initiatives at the LPL in the presence of relevant officials in every aspect of the tournament. The entire event was monitored by the officials from the Ministry of Health and the venue was secured by the Sri Lanka Army personnel. At the successful completion of the LPL, the Jaffna Stallions emerged as the Champions while Galle Gladiators were the Runners Up. Wanindu Hasaranga triumphed as the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament and Dananjaya Lakshan of Galle Gladiators won the prestigious title as the Emerging Player of the Tournament. The primary objective of the LPL was to create an international stage for local talent where young Sri Lankan players were given a platform to gain exposure to international standards in order to sharpen their skills, gain confidence, achieve star class training while securing global opportunities. The LPL T20 tournament is a major milestone that sets the tone for the development of future cricket in Sri Lanka by exploring local talent teamed with international exposure and expertise. This event will go down in the history of Sri Lanka Cricket as it was a moment of pride for the entire country that it too could stage a global event of this magnitude especially at a time where playing cricket of any nature was an issue. The LPL 2020 is a remarkable example to demonstrate that cricket is indeed an institution that unites people together from all walks of life to rejoice and celebrate a shared passion.




## LANKA PREMIER LEAGUE 2020

### Championship Finals

16<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
MRICS Hambatota






188/6

(20.0)

T20

135/9

(20.0)



**JAFFNA STALLIONS WON BY 53 RUNS**

Leaderboard: Batting		Leaderboard: Bowling	
Batsman	Runs	Bowler	Wickets
Danushka Gunathilaka	476	Wanindu Hasaranga	17
Galle Gladiators		Jaffna Stallions	
Laurie Evans	289	Dhananjaya Lakshan	13
Colombo Kings		Galle Gladiators	
Dasun Shanaka	278	Qais Kamawal	12
Dambulla Viking		Colombo Kings	
Avishka Fernando	275	Lakshan Sandakan	12
Jaffna Stallions		Galle Gladiators	
Niroshan Dickwella	270	Mohammad Amir	11
Dambulla Viking		Galle Gladiators	









Match Summary

Team	Group matches								Playoffs		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SF1	SF2	F
Colombo Kings	2	4	4	6	8	8	10	12	L		
Dambulla Viking	2	2	4	6	8	9	11	11		L	
Galle Gladiators	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	W		L
Jaffna Stallions	2	4	6	8	8	9	9	9		W	W
Kandy Tuskers	0	0	2	2	2	2	4	4			

YOU MISS 100%  
of the shots  
you don't take.

Wayne Gretzky





# Tournament Committee

**Major Club League Tier “A” Final Round matches were played under strict health guidelines and Colombo Cricket Club emerged Champions.**

The Tournament Committee continued to function under the Chairmanship of Mr. Bandula Dissanayake with M/s Kasun Fernando (Secretary), Marlon Fernandopulle, Samantha Dodanwela, Dumindu Hemal and Usuf Khan serving as the members. The Head of Domestic Cricket Mr. Chinthaka Edirimanne and Assistant Manager Mr. Chinthaka Jayanath assisted in the Tournament Committee functions while Ms. Indunil Galagedara attended to the secretarial duties.

The management of the SLC tournaments during the year 2020 was severely hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic of which the effects were felt in Sri Lanka by early March. Major Club League Tournament 2019/20 was in progress by this time with the preliminary round of Tier “A” competition completed while four rounds of matches remained in Tier “B”. Subsequently, the Health Authorities permitted to conduct the Super 8 and Plate Rounds of the Tier “A” Tournaments under strict health guidelines. The Tournament Committee convened a meeting of all Major Club Tournament-participating Clubs and on their feedback recommended the following measures which were subsequently approved by the Management Committee.

- To conduct the Tier “A” Super 8 and Plate Rounds to a finish but suspend the relegation provisions for the current season only.
- To terminate Tier “B” Tournament for the season and suspend promotion/relegation provisions for the current season.
- To obtain necessary approval of SLC Membership at an Extraordinary General Meeting to incorporate above changes to the SLC Tournament Structure.

Subsequently, the Tier “A” Final Round matches were played under strict health guidelines and Colombo Cricket Club emerged Major Club League Champions 2019/20 with Nondescripts Cricket Club finishing Runner Up.

Proceeding to this, the Major Club Youth Invitation Tournament commenced as the first tournament of the 2020/21 season. However, this tournament was halted after reaching the Semi-Final stage due to the situation brought about by the COVID-19 second wave. Singhalese Sports Club, Colombo Colts Cricket Club, Baduraliya Sports Club and Lankan Cricket Club qualified for the semi-final round of the tournament.

During the time the sports activities were suspended due to the COVID-19 second wave, the Tournament Committee had made final arrangements to commence the following tournaments.

- Major Club T20 Tournament
- Governors Trophy Tournament
- Major Club Women’s Division 1 Tournament

As the health situation has not improved to a level conducive to conduct tournaments, the Tournament Committee had instructed the Provincial and District Cricket Associations to suspend conducting any SLC Tournaments until further notice.

However, the Tournament Committee is geared to conduct all the planned SLC Tournaments no sooner the green light is given by the Health Authorities. The Tournament Committee wishes to extend their gratitude to:

- The Management and Executive Committees, of SLC for their guidance and advice
- The Provincial and District Cricket Associations, for the support rendered in conducting lower level tournaments on behalf of SLC
- The Umpires Committee, for their co-operation in PCT and inquiry matters
- The Head and staff of SLC Domestic Cricket Division of SLC, for assistance in conducting Tournament Committee functions
- Other Permanent staff of SLC, for their assistance offered in numerous ways.



*D.S. Tilakaratne takes 6 wickets in a domestic game*



*Lasith: A knock worth celebrating*



*M.D.U.S. Jayasundera takes a cautious action*



*S. Prasanna takes a 5-wicket haul for 72*



# Umpires Committee



*Umpires promoted to Level 3. Two female umpires, Dedunu de Silva and Nilmini Perera, also in the photograph.*

## Umpires' Committee

Deepal Madurapperuma	– Chairman
Wasanthala Fernando	– Secretary
Manuja Kariyapperuma	– Committee Member
Dilran Abeysekera	– Committee Member
M.Siddeek	– Committee Member

## Umpires, Match Referees and Scorers training activities for the year 2020

By the second week of March (when the first cancellations due to Covid-19 restrictions were announced), tournaments in progress & planned were postponed indefinitely. This rippled off to the postponing of all the plans & programs to

develop/upgrade umpiring. However, as the magnitude of the pandemic sank in, there was no cricket taking place in Sri Lanka during the period from March to August. However, during the lockdown period the umpires committee initiated remote training through the Umpire Educator by providing the respective umpires & referees with questionnaires on playing conditions. Six sets of questionnaires were shared with the umpires & referees to create awareness on new updates with the intention of refreshing their knowledge on playing conditions.

The remaining matches of Super 8 & Plate tournaments commenced in August and the tournament concluded by end August. Matches were played every 3rd day and for obvious reasons, it has not

been possible to progress with training this year.

The Provincial Umpire Educators for Central, Uva/Southern, North central were initially appointed in March 2020. However, since the activities were brought to a standstill, the trainers could not execute their plans. The Western Province trainer was appointed in August 2020.

The provincial trainers were able to conduct a few training programmes within the provinces to School Boys/Coaches & Masters in charge, in August & September.

All Level 1 Umpires were presented with the latest version of the Tom Smith MCC Laws book.

## Umpire Promotions:

Continuing from 2019, the Umpire promotions & demotions were finalised during the months of July/August.

- There were four promotions to Level 1.
- There were ten Promotions to Level 2 in order to meet the vacancies created by promotions to Level 1 & to meet the numbers of 20 umpires in Level 2 panel as per the Umpires policy.
- Two individuals were demoted to Level 3, from the Level 2 panel as they did not perform as per the criteria within the Umpire's policy to remain in Level 2 panel
- There were 35 promotions to the Level 3 panel from the Level 4 panel.
- There were 90 promotions to the Level 4 panel from the Level 5 panel.

The promoted individuals were handed over their promotion letters in three separate ceremonies attended by the Ex. Co. members & the Umpire Committee members.

## Umpires & Referees Policy

The Umpires Policy and the Match Referees policies were finalised and approved by the MC/ExCo. The Umpires policy has been handed over to the respective umpires in Panels 1 & 2.

## Umpire Contracts

For the first time in the history of Sri Lanka cricket, the UC managed to obtain the consent of the Ex. Co./President – SLC, to grant contracts for the Level 1 Umpires

panel. They were contracted under three categories, International, Emerging & First-class panels.

## Match Referee Evaluations

All the match referees below the age of 60 were evaluated based on the role of a match referee and on playing conditions by Mr. Peter Manuel (ICC umpire Coach) & Mr. Kumar Dharmasena (ICC Elite Umpire). The ranking was conducted as per individual performance at the interview and the feedback was shared with the referees to be used for their development subsequently.

## Scorers Recruitments

The Umpires Committee embarked on a project to recruit Scorers for SLC where a multitude of over 300 applicants responded to the paper advertisement, out of which 120 Scorers were shortlisted for interview. This process came to a standstill as SLC closed operations in October due to the second wave of the pandemic.

The above activities were successfully initiated with the assistance of the Head of Domestic Cricket, Manager Umpire Development and Manager Umpire Training.

*SLC President Shammi Silva handing over the promotion letter to Susantha Dissanayake (Level 1).*








# Sri Lanka Cricket Membership

## Provincial Cricket Associations

	Central Province Cricket Association		North Central Province Cricket Association
	Western Province Cricket Association		Uva Province Cricket Association
	Southern Province Cricket Association		






























## Cricket Associations

	Mercantile Cricket Association		Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association
	Defence Services Sports Board		Nationalised Services Cricket Association
	Sri Lanka State Services Cricket Association		Sri Lanka University Sports Association























## District Cricket Associations

	Ampara District Cricket Association		Anuradhapura District Cricket Association
	Badulla District Sports Board		Batticaloa District Cricket Association
	Colombo District Cricket Association		Galle District Cricket Association
	Gampaha District Cricket Association		Hambantota District Cricket Association
	Jaffna District Cricket Association		Kalutara District Cricket Association
	Kandy District Cricket Association		Kegalle District Cricket Association
	Kurunegala District Cricket Association		Matale District Cricket Association
	Matara District Cricket Association		Monaragala District Cricket Association
	Nuwara Eliya District Cricket Association		Polonnaruwa District Cricket Association
	Puttalam District Cricket Association		Ratnapura District Cricket Association
	Trincomalee District Cricket Association		Vavuniya District Cricket Association

## Controlling Clubs

	Bloomfield Cricket & Athletic Club		Bohra Sports Club
	Burgher Recreation Club		Catamarans Sports Club
	Chilaw Marians Cricket Club		Colombo Colts Cricket Club
	Colombo Cricket Club (Gymkhana)		Colombo Malay Cricket Club
	Dimbula Cricket & Athletic Club		Galle Cricket Club
	Kalutara Town Club		Kollupitiya Sports Club
	Kurunegala Sports Club		Liberty Cricket Club
	Leos Cricket Club		Matara Sports Club
	Moors Sports Club		Moratuwa Sports Club
	Mutwal Sports Club		Negombo Cricket Club
	Nomads Sports Club		Nondescripts Cricket Club
	Panadura Sports Club		Peterson Sports Club
	Saracens Sports Club		Sebastianites Cricket & Athletic Club
	Singhalese Sports Club		Tamil Union Cricket & Athletic Club
	University of Colombo		

## Affiliated Clubs

	Antonian Sports Club		Badulla Cricket Club
	Baduraliya Cricket Club		Kegalle Cricket Club
	Kurunegala Youth Cricket Club		Lankan Cricket Club
	Nugegoda Sports & Welfare Club		Old Anandians Sports Club
	Old Cambrians Sports Club		Old Dharmapalians Sports Club
	Old Trinitians Sports Club		Piliyandala Town Sports Club
	Ragama Cricket Club		Rajarata Sports Club
	Rio Sports Club		Singha Sports Club
	University of Moratuwa		United Southern Cricket Club
	University of Kelaniya		Wattala Cricket Club
	Wennappuwa Sports Club		Xavierites Cricket Club
	Kalutara Physical Culture Circle		





## NATIONAL CRICKET PATHWAY

# National Development Centre

Progress Report for the period  
January to December 2020



National Development Centre

Creating equal opportunities for every Sri Lankan with innate talents to represent the National team.

Development from January to December 2020

Sri Lanka Cricket National Development Committee (NDC) serves as a medium that enforces the verdicts of the Executive Committee to brace the cricket requirements of its members, schools and other cricket institutions. The main objective of the committee is to overcome the challenges that are faced in improving the facilities of the game.

The Development under National Development Committee is classified into four main categories namely Cricket, Infrastructure, Finance and Administration (CIFA).

With the escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the year 2020 has by far been one of the most demanding years for the game of cricket. However, despite the lockdown, the Executive Committee together with the management of Sri Lanka Cricket has taken wide initiative to keep the administrative arm of national cricket up and running. SLC has released generous grants and continuous development has been taking place to uplift cricket and its infrastructure.

Mentioned here are a few of the continuous efforts employed in overcoming the challenges faced in the improvement of facilities to brace the needs of Cricket, Infrastructure, Finance and Administration needs during the year in perusal.

Cricket

Cricket Development Grants Released to Clubs and Associations

Division III Tournament 2019 - Final Round			
No.	Province	No. of Teams	Amounts to be credited
01.	Western Province CA	14	560,000.00
02.	Uva Province CA	6	240,000.00
03.	Central Province CA	8	320,000.00
04.	North Central Province CA	6	240,000.00
05.	Southern Province CA	6	240,000.00
06.	North Western Province CA	6	240,000.00
07.	Northern Province CA	10	400,000.00
08.	Eastern Province CA	3	120,000.00

Colombo District Cricket Association

- 1) A grant has been released to participate in the Colombo District Cricket Association (CDCA) Team Tour of India.
- 2) A grant has been discharged to participate in the Overseas Cricket Tournament in Malaysia.

University of Colombo

- 1) A grant has been released to participate in the T20 Overseas Cricket Tournament in Thailand.

Galle District Cricket Association

- 1) A sponsorship has been granted to conduct the Galle District T20 Cricket Tournament.

North Central Province Cricket Association

- 1) Financial Assistance provided to conduct major tournaments in:
  - 1. Anuradhapura DCA.
  - 2. Matale DCA.
- 2) Conducting Foundation Coaching programmes in the districts of Anuradhapura, Matale and Polonnaruwa.

Monaragala District Cricket Association

- 1) A grant has been discharged to the Monaragala DCA to conduct the “Presidents Trophy 20/20 Tournament” in the Monaragala District.

Ampara District Cricket Association

- 1) A grant has been released for conducting an “Awareness Programme for the development of rural cricket” in the Ampara District.

Age Group Coaching Programmes

Financial Assistance to conduct Age Group Coaching Programmes for Districts Under-15 & Under-19.

No.	District	Released Through
01.	Matara District Cricket Association	Uva PCA
02.	Colombo District Cricket Association	Western PCA
03.	Badulla District Cricket Association	Uva PCA
04.	Ampara District Cricket Association	Eastern PCA
05.	Gampaha District Cricket Association	Western PCA
06.	Galle District Cricket Association	Uva PCA
07.	Hambantota District Cricket Association	Uva PCA

Sponsorship for Women's Schools' Big Matches

- 1) St. Anthony's B. M. V - Panadura vs Princess of Wales College, Moratuwa.

Sri Lanka Deaf Cricket Association

- 1) Assistance to participate in the Deaf Cricket Team International Series 2020.

Development Grants: Cricket Associations

Cricket and Infrastructure Development Grants for Cricket Associations during the period.

No.	Cricket Associations
1	Mercantile Cricket Association
2	Nationalised Services Cricket Association
3	Defence Services Sports Board
4	Sri Lanka State Services CA

No. District Cricket Associations

1	Ampara District Cricket Association
2	Anuradhapura District Cricket Association
3	Badulla District Cricket Association
4	Batticaloa District Cricket Association
5	Colombo District Cricket Association
6	Gampaha District Cricket Association
7	Hambantota District Cricket Association
8	Jaffna District Cricket Association
9	Kalutara District Cricket Association
10	Kandy District Cricket Association
11	Kegalle District Cricket Association
12	Kurunegala District Cricket Association
13	Matale District Cricket Association
14	Matara District Cricket Association
15	Monaragala District Cricket Association
16	Nuwara Eliya District Cricket Association
17	Polonnaruwa District Cricket Association
18	Puttalam District Cricket Association

19	Ratnapura District Cricket Association
20	Trincomalee District Cricket Association
21	Vavuniya District Cricket Association

Development Grants: Non-Members

Cricket and Infrastructure Development Grants for Non-Member Cricket Associations during the period.

No.	Non-Member District Cricket Associations
1	Kilinochchi District Cricket Association
2	Mullaitivu District Cricket Association
3	Mannar District Cricket Association

Development Grants: Controlling Clubs

Cricket and Infrastructure Development Grants for Controlling Clubs during the period.

No.	Controlling Clubs
1	Bloomfield Cricket & Athletic Club
2	Bohra Sports Club
3	Burger Recreation Club
4	Catamaran Sports Club
5	Chilaw Marians Cricket Club
6	Colombo Colts Cricket Club
7	Colombo Cricket Club (Gymkhana)
8	Colombo Malay Cricket Club
9	Dimbula Cricket & Athletic Club
10	Galle Cricket Club
11	Kalutara Town Club
12	Kollupitiya Playground Sports Club
13	Kurunegala Sports Club
14	Leo's Cricket Club
15	Liberty Cricket Club
16	Matara Sports Club
17	Moors Sports Club
18	Moratuwa Sports Club
19	Mutwal Sports Club
20	Negambo Cricket Club
21	Nomads Sports Club
22	Nondescripts Cricket Club
23	Peterson Lane Playground Sports Club
24	Saracens Sports Club
25	Sebastianites Cricket & Athletic Club
26	Singhalese Sports Club
27	Tamil Union Cricket & Athletic Club
28	The Panadura Sports Club
29	University of Colombo



You're always going to be **CRITICISED** to a degree. Some people didn't like Mother Teresa As well.

**Brendan McCullum**

### Development Grants: Affiliated Clubs

**Cricket and Infrastructure Development Grant for Affiliated Clubs during the period.**

No.	Affiliated Clubs
1	Antonians Sports Club
2	Badulla Cricket Club
3	Baduraliya Cricket Club
4	Kegalle Cricket Club
5	Kurunegala Youth Cricket Club
6	Lankan Cricket Club
7	Nugegoda Sports & Welfare Club
8	Old Anandians Sports Club
9	Old Cambrians Sports Club
10	Old Dharmapalians Sports Club
11	Old Trinitian's Sports Club
12	Piliyandala Town Sports Club
13	Ragama Cricket Club
14	Rajarata Sports Club
15	Rio Sports Club
16	Singha Sports Club
17	United Southern Cricket Club
18	The University of Kelaniya
19	University of Moratuwa
20	Wattala Cricket Club
21	Wennappuwa Sports Club
22	Xavierites Cricket Club

### Women's Cricket Development Programme

**Women's Cricket Development Programme Focusing on the ICC Under-19 Women's Cricket World Cup 2021.**

Conducted by:

- 1) Southern Province
- 2) Uva Province

### Mercantile Cricket Association

- 1) Supply of "SG" Leather Balls - 180 Nos.
- 2) A grant was given as a support to meet the additional costs in completing tournaments for the year 2020 during the post COVID-19 pandemic situation.

### INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT

#### National Projects

Polonnaruwa National Cricket Stadium	All ground work completed. Construction of 10 Nos. Center Turf Wickets and Outfield Turf (80Meter) Completed Construction of 02 Nos. of Tube Wells with 100,000 Capacity. Drainage Irrigation and Water Supply work 90% completed
Jaffna International Cricket Stadium	Land acquired and work in progress Master Plan of the project Completed.
International High Performance Centre, Kandy	Design completed and erection of 1.5m Boundary Wall begun— work in progress. Land acquired, Land clearance and Preliminary Planning Clearance granted by UDA.
SLC Headquarters	Tender process followed and completed – work to be commenced. Master plan of the project and schematic design completed.
Solar Projects	Completed Technical and Financial Feasibility Assessment

#### International Stadium Development

R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium	Development of the RPICS Dormitory - Project Completed Successfully. Refurbishment works (interiors) of the 3rd floor at grand stand building - Major Refurbishment work of Block A, B, C & D - Tiers and Roof Reimbursement of Stadium Maintenance Expenses
MRICS - Hambantota	Pavilion & Ground upgraded for LPL – 24 matches played. Development done as follows – Two extra dressing rooms with toilets installed - Repainting, carpeting & ceiling repairs - Netting and individual Air Conditioners to all rooms— done to accommodate Health Recommendations due to Covid 19 Pandemic. - Repair and Painting of Practice Wicket area - Rectification of Chain Link around the grass bank - Supply & Installation of CCTV Erection of Electric Elephant Fence. Refurbishment of Stadium – Civil and MEP Works of Grandstand Media Building - Aluminum Works - Painting Works
Galle International Cricket Stadium	Repairs and Renovations of Ground, Nets and Pavilion Additional Alterations to Pavilion Maintenance of stadium prior to West Indies Tour of Sri Lanka Refurbishment of Galle International Cricket Stadium Prior to England Tour 2021 Reimbursement of Stadium Maintenance Expenses
Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium	Dormitory work in progress, Grandstand Roof repair in progress, Re-erection of fence in sections C & D
Pallekelle International Cricket Stadium	Lift installation for Grand stand. Ground tiers/Roof New Turf Practice area installed (10 strips) to be used by Schools and Clubs

#### National Stadium Development

Asgiriya National Stadium	Installation of Sprinkler System
Welagadera National Stadium	Established new light system.
Surrey Village National Stadium	Ground, Fence, Pavilion & Gate refurbishment – work in progress
Badulla Cricket Stadium	Proposed Civil & Interior work, construction of retaining wall, gate & landscaping, payment of Stadium Staff salaries for 2020



Centres of Excellence

Kandy	Construction of swimming pool: work in progress. Gymnasium: design completed. Dormitory: design completed.
Dambulla	Construction of swimming pool: work in progress.
Women's Centre of Excellence, P. Sara Stadium	MOU signed for a ten year period with the Tamil Union. Indoor Net Complex: refurbished.

High Performance Centres

Kurunegala - Welagedara	Indoor Net Lighting upgraded, Construction of four Center Turf Wickets at Welagedara Stadium
Badulla – Vincent Dias Stadium	Pavilion – refurbished Dressing Rooms with all interior work and District Office. Office and Dressing rooms upgraded & refurbished

District Centres

Anuradhapura	Dressing Rooms and PCT Room upgraded to National standard
Kalutara	Land acquired at Dodangoda
Hettipola Cricket Stadium	Ground work in progress, 75% of work completed
Samadhi Grounds, Anuradhapura	Construction of 2nd tier in Pavilion and Interior work
Ratnapura Cricket Stadium	Work in progress – 70% completed
Uyanwatta Stadium, Matara	Supply of furniture & refurbishment of existing Pavilion.
Ambalangoda UC Ground, Galle	Ground Development Center Turf Development Matting Wicket Provided all ground maintenance machinery

District Offices

Financially facilitated 17 Districts with:	Office Space Rent, Staff Salaries, EPF/ ETF, Furniture and Utility Expenses for day to day operations. .
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Cricket Associations Grounds Development

Mercantile Cricket Association Grounds	Ground equipment given.
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Premier Tier A Clubs

Club House Development	Colts CC – New Pavilion - work in progress NCC – Players Pavilion development – in progress Colombo Cricket Club – Renovation, additions & alterations in progress BRC – Renovation of Club House & Dressing Rooms
Development of Other Facilities	Bloomfield C&AC – Construction of structure for overhead tank in progress

Premier Tier B Clubs

Club House Development	Panadura SC – Club House: completed. Gymnasium: completed
Ground Development	Moors – Refurbishment of side wickets & movable wickets: completed.

Member Clubs

Club House Development	Old Trinitians SC – Club House – work in progress Catamarans SC – Club House renovation – completed Matara SC – Development work in progress United Southern – renovation of Club House – work in progress
Development of Other Facilities	Kalutara TC – Player Dormitory – work in progress Gymnasium – work in progress Indoor Badminton Court – work in progress Malay CC – Construction of Boundary Wall – work in progress Repairing and reconstructing the fence – work in progress Singha SC – Indoor Nets renovation – Completed Dimbulla C&AC – Construction of Dormitory at Radella Cricket Grounds – work in progress University of Colombo – Restoration of Existing Pavilion – work in progress Moratuwa SC – Renovation of the Clubhouse and Pavilion

Schools Cricket Association

NDC provided schools with the necessary assistance required for the development of school cricket such as mattings, cricket bags & concrete wickets (directly and through Districts & Provinces), rollers, covers, turf and ground cutters, tractors as per given list in summary given below.

NDC Summary of Issues for 2020

NDC Summary of Issues for 2020 - to Districts, Provinces, Clubs, Schools, Stadiums and Others

	Cricket Bags		Cricket Mattings						Rollers					Cutters		Tractor	
	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Half	Blue Side Nets	Pitch Covers 100 x 80	Boundary Ropes	Roller - 750 Kgs	Outfield Roller 1.5 tonnes	Mechanical Roller - SD	Manual Spike Roller	2 tonne Double Drum Roller	Gang Mower (Outfield)	Turf Cutter	Hand Tractor	Bucket
1 District Associations	274	95	46	0	1	79	1	46	60	30	0	11	3	2	1	3	1
2 Provincial Associations	52	20	0	3	0	26	0	8	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1
3 Clubs	2	0	1	0	0	15	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	2	1
4 Schools	20	10	7	0	0	5	1	6	1	2	2	0	2	19	1	20	17
5 Stadiums	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0
6 Others	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	349	136	54	3	1	125	2	70	62	33	3	11	9	24	15	26	20





## Finance and Administration

### Grants Released in Consideration of the Improvement of Administration Activities

#### Western Province Cricket Association

- 1) Purchase of eight bush cutters to RPICS and Surrey Village.
- 2) Year End get-together of the Western Province Cricket Association for the Year.

#### North Central Province Cricket Association

- 1) Curators Workshop & Knowledge sharing programme.
- 2) Foundation Level Coaching Programmes in Anuradhapura, Matale and Polonnaruwa Districts.
- 3) Additional costs incurred on precautionary measures against the COVID-19 outbreak.

#### Digital Attendance Recording System

Installation of Digital Attendance Recording System and the Connected Software at Provincial Cricket Association Offices.

- 1) Western Province CA
- 2) Uva Province CA
- 3) Central Province CA
- 4) North Central Province CA

#### Ratnapura District Cricket Association

- 1) Ratnapura Indoor Stadium staff salaries for the period 2020.

#### Annual Administration Grants: Provincial

Annual Administration Grants for Provincial Cricket Associations for the year 2020

- 1) Central Province Cricket Association

#### Annual Administration Grants: District

Annual Administration Grants for District Cricket Associations for the Year ended 2020, subject to compliance with the statutory requirements.

#### District Cricket Associations

##### Major Districts

- 1 Galle District Cricket Association
- 2 Kalutara District Cricket Association
- 3 Kandy District Cricket Association
- 4 Kurunegala District Cricket Association

##### Minor Districts

- 1 Anuradhapura District Cricket Association
- 2 Batticaloa District Cricket Association
- 3 Kegalle District Cricket Association
- 4 Jaffna District Cricket Association
- 5 Matale District Cricket Association
- 6 Monaragala District Cricket Association
- 7 Polonnaruwa District Cricket Association
- 8 Ratnapura District Cricket Association
- 9 Trincomalee District Cricket Association
- 10 Vavuniya District Cricket Association

#### Annual Administration Grants

Annual Administration Grants for District Cricket Associations for Year 2020

- 1) Jaffna District Cricket Association

#### Administration Grants for Non-Member Districts

Admin Grants for Non-Member Districts in the Northern Province – 2020

- 1) Mullaitivu District Cricket Association
- 2) Mannar District Cricket Association
- 3) Kilinochchi District Cricket Association

#### Provincial Office Premises Rent

- 1) Eastern Province CA Office – January 2020 to December 2020
- 2) Northern Province CA Office – October 2019 to June 2020

#### Contributions made to District Offices

Contributions made to District Offices to set off applicable rent/ salaries/ EPF&ETF/furniture/utilities:

- 1 Matara District Cricket Association
- 2 Batticaloa District Cricket Association
- 3 Anuradhapura District Cricket Association
- 4 Ampara District Cricket Association
- 5 Kalutara District Cricket Association
- 6 Kurunegala District Cricket Association
- 7 Matale District Cricket Association
- 8 Polonnaruwa District Cricket Association
- 9 Kandy District Cricket Association
- 10 Trincomalee District Cricket Association
- 11 Kegalle District Cricket Association
- 12 Jaffna District Cricket Association
- 13 Gampaha District Cricket Association
- 14 Vavuniya District Cricket Association
- 15 Mannar District Cricket Association
- 16 Kilinochchi District Cricket Association
- 17 Puttalam District Cricket Association

#### Administration Grant for the Governor's Trophy

An Administration Grant has been released in consideration of the Clubs that fail to fall under the Category of Affiliated or Controlling Membership of SLC and yet qualify to play “The Governors Trophy”.

- 1 Hettipola Sports Club
- 2 Unichela Sports Club
- 3 Ambepussa Singha Sports Club
- 4 Crusaders Sports Club
- 5 Old Zahirians Cricket Club
- 6 Ratnapura Cricket Club
- 7 Old Servantus Cricket Club
- 8 Digamadulla Cricket Club
- 9 Kandukara Sports Club
- 10 Sandalanka Cricket Club
- 11 Kandy Cricket Club
- 12 Narammala Sports Club
- 13 Gesto Cricket Club
- 14 Kandy Youth Cricket Club

## Additional Payments and Grants Released

#### Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium

- 1) Re-imbursement of utility expenses.

#### Cricket Association Award Ceremony

District Cricket Association Award Ceremony 2018/19

- 1) Matale District Cricket Association.
- 2) Polonnaruwa District Cricket Association.

#### Western Province Cricket Association

- 1) Division III Intra-Province Tournament – an additional grant was released considering the density of cricket in the Western Province.
- 2) Financial assistance allocated for the Division III Tournament.
- 3) Fixing of Finger Print attendance machines at Kalutara (Surrey), Bandaragama, the WPCA Office and Gampaha District Office.

#### North Western Province Cricket Association

North Western Province Cricket Association expenses incurred on:

- 1) Auditing & Bookkeeping.
- 2) Meals & refreshments for the staff & players programme.
- 3) First Aid guidance for Provincial squads training programme.

#### Central Province Cricket Association

- 1) Additional excavation work pertaining to the construction of domestic practice turf wickets, matting wickets, concrete wickets, Astro turf wickets at the Pallekale International Cricket Stadium.
- 2) Repairing and renovation of fence with wire mesh at the Pallekale International Cricket Stadium.

#### Monaragala District Cricket Association

- 1) Fabrication and installation of gate at Uva Wellassa Stadium.
- 2) Construction of an iron fence around the Uva Wellassa Stadium.
- 3) Construction of a new gravel road and drain for Uva Wellassa Stadium.

#### Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association

- 1) Collection of data for the Schools Cricket Association database considering the condition of cricket in Schools across the island.
- 2) Grant to purchase office equipment.





## MARKETING THE SLC BRAND

# Remarkable Achievements in Adversity



# Remarkable Achievements in Adversity

Sports sponsorships is predicted to be one of the sectors that is expected to change the most as a result of COVID-19. SLC was one organisation that proved the prediction wrong considering its efficiency in securing its existing sponsorships during a time where barely any cricket was played across the globe. Moreover, managing to attract new sponsors is a high achievement during such a period of uncertainty. The continuation of existing sponsorships and the signing of fresh contracts is truly

humbling as it is a clear sign to highlight the confidence and the trust that has been placed in SLC. The sponsorships received are crucial to the success of our journey as it helps SLC fulfil the requirements of the players and the game of cricket through essentials such as water, energy drinks, casual clothing, formal clothing and sports gear and publicity.

We value our commercial partners in high esteem, as they are highly valuable stakeholders in our journey as their

investment and commitment for the game of cricket gives us the necessary impetus to keep the cricketing journey moving forward.

We are humbled to state that Sri Lanka Cricket, amidst the major global health crisis has successfully attracted several new commercial partners and managed to renew most of the existing partners during the concluded year.

**We take this opportunity to highlight our Commercial Partners:**

## Dialog Axiata: The Official National Team Sponsor

Dialog Axiata came forward to continue its longstanding partnership with Sri Lanka Cricket, thus becoming the 'Official National Team Sponsor of Sri Lanka Cricket' for the period of 2020 to 2023, thus enabling the growth of both men's and women's national cricket teams across all forms of the game.

Committed to empowering the home-grown talent of sportsmen and sportswomen at the national and international level, Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider's commitment to the game of cricket is, well and truly appreciated by Sri Lanka Cricket.



## ITW Consulting - The Custodian of the 'Official Overseas Team Sponsor of Sri Lanka Cricket'

ITW Consulting, a leading Sports Consultancy firm in the region, came forward as the Custodian of the title of 'Official Overseas Team Sponsor of Sri Lanka Cricket' for the period of 2020 – 2023.

Under the agreement, ITW Consulting, an India-based Sports Marketing firm will attract sponsors for the Sri Lanka team during its outbound tours.

The company already attracted JAT Holdings (Pvt) Ltd as the "Official Overseas Team Sponsor of Sri Lanka Cricket".



## My Cola: The Official Carbonated Beverages Partner

My Cola Beverages Private Limited, a Sri Lankan Brand, for the first time entered into a partnership with SLC, thus becoming the 'Official Carbonated Beverages Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket'.

The firm entered into a three year partnership, under which, My Cola Beverages Private Limited has the right to engage in the sale, distribution, dispensation and service of carbonated beverages to all players, event attendees, officials, guests and VIPs at hospitality enclosures, accredited journalists, media persons and TV crew in all the matches. In return, My Cola will make a significant investment towards the promotion of the game of cricket in Sri Lanka.



## Red Bull: The Official Energy Drink Partner

Red Bull, the globally renowned Energy Drink firm joined in as the 'Official Energy Drink Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket,' thus securing the sponsorship for the period of 2020 – 2023. During the partnership period, Red Bull will provide energy drinks to the players of both teams on match days during bilateral tours. This is an important investment towards the development of the game of cricket in Sri Lanka.



## Namal Balachandra Private Limited: The Official Formal Clothing Sponsor

Namal Balachandra Private Limited, a local clothing firm, is another new entrant to Sri Lanka Cricket, thus becoming the 'Official Formal Clothing Sponsor of Sri Lanka National Cricket Teams'.

Under the three year partnership, Namal Balachandra Private Limited, a renowned apparel and costume designer in Sri Lanka will provide formal clothing to the National Men's and Women's Teams. Accordingly, the firm will provide suits, jackets, shirts and trousers to the players, alongside other considerations to the SLC.



## My Cola's Cristal and Life: The Official Bottled Drinking Water Partner

My Cola Beverages Private Limited continued to strengthen its partnership with Sri Lanka Cricket, by pairing as the 'Official Bottled Drinking Water Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket'.

During the 2020 – 2023 sponsorship period, My Cola's Cristal and Life brands will have the exclusive bottled drinking water availability rights within each stadium and match locations during the term. This additionally includes the right to engage in the sale and distribution of bottled water to the general public.

In return, the company agreed to provide bottled water to players, officials, guests and VIPs at hospitality enclosures, accredited journalists, media persons and TV crew during all international matches. Apart from a significant investment towards the promotion of the game of cricket in Sri Lanka, they provide water for the SLC Headquarters and High Performance Centre as well.



## LiCC: The Official Casual Clothing Sponsor

The Long Island Clothing Company (LiCC) renewed its partnership with Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) thus continuing to be the 'Official Casual Clothing Sponsor' for another three-year term.

Under the agreement with SLC, the Long Island Clothing Company will provide Travel t-shirts, and Jeans for the National Men's and Women's Team, 'A' team, Development Squad and the Under-19 Team. Apart from providing Casual Clothing, LiCC makes a significant investment towards the development of the game in Sri Lanka.

In return, LiCC will have the exclusive title of 'Official Casual Clothing Sponsor of Sri Lanka Cricket' and use the title on all its Stationery, Promotional Material and Advertisement during the agreed term.



## Masuri: The Official Cricket Helmet Partner

The UK based Masuri Group Limited will continue as the 'Official Cricket Helmet Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket'.

Under the multi-year agreement, Masuri, will provide Sri Lanka Cricket with 'Helmets and StemGuards' to be used by the National Men's and Women's team, the 'A' Team and the Under-19 team. This is the third successive term of Masuri entering into a partnership with Sri Lanka Cricket.



Last but never the least, we are extremely grateful to MAS Holdings for their continuous support as a sponsor over the years.





Official Sponsorship Partners of Sri Lanka Cricket – Year 2020/21

#	Sponsor Name	Sponsorship	Start Date
1	My Cola Beverages ( Pvt ) Ltd	“Official Carbonated Beverages Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket”	1 Jul 2020
2	Red Bull Sri Lanka/Stassen Foods Pvt Ltd	“Official Energy Drink Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket”	1 Sep 2020
3	Long Island Clothing Company (Pvt) Ltd	“Official Casual Clothing Sponsor of Sri Lanka Cricket”	1 Sep 2020
4	The Masuri Group Ltd	“Official Cricket Helmet Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket”	1 Sep 2020
5	Namal Balachandra (Pvt) Ltd	“The Official Formal Clothing Sponsor of Sri Lanka National Cricket Teams”	23 Sep 2020
6	Cristal Bottled Drinking Water My Cola Beverages ( Pvt ) Ltd	“Official Bottled Drinking Water Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket”	24 Sep 2020
7	Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt Ltd	“Media Partner”	1 Jul 2020
8	ITW Consulting Private Ltd	“Ground Rights Holder”	1 Jul 2020
9	Innovation Production Group	“Production Partner”	Aug 2020

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fight is, I’m  
going to be  
FIGHTING.

Broadcast Partners



**Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN)**  
Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN) was awarded the exclusive ‘Global Media Rights’ of Sri Lanka Cricket’s Inbound Tours for the period of 2020 to 2023.



**ITW Consulting wins ‘Ground Rights’ of Sri Lanka Cricket FTP tours**  
ITW Consulting, an India based Sports Marketing Firm was chosen as the Ground Rights Holder for Sri Lanka Cricket’s Inbound Tours for the Period of 2020 to 2023.



**IPG awarded ‘Production Rights’**  
Dubai based IPG Group (Innovative Production Group) was awarded the ‘Production Rights’ of Sri Lanka Cricket’s In-bound Tours for the period of 2020 to 2023.

Sir Vivian Richards

Media Relations and Marketing Communications

The Scope of Work

- Media Relations
- Promoting International and Domestic Cricket
- Digital
- Creative and Publishing
- Media Buying

Media Relations

The SLC Media Unit, during the year 2020, continued to enhance the relationship between the SLC and the Sri Lankan and International sports media fraternity by providing the necessary cricket coverage during both inbound and outbound tours and domestic cricket season. Even though the planned tournaments were affected due to the global health crisis, we continued our efforts to keep the media updated on regular basis.

Media Activities

During 2020, the Media Unit continued its activities covering all formats of international

tours (both inbound and outbound), covering the National Team, the Emerging Team and the ‘A’ Team, as well as age level matches and domestic tournaments. The media unit continued carrying out their usual responsibilities including Press Conferences, Press Releases, Media Advisories, Match and Event Updates, Action Photographs, Special Interviews of players, coaches and officials.

Outbound National Tours covered:

- Sri Lanka National Team Tour of India
- Sri Lanka National Team Tour of Zimbabwe
- Sri Lanka Women’s Team Tour of Australia
- Sri Lanka Men’s Team Tour of South Africa

Inbound National Tours Covered:

- West Indies Tour of Sri Lanka
- England Tour of Sri Lanka (postponed prior to the commencement)

Emerging Team/Under-19 and ‘A’ Team Tours

- Sri Lanka Under-19 Team World Cup Campaign

Domestic Cricket

- Major League Club Cricket Tournament
- 50 Overs Tournament (Under-23)

Media Releases

SLC Media Unit disseminated over 75 media releases during the year 2020 delivering prompt information pertaining to Sri Lanka’s international and domestic cricket activities. The regular details disseminated to the media included media releases on bilateral and multilateral series, domestic tournaments, fixture announcements and squad announcements.

In addition to the above, media releases delivering information on management decisions of SLC such as ‘Policy Announcements,’ ‘New Appointments’ and related affairs were made.

Earned Media and Media Buying

SLC as always received the highest level of ‘Earned Media’ exposure via Print, Electronic and Online Media during the year. This was achieved by adopting a constant flow of news worth information to the Media fraternity, by way of Media



Media Briefing, West Indies Tour of Sri Lanka, 2020.



Releases, Media Conferences, Player and Coach Interviews and also creating special moments for the media to capture. This enabled Sri Lanka Cricket to gain unmeasurable amount of free exposure via both local and international news agencies and digital platforms.

The Marketing Department, through the Media Unit assists various divisions of the SLC to reserve advertising space in newspapers, create relevant advertisements and perform follow up for publishing. The units which utilise these services are the HR, Marketing, Anti-Corruption, Security, National Development Centre, High Performance Centre and a multitude of others. During the year in reference, Media Buying was done for over 50 advertisements.

**Work during the Year 2020 includes:**  
**Dedicated Action Based Photographers**  
Professional Photographers were appointed to cover International Cricket, Domestic Cricket and Club Cricket.

**Enhanced Media Coverage**  
Even though the number of International

Cricket and Domestic Cricket was narrowed, SLC Media, continued its operation towards providing the required text and images to the media on a regular basis covering both Domestic Cricket and International Cricket.

**Dedicated Visual Platform for Photographs**  
SLC Media Unit continued to operate a dedicated platform to upload match photographs, practice visuals on regular intervals, so that editors /journalists’ can download those photographs with ease, which aided in attracting better media coverage in the print, electronic and online media.

**Promoting International and Domestic Cricket**

As media plays a dominant role in promoting the game and Sri Lanka Cricket brand across the globe, the Marketing Department also endured to work towards enhancing its service delivery to the Media through the Media Unit as done in the preceding years. The coverage included

both domestic and international cricket, as well as the inaugural Lanka Premier League (LPL), in addition to regular media activities such as pre, during and post media briefings.

**Digital**  
During the year 2020, SLC’s social media arm continued its growth, despite being a difficult year which saw very less cricket on the ground. With due credit to a strong digital content strategy, SLC continued to strengthen its Digital Services and managed to maintain Year-on-Year growth in their digital platforms similar to that of pervious years. As a result, SLC added a record breaking follower figure of approximately half a million to its social media fan base and surpassed yet another milestone in YouTube subscriptions.

**Sri Lanka Cricket Website**  
The SLC website continued to act as a crucial content hub for Sri Lankan cricket, with fresh material covering all formats of the game published on a regular basis to keep the fans engaged and well informed.

**YouTube**  
A major highlight of the year was that SLC Official YouTube Channel surpassing 2.25 million subscribers in November 2020 and receiving the ‘Gold Play Button’ Award for reaching the milestone of two million YouTube subscribers. The numbers and the revenue for the year are relatively less compared to previous years, due to COVID-19 pandemic (see chart below).

Revenue & Subscriber Growth			
Year	Subscribers (Growth)	Revenue US\$	Revenue LKR
2018	720 k	59,805	10.80 million
2019	812 k	84,750	15.33 million
2020	602 k	81,800	14.72 million

**Twitter**  
The Twitter account, continued to see growth, following the trend we achieved in 2018 by raising the follower base up to 920,000 from 870,000 in the year ending 2019. The numbers have further gone up during the year 2020 to 950,000 followers and Twitter continues to be one of our

most potent platforms, which we use in order to engage with distinct audiences, who seek information on a micro scale. SLC’s corporate twitter handle goes as @slcofficial. We have a dedicated twitter handle for our President as @slcpresident and another for the SLC Museum, which are still at inception levels.

**Facebook**  
In the course of 2020, Facebook played a key role for us to maintain our engagement with the fans, since the year was mostly sans of on field activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We continued to engage with the fans via various content deliveries, trivia and quizzes which attracted the attention of our loyal fan base. Our Facebook page continues to be among the pre-eminent pages in the country with the followers surpassing as over three million.

**Instagram**  
The Instagram handle continued to help strengthen our engagement with the followers during the pandemic as it helped reach a younger segment of our fan base.

**Creative and Publishing**  
The Creative and Publishing Unit of the SLC is one of the most effective additions made to the SLC arsenal during the recent past. Introduction of a creative team, which consists of Content Editors, Writers and Content Developers have immensely helped SLC to strengthen its ‘Creative Arm,’ and reduce or entirely eliminate the dependence on outside partners or service providers such as Advertising and/or Public Relations agencies while improving on delivery efficiency significantly.

Some of the work done by the Creative & Publishing Unit during the Year 2020 includes:  
**Cricket-based Creative Work**  
– Tour based Creatives, Themes for Media Conferences  
– Social Media Creatives  
– Creative Work for LPL Platforms  
**Services for Other Departments**  
– Recruitment advertisements  
– EOIs (artwork)  
– Marketing related advertisements



**Lanka Premier League (LPL) 2020**

The Marcom Unit worked tirelessly towards promoting the Lanka Premier League by adopting a 360 Degree integrated Communication Campaign to promote the tournament. The strategy utilised ‘Earned - Owned and Paid’ media tacticals to promote the LPL, its franchises and the players. The campaign used both online, offline, traditional and non traditional methods to promote the event across the globe. Starting with a Spectacular Virtual Opening Ceremony, which attracted the attention of the cricket world, the tournament used the Social Media, TV, Radio and Online Advertisements, Billboards, Public Relations Exercise and many more to make sure the tournament gained the widest possible exposure, thus raising it to be a leading T20 league in the world.

**PR and Media**  
SLC Media Unit promoted the Lanka Premier League by deploying their key personnel and

regularly disseminating information covering the entire tournament activities. Whilst the Media Centre was not open for the general Mass Media due to the pandemic, SLC Media Unit ensured that the Media fraternity was constantly updated with Texts, Images and Visuals covering the LPL activities in order to generate adequate coverage across the globe.

**Social Media**  
The SLC Media Unit in collaboration with the IT Department operated a comprehensive content plan to ensure that the Social Media Platforms of the LPL were updated on regular basis. A content calendar covering pre, during and post tournament was launched three weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament in order to enhance the brand image of LPL and to keep the fans engaged.  
Specially dedicated social platforms were launched covering Facebook, Twitter and YouTube,



whilst a working coalition was also established between the SLC Media Unit and the Media Units of the franchisees in order to enhance the promotion work of the LPL.



*Sri Lanka Cricket Museum is located at Maitland Place, Colombo*



*The gallery contains 1996 World Cup trophy and memorabilia*



## Sri Lanka Cricket Museum

During the referenced year, Sri Lanka Cricket Museum continued to feature its iconic cricketing history to the world. However, due to the COVID-19 crisis, the museum was mostly closed.

The Museum has dedicated sections focusing on Sri Lanka's Test Cricket, One Day and T20I Cricket and its Pre-Test Era. This includes the 1996 World Cup, 2014 T20 World Cup and the country's stupendous record in Asia Cup Tournaments. A 'Hall of Fame' dedicated to displaying the names of Sri Lanka's test players, past and present captains hold a centre stage at this museum. It also has a timeline depicting Sri Lanka's Cricketing journey since participating in the inaugural World Cup in 1975.

Sri Lanka Cricket Museum is open for public on weekdays from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Schools and Children's Homes are given free entrance, aiming to inspire the children to learn and follow the game.

*Young Cricketers embrace the achievements of the legends*



*Young Cricketers from overseas visit the Museum*



*T20 World Cup in display at the Museum*





# Corporate Social Responsibility

SLC donates to the COVID-19 fund: SLC President Shammi Silva handing over the cheque to H.E. the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.



Cricket is considered a lifeline in the island of Sri Lanka. The love and enjoyment for cricket has been stretched across decades. Even though in essence, the spirit of cricket may be of sportsmanship, it can also be used to be a force of good and be used as a means to create awareness on matters that will otherwise get less awareness and perhaps go unnoticed. The CSR arm of SLC takes careful consideration to uplift such matters and takes action to restore faith in humanity.'

**SLC Corporate Social Responsibility Projects carried out through its Charitable Arm 'Cricket Aid' Guaranteed:**

**Donations made during 2019**

- A sum of Rs. 150,000 was given as hospitalisation grant to past Cricketer Russell Harmer.
- Medical assistance of Rs. 1,000,000 was provided to Under-19 World Cup cricketer Akshu Fernando.

- An injured schoolboy cricketer was provided with financial assistance of Rs. 75,000 to purchase a wheelchair and medicine.
- SLC gifted a sum of Rs. 1,750,000 as financial assistance to the visually handicapped to host the bilateral Pakistan cricket tour.
- A donation of Rs. 2,000,000 was made to His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith on behalf of the victims of the April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday attacks.
- SLC sponsored the Intellectual Disability Softball Tournament 2019 with a sum of Rs. 250,000.
- In addition, SLC also sponsored members of the Sri Lanka Deaf Cricket Association to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Deaf ICC held at the ICC headquarters in Dubai, for which a sum of Rs. 265,522 was donated.
- It is noteworthy to mention that SLC has tremendously supported to uplift differently-abled cricket and in fact the Sri Lanka Deaf Cricket Association won the first Deaf-ICC (Deaf International Cricket Council) T20 World Cup held in India in November 2018.



SLC donates a PCR-machine to the Ministry of Sports.



SLC National Skipper hands over a grant to the Homagama Base Hospital.





HIGH PERFORMANCE

Actionable  
Intelligence in  
Cricket





# The Brain Centre

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**Introduction**

**The purpose of establishing a Brain Centre for cricket is to capture, analyse and provide performance analytics on international, domestic & school cricket across Sri Lanka.**

**A peek into the Brain Centre of SLC**

The Brain Centre currently reviews and streamlines all performance and video analysis systems by boosting the national cricket system with a more efficient platform. This is achieved through the readily available performance and video analysis on all international, domestic, women's & youth cricket in the world.

Further, the Centre aims to build and launch a live scoring solution to enable Sri Lanka Cricket to transform its scoring capability towards an online solution which will simultaneously link up to the SLC website, social media channels and performance analysis platforms.

Furthermore, it has built and launched a single online database for all domestic cricket allowing Sri Lanka Cricket to administer, view and analyse all domestic competitions, teams & players while allowing all participating members to seamlessly manage rosters & profiles.

Moreover, the performance analysis methods currently being used by the analysts at the Brain Centre has been

improved to ensure that greater "actionable intelligence" is provided.

In addition to this, the Brain Centre has executed performance analysis on school cricket in order to assist the Head of National Development to review youth cricket.

**Scope of the Brain Centre**

The development of digital media has opened up doors for enhancing performance & video analysis in sports. During the last decade there has been a drastic development in this field with more teams investing heavily into this area. Through the Brain Centre, Sri Lanka Cricket keeps pace with the rest of the cricket world via its own performance analytics arm.

**The Main Objective**

To assist Sri Lanka to be the dominant cricket team in all forms by providing expert performance & video analysis across the entire scope of cricket in the country to help aid on-field performance.

**Projects Undertaken in 2020**

- Review & streamlining of all performance & video analysis systems to help provide the national cricket system with a more efficient platform where performance & video analysis will be available on all International, Domestic, Women's & Youth cricket in the world. (November 2020)
- Building & launching of a live scoring solution to enable Sri Lanka Cricket to transform its scoring capability to an online solution which will simultaneously link to the SLC website, social media channels & performance analysis platforms. (November 2020)
- Building & launching of a single online database for all domestic cricket allowing Sri Lanka Cricket to administer, view & analyse all domestic competitions, teams & players and allowing all participating members to seamlessly manage rosters & profiles. (November 2020)
- Improvement of the performance analysis methods currently being used by analysts at the Brain Centre to ensure that better "actionable intelligence" is provided. (October 2020)
- Executed Performance analysis on all school performance to assist the Head of National Development to review youth cricket. (October 2020)

**Database & Videos Archived in Brain Centre**

Maintaining approximately 130TB database of international and domestic cricket matches & practice session videos.

External & iCloud Storage
• International (around 95TB)
• Women's (around 5TB)
• Under-19 (around 2 TB)
• A Team, Emerging, Board XI, Other (2.5TB)
• Domestic including Provincial, Premier League, (around 20TB)
• Under-23, Under-19 Provincial (around 2TB)
• T20 Leagues around the world (3TB)

**Functionalities of the Brain Centre**

- Live match capturing using BrainPlay software.
- Capturing all live telecast matches using TV channels, Websites and YouTube
  - International men's and women's matches.
  - Under-19 matches.
  - T20 Leagues around the world.
- Post-match review using BrainPlay software.
- Post-match analysing report.
- In-depth dynamic report creation.
- Detailed analysis of cricket venues.
- Team insights (Home and Opposition)
- Capturing all the Provincial and Domestic premier league matches (three-day, four-day, Limited Overs and T20).
- Quality checking of all the captured matches.
- Currently maintaining and uploading all the matches into iCloud.
- Recording of all international cricket matches using television channels and internet websites.
- Providing analysts to the Sri Lanka national teams (Men's and Women's), and to Sri Lanka 'A' Team, Emerging Team, Under-19 Team and Provincial Teams.
- Providing statistics and videos.
  - Selectors, coaches, players, managers and management according to their requests.
  - National teams (Men's & Women's)
  - Sri Lanka 'A' Team
  - Emerging Team
  - Under-19 Team
  - Provincial Teams
  - Under-23 Teams
- Facilitate all the information, video footage and documentation for the meetings of teams, selectors, coaches at the Brain Centre.
- SWOT Analysis of players and team using statistics and videos.

If you don't have  
**CONFIDENCE**  
you'll always find a  
way not to win.

Carl Lewis



- Facilitating match and player analysing sessions to Provincial teams, club teams and coaches.
- Facilitating Umpire performance analysis: appeals, reviews and decisions.
- Maintaining informational databases of international and domestic players.
- Provincial and District coach monitoring system.
  - Reporting (Weekly & Monthly)
  - Monitoring
  - Observing
  - Analysing

**Training Programme for Domestic Analysts**

(60 hour training programme)

- Introduction to the software and technical background of the capturing system.

- Capturing of recorded matches using the Brain Play software.
- Capturing live matches using the Brain Play software.
- Quality checking of the Match captured.
- Examination for the domestic analysts.

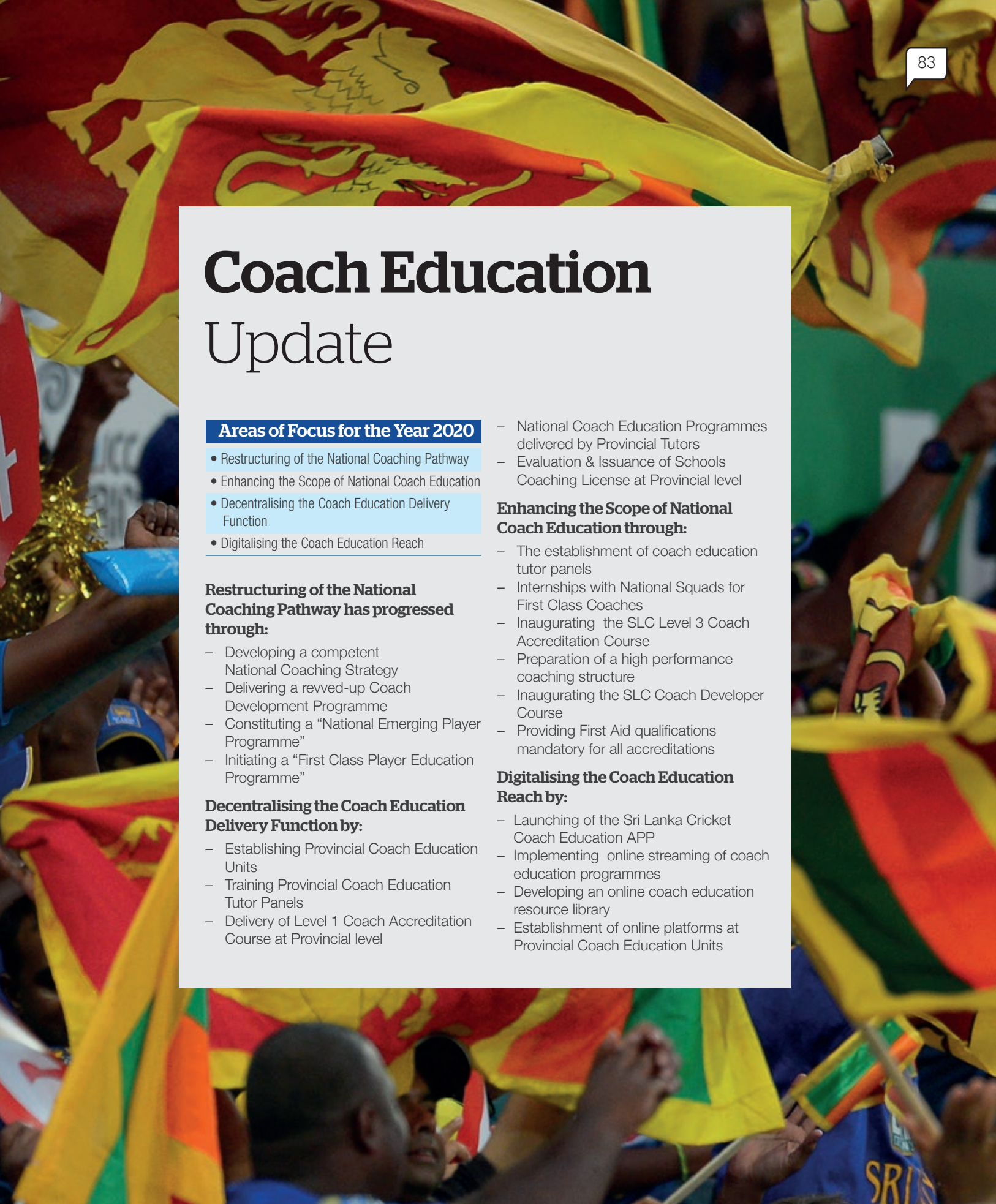
**Future Direction**

The Brain Centre aims to transition from being merely a centre of data collection into a high-performance analysis hub across all international, franchise, domestic and school cricket, in a bid to help improve cricket across the country for all teams & age groups regardless of the gender.

Further, it strives to uplift performance analysis methods to world class levels utilising the most modern technology. This will bring Sri Lanka to the forefront of performance analytics globally.

**Match Capturing Schedule - July 2019**

		10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	19.00	20.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	00.00	01.00
MONDAY	SLOT 1																
01. 07. 2019	SLOT 2																
TUESDAY	SLOT 1																
02.07. 2019	SLOT 2																
WEDNESDAY	SLOT 1																
03.07.2019																	
THURSDAY	SLOT 1																
04.07.2019	SLOT 2																
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FRIDAY	SLOT 1																
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SATURDAY	SLOT 1																
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# Coach Education Update

**Areas of Focus for the Year 2020**

- Restructuring of the National Coaching Pathway
- Enhancing the Scope of National Coach Education
- Decentralising the Coach Education Delivery Function
- Digitalising the Coach Education Reach

**Restructuring of the National Coaching Pathway has progressed through:**

- Developing a competent National Coaching Strategy
- Delivering a revved-up Coach Development Programme
- Constituting a “National Emerging Player Programme”
- Initiating a “First Class Player Education Programme”

**Decentralising the Coach Education Delivery Function by:**

- Establishing Provincial Coach Education Units
- Training Provincial Coach Education Tutor Panels
- Delivery of Level 1 Coach Accreditation Course at Provincial level

- National Coach Education Programmes delivered by Provincial Tutors
- Evaluation & Issuance of Schools Coaching License at Provincial level

**Enhancing the Scope of National Coach Education through:**

- The establishment of coach education tutor panels
- Internships with National Squads for First Class Coaches
- Inaugurating the SLC Level 3 Coach Accreditation Course
- Preparation of a high performance coaching structure
- Inaugurating the SLC Coach Developer Course
- Providing First Aid qualifications mandatory for all accreditations

**Digitalising the Coach Education Reach by:**

- Launching of the Sri Lanka Cricket Coach Education APP
- Implementing online streaming of coach education programmes
- Developing an online coach education resource library
- Establishment of online platforms at Provincial Coach Education Units





ADMINISTRATION

Keeping the Game Alive



# Human Resources

**KPMG is in partnership with SLC to streamline talent engagement and HR process that would help SLC reach world-class excellence.**

Total Recruitments in 2020		
CONSULTANTS	..	5
EXPATS	..	1
HOD'S	..	2
MANAGERS/ ASST. MANAGERS	..	12
EXECUTIVE	..	9
NON EXECUTIVE	..	2

This chapter of the Annual Report provides a peek into the Human Resource activities pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2019/20. The prime focus of Human Resources Management includes recruiting, motivating and retaining the best employees.

The progressive year has been a very distinctive one with the sudden emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the global theatre across every industry. However, being the resilient nation that we are and with competent leadership, the Human Resource Department made significant progress.

Our central focus this year was on employee welfare and psychological/ mental mobility due to the current situation. It is to our great pleasure to announce that our employees and the organisation have understood, managed and are progressing forward in a positive manner. The strain created by the pandemic was undoubtedly a psychologically and emotionally draining process. However, our employees easily adapted to all the Health & Safety guidelines and followed it religiously which has been a key reason that steered any negative setback.

The HR function plays an instrumental role in securing the future success of Sri Lanka Cricket through delivering sustainable organisational performance. In doing so, the function is guided by its long-term vision of working in partnership to create an environment where employees can thrive and are enabled to deliver sustainable organisational performance. Specifically, several long-term strategic priorities have been identified for HR such as to apply its human capital expertise more assertively to support the divisions and infrastructure functions in order to deliver results. Further, to strengthen its role as a control function for Sri Lanka Cricket and to build the capabilities of managers and staff. In 2019, our HR activities were in line with these priorities,

which have come into particular focus with Our Vision & Business of Sri Lanka Cricket, and its execution over the coming years.

- Applying human capital expertise in partnership with the business
- Performance management
- Training and development
- Staff motivational activities
- Recruitment

The delivery of professional HR services is designed to positively impact business results. This includes bringing the knowledge of Human Resource along with modern human capital trends to support SLC business and to provide access to the skills required.

**Performance Management**

Performance Management – Annual Stay Interviews/Appraisals commenced at the latter stages of 2019 and are conducted to help managers understand the reasons employees stay with an organisation and the reasons that might cause them to leave. During the Stay Interview/Appraisals, employees answer a set of questions related to their work satisfaction and career goals while having an open conversation with their manager to build trust and assess the work environment. Using this tool helps reduce employee turnover rates and increases employee satisfaction and engagement. Major themes emerging from Stay Interviews indicate that employees enjoy working with their co-workers and are motivated through the challenges present in their work. Further, employees stay with SLC because they enjoy their work and the benefits offered. Career pathways are also being created to help employees understand the necessary skills and experience to move through a career ladder. The modern workforce seeks employer guidance on how to develop their skills and plan their career path. These efforts seek to meet the needs of the employees and the future needs of SLC in

order to develop workforce management solutions to optimise the balance between supply and demand for capabilities while managing the cost and employee base more efficiently and effectively in the long term. One of the key roles of our department include enabling employees to develop the skills necessary to embrace new roles within the organisation, with the SLC supporting internal, cross-divisional career mobility by identifying redeployment opportunities and offering training and development.

**Learning and Development**

Building the capabilities of managers and staff Investment in skills and accelerating employees’ professional and personal development are essential components of the SLC people agenda.

SLC is committed to strengthening the capability of managers and holding them accountable to enable employees to thrive and meet their full potential. This includes a recalibrated offering that helps to develop and nurture future leaders who are accountable and are able to champion the values of the SLC. Only through building teams of people with varying backgrounds, education, skills and experiences, can sustainable value be created across the SLC. A new provision for learning and development has been reserved from the budget.

**Staff restructuring process with KPMG**

KPMG is in partnership with SLC to streamline the talent engagement and HR process approach towards a smooth

Consultants			
Name	Designation	Department	Date of Appointment
1 Major General (Retd) M.R.W. De Zoysa	Consultant Security & Marshalling - Domestic	Security	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2020
2 Ms. Apsari Sinhabahu Thilakaratne	Convener for Women’s Cricket	Women’s Cricket	1 <sup>st</sup> February, 2020
3 Mr. Saman Hewavitharana	Coordinating Consultant - District & Provincial Coaching	NDC	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2020
4 Mr. K.M.L. Sarathchandra – DIG (Retd)	Deputy Consultant Security	Security	15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020
5 Mr. Janak Manuja Kariapperuma	Consultant Women’s Cricket Development & Operations	Women’s Cricket	1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2020
Expatriates			
Name	Designation	Department	Date of Appointment
6 Mr. Timothy McCaskill	Head of National Cricket Development	Coaching	6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020
Heads of Departments			
Name	Designation	Department	Date of Appointment
7 Mr. N.M. Upul H. Nawaratne	Head of Marketing	Marketing	24 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020
Managers/Asst. Managers			
Name	Designation	Department	Date of Appointment
8 Mr. Dinuk Hettiarachchi	HP Spin Bowling Coach	Coaching	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2020
9 Mr. Sajeewa Weerakoon	HP Spin Bowling Coach	Coaching	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2020
10 Mr. Shalith Malinda Warnapura	HP Batting Coach	Coaching	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2020
11 Mr. T K Dhammika Sudarshana	HP Batting Coach	Coaching	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2020
12 Mr. W.M. Mahesh Weerasinghe	Development Coach - Women’s Team	Coaching	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2020

operational function in administration of the Sri Lanka Cricket head office that evolve a world class team of support excellence towards the achievement of the overall objectives and the ultimate vision of the body.

**New HR system**

We are reaching a milestone in our Department by introducing a new HR system through the project “Brain Centre”. SLC is in the process of implementing a new ERP system in order to strengthen the HR operations.

**Recruitment**

New recruitments have been executed through MSL and internal digital platforms in order to strengthen the respective Departments.



13	Mr. Sachintha Cooray	HP Administrative Assistant Manager	Coaching	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2020
14	Ms. Melani Shiroma Ann Diaz	Manager - Sales	Marketing	17 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020
15	Mr. Dasantha Gayan Jayasundara	Quantity Surveyor	NDC	1st June, 2020
16	Mr. K. Roshana Dilruka De Silva	Quantity Surveyor	NDC	1st June, 2020
17	Mr. Upali Seneviratne	Manager-CSR	Marketing	1st July, 2020
18	Mr. Nilhan Mendis	Admin Manager - RPICS	Administration	1st August, 2020
19	Mr. Prad Navaratnam	Head of Performance Analyst	Brain Centre	5th October, 2020
20	Mr. Maurice Dela Zilva	School Cricket Coordinator	NDC	1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2020

Executives

	Name	Designation	Department	Date of Appointment
21	Mr. N.M. Gayan Weeraratne	High Performance Centre Trainer	Coaching	1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2020
22	Ms. Nipuni Balasooriya	Confidential Secretary	Secretary Office	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020
23	Mr. Akila Kulathilake	Data Analyst	Brain Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020
24	Mr. Ishan Ravintha Edirisinghe	Executive HR	HR	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020
25	Mr. Tarik Mark De Silva	Sports Science & Medicine Technician	Coaching	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020
26	Mr. Omal Cooray	Player Affairs Executive	International Cricket	1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2020
27	Ms. Ridma Vithana	Legal Officer	Legal	21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2020
28	Mr. Sasith Bandara	Junior Executive - IT	IT	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2020
29	Mr. Thilina Wijesinghe	Trainer - HPC	HPC	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2020

Non-Executives

	Name	Designation	Department	Date of Appointment
30	Mr. W. Lahiru Pradeep Kumara	Driver	Administration	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2020
31	Mr. H.M.S.G. Herath	Helper	Administration	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2020

Seth Godin

Whatever the status,  
changing it gives you the  
opportunity to  
**BE REMARKABLE**

# IT Department

## Primary Developments in 2020

### Remote working environment facilitation

The SLC IT Department was humbled at the opportunity of rendering their utmost service to the organisation during the unpredicted pandemic situation where it helped the smooth transitioning of a physical work environment into a remote working environment. The IT Department continuously played a crucial throughout the pandemic by supporting the employees to work from home. They facilitated the conducting of meetings, tender openings and event management through a virtual scale employing the latest technology.

### Digital Service Facilitation

As the physical matches came to a halt, the cricket fans not just in Sri Lanka but across the globe were revived through the digital support the IT Department

provided in bringing social media of SLC to the forefront. The IT Department provided undying support that strengthened the digital arm of SLC and resulted in the achievement of an unbelievable fan base. Further, this resulted in optimising revenue generation through the monetisation of the SLC social media platform.

### Service provisioning to Inbound International Tournaments

Enabling a platform for service provisioning to international/domestic tournaments hosted by Sri Lanka Cricket as mentioned below:

1. West Indies tour of Sri Lanka 2020
2. England tour of Sri Lanka 2020
3. Lanka Premier League 2020

### Key Functions

- System Administration
- Network Infrastructure Management
- IT Technical Support & Helpdesk
- Digital Services
- IT Risk & Control

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You're never a  
loser until you quit  
**TRYING.**

Mike Dikta



SLC Major League 2020:  
Dinesh Chandimal celebrates  
his 300, in a 354-run innings.

## Administration Department

The Administration Department's imperative function involves managing daily office operations, negotiating contracts, managing vendor relationships, identifying the critical resources and services required to support the company strategies. It further involves adhering to policies and processes while developing supply options and contingency plans that support the corporate plan of Sri Lanka Cricket. In addition to the routine administration of SLC, managing online and POS Ticketing activities as well as the gate management during cricketing tours are some of its main responsibilities.

The Administration Department functions under the Head of Administration and remains responsible for executing the following key functions at Sri Lanka Cricket:

### Procurement and Purchasing

Sri Lanka Cricket's Administration Department is responsible for collecting and assessing the needs for divisional supplies. Thereafter, approvals are obtained and forwarded on time to the management committee for organisational procurement and purchasing. These operations and services are delivered through an approved process. Strict guidelines are maintained in the procurement and purchasing processes in order to ensure that good governance is in place. Further, it is significant to maintain respective records on potential issues relating to contractual obligations and accounting activities relating to suppliers. This ensures that payment approvals and accounting entries relating to procurement expenditure on goods and services provided to the SLC by

external suppliers are done on time.

### Logistics

Logistics for SLC plays a pivotal part in the day-to-day operations of obtaining key essentials such as water, uniforms, equipment and heavy machinery on time. Therefore, the Administration Department provides the logistical support to strengthen the day-to-day operations of SLC and the requirements of stakeholders.

### Security

SLC security operates under the Administration Department and they remain responsible at all times to provide security for national players, officials, management, premises and grounds.

### Transport

The Sri Lanka Cricket transport division manages the overall transport operation of the organisation including the pool of vehicles, team buses, parking and drivers. The team is capable of managing the fleet of vehicles in order to ensure all requirements are being met without hindering the smooth operation.

The functions of the Administration Department have been streamlined and the staff ensures the efficient performance of the Department by introducing new processes and procedures to ease routine work.

During the year under review, the functions and the process of the Administration Department have vastly improved and contributed immensely towards achieving the corporate goal of Sri Lanka Cricket.



# Anti-Corruption Unit

The Sri Lanka Cricket Anti-Corruption Unit (SLC-ACU) continues carrying out its duties for the seventh consecutive year to ensure that the game of cricket in Sri Lanka is free from the clutches of corruption.

Global cricket is facing an enormous task ahead of them as international cricket is adversely prone to foreign speculation which could severely undermine the spirit of the game.

The year 2020 was anticipated to be a loaded year of cricket for cricket lovers in

same. Despite all the odds pertaining to the new normal condition, SLC managed to stage the inaugural edition of the LPL 2020 and SLC-ACU with the support of ICC-ACU launched stringent Anti-Corruption measures to keep corruption at bay.

## Monitoring Match Tournaments

SLC-ACU monitors all dominant domestic tournaments played in Sri Lanka on its own while it assists the ICC-ACU during international tournaments

## Domestic Tournament participants were educated on the establishment of the new sports law in the country.

Sri Lanka with back to back bi-lateral tournaments. However, the unprecedented pandemic situation brought cricket to a standstill not only in Sri Lanka but on a global scale.

The Sri Lanka Cricket Anti-Corruption Unit continues to function under its management with many progressive activities executed throughout the year. The operations of the SLC-ACU are well supported and assisted by all departments of the SLC especially by the SLC's Senior Management and Executive Committee who sense the importance of the

played in Sri Lanka as the final responsibility of it lies with the ICC-ACU. Required measures will be employed especially during international tournaments to ensure spectators or any other interested parties do not associate in any form of activity that could influence the outcome of the match being played. Further, warnings are displayed on the tickets and signboards in spectator stands. In addition to this, anti-corruption signs are displayed on the giant TV screens while the match is proceeding.

Contingent upon the fact a perpetrator is found, they will be subject to a thorough interview to establish their links and to investigate their roots with the possibility of an eviction from the ground if the need arises.

## Enforcement of Laws and Regulations

The updated SLC Anti-Corruption Code is in force and is displayed on the SLC website for the easy reference of the stakeholders. All the 'participants' held under the SLC Anti-Corruption Code were educated on the same and given awareness that negligence is not a defence.

## Minimum Standards for Players

All international matches played during the period under review ensured that regulations enforced by the ICC were strictly adhered to. This was executed under the close supervision of the ICC Anti-Corruption Officer and with the assistance of the SLC Anti-Corruption Officer.

In the domestic arrangement, PMOA guidelines were issued to both players and match officials even though no PMOA was established by itself.

## Investigations and Record Maintenance

SLC-ACU takes prompt action to investigate any corrupt activity reported and continuously assists the ICC-ACU through any investigation pertaining to Sri Lankan players

or other participants. SLC-ACU maintains records of all the activities, findings and charges relating to wrongdoers.

## Education and Awareness

Awareness programmes relating to abstaining off corruption practices were conducted for the international players, domestic players, academic level players, match officials and staff. Exclusive emphasis was placed on educating them on the modus operandi utilised by the potential corruptors to help protect them from falling prey to corrupt approaches. These programmes were conducted throughout the period under review. SLC-ACU consistently maintains a cordial relationship with players, match officials and other participants of the game while keeping their activities under the radar.

A special guideline has been introduced to the domestic tournaments while the same has been circulated to all participating clubs' prior the commencement of the tournament.

An Anti-Corruption booklet has been printed and distributed to all participants for their reference. Further, the participants were educated on the establishment of the new sports law in the country.

The ultimate aim is to encourage our sportsmen to play to their highest potential and to earn rewards through legitimate means while keeping the Sri Lankan flag flying high.

# Security Department

Security is an integral part of cricket as it aids to ensure the safety of participants, spectators and event officials. With the gathering of a colossal crowd, anyone side stepping security poses to be a massive risk which cannot be neglected or ignored.

The Security Department of Sri Lanka Cricket has developed safety and security protocols to ensure that the safety & security process remains consistent at each venue. This in turn ensures that the participant experience with cricket is enjoyable and safe by maintaining:

- A safe, secure and an enjoyable environment for all participants.
- Effective security outcomes, ensuring co-operation and co-ordination between all stakeholders.
- A proactive approach to venue safety and security.

SLC Security Department established advanced liaison with the local law enforcement agencies and other local authorities for ensuring that security protocols, as laid down in the Security Plan, are followed by all stakeholders during all

the international tournaments held during the year 2020. Guidance and direction relating to the security operations ensure that infallible security is available to all inbound teams, match officials at match/practice venues, during shifts from one place to another, at hotel-stays and airport.

## Developments

Safety and security inspection at international cricket stadia and further recommendations have been submitted for improvement.

Fire and safety surveys have been conducted with the assistance of the Colombo Municipal Fire Department at RPICS and SLC HQ and meanwhile suitable recommendations have been submitted for further improvements.

Preparation of comprehensive security plan and contingency plans for each inbound tour.

The Department worked hand in hand with the Anti-Corruption unit of SLC and conducted safety and security awareness programmes for the staff to provide up to date information.





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strong you are, until  
**BEING STRONG**  
is your only choice.

Bob Marley











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First of all, convince  
yourself that you are  
**THE BEST**  
because the rest of  
your life is going to go  
proving this to others.

Wasim Akram