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සැළලිහිණියා වර්ණ දෙකකින් යුක්තව නිර්මාණය කොට ඇත. එහි තද රතු පැහැය (Heritage red) ශ්‍රී ලංකා තැපෑලට අනන්‍ය වූ තද රතු පැහැයයි. ශ්‍රී ලාංකේය ජනතා ගදවත් දශක ගණනාවක් තිස්සේ තැපෑල හඳුනාගත් සන්නාම වර්ණ අනන්‍යතාවට හඳුරුවත් ආරක්‍ෂා කරනු ලබයි. තද රතු පැහැය (Heritage red) යොදාගෙන ඇත.

කහ පැහැය සැළලිහිණියාගේ වර්ණ සංයුතියෙන් උකහාගෙන ඇත.

සැළලිහිණියා සංරචණය කර ඇති රේඛා තුනෙන් සංන්වේදනයේ වේගවත් බව නිරූපණය කෙරේ.

සැළලිහිණියා වටා ඇති එකිනෙක බැඳුණු වර්ණ අටකින් යුත් වෘත්තයෙන් එකිනෙක බද්ධ වූ ගෝලීය සන්නිවේදන ජාලය, ජනවර්ග අතර සන්නිවේදන සබැඳියාව, තැපෑල හා සබැඳුණු විවිධ සේවා මෙන්ම එයට ආවේණික ගති ලක්‍ෂණයන් පිළිබිඹු කෙරේ. තද නිල්-Universal Postal Union හි නිල වර්ණය / අගස් නිල-ගුවන තුල තැපෑලේ මෙහෙයුම් දායකත්වය කොළ පැහැ නිල-මහ සයුර තුල තැපෑලේ මෙහෙයුම් දායකත්වය / ලා කොළ-ජර්සර හිතකාමී බව කහ-ශ්‍රී ලංකා තැපෑලේ පීට් ගුණය / තැබිලි-තාක්‍ෂණයෙන් අනුෂ්ඨ බව තද රතු-ශ්‍රී ලංකා තැපෑලට අනන්‍ය සන්නාම වර්ණය / දම්-විශ්වාසනීය සේවාව නිරූපණය වේ.

Postal Song

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Our Vision

Become the partner of excellence in relations, by providing innovative and diverse service.

Our Mission

To provide a highly innovative, efficient and reliable postal service utilizing motivated staff and modern technology in a pleasant work environment to maximize customer satisfaction while adhering to the standards of the Universal Postal Union and upholding the policies of the Government of Sri Lanka

Major Function

- Provision of an efficient and reliable service in tandem with all stakeholders as a team under any environmental and social condition under the guidance of the leadership and the promotion of income.
- Formulation and implementation of a strategic plan focused on new technological market and that advances the cause of the postal service in collaboration with the relevant stake holders.
- Bringing about an attitudinal change for the provision of a dignified service, updating intrinsic value systems of the Sri Lanka Post as a flagship communication entity of the state sector.
- Deploying the disciplined staff empowered by continuous training and a system of methodical performance appraisal in such a way to consolidate the public trust.
- Becoming the best postal hub of South Asia by providing a more efficient service through proper study of work, income-based grading and employee motivation.
- Making the post office network a commercial center providing multi-purpose services that can attract tourists and win public trust.
- Converting the postal service which has earned the confidence of the consumer by providing a door to door service into a more qualitative and more efficient service by employing modern marketing strategies.
- Achieving institutional improvement by the optimum use of technology with local and foreign assistance.
- Making the consumer delighted by offering services in a pleasing and attractive office environment.
- Sri Lanka Post which holds the membership of the Universal Postal Union, has won the public trust, is equipped with an island-wide network conquering the technology-based competitive market.

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Our History

Sri Lanka Posts has been in existence for more than 209 years and employs more than 17,000 employees in various positions. We are one of the oldest Government departments in existence today. We are proud of our history and heritage.

Sri Lanka Posts has a long history of 209 years, dating back to 1798 when the Colonial Dutch rulers started five post offices in the Maritime Districts that were under their control and in 1799 they published of first ever postal regulations and postage rates. The “East-India Company” operated the Postal service the Dutch started and was not meant for the public but for official use. There is not much material to say anything more of the period 1798 to 1815.

In 1815, the British took control of the country. They re-organized the postal service and a permanent Post Office was established in Colombo in 1882. The first Post Master General of Ceylon was Mr. A. Kennedy an Air Army Officer. However as far back as 1815 there has been Post Master Generals; Mr. E. Bletterman was the PMG for the whole island. Thereafter in 1817 Mr. Lewis Sansoni succeeded Mr. Bletterman as the second Postmaster General. The third Postmaster General was Major. G. Stewart and during his period he was instrumental in extending the postal services to major towns in the country. Ceylon Post and Telecommunications Department as it was known then has many a first to its credit.



We were the first to inaugurate a mail coach service in Asia; between Colombo and Kandy the service began operations in 1832 and in 1838 another mail coach service was started between Galle and Colombo.

The year 1892 saw the first “Travelling Post Office” doing its run between Colombo and Peradeniya a suburban of Kandy. Over the years different modes of transport has been used for the transportation and delivery of mail.



“Bedford” vans made in England were used even during the 70’s. Today we boast of a modern fleet of Japanese vehicles. Delivery of post in a bygone era was first by foot (in the hills and remote places it is not uncommon to see postman delivering letters by foot even today!), then bicycles were added. During the 50’s and 60’s postmen on British made BSA – Bantam motor cycles were a familiar sight. With the postman’s beat becoming smaller in cities the motor cycles gave way to the bicycles. Transportation of mails is done by railway, public and private omni-buses and our own fleet of vehicles.

Ceylon joined the Universal Postal Union on 1st April 1877 and again on 13th July, 1949 after independence joined the Universal Postal Union and created a world first.

On the 1st April, 1857 the first stamp was issued in penny denominations, five years after Britain introduced the postage stamp to the world. The first stamps to be issued in local denomination of rupees and cents was on 1st February, 1892.

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