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The survey is conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) to cater the relevant data needs of all stakeholders on computer literacy in Sri Lanka. The initial survey was conducted in 2004 and then continued in 2004, 2006/07, 2009. From 2014 onward, this survey module is attached to Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey and two separate bulletins are published on Computer Literacy. This bulletin reveals the major findings of the survey conducted in January to June in 2020. For the analysis of the computer literacy survey a nationally distributed sample of 12,870 households and persons of aged 5 – 69 years were enumerated.

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

MOVEMENTS OF KEY ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS INDICATORS



GDP
1.4
4th quarter
2020



Inflation Rate
4.2
February 2021
(measured by NCPI
on Y on Y basis)



**Producer Price Index
(PPI)**
149
January 2021



**Index of Industrial
Production (IIP)**
108.3
January 2021

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

LOCAL NEWS

CB extends tourism sector debt moratorium by 6 months - Daily FT

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Job market outlook for apparel sector remains neutral - The Island

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International Women's Day: Women's work during the pandemic - *BBC*

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U.K. Companies Start Hiring Again, Holding Back Unemployment - *Bloomberg*

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-03-23/u-k-unemployment-rose-less-than-expected-in-january-lockdown>

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- Amendments to Labour Laws - *EFC Circular No. 19 of 2021*
- Holidays for April, May and June - *EFC Circular No. 20 of 2021*
- Amendment to Circular No. 19 on Increase of the Minimum Age of Employment - *EFC Circular No. 22 of 2021*
- Amendment to the Decisions of the Wages Boards for the Tea Growing & Manufacturing Trade and Rubber Growing and Manufacturing Trade - *EFC Circular No. 23 of 2021*
- National Tripartite Agreement to Pro Rate Wages - *EFC Circular No. 24 of 2021*
- Festival Advance - *EFC Circular No. 26 of 2021*

EFC joins hands with AOTS-Japan for a full scale MTP - *EFC*

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