



The Northern Province NSB Postal Banking branch which was operating in Anuradhapura has been shifted to Jaffna. Here the Zonal Manager (North and East) S. Sivarajah lights the lamp to officially open the office. Deputy Postmaster General North Professors of the Jaffna University,V. Kumaraguru, K. Kuhabalan and M. Nadarajasundaram, NSB Postal Banking Branch Manager G. Jayantha, NSB Pawning Division Manager K. Guruge, Swami Sithrubanatha and Manager NSB Postal Banking Branch Northern Zone Rajamahendrasingham are also in the picture.

Pic: A. N. S. Thiruchelvam, Point Pedro group corr.



Dr. A.M.A. Azeez Foundation released its second publication titled "A.M.A. Azeez - Senate Speeches" at the YMMA Auditorium, Colombo recently. Here, the son of late Dr. Azeez, Mr. Ali Azeez hands over the first copy to A.G.A. Barrie of the Azeez Foundation. President S.H.M. Jameel and Khalid Farook are also in the picture.

Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt. Lavinia Sp. Corr.



Aksiya Kawsalya Hari Productions released a CD titled a *My Voice is a Blessing of Iyappan Swamy*", containing the latest Tamil devotional songs. Here, the singer Sithambaram Thiagarajah (right) presents a cassette to the Chief Trustee of the Mayurapathy Sri Pathrakaliyamman Kovil, Wellawatta, Pon Vailipuram. Deputy Minister P. Radhakrishnan looks on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The "Sanghamitta Day" on Unduvap Poya was commemorated at the All Ceylon Women's Buddhist Congress (ACWBC) at its headquarters on Baudhaloka Mawatha. Here the chief guest Prof. (Ms) Lorna Dewaraja is being received by ACWBC, President, Chitra Dias and Deputy President, ACWBC, Indrani Devendra.



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The scholarship presentation for Colombo Zahira College students was held under the supervision of College Principal, T. K. Azoor recently. Here the student, Mohamed Rishard receives his scholarship certificate from the Principal. Board Member, Navas Gaffoor looks on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The Moors Islamic Cultural Home Women's Bureau organised a trade fair at the MICH auditorium, Lily Avenue, Colombo 6 recently. Here the chief guest Ms. Sigamani Ameena Musthapha opening the fair. MICH Women's Bureau President, Fauza Jazeel and members Fawzi Rahim, Inaya Gouse and Faiza Haniffa are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Muslim Ladies Study Circle, Colombo opened its second vocational training centre in Warakapola recently. Here, President of the Study Circle, Nawaziya Farook, Centre Chairperson, Ameena Musthapha and committee members at the opening ceremony.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The devotees on a pilgrimage to Swami Aiyappan Temple in Sabarimalai in Kerala, South India participated at a religious ritual at the Ananda Aiyappan Shrine in Aluth Mawatha, Colombo 15 recently. Here, Colombo District Parliamentarian Mano Ganesan speaks to the devotees before their departure to Kerala.

Pic: Aruna Ponnambalam, Kottagala Group Corr.



The Sathya Sai Baba Foundation, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15 conducted a special pooja accompanied with Sai bhajans at the Navalur Mani Mandapam, Modera recently. The event was organised to mark the 83rd birth anniversary of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



An exhibition of nutritious foods and beverages organised by the Eheliyagoda MOH Office was held recently. Here a family Health Worker explains the art of preparing food and beverages of high nutritious value in their homes.

Pic: Ariyaratne Perera.

Moors Islamic Cultural Home organised a reception to the newly appointed Ambassador of Iran in Sri Lanka, Mahmood Rahimi Gorgi at the MICH Fathima building at Colombo 6 recently. Here former Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Iran and President of MICH, Omar Kamil handing over a memento to the new envoy.

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Tharuka Mal award ceremony conducted by the Justice and Law Reforms Ministry to felicitate winners of schoolchildren who had participated at the All-Island short story, Essay and Art Competitions on "Tsunami Rebuilding Effort" was held recently at the Ananda College auditorium, Colombo, organised by the Tsunami-affected Areas Rebuilding Project of the Justice Ministry in association with the Asian Development Bank. Here the Secretary, Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms, Suhada K. Gamalath gives away an award to a winner while Project Consultant Janaka Ranatunga looks on.



Ponniah Shanmuganathan of Dr. Subramaniam Road, Kanchanrodi, Chunnakam has been awarded the title "Kalahooshanam" by the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, at the John de Silva Memorial Hall recently. Here Mr. Shanmuganathan receives a round of applause from the Presidential Adviser and former Minister A. H. M. Azwer and Sinnadurai Arulanathan after being sashed with a golden shawl.

EVENTS

Pereliye Harischandra felicitation on Jan. 7

A ceremony to felicitate veteran author Pereliye K. Harischandra in recognition of his services towards Sinhala prose and verse during the period 1940-1990 will be held at the National Library Services and Documentation Board auditorium, Colombo on January 7 at 3 pm. Kalasuri Arisen Ahubudu, a contemporary scholar, author and linguist will preside.

A highlight will be the launching of Harischandra's literary work 'Pem Ama Dahara'. The theme lecture will be delivered by Amara Hewamadduma, Secretary to the Ministry of Culture. Other speakers will include Kalabhushana Sihil M. Sirisena, Sangeetha Visharada Weerasesna Gunatilleke, Attorney Jayatilleke Dissanayake and Sirisoma Dharmapriya, a former Provincial Education Director.

Prayers and religious lectures

The program of prayers and religious lectures will be conducted today, Jan. 4 at Nawala Jumma Mosque with *Rathibathul Jalaliya* by Moulavi M. Uzair Mansoor. It will be conducted after *Maghrib* prayers and will continue till *Isha* prayers. A religious lecture will also be followed by Moulavi Al Haj A. B. M. Mubrak after *Isha* prayers.

'Vedasa' - Medical expo from Jan. 6

The Faculty of Medical Sciences of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura has organised 'Vedasa' - the medical exhibition to mark the 50th anniversary of the University, at the BMICH from Jan. 6 to 12, from 10.00 am to 10.00 p.m.

YMMA distribution of free books

The National Council of the YMMAs of Sri Lanka Maligawatte has organised the distribution of free exercise books and stationery material to school children today, January 4 at 10.00 a.m. at the Lafir Cassim auditorium. Western Provincial Councillor, A. J. M. Muzammil will be the chief guest with Zeenath Trading Company Chairman, A. H. M. Mahir, Zam Zam Pvt Ltd., Chairman, M. M. Azhar and Kotahena East Lions Club District Coordinator, Lion R. Sivaraj as guests of honour. YMMA national President M. M. Mohamed will preside. (R.F.)

Muharram celebration today

The Board of Management of the Avondale Road, Zavia has organised the Islamic New Year (*Muharram*) celebration today, Jan. 4 at 10.30 a.m. at the Zavir premises, Maradana, Colombo 10. Kalifathush Shazuli Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (*Bahiji*) will preside. Burdah - Reciting, Yanabi, Halara, Muzakkara and Yaseen Dua will also be held. (R.F.)

A.G.M. of Asoka OBA

The Old Boys' Association of the Asoka Vidyalaya, Colombo 10 will hold its Annual General Meeting today January 4 at 4.00 p.m. at the school hall. (R.F.)

Polyclinic

The Sri Lanka Cancer Society at 37/25, Bulls Lane, Colombo 7 will hold their next polyclinic from 8.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. on Sunday January 11, to screen patients for all types of cancer. Pap Smears testing, dental and general clinic activities and a counselling service too will be conducted free.

Saman Weerasinghe schols ceremony on Jan. 7

A ceremony to grant annual scholarships by Dr. Saman Weerasinghe, an old boy of Mahinda College, Galle and the International Secretary of the Sri Lanka-Russia Friendship Association, in memory of his parents will be held on Wednesday, January 7 at 3.30 p.m. at the Russian Centre, No. 10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7. Forty A/L students of Mahinda College, Galle will receive their scholarships at the ceremony.

Conferred with honorary title

Ryan de Silva of Nedimale, Dehiwela has been conferred the 'Manawa Hithawadi Deshabandu Lankaputra' honorary title by Vishwa Samadhi Foundation, in recognition of his humanitarian and social service. A past pupil of Dehiwala St. Mary's College and a graduate in Business Management, he is



presently the Managing Director of D.R. Foods. As a dayaka of the Nedimala Sri Maha Viharaya, he plays a leading role in

organising the Viharaya's annual perahera committee. He is also the organiser and treasurer of the Kaduwela Welihinda Siddha Sumiyam Devalaya, member of the Nedimala Civil Defence Committee and President of the Dehiwala Dads Sports Club.

"Dummalawarama" at (MYC)



"Dummalawarama", directed by Ranjith de Alwis will go on the boards at the Maharagama Youth Centre, (MYC) in aid of Sri Lanka Army Women's association on Friday, January 9 at 3.30 and at 6.30 p.m. The cast includes Gaminetti Hettiarachchi, Sanath Wimalasiri, Manohari Wimalatunga, Upul Weerasinghe (Upul mama) Anura Srinath, Anura Mapitigama, Tharaka Adikari, Roshana Ondanchi and Upali Keerthisena. Music is directed by Vishradha Edward Jayakody.

