



A series of plakams will be held and Daham pandura will be offered to Buddhist centres here and abroad, to bestow merit on veteran science writer and astronomer, Amura C. Perera's wife Chandra Perera. Here he hands over the first such Daham Pandura to President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Foreign Minister Rohitha Bogalagama, Western Province Governor, Alavi Mowlana and Colombo National Hospital Director, Dr. Hemantha Ranasingha were also present. The proposed series of plakams will be held under the patronage of the vice chancellor of the Sri Jayawardanepura University Ven. Prof. Bellawila Wimalaratana Nayake Thera.

Religious events in remembrance



Religious ceremonies will be held in 100 temples in Sri Lanka as well as in 100 temples throughout the world. In the first week of April, to bestow merit on Mrs. Chandra (Indo) Perera who left this world suddenly three months back. She

was the loving wife of well-known science writer and astronomer Amura C. Perera and was a teacher at St. Paul's Girls School, Miligiriya for 30 years. On her retirement she worked as a teacher in the USA for over 10 years.



The fifth Ran Kekula Account Unit of the Kirindiwela Bank of Ceylon branch was opened at Henegama Central College recently. Here the Principal, W.S. Kularatne hands over a pass book to a student account holder. Mahara Divisional Education Director, S.A.B. Karunaratne, Bank of Ceylon General Manager (Marketing Section) Ranjith Thilakarane and Kirindiwela branch manager, Upali Ransinghe are also in the picture.

Pic: Malwana Group Cor. - Mahanama Vithanage



The annual Biyagama circuit meet conducted by the Dept. of Education and organised by the Director, Biyagama Circuit, Remka Edirisinghe was held at the Delgado grounds recently. Here the Director of York International School hoists the national flag.



The Governor of Uva Province hands over a cheque of the value of Rs. 5,000 from the Governor's Fund to H.D. Seshtha Menike (right) of Ambahagambura for her husband's medical expenses at the Governor's Office, Badulla. Secretary to the Governor H.M. Somatilleke looks on.

Pic: G.P.A. Weerasuriya, Badulla South Gr. Cor.



The Automobile Association of Ceylon (AAC) organised a vintage car rally to mark its 105th anniversary recently. Here the chief guest Governor, Western Province Alavi Mowlana presents a memento to CEO/Director, Optimum Q International (Pvt) Ltd., Suresh Ratanasinghe the event partner.



The Past Prefects' Association of Zahra College, Colombo organised the annual dinner and teachers recognition ceremony recently at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel. Here Project Chairman Tarik Booso handing over the first ticket to Fowzal Hameed, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Zahra College. President of the PPA Shafiq Faleel is also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



Miss. Kalyani Kumarasivam and Miss Sevi Vinayagamoorthy present a light song (Mellisa Padal) at a ceremony at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte, to mark International Women's Day.

Pic: A. Maduraweeran.



The launching ceremony of EDEXCEL accredited Teacher Training Diplomas was held at the Hotel Galadari recently. Here Vivek Govil and Lakshman M. Kuruppu exchange the MOU. Mrs. Premila Pauraj, Territory Manager India Subcontinent, Educet, Deputy Minister of Education Maldives Dr. Abdulla Nazren, Regional Development Manager of Sri Lanka and Maldives for Edexcel International Suriya Bible are also in the picture.

Pic: Vipula Amarasinghe.



The Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative exhibition on the theme 'Justice everywhere' organised by the American Embassy in partnership with the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka was held at the Faculty of Arts and Culture Complex of the Oshavi campus recently. Here the American Embassy's Cultural Affairs Officer, Glen Davis delivers the keynote address.

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen Adalalchenai Gr. Cor.



Sri Lanka Malay Association Rupee Fund

Seated (L-R): Al Haj T. B. J. Cuttlan, Brig. T. M. Bohoran, Mrs. Dairina Burah, Mrs. Fareeda Deane, Thaha Mohamed, Mrs. Shama Eshwaran, Hoay. Asst. Secretary Ramalee Ajudiaman, Hoay. Secretary Chansay Mander, Pratheep M. K. K. Z. Sahar, Vice President: Mrs. Jan Jan Dooie, Hoay. Treasurer: Marvella Lye, Trustees, Mrs. Marina Lye and Mrs. Indra Saidin. Standing: Masood Ahamath, Taj Sheriffdeen, Mrs. Shirley Anit, Mrs. Florean Anit, Mrs. Virashmie Adjunain, Mrs. Malrean Lutra, Mrs. Kumala Assen, Mrs. Haleema Booco, Al Haj A. R. Pallie and Yaseen Samath. Absent: Al Haj M. H. Sourjah, Trustee: Brig. T. S. B. Sally, Trustee: Mrs. Rowena Ahij Trustee, Haroon Musauer.



The Chairman of the Bank of Ceylon, Dr. Gamini Wickramasinghe who opened the state-of-the-art Bank of Ceylon's Akkarapattu branch at a new location along Main Street issues a token to a customer who had applied for a tractor loan under the Naganahira Navodaya scheme. Provincial Minister of Road Development, Irrigation, Housing and Construction, Rural Electrification and Water Supply (Eastern Province) M. S. Uthumallicke (centre) looks on.

Pic: M. A. Phakurdeen, Adalalchenai Gr. Cor.



The Managing Trustee of the Community Trust Fund Ms. Jenilla Majed, an activist for displaced persons, in Jaffna was among the ten recipients of this year's International Women of Courage (IWC) award of the US State Department presented by US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton in Washington recently. Here Ms. Majed is being felicitated by Housing and Common Amenities Minister, Mrs. Prish Ashraf at her official residence.

Pic: Ashraf A. Samad, Dehiwela - Mt. Lavinia Spl. Cor.



A UPFA campaign meeting to seek the support of the graduates in the Hambantota district at the forthcoming general election was held recently at the Medamulana residence of President Mahinda Rajapaksa, under the patronage of, Export Development and International Trade Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris and Peris, Civil Aviation and Water Management Minister and leader of the UPFA Hambantota candidates' list Chamal Rajapaksa. Here a cross section of the gathering.

EVENTS

Dasa Paramitha on March 29

The 18th annual Buddhist procession, Dasa Paramitha of the Athula Dassana Buddhist Centre, Colombo 7 will proceed along Baudhaloka Mawatha on March 29 (Poya Day) from 7.00 p.m., with 500 up-country and low-country dancers, 1000 dahan pass students and 10 elephants.

This traditional procession will symbolize blessings for prosperity under the guidance of the Thripitakacharya, Ven. Borelle Athula thera.

Inland Revenue Avurudhu on Friday

The New Year festival organised by the Southern Provincial Revenue Department Welfare Society will be held at the Uyanawatte Stadium, Matara on Friday, April 2.

The highlights will include folk songs, musical items and sports items for adults and children.

Vimala Thakar's talks today

Internationally renowned spiritualist Vimala Thakar's talks will be re-played on March 28, at 10 a.m. at 3/2, Ramakrishna Terrace, Colombo 6 auditorium.

The followers of Thakar could listen to the talks. A discussion will follow.

It is open to the public.

AGM of inaugural WASLAM today

The Malay Women's Association of Sri Lanka (WASLAM) (Peraturan Wanita Melayu Sri Lanka) will be launched on Sunday, April 4, with the inaugural general meeting at 3.30 p.m. at the Sasakawa Hall, Colombo 3.

AGM of Hardy Alumni today

The Hardy Alumni Association will hold its Annual General Meeting of the session 2009/2010 on Sunday, March 28 from 9.30 a.m. at Prof. Evan A. Hardy Centre, No. 511/1, Galle Road, Ratmalana.

Good Friday service

Three spiritual hours at the foot of the cross, lending itself to a distinct experience of the power of love, will be held on Good Friday, April 2 commencing at 8.00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, St. Lawrence Road (opposite Royal Bakery) Wellawatte.

An annotated message will be delivered by Dr. Vijaya Corea.

The Vicar, Rev. Patrick Fernando, said that the service is open to all who desire a wholesome spiritual experience.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Can I strip myself of the network of language?' delivered by the late Indian philosopher J. Krishnamurti, will be replayed at Anula Nursery School hall, 310, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

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The Independence Day celebrations of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) of the Point Pedro depot were held recently. Here S. Kulabala Selvan (Deputy Manager), SLTB, Point Pedro, S. Thevendran (Inquiring Officer), P. Thangarajah (Deputy Engineer), K. Kandasamy (Assistant Manager, Operations), P. Kathingamanathan (Storekeeper), S. Jeewanandan (Senior Depot Inspector) and other staffers after hoisting the national flag.