



Principal of Weediya Maha Vidyalaya, Jayantha Dharma Sri's latest book, Landesi Duupata was launched during the *Guru Gedara* book ceremony recently. Here he presents a copy to veteran writer Kamal Perera. Ven. Batuwangala Rahula Thera looks on.

Pic: Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor, Priyadarshani Kahawala.



The annual Katina Maha Pinkama of Sri Jinendra Chaitayama Purana Vihara, Egodayana, Moratuwa was held recently. Here the chief incumbent Ven. Pandit Naramane Buddhakkitha Nayaka Thera administers pansil.

Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.



Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardane distributed forest plants and home garden appliances worth Rs. 200,000 to 157 households in the Maharagama electorate recently at a ceremony at the Maharagama Divisional Secretariat. Here the minister presents a mango sapling to a recipient.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



WPC Member U. George Perera (UNP) opened a computer room of the Kelani Maha Vidyalaya, Kelaniya recently. Public Relations and Public Affairs Minister Dr. Mervyn Silva, Vice Chairman Kelaniya Pradeshia Sabha Duminda Nishantha, Kelaniya PS Member Hasitha Madawala and Principal D.U. Kodagoda look on.

Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



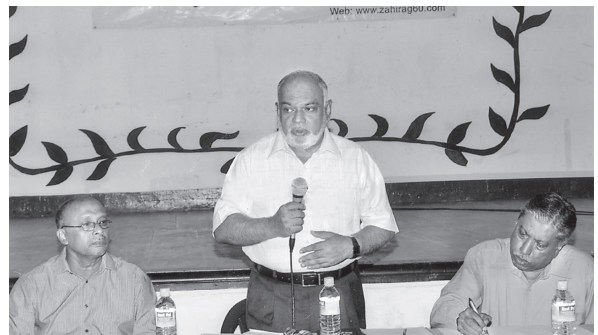
Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa opens the new block of the Gampaha Sribodhi Maha Vidyalaya recently. WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga and WPC Chairman Sunil Wijeratne are also in the picture.

Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The felicitation and award ceremony to honour senior devotees of Arulmigu Sree Muneeswarar Kovil, Jampettah Street, Colombo 13 was held recently at the kovil. Here the Chief Editor of the Sunday *Virakesari* V. Devaraj receives the award, in recognition and for the spiritual services rendered by him to the kovil and the community. Chief Priest Sivanesha Sarma and the trustees look on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The seventh Annual General Meeting of the Group of '60 of Zahira College, Colombo was held at the Abdul Gaffoor Hall recently. Here President A.C.M. Ifthie addresses the gathering. Secretary Rauff Refai and M.H.M. Nafaiz Hamdoon are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Young Men's Buddhist Association, Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia donated drugs and dry rations and also conducted a shramadana campaign for Ward No. 19 of the Cancer Hospital, Maharagama. From left: Director, YMBA, Ananda Peramuna, Chairman, Ranil Fernando, Treasurer, Priyanga De Alwis, Chief Dispenser, Cancer Hospital, N. Weerasinghe and General Secretary, Bandula Nanayakkara.



The *Rekiya Wessa* program for Western Province graduates organised by the WPC Chief Minister was held at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium recently. Here Namal Rajapaksa MP presents an award to Saman Weerawansa, Senior Lecturer of the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. WPC Governor Asseyed Alavi Moulana and Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga are also in the picture.

Pic: M. Munthasir - Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



A mobile dental service was held at the Nursery School, Anandagama, Beruwala recently. Here Dr. Senarath of the N.I.H.S., Kalutara examines a child. Karl Eyerkauf of Germany is also in the picture. (Pic: B. M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.)



The Embuldeniya United Trade and Businessmen's Association conducted its annual eye camp for the sixth successive year at the Sampath Bank premises, Embuldeniya. Here an optician examines a patient. Around 320 persons received free spectacles.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



A special donation of seeds, fertilisers and agro-equipment for farmers in the Talagala, Meepagala areas was held recently on an initiative by Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka. Here a farmer receives his sack from Kalutara District parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka and Provincial Councillor, Western Province Kithsiri Kahatapitiya. Vice Chairman, Horana Pradeshia Sabha, Ashoka Ranathunga looks on.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingriya Central Group. Cor.



Uggalboda Vidyalaya, Minuwangoda celebrated World's Children's Day recently. Here Manager of the People's Bank, Minuwangoda, Ruwansiri Gnanathilake presents a till to a student. Principal Wimal Piyarathna is also in the picture.

Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



The 58th annual Sale and Good News Fair of the Ceylon Bible Society (CBS) was held at the Christian Reformed Church, Colombo 6 recently. Here the chief guest, Ms. Sita Perera lights the oil lamp. General Secretary, Mrs. Lakshani Fernando, President, Major. Douglas Wijesinha and Gita Wijesinha look on.



The annual Prize Day of St. Anthony's Boys' Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo 13, was held at its auditorium, under the patronage of senior lecturer, Sri Lanka Open University of Sri Lanka Dr. Neavis Morais recently. Here the chief guest and other invitees being conducted to the venue by the Principal Anton Paul. The guest of honour R. Lawrence Morais, Vice Principal S. Srikantha, special guests, Mrs. Morais and Thason Fernandez are also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The annual Kalutara Bodhigana Literary festival was held under the patronage of former Secretary to the Prime Minister Bradman recently. Here Weerakoon presents a parcel of books to a child, a participant in a dance item.

Pic: Divakara Mohotti, Kalutara Gr. Cor.



The donation of chicks to 67 families in the Horana area was held at the Veterinary Office, Horana recently, organised under the Divi Neguma program. Here Vice Chairman, Horana Pradeshia Sabha, Ashoka Ranathunga presents the chicks to a resident. Veterinary Surgeon, Horana Dr. B.R.A. Abeywickrama and Divisional Secretary, Horana, Nishanthi Jayasingha are also in the picture.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



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Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Inter-Club Women's Football tournament organised by the Sri Lanka Football Federation was held at the Police grounds, Bambalapitiya recently. Sri Lanka Army Women's Football Club clinched the championship. Here the champion team with the officials.

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## EVENTS

### AGM of Deaf School PPA on Nov. 20

The Past Pupils' Association of the School for the Deaf, Ratmalana will hold its 62nd Annual General Meeting and the election of office - bearers for the year 2011/2012 on Sunday, November 20 at the Stanley Hall, The School for the Deaf, Ratmalana, commencing at 9.30 a.m. It will be followed by lunch.

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Can the brain be totally free?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at Anula Nursery School hall, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m.

It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

### Old Peterites' get-together

A get-together of pre-1970 Old Peterites and their spouses will be held on November 26, at the 'Raja Bojun', Galle Road, Colombo 3, from 7.30 p.m.

### Bible study lectures

The first in the series of lectures on the Book of Genesis will be delivered by Rev. Father Nilindra Gunasekera, Professor in Sacred Scripture at the National Seminary Ampitiya, tomorrow at 6.00 p.m. in the Colombo YMCA Forum Hall, Bristol Street, Colombo 1.

The lectures are conducted at the invitation of the Colombo YMCA Bible Study Institute.

### Young soloists concert

The next annual Young Soloists concert of the Symphony Orchestra of Sri Lanka (SOSL), will be held in July 2012. Many top level Sri Lankan musicians, nationally and internationally, have had their first solo performance with an orchestra at these Young Soloists concerts.

Talented musicians under 30 can take part in the auditions in March 2012, to select soloists.

Singers may also apply to perform in a program of around 15 minutes consisting of selections from the standard repertoire for voice and orchestra. The closing date for applications is December 10, 2011. Details in SOSL website.

### Sahithya award for Murugesu Senthilnathan

Business Development Manager of the Express Newspapers of (Ceylon) Ltd, Murugesu Senthilnathan has been presented with the Sahithya Award by Central Provincial Ministry of Education in recognition and appreciation of his services to the media, social and religious activities for over 10 years.

Senthilnathan who holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Wales, Unit-



ed Kingdom also holds a postgraduate diploma in marketing and is a Justice of the Peace (All Island).

### Inter-School Shakespeare competition results

The finals of the Inter-School Shakespeare Drama Competition organised by the Colombo YMCA and the Rotary Club of Colombo North and sponsored by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants were held at the Bishop's College auditorium recently.

### Boys' Schools (All-Island):

**Winner :** S. Thomas College, Mt. Lavinia

**1st Runner-up :** D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo 7, **2nd Runner-up :** Ananda College, Colombo 10, **3rd Runner-up:** St. Benedict's College, Colombo 13.

**Best Actor All-Island :** Abdul Baasith, D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo 7.

**Best Supporting Actor All-Island :** Rahantha Abayakoon, S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia; Best Outstation Boys' School: Loyola College, Negombo.

**Runner-up Outstation Boys' School :** Maris Stella College, Negombo.

**Best Actor Outstation :** Sanjay Chandrasekaran, St. Anthony's College, Kandy; Best Supporting Actor Outstation : Sahan Rangitha, Mahinda College, Galle.

### Girls' Schools (All-Island):

**Winner :** Girls' High School, Kandy.

**1st Runner-up :** Newstead Girls' College, Negombo; **2nd Runner-up :** St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo 7; **3rd Runner-up :** Hillwood College, Kandy.

**Best Actress All-Island :** S. Kumeri Bandara, Girls' High School, Kandy; Best Supporting Actress All-Island: Dakshika Wijesekera, Girls' High School, Kandy.

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