

COMMUNITY



A *Pahan puja* to invoke blessings on students sitting the GCE (O/L) Examination this year, was held under the patronage of Ven. Deegala Piyadassi Thera, Viharadhipathi of Sri Medhankara Vihara, Dehiwala.



The Democratic Left Front held its 12th anniversary celebrations at the Viharamahadevi Park, Colombo recently with National Languages and Social Integration Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara as the chief guest. Here Colombo West DLF Organiser, Mohamed Hilmi presents a felicitation memento to the Minister on behalf of the Muslims.



Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson Lakwanitha Peramuna and Shramashakthi Organisation Shanthini Kongahage represented Sri Lanka at the Federal Women's Committee and Federal Regional and Rural Committee National Conference held in Australia recently. Here Mrs. Kongahage with other foreign delegates. (From left): Maria Lay, Member of Parliament, Timore Leste, Navoditha Chaudri, Member of Parliament, Nepal, Shafeeq Shaazly Postmaster General, Maldives, Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia, Brian Mayfield, President of Liberal Party of Australia.



The Tamil book *Chaivam and Tamil* was released at the Kathiresan Hall, Bambalapitiya recently. Here the author Ira Sevankkanapathy presents the first copy to the Director, Traffic Police (Admin. & Road Safety), K. Arsarathnam SSP.

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



Suzuki Hiroki, a fourth year student of the Kanagawa Kouka University of Japan and a member of Nihon Shakai Fukushi Kosailai Welfare Association donates Rs. 30,000 to a child with a hearing impediment, at an event organised by the Kalutara, Palatota, Sahana Sarana Social Welfare Foundation recently. President of Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha Lakshman Pathirana and Amarakoon, a director of Sahana Sarana Social Welfare Foundation are also in the picture.

Pic: Upali Batuwatta, Kalutara South Gr. Cor.



Musical instruments worth Rs. 8,500,000 were distributed among 50 schools islandwide. Each school received items worth Rs. 175,000. The distribution was made at a special ceremony held at Isurupaya recently. Here the Principal of Homagama Mahinda Rajapaksa Vidyalaya, Nandana Silva receives a set from Education Minister Bandula Gunawardene.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs in collaboration with Borella Ahadiyya school had organised the Islamic New Year (*Muharram*) ceremony at the MICH Pasha Villa, Colombo recently. Here ITN Director Hashim Omar receives a souvenir from the Principal Shibly Hashim. Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry Senior Assistant Secretary M.I. Ameer, Amana Bank, Head of Administration, Fairooze Burah and Colombo District Ahadiyya Federation President M.R.M. Zarook are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The members of the Islamic Society, affiliated to the Colombo Zahira College clinched the championship of the All Ceylon Inter-School Islamic Competition 2011, organised by the Girls' High School, Kandy recently. Here the President, Zahira College Islamic Society (ZCIS) Rishni Roshan presents the award to the College Principal M. Jiffry. Master-in-charge, Abdul Azeez and Dr. Mohamed Nafees are also in the picture.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The Sri Lanka - Republic of Korea Association held its 40th Annual General Meeting under the patronage of the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Jongmoon Choi recently. Here the Ambassador (third from left) addresses the meeting. Treasurer Asoka Weerasekera, President Prof. Daya Edirisinghe and Secretary Upali S. Jayasekera are also in the picture.

Pic: Vipula Amarasinghe



A community service project organised by the Pugoda Hatton National Bank branch to mark its first anniversary was held at the branch premises recently. Stationery items to 25 students and spectacles to 150 needy people were donated. Here the Bank's Regional Manager Jude Fernando presents a pair to an elderly person. Branch Manager B. Vipula Semaratne was also present.

Pic: Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana Gr. Cor.



The 27th Kalabhooshana State Awards ceremony, jointly organised by the Cultural Affairs Department, Culture and Arts Ministry, Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs Department and the Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs Department was held at the John de Silva Memorial Theatre, Colombo 7 recently. Here, the chief guest Deputy Buddhadasana and Religious Affairs Minister M.K.A.D.S. Gunawardhana presents an award to veteran artiste T. Thuraisingam while Mrs. Gunawardhana looks on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



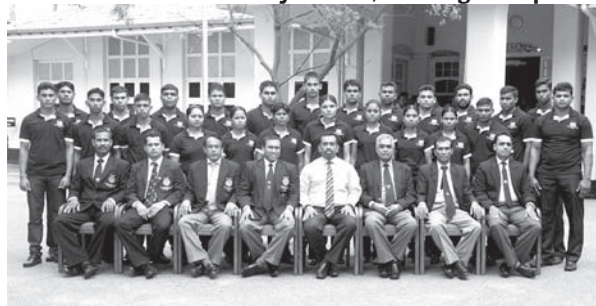
The International Disability Day was celebrated by the Saviya Development Foundation recently at Sangamitta Girls School, Galle. Six persons who had worked for the uplift of the disabled were felicitated. Here the founder of Tangalle Deaf and Blind School, W. Rupasinghe Perera receives an award from the chief guest Health Minister Maithripala Sirisena. Agriculture Minister Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana and the Chairman of Saviya Foundation Winston de Silva were also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The annual Christmas program of the Assembly of God, Nawinna, for Sunday Schoolchildren was held in Nawinna recently.

Pic: Sudam Gunasinghe.



The Sri Lanka National tug-O-war team with Sports Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage on the eve of their departure for India to participate in the South Asian Championship and Rajiv Gandhi Championship tournament.



Title land deeds were presented to 39 soldiers in the Kalutara district, at the Divisional Secretariat, Horana recently. Here a soldier receives his title deed from Kalutara district Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka. Horana, Divisional Secretary, Nishanthi Jayasinha is also in the picture. Project Director, Army Armed Unit of the Defence Ministry, Major Gen. W.R. Wasantha Kumara was also present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor Al Haj M.M.M. Amjad and Rev. Fr. Nisantha Perera, Parish Priest Polkotuwa being conducted to the road, under construction, under the "Maga Neguma" program at St. Anne's Road, Polkotuwa, Beruwala recently.

Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



A foundation stone - laying ceremony for the proposed Mawak Oya Children's Garden was organised by the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha and held at the Wagawatta, Poruwedanda Mawak Oya premises recently. Here veteran dramatist Janak Premal unveils the plaque. Ports and Highways Deputy Minister, Nir-mala kotalawala was also present.

Pic: Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor., Priyadarshani Kahawala



The Christmas carol service, organised by the Sri Lanka Mispah Prayer Missionary Ministry, Modera, Colombo 15 was held at its premises recently. Here, one of the events in progress.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



Ave Maria Convent, Negombo held its annual Christmas carols in the open stage of the school premises. Here the students render carols.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.

EVENTS

SLBC Xmas program

The SLBC Commercial Service has organised the Xmas radio program on 101.3 FM/104.8FM/102FM/98.8FM channels.

December 25: 11.30 a.m. - Rev Duleep Fernando;
December 25: 6.00 a.m. Special Talk by Rev. C.N. Jansz;
December 26: 8.00 p.m. - Rev. Mark Billimoria;
December 27: 4.30 p.m. Major P. Jayaratnesinghem;
December 28: 8.15 p.m. - Mrs Rohean Jayawardena;
December 29: 8.15 p.m. - Mrs. Manel Nanayakkara;
December 30: 4.45 p.m. - Rev Asiri P. Perera.

YMMA stationery distribution on Jan 1

The distribution of exercise books and stationery among needy children by the National Council of YMMA Maligawatte will be held at the SBC Thassim Reception Hall on January 1 at 10 a.m.

YMMA 'Members' Night' on Dec 29

The National Council of YMMA, Maligawatte has organised the 'YMMA Members' Night' on December 29 at 6.30 p.m. at the SBC Thassim Reception Hall. Founder President and Patron of the YMMA, Al Haj S.B.C. Thassim will be the chief guest.

'Hari Bahasa Melayu' on Jan. 1

The Konfrensi Melayu Sri Lanka (COSLAM) will hold its 'Hari Bahasa Melayu' and the commemoration meeting of the 122nd birth anniversary of Al Haj Dr. T.B. Jayah on January 1, 2012 at Zahira College, Colombo 10. High Commissioner for Malaysia in Sri Lanka Azmi Zainuddin will be the chief guest.

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A new Ayurvedic medical treatment centre was opened at Handapangoda town recently, by the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, to commemorate the late veteran writer, Saratchandra Jayakodi. Here a lady medical officer examines a patient. Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathursinghe, Secretary, Miss. P.J. Anoma and other officials are also in the picture.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Mahagoda Zavia Masjid celebrated Mahakib Majlis recently. Here, Kaleefa Moulavi M.S.M. Istikhar (Bari) addresses the congregation.

Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The project "Free Eye Care Program for Schoolchildren", sponsored by the Hope for Children with the support of Rotary Club of London and organised by the Akkaraipattu ERRO Lanka (Eastern Rehabilitation Relief Organisation) where 214 needy school children in Akkaraipattu Zone receiving free spectacles. Here a volunteer Dr. Dammi Prathan examines a student (left) while another Ms Ericka tries on a pair of spectacles on a girl. The camp was held at Akkaraipattu Al-Munawara Junior College presided by the President of ERRO Lanka S.L.M. Uwaize.

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