



Minister of Water Supply and Drainage Dinesh Gunawardena presents a memento to Wimalasiri Perera who was promoted Government Agent of Kalutara at the farewell party organised at the Ministry office. Senior officials of the Ministry were also present.

Pic: Colombo Central TKN Cor. Mohamed Imthiyaz



The National Festival for the establishment of Children's model villages islandwide, organised by the Children's Secretariat, under the Child Development and Women's Affairs Ministry, was held at the Ingiriya police station recently, on the initiative of Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs, Tissa Karaliyadda. Here the parish priest of Ingiriya church, Rev. Fr. N. Ashoka Raja presents a gift to a child, who had successfully completed his pre-school education. Minister Tissa Karaliyadda, parliamentarian Vidura Wickremananayaka and SSP Panadura Division H. M. Dharmasena are also in the picture.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson, Lakwantha Peramuna and Shramashakthi Organisation Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage, provided electricity to Kalugalla Estate, Pussellawa recently. Here Mrs. Kongahage addresses the gathering. Lanka Jathika Estate Workers' Union District Industrial Officer Sivapragasagam looks on.



Special prayers were held to mark the seventh year of the tsunami at the Aroosiya Arabic College, Colombo recently. Here President's Islamic Affairs Coordinator, As Seyed Hafil Hassan Moulana reciting a dua (prayers). A. H. M. Azwer MP, ITN Director Hashim Omar and U. T. Muhajireen were present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A festival, organised to commemorate the 110th anniversary of Sri Sumanajothi College, Ingiriya by its Principal Janak Aberathna, the Old Boy's Society and parents was held at the school premises recently. A Upahara donation was also held. Here Minister of Minor Export Crops Promotion, Reginald Cooray presents an Upahara award to the Vice Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha Ashoka Ranathunga.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The newly appointed 190 employees to the CMC received their letters of appointment from WPC Governor Asseyed Alavi Mowlana at the Governor's Secretariat, Colombo recently. Here an employee receives his letter. WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga, Governor's Secretary S. Abeyesundara, CMC Commissioner Mrs. B. Jayawardane and Municipal Councillor Azad Sally were also present.

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



A ceremony was held to mark the fifth anniversary of the People's Co-op Super at the Minuwangoda Multi Purpose Cooperative Society recently. Here the General Manager of Minuwangoda MPCS Sudath Samarasinghe cuts the anniversary cake. President of Minuwangoda MPCS, D.T.W. Ranathunga and other officials are also in the picture.

Pic: Ivon Nissanka - Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



The latest book of *Nopipi Malak*, authored by the founder of *Guru Gedara Books Centre*, Indika Sanjeeva Vitana was launched during the Sarathchandra Jayakodi commemoration ceremony in Poruwedanda recently. Here Indika presents the first copy to Jayakodi's wife Chandra Padmini Mannapperuma.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The late veteran medical practitioner and well-known social worker of the South Eastern region Dr. P. Arunakulasingam was remembered by the Dr. Arunakulasingam Golden Jubilee Committee of Akkaraipattu at a condolence meeting chaired by the Chairman Dr. S.M.A. Jabbar at Athaulah Arangam Akkaraipattu recently. Here a senior Attorney-at-Law S.S. Abbasee receives a souvenir from retired Engineer S. Ganesh while Dr. Jabbar and Co-ordinating Secretary to Minister A.L.M. Athaulah, A.B. Dawood look on.

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



The Non-Graduate Teachers' Training Program, Prabanjah 2011 was held at the National College of Education Centre, Peradeniya recently. Minister of Industrial Education (Tamil) of the Central Province Mrs. Anusha Sivarajah, Principal H. H. Ariyadasa and lecturer in Art, P. Logeswaran look on.

Pic: D. Vasantha Kumar, Nawalapitiya Tkn Cor



The Cultural Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran organised an Iranian stage drama at the John de Silva Theatre, Colombo recently. Here the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Sri Lanka, Dr. Nabi Muhammad Hassani Pouri, Cultural Counsellor Mehdi G. Rokni and embassy officials view the show.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Minister Dr. Rajitha Senarathne lays the foundation stone for a new library building at the U.C., Beruwala recently. Education Minister Bandula Gunawardana and Chairman U.C. Beruwala Al-Haj Milfer Cafoor look on.

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



The commemoration ceremony of the former chief Trustee of Thiruketheswaram Kovil, Mannar, Saiva Periyar, the late E. Namasivayam was held at the Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapitiya, recently organised by the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC) and the Thiruketheswaram kovil Trustees Board. Here the Vice President, ACHC, V. Thavayogarajah garlands the portrait of the late Namasivayam, while the Secretary, Kandiah Neelakandan looks on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, Gampaha branch held its Volunteer Appreciation Awards ceremony 2011 at the Gampaha Headquarters, Demanhandiya, Negombo recently. Here the National President, Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, Jagath Abeyasinghe presents an award to G.M.A.D. Chandana Priyantha for saving 24 lives during the current year. Branch Chairman Anton Victoria is also in the picture.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The CD launch of Pulamai Puthayal was held recently at KM/Al-Mazhar Girls' High School, Nintavur. Here S. Ahamathu, Divisional Education Officer drapes a golden shawl around A.C.M. Mufeth of the tutorial staff. From left: A. Ajmal (Moulavi), I.M. Hanifa, Divisional Secretary and M.T.A. Thoufeek, Zonal Director of Education.

Pic: A.L.A. Rafeek, Nintavur Spl. TKN. Cor.



The Muharram day prize-giving of Jamiyathul Fassiya College, China Fort, Beruwala was held recently. Here Moulavi M.J.M. Fashah (Ashrafi) addresses the gathering.

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



The Secretary of the Panadura Pradeshiya Sabha Mrs. Kusumalatha Gamage retired after 30 years in the State Service, recently. A felicitation ceremony was held recently under the patronage of the Chairman Sunethral Fernando to present a memento to Mrs. Gamage. Pradeshiya Sabha Opposition Leader, M.N.M. Thahirfassy and other officers look on.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "The ending of sorrow brings love and compassion" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Beddegana, Duwa Road, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

VVOGA's Sinhala short plays on Jan 7

"An evening of Sinhala short plays" organised by the Visakha Vidyalyaya Old Girls Association (VVOGA) will be staged on Saturday, January 7 at the Namel Malini Puchi Theatre, Borella from 7.00 pm. Two Sinhala comedies, *Golubirinda* and *Kandoshkiriya*, directed by Namel Weeramuni featuring popular Sri Lankan actors, will be staged on this day. The proceeds will be utilised for school development projects.

Polyclinic on Jan 8

The Sri Lanka Cancer Society, Bullers Lane, Colombo 7 will hold its next polyclinic from 8.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. on Sunday, January 8 to screen patients for early detection of all types of cancer.

Clinical breast examination and Pap smears will be taken for screening for cervical cancers. The services will be free.

Seminar on 'Currency notes'

The JICA Alumni Association of Sri Lanka will conduct a seminar on "Currency Notes and Security Features" on Saturday, January 7 from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. at the Sasakawa Memorial Cultural Centre, 22nd Lane, Colombo 3. Ms. Shellomi Gunawardena, Additional Superintendent, Currency Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka will be the resource person.

Pinkama series conclude today

A series of Pinkamas to mark President Mahinda Rajapaksa's first year of the second term of Presidency will conclude today at 6.00 p.m. at the sacred precincts of the Kataragama Kirivehera. It has been organised by the Sri Lanka Nidahas Jathika Pravahana Sevaka Samithiya.

Ceremonial unveiling of statue

The ceremonial unveiling of the statue of internationally renowned intellectual and man of letters, the late C. Y. Thamotheerampillai and the launch of his research book on literary works will be held at Elalai Central Arul Mighu Kannagai Ambal Devasthanam, today at 10 a.m., presided over by R. Perinpanayagam.

Deputy High Commissioner for India in Jaffna U. Mahalingam will be the chief guest while Government Agent of Jaffna Mrs. Imelda Sukumar will be the special guest. Prof. A. Sanmugathas, Mrs. Manonmani Sanmugathas, M. Gourikanthan, Sivaththamil Vidagas Shivamahalingam, T. Thirugnasampathas and T. Prakash will participate.

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The progress review meeting on Educational Development Progress of the WPC for 2011 was held at the Chief Ministry auditorium recently, under the patronage of Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga. Acting Chief Secretary Mrs. J. Wijetunga and Western Provincial Councillors Vicum Gunasekara, C. Adikaram and others are also in the picture.

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Parliamentarian M.C. Faizal Casim presents the Presidential Award to M.T. Naufal Ali, Zonal Coordinator for Environment for his contribution to the tree-planting campaign in Kalmunai Zonal schools and public places under the program "Let's make our environment green." I. Ilyas Hasan, Manager, Air tel and Al Haj S.A.S.M. Samsudeen Moulana, Principal, Al-Ashraq M.M.V. are also in the picture.

Pic: A.L.A. Rafeek, Nintavur Spl. Cor.