



Minister of Water Supply and Drainage, Dinesh Gunawardena opened the new police station in Narahenpita recently. Here the Minister signs the visitors' book. Deputy Minister Geethanjana Gunawardena, Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Senior Deputy I.G.P. Western Province Ashoka Wijayathilake were also present.

Pic: Colombo Central Thinakaran Cor., Mohamed Imthiyaz



Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs John Seneviratne visited Akkaraipattu Sri Vijayarama Buddhist temple during his recent tour of the Ampara district. Here Minister Seneviratne lays the foundation stone for a pilgrims rest. Minister A.L. Athaulah, P. Piyasena MP, Viharadhipathi of the temple Ven. Dewagoda Soratha Thera and Akkaraipattu Mayor Athaulah Ahamed Zacky were also present. Minister of Resettlement Gunaratna Weerakone allocated Rs. 19 lakhs and Provincial Council Minister M.S. Uthumalebbe allocated Rs. 4 lakhs for this project.

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



Former Lake House journalist, Lalitha K. Witanachchi received the Cultural Affairs Ministry Kala Bhooshana award in December for her contribution to the enrichment of culture by her writings. In 1993 she was co-winner of the first Gratiaen award for her book *The Wind Blows Over The Hills*. In 1992 she won the Esmond Wickremesinghe Award for outstanding journalist writing in English, presented by the Esmond Wickremesinghe Awards Trust. She taught English and Geography in various schools in Sri Lanka and in Haliru Abdu Teachers' College in Birnin Kebbi, Nigeria before joining the Features Desk of the *Daily News* as a journalist.



Chathura Indika, the winner of the North-South cycle race organised to mark the 66th birthday of President Mahinda Rajapaksa, receives a cheque for Rs. 150,000 and the trophy from Attorney-at-Law Namal Rajapaksa MP, at a ceremony at Temple Trees recently. The sponsor, the Director of Eco Sri Laugf's Company K.H. Wegapitiya and organiser of the race Ruwan Nishantha are also in the picture.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



A cultural evening to mark World Hindi Day was held at the Hindu Cultural Hall, Kandy recently. Here Assistant High Commissioner of India Arumugam Natarajan and his wife Mrs Shanthi Natarajan with the Governor of the Central Province Tikiri Kobbekaduwa at the function.

Pic: D. Vasantha Kumar, Nawalapitiya Tkn. Cor.



The launch of the religious book *Pitchai Krishna* was held at the Sri Sivasubramaniam Kovil, Jeyanthi Nagar Gintupitiya Colombo 13 recently organised by the all Ceylon Iyappa Seva Society. Here the maiden copy is being received by the chief priest of the Balaseva Vinayagar Moorthy Kovil, Captain's Garden, Colombo 10 P. Shanmugaratna Sarma from the Chief Trustee of All Ceylon Anantha Iyappa Devasthanam, Modera, K. Kane-shamoorthy while the members look on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The fifth anniversary of the M.O.H's office in Ingiriya was celebrated recently, on an initiative by the Assistant Director of District Medical Services, Dr. Udaya Rathnayake. Here M.O.H. Ingiriya, Dr. Mahesh Karunathilaka presents an Uphara gift to a staffer.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A Thai Pongal pooja, organised by the People's Bank, Modera branch and the Hindu College, Modera was held at the Bank premises on Sunday. Here Hindu priests, G. Praveen Sarma, S. Thanusaan Sarma, Bank Manager Neil Kodikara, College Principal Miss S. Murugesu at the pooja.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



A ceremony to felicitate 183 veteran cyclists, organised by the Sri Lanka Veteran Cycle Society was held at the Community Centre hall, Peliyagoda recently. Here Western Provincial Councillor Shirantha Amarasekera garlands veteran cyclist Reginald Fernando with a gold medallion, while the former President, Sri Lanka Cycle Federation N. Karunarathna looks on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



A book titled *Nijangalin Tharisanam* authored by Mrs. Bawani Sivakumaran was launched at the Colombo Tamil Sangam recently. Here Prof. Seba Jayarasa, former President, Colombo Tamil Sangam, presents the maiden copy to well-known social worker Krishnananda Sivam (right) while the author looks on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The National Council of YMMA, Maligawatte opened the SBC Thassim Reception Hall at its headquarters in Colombo recently. Here senior minister A.H.M. Fowzie opens the hall. A.H.M. Azwer MP, Senator Mashoor Moulana, YMMA Past President, S.B.C. Thassim, National President M.M. Mohamed and Mohamed Rizan were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The founder of the Darus Shifa Moulavi Nagoor Raheem released the 2012 Islamic calendar at the Al Hidayat Maha Vidyalaya hall, Colombo recently. Here ex Special Commissioner Colombo Municipal Council Omar Kamil receives the first copy from Moulavi Abdul Jabbar. Moulavi Raheem looks on.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A commemorative stamp in memory of the founder of Skandavardaya College, Chunnakam, the late Kandiah Upathiyayar was held at the Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapitiya recently, with Senior Minister of Human Resources DEW Gunasekera as the chief guest. Here the first day cover is being presented to the chief guest by the Deputy Post Master General R. D. P. Gamini. President, Stamp Release Committee, N. Karunan Ananthan, Secretary, Dr. M. Kathirgamanathan and the College Principal Dr. Aru Thirumurugan are also in the picture.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The Muslim League Youth Front (Colombo district) distributed exercise books and stationery to needy children at Maligawatte, Colombo recently. Here former Minister of Mass Media Intiaz Bakeer Markar presents a set of books to a child. SL Muslim Media Forum President N.M. Ameen, Sham Nawaz and Adhil Bakeer Markar were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The President of the Colombo Muslim Ladies Study Circle Ameen Faiz Musthapha, the chief guest Mrs. Feroza Muzammil, wife of Colombo Mayor, Ambassador of France Christine Robichon and Mrs. Wajira Lokuge view some of the exhibits displayed by students of the Vocational Training Centre at the annual exhibition and awards ceremony of the Muslim Ladies Study Circle recently.

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



Colombo Municipal Councillors felicitated Western Province Governor Alavi Mowlana at the Governor's Office, Colombo 7 recently. The President's Islamic Religious Advisor Hassan Moulana is also in the picture.

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



A book donation, organised by the chairman, Horana Pradeshia Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusingha for 8,500 students, of the families of Community Board members in the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat Division was held recently in the Ingiriya, Raigamwatta, Piblandgama, Elmore, Waulugala Estate, Rabukkana and Nagasmandiya areas. Here Chairman, Yamith Chandana presents a set of books to a student in Piblandgama.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Deputy Transport Minister, Nirmala Kotalawala, Chairman U.C. Beruwala M. Milfer Caffoor, former Chairman, U.C. Beruwala Marjah Asmi Faleel inaugurate rehabilitation work on Perera Road, Beruwala recently.

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



Members of the Kandy Tamil Traders' Association (KTTA) and the Sri Lanka - India Culture Association (SLICA) called on the newly appointed Asst. High Commissioner of India, A. Natarajan at the latter's office in Kandy office recently. (From left): S. Premraj Kumar (President, KTTA) P. Rajanathan (Secretary, SLICA) R. Mandharan (Executive Member, SLICA) A. Natarajan (Asst. High Commissioner), D. Sivasubramaniam (President, Central Province Hindu Association) and N. Loganathan (Treasurer, KTTA).

Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN Cor.



The procession of Sanghamitta, organised by the Thilakarama Temple, Poruwedanda, under the guidance of the chief incumbent Ven. Handapangoda Pangasekara Thera paraded the Poruwedanda area recently.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A public talk on "The function of the brain" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m.

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

RASSL lecture on Jan 30

The Royal Asiatic Society Sri Lanka (RASSL) will conduct a lecture on 'A Survey of Archaeology of the Jaffna Peninsula: Pre-Buddhist to Buddhist Settlements' by former Ambassador Bandu de Silva on Monday, January 30 at 5.00 p.m. at the Gamini Dissanayake auditorium, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 7.

Free lectures by CHA

The Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA) will conduct the following series of lectures free.

- 1st day:
Date: **January 25**
Topic: Special Education and Childhood Mental Health problems by Prof. Gallovey from the Durham University, UK.
Time: 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Medium: English
Venue: Caritas SEDEC, Kynsey Rd, Colombo 8.
- 2nd Day:
Date: **January 26**
Time: 9.30 am - 4.30pm
Medium: English
Venue: Caritas SEDEC, Kynsey Rd, Colombo 8.
- Date: **January 26**
Time: 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Medium: Sinhala
Venue: CHA, Rosemead Place, Colombo 7.
- Date: **January 27**
Topic: AIDS and Psychiatric Disorders- How could caregivers approach?
Time: 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Medium: Sinhala
Venue: CHA, Rosmead Place, Colombo 7.

Susaraviya on Jan 27

The musical show *Susaraviya*, organised by the Old Anandians' Music Circle will be held on January 27 at 5.30 p.m. at the Kularatne Hall, Ananda College, Colombo. The following Old Anandians who are reputed singers will participate: Kasun Kalhara, Bhatiya Jayakody, Jananath Warakagoda, Sahan Ranwala, Akalanka Ganegama, Heshan Gamage and Harshanan Dissanayake.

Law College exhibition

The 'Law College Book Fair 2012' will be held from January 24-26 (8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at the Law College premises.

A large number of law texts will be on display. There are books helpful for those expecting to read for the Law College entrance examinations in 2012. Students and lawyers could purchase books and stationery at discounted rates.

The funds raised from the book fair will be used for the benefit of law students at the Sri Lanka Law College. Funds will also be used to organise the 'Mawbima Sri Lanka' musical show.

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