



The Indian Cultural Centre organised the exhibition titled 'Islamic Monuments of India' at Zahira College, Colombo recently. Here the High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka Ashok K. Kantha opens the Expo. Principal Mohamed Jifry, Deputy Principal Rizvi Marikkar and Indian embassy officials are also in the picture. **Pic. Ruzaik Farook**



Senior lecturer of the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute Saman Weerawansa was felicitated for his contribution to teacher-training and productivity at a function at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium recently. Here he receives an award from Namal Rajapaksa MP. Chief Minister, Western Province Prasanna Ranatunge and Governor, Western Province Alavi Mowlana look on.



Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardane launched a project to set up libraries in the Daham Schools in Maharagama electorate. Here the Minister presents a set of books to the chief incumbent of Sri Sudarshanaramaya, Maalapalla, Ven. Dr. Agrahera Kassapa Thera. Municipal Councillor Jagath Pathirana was also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The consecration ceremony of Vinayagar temple at Hindu College, Modera was held recently, presided over by the Principal of the College Miss S. P. Murugesu. Here the chief priest of the Modera Shivan temple Sivasri Senthil Kumara Kurukal performs a pooja while the principal and devotees participate in the ceremony.



The Ceylon Bible Society celebrated the bi-centenary year, the Dedication Service Year 2012 at St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya recently. From left: Mrs. Vasanthi Rajaratnam, Chairperson of the 200th Anniversary Committee and the former President of Ceylon Bible Society, the chief guests, Mrs. Kochu Chacko and Rev. Dr. Mani Chacko, General Secretary of the Bible Society of India and Mrs. Lakshani Fernando, General Secretary, Ceylon Bible Society. Here Andrew David, Life Member of Ceylon Bible Society greets the chief guest.



A ceremony was held to felicitate P. Thirunavukkarasu who was awarded the Kalabushana State award at the Town Hall, Nawalapitiya recently. Here Minister of Sports Mahindananda Aluthgamage drapes a shawl around Thirunavukkarasu. Lion Dr. V. Yoganathan is also in the picture.

D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Tkn, Cor.



Labour Minister Gamini Lokuge opened a new branch of the People's Bank Werahera in Boralesgamuwa recently. General Manager, People's Bank, Sunil de Seram, Mayor of Kesbawa, L. W. Perera MP, Western Provincial Councillor Gamini Thilokasiri and branch manager Thusari Perera are also in the picture. **Pic. Gamini Rupananda - Colombo South Gr. Cor.**



The Kalai Kamal's *Geeth Raath* musical program was held at the J. R. Jayawardene Cultural Centre recently. Here Kamal presents the Indian popular Islamic singer E. M. Haniffa's CD to Senior Minister A. H. M. Fowzie. ITN Director Hashim Omar and Ithikar Ahmed look on.

Pic. Ruzaik Farook



A ceremony to felicitate personalities who had rendered a service to the Colombo Tamil Sangam was held to mark the seventh anniversary of its Noolaham Foundation recently. Here the chief guest, National Languages and Social Integration Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara with Prof. Seba Jeyarajah, Teliwita Joseph, K. Gnanasekaram, Anthony Jeeva, Memon Kavi and T. Kumaran. President, Tamil Sangam, M. Kathirkamanathan and Lion K. Kukavarathan are also in the picture.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The 10 books authored by veteran novelist Anistus Jeyarajah was launched at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here Dharmalingam Siddharthan presents a book to Dr. Abdul Kayoom (left) while the author Jeyarajah, writer Marthur A. Majeed and ITN Director Hashim Omar look on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran



A combined workshop was conducted by the Wesley College Library Readers Union along with the Poetry and Drama Club in the college main hall recently.

The workshop for 'Allusion 12' was conducted in two sessions. The main session was on composed poetry conducted by Mrs. Ramya Jeerasinghe, a well-known composer of modern poetry who shared her experience and directed the participants in varied techniques of composing good poetry. The students were also given the chance to compose a given theme. The second part on drama, script writing and acting was conducted by popular playwright and dramatist Indu Dharmasena. The participants were given a chance to bring out their talents in the field of acting. The program was planned, organised and coordinated by the Head Reader of the College Library Readers' Union, Niroshan Sivaran with the assistance of Denuwan, Ruvinda, Javid, Ashen and other committee members.



A workshop on Prevention of Drugs, Alcohol, tobacco and HIV Awareness organised by the Community Advocacy Committee of the All Ceylon YMMA Conference was held at Al-Mumaisara Central College, China Fort, Beruwala recently. Here M.M.M. Amjad, Member of the Western Provincial Council addresses the gathering.

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



A blood donation camp organised by DSL Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. in the Biyagama Free Trade Zone was held at the Udupila Vipassana Bhavana Centre recently. Here a staffer donates blood. General Manager Jeewantha Liyanage, Factory Manager Maxwell Fernando, HR Manager Mrs. Sudharshani Wijesinghe and Executive Officer Dushantha Sanjewa were also present.

Pic: Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana Gr. Cor.



The 59th annual Meelad-un-Nabi celebrations were conducted by the MICH at A.A.M. Marleen Hall, Sheikhia Fatima building, Wellawatte with Muhammed Nabi Hussain Pour Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Sri Lanka as the chief guest. Here M. Ashroff Jameel, Hony. Joint Secretary presents MICH plaques to the ambassador Omar Kamil, President MICH, M. Nowfel Barry JP and M. Rifath Saleema, Hony. Joint Sec. M. Nizam Mohamed, Hony. Joint Treasurer and Marshad Barry.

Pic. Wyman Hettiarachchi, Colombo Central Gr. Cor.



The High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka Ashok K. Kantha donated a set of books to Zahira College recently. Here the High Commissioner presents the books to Principal Mohamed Jifry. Chairman of the Board of Governors and OBA President Fowzul Hameed and Head of the Primary Mrs. F.H. Wahab look on.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Gallegedara Village Development Society, Minuwangoda organised a medical clinic at Gallegedara Sri Sakyasingharamaya recently. Here Dr. Kalyansiri Thilakarathna examines a patient. Gallegedara Grama Niladhari W.E.P. Thisera was also present.

Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



An MoU was signed between the United Kingdom and Sri Lanka to conduct youth exchange programs in 2012. Here the Chairman and Director General of the NYSC Lalith Piyum Perera and the CYEC Chief Executive Officer Vic Graggs exchange the copies of the MoU at the NYSC recently. CYEC youth action group Chairman John Laughton was also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Zahira College launched its logo to mark the 120th anniversary of the College recently. Here the chief guest, High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka Ashok K. Kantha, Principal Mohamed Jifry, Chairman of the Board of Governors and OBA President Fowzul Hameed, Deputy Principal Rizvi Marikkar, Vice Principal Ananda Ponnemperuma and old boys at the ceremony.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A free diabetes clinic organised by the Rathmalgoda East-West Elders' Authority, with the Ayurveda Department, Western Province was held at Sri Sanghikarama temple, Rathmalgoda recently. Over 200 elders participated. The Ayurveda Department provided medicine and soft drinks to all participants free. Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusingha also participated.

Pic. Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Ladies' College OGA quiz night

The Ladies' College Old Girls' Association will host a Quiz Night, the first of its kind, on March 6 at 6 pm at the School Old Hall. The event is an effort to reach out to past pupils, irrespective of age, profession or area of interest. Old girls and old boys will participate in the event.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "How can the brain transform itself?" 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.

Cancer clinic on March 11

The Sri Lanka Cancer Society, Bullers Lane, Colombo 7, will hold its next cancer-screening clinic on March 11 from 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. to screen for early detection of breast, cervical and oral cancers. The services will be free.

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The JICA Alumni Association of Sri Lanka held a free health camp at Shanthipura Vidyalaya, Nuwara Eliya at which over 1,000 pairs of calibrated spectacles were issued free to the needy. Cataract surgeries were also performed free with intraocular lenses issued free. Here an eye specialist examines a patient.



The Hatton National Bank (HNB) which constructed one of the four pandals, the tallest at 37 feet, at one of the entry points in the Sacred Mahiyangane Raja Maha Vihara, along the Badulla-Mahiyangana highway, was opened by the Chairperson of HNB, Dr. Raneey Jayamaha. Provincial Councillor Anura Vidanagama, Parliamentarian Thenuka Vidanagama, Chief Incumbent of the Raja Maha Vihara Ven. Urulawatte Dhammarakkitha Thera, Senior Manager, Central Region of HNB Nirosh Perera and Manager, Mahiyangane Customer Centre (HNB), Roshan Anuradha were also present.