



J.F. Ranjith Perera, the author of the book, 'Winning An Unwinnable War - A Tribute To The War Heroes', published by Sarasavi Publishers, presents a copy to President Mahinda Rajapaksa at a ceremony held recently at Temple Trees.



The Sri Lanka Federation of University Women (SLFUW) launched the magazine 'Wisdom of Women' at the SLFUW Centre recently. Here SLFUW President of Dr. Udula Krishnaratne presents a copy to First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa. Vice President, SLFUW, Dr. Nirmali de Silva is also in the picture. Pic: Vipula Amerasinghe



The Samadhi Community Development Foundation, Matara with the Janasarana Foundation and the EAP Media Group launched a project to help heart patients in the Matara district. Here the Chairperson of EAP Media Group and President of Janasarana Punarjeeva Foundation Dr. Soma Edirisinghe offers the first sponsorship cheque to Chairman/Managing Director of Samadhi Community Development Foundation and Parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana.



A ceremony organised by the Colombo District Housing Development Authority to mark the 42nd birthday of Engineering Construction, Housing and Common Amenities Minister Wimal Weerawansa was held at the Kottawa office. A large-sized kiribath, instead of the customary cake, was cut by the Minister. Provincial Councillor Roger Seneviratne was also present. Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



A book titled *Kanthiravai* (Tamil poems) authored by Dr. Thasim Ahamed was held at the auditorium of the All Ceylon Young Men's Muslim Association, Dematagoda, Colombo 9 recently. Here Justice Minister, Rauf Hakeem presents a copy to National President, All Ceylon Union of Muslim League Fronts, Rasheed Imthiyaz. Deputy Co-operatives and Internal Trade Minister Basheer Segu Dawood and the author look on. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The Lake House Hindu Association launched *Panchapurana Thoththirath Thirattu*, a compilation of ancient vedic prayers and the first copy was presented to Hindu Cultural Department Director Shanthi Navukkarasan by Lake House Editorial Director Seelarath Senerath. Chief Editor *Thinakaran S. Thilainathan* and *Saiva Pulaver Kalabooshanam S. Sellathurai* are also in the picture. Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt-Lavinia Spl. Cor.



The launch of the religious book *Saiva Punniya Kaalam*, authored by Pandithar T. Subramaniam was held at the Colombo Hindu College premises at Ratmalana recently. The event was organised by the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC) and the Alayam Foundation. Here Mrs. U. Ratnasingham presents the maiden copy to Kukanatha Swamigal of Malaysia while the Secretary ACHC, Kandiah Neelakandan looks on. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The maiden copy of the *Kala* magazine published by the Kala Mandalaya was presented to Minister of Culture and Arts T.B. Ekanayake by the Chairman of Kala Mandalaya Dr. Carlo Fonseka at the Ministry Office, Battaramulla recently. Secretary of the Mandalaya, Kamal Dissanayake is in the centre. Pic: Nanda Ekanayake, Kotte Central Gr. Cor.



The parents and students of Sri Sumanajothi College, Ingiriya and the staff organised a farewell ceremony to the Principal, Janaka Abeyratne, who retired recently. The Maha Sangha, SSP Panadura H.M. Dharmasena, OIC, Ingiriya Udaya Kumara, Western Provincial Councillor Yasapala Korallage, Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha Y.C. Hathurusingha and Vice Chairman A.A. Ranathunga were also present. Here the parents present a memento to the outgoing Principal. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Watawala Plantations PLC and World Vision Lanka (WVL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding recently to implement development activities in selected estates belonging to Watawala Plantations in the Nuwara Eliya district. The agreement will pave the way for the implementation of various water, sanitation and hygiene programs, as well as capacity building and empowerment programs for estate communities to enhance their living standards. Here, the National Director World Vision Lanka Suresh Bartlett and CEO Watawala Plantations Dr. Dan Seevaratnam exchange copies of the MoU. Senior officials of the two companies look on.



Napawala Grama Seva Niladharini, Nilani Hettiarachchi was adjudged the Best out of 39 Grama Niladharis at the Office Management Contest in the Dehiwita Divisional Secretariat held in 2010. Here Grama Niladhari Hettiarachchi receives her award from Dehiwita Divisional Secretary Ms. Nalika Piyasena. Asst. Divisional Secretary Mohan Wijeratne, Planning Director Kusum Dodantenne and Administrative Officer Premaratne were also present. Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



A new playground at Molligoda, Wadduwa in the Kalutara district was opened by the WPC Minister of Sports, Co-operatives and Transport Upali Kodikara recently. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine and Child and Women's Affairs Jagath Angage and the Minister of Small Crops Diversification, Regional Cooray were also present. Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



The Youth Parliament launched a program to collect 1,000,000 signatures from the public to counter the conspiracy of bogus human rights organisations in the West against Sri Lanka at the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The process started with an Ashirvada pooja conducted at Alan Methiniyarama, Colombo. Here Chairman and Director General of NYSC Lalith Piyum Perera places the first signature on the petition. Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



His Holiness Asseikh Asseyed Afeefudeen Moulana Al-Jailani Iraq, Mohamed Nabi Hasani Pour, Ambassador for Iran Kalefas, Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji), Moulavi M.S.M. Istihkar (Bari) at the annual Meelad-un-Nabi celebrations organised by the Ithihaad Ahlissunnathial Jamaa-Thi at the Moor Islamic Cultural Home, Colombo 6. President M. Thalath Ismail and General Secretary Dr. M. Fahmy Ismail are also in the picture. Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



AI-Musthaffa International University of Iran organised a Quran recital competition among schools islandwide. Here As-Shiekh Hameed Riza presents a certificate and a cash award to one of the winners. Iranian Ambassador Dr. Nabi Mohamed, Ibrahim Hassion, Commerce and Industrial Minister Rishard Bathiudeen, Wannu district parliamentarian Hunais Ferook are also in this picture. Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt.Lavinia Spl. Cor.



The book *Kanthiravai* authored by Dr. Thasem Ahamed, was launched at the UMMA Auditorium, Dematagoda recently. Here ITN Director Hasim Omar, presents the first copy to Justice Minister Rauff Hakeem. The author with Deputy Minister Basheer Segu Dawood, A.W.M. Azwar MP, former Mayor of Kalmunai Municipal Council Mashoor Moulana and S.H.M. Jameel are in the picture. Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt.Lavinia Spl. Cor.



Four rural schools in the Bandaragama electorate in the Western Province were reopened recently. Here the WPC Chief Minister and Education Minister, Prasanna Ranatunga unveils a plaque. Western Provincial Councillor, Nimal Chandrarathne, WPC Vice Chairman Ranjith Somawansa look on. Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Moors Sports Club held its annual awards ceremony recently. Here Anver Azeez receives the award from the chief guest, President of the Billiards and Snooker Association Sri Lanka, Shafeek Rajabdeen. Committee member Major Chandrasasa looks on. Pix: G.M.M. Iqbal, Beruwala Gr. Cor.



The International Women's Day celebrations organised by the Colombo Tamil Sangam was held at the Sangarapillai Hall, Wellawatte recently. Here Committee Member Mrs. Chandrabawani Paramasamy delivers the welcome address. The chief guest, Miss Kala Amirthanayagam, President Colombo Tamil Sangam, M. Kathirkamanathan, Mrs. Kathirkamanathan, Vice President Miss Satsorupawathy Nathan and veteran journalist, Mrs. Pathma Somakanthan are also in the pictures. Pic: A. Maduraveeran

## EVENTS

**Krishnamurti talk**  
A recorded public talk on "Are we serious enough to resolve - our problems?" delivered by the late Indian Sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Colombo Public Library auditorium today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

**Twenty-eighth book launch today**  
The Puravalar Puthaka Poonga has organised its 28th book launch today at 4.30 p.m. at the Tamil Sangam auditorium, Wellawatte. Kinnya Ameer Ali's book *Manayarum Marupadippum* will be launched under the patronage of the Founder of the Puthaka Poonga Hashim Omar.

**Rahula OBU Golden Jubilee**  
The Colombo branch of the Rahula College OBU will celebrate its Golden Jubilee on March 24 at the Waters Edge, Battaramulla from 7.30 pm. The event is coordinated by Malin (0777751465), Sarath (0712363833) and Jaliya (0718188640).

**COSLAM lecture today**  
The Conference of Sri Lankan Malays (COSLAM) and the Trustees of Wekanda Jumma Masjid will hold its monthly Islamic lecture. 'In the Shade of the Holy Qur'an today from 10 am up to Luhar prayers at the Wekanda Jumma Masjid.

**Book launch tomorrow**  
The latest book by State Bilingual Writer Award winner, author and former Director of Education, Padma Edirisinghe, will be launched tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. at the Mahaweli Centre Auditorium, Colombo 7. Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Wimal Rubasinghe will chair the proceedings while Prof. A. V. Suraweera will deliver the keynote address.

Chairman, Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. Bandula Padmakumara will be the chief guest while Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne, President, Sarvodaya, Kalakeerthi Edwin Ariyadasa and well-known writer Dr. Leel Gunasekera will address the gathering. The book is a Godge publication.

**Old Hardians AGM on March 25**  
The Annual General Meeting of the Old Hardians Association will be held on March 25 from 9.30 a.m. at Prof. Evan A. Hardy Centre, Galle Road, Ratmalana followed by a Fellowship lunch.

**AGM on March 25**  
The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Accident Service affiliated to the National Hospital Sri Lanka, Colombo will be held on March 25 at 10.30 a.m. at Pegasus Reef Hotel, Hendala, Wattala.

**Panadura Balika PPA get-together**  
The annual get-together of the Past Pupils' Association of Panadura Balika Maha Vidyalaya will be held on March 25 from 10.00 a.m. at the Subhavi Hall of the school. Retired teachers will be felicitated on this day.

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The Arab Road in Beruwala, which was in a state of neglect for a long time, is now being rehabilitated on an initiative by the Beruwala UC Chairman, Milfer Gaffoor. The Co-ordinating Secretary to the Chairman Salman Numail is also with the Chairman supervising the work in progress. Pic: Beruwala Spl. Cor. B.M. Mukthar