



Aggamaha Panditha, Shastrapathi the Most Ven. Bellana Sri Gnanawimala Nayaka Thera at the precincts of the new Sanghawas of Hapugoda Sri Maha Vihara, Beruwala. Viharadhpathi Kinyawala Palitha Thera and the Deputy General Manager, National Development Lotteries Board Ashok Vitharana are also in the picture.
Pic: Vipula Amarasinghe



Popular writer Priyanka Amarantunga presented her novels *Kumarihamy 1* and *Kumarihamy 2* and a CD of the novel *Sudu Saha Kalu* to President Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees recently. Graphic artist Lalith Bandara Samarakoon looks on.



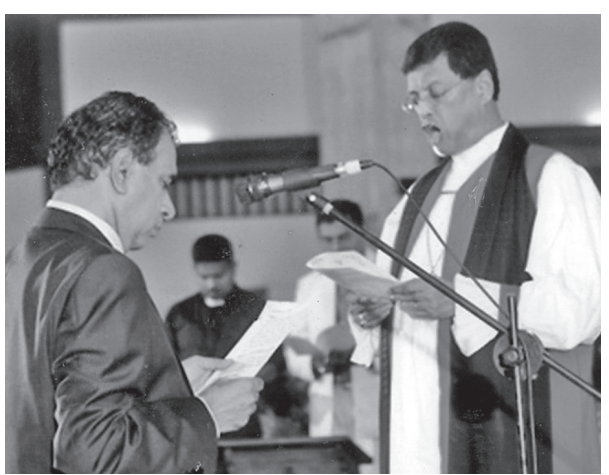
Deva dana, a traditional ceremony to invoke blessings on farmers following the paddy harvest was held at the historic Mulleriyawa, *Pinketha* paddy field recently. Here WPC Agriculture Minister Udaya Gammanpila partakes of *dana*. WPC Chief Government Whip Dushyantha Perera, Provincial Councillor Asoka Lankatilleke, Kotikawatte-Mulleriyawa PS Chairman Prasanna Gunasinghe Solangarachchi and Kolonnawa UC Member Saliya Wickremasinghe are also in the picture.
Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



A new building of the Dodangoda Divisional Secretariat in the Kalutara district was opened recently. Here Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs W.D.J. Seneviratne and the Transport Minister Kumara Welgama unveil the plaque. Provincial Councillor Chandirabonu Adikaram looks on.
Pic : M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Cor.



A felicitation ceremony to honour senior personalities who rendered a service to the community was held recently at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte. The event was organised to mark the Veteran intellectual the late Prof. M.M. Uvaise's 16th death anniversary. Here Ahasan Uvaise drapes a golden shawl round Dr. Thasim Ahamed. Justice Minister Rauf Hakeem, Parliamentarian A.H.M. Azwer, Deputy Technology and Research Minister Faiszer Musthafa and Hassan Ali (Tamil Nadu) look on.
Pic A. Maduraveeran



Lal N. Withanage is being inducted to the office of President of the Colombo YMCA by the Bishop of Colombo, Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj Canagasabay at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour recently.



A lamp-lighting *Thiruvilakku* pooja organised by the Shri Poomari Amman kovil, Perahera Mawatha, Kollupitiya, was held recently to mark the kovil's 44th anniversary. Here the ceremony is in progress.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran



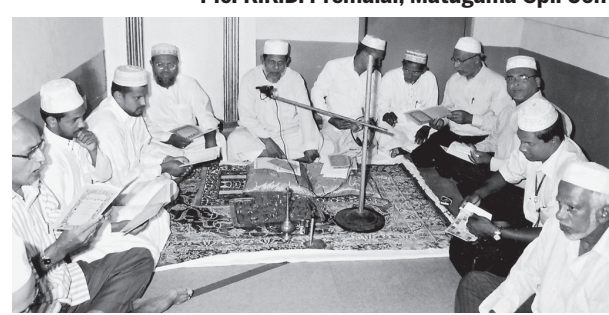
Transport Minister Kumara Welgama gifts Rs. 400 every week to the elderly and the needy in the Matugama area under the *Diri Udawa* program. Here the Minister distributes parcels of clothes, to mark the forthcoming New Year, in addition to the cash donation. Coordinating Secretary Herath Warnakulasooriya and Public Relations Officer Priyantha Wijesinghe look on.
Pic: K.K.D. Premalal, Matugama Spl. Cor.



Gamini Dissanayake and Upali Rajakaruna were adjudged Doubles Champions at the Second Negombo Open International Wheelchair Tennis Tournament in Negombo recently.
Pic: W. Herbert Fernando, Negombo Cor.



Pupils affiliated to the Hare Rama Hare Krishna Musical School, Kotahena render the welcome song, at the launching ceremony of a Tamil book titled, *Punguduthivu Valvum Valamum*, written by Thambi Iyah Devadas at the Weera Mylan Reception Hall, Sri Kathireshan Street, Colombo 11 recently.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran



Ad. Diayathus Shazuliyathul Fassiya of Sri Lanka celebrated 50 years at the Zaviyathul Fassiya, Bankshall Street, Colombo 11 recently. Kalifathush Shazuli Moulavi Al-haj J. Abdul Hammed (Bahiji) is also in the picture.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Certificates were awarded to those who had completed the English and Computer Training Course, organised by the National Youth Brigade of the Youth Affairs and Skills Development Ministry in collaboration with the Sabaragamuwa University. Here Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister, Dullas Alahapperuma presents a certificate to a trainee. National Youth Brigade Chairman, Col. Dharshana Ratnayake looks on.



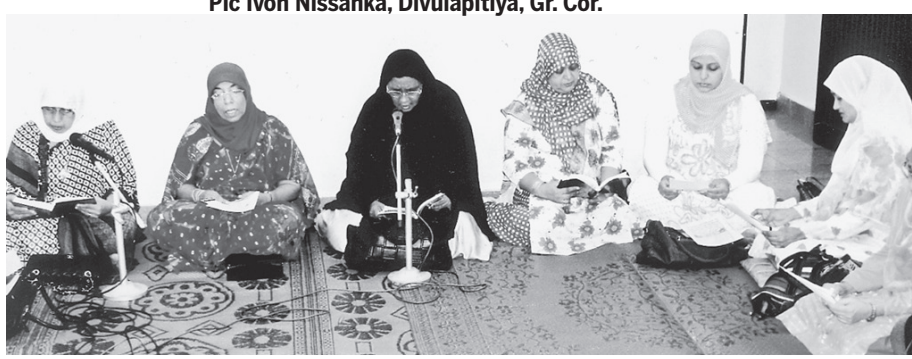
Sri Lanka Insurance, Negombo felicitated its valued customers with a presentation of *Pranama Thilina* awards recently. Here the Sales Manager, Negombo Samantha Peiris presents an award to Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Samson Fernando. Chief Administrative Officer Nadeeka Perera, Divulapitiya Sales Manager Sami Kumarasinghe and Sales Advisor Samantha Peiris and Prasad Perera look on.
Pic Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya, Gr. Cor.



A special Souvenir titled *Mallikai Malar* published to mark the 47th anniversary of the *Mallikai* magazine was launched at the Centre for Performing Arts Auditorium, St. Benedict's Mawatha, Kotahena recently. Here *Mallikai* Editor, Dominic Jeeva (Left) presents a copy to the Co-ordinator, Arts Centre, Ambrose Peter while veteran journalist, Thambo Siva looks on.
Pic A. Maduraveeran



The annual *Ther* (Chariot) festival of Sri Muthumari Amman Kovil, Jeyanthi Nagar, Ginthupitiya, Colombo 13 was held recently. Here the Kovil trustees, in front of the chariot before commencement of the procession.
Pic A. Maduraveeran



The Women's Bureau of the Moors Islamic Cultural Home (MICH) organised special prayers at the A.M.M. Marleen Hall, MICH Wellawatte recently. Here the President of the Bureau Mrs. Mirzeth Saleem, Secretary Fathima Malik and members at prayers.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A felicitation ceremony to recognise the services of retired University staff of the University of Kelaniya, organised by the Welfare Association of the University was held recently. Here a retired officer, Mrs. R.P. Gunawathie receives a memento from the Vice Chancellor Prof. Sarath Amunugama.
Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Corr.



A job market for disabled youth was organised by the National Youth Services Council at the Sri Lanka Youth Centre, Maharagama. Here a group wait for the interview. Three hundred and fifty job seekers were present.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



An evening of Easter music - "All hail the power of Jesus' name" will be presented by the Choir of St. Peter's College, Colombo 4, along with the Primary Choir and the Peterite Chorale on Easter Sunday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the college chapel.

EVENTS

Certificate-Award ceremony on April 4
The Agio Sirilak Sahana Sewa Vocational Training Centre will hold its Certificate Awarding ceremony on April 4 at 9 a.m. at the Royal Palm Beach Hotel, Kalutara North. Ambassador of Royal Netherlands Louis Piet will be the chief guest.

AGM of Anuradhapura Central PPA
The 22nd Annual General Meeting and Get-together of the Colombo branch of Anuradhapura Central College. Past Pupils' Association will be held today at 10.00 am at the "Sakya" Higher Education Institute, Peters Place, Kohuwela, Nugegoda.

Krishnamurti talk
A recorded public talk on "Only in peace can the human mind be free" 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 Ins.

Polyclinics cancelled
The polyclinic which is held every second Sunday of every month will not be held this month.

'A Handful of Nails' on April 9
The Ceylon Bible Society will celebrate Easter 2012, with CHRAFT (Christian Arts Foundation) by staging the drama "A Handful of Nails" and two children's dramas on Easter Monday, April 9, at 6.00 p.m. at the Christ Church Hall, Galle Face, Colombo 3. The event is organised by the Ceylon Bible Society.

Annual prize-giving today
Al Jami Wal Madarasathul Quraniya Madarasa, Baseline Road, Colombo has organised the annual prize-giving today at 3.00 p.m. at the Madarasa premises. Maligawatte Masjid Federation President Al Haj A. M. J. M. Jawfer will be the chief guest while Al Haj Y. M. Ibrahim will be the guest of honour. Moulavi Kaleel will be the guest speaker.

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The International Women's Day celebrations were held at Nupe Sanasa auditorium, Matara organised by the Saviya Development Foundation. Here the Divisional Secretary, Matara Mrs. W.K.K. Atukorala presents an award to Mrs. Neetha Ariyaratna, Founder of the Sarvodaya Subasetha Service. Chairman of the Foundation Dr. Winston de Silva is also in the picture.
Pic: Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.