

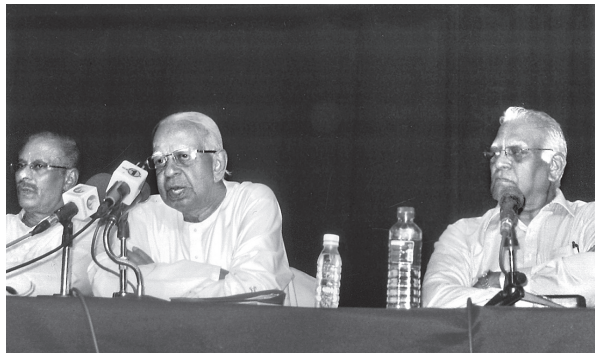
Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka opened the newly built auditorium at the Moragahena Purwarama temple recently. Ven. (Dr.) Belanwila Wimalaratana Thera, Ven. Maduluwawe Sobhita Thera and the Maha Sangha, Kalutara District Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka and a large crowd participated. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingriya Central Gr. Cor.



A meeting was held at the D.K.W. Hall, Hatton to felicitate the Opposition leader of the Indian Parliament Mrs. Sushma Swaraj and the Indian Parliamentary delegation under the patronage of Minister Arumugam Thondaman. Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa presided. Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN Cor.



Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson Sharamashakthi Organisation and Chairperson Lakvanitha Peramuna, Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage launched a protest campaign against the abuse of local and foreign women recently. Mrs. Kongahage, members of Lakvanitha Peramuna and members of Urban Council are also in the picture.



The 'Thanthai' Chelva memorial lecture to mark the 35th death anniversary of founder of Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kathchi (ITAK) the late S.J.V. Chelvanayagam was held at the New Kathiresan Hall, Bambalapitiya recently, organised by the ITAK Colombo district branch. Here President, ITAK, R. Sampanthan MP addresses the gathering. Prof. S. Pathmanathan and Mavai Senathirajah MP are also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



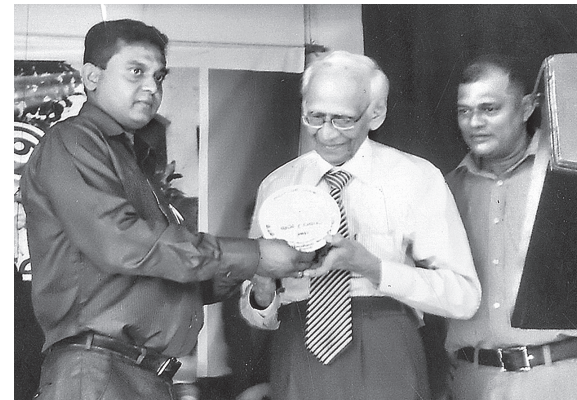
The seventh branch of the Aquinas University College was opened in Wadduwa recently by Rev. Cyril Gamini Episcopalian Vicar of Colombo. Rev. Fr. Antony Parish Priest, Wadduwa with other catholic dignitaries participated. Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



The 45th anniversary of the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre, Colombo was held at the Sai Shrine, New Chetty Street, Kotahena recently. Here the President of the Sai Baba Centre S.N. Udayanayahan presenting the special souvenir to Mrs. Pushpa Rajapaksa, wife of Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa during the ceremony. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A member of the Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha Faizan Naizer gifted sports items to the Dharga Town Sports Club recently. Western Provincial Councillor Al Haj M.M.M. Amjad and Member, Pradeshiya Sabha Al Haj M.M.M. Ismail are also in the picture. Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



A function to felicitate past teachers of C.W.W. Kannangara Central College, Matugama was held recently. Here the Vice Chairman, Old Boys' Association, P.D.Y. Gunatilake presents a memento to a former Principal K.U.S. Perera. Pic: K.K.D. Premalal, Matugama Spl. Cor.



The Minuwangoda Urban Council, Pradeshiya Sabha and the Divisional Secretary's office organised a special New Year celebration under the patronage of WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranathunga at the Minuwangoda Alis Park recently. The bicycle race was sponsored by the People's Bank, Minuwangoda. Here the Regional Manager Gampaha, I.D.S.S. Iukkumbura presents towels to the riders. Minuwangoda Branch Manager Ruwan Gnanathilaka was also present. Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



The People's Bank, Moratumulla organised the Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebration recently. Here the Manager of the Branch, N.S.D.S. Wijeratne makes a presentation to a customer. Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN Cor.



Mrs. Kamala Ranathunge MP donated sports equipment worth Rs. 500,000 for the proposed sports park in the Bingiriya Agri-Zone of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board on a request by the Chairman of Bingiriya Development Foundation D.M. Sampath Dissanayake. Here Ranathunge presents a sports item to Dissanayake at the ceremony recently. Munidasa Premachandra, chief SLPF organiser for Bingiriya and Prasad Daluwatta, Director of Regional Development of SLEDB are also in the picture. Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



The rural electrification project of Siyambalanda under the 'Jathika Saviya - Gama Neguma Development Program' in Panduwasnuwara, Kurunegala was recently vested with the people by Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government, the chief SLPF organiser for Panduwasnuwara. It was constructed at a cost of Rs. 2.5 million for the benefit of 125 low-income families. Here the Deputy Minister unveils the nameboard of the project at the ceremony. Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



The Hindu Association, Nawalapitiya conducted the 'Thirunavakarasu Nayanar Guru pooja' at the Sri Muthumariamman Kovil, Upper Division of Imboopitiya Estate recently. Here a group of children sing the welcome song. Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN Cor.



A felicitation ceremony to honour senior members of the Colombo Tamil Sangam, for their outstanding contribution in their respective fields was held at the Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. (From left): Dr. Selvi Sivachandran, Miss Satorupawathi Nathan, C. Kandasamy and S. Paramasany. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Cor.



A cricket tournament organised by Boom Boom Sports Club, China Fort, Beruwala was held at the Naleem Hajiyar Stadium recently. Here the OIC, Beruwala Police Duminda Rajapaksa awards the championship trophy to the captain of the Stadium Sports Club. Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The annual get-together of the P.E. Mathew (Chartered Accountants), Colombo was held at the Wadduwa Holiday Home recently. Here a staffer's son receives a gift from the Chief Executive Officer R.A. Jayaweera. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The inauguration ceremony of the Commonwealth Young Leaders Exchange Program between Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom was held at the 'Global Towers', Bambalapitiya recently, jointly organised by the Youth Affairs and Skills Development Ministry and the National Youth Services Council. Here the two teams with the officials. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



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EVENTS

'Peterites Walk' on May 13

The 'Peterites Walk' organised by the staff of St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya, the Old Boys' Union, the Parent-Teachers' Association and the Welfare Society will be held on Sunday, May 13 at 7.30 a.m. The Walk will start with a Holy Mass celebrated by the Patron of the Old Boys' Union and Rector of the College, Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel, together with Old Peterite priests and the priest community in college.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Freedom from the self' delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Beddagana, Duwa Road, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

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