



The Jeevan Kumaratunga Foundation held a blood donation campaign and pinkama to offer dana to 83 members of the Maha Sangha at his residence to mark Vesak and War Heroes' Week recently. Here Minister Kumaratunga in conversation with Ven. Uduwe Dhammaloka Thera, while Piyasena Senaratne offers dana to the Maha Sangha.

Pic: Dushmantha Mayadunne.



Four-hundred-and ninety-nine Mahapola Scholarships were presented to students in the Kalutara district who had scored high marks at the GCE (A/L) Examination last year. Here Minister of Transport Kumara Welgama presents a scholarship to a student. Deputy Minister of Ports and Highways Rohitha Abeygunawardana is also in the picture. SSP Kalutara Division, Lalith Pathinayake was also present.

Pic: Divakara Mohotti, Kalutara Gr. Cor.



The Kadawatha Vesak Zone organised by the Lasantha Alagiyawanna Foundation, on the initiative of Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa was held at Kadawatha recently. Here Deputy Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities Minister Lasantha Alagiyawanna congratulates the members of the Mahara Elders' Society who staged a Vesak drama.



Samurdhi Development Officers were felicitated at Addapalam in Nintavur recently. Here Al Haj M.C. Faizal Cassim MP presents a memento to Samurdhi Officer, Mrs. Mansoor. Al Haj M.T.A. Hasanly MP and Secretary of SLMC is also in the picture.

Pic: A.L.A. Rafeek, Nintavur Tkn Spl. Cor.



Parliamentarian and Secretary General, SLMC, Al Haj M.T. Hasanaly visited Kudivil to inspect development activities and inquire into the shortcomings.

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The Sinhala Hindu New Year Sports Meet of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board was held at the Moratuwa Tyrone Fernando Stadium recently. Here the tug-of-war event is in progress.

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



UPFA candidate Kulatissa Geeganage of the Colombo Municipal Council elections takes oaths as a Council member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former MMC Milinda Moragoda at a ceremony at the Urban Affairs Minister A.H.M. Fowzie's residence recently. Minister Fowzie, Petroleum Industries Minister Susil Premajayantha, National Language and Social Integration Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Mohamed Maharroof MMC and Nausar Fowzie WPC are also in the picture.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A Tamil book titled *Abdullah - Aamina* authored by J.L. Abdul Razak was launched at the Booker Reception Hall, Hedges Court, Maradana, Colombo 10 recently. Here Urban Affairs Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie presents a copy to Western Provincial Councillor Muejebur Rahuman while the author (centre) looks on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr Cor.



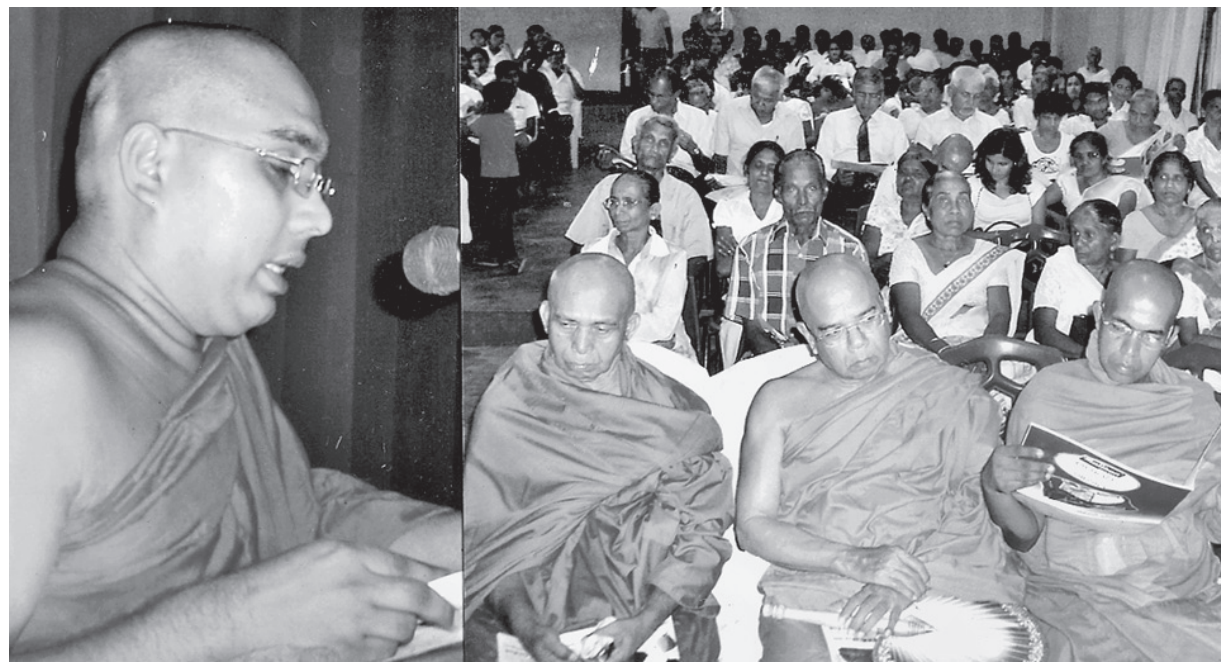
A special *Yagna* and *Abiseka pooja* to mark Guru Matram (changes in planet Jupiter) was held at Hindu kovils island-wide recently. Here a ceremony was held at the Sri Sivasubramaniam Kovil, Jeyanthi Nagar, Jinthupitya, Colombo 13, under the patronage of Chief Priest Palani Kurukkal and the Board of Trustees.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A handicraft exhibition organised by the "Siya Saviya" children's Society was held at the Community Centre, Aliwatta, Mattakkuliya recently. Here the chief guest Colombo Deputy Mayor U.L. Titus Perera and guests view the exhibits.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A DVD titled *Maupiya Wandana* and a book titled *Siwu Wedarum Buddha Wandana* authored by Ven. Kirama Chandananda Thera was held at the Eheliyagoda Cooperative Conference Hall recently. Here Ven. Thera introduces his creations to the gathering.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The inaugural ceremony of the *Thinakaran, Varamanjari, Gampola Readers' Circle* was held at the Bharathi Hall, Hindu College, Gampola recently. Here Lake House Editorial Director Seelaratna Senarath presents a gift to a journalist.

Pic: Mohamed Imitiaz, Colombo Central Tkn Cor.



Letters of permanent appointment were issued to engineering assistants recently at the conference hall of the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage, under the patronage of Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Water Supply and Drainage. One-hundred-and-fifty appointments were awarded for civil engineering assistants and mechanical engineering assistants. Shriyani Wijewickrema MP, Water Board Chairman, Karunasena Hettiarachchi, Vice Chairman, Water Board Gamini Gunaratne, Working Director NWSDB Nimal Piyaratne, DGM of the Water Board H. Ariyasena and General Manager of the Board, Lal Premanath were also present.

Pic: Mohamed Imthiyaz, Colombo Central Tkn Cor.



The book launch of 'Loving Wind' by Raja Kavi Raahil was held at Al-Matheena Maha Vidyalaya, Nintavur recently. Here the chief guest (right) A.L.A. Razool, President of the National College of Education Adalalichanai presents the first copy to poet Azees.

Pic: A.L.A. Rafeek, Nintavur Tkn Spl. Cor.



The commemoration ceremony of former Vice President of the Colombo Tamil Sangam, the late "Samooga Jothy" S. Elagu Pillai was held at the Sangam premises recently. Here the invitees stand to attention during the Tamil Vaalthu before commencement of the ceremony. From left: Secretary, Colombo Tamil Sangam Ragupathy Balashiritharn, President M. Kathirkamanathan and Prof. S. Prasanthan.

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EVENTS

'Blossoms of Hope 2012' on June 9, 10

'Blossoms of Hope 2012', the second exhibition, organised by the Ikebana International Sri Lanka Chapter 262 will be held from June 9-10 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Galle Road Colombo 3.

Around 80 arrangements will be on display and part of the proceeds from this event will be in aid of the charity 'Children with cancer'.

The chief guest will be Nobuhito Hobo, the Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka who is also the patron of Ikebana International Sri Lanka Chapter.

There will also be a demonstration by master demonstrator Sogetsu Ikebana Christopher Lim on June 9 at 5 p.m.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "What kind of brain" is needed for meditation delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Duwa Road, Beddagana, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

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Elected President Sri Lanka Scouts

P.D. Leonard Rienze Albert was elected President of the Sri Lanka Scout Association recently. Albert served as an Executive Committee Member of the Colombo District Scout branch and rose up to become Vice Chairman and later Chairman and Vice President. He later served the Sri Lanka Scout Association as a Life Member and served in the capacity of Vice President from 2004 to 2007 and 2009.

He was a founder member of the Sri Lanka Queen's and President's Scout Guild where he served as Chairman of the Steering Committee and later unanimously elected as the Founder President, serving for three years. He continues to serve as President of the YE OLE Kingfisher Fellowship and Chairman of the Group Committee.



The eleventh anniversary of the Bethany Christian Life Centre, Rajagiriya was held at the Life Centre premises recently. Here the Parish Priest of the Centre Rev. Disahn de Silva with the devotees who had worked for the progress of the Centre.

Pic: Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana Gr. Cor.



The holy milk pot procession (*Palkudam Bawani*) of Arulmigu Sri Pathrakali Amman Kovil, Orugodawatta, Wellampitiya took place recently. Here the devotees wend their way in a procession from Poopala Selva Vinayagar Moorthy Kovil, Peliyagoda to the Amman Kovil.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr Cor.