



J. F. Ranjith Perera, the author of the book, 'Winning an unwinnable war, A tribute to the war heroes presented his second book in Sinhala to Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Ministry of Defence and Urban Development. The book evaluates the selfless contribution by the Security Forces in eradicating terrorism.



Minister of Public Management Reforms and Nuwara Eliya district MP Navin Dissanayake commissions the electricity scheme at Dimutugama, Magoda, Mee-pilimana in the Nuwara Eliya district under the *Gama Naguma* project at a cost of Rs. 600,000.



A ceremony was organised under the guidance of Provincial Councillor and Nawalapitiya UNP Chief Organiser and Chairperson, Lakwanitha Peramuna Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage to distribute ticket books to the Shaka Societies in Nawalapitiya. Here Mrs. Kongahage presents a ticket book to a woman member while Pradeeshiya Sabha member Mahinda Gunasekera looks on.



Anura C. Perera, a well-known science writer and astronomer offers the first copy of the Sinhala book on Venus (*Tharuwak Men Babelena Sikuru Grahaya*) to the Planet Venus on June 6 at the time of the 'Greatest Transit' of Venus at his residence 'Tharaka Niwasa' at Rajagiriya. Prashanth Malavige, well-known astrologer, A.G. Wimalasiri, Senior Working Director of Maliban Biscuit Manufactures (Pvt) Ltd., Thilak Godamanna, Chairman of Ninehearts (Pvt) Ltd., Raja Hewabowalage Chairman of Nippolac Group of Companies and Lal Hettiarachchi, former Director Central Bank of Sri Lanka look on.



Chairman of Metropolis Health Services, Mumbai, India Dr. Sushil Shah opened the Nawaloka Metropolis Laboratory, the first Molecular and Genetics Research Diagnostic lab in Sri Lanka. Here Dr. Shah is being received by the Chairman of Nawaloka Hospitals Jayantha Dharmadasa, Managing Director and CEO Ms. Ameerah Shah of Metropolis Health Services and Prof. Lal G. Chandrasena, Director/General Manager of Nawaloka Hospitals.

Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



A *Poshon bath dansala* organised by the Ingiriya Weekly Fair Unique Trade Society was held in the Ingiriya town recently. Here Kalutara district Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka, Western Provincial Councillor P.D. Aberathna, Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha Yamith Chandana, Vice Chairman, Ashoka Ranathunga and VIPs partake in the meal.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Minister of Education Bandula Gunawardena, the chief guest at the 20th anniversary celebrations of the National College of Education, Addalaichenai was honoured by the President of the College A.L.A. Rasool for his outstanding services in the field of Education felicitates former Minister A.R. Munsoor who was instrumental in establishing the College by draping him with 'Silver Shawl'. Ministers A.L.M. Athallah, Rauf Hakkeem and President Rasool were also present.

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



The 20th branch of Lanka Tiles (Pvt) Ltd., was opened at the Ariyaratna Trade Centre premises at Padukka Road, Horana recently. Here Senior Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities, Rathnasiri Wickramanayaka opens the new building.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development Dullas Alahapperuma participated in a religious ceremony at Rahula Rd, Matara recently. Southern Provincial Councillor Aruna Gunaratna was also present.

Pic: A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Cor.



The Youth Counselling, Vocational Career Guidance and Job Bank of the National Youth Services Council for the Colombo district was opened at Ruhunu Kala Mawatha, Borella recently. Here Colombo district Parliamentarian Thilanga Sumathipala opens the office. Director, Development, Sarath Weerasuriya, Provincial Director Prabath Liyanage and Colombo District Assistant Director Jagath Liyanage were also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Daya T. Pasqual, a former Deputy Minister and politician celebrated his 101st birthday recently. Here Kalutara district Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka greets him on his birthday.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Over 500 pairs of spectacles were distributed among the needy in Matuwagala and Ellawala in the Eheliyagoda D S division by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Sabaragamuwa PC was held recently. Here officials at the Ministry sort out the pairs before distribution.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Managing Director of Sampath Bank, Aravinda Perera who participated in a ceremony at the Akkaraipattu Base Hospital to mark the 25th anniversary of Sampath Bank addresses the hospital and bank staff after donating surgical equipment. Muslim Religious observances were also held at the Sampath Bank's Akkaraipattu branch.

Pic: M. A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



A Ladies' waiting room was opened at the Ashraff Memorial Hospital Kalmunai recently. Here the Medical Officer Dr. A.L.M. Nazeer at the opening.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



The *Kaalamam Vanam* (Short stories) book launch of authored by Mrs. Vasanthi Thayabaran was held at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here Dr. S. Murugananthan presents a copy to Mr. and Mrs. Theliwatta Joseph while the author looks on.

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



Maris Stella College, Negombo emerged soccer champions in the under-17 category at the All Island Inter-School Soccer tournament 2012 held recently. The team: Rusith Fernando (Captain), Somesh Dilan, Anton Nadeeshan, Tharinda Malshan, Rukmal Gunawardena, Ashen Jeevantha, Udayanaga Fernando, Rishan Fernando, Sashith Nilanda, Ridma Johan Malshan Kaveju, Supun Lahiru, Emilian Heshan, Keyesh Dias, Samitha Sudarshana, John Sisith, Thashmika Perera and Ishan Madushanka.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The World Tamil Literature Conference was held at the Tamil Sangam Hall, Wellawatte recently. Here pupils of the Apinaya Sheshthra Dance School who performed at the Bharatha Natyam with the Sangam President M. Kathirkama Nathan, Vice President A. Kugamoorthiy, the Dance School Principal Apinaya.

Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt. Lavinia Spl. Cor.



The 52nd commemoration meeting of Dr. T.B. Jayah was held at Al-Iqbal Maha Vidyalaya Hall, Colombo recently. Here the chief guest Minister of Water Supply and Drainage Dinesh Gunawardena addresses the gathering. Western Province Governor Alavi Mowlana, Dr. T.B. Jayah Foundation President Ashroff Hussain and Secretary Faizal Faleel are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook

EVENTS

COSLAM lecture

The Conference of Sri Lankan Malays (COSLAM) and the trustees of Wekanda Jumma Masjid will hold the monthly Islamic lecture series, 'In the shade of the Holy Qur'an' today at 10 am at the Wekanda Jumma Masjid up to the Juhar prayers.

Ash Shaikh Arqam Nooramith will speak on 'Preparing for Ramadhan - the spirit and correct mental state'.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "The movement of meditation" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Public Library auditorium, Colombo 7 today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

Lectures on 'Fashion Illustrations'

A series of lectures on 'Fashion Illustrations' will be conducted by the Cats Designer Circle at the Singer Mega, Duplication Road, Bambalapitiya (Adjoining St. Paul's Girls' School) on June 24 at 2.30 pm.

The participants will be educated on fashion illustrations, fashion materials, international designs and the latest garment fashions, illustrated by Dr. Athula Ranwala.

AGM today

The Annual General Meeting of the Colombo District Youth Services Co-operative Society (Ltd.) will be held today at 10 a.m. at the National Youth Service's Council auditorium.

Western Provincial Council's Co-operative Minister Upali Kodikara will be the chief guest.

'Coffee Morning Fiesta' on June 30

The Muslim Women's Social League (Sri Lanka) has organised a fund-raiser, "Coffee Morning Fiesta 2012", in aid of building a Healthy Life Clinic and a Health Education Unit for the Divisional Hospital, Maruthamuna in Kalmunai on Saturday, June 30 at the Galle Face Hotel.

OFFICE-BEARERS

Maharagama Government Pensioners' Association

Chairman: Wickrama Samaranyake
Secretary: M. D. Henry,
Vice Chairmen: L. A. Jayasena, A. W. Nugera
Deputy Secretary: Asoka Karunaratne
Treasurer: Nimal Jayasinghe.



A member of the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Bihara Liyanarachchi donated a set of chairs to the 'Raigam Colony Friends Society' recently. Here the Chairman of Society Ashoka Rathnayaka and Treasurer M. Herman receive the chairs from Liyanarachchi.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Sri Lanka Freedom Party Colombo District Organiser Fawzan Anver was in Malaysia recently to participate in the 66th Convention of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) in Kuala Lumpur. Here Fawzan in conversation with the Secretary General of UMNO Datuk Adnan Tengku Mansor at the UMNO Headquarters.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The As Sunnah Trust organised the All Ceylon Ahlus Sunnah Hal Jama'ath Aqueedah Conference at the S. de S. Jayasinghe Hall, Dehiwela recently. Here Western Province Governor Seyed Alavi Mowlana, Hafiz Ehsan Qadiri, His Holiness Nasar Alim, Quari Faizal Hassen and Al-Aalim Safa Najahi at the conference.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook