



The annual prize-giving of Dharmaraja College, Kandy was held under the patronage of Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa, at the College auditorium recently. Here the President of the Dharmaraja OBU (Parent Union) K.M.R. Kulatunge, receives the chief guest. Principal S.M. Keerthiratne (extreme right), Lt. Col. Sarath Weerakoon, Col. D.S. Abeygunasekera and Brigadier Shantha Dissanayake (extreme left) look on.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundera Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Transport Minister Kumara Welgama opened the rural electricity scheme at Pahanwatta in Dodangoda, under the "Electricity for All" project of the Power and Energy Ministry recently. Western Provincial Councillor Ven. Thebuwana Piyananda Thera is also in the picture.

Pic. M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Cor.



A ceremony to mark the 51st anniversary of the People's Bank was held at the People's Bank Dehiwala branch recently. Here the branch manager Mrs. Janaki P. Nawaratne and Assistant General Manager Mahinda Wijeratne handing over the first 'Jaya Sri' savings certificate to veteran journalist Amera Hewamaddume. Operations Manager Mrs. Vishahini Vijayaraja and Bank Assistant Mrs. Sanduni Kumara are also in the picture.



The Church of Our Lady of Good Voyages at Duwa, Pitipana, Negombo celebrated its annual festival recently with the festive High Mass conducted by the Parish Priest of the Church, Rev. Fr. S.N. Shelton Dias. Here the statue of Our Lady is being carried in a boat procession on the Negombo Lagoon.

Pic: W. Hubert Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The website of the Sri Lanka Netball Federation (NFSL) was launched at a ceremony at the "Olympic House", Reid Avenue, Colombo 7 recently. Sports Minister Mahindananda Aluthgama was the chief guest. The Chairperson of NFSL Interim Committee Miss Thamara Dharmakeerthi Herath, Head of Marketing and Public Affairs, People's Bank, Deepal Abeysekera and Acting CEO, People's Bank, Sabry Ibrahim are also in the picture.

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



The National Sea Sunday service with Holy Communion was held recently at St. Peter's Church, Fort, Colombo 1 to bless Seafarers worldwide. The participating clergy was led by Rev. Chrysantha Mendis, Archdeacon assisted by Canon Lakshman Peiris, Rev. Fathers Noel Fernando, Nilanga Gunasekara, Chandran Crypus and the Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Rev. Adrian Aaron. The Choir was from the Cathedral of Living Saviour, Colombo 7. Here Wing Cdr. Noel Fernando, Chairman, Mission to Seafarers, John Rankin, British High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, Mrs. Yacinth Fernando, Mrs. Noreen and Bobby Welikala, Warden of St. Peter's Church.



The Monitoring MP for Youth Affairs and Skills Development Ministry Mohan Lal Gero attended the seventh session of the Youth Parliament recently at the Sri Lanka Youth Centre, Maharagama. Here a member of the Youth Parliament presents a memento to him. Working Director of the National Youth Services Council Milinda Rajapaksa looks on.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



One-hundred-and-nine people were recruited to the Western Provincial State Management Assistant Service under the competitive exam 2011. Here WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranathunga presents an appointment letter to a new recruit at the Chief Ministry auditorium recently. WPC Deputy Chairman Ranjith Somawansa looks on.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



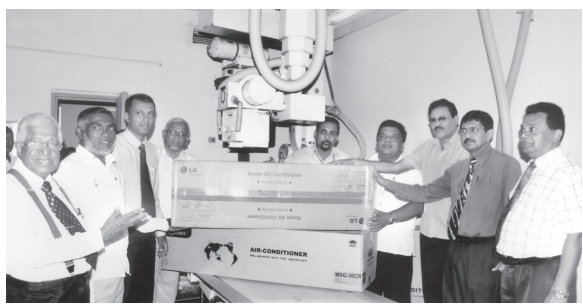
The *Kalavi Vizha* and the launch of the magazine *Neethi Murasu 2012* was held at Saraswathi Hall, Colombo 4, organised by the Law Students' Tamil Mandram of the Sri Lanka Law College. Here *Neethi Murasu* author Miss Thulakika Kesavan presents the first copy to the chief guest Justice S. Sriskandarajah.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Horana Pradeshiya Sabha conducted random checks on fruit stalls in the Gonapola town recently. Here the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Haturusingha, the public and representatives of JVP and the UNP at a stall.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Group Cor.



The Colombo National Hospital Development Society gifted two air-conditioners at a cost of Rs. 10 lakhs to the hospital recently. Here the Director of the Hospital Dr. Anil Jayasinghe, Deputy Director Dr. Ariyawansa, Hospital Development Society President Rizvi Farook, Hashim Omar, Robert N. Fernando, Raja Sinnathurai and members with the gift.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A building to house the English Activity Centre of Nimala Maria Maha Vidyalaya, Bolawalana, Negombo was opened by the Zonal Director of English Srilal Nonis. Anthony Fernando, Director, Education Development and Director of English (left) Royce Fernando, the principal look on.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka - Myanmar Freindship Association was held at the Federation Building recently. Here the President of the Association Kumara Semage addresses the members. Vice Patron Dr. Darrel Mathew and Hon'y. Secretary Mrs. Harshini Wikrema are also in the picture.

Pic: Vipula Amerasinghe



A free medical clinic was conducted by the Siddhalepa Hospital recently for the benefit of the staff of the Ministry of Finance and the General Treasury, at the Secretariat. Here the staff queue to obtain treatment. The Secretary to the Treasury Dr. P.B. Jayasundera and the Siddhalepa Managing Director Asoka Hettigoda were also present.



The *Punya Bhoomi Vandana* religious program was organised by the Dunagaha Pahan Sith Foundation near the Anuradhapura Samadhi statue. Here the Founder of the Foundation Sami Kumarasinghe presents the *Sannas patha* to mark *Deshabandu Gawurawa Nama* to acting director of Colombo Commercial Fertiliser Ltd Nandana Embuldeniya.

Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



Breakfast was served free by the Ingiriya Elders' Society to the members of the Malpura Elders' Society, Angoda who passed through Maha Ingiriya town while on a pilgrimage. Here members of the Ingiriya Elders' Society serve food to a member of the Malpura Society.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A Buddha statue was unveiled in the newly constructed Budu Medura in the Erapola 'Wete temple', Eheliyagoda, under the patronage of Kuruwita Korale Adhikarana Sangha Nayaka, the Ven. Asangule Wimalarathana Nayake Thera recently.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



A felicitation ceremony was held at the Eheliyagoda Co-operative Conference Hall to mark the ten-year-yeoman-service rendered to the common man by Kuruwita PS Member, Naminda Anurapriya, who has been nominated to contest in the Sabaragamuwa PC election on the UPFA ticket. Here Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Naminda Anurapriya, Eheliyagoda PS Chairman and others being conducted in a procession to the venue.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.

EVENTS

Ceylon Bible Society's 200th anniversary

The 200th anniversary of The Ceylon Bible society will be celebrated with a Thanksgiving Service and Festival of Choirs on Wednesday, August 1 at 4.00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "To be utterly free of disorder" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m.

It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

Islamic prelate arrives on Aug 5

His Holiness Shiekh Adnan Kabbani, deputy to the world leader of the Naqshbandi Tareeqa, Sulthan Al Awliya, Moulana Khawaja Sheikh, Nazim Adil Al Haqqani will arrive in the island on August 5.

The Sheikh will reside at Naqshbandi Makam, 24, 28th Lane, Flower Road, Colombo 7. Daily Salath and Soh-beths, Zikr and daily Taraweeh Prayers will be conducted at 8.30 p.m.

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The "Professional Career Woman Award-2012 organised by the Women in Management (WIM) to felicitate women who had made a mark in the Sri Lankan society was held at the Mt. Lavinia Hotel recently. Here the Colombo National Hospital Deputy Director Dr. Sujatha Senaratne receives the award for Inspirational Woman in 2012 from Justice Eva Wanasundera.



A devotional speech by the popular astrologer Mrs. Barath Sridhar of Tamil Nadu, India was held at the Navalari Mani Mandapam, Modera, Colombo 15, organised by the Colombo North Hindu Paripalana Sangam recently. Here the event is in progress.

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



The Unique Trade Union of Ingiriya donated fire fighting equipment, for the use of Ingiriya residents at the police station recently. Here the Chairman of the Unique Trade Union, Ashoka Ranathunga and members with the OIC, Ingiriya police, I.M.A. Udaya Kumara.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor M.M.M. Amjad opened a newly constructed road at Nallahena, Beruwala recently.

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