



Minister of Public Management Reforms and Nuwara Eliya District MP Naveen Dissanayake was the chief guest at the ceremonial opening of the 49th Scout Camporee organised by the Colombo District branch of the Sri Lanka Scout Association at the Viharamaha Devi Park recently. Here the Minister greets Senior Scout Winston Mendis. International Commissioner of the Scouts Association Authority, Janaprieth Fernando and senior scouts were also present.



The 66th Independence Day celebrations of India was held at the Indian High Commissioner's official residence. Here the dance troupe of the Bharatha Natya Kala Manthir with the Indian High Commissioner Asok K. Kantha. Kala Manthir Principal Wasuki Jegatheeswaran is also in the picture.

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



A farewell ceremony was held recently at the Bingiriya Divisional Secretariat for Prof. Yoon Jang Won who served for two years under KOICA in the project for cultivation of Anthurium flowers and foliage for export at the Bingiriya Agri Export Zone, implemented by the Sri Lanka Export Development Board. Here Prof. Won receives the first copy of the souvenir 'Bingiriya Mal Wasanthaya 2012 Exhibition' from the chief organiser of the exhibition and from President of the Bingiriya Development Foundation, Sampath Dissanayake. Bingiriya SLFP chief organiser Munidasa Premachandra, Special Project Director of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, Dammika Jayawardena and Deputy Director Prasad Daluwatta are also in the picture.

- Pic : S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



The diploma certificate distribution ceremony of Sherin Sewing Training Centre, Kandy was held at the E.L. Senanayake Children's Library auditorium, Kandy recently. Here former President, Young Men's Hindu Association, P. Balasubramaniam drapes a golden shawl round the Asst. High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka A. Nadarajan.

Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN Cor.



A veteran writer of Handapangoda, Palitha Jayakody's latest translation *Bala Viyaruwa* was launched at the Dayawansa Jayakody Bookshop, Colombo recently. Here the author presents the maiden copy to the publisher Dayawansa Jayakody.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A shramadana campaign organised by the Handapangoda residents was held at Dharmashoka Primary College, Gatakosgahahena, Handapangoda recently. Residents participate in the shramadana.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Inter-District Club Women's Volleyball and Cricket Tournament, organised by the Sri Lanka Police Department was held at the Police College grounds, Kalutara recently. Here the President's Security Women's Team, which clinched the championship, with the DIG R.W.N.C. Ranawaka and senior officials.

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



The Sacred Kapilavastu Relics were brought to the Kotikagoda Raja Maha Vihara, Matara from Wariyapola Sumangala Pirivena on September 2. Here Minister Chandrasiri Gajadeera, Parliamentarian Sanath Jayasuriya, State officials and the Maha Sangha awaiting the Relics.

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



The maiden copy of *Sanskruthika Pathikada*, a compilation of data on all traditional and historical places at the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat Zone was presented to the Senior Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka by the Ingiriya Divisional Secretary Champa Upasena at the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat recently. Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka, Vice Chairman of the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Ashoka Ranathunga and several VIPs were also present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A group of trainee nurses of the National Health Services at Nagoda, Kalutara conducted a dengue prevention campaign in the schools by educating the students. The trainee nurses at Neboda Cloden Maha Vidyalaya and Acting Principal T. Rajah organised the program.

Pic: Divakara Mohotti, Kalutara Gr. Cor.



The annual get-together for the year 2012 of Usha dealers of KIR Holding Private Company for the year 2012 was held at the Colombo Galadari Hotel recently. Here the Chairman Kapila Ratnasiri and Managing Director Rajiv Suriyaarachchi cuts the anniversary cake. Sales Director Ivon Perera and the chief guest Usha International Senior Vice President Haravindra Singh look on.

Pic: Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana Gr. Cor.



The commemoration ceremony of former President of the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC), V. Balasubramaniam was held at its Headquarters at Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 2. Here a group from Sakthi Illam Orphanage School, Ratmalana recite a religious song before the commencement of the ceremony.

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



The Sri Narayana Guru Samajam, Colombo branch conducted a special *pooja* and cultural program at the Narayana Guru Memorial Hall, Layards Broadway, Grandpass, Colombo 14 recently to mark the *Onam* festival. Here the Samajayam President A.K. Rahulan hoists the religious flag to inaugurate the ceremony, while the members look on.

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



The annual *Ther* (Chariot) festival of Sri Samundeeswari Ambal Kovil, Kadirana, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15 was held recently. Here a young devotee performs a *Parava Kavadi* to God with hooks on his body.

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



The 211th branch of the National Savings Bank was opened at Kekanadura, Matara recently by Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development Dullas Alahapperuma. Chairman of the Bank, Sunil Sirisena and Working Director Sumanadasa Abeygunawardena were also present.

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



The 20th Biennial Delegates' Conference and 92nd Annual General Meeting of the Ceylon Estates Staffs' Union was held under the patronage of Minister Gamini Lokuge at the New Town Hall, Colombo recently. Here the chief guest and invitees stand to attention for the National Anthem. The President of the Union Dhammika Jayawardena (right) and General Secretary E.G. Ratnayaka are also in the picture.

Pic: D. Vasantha Kumar, Nawalapitiya TKN



The Airline Academy held its award ceremony at the Grand Oriental Hotel recently. Here a participant receives the award from the chief guest, Chandana de Silva, Area Manger Emirates Airlines, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Deepal Perera, International Travel Consultant and Airline professional instructor who conducted the course looks on.



The Vanitha Vasana raffle draw of the People's Bank, Kadawata branch to mark the 51st anniversary celebrations was held recently. Here High Court Judge, Gampaha, Mrs. Ramala Perera picks a winner. Divisional Secretary, Mahara, Mrs. Thamara C. Perera, Branch Manager, Kadawata Sarath Liyange and Business Development Officer Miss S. Samanthaie are also in the picture.

Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



The Madawela YMMA pre-school organised a children's educational exhibition in Madawela recently. Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson Lakwanitha Peramuna, Shanthini Kongahage was the chief guest. Here she is with the pre-school teachers.



The 196th annual feast of St. John's Church, Modera, Colombo 15 was held last Sunday. Here the decorated statue of St. John being carried in the procession.

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

EVENTS

Annual feast from Sept 7 - 16

The annual feast of Our Lady of Good Health Veilankanni at Chekku Street, Colombo 13 will take place from September 7 to 16.

AGM of PMRP on Sept 16

The Annual General Meeting of the People's Movement for the Rights or Patients (PMRP) will be held on September 16 from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Centre for Society and Religion at Fatima Church, Deans Road, Maradana. The chief guest and main speaker will be Chairman of the Sri Lanka Medical Council Prof. Carlo Fonseka.

He will speak on 'Whither Senaka Bibile policy - outlining the truth about transnational drug companies, how they are defrauding us and what we could do about it.' The guest of honour Dr. Titus de Silva, will speak on pharmacy practices and the efficacy of drugs sold in pharmacies.

Foot Loose 2012 on Sept 14

"Foot Loose 20", the dinner dance organised by the Old Boys' Association of Mahanama College will be held for the 19th consecutive year on September 14 at Cinnamon Lakeside. The OBA celebrates its 26th anniversary this year. Marians and Misty will be in attendance, said Project Chairman, Foot Loose 2012, Dhanusha Muthukumaranan.

Art exhibition on Sept 14, 15

The Art Exhibition and Competition organised by the Kavin Art Institution will be held on September 14 and 15 from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. at the Wolvendaal Church Hall, Wolvendaal St., Colombo 13. Senior Manager of World Vision, Andrew Sundersingh will be the chief guest while the Master-in-Charge of ART. Institute, R. Rathees will be the guest of honour.

Memorial service for Vernon Corea

A memorial service for Vernon Corea, a former broadcaster of Radio Ceylon (SLBC) and the BBC will be held at St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya on Saturday, September 29 at 5 p.m. to mark his tenth death anniversary. The Speaker will be Dr. Vijaya Corea, a former Director-General of the SLBC.

RASSL public lecture

The Royal Asiatic Society Sri Lanka (RASSL) will hold a public lecture on 'Karnataka-Sri Lanka Historical Contacts' by Dr. K.G. Vasantha Madhava of Bangalore, India on Wednesday at 5.00 p.m. at the Royal Asiatic Society Sri Lanka, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 7.

Optometric seminar on Sept 16

A workshop cum seminar organised by the Optical Owners Organisation will be held on September 16 from 9.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. at the National Library Services auditorium. The seminar themed 'Identify the Glaucoma' will be addressed by eye specialists, Dr. Sujatha Pathirage and Rangitha Gunaratna.

Memorial lecture on Sept 14

The Prof Stanley Wijesundera Memorial Gold Medal lecture will be delivered by Prof. Sunethra Atukorala, Professor of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo on September 14 at 4.15 p.m. at the Institute of Chemistry Headquarters, "Adamanatane House", Kotte Road, Rajagiriya. Prof. Stanley Wijesundera was the first Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo from 1979 to 1988 and was the Chairman of the Association of Commonwealth Universities from 1983-1984.



The Inter-Club Cricket Tournament organised by Joseph Vaz Sports Club, Grandpass, Colombo 14 was held at the Muthuwella Playground recently. Here the Golden Bullet Club team, which won the championship, is with the officials and trophies.

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



The Tail Drama Foundation of Royal College, Colombo launched a collection of selected Tamil drama contest articles *Nakal* at the Nawarangahala Hall recently. Here ITN Director Hashim Omar receives a copy of the compilation from the Foundation President J. Arushan. Principal Upali Gunesekera looks on.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook