



The 'Katina Pinkama' at the Ohio Buddhist Vihara in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA was held recently, organised by Pulasthi Senevirathne and Shanika Senevirathne, under the guidance of Deputy Chief Sanghanayaka Thera of Sabaragamuwa Province, Ven. Dampahala Seelananda Thera, Ven. Pathakada Premananda Thera and the chief incumbent, Ven. Koppakande Sumanajothi Thera.



The new rest home of the Cancer Hospital Religious and Welfare Services, Maharagama built at a cost Rs. 3,500,000 was opened by the Chancellor of the Sri Jayawardanapura University, Prof. Dr. Bellanwila Wimalaratana Thera recently. Chairman, Maharagama UC, Mrs. Kanthi Kodikara, Chairman of the Services, Anura Ratnayake and Prof. Ariyapala Perera are also in the picture. Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The tree-planting program, *Deyata Sevana* was conducted at Dudley Senanayake Vidyalaya, Napawala under the patronage of Deputy Livestock Minister H.R. Mithrapala. Here the Minister plants a sapling with the Dehiowita PS Chairman Amila Ruwan while the Divisional Secretary Nalika Piyasena, Napawala Grama Niladarani Naalini Hettiaratchi and other officials look on.



A library was opened at Katugahena Vidyalaya, Matugama by Ms Bernadette King Turner, a New Zealand National, who met the costs of Rs. 1.1 million. The Principal, Nimalaratne Disanayake looks on.

Pic: K.K.D. Premalal, Matugama Daily News Spl. Cor.



A pooja, organised by Sri Sithi Vinayagar Kovil at Nava Kelaniyapura, Wellampitiya was held, to mark President Mahinda Rajapaksa's birthpitiya and the second anniversary of his second term in office. Here the chief priest S. Sivanesan Sarma, Jothidamani Sivashri Sivanesan Kurukkal, Parliamentarian Praba Ganeshan and President's Co-ordinator for Hindu Religious Affairs, R. Babu Sarma are the ceremony.

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



The new Ambassador for China to Sri Lanka Wu Jiang Hal paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage Dinesh Gunawardena at the Ministry office in Pelawatte, Battaramulla recently.

Pic: Colombo Central TKN. Cor. Mohomad Imithiyaz



Prayers to invoke blessings on the country and its people, organised by the Sri Lanka Mispah Prayer Missionary Ministry, Modera, Colombo 15 was held recently. Here one of the items in progress.

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



Office-bearers of the Myanmar - Sri Lanka Friendship Association for the Year 2012/2013 were elected recently: From left: Thilak Godamanne, Ms Damini Basnayake, Dr. (Mrs.) Hema Goonathilake (Vice Patron), Kumara Semage (President), Kosala Wickramanayake (Vice Patron), Ms. Harshini Wickrema (Hony. Secretary) and Ms Kanthi Perera. Standing: Dr. Darrel Mathew (Vice Patron), Tikiri Silva, H.C.L. Wickramasingha, H.B. Jayarathna, A.G. Wimalasiri, Upali Kapilaseena, S.T.S. Arulanananda, G.K. Liyanage and Upali Salgado, Nandadasa Rajapaksa, Ms. Malkanthi Silva, Nihal Hettiarachchi, Sidath Fernando, Keerthi Senanayake and O.D. Liyanage.

Pic: Vipula Amaresinghe



WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga organised an eye clinic for the needy in the Minuwangoda, to provide free spectacles. Here the ophthalmologist examines a patient.

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



The TAG Corporation of Chennai launched the Carnatic music collecting computer systems at the Tamil Sangam auditorium, Colombo 10 recently. Here the chief guest, Councillor of the Information and Cultural Division of the Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka, Birendra Singh switches on the systems. Managing Director, TAG Corporation, N. Murali and officials of the Chennai Sangeetha Sabha were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The primary section of Musaeus College, Colombo presented its annual concert, 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Peter de Abrew auditorium recently. Here ITN Director Hashim Omar receives a copy of the souvenir from the producer of the program Ms. F.N. Ghazzali. The members of the staff were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Saving electricity, was the theme of the seminar organised by the Ceylon Electricity Board at the Divisional Secretary's Office, Sri Jayawardanapura, Kotte recently. Here Minister of Power and Energy Patali Champika Ranawaka addresses the participants.

Pic: Nanda Ekanayake, Kotte Central Gr. Cor.



Zahira College Old Boys' Rugby Association (ZOBRA) organised the 'Zahira Rugby Carnival 2012' at the Zahira College grounds recently, to mark 120 years of College excellence. The Science section won the champion cup beating Ananda College 33-0 in the final match. Here the Captain of the Science College team Kavishka Nishantha receives the award from the chief guest SLEP Colombo district organiser, Fawzan Anver. Principal M.H. Jiffry, ZOBRA President Nazeem Gaffoor and Zahira College Rugby Committee President Riza Abdeen are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The President of the Islamic Welfare Society, Dharga Town Al-Haj A.B.M. Zuhair donated copies of the Holy Quran to the Mohaj A.B.M. Zuhair Arabic college, Maradana, Beruwala recently. Here Al-Haj A.B.M. Zuhair presents them to Al-Haj M.A.M. Hanafi, President, Jamath Board Masjidul Abrar Mosque. Al-Haj M.J.M. Fayas is also in the picture.

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



Kusumsiri Wijayawardane's adolescent novel *Thenithalave Koti Dadayama* was launched at Dayawansa Jayakody Bookshop, Colombo 10 recently. Here the publisher Dayawansa Jayakody (right) hands over the first copy to the author.



The Annual General Meeting of the United Adults' Society of Laxapana in the Ambagamuwa DS division was held at the Laxapana Conference Hall, under the patronage of Central Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Animal Production, Fisheries and Environmental Affairs, Nimal Piyatissa recently. Here the Minister addresses the members.

Pic: G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena Spl. Cor.



The group of devotees, who will undertake this year's pilgrimage to the Hindu Holy Shrine, Sabarimalai in Kerala, India, received special blessings at the Arulmigu Sri Gnana Bairawar Swamy Kovil, Grandpass recently. The ceremony was held under the patronage of Presidential Co-ordinator for Hindu Religious Affairs and chief priest, Iyappa Seva Peedathipathy Sivashri Bala Ravi Shankarak Kurukkal.

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



Deepavali was celebrated by the Peoples' Bank, Wellawatte branch. Here the chief guest, Chairman of the People's Bank W. Karunajeewa hands over a deposit to the Bank Manager.

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

EVENTS

Christmas Life and Style

In line with the Christmas spirit, a group of retailers will present their Christmas collection. The proceeds are in aid of charity. The items on sale will include children's toys, books, jewellery, dresses, sarees and hand embroidered and hand-made lace table linen. The sale will be held on December 1 at the Moonstone, Hilton Colombo.

Keppetipola hero commemoration

The Keppetipola hero commemoration will be held at the Savsiripama auditorium, Colombo 7 on November 26 at 3.30 p.m.

Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities Minister Wimal Weerawansa will deliver the keynote address.

Maradana Tech. get-together

The annual get-together of the Past Students' Association of Ceylon Technical College, Maradana will be held at the 'Shalika Hall', Narahenpita on December 1 from 10 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

The event is coordinated by Ignatius de Alwis: 0112958554, 0775369976

Krishnamurthi talk

A recorded public talk on "The Question of religion and meditation" 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.

'Christmas in the Air' on Nov 30

The Thomian Society of Colombo will present an evening of music, song and dance, "Christmas in the Air", on Friday, November 30 commencing 8.30 p.m. at the Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo.

The Pearl and Sam the Man will be in attendance.

Ananda '93 get-together

The annual get-together of Ananda College, Colombo '93 group will be held during the entire day on Saturday, December 1 at the Wisula Nidahas Hall, Athurugiriya. The event is coordinated by Rukmal (0772851301).



A prize-giving for children with special abilities was organised by the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya at the Secretariat premises recently. Here the Additional Divisional Secretary Samanthika P. Liyanage presents a gift to a student.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Chairman, Colonial Motors Ceylon Ltd. Ajith Jayaratne, hands over the keys of the new model Mazda to the President Automobile Association of Ceylon Dhammika Attygalle, at the launch of Mazda vehicles and the opening of the new Mazda showroom at Union Place.



Shramadana campaigns were held in all provincial schools in the Western province, under Supasen Nimthera program, a concept of the Chief Minister of Western Provincial Council Prasanna Ranatunga. Here parents and teachers of St. Mary's College, Matugama participate in the campaign.

Pic: K.K.D. Premalal, Matugama Spl. Cor.



The Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs organised the Islamic New Year (Muharram) celebration at the YMMA Hall, Colombo recently. Director of the Department Y.L.M. Navavi, Asst. Director, Moulavi Noorul Ameen, President's Christian Affairs Coordinator, Rev. Fr. Sarath Hettiarachchi, President's Islamic Affairs Coordinator, As Seyyed Hafif Hassan Moulana and City Coroner, Ashroff Rumi were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The South Eastern University of Sri Lanka remembered its Founder, the Leader of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress M.H.M. Ashraff at the auditorium of the Oruvil Campus. Here the Vice Chancellor Dr. S.M. Mohamed Ismail, the chief guest addresses the academics, staff and students.

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