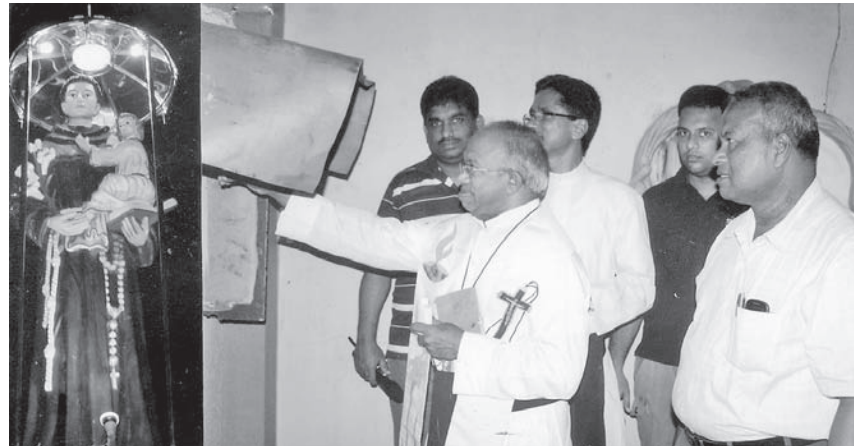




The management of Jet Wing Hotels, Negombo set up a special Christmas village at Ethukala, Negombo to infuse the spirit of Christmas during the season. Here carols are being sung by the staff of the Jet Wing Group of Hotels graced by Rev. Fr. Christopher Julius.
Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



A new lighting system for St. Anthony's Statue at St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade, Colombo was installed recently. Rev. Fr. M. Marcella, Rev. Fr. Ignatius Warnakulasingam and the sponsors, members of the St. Anthony's Youth Front were also present.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Sewing machines to the value of Rs. 800,000 were distributed among 40 self-employed persons under the Nuwara Eliya district *Divi Neguma* program by Minister of Public Management and Reforms Naveen Dissanayake at a function held in Nuwara Eliya recently.



Army Commander Lt. Gen. Jagath Jayasooriya inspects the guard of honour at the Rock House Army Camp, Modera, Colombo recently to mark the 57th anniversary celebrations of the Sri Lanka Armoured Corp.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Russian Ambassador to Sri Lanka Alexander Karchava paid a courtesy call on Western Province Governor Al-haj Asseyed Alavi Moulana at the Governor's Secretariat, Colombo recently.
Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



A get-together and felicitation ceremony of the Sri Lanka Memon Association (M.A.S.L.) was held under the patronage of the Indian High Commissioner, Asok K. Kantha, at the Hotel Taj Samudra recently. Here the chief guest is being greeted by a member of M.A.S.L., Hashim Omar. President Anis Satta, Mrs. Satta and Mrs. Sharmila Kantha are also in the picture.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Does free will exist?" 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.

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An electronics workshop for teachers with technical skills and electronic was held at the Kalutara Pothupitiya MV auditorium, with the participation of selected senior teachers of the Kalutara Educational zone recently. Here Mr. Naradha Kodituwakku, Senior Teacher in electronics and technology conducts the seminar.
Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Daily News Cor.



A new branch of the Nawaloka Metropolis, a joint venture with Metropolis Healthcare Ltd., Mumbai India was opened in Trincomalee recently by Colonel S.P. Seneviratne, Commander of the 221 Brigade, Trincomalee Col. Ratnayake, Bandula Wijewardena, Superintendent of Police, Trincomalee division, Dvendrasing Rajput, Country Head of Nawaloka Metropolis Laboratory and Sarath Kahapalaarachchie, Managing Director of Sachitra Hospitals were also present.
Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



Prabath Mirihagalle's latest book *Vanagatha Yuvathiya Nohoth Sengavunu Minisunge Deshaya* was launched in Colombo recently. Here the publisher Dayawansa Jayakody (right) presents the first copy to the author.



Prof. Mohd. Nasran Bin Mohamed, Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Kebangsaan Malaysia (right) leader of the delegation which attended the International Conference on "Islam and Development of Better future" at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka recently, presents a memento to acting Vice-Chancellor Dr. M.I.S. Safeena (left). Dean of the Faculty of Islam and Arabic Studies As-Sheikh A.B.M. Aliyar who presided over the conference is in the centre.
Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Theology and Philosophy, Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Kebangsaan, Malaysia, Dr. Indriaty Ismail plants a sapling at the Oluvil campus of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka while acting Vice Chancellor Dr. M.I.S. Safeena, acting Registrar A. Thyub, Dean (Arts and Culture) K.M.M. Faleel Ul Haque, Dean (Management and Commerce) Sareena UMA Gaffoor look on.
Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



A new branch of Amana Takaful PLC was opened at Batticaloa recently. Here the Chief Executive Officer, Fazal Ghaffoor accepting the first deposit from a customer. Business Development Manager I. Abdul Careem, Senior Managers, Sales and Distribution, M. Nazeem Ghaffoor and S.H.Asif are also in the picture.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



A felicitation ceremony to honour popular film director, Gamini Hewavitharana for his 35 years of valuable service to the film industry and the community was held at the National Film Corporation premises recently, with film artiste and Postal Services Minister Jeevan Kumaratunga as the chief guest. Here Kumaratunga and Director Hewavitharana being conducted to the venue. Music Director Dayananda Ranatunga and artiste Ranil Rajapakse are also in the picture.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



President of the Automobile Association of Ceylon (AAC), Dharmika Attygalle attended the Annual General Assembly of the Federation Internationale de L'Automobile (FIA) held in Istanbul, Turkey recently. Here Attygalle with President FIA Jean Todt and UN Global Ambassador for Road Safety, Ms Michelle Yeoh.



A shramadana campaign, under the dengue prevention program to clean the environs of the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council was organised by the staff recently. Municipal Commissioner A.L.M. Azmi and Administrative Officer A.M. Habeebur Rahman are also in the picture.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The Old Boys' Association of Zahira College, Colombo organised the 120 years of excellence "Crescent Light" at the College premises recently. Here former Army Commander and Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. R. de S. Daluwatte who opened the Crescent Light addresses the gathering. Principal Mohamed Jiffry, Project Chairman Zulfikar Ahamed, Media Coordinators, Mohamed Cassim, Naleef Kitchil and Thaha Adamjee were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Fraoq



A ceremony to felicitate differently-abled athletes who won gold medals at the Western Province Athletic Competition won organised to mark World Disabled Day, at the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat recently. Thirteen athletes of Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat division received medals, certificates and gifts from the personal funds of Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka. Here the Parliamentarian presents a gold medal to an athlete.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.

Janaprith Fernando, elected to World Scouts Committee

Janaprith Fernando, Attorney-at-Law and International Commissioner of Sri Lanka Scouts has been elected to the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement at the 24th Conference held in Dhaka recently. The Committee is the governing body of the Asia Pacific Region which accounts for 30 million scouts out of the 36 million membership worldwide. This is the first time a Sri Lankan was elected to this prestigious post. Educated at S. Thomas' Preparatory School, Kollupitiya and S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia Janaprith excelled in studies, sports and other extracurricular activities and was the President of many Societies and Associations in the schools. He won his President's Scout Award in 1984 and was a school Prefect. Janaprith was elected Chairman of the First Scout Youth Forum in 1983 in Anuradhapura and was selected to represent Sri Lanka at the 7th Australian Venture in 1984 together with another scout.



Senior attorney S.L.A. Rasheed of Addalaichenai in the Ampara district was appointed Legal Advisor to the Governor of the Northern Province G.A. Chandrasiri recently. Here Rasheed receives the letter of appointment from the Governor at the Secretariat, Jaffna.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor, M.M.M. Amjad opened the newly constructed road at Nirmalawatha, Maggona recently.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



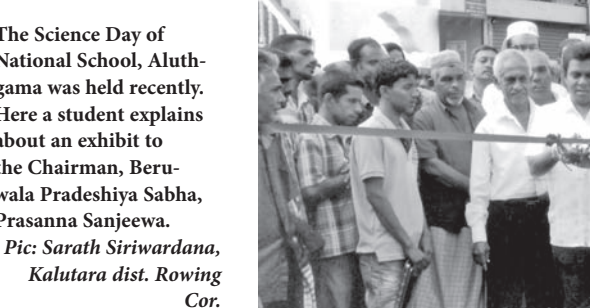
'The *Ran Kakulu Sansadaya*' of Minuwangoda Galloluwa Al Aman Maha Vidyalaya had opened 100 Hapan bank accounts of Bank of Ceylon, an indication of students' saving habits. Here the Manager K.A. Wijesinghe and the Bank promotion officer P.H.N. Thilakasiri present a cheque for Rs. 50,000 for school development to the Principal M.L.A. Athaur Rahman.
Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



The Sri Lanka Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders' Association (*Majlis Ansarul-lah*) held its annual gathering at Tahir Hall, Darul Aman, Pasyala recently. Here the National President, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, A.H. Nasir Ahmad addresses the gathering.



The Science Day of National School, Aluthgama was held recently. Here a student explains about an exhibit to the Chairman, Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha, Prasanna Sanjewa.
Pic: Sarath Siriwardana, Kalutara dist. Rowing Cor.



Chairman, Panadura Pradeshiya Sabha, Sunethral Fernando and Vice Chairman Ifas Nabuhan opened the newly renovated Ibrahim Road at Thotawatha, Panadura recently. Secretary, Thotawatha Masjid Administrative Association, A.J.A. Faleel, Executive committee member M.I.M. Naleem and Alhaj A.R.M. Naleem are also in the picture.
Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.