

Community



Islamic religious observances organised by the Divisional Secretariat, Addalaichenai were held at East Ceylon Arabic College, Addalaichenai, to mark President Mahinda Rajapaksa's birthday. Here Moulavi K. Firhous recites the special *Dua*. I.M. Hanifa, Divisional Secretary, I.L. Thowfeek, Deputy Planning Director, Ampara district, M.S. Jawfer, Public Relations Officer, Ministry of Road Development, Eastern Province, A.H. Amjath, Cultural Officer, S.M. Ameen, Social Services Officer, Moulavi U.M. Niyasi, Secretary of the College and U.M. Saheed, Asst. Secretary of the College were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



Plastic chairs were donated to the Sri Indrasabah Pirivena, Bopitiya, Matugama by Western Provincial Councillor M.M.M. Amjad, from his decentralised budget. Here Amjad presents the chairs to Pirivanathipathi Ven. Bopitiye Jinarathana Thera. *Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



The Dehiwita Provincial Secretariat emerged winners at the Inter-Provincial Secretariats National Productivity Awards contest recently. From left: Upul Ratnayake, Asst. Inquiry Officer, H.T. Navaratne, (KKS), Lasantha Pathberiya, Asst. Human Resources Development Officer, Nilani Hettiarachchi, Grama Niladharini, Nalika Piyasena, Provincial Secretary, Mohan Wijeratne, Asst. Provincial Secretary, Nimal Susantha, Asst. Director, Thamarra Gunewardene, Chief Management Assistant, Samanthi Wickremarachchi, Management Assistant and Lesley Premaratne, Samurdhi Development Officer.



The first exhibition on 'Pamphlet Collections' organised by the library staff of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka was held recently. The expo was opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Languages As-Sheikh A.B.M. Aliyar. Here the acting Librarian M.M. Rifaudeen conducting the Dean and the guests to show them the exhibits. *Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.*



The eighth anniversary and prize-giving of the Blessed Joseph Vaz School, affiliated to the Joseph Vaz Association, Grandpass, Colombo was held at the Tower Hall, Maradana recently. Here the Consultant of the School A. Thasan Fernando presents a souvenir to parliamentarian and Secretary of the Citizen's Front, J. Sri Ranga. Director M. Anthony and Principal Mrs. Subashini Mariyadas look on. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The annual Christmas Carols service was held at David Peiris Motor Co. (Pvt.) Ltd., Negombo branch, Galkanda Junction, Negombo. Here the staff sing carols. *Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.*



The Secretary of the Sri Lanka Nidahas Madya Wedinge Sangamaya and media personality Chandrasiri Weligamage had edited a book titled *Dina 2500 Ascharriya* to felicitate President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Here the author presents the first copy to Media Minister Keheliya Rabukwella. *Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.*



Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardena addresses a gathering at the Matugama auditorium, on the proposed reforms of voting. The event was organised by the Matugama Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman L.G. Liyanarachchi. *Pic: K.K.D. Premalal, Matugama Spl. Cor.*



The Yatihena Zone Healthcare Hospital donated two blood testing instruments, a urine testing machine and a weight measuring scale to the Biyagama MOH's office to mark its 20th anniversary celebrations. Here the Chairman of the hospital M.R.M. Farook presents the gifts to Biyagama MOH Dr (Mrs) C.P. Wijesuriya. Dr (Mrs) Vishaka Ratnamalla, of the Ragama Hospital and OIC, CIP, P. Kaviratne of the Biyagama police, are also in the picture. *Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor., Mahanama Vithanage*



Chairman, Urban Council Puttalam K.A. Baiz inspects the areas in Thillaiyadi that were inundated due to the incessant rains recently. *Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.*

OFFICE-BEARERS

Wildlife and Nature Protection Society of Sri Lanka
President: Ravi Deraniyagala
Vice Presidents: Ravindralal Anthonis, Deepal Gunaratne,
Hony. General Secretary: Sarath Edussuriya
Hony. Treasurer: Melwin Herath
General Committee: Dayananda Athuraliya, Ravi de Silva, Ashley de Vos, Rahul Dissanayake, Prof. Lakdas Fernando, Charitha Gooneratne, Prasad Gunaratne, Rukshan Jayewardene, Ganeshan Mendis, Douglas B. Ranasinghe, Sanjeeva Ratnapala, Janek Rodrigo, Lalith Seneviratne.



A blood donation camp organised by the Panduwasnuwara Youth Club was held at the Kuliypatiya General Hospital recently. A large number of local donors including bhikkhus extended their patronage. *Pic: Wimal Karunatilake.*



A lottery draw organised by the Senior Citizens' Society of the National Savings Bank, Moratuwa branch was held recently. Here Kalutara Zonal Manager, T.L.A. Wijeratne gifts a dressing table to the second prize winner, Mrs. Malsiri Peiris. The first prize, a television set was won by Lakshi Perera. M.L. Dayaratne, Manager, Moratuwa, Mrs. H.D.N.D. Siriwardene, former Manager, Moratuwa and P.G. Sumathipala, President, Senior Citizen's Society were also present. *Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.*



A Wound Care Unit, costing over one million rupees was donated by the Welfare Society of Ceylon Agro Industries Ltd. (Prima), Seeduwa to the Wijeya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa recently. Here the General Manager, Prima Group Sri Lanka Tan Beng Chuan unveils the plaque. General Manager, Ceylon Agro Industries Shun Tien Shing, Prof. Carlo Fonseka and Dr. Sarojani Jayalath, Chief Medical Officer, Wijeya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa look on. *Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.*



WPC Chief Minister, Prasanna Ranatunga opened the renovated office building of Ambagaspiya Maha Vidyalaya, Kelaniya recently. Chairman, Mahara Pradeshiya Sabha, S.P. Vithana and Chairman, Attagalla Pradeshiya Sabha, U.M. Rajapaksa are also in the picture. *Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



A meeting to discuss road development was held at the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council recently, presided over by the Mayor Athaullah Ahamed Zackie, Municipal Commissioner, A.L.M. Azmi, Municipal Engineer, A.M.M. Hakeem, officials of the Road Development Authority and contractors also participated in the meeting. The construction work was under the 'JAICA' program. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



Sisu Udana account holders of the People's Bank, Kiribathgoda branch, won mountain bicycles, based on a lottery draw at the Viharamaha Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Kiribathgoda recently. Here Mrs. D.D.A.G. Shanthilatha, Branch Manageress, awards a medal to one of the winners. Rehensiri Waragoda, founder of the Rehensiri Waragoda Educational, Cultural and Social Welfare Foundation, Kelaniya, the organiser of the event, is also in the picture. *Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.*



The Mayor of the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council, Athaulla Ahamed Zackie plants a sapling at the Akkaraipattu Athaulla Aragam during the *Dayata Sevana* tree-planting campaign organised by the Municipal Council, to mark the birthday and second year of the second term of office of President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Municipal Commissioner A.L.M. Asmi, Secretary M.I.A. Latiff and several other officials were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



A free medical clinic organised by the Nabaviya Medical Service Association, Beruwala was held at the Baithul Mubarak Buhari Thakiya, Maligahena, Beruwala recently. *Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



The Old Boys' Development Society of St. Anthony's Boys' Vidyalayam, Kochchikade, Colombo 13, organised a farewell ceremony for the retired teacher, Mrs. Mary Anestinn Fernando, for the services rendered during the past 30 years. Here Mrs. Fernando with the President of the Society, P. Milton and other members. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*