



Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs W.D.J. Seneviratne presents a letter of appointment to a management trainee at a ceremony at the Ministry auditorium Deputy Minister Wijaya Dahanayaka looks on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The newly carpeted Boralugoda-Maguruwela Road was inaugurated by Senior Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka recently. Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka and Vice Chairman of Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Ashoka Ranathunga were also present.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The progress review meeting of Western Province was held recently at the Governor's Secretariat, under the patronage of WPC Governor, Alavi Moulana and the Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga. WPC Chairman Sunil Wijeratna, Western Province Minister Udaya Gammanpila and provincial council ministers are also in the picture.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The teledrama actor Upasena Subasinghe of the Independent Television Network's *Kopi Kade* fame received his Kalabooshana award at the John de Silva Theatre recently. Here Subasinghe receives his award from ITN Director Hashim Omar, A.H.M. Azwer MP and Eravur Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Ali Zaheer Moulana are also in the picture.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The People's Bank Modera branch held its New Year celebrations recently. Here Branch Manager Neil Kodikara and officers conduct religious rites conducted by the Maha Sangha.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Airline Academy held its Award Ceremony at the Grand Oriental Hotel recently. Here a participant receives an award from the chief guest, Airport Manager Gulf Air, Sanjaya Peiris. International Travel Consultant and Airline Professional Instructor Deepal Perera who conducted the course looks on.
Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



The Eheliyagoda Divisional Secretariat will hold the weekly *Divi-Neguma pola* at the DS office premises, in the future. Here Ministers Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Sabaragamuwa PC Chairman Kanchana Jayaratna and Eheliyagoda PS Chairman Sarath Sandanaik open the first 'Pola.'
Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Two hundred and forty four graduate teachers received their letters of appointment based on the Competitive Exam held in 2011 at the Chief Ministry auditorium recently. Here Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga presents the letter to a graduate teacher.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Rankekulu Savings Accounts holders were presented with birthday gifts at a ceremony organised by the branch Managress Mrs. M.N.S. Warnasuriya and its staff of the Bank of Ceylon, Ragama at Lourdes Reception Hall, Ragama recently. Here M.A. Sumanarathna, Asst. General Manager, Western Province North distributes gifts to a child. Ranjith Welikannage, Manager, Western Province, North Zone and Mrs. M.N.S. Warnasuriya, Managress, BOC, Ragama branch are also in the picture.
Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



Sri Lanka Insurance, Divulapitiya organised a function to mark the new year with its customers and insurance advisers. Here an officer presents a gift to a new policy holder. Divulapitiya Field Sales Manager, Sami Kumarasinghe and Adviser Prasad Perera are also in the picture.
Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



The People's Bank, Gampola branch organised the New Year 2013 ceremony at the bank premises recently. Here the Manager Anuruddha Gamage lights the oil lamp. Current Accounts Officer, Mrs. Niranjala Sumanathilaka and customers look on.
Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Tkn. Cor.



The 40th Annual General Meeting of the National Council for the Deaf (NCD) was held in Colombo under the patronage of Prof. M.W.B Gunathunge of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. Here Prof. Gunathunge addresses the gathering. President, NCD, Dr. W. Ratnayake, Vice President, Dr. Ananda Soysa, Senior Director, NCD, Mrs. Maud Senaratne and Director, Mrs. Shirani Dissanayake are also in the picture.
Pic: M.U.M. Samon, Puttalam Cor.



Additional Secretary, Public Administration and Home Affairs Ministry, Mrs. Padma Siriwardane retired from State services at recently. Here Ministry Secretary P.B. Abeykoon presents a gift pack to Mrs. Siriwardane.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs, W.D.J. Seneviratne presented the honorary *Samaja Seva Gayathiri* award for services rendered in the fields of religion, fine arts and social service, to Dr. S. Sriganeshalingam, Grama Niladhari of Trincomalee (Town and Gravets) at the Sugadadasa Sports Hotel, Colombo recently.
Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



A blood donation campaign organised by the Sri Bodhiraja Dhamma School, Pallewatte, in collaboration with the National Blood Bank was held at the Pallewatte Community Centre in Ginigathena recently. Here a woman volunteer donates blood.
Pic: G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena Spl. Cor.



The Nintavur District Hospital won the "National Productivity Award" for 2010-11 at a competition organised by the National Productivity Secretariat of the Ministry of Productivity Promotion. Here the Medical officer in charge Dr. M.C.M. Mahir and his team along with parliamentarian M. Faizal Cassim and members of the Hospital Development Society after receiving the award at a ceremony at the BMICH, recently.
Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



The Sarathchandra Jayakody Sambhawana Literature ceremony organised by the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha was held at the Sri Vijayasundarama temple, Gonapola, Palannoruwa recently, on an initiative by the Deputy Minister of Ports and Highways, Nirmala Kotalawala. Here the artistes who were felicitated with their Upahara awards and certificates.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Archbishop to open St. Anthony's Museum

The statue presented by St. Anthony's Basilica, Paduva will be taken in procession from St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena and the long-awaited Museum of St. Anthony will be opened today at 5.30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Shrine, Kochchikade, Colombo 13, said Rev. Fr. Clement Rozairo, the Administrator of the shrine.

Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, delegates from Italy and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa will be present.

Ananda 93 Group AGM

The Annual General Meeting and the election of office-bearers of Ananda College 93 Group will be held on January 19 at 2.30 p.m. at the Centenary Building of the College.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "What will make us change?" 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.

Finals of all-island Choir Festival

The all-island Choir Festival organised by the Institute of Western Music and Speech showcasing the talents of youth will hold the finals on Saturday, January 19 at 4.30 p.m. at Bishop's College auditorium.

The semi-finals on January 12 in Colombo and January 13 in Kandy featured several schools and groups in the Junior, Senior and Open Categories.

Cash prizes and certificates of participation and awards will be presented to the contestants and winners and an evening of enriching, harmonious melodies can be enjoyed by all, the organisers said.



The executive committee of the newly formed Puttalam District United Journalists' Association convened its first meeting at the Puttalam Town Hall recently.
Pic: M.U.M. Samon, Puttalam Cor.



The pupils of Tamil Maha Vidyalayam, Dehiwela present a religious dance item at the annual prize-giving at the Colombo Tamil Sangham, Wellawatte recently.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A bevy of young women parishioners of the People's Church (The Assembly of God), Narahenpita, Colombo 5 recite a devotional song during its New Year program at Christ Church, Aluthmawatha, Modera, Colombo 15 recently.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A ceremony to felicitate 50 personalities who had rendered a valuable service to the community was held at the Vivekananda Society Hall recently, organised by the Krishnalaya Kazhai Thendral Foundation to mark its 36th anniversary. Here well-known artiste Nainar Imran receives his award certificate from the President K. Mohankumar while the members look on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The award ceremony of the Small Enterprises-Development program, Matara was held at Solis Hotel recently. Here Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dullas Alahapperuma presents an award to a winner.
Pic: A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Cor.