



The annual Sports Meet of Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo was held recently, with Education Minister Bandula Gunawardena as the chief guest. Here one of the guests of honour, Parliamentarian Namal Rajapaksa acknowledges the cheering crowd, on his arrival at the grounds. Principal, Sandamali Aviruppola is on his right.



The Federation of Sri Lanka Local Government Authorities organised a seminar on 'Capacity-Building and Networking for Women Councillors of Sri Lanka' at the Co-operative College, Polgolla recently. Here Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson Lakwanitha Peramuna Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage, Central Provincial Minister of Sports and Industries Mrs. Anushika Sivarama and Mrs. Malie Algama, Chairperson of the Federation at the head table.



Dr. Nimal Sedera's latest book in Sinhala, *Miracles of the Power of Mind and Universal Consciousness* was launched at the Valukaramya Temple, Colombo 3 recently. Here Dr. Sedera and Mrs. Sedera present the first copy to Ven. Mahanayaka of the Kotte Sri Kalyani Sanghasabha, Dr. Bellana Gnanawimala Thera. The book is a Sarasavi Publication.



A bridal show presented by Samanthi Nimalee of the Royal Diamonds Institute was held at the Piliyandala Town Hall recently. Here the winner and the two runners-up in the Kandyan category.



A ceremony jointly organised by the Human Rights Organisation and the Grandpass police to felicitate around 2,000 elders, was held recently. A medical clinic was also held. Here Human Rights Organisation Director General Dr. N.H.M. Azim presents a gift parcel worth around Rs. 1,500 to a beneficiary.

Pic: Wimal Karunatilake.



Udani accounts to the value of Rs. 500 and gifts were presented by the People's Bank, Kalutara Regional Office, Panadura main branch and the Panadura City Branch for all babies born between February 1 to 7 at the Kethumathi Maternity hospital, Panadura to mark the 65th Independence Day. Here Asst. General Manager of People's Bank (Treasury Unit) Clive Fonseka presents the gift certificate to a mother. Regional Manager Kalutara, Jayasena Guruge, Main Branch Manager Ananda Premathilake are also in the picture.

Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.



The launching ceremony of the Tamil book *Mauna Moligal* (Silent Languages), authored by Thavarasa Tharsan was held at the Colombo Tamil Sangam Hall, Wellawatte recently. Here President, Colombo Tamil Sangam Prof. Seba Jayarasa presents a copy to V. Dharmarasa while the author looks on.

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



The 33rd commemoration of popular Sri Lankan Tamil artist, the late Kalaiventhan Sri Shankar, organised by the Sri Shankar Commemorative Society was held at the Old Town Hall, Pettah recently. Here members K. Nadarajah, V. Shanmugarajah, K. Anbalagan, A. Muthappan Chettiyar and Nobel Vethanayagam near the portrait of the late artist.

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



Chief Justice Mohan Peiris was the chief guest at the ceremonial unveiling of the photograph of Manilal Fernando, former President of the Kalutara Lawyers' Association at the Law Library in the Kalutara High Court complex. Here he is in conversation with the judges and lawyers.

Pic: Mohamad Imithiyaz, Colombo Central TKN Cor.



Investment Promotion Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena participates in religious programs at the Matara Maha Bodhiya recently. Here the Minister addresses the gathering. SPC Members, D.W. Prathapsingha, Anura Gunaratne and Matara Municipal Council member Chatura Karunaratne are also in the picture.

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



Ports and Highways Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardana presents a registration certificate of the first expectant mother of the Maternity Clinic of the Kalutara Urban Council.

Pic: Wadduwa Gr. Cor, S.R. Piyadasa



The 12th annual Meelad-un-Nabi celebrations of the Kalutara district Ahadiyya Federation was held at Al-Fahriya Central College grounds, Thotawattha, Panadura recently. Here the chief guest, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs M.K.D.S. Gunawardana presents an award to an Ahadiyya School teacher. President of the Kalutara Ahadiyya Federation M.H.M. Uwain is also in the picture.

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



Mr. and Mrs. Gert Eimer from Germany donated 10 water tanks to poor families in the Beruwala area recently, organised by Irsan Mohamed, a social worker and his group in China Fort, Beruwala.

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



The new Raleigh Bicycle showroom of BSH Ventures at the Biyagama Export Processing Zone (BEPZ), was opened at Ananda Rajakaruna Mawatha, Punchi Borella, Colombo 8 recently. Here CEO of Phoenix Ventures, Aslam Omar with the chief guest, Governor of the Central Bank Ajith Nivard Cabraal, CEO of Brandix Apparels Ashraff Omar and the MD of BSH Ventures Jeyam Perumal.

Pic: Sudath Pubudu Keerthi, Delgoda Gr. Cor.



A seminar on 'The Role of the Journalist in reporting crimes and violence', organised by the Sri Lanka Press Council was held at the Centuria Hill Resort, Ratnapura, with the participation of 83 scribes in the Sabaragamuwa Province. Here the chief guest Minister W.D.J. Seneviratna lights the oil lamp.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Divisional Secretary, Puttalam, M.R. Malik and Assistant Divisional Secretary, J.A.V. Vasanthika pluck the harvest of beetroot grown within the compound of the Divisional Secretariat recently.

Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



The Western Provincial Council issued letters of appointment to 413 graduate teachers recently. Here WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga presents a letter to a graduate. WPC Ministers, Udhaya Gammanpila, Upali Kodikara and Councillor Gamini Tilakasiri are also in the picture.

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



Residents of Puttalam attend a free medical camp organised by Jama'et-e-Islami of Puttalam, in collaboration with the Puttalam Kuwait Hospital recently at the Puttalam Shri Visuddhirama Vihara.

Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.

EVENTS

Lecture series on *Bhagavat Gita*

The world-renowned Vedanta Swami Parthasarathy's daughter and disciple Sunandaji will conduct a lecture series on *Bhagavat Gita* at the Buddhist Cultural Centre, Colombo 5 from March 6 to 9. It is organised by the Vedantha Institute of Colombo.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "How is one to have complete order?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be played at the 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.

Call to 43rd Airmen Intake/7th Officer Cadet Intake

The 43rd Airmen Intake and 7th Intake of Officer Cadets and Student Officers, who joined the Sri Lanka Air Force in September 1979 and underwent combat training at GC & RTU SLAF, Diyatalawa, should furnish contact details to the co-ordinators: Gamini Keerthi (071-4493612/031-2231192) or Sarath Kumara (078-5697272/011-2861921).

St. Peter's College OBU Stag Night

The Stag Night of St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya will be held on February 28 from 7.30 p.m at the College premises.



The official website of the Industries Department of the Western Provincial Council was opened by Western Province Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Irrigation, Industries and Environment Minister Udaya Gammanpila at the Western Province Aesthetic Centre recently. The website www.industries.wpc.gov.lk outlines the services of the department in all three languages.



Western Provincial Councillor and SLPF organiser for Kalutara district, Al-Haj M.M.M. Amjad opens the newly constructed road at Jayasiri Waththa, Beruwala recently.

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



A shramadana campaign organised by the Sainthamaruthu District Hospital Development Committee, to eradicate the dengue menace, to mark the 65th Independence day celebrations was held at the hospital recently. Here Dr. Ariff and committee members busy with the clean-up operation.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



A meeting of the womenfolk of the Morahanagama village in the Ambagamuwa DS division, organised by the Nuwara Eliya District Sinhala and Tamil Rural Women's Organisation (NEDSTRWO) was held at the Morahanagama temple recently. Here Central Provincial Councillor and President of the NEDSTRWO Mrs. Wimali Karunaratne addresses the gathering.

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



The annual Meelad-un-Nabi of the Moulidun Nabi Majlis at Dharga Road, China Fort, Beruwala was held recently, organised by the Young Meelad Association of China Fort.

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



The Kanewila-Narawita Road in the Horana electorate was repaired under the *Gama Naguma* program at a cost of Rs. 10 lakhs funded by the Economic Development Ministry, on a request from a member of the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Anura Jayalath and Western Provincial Councillor Lal Kularathna. Here they open the road.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Group Cor.



Thai Pongal Day was celebrated at the Pillaiyarkovil at Panwala, organised by the Saiva Maha Sabai of Panwala recently. Here President of the Sabai, Suresh, President of the Traders' Association, L. Lokanathan, President of Wattegama Sri Muthumari Amman Kovil and Trustees of the Panwala Kovil with the high priest.

Pic: H.A. Shakoore, Pathadumbara Spl. Cor.