



Prominent author and environmentalist Jayantha Wijewickrama's latest book *Siya-wasaka Mathaka*, on the life and times of the SLPF stalwart Daya T. Pasqual, the longest party member was launched recently. Here the author presents the first copy to the Ministers T.B. Ekanayake and Dayasiritha Tissera look on.



The unveiling ceremony of the newly built 'Samadhi' Buddha statue organised by the Dekaduwa Nuns' Meditation Centre, was held recently on an initiative by the Director, Nadimala Buddhist Traditional Centre, Ven. Kirama Vimala-jothi Thera. Here the nuns offer flowers at the statue.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



An all-night pirith pinka followed by *Sanghika dana* to the Maha Sangha was held to mark the 30th anniversary of the police Special Task Force at its headquarters at Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7. Here the chief guest, Defence and Urban Development Ministry Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa offers *Gilanpasa* to the Sangha headed by the Viharadhipathi of Gangaramaya, Hunupitiya, Ven. Galaboda Gnannissara Nayaka Thera.
Pic: A. Sumanasekera, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



A new classroom building of Rahula Balika Vidyalaya, Malabe was opened by Environmental Minister Susil Premajayantha recently. WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga and Western Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmaga are also in the picture.
Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Batch of 1983 of St. Benedict's College, Kotahena at a revival meeting held recently decided to celebrate their 30th anniversary of their leaving college to build a classroom. Here the President of the Batch, Brig. Suraj Bangsajayah along with his batchmates present the cheque for Rs. 500,000 to Director, St. Benedict's College, Rev. Bro. Janaka Fonseka, at the College assembly.
Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



The annual Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Tewatta, Ragama was held recently. Here the decorated statue of Our Lady being carried in a procession.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The scholarship presentation ceremony to students who were successful at the G.C.E. O/L examination 2012 was held at the YMMA Conference Hall, Dematagoda, Colombo 9 recently, organised by the Young Women's Muslim Association and sponsored by Mrs. Nazirah Hussain, former High Commissioner for Malaysia in Sri Lanka and family members. Here the chief guest, former Malaysian High Commissioner M. Zanudeen and invitees being conducted to the venue by Mrs. Ackiya Muzzammil and YMMA members.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



One hundred and fifty homeless families of differently-abled persons in the Kurunegala district were received cash donations to build own houses recently by Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils and SLPF Chief Organiser for Panaduwasnuwara Indika Bandaranayake. Here the Deputy Minister presents a cheque to a beneficiary. Divisional Secretary, Panaduwasnuwa - (East), Mrs. S.M. Peththawadu and Chairman, North Western Provincial Council Dharmasiri Dassanayake are also with the Minister.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The Central Bank of Sri Lanka introduced a micro finance loan scheme, under the Addalaichenai Rahmaniyaath Arafath Development Society, recently. Regional Manager and officer in charge of the scheme (North East Provinces) M. Dayaparan, Manager, Bank of Ceylon, Akkaraipattu branch M.I.M. Haniffa, Manager, Bank of Ceylon, Addalaichenai I.M. Munawar, Field Officer S. Sritharan, Vice Chairman of the Addalaichenai Pradeshia Sabha, A.L. Amanullah were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The 125th anniversary of Dharmaraja College, Kandy was held recently at the College auditorium. Of the Past Principals, five attended the function. From left: W.M. Bandaranayake, A.P. Gunaratne, S.M. Keerthiratne (Present Principal), B. Samarajeewa, U.B. Herath and Asoka Herath.
Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmaga in response to an appeal by the Kaduwela Municipal Councillor Manoj Bethmaga presented plastic chairs, out of his Provincial Council funds to the Hokandara North 'Sanasa' Society, Arangala recently. Here Hector Bethmaga presents a chair to the Chairman W. Perera. Manoj Bethmaga is also in the picture.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



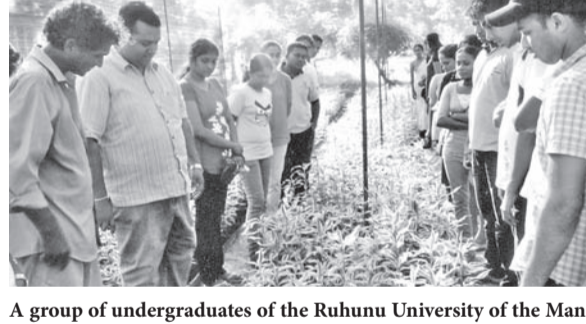
The Central Province Tamil Day 2012 and prize-giving was held at the Tamil Maha Vidyalaya, Kotagala recently. Here Central Province Additional Director P.S. Sathes after being draped with a golden shawl by the Central Province Minister of Industrial Education (Tamil), Mrs. Anusha Sivarajah. Central Province Deputy Director (Tamil) Mrs. Ramanathan (Left), Additional Director, Nuwara Eliya Zone, S.P. Rajasegar and Divisional Director, Nuwara Eliya Zone S. Somasundaram are also in the picture.
Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN Corr.



The 10th anniversary celebrations of the Panadura Mithrodaya Society was held at the Panadura Town Hall recently. Eight veterans who had provided services were felicitated at the ceremony. From left: Prasanna Vithanage, Swarnamalee Rodrigo, Lakshman Heyyantuduwa, Sudharma Swarnaseeli Uyanahewa, Meril Perera, Maheel R. Perera, Nandani Jayasundara and Anoma Rajakaruna. Nandana Gunatilake, Chairman, Urban Council, Panadura and Reianzi Fernando, Vice Chairman, UC Panadura were also present.
Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.



Minister of Sports Mahindananda Aluthgamage accompanied by Chairman of the Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz and North Western Provincial Councillor Chinthaka Amal Mayadunne inspects the progress of the construction work on the new Puttalam District National Stadium.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



A group of undergraduates of the Ruhunu University of the Management and Finance Faculty were on an educational tour of Bingiriya Agri-export zone in Kurunegala recently. Here they view a well-managed garden of anthurim flowers and cut-foliage cultivation of Niaml Jayaratne, a flower-grower in the Bingiriya agri-export zone. Sampath Dissanayake, President, Bingiriya Development Foundation the co-ordinator and Mrs. Manori Kulasekara, the Acting Asst. Directress of Sri Lanka Export Development Board are also in the picture.
Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



Transport Minister Kumara Welgama opened the new concreted Indhigasthuduwa road by unveiling the plaque recently. Western Provincial Councillor C. Adikaram is also in the picture.
Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The school books and stationery distribution among students of low income families was held at the Holy Trinity Church premises, Grandpass, Colombo 14 recently, organised by the Colombo North Welfare Societies' Guild. M.F. Manzil MMC, former Minister P.P. Devaraj, Pastor Sepala Wasantha, President of the Guild, Gerald Raj Fernando and the members participated.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Maharagama Urban Councillor Nisantha Wimalachandra of the Shakthi Education Foundation conducts free English courses for youth in Maharagama. Here the Deputy Chairman, Maharagama Urban Council Sunil Kodithuwakku presents a certificate to a trainee. Urban Councillor Nisantha Wimalachandra and the tutor of Sakthi Foundation Sriyananda S. Megodawewa were also present.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.

EVENTS

Visakha Avurudu pola on March 30

The Avurudu pola 2013 of the Old Girls' Association of Visakha Vidyalaya will be held on March 30 from 9.00 am to 6.30 p.m. at the school grounds.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "How is freedom to be understood and lived?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed 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.

WMC Women's Photography Exhibition 2013

The Women and Media Collective (WMC) is organising a photography exhibition as a part of a series of events to celebrate International Women's Day at the Lionel Wendt Gallery on March 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Entrance is free. Photographs by 26 women photographers have been selected by an independent panel of judges.

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Building materials worth Rs. 50,000 were donated to the Laxapana Elders' Society for a hall, by the Central Provincial Councillor S.B. Ratnayake recently. Here Ratnayake (second from left) presents a bag of cement to the Chairman of the Society, G.K.M. Sirisena (second from right). Treasurer, Gunapala Hettiaarachchi (extreme right) and Ambagamuwa PS Member Helapriya Nandara (extreme left) are also in the picture.
Pic: G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena Spl. Cor.



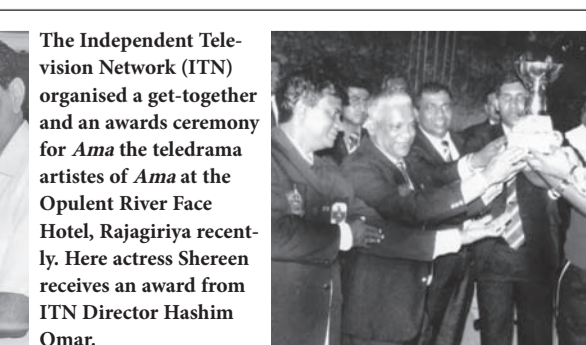
Senior citizens of Akkaraipattu were honoured by the Deputy Mayor of Akkaraipattu M.M.M. Rizam recently. Here one of the senior citizens receives a gift parcel from the Deputy Mayor at a ceremony at Al Hidaya Vidyalaya, Akkaraipattu.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



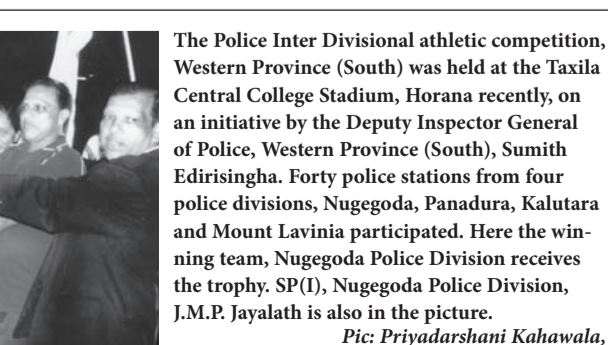
Assistant General Manager, Bank of Ceylon, Eastern Province K.P. Ananda Nadesan was felicitated for his services to the banking field and other social activities, at the Bank of Ceylon Area Office, Trincomalee recently, jointly organised by the Area Office and the branches in the Trincomalee district. Here Ananda Nadesan, Area Manager A.M. Zubair and Branch Managers at the function.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The Independent Television Network (ITN) organised a get-together and an awards ceremony for Ama the teledrama artistes of Ama at the Opulent River Face Hotel, Rajagiriya recently. Here actress Shereen receives an award from ITN Director Hashim Omar.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The Police Inter Divisional athletic competition, Western Province (South) was held at the Taxila Central College Stadium, Horana recently, on an initiative by the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Western Province (South), Sumith Edirisingha. Forty police stations from four police divisions, Nugegoda, Panadura, Kalutara and Mount Lavinia participated. Here the winning team, Nugegoda Police Division receives the trophy. SP(1), Nugegoda Police Division, J.M.P. Jayalath is also in the picture.
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