



Mahamevuna Asapu Viharadhipathy Ven. Kiribathgoda Gnanananda Thera's *Namo Buddhaya 3* was launched at the Dayawansa Jayakody Book Exhibition Hall, Maradana, Colombo 10 recently. Here the publisher Dayawansa Jayakody presents the first copy to the author. Damayanthi Jayakody was present on the occasion.



The *Pal Kudam Bawani* (Holy Milk procession) to invoke blessings on the country and the people was held at the Poomanammankovil, Perahera Mawatha, Colombo 2 recently. Here women devotees carry milk pots in a procession from the Saiva Munnetra Sangam to the kovil.

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



A ceremony was held at the Eheliyagoda Cooperative Conference Hall to felicitate the former Divisional Secretary of Eheliyagoda Shanthi Wijayaraja who had rendered seven years of service in the area. Here Mrs. Wijayaraja is being conducted in a procession along the streets of Eheliyagoda town with the participation of Ratnapura District Secretary, Sunil Kannangara (right), Secretary, Devapriya Wijayaraja (left) and well-wishers.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



A one-day mobile service organised by the Divisional Secretariat, Akkaraipattu was held at Akkaraipattu Central College recently, under the *Deyata Kirula 2013* National Development exhibition program. Here Neil de Alvis, District Secretary, Ampara listens to the grievances of a member of the public. A. Ahamed Zackie, Mayor of the Akkaraipattu Municipality, M.A. Razeek, Chairman of the Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha, A.L.M. Azmi, Municipal Commissioner and M.Y. Saleem, Divisional Secretary, Akkaraipattu are also in the picture.

Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The launching ceremony of the Tamil Book, *Viralkalatravanin Pirarthanai* (Short Stories) authored by SLBC announcer Ashroff Shihabdeen and Published by Yatra Publishers, Wattala was held at the Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here Western Province Councillor and former Minister M.S.S. Ameer Ali presents the maiden copy to ITN Director Hashim Omar while the author, Secretary of the Islamic Tamil Literary Forum of Matale M.M. Peer Mohammed and *Tamil Mamani* Al Azumath look on.

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



A series of programs *Satya Gaweshi*, organised by the Social Services Department of the Western Province, on problems in the society regarding mental illnesses was held at the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya recently. Minister of Social Services, Western Province, Jagath Angage and several VIPs participated. Here Director, Social Service, Western Province, Anusha Gokula addresses the gathering.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A felicitation ceremony organised by the Maharagama Justice of the Peace Organisation was held recently at the Maharagama Divisional Secretariat. Here the chief guest, Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardane presents an award to the Chairman of the organisation, Wickrama Samaranyake. Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmaga is also in the picture.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Meelad-un-Nabi celebration was held at the Kandy Dangolla Jumma Masjid Madarasa Al Hidayah Hall recently. Here the chief guest, Mayor of Kandy, Mahendra Ratwatte addresses the gathering. President of the Masjid M.I.M. Mihilar, Dangolla Thissarama Vihara chief incumbent Ven. Egodamulle Gnanasiri Thera and Kandy Jamiyathul Ulama President As Sheik Fazrul were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook

EVENTS

AGM of Moratuwa Arts Forum

The 19th AGM of the Moratuwa Arts Forum will be held on April 7 at 4.30 p.m. at the Sri Palee Reception Hall, Moratuwa. Divisional Secretary, Moratuwa, K.C. Niroshan will be the chief guest. The entertainment for the evening by members of the Moratuwa Arts Forum and Jayagra Mendis with her pupils, will follow the meeting.

AGM of Muslim Ladies PPA

The annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils' Association of Muslim Ladies College, Colombo will be held on April 6 at 9.00 am at the College Hall.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'The movement of thought and becoming' 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.

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Six people were felicitated at the Annual *Kamban Vizha* Festival 2013, organised by the Colombo Kamban Kazhagam at the Sri Ramakrishna Mission Hall, Wellawatte recently. Here Western Province Governor S. Alavi Moulana receives his award from President, Kamban Kazhagam, G. Visvanathan. Chief Trustee of Ponnambalamwaneswarar Kovil, Kochchikade, Colombo, D.M. Swaminathan and A. Vinayagamoorthy look on.

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



The medical representatives of JAICA and UNICEF discuss on further improvement to Puttalam Base Hospital with the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, Dr. Asoka Perera and Chairman of Puttalam Urban Council K.A. Baiz during their feasibility tour recently.

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



The Deputy Chairman of the Central Provincial Council, R.M.S.B. Ratnayake speaks at a meeting of the Ambagamuwagama Rural Development Society at the Community Centre at Blackstone Colony, Ginigathena recently.

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



Journalist Piyatissa Padukkage presents gifts to students of Ratna Sri Art Circle, Kiriella at a festival held in connection with the enrolment of students for 2013.

Pic: Nimal Wijetunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The Tamil book titled *Oodagapadigal* authored by *Sooriyan FM* News Manager M. Indrajith was held at the Tamil Sangam Hall, Wellawatte recently. Here the author presents a copy to the chief Trustee of the Sri Ponnambalamwaneswarar kovil, Kochchikade, Colombo, D.M. Swaminathan while the chief guest, Prof. M. Karunanithi looks on.

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



A land to the value of Rs. 18 million owned by Bernie Kariyasawasam and Amitha Ranga Prasad was donated to the Thalduduwa Buddhist School at a function held recently. Here Sabaragamuwa Province Chief Minister Mahipala Herath accepts the title deed from the owners. The Principal of the school was also present.

Pic: K.P. Ranjani, Ruwanwella Gr. Cor.



Parliamentarian A.H.M. Azwer donated computers to the YMMA Computer Centre, Maligawatte, Colombo recently. Here Azwer presents a computer to YMMA President M.M. Mohamed. Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie, YMMA Secretary M.T.M. Imtiaz and founder President S.C. Thassim are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



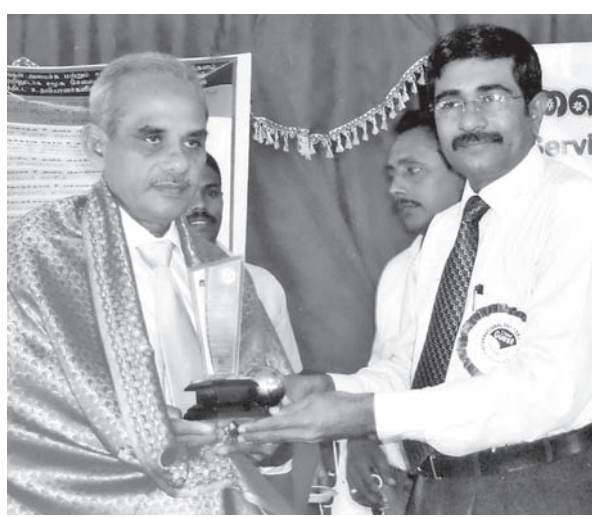
CEO of Amana Thakaful Fazal Gaffoor with parliamentarian Muthalif Farook open the new branch of Amana Thakaful Insurance on the Puttalam-Mannar Road.

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



The Kalutara Pradeshiya Sabha Women's cricket team emerged champions at the Kalutara District State Institutions Sports Festival 2013, at the Kalutara esplanade recently. Here the Kalutara P.S. Women's Cricket team with their coach.

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



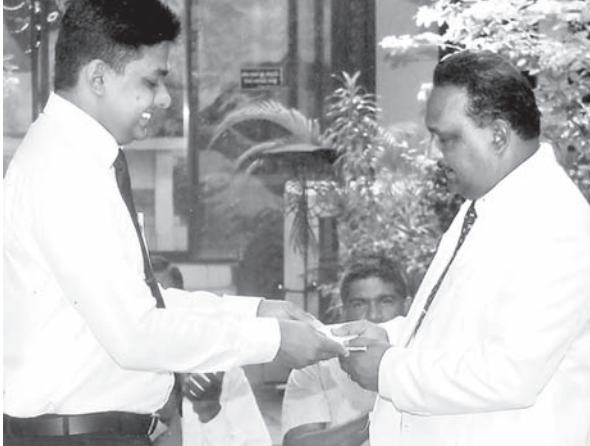
The District Social Services Officer M.I.M. Hashim who retired recently, was felicitated for his services for over 35 years as SSO and DSSO. Here Hashim receives a memento from the Secretary to the Chief Minister of the Eastern Provincial Council U.L.A. Azees. The event was organised by FEED Sri Lanka, at the Addalaichenai Lloyds auditorium recently. S.M. Zahir Hussain President of the organisation looks on.

Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



A guide book titled, 'After the GCE A/L, Opportunities and Access to Higher Education' was released at the Higher Education Ministry recently. Here the Editor Prasanna Wehanda presents the first copy to Higher Education Minister, S.B. Dissanayake.

Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela – Mt.Lavinia Spl. Cor.



The Vice President of the Old Boys' Association of Asoka Vidyalaya, Amila Perera presents the first entrance ticket to Principal Col. Prasanna Upashantha, to mark the RathRan Big Match between Asoka Vidyalaya and Kotte Janadipathi Vidyalaya, at the College hall recently.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Mouludun Nabi Majlis of Abrar Jumma Mosque, Maradana, Beruwala was held recently. Here Moulavi M.S.M. Ahamed Alim (Mahlari) addresses the gathering.

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



The Kalmunai Zahira College G.C.E. O/L 1964 Batch organised a get-together after 48 years in Kalmunai recently. Here the classmates present a memento to a retired High Court Judge Mrs. Maimuna Ahamed.

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



Chairman of the Urban Council, Puttalam K.A. Baiz discusses with the Director of Road Development Authority of NWP and the Executive Engineer of the Authority (Puttalam region) on the possibility of making all the main roads of Puttalam town four-lane highways.

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