

Community



Religious Affairs Co-ordinators to President Mahinda Rajapaksa Ven. Galagama Dhamma Ransi Thera (Buddhism), Babu Sharma Kurukkal (Hinduism), Rev. Fr. Sarath Hettiarachchi (Christianity) and Al-Haj Dr. Hassan Mowlana (Islam) while discussing public opinion on matters on religious harmony, decided to meet and seek the advice of the Mahanayake Theras of the four Chapters.



Senior Manager of the Bank of Ceylon, Madulugiriya Wijerathne received the Buddha's Light Award for his contribution to the propagation of Buddhism and Tamil Language Culture, at the International Buddhist Conference held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu recently. Here Wijerathne receives the award from Y.S. Tamaralaras MLA, Prof. Kaliyaperumal, Chief incumbent of Dharma Vijaya Viharaya, Madurai, Ven. Dr. Madurai Bodhipala and Dr. K. Jayabalan of Indian State Art College are also in the picture.



A membership drive was recently held for the Nil Rella 2013 in the Kotikawatte-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha area launched. Here Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dalas Alahapperuma addresses the gathering at the Kotikawatte Sanasa reception hall. Kotikawatte-Mulleriyawa PS Chairman Prasanna Gunasinghe Solangaarachchi, WPC Asoka Lankatilleke, Kolonnawa UC Member Saliya Wickremasinghe and PS Member P.S. Perera were also present.

Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Group Cor.



The birthday of Minister of Transport, Kumara Welgama which was celebrated with a donation from the 'Kumara Welgama Bhikkhus Care Unit' to the Panadura Base Hospital, at a cost of Rs. 10 m was opened under the patronage of National Organiser of the SLP and Minister of Economic Development Basil Rajapaksa. Here Minister Welgama cuts the cake after the opening ceremony. Dr. Itthepane Dhammalankara Nayaka Thera, Minister of Minor Export Crop Promotion, Reginald Cooray and Minister of Health WPC Jagath Angage were also present.

Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Cor.



The newly appointed Chief Secretary of the Western Provincial Council, Jayanthi Wijethunga presents the first official document to the Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga. Western Provincial Minister Udaya Gammanpila, Provincial Councillor Meril Perera and Private Secretary to the Chief Minister, Pradheep Wijerathnasekara look on.

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



The Geethma Musical Show to project the artistic talents of students of Nalanda College was held at the BMICH recently. It was organised by the parents of the members of the School Western band. Here an event in progress.



General Manager, Seylan Bank, Kapila Ariyaratne unveils the plaque of the Puttalam Fathima Muslim Girls' School library, renovated by the Seylan Bank recently to mark the 25th anniversary of the Bank. Principal, Zumaiah Rizwan and Deputy Director of Education, Puttalam Zonal Education Newton Sirimane are also in the picture.

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



The annual Vel festival of the Neboda, Muthu Meenatchi Kovil was held under the patronage of Ports and Highways Project Minister Nirmala Kotalawala recently. Here the Vel Cart taken in a procession from the kovil.

Pic: Divakara Mohotti, Kalutara Gr. Cor.



Colombo district parliamentarian Eran Wickramaratne opened a new common amenities project at Navagampana, Grandpass recently, constructed under the Gama Neguma program. Colombo Mayor, A.J.M. Muzammil and M.M.C. Ariyaratna Santhiyagupillai are also in the picture.

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



The annual bana - preaching pinkama sponsored by the staff of the Panadura Provincial High Court premises was held recently. Here Provincial High Court Judge, Panadura Kusala Sarojanee Weerawardena, District Judge K. Dodangoda, Additional District Judge Wasantha Jinadasa and State Counsel Chaturika Samarasinghe observe the banal.

Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



President of the People's Revival Movement, Moulavi B. Sufiyan and member of the Jaffna Municipal Council Moulavi B. Sufiyan receives the chief guest at the fifth anniversary celebrations of the Movement, Chairman of the Puttalam Urban Council K.A. Baiz at the Puttalam Cultural Hall.

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



Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie, Western Provincial Councillor M.M.M. Amjad and Al-Haj Zam Refai open the newly constructed road near Zahira College in Dharga Town. Prasanna Sanjeeva, Chairman, Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha is also in the picture.

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



The inaugural ceremony of the Death Benevolent Society, affiliated to the Colombo North People's Development Guild, was held at Aliwatta, Mattakkuliya recently. Here the advisor to the Society and former Minister, P.P. Devaray, President, Gerald Raj Fernando and members after the ceremony.

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



The Bank of Ceylon, Akkaraipattu branch presented gifts to customers recently. Here the Asst. Manager, A.B.A. Gaffoor present a gift to Kantha Runginun account holder. Ampara Area Manager, Priyantha Kumara, Branch Manager M.I.M. Haniffa and Asst. Manager A.R.M. Thawfeek were also present.

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



The Maligawatte Janaza Welfare Society distributed school uniform materials among needy children at the Madarasathul Thulab Hall, Maligawatte recently. Here a child receives a set of uniform material from YMMA National Council Foundation President S.B.C. Thassim. Society President, N.M.M. Razeen, Secretary, Hisham Osman, Past President, U.T. Muhajireen and Patron, Sangani were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The office of the Assistant General Manager, Bank of Ceylon, Eastern Province, Trincomalee conducted a five-day workshop on the banking system for newly appointed officers of the BoC at the Sun Sand Hotel, Trincomalee recently. AGM, Eastern Province, K.P. Ananda Nadesan, Trincomalee Area Manager A.M. Zubair, Operation Manager, T.A. Gamini Thelasingha, Ampara Area Manager, Priyantha Kumara and Batticaloa Area Manager, S. Prabakaran participated in the inaugural session.

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



The 65th annual Catholic Children's Day organised by "Archbishop's House", Colombo held at the Basilica, Tewatte, Raghama recently. Here the chief guest, Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo, Rt.Rev.(Dr) Emmanuel Fernando lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the ceremony.

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



Secretary of the Kalutara District Literature Organisation and veteran author Dayarathna Dalawella's latest book Nuwana Wadana Katandara published by Guru Gedara Grantha Kendraya was launched recently at the Divisional Secretariat, Kalutara recently. Here, he presents the first copy to veteran writer Anurasiri Hettige. Veteran writers Kamal Perera, Upul Guruge and poet Ariyawantha Ranaweera were also present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Puttalam Urban Council Chairman, K.A. Baiz presents a cheque to the Captain of the winning team of the H.P. Tera Cup cricket match organised in Puttalam by the Puttalam Horrific Power Club.

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



Kalmunai Municipal Councillor M. Salitheen presents a coconut sapling to a beneficiary at a distribution ceremony held at Natpittimunai.

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



The 53rd anniversary celebrations of the Mudhita Sports Club, Kerawalapitiya, Wattala was held at the Vijaya Kumaratunga Sports Complex, Kerawalapitiya, under the patronage of former Deputy Minister and Wattala SLP chief organiser Neil Rupasinghe recently. Here the chief guest presents a memento to the Secretary of the Club, Sarath Chrisantha. Chairman of the Wattala Padeshiya Sabha, Thiagaratna Alwis, Provincial Councillor Janaka Suriyabandara and members are also in the picture.

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



The Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka organised the 136th Rifai Feast at the Rifai Thareeq Mosque, Colombo recently. Here Kalleefathush Shazuli Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji) addresses the gathering. Rifai Moulana U.P. Seyyed Muhammad Ashique Thangal, Iman of the Colombo Grand Mosque, Moulavi Riyal and the ulamas were present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Two hundred and thirty six graduates from the Western Province received teaching appointments recently. Here the Graduate receives her letter from WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga. Provincial Councillor A.M. Yousuf. Western Province Chief Secretary Jayanthi Wijethunga were also present.

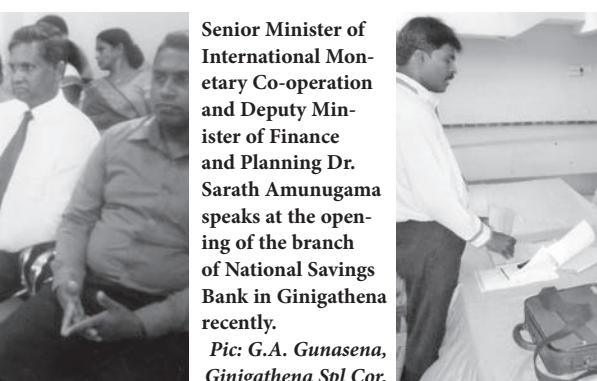
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The main office and the Kandy branch of The Traveller Global (Pvt.) Ltd organised a familiarisation trip to the Kandy Citadel Hotel recently. Here the members of the staff at the hotel.

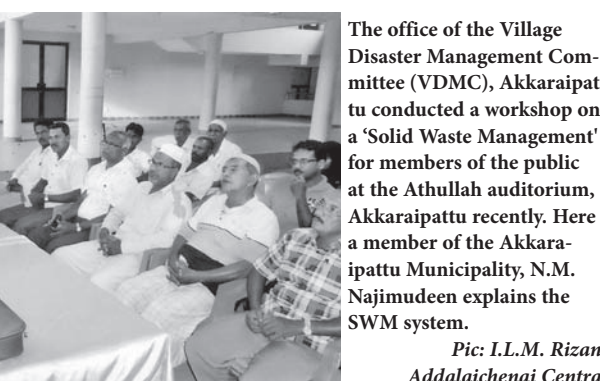


Pic: Sugath Narayana



Senior Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Sarath Amunugama speaks at the opening of the branch of National Savings Bank in Ginigathena recently.

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



The office of the Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC), Akkaraipattu conducted a workshop on a 'Solid Waste Management' for members of the public at the Athullah auditorium, Akkaraipattu recently. Here a member of the Akkaraipattu Municipality, N.M. Najimudeen explains the SWM system.

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