



Villagers of Aragama in Hanguranketha donated a *Viyana* worth around Rs. 550,000, 150 ft long and 5 feet wide to the Jayasiri Maha Bodhi, Anuradhapura recently. Uberatna Silva organised the pinkama, under the auspices of Ven. Kothmale Wimaladamma Thera and organised by Ven. Kahatagadigiliye Hemarathana Thera.

Pic: Ranjith Lokupothagama, Katana Gr. Cor.



The 54th annual perahera of the Hendala Purana Rajamaha Vihara, Wattala was held recently. Here an official of the Divisional Secretariat, Mrs. Chandima Dissanayake lights the *Ginibola* (fireball) before the commencement of the procession. Viharathipathi Ven. Hikkodda Saddhananda Thera and the members of the Board of Trustees look on.

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



The Ranaviru Captain Premil Perera Memorial Foundation Montessori held its annual sports meet recently. Here the Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Nayakakanda, Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunathileka, Principal of the Montessori, Christabel Hapuarachchi and donors with the winners of the Avurudu Kumari contest.



The *Diriya Wanitha* Women's Association of Angurukaramulla, Negombo held its Sinhala New Year celebrations at Angurukaramulla, Negombo. At the Avurudu Kumari contest R. Wagisha De Silva came first while T. Udari was the first runner up and N.Nimesha second runner-up.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



A new rice research centre at Sammanthurai in the Ampara district built at a cost of Rs. 110 million was opened recently by Minister of Agriculture, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. Senior Minister P. Dayaratna, Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister A.L.M. Athaula, Eastern Provincial Councillor M.L.A. Ameer, Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman A.M.M. Nawsad were also present.

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



Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations organised by the Wattala Divisional Secretariat were held at the Nawaloka premises, Welisara. Here the chief guest, Gampaha district parliamentarian Ms. Upeksha Swarnamali lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the ceremony. Wattala Secretariat official, Mrs. Chandima Dissanayake and Samurdi Manager, Mrs. Sujanewi Vithanarachchi are also in the picture.

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



The Medical Superintendent of the Puttalam Base Hospital Dr. Asoka Perera awards a prize to a winner of a competition held during the Meelad celebrations conducted by the H.S. Ismail Memorial Foundation at the Puttalam Town.

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



Three roads at Periyamulla, Kapungoda and Rukmani Devi Mawatha in Negombo were rehabilitated recently under Provincial Development Program, at a cost of Rs. 190 million. Here Mrs. Pushpa Rajapaksa, wife of Minister Basil Rajapaksa unveils the plaque at Rukmani Devi Mawatha. W.A. Nimal Lanza, Minister, Western Provincial Council, Antony Jayaweera, Mayor of Negombo, M.S.M. Sakaula, Deputy Mayor and Gevanga Mirando, Municipal Council Member look on.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The Kandy Sports Development Foundation held a meeting recently at the Kandy District Secretariat, presided over by Lohan Ratwatte MP. Here President, Lohan Ratwatte (fourth from left) Tissa Karunaratne (Divisional Secretary, Gangawata Korale), Gamini Seneviratne, (District Secretary) Sarath Ekanayake (Chief Minister, CP), P.M.M.G.B. Peramune (DIG Central Range) and ASP Ratnayake (standing).

Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Former Senior Lecturer in Gynaecology and Obstetrics of the Siddharyveda Medical College, Gampaha Dr. Upul Manabharana was felicitated in recognition of his service to indigenous medicine, at a ceremony organised by the Sri Lanka Medical Council recently. Here he receives his award from Deputy Indigenous Medicine Minister Pandu Bandaranayake.

Pic: Nissanka Wijeratne



The National Youth Services Council organised a traditional art and cultural sports festival to mark Sinhala-Hindu New Year on the Trincomalee Beach open-air theatre, under the patronage of Eastern Province Chief Minister Najeeb Abdul Majeed and Deputy Economic Development Minister Susantha Puchi Nilame. Here a welcome dance item presented by the students of Koneswara Vidyalaya, Trincomalee in progress.

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



Seven veteran Tamil artistes were felicitated at a ceremony held at the Old Town Hall, Pettah Colombo recently, sponsored and organised by the All Ceylon M.G.R. Fan Society, to mark the 96th birth anniversary of the popular Tamil Nadu Film Actor the late, M.G. Ramachandran. Here parliamentarian A.H.M. Azwar presents an award certificate to a veteran artiste M. Thasim. Society President S.H.M. Idris, well known social workers A. Muthappan Chettyar and Abdul Kaiyoom are also in the picture.

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



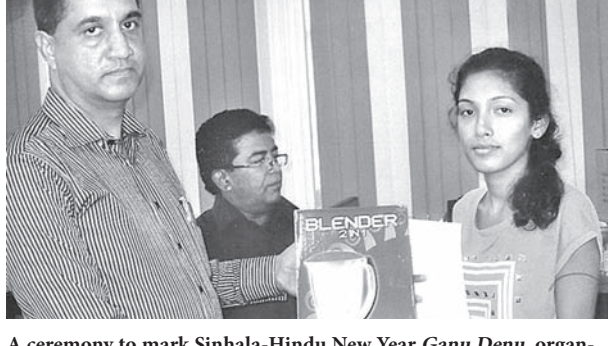
A cricket tournament organised by the Air Lanka Sports Club, Maradana, Beruwala was held at the ZAM Refai Hajiyar Stadium recently. Here Al-Haj M. Naseem Bacha awards the Championship Trophy to the captain of the Orient Sports Club, Mahagoda, Beruwala.

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



The induction ceremony of a statue of Baghavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba brought down from Bangalore, was held at the Sai Shrine, New Chetty Street Colombo. Here President, Sai Centre, S.N. Udayanayahan and members receive the statue from the chief organiser, M.M. Sai Vinoth.

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



A ceremony to mark Sinhala-Hindu New Year *Ganu Denu*, organised by the People's Bank, Kandy Super Grade Branch was held at the Bank premises recently. Here Branch Manager D.M. Kapila Dissanayake presents a gift to a customer, D.T.A. Bhashini R. Perera of Kandy.

Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Cor.



Zam Zam Group Chairman Al Haj. M.A.M. Azhar donated 10 sewing machines to the YMMA Vocational Centre, Maligawatte, Colombo recently. Here he presents a machine to President, YMMA, M.M. Mohamed. Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie, A.H.M. Azwer MP and Provincial Councillor Nawzer Fowzie look on.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A meeting of the Senior Old Boys of Dharmaraja College, Kandy was held recently at the Kandy Club Hall, presided over by Ranjith Ginige, President of the Senior Old Boys' Association. Here Dr. S. Niyadurupola, A. Jayasundara, Francis Alwis, Walter Ranasinghe (partly covered), Dr. M. Abeynayake and K. Girihagama with others observing Pan-Sil before the commencement of the meeting.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



The annual *Ther* (chariot) festival of Sri Muthu Vinayagar Swamy Kovil, Sea Street, Pettah was held to mark the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. Here the Vinayagar in a golden chariot wends its way through the streets of Colombo.

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



The Kandy Municipality began rehabilitation work on the Mahaiyawa playground. Here the Deputy Mayor, Sena Dissanayake with Senior Councillors at the grounds. From left: Ilahi Abdeen (MMC), Sena Dissanayake (Deputy Mayor), Anura Kulatunge (MMC) and Lal Dharmasiri (MMC).

Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



A program to help low income families to improve their houses was launched by the Western Provincial Councillor and Kalutara district SLP organiser M.M.M. Amjad recently. Roofing sheets were distributed among 100 low income groups in the Beruwala electorate.

Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl.



A foundation stone was laid for a cultural centre in the Thirukkivil DS division recently, by the Minister of Culture and Aesthetic Affairs, T.B. Ekanayake. Here Minister Ekanayake is being conducted in a procession to the venue. Digamadulla district UPFA parliamentarian P.H. Piyasena and Thirukkivil Divisional Secretary, Dr. S.Kopalaratnam were also present.

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

EVENTS

CESU May Day

The May Day celebrations of the Ceylon Estates Staffs Union (CESU) will be held on May 1 commencing 9.30 a.m. at the Y.M.B.A. Hall, Kandy. President of the Union, Dhammika Jayawardena and General Secretary Kingsley R. Robert will address the gathering.

Swaranga by Lindsay Girls on May 31

Lindsay Girls School will host *Swaranga*, a musical show on May 31 at 6.30 p.m. at the Sri Lanka Youth Centre, High Level Road, Maharagama.

There will be performances in the evening by musicians such as Nirosha Virajini, Shihan Mihiranga, Heshan Gamage, Ramesh Lakshan and Swarnalatha Kaweeswarra backed by the Lindsay Girls School Orchestra, will be in attendance.

The event is coordinated by Anushka Ahamed 0715637112 and the teacher-in-charge Mrs. Sharmali Rathnayake 0718053350.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Breaking the pattern of conditioning' 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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