



The Bhikku ward of the Panadura Base Hospital was opened by Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa recently. Rs.10 million was allocated by Transport Minister Kumara Welgama from his decentralised budget funds for the purpose. Here the Ministers and Provincial Health Services Director, Dr. Amal Harsha Silva inspect the ward.

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



The Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs presented motorcycles to Women Development Officers of the Divisional Secretariats in the Ampara district recently, under the patronage of District Secretary Neil de Alwis. Here Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs, Tissa Karaliyadda, the chief guest presents the key to an officer. Country Representative of the United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) Lena Christiansen looks on.

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



Chairman of the Panadura Urban Council Nandena Gunatilleka was the chief guest at a religious ceremony at the Panadura branch of the National Youth Council recently. Director of the Council, Kapila Gunasekera, Ven Nakulugamuwe Chandima Thera and officials of the Council are also in the picture.

Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



The 287th Lanka Sathosa branch was opened in the Ingiriya town, on an initiative by the Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka recently. Here the parliamentarian conducts the first transaction.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The certificate-presentation ceremony for trainees of Agricultural Course was held under the patronage of Western Province Agriculture and Environment Minister Udaya Gammanpila recently. Here the Minister presents an award to a student.

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



The Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Akkaraipattu branch presented furniture valued at Rs. 250,000 to Al Badur Vidyalaya, Akkaraipattu recently, under its community trust fund program. Here the branch Manager J.M. Siddique hands over the gift to Principal, M.M. Harees. Co-ordinating Secretary to the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils, A.B. Dawood, Rtd. Principal A.S.M. Rafeek and School Development Committee, Secretary M.M. Sameem were also present.

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



The annual blood donation ceremony of Mahamaya Vidyalaya, Matara was held recently at the school premises. The Principal Vidanapathirana and staff of the Benevolent Association were present on the occasion.

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



The 112th birth anniversary of the late Dr. S.A. Wickramasinghe, was held at Hakmana Road, Matara recently. Here Senior Minister, DEW Gunasekara addresses the gathering.

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



A philanthropist from Wadduwa Chitra Wijesekera donated mattresses and beds worth Rs. 125,000 to the Wadduwa Tudawe Children's Home recently. Chairs to the value of Rs.100,000 were also donated to the Sunday school of St. Mary's Church, Wadduwa.

Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



A meeting of the Socialist Alliance was held at the N.M. Perera Centre, Cotta Road, Borella, in connection with the increased power tariff. Here Scientific Affairs Minister, Prof. Tissa Vitharana addresses the gathering. National Languages and Social Integration Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara and Alliance Secretary Raja Kollure are also in the picture.

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



The Sri Lanka Football Federation felicitated the members for their contributions in the advancement of the game at the Annual General Meeting held recently. Here the members with their mementos.

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



The newly constructed Seed Paddy Processing Centre at Meelath Nagar, Addalaichenai built at a cost of Rs. 20 million, funded by ICEI/Overseas was opened by the Ambassador of the Republic of Italy Pabrizio Pio Arpea recently. Addalaichenai Divisional Secretary, I.M. Haniffa and Addalaichenai Seed Producers' Association President M.A.C. Najeeb were also present.

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



The Sri Lanka Council of Religions for Peace (SLCRP) Ampara district organised a district convention at Christu Illam at Kalmunai recently. Here President, SLCRP, Dr. M.I.M. Jameel presents the souvenir to Batticaloa and Ampara Bishop Dr. Joseph Ponniah.

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



The Rajagiriya Wysaki Sports Club organised the Sinhala and hindu Avurudu program at Rajagiriya. Here a winner of a contest receives the award from ITN Director Hashim Omar. Artist Anura Jayasekera and CTB Wijerathne were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



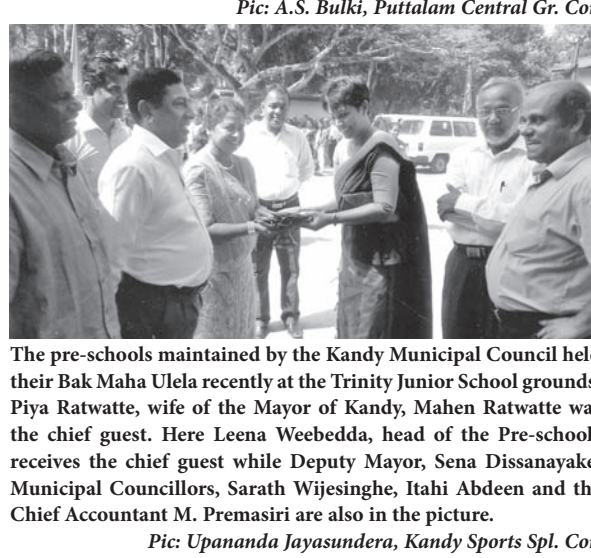
The Puttalam branch of Seylan National conducted Cataract Removal surgeries free for 25 persons from the poorest of the poor category at the 'Kuwait Hospital' in Puttalam, to commemorate its silver jubilee. Here the Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz looks at a patient after the operation.

Pic: A.S. Bulki, Puttalam Central Gr. Cor.



The pre-schools maintained by the Kandy Municipal Council held their Bak Maha Ulela recently at the Trinity Junior School grounds. Piya Ratwatte, wife of the Mayor of Kandy, Mahen Ratwatte was the chief guest. Here Leena Weebedda, head of the Pre-schools receives the chief guest while Deputy Mayor, Sena Dissanayake, Municipal Councillors, Sarath Wijesinghe, Itahi Abden and the Chief Accountant M. Premasiri are also in the picture.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



A marathon race during the Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations organised by the Subasadena Seva Sangamaya and Thiyagi Alwis Foundation of the Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha was held near the Vijaya Kumaratunga Sports Complex, Kerawalapitiya recently. Here Chairman, Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha, Thiyagaratna Alwis flags off the contestants.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Is it possible to live in peace?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Duwa Road, Beddagana, Kotte at 10.30 a.m. today. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre.

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The 116th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister, General Sir John Kotalawela was held recently near the General Sir John Kotalawela statue at the Defence University premises. Navy Commander Vice Admiral Kolambage was the chief guest. Vice Chancellor of the University, Maj. Gen. Milinda Peiris was also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Kalutara District Secretariat and the Kalutara Divisional Secretariat celebrated Bak Maha Ulela at the KDS Premises, under the patronage of District Secretary, U.D.C. Jayalal. Here a women's tug-o-war event in progress.

Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Central Spl. Cor.



Veteran writer and former Additional Divisional Secretary, K. Lionel Perera's latest book, *Sri Lankawe Sanskruthika Mulashra* (Traditional Sources in Sri Lanka) was launched at the Zonal Education Office, Horana recently. Here he presents the first copy of the book to Professor Raj Somadeva, University of Kelaniya.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Group Cor.



The Bak Maha Ulela organised by the Maha Ingiriya Youth Club was held at the Parakramabahu Primary College playground, Ingiriya recently. Here a new event, *Maru Dande Mari Kemo* in progress.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A free medical clinic was organised by the Chief Minister of Western Province, Prasanna Ranatunga at Sharia Hall, Marakkalawatha, Beruwala recently. M.M.M. Amjad, Member of the Western Province looks on.

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