

A Pindapatha pinkama in Kolonnawa organised by the Justices of the Peace Association of Kolonnawa was held at the Gothatuwa New Town recently. Here Viharadhpathi, Sri Maha Vihara, Kolonnawa, Ven. Kolonnawe Dhammika Thera on a pindapatha.

Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson Lakwantha Peramuna, Shanthini Kongahage lays the foundation stone for a takeaway food stall to encourage self-employment among the low-income family members at Niyangama, Gampola, from the Provincial Councillor's decentralised allocation budget recently. Ajantha Priyangani, the beneficiary and family members look on.



Minister of Public Management Reforms, Navin Dissanayake, Attorney-at-Law and Barrister-at-Law obtained his Master's degree in Finance and Financial Law of the University of London recently. Here he receives his certificate from the head of the British Council in Sri Lanka, Tony Reilly.



Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services Lanka (BVCPS) presented medical equipment and drugs to the Cancer Hospital, Maharagama, as one of its CSR projects. Here General Manager, BVCPS Lanka, Chanaki de Costa presents the donation to a hospital staffer.



The Royal Commonwealth Society Sri Lanka held its Commonwealth Day at the Hotel Galadari recently. (From left) Secretary, Royal Commonwealth Society Sri Lanka, S.Yogendranathan, Deputy Minister of External Affairs, Neomal Perera, the chief guest High Commissioner for Australia, Robyn Mudie, President, Royal Commonwealth Society Sri Lanka, Frederick Medis, Chief Justice Mohan Pieris and Chairman, Organising Committee, Suren Ediriweera.

Pic: Vipula Amarasinghe



A book on astrology, Jothishyaya Ha Benduna Jeevithaya authored by astrologer and journalist, H. Upali Pieris was launched under the patronage of Diyawadana Nilame, Nilanga Dela Bandara at the National Library and Documentary Services Board auditorium recently. Here Pieris presents the first copy to the Diyawadana Nilame. Panadura Rankoth Viharadhpathi Ven. Prof. Kahapola Sugatharata Nayaka Thera and Subasetha Consultant Editor Kivipathi Dr. Piyasena Rathuvithana were also present.

Pic: Geeth de Mel



The Ministry of Education organised Baratha natya Dance Mudra, a national level competition recently. Here Tharmaratnam Luwenuja, a student of Thambilvil Maha Vidyalaya in the Thirukkivil Educational Zone receives her first prize from Arts and Culture Minister, D.B. Ekanayake.

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



A Kiri Ammarunge Dane (Alms-giving) organised by the villagers of Polwatta, Kottawa, to mark the 2,600th Sri Buddha Jayanthi and Vesak Festival was held recently at the Polwatta Sudarmaramaya temple.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The annual Varusabiseka festival of Sri Gnanabairawar Muniyandi Swamy Kovil, Galpote' Kotahena was held under the patronage of Colombo North District I, SP Nandana Senaratna recently. President's Co-ordinator for Hindu Religious Affairs, R. Babu Sharma, Sivanesan Kurukkal and the Kovil Trustees Board Members are also in the picture.

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



Lunch was distributed among patients in the National Hospital, Colombo on Vesak Poya Day, sponsored by the staff of the Hospital Catering Department. Director Anil Jasighe is also in the picture.

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



The Airline Academy held its award ceremony at the Grand Oriental Hotel recently. Here a participant receives the award from the chief guest, Mrs. Shermika Kuweju, District Sales Manager, Oman Air. Deepal Perera, International Travel Consultant and Airline Professional Instructor, who conducted the course looks on.



Tapping knives and frying pans were distributed to set up a Kitul Gammanaya in the Eheliyagoda DS division at the Baduwatta - Peoples' Livelihood Development Foundation, Eheliyagoda by the Foundation's Director Priyantha Kumara. One-hundred traditional Kitul tappers participated.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



A cricket match between Royal College, Horana and Sreepali College, Horana was held at the Sreepali College grounds recently. Here the Sreepali team which won the match with Kalutara district parliamentarian Arjuna Ranatunga.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Bank of Ceylon, Supra Grade branch, Kotuwegoda, Matara held its Bakthi Gee recital at its office on Vesak Poya Day.

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



The Bank of Ceylon, Addalaichenai branch presented gifts to its customers recently. Here the Manager, I.M. Munawwer presents a gift to a Run Kekulu account holder.

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



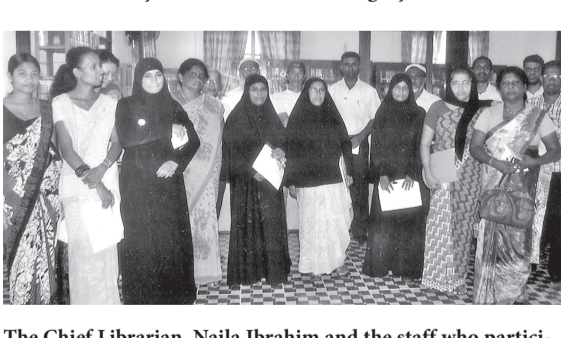
The Mount of Mercy Organisation refurbished the maternity and childcare clinic at Puttalam-Mannar Road, at a cost of Rs. 10 m. Here M. Kingsley Fernando, District Secretary of Puttalam receives a memento from Chairman of Puttalam Urban Council K.A. Baiz at the opening ceremony. Provincial Councillors of NWP, N.T.M. Thahir and A.H.M. Riyas are also in the picture.

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



The opening ceremony of the newly built Sri Bhadrakali Amman Aalayam, Raygamwatte Lower Division, Ingiriya was held recently on an initiative by the Kalutara District parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka. Vice Chairman of Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Ashoka Ranathunga and the Opposition Leader, Ranjith Dabare also participated.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Chief Librarian, Naila Ibrahim and the staff who participated at the "5-S" seminar organised under the guidance of Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz in the library auditorium.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'How can the brain transform itself?' delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at 9.45 a.m. today at the Anula Nursery School Hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

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Lankan wins UK County Council polls

Conservative Party stalwart Sujan Wickremaratchi was recently elected Member for Haywards Heath Town division in the West Sussex County Council election. Wickremaratchi gained the Haywards Heath Town from Labour. He received 951 votes, UKIP candidate Howard Burrell received 614.

He is the first Sri Lankan to win at this County and his victory came after 25 years of Liberal Democrat rule.

As a Town Councillor for Haywards Heath, he has been assigned the portfolios of Member, Policy and Finance and Planning. In the County Council, he is in the Select Committee for Children and Young People and Planning. He is also a member of both Town and County Councils.

Sujan, an IT professional, is an old boy of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia. He is also a Director at Warden Park Academy. Resident in the UK for over 33 years.



Sujan Wickremaratchi



The Shazuliya Zaviya of Eravur celebrated Mahakib Majlis recently. Here Kaleefathus Shazuli Moulavi, M.S.M. Isthikar (Bari) addresses the congregation.

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



The annual festival of Sri Sithy Vinayagar Kovil was held recently at Pandiruppu, Kalmunai.

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



A medical sports unit was opened at the Ashraff Memorial Hospital, Kalmunai recently. Here the Medical Officer, Dr. A.M.M. Puhaim at the opening ceremony. Medical Superintendent, Dr. A.L.M. Naseer, Kalmunai Divisional Secretary, M.M. Nowfel and staff of the hospital are also in the picture.

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