



Muslim residents of Obeysekerapura, Rajagiriya organised an ice cream *dansala* to mark Poson Poya in Obeysekerapura. Here the chief incumbent of Kotte Nagavihara Ven. Maduluwawe Sobitha Thera offers ice cream to a child. Mayor of Kotte Janaka Ranawaka and the organisers are also in the picture.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa was the chief guest at the annual prize-giving of St. Mary's Convent, Matara recently. Here a student receives a trophy for the best academic performance.
Pic: A.W. Gunawardhane, Matara Central Cor.



Education Minister Bandula Gunawardene opened the Grama Niladari office at the Matgedoda Housing Complex recently. Homagama Divisional Secretary Pradeep Yasaratne, Homagama P.S. Member K. Dixon Gamini and Grama Niladari Anoma Damayanthi Wickremasinghe look on.



The Poson Bhakthi Gee of the primary section of Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo was held under the patronage of the Principal, Mrs. Sandamali Aviruppala on Friday. Here the tutorial staff of the primary section led by its Head, Muditha Madhanayake sing the Bhakthi Gee.
Pic: Lalith C. Gamage.



Mohamed Iqbal, a Sri Lankan domiciled in New Zealand was welcomed by the Minister of Plantations, Mahinda Samarasinghe at the Tea Board auditorium, Colombo recently, for his 42 years of service in promoting Ceylon Tea in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook.

EVENTS

Mihirak premiere on July 5

The premiere show of the stage drama, *Mihirak*, written and directed by Sumith Rathnayaka will be staged on Friday, July 5 at 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm at the Lumbini Theatre, Colombo.

The cast includes popular artistes such as Nalin Pradeep Udawela, Sarath Chandrasiri, Saranga Disasekara, Sumith Rathnayaka, Mahesh Uyanawaththa and child actor Aditha Fernando.

Mihirak is a Maduka Madawala production.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "What kind of brain is needed for meditation?" 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.



Sixty-three graduates were recruited as Development Officers in the Kalutara Divisional Secretariat recently. Here Roads and Ports Development Project Minister Rohitha Abeygoonawardhana presents the letter of appointment to a woman graduate. Kalutara Divisional Secretary Wimal Gunathunga is also in the picture.
Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Central Spl. Cor.



A farewell ceremony was organised for Chandrika Kumari Munasinghe, the Chief Management Assistant of the WPC Education Ministry who is on transfer, at the Ministry Auditorium recently. Here the Chief Secretary Jayanthi Wijethunga and the Secretary of Education Ministry, S.D. Kodikara present a memento to Chandrika.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Pandura Central Gr. Cor.



The 'Divineguma' Floriculture, Educational and Trade Exhibition, the 'Bingiriya Mal Wasanthaya - 2013' organised by the Sri Lanka Export Development Board and Bingiriya Development Foundation was held in Bingiriya recently. Here Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industries and Commerce, Muniadasa Pemachandra, chief organiser of SLFP - Bingiriya view one of the exhibits with Sampath Disanayake, President, Bingiriya Development Foundation.
Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



Sports items were donated to Pragathi Sports Club, Maugama, Horana from the personal funds of Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka at the Batuwita Sudharmarama temple premises recently. Here the parliamentarian presents the goods to the members.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A public awareness program on the importance of local traditional foods, was held at the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya on an initiative by veteran chef Publilis Silva. Ayurveda physician Dinesha Vidyapathirana delivered a special lecture to the participants.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Registrar H. Abdul Saththar receives the first copy of the book titled *Poorana Vaalvu* from Prof. M.S.M. Anas of the South Eastern University, while Prof. A.C.L. Ameer Ali of Murdoch University, Western Australia looks on.



The Tamil Union of Girls High School, Kandy organised the 61st Annual *Kalai Villa* of the school main hall recently. Here the chief guest, cricket commentator of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Mutthiah Jeganmohan, special guest, an Old Girl and former sectional head and English Unit Coordinator at Hindu College, Colombo, Mrs. Nirmala Muttaiah, Principal Mrs. Malkanthi Abeygunasekera and Tamil Sectional head Mrs. Kokilaswary Ram Kumar being conducted in a procession to the venue.
Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalawalapitiya Cor.



A 'Divi Neguma Pola' was set up by the Eheliyagoda Divisional Secretariat for the convenience of the public.
Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The launching ceremony of the Tamil book, *Kilainathiyin Pravakam* (Essays) authored by journalist, Sinharasa Wimalan was held at the Kalasurabi educational, centre, St. Benedict's Mawatte, Colombo 13 recently. Here the author presents a copy to well-known social worker Mrs. Saba Suriyakala while the Co-ordinator of the Centre for Performing Arts (Colombo branch) Ambrose Peter looks on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



An upahara ceremony, organised by Mapatugala Central College, Mapatugala to appreciate the services of the music teacher, B.Chitra Rohini who was appointed teachers' instructor in the Horana Education Zone, was held at the school premises recently. Here the Director of the Education Zone, Horana, U.V. Molikanthi presents the award to Chitra Rohini. The Principal P.M. Sunil is in the centre.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Elders' Board, Ingiriya won the award for The Best Elders' Board in the Kalutara district at a competition organised by the Western Provincial Council. Here the Chairman of the Board, Namasena Bamunuge with the award. Divisional Secretary, Ingiriya, Champa Upasena (right) and Additional Divisional Secretary, Samantha P. Liyanage (left) look on.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The fisher community of Kalmunai organised a Shramadana campaign to mark World Workers' Day at the Kalmunai Barakath Beach Park. Here the fisherfolk clean the sea shore.
Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



Khaleefathush Shazulee Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji) was felicitated at the Ummu Zavaya Mosque, Colombo recently, on his appointment as *Khaleefathul Khulafa* for Sri Lanka by Sheikh Us Sajadah Ash Sheikh Abdul Qadir Bin Ibraheem Al Fassy Al Macci Ash Shazuli of Saudi Arabia. Here Murushid Bawa Thangal presents the appointment letter to Abdul Hameed (Bahji). Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ummu Zavaya, Macky Hashim and Aslam Jiffy Moulana were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The chief organiser MEP of Homagama electorate and All-Island Chairman of the M.E.P. Youth Council, Sadamini Gunawardane at the foundation-laying ceremony for the international Buddhist centre at Papiliwala, Bhagwanagama, Pannipitiya recently. Principal of Deepangoda Junior School, Ven. Dabarayaye Samitha Thera is also in the picture.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Scholarship Awards ceremony organised by the Rehensiri Waragoda Foundation and the Nenekta International Computer Education Institute, Kelaniya was held at Viharamahadevi Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Kiribathgoda recently. Here Deputy Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities Lasantha Alagiyawanna presents a certificate. President of the Foundation, Kelaniya, Niroshi Heiyanthuduwa, Managing Director of the Institute, Athula Jagath Chandana, Chairman of the Institute are also in the picture.
Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



The All Ceylon Muslim League Youth Front's Ampara district Federation held its 34th anniversary at the Lloyds Hotel Addalaichenai recently, and felicitated 34 active social workers. Here the proprietor of New Lanka Medicals, Addalaichenai, M.A. Zubaibeen receives his memento from the chief guest, Chief Magistrate, Batticaloa Al-Hafeel N.M. Abdullah. The guests of honour, National President of the Nafeel Foundation, M.N. Nafeel, National President of ACMLYF, Rasheed M. Intiyas and Advisor of the District Federation A.B. Dawood were also present.
Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



Development projects were launched at the Eheliyagoda District Hospital recently. Here Sabaragamuwa Director of Health Services, Dr. Kapila Kannangara in conversation with the DMO, Dr. Shantha Abeywickrama during the opening ceremony of a newly built pond.
Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The Ambassador for France in Sri Lanka, Christine Robichon was received at the entrance to the Administrative Block by the Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language As-Sheikh A.B.M. Aliyar, Registrar H. Abdul Saththar, Director/OTS K.M. Mubarak, Director/Students' Support Services and Welfare, M.A.M. Sameem, Co-ordinator for Mission Officer, M.I.M. Hilal and other heads of department during her recent visit to South Eastern University, Oluvil.
Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.