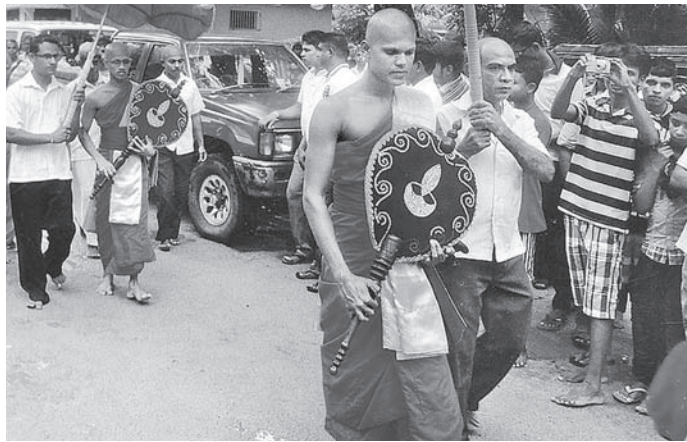




President Mahinda Rajapaksa presented the *Mini Pahan* Writer's award to Senior Professor of the Dept. of Philosophy, University of Kelaniya, Daya Edirisinghe at Temple Trees recently.



A religious festival was held recently at Mahara Purana Vihara, Eheliyagoda to welcome Ven. Mahara Mahindarathana Thera and Ven. Nedurana Piyarathana Thera, who received their higher ordination at the historic Malwatta Maha Vihara, Kandy. Here the Theras being conducted to the *Bana maduwa*.



The Anatoly Karpov Chess Club presented 20 chess sets, chess boards and books on chess to the Parliamentary Sports Club. Here the Charge d's affaires of the Russian Embassy Evgeny Sergienko presents the gift to Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa. A.M. Nazarkin, Counsellor of the Embassy of the Russian Federation, Buddhapriya Ramanayake, Chief Executive Officer of the Russian Centre, Mrs. Suneetha Wijesuriya, President of the Anatoly Karpov Chess Club, Bandula Withanage, Coordinator of the Club and Mrs. K.A. Rohanadeera, Asst. Secretary General of Parliament look on.



A course in Mass Media and Journalism was conducted by the Media Ministry for members of the Media Unit of the Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen's Association. Here the participants with Minister Keheliya Rambukwella. Seated from left: Hilmi Mohamed, Asst. Director, Brig. J.P.A. Jayawardane, Chairman, SLESA, Media Committee and Private Secretary to Media Minister, Prof. A. Athugala Director General, Government Information Dept, Minister Keheliya Rambukwella, Capt. Patrick Jayasinghe, President, SLESA, Dr. Daya Sri Narendra Rajapske (Lecturer) and Athula Ranaraja (Lecturer) Standing: Ananda Jayasekera, Jayantha Premadasa, K.N. Perera, Major K. S. Jayaratne, S.N.P. Sooriyabandara, A.P.N. De Vass Gunawardane, B.D. Samson, Capt. B.A.C.C. Somaratne, L.J.P. Gunawardane, N.G.J. Kithsiri, T.N. Yahiya and S. Maharajage.



The Pahala Kadugannawa Water Supply project built at a cost of Rs. 6.6 million was commissioned recently by the Water Supply and Drainage Ministry. It will provide drinking water for 2,500 people. Senior minister Athauda Seneviratne unveils the plaque while Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardane looks on. Minister Ranjith Siyambalapitiya and Deputy Minister Lalith Dissanayake were also present.



The annual feast of St. Anthony's Church, Navagampura, Grandpass, Colombo 14 was held under the patronage of Rev. Fr. Anandan Fernando recently. Here the Parish Priest is being greeted on arrival, with a traditional Hindu welcome.



WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga distributed dry rations to expectant mothers from the low income group in the Minuwangoda Divisional Secretariat area. Ruwan Ranatunga MP and Provincial Councillor Meril Perera are also in the picture.



Sukitha Rukshan Gunasena, a student in the USA launched his book "Laura's Birthday" at Brandeis Elementary School in Louisville, Kentucky USA. Here he presents a copy to his teacher Mrs. Cathy Longstreet. Principal Ms. Shraweida West, Mr and Mrs Dayawansa Jayakody, Manjula Gunasena, Kanchana Gunasena and Nipun Gunasena were also present.



The Eastern Province Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Production Health, Rural Industries, Fisheries and Tourism presented new fibreglass fishing boats to fresh water fish breeding fishermen of the Irakkamam DS Division at a ceremony under the patronage of Eastern Province Minister of Agriculture Hafeez Naseer Ahamed recently. Here Minister Hafeez Naseer Ahamed presents a boat to a beneficiary. Eastern Province Minister of Health Services, Cooperative, Information Technology and Sports M.I.M. Mansoor, Members of the Eastern Provincial Council A.L.M. Naseer and Ariff Samsudeen were also present.



Books worth Rs. 30,000 were donated to the library of Holy Rosary Tamil Vidyalaya, Colombo 2, under the (Edex Lyd) Educational program of Royal College Old Boy's Union, Colombo. Here Chairman Edex Program, Kamal Abeysinghe presents the set of books to the Principal Mrs. Ganarajan. Ranjith Amarasinghe (CEO - Edex Lyd), sponsor Ranil Wickramasinghe and committee members look on.



The foundation-laying ceremony for proposed Tamil library at Raigamwatta Estate, Ingiriya was held recently on an initiative by the Port and Highways Project Minister, Nirmala Kotalawala under the aegis of the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha.



Five members of the Akkaraipattu Pensioners' Association were appointed Justices of the Peace by the Minister of Justice recently. Here Ampara District Pensioners' Association President O.W.D.B. Wijeya Gurusingha presents the letter of appointment to an appointee at a ceremony in the Akkaraipattu Munawara Junior College auditorium recently. President of the Association, A.A. Azeez, Secretary, A. Ahamed Mohideen, Treasurer, A.B.M. Hashim were also present.



The Team Association for Cricket in Kuwait felicitated Lechchuman Murugiah, the Curator of Zahira College playground who had prepared a turf wicket for the Association. Here Murugiah receives a memento from the President of the Association, Mohamed Ashroff in appreciation of his work in Kuwait.



Office furniture was donated by the Eastern Province Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Production Health, Rural Industries, Fisheries and Tourism to the Fresh Water Fishermen's Co-operative Society of Irakkamam DS Division at a ceremony held under the patronage of the Minister Hafeez Naseer Ahamed recently. Here the Minister presents the furniture to the Society officials. Eastern Province Minister of Health Services, Cooperative, Information Technology and Sports M.I.M. Mansoor, Eastern Provincial Councillors A.L.M. Naseer and Ariff Samsudeen and the Ministry Secretary K. Pathmanathan look on.



A health camp organised by the Buddhist Students' Association of Dhammaloka Vidyalaya, Badupola, Hatton was held at the school recently. Here a medical officer examines a patient.



A discussion on students' services and the role of academic staff and students' counsellors organised by the Staff and Student Welfare Unit of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka was held at the Management and Commerce Faculty. Here a group discussion is in progress.



The Bank of Ceylon, Kaluwanchikudy branch felicitated M.I.M. Ashraff who retired as Manager recently. Here Ashraff receives a memento from the AGM, Eastern Province, K.P. Ananda Nadesan. Manager, Kalmunai branch, M.L.M. Zahir looks on.



The Old Cadets Association of Kingswood College, Kandy organised a felicitation ceremony for war heroes at the School premises recently. Here an old boy and Hingurakgoda 223 Brigade Commander, Brig. W.N.J.R.K. Senarathne, with Principal Ananda Weerasooriya, Cadet Association Advisor, M.I.M. Mihlar, Association President, V.D. Sumanasekera, old boys and family members of the Defence Forces pay floral tributes at the memorial.

EVENTS

Lecture by Sri Lanka-born Australian planter

A lecture on "Reminiscences of an interesting and varied life in two countries", will be delivered by Trevor LaBrooy, a Sri Lanka-born tea planter, well known sportsman, author and herpetologist. The lecture under the auspices of the Wildlife and Nature Protection Society of Sri Lanka, will be held tomorrow at 6.00 pm, at Auditorium of the Department of Meteorology, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7. It is open to the public.

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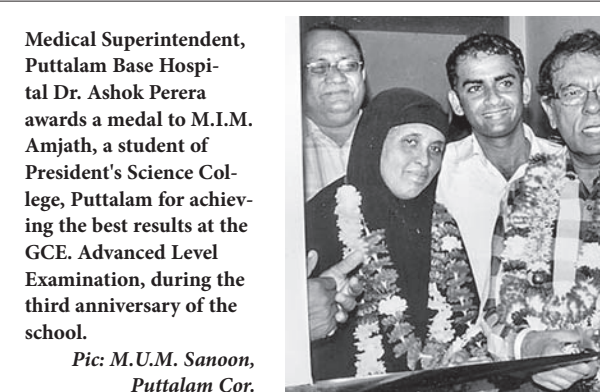
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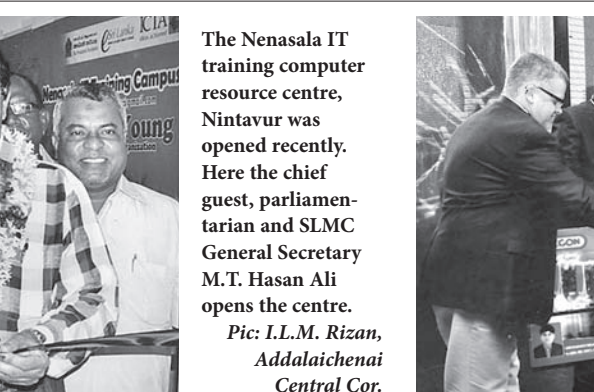
The fifty-second anniversary celebrations of the People's Bank was held at the People's Bank branch, Kiribathgoda recently. Here the Asst. Regional Manager, Gampaha A.M. Jayasekera presents the *Upahara Samaru Thilina* to a retired officer. Branch Manager, Shanthani Diyawadhana is also in the picture.



Medical Superintendent, Puttalam Base Hospital Dr. Ashok Perera awards a medal to M.I.M. Amjath, a student of President's Science College, Puttalam for achieving the best results at the GCE. Advanced Level Examination, during the third anniversary of the school.



The Nenasala IT training computer resource centre, Nintavur was opened recently. Here the chief guest, parliamentarian and SLMC General Secretary M.T. Hasan Ali opens the centre.



Aruna Dissanayake of Dissanayake Tool Centre, Kaduruwela who was adjudged the Best Oregon Dealer 2012 receives an air ticket to Singapore from Scott Sanders, Vice President of Global Sales Blount Inc, USA, M.N.M. Najeeb Deen, CEO of Deen Brothers Imports (Pvt) Ltd, sole agents for Oregon in Sri Lanka looks on.



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