



The new shrine room at the Soma Sadaham Sevana, Pannipitiya was opened recently. Here D.M. Bandara Dissanayake and Malani Dissanayake offer the first milk rice at the auspicious hour. The shrine room was built under the auspices of Darshanapathi Punditha Ven. Walapane Gnanasena Thera, Director, Soma Sadaham Sevana Buddhist Education and Social Development Institute.

Pic: Bandula Alahakoon, Borella Spl. Cor.



The Vas pinkama at the Paramitha Sri Bodhimalu Vihara, Gothatuwa was held under the patronage of Colombo Chief Magistrate Gihan Pilapitiya recently. Here he makes Vas aradana to Viharadhpathi Ven. Arama Sri Dhammatilleka Nayaka Thera.

Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



The Mission to Seafarers in Sri Lanka, Colombo celebrated the international Sea Sunday Service at St.Peter's Church, Fort, Colombo recently. The celebrant and preacher was Rt.Rev. Chrishantha Mendis, Archdeacon of Colombo.



Thirty-two graduates (B.Ed) received their letters of teaching appointments at the Western Province Chief Ministry auditorium recently. Here WPC Chief Minister presents the appointment letter to a recipient. WPC Chairman Sunil Wijerathne and Asst. Secretary of Education Thanuja Rajakaruna are also in the picture.

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



Education Minister Bandula Gunawardena admitted the first two students to the newly introduced GCE Advanced Level Technology Stream at Mihintale Maha Vidyalaya, after opening the new technology laboratory built by the Ministry. Here the Minister accepts the traditional sheaf of betel leaves from the first student while Minister Dullas Alahapperuma, Education Services Minister Duminda Dissanayake and North Central Province Governor Karunaratne Divulgane look on.



Justice Minister Rauff Hakeem was the chief guest at the award ceremony organised by the Kalmunai Municipal Council recently. Here the Minister presents a memento to the Chief Management Assistant M.N. Badurdeen. Eastern Province Health Minister M.I.M. Mansoor and Kalmunai Mayor Dr. Siras Meerassahib were also present.

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



A new office for officers of the Kandy Sports Development Foundation was opened by the Mayor of Kandy, Mahen Ratwatte at the Kandy Secretariat. Here Sunil Munasinghe, Deputy President of the Foundation addresses the gathering. SSP G.Ellepola (Secretary) Mayor. Mahen Ratwatte, G.A., Kandy, Gamini Seneviratne, Lohan Ratwatte MP and the President of NE and K. Karunaratne, Provincial Secretary are also in the picture.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



A refurbished ward of the Panadura Kethumathi Women's Hospital was reopened recently. Here WPC Health Minister Jagath Angage makes an entry in the register. Base Hospital Superintendent Dr. P. Samaraweera, Women's Hospital Superintendent Dr. M. Asad, Provincial Director of Health Services, Dr. A.H. De Silva look on.

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



Three hundred and eighteen minor staffers in the Western Province, who had passed the competitive promotion examination - 2012 were appointed Management Assistants recently. Here a staffer receives his appointment from WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga. Chief Secretary Jayanthi Wijethunga is also in the picture.

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



The Embassy of Iraq organised the Ifthar ceremony at the Hotel Hilton, Colombo recently. Here the Ambassador of Iraq in Sri Lanka, Kahtan Taha Khalaff, Tennakumbura YMMA Secretary, Mohamed Nagoorpichchai, President, S.M. Nazir, ITN Director Hashim Omar and embassy officials at the ceremony.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz distributed certificates to the outgoing Moulavis of Yahiya Uloom Arabic College, Puttalam at a convocation at the College recently.

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



The third death commemoration of veteran Tamil drama artiste and popular novelist Arul M. Rajendran was held at the Kalarurabi Educational Centre, St. Benedict's Mawatha, Kotahena recently organised by the Thirumurai Kala Mandram. Here the Co-ordinator of the Mandram Ambrose Peter, garlands the portrait of the late Rajendran. A family member, Mrs. S. Pushapranii is also in the picture.

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



Retired officers of the Bank of Ceylon in the Ampara district were felicitated by the Ceylon Bank Employees Union (CBEU) at Nintayur recently. Here the chief guest, CBEU - BoC branch Secretary, Seneviratna Bandara lights the oil lamp at the ceremony. District Co-ordinator, CBEU, BoC Kalmunai area, M.L.M. Zahir, Samanthurai Manager, M.I. Nawfel and Akkaraipattu BoC Manager, M.I.M. Haniffa were also present.

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



The Ifthar program organised by the Ithihaad Ahlisunnathi wal Jamaa-athi was held at the Miami Reception Hall, Colombo 6 recently. Here Moulavi M.S.M. Abdullah (Rouli) addresses the gathering. President M. Thalath Ismail and General Secretary, Dr. M. Fahmy Ismail are also in the picture.

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



The Sri Lanka Muslim Janaza Society of Kalutara donated dry food items to the inmates of the Jawatta Prison, Kalutara. Here the President of the Society, Al-Haj M.H.M. Uwain presents the items to a Prison Officer, P.D.T. Shaminda.

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



A shramadana campaign for three consecutive days, organised by the Raigam Janapada Mithuru Hawla, with the assistance of Horana Pradeshiya Sabha was held in Ingiriya recently, to control dengue. Here Society members clean the area.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The General Secretary, Govinda Bhattarai and the Secretary, Sushil Tandulkar of the Nepal Automobile Sports Association (NASA) visited the Automobile Association of Ceylon (AAC) headquarters recently to discuss on Mobility and Road Safety. Dhammika Attygalle (President, AAAC), Devapriya Hettiarachchi (Secretary, AAC), Anton Kandiah (Consultant AAC) and Ruwani Wickramaratna (International Relations Manager, AAC) are also in the picture.



The commemoration ceremony of former President of the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC), the late V. Balasubramaniam was held at the Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapitiya recently. Here the Director, Hindu Religious Cultural Affairs Department, Mrs. Shanthi Naukkarasan inaugurates the ceremony while Mrs. Shanthi Balasubramaniam looks on.

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

## EVENTS

### Art of Living Practice today

The Art of Living Practice and Sudharshana kriya which include yoga, pranayamam and meditation, founded by His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, will be conducted by Sri Sri Shankar's chief disciples Ganeshji and Balaji at Kingston College International (Mutwal branch), De La Salle Road, Mutwal today from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The program is organised by Dr. T. Kumaravel, the Secretary General and Trustee of the Art of Living Foundation, Sri Lanka.

### Distribution of Sil redi for devotees

Devotees over 50 years at Muhandiram E.D. Dabare Mawatha Narahenpita, Colombo 5 will be provided Sil redi at Sri Gauthama Vihara premises, Narahenpita today at 4.30 p.m.

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk, "On the nature of love" delivered by the late Indian sage Jiddu Krishnamurti will be replayed today at the Study Centre, Beddegana, Duwa Road, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m.

### Service of 'Praise and Worship'

A service of 'Praise and Worship' will be held on August 11 at 10.30 am at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7.

The speaker and Minister Dr. Vijaya Corea will speak on, 'What every atheist and agnostic does not know'.

It is open to the public.



Forty - seven students of Akkaraipattu Munawwara Junior College who were successful in the Year 5 Scholarship Examination 2012 were felicitated at the school premises recently presided over by the principal A.G. Anver. Here the Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister A.L.M. Athaulah the chief guest, receives a copy of the souvenir from the principal.

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



Over 500 UNP active supporters in Panduwasnuwara obtained SLP membership from the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils, Indika Bandarayanayake, the SLP Chief Organiser for Panduwasnuwara. Here K. Jayalath greets the Deputy Minister with a sheaf of betel leaves.

Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



The Divisional Secretary of Puttalam M.R.M. Malik presents a multi-media projector purchased from the decentralised budget funds Provincial Councillor of NWP A.M. Kamardeen to the Principal, Al-Madrasathul Cassimiya.

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



A ceremonial dance of Gara Yaksha, organised by the Sri Wijeya Bodhiraja temple, was held recently. Here a dance item in progress.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Batugahapitiya 'Vidatha' Centre, Eheliyagoda held a series of workshops to educate housewives and unemployed persons in the villages in self-employment ventures recently. Here a group of villagers listen to a lecture on 'mushroom cultivation'.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Pupils of the Nursing School of the Jaffna General Hospital completed Part I of the course in 'Art of Living' recently. Here the participants with the course conductor, Swami Nirmalanandaji.