



A religious ceremony was held at the City Branch of the Bank of Ceylon, Trincomalee to mark the 74th anniversary of the Bank of Ceylon recently. Eastern Province AGM, K.P. Ananda Nadesan, Trincomalee Area Manager A.M. Zubair, Branch Manager Miss Sindiya Martin and the staff were present.

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



The launch of the Tamil book *Valkaip Payanam* (Life of Journey) authored by popular novelist, *Murugesu Ravindran* was held at the Thirumuraik Kala Mandram, St. Benedict's Mawatha, Colombo 13 recently. Here the maiden copy is being presented to Rev. Sr. Mary Annunciata by the author, while Kala Mandram Co-ordinator, Ambrose Peter looks on.

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



The Bank of Ceylon, Eheliyagoda branch held a felicitation for around 500 charity payment recipients in Eheliyagoda to mark its 74th anniversary, at the Eheliyagoda Sri Madarasingharamaya Temple hall recently. Here Ven. Wiyalagoda Assaji Thera delivers the anusasana.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Chess Olympiad Gold Medallist and 10 times Women's National Chess Champion Sunetha Wijesuriya, President of the Anatoly Karpov Chess Club of the Russian Centre and Lanka Chess Foundation, published the fourth book of Lanka Chess Puzzle No. 4. Here she presents the first copy of the book to Dr. Saman Weerasinghe, Advisor to President Mahinda Rajapaksa and General Secretary, Russia-Sri Lanka Friendship Society at the Russian Centre recently. Bandula Withanage, Web Master of www.lankachess.com website and Buddhapriya Ramanayake, Chief Executive Officer of the Russian Centre are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Fook



Eighty four graduates in the Kelaniya Divisional Secretariat Division received permanent appointments under the *Mahinda Chinthana Ediri Dekma* program at the Mahara, Kadawata recently. Here the Western Province Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga presents a letter to a recipient. Divisional Secretary, Kelaniya, Mrs. Pushpamala Wijeyaratne, Kelaniya PS, Chairman Prasanna Ranaweera look on.

Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



The annual Hilur Mawlood Majlis was held at the Pelenda Muhiyaddeen Mosque recently. Moulavis Al-Haj M.S.M. Abdullah and M. Faisal are also in the picture.

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



The Sri Lanka Malays Rupee Fund distributed dry rations to needy families to mark the Month of Ramazan at the Malay Cricket Grounds, Colombo recently. Here Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie and member of the Board of Directors of ITN, Hashim Omar presents a parcel to a beneficiary. President of the Fund, J. Musafer was also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Fook



The *Varalakshmi Viratha pooja* organised by the Poomari Amman Kovil, Nellikawatta Peliyagoda was held recently, at the kovil. Here a group of devotees at the ceremony.

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

## EVENTS

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Attention is like a fire" delivered by the late Indian sage Jiddu Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School Hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6, today at 9.45 am.

It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

### SLIP seminar on Sept 1

The Sri Lanka Institute of Printing (SLIP) has organised a workshop cum-seminar on 'Graphic Design and Multimedia Education' on September 01 from 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Department of Government Printing, Colombo 8.

The seminar gives an understanding on the use of essential graphic software packages used in the industry.



A felicitation ceremony was held to fete journalist, Kivipathi Ramachandra Gunasekara who received the State honorary title *Kalabhooshana*. Here Chairman, Eheliyagoda Multi-Purpose Cooperative Union, U.D.C. Samarapala presents the symbolic honour to Gunasekara.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



An art and craft exhibition by 48 preschools in the Kandy district was held at JMC College International, Kandy recently. Here Kandy Mayor Mahendra Ratwatta views some of the exhibits before the certificate-award ceremony. JMC International Network Director, Malani Dissanayaka and Principal, Lakshmi Gunathilake are also in the picture.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The equipment for 'Engineering drawings' for students of the new Faculty of Engineering of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka were donated by Orange Tea Company (Pvt) Ltd at a ceremony at the 'E' Auditorium recently. Here the Managing Director, A.L.A. Nazar presents a set to a student. SEUSL's Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.M. Mohamed Ismail, Registrar, H. Abdul Saththar and Senior Lecturer Dr. A.M. Muzathik were also present.

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



Addalaichenai Divisional Secretary, I.M. Haniffa visited the East Ceylon Arabic College, Addalaichenai recently. Here Haniffa is in discussion with the Board of Governors at the newly constructed administrative complex.

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



The 'English Day' organised by John Keells Foundation was held at the Bishop's College auditorium, Colombo 3 recently. Here the Foundation Chairman, Susantha Ratnayake lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the event. The chief guest, Mrs. Nadija Thambiah, Director, Mrs. Mallika Samaraweera, Dr. Harsha Alles are also in the picture.

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



The Deputy Mayor of Akkaraipattu Municipality M.M.M. Rizam donated gift parcels to elders in Akkaraipattu recently. Here Rizam presents a gift to an elder. Municipal Councillor N.M. Najmudeen looks on.

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



The maiden copy of the latest book by Karunaratne Herath (Attorney-at-Law) *Muslim Neethiya*, was presented to parliamentarian, A.H.M. Azwer recently. Justice Minister Rauff Hakeem and Razeed M. Intiaz are also in the picture.

Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt. Lavinia Spl. Cor.



A tsunami safety training rehearsal program was launched at the Gangarama Temple, in Kalutara North by the Kalutara District Disaster Management Centre Chief, Major Samaranyake recently. Residents of Grama Niladhari Division 717 B in Kalutara North attended the meeting. Here Maj. Samaranyake addresses the villagers.

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



The 18th annual program of the Sri Lanka Muslim Media Forum was held at the Ranmuthu Hotel, Kollupitiya under the patronage of SLMME, President, Al-Haj N.M. Ameen recently. Here the first copy of the *Al-Hijra* magazine is being presented to the Independent Television Network Director, Hasim Omar. SLMMF Secretary, M.A.M. Nilam, Attorney General S. Palitha Fernando, *Forum* News Editor F.M. Fairoos are also in the picture.

Pic: G.M.M. Iqbal, Beruwala Gr. Cor.



The Ithihaad Ahlissunnathi Wal Jamaa-athi Association launched its website at the Miami Reception Hall, Colombo recently. Here Al-Haj M. Ilyas Careem launches the website. Dr. M. Fahmy Ismail, Secretary General, Ithihaad Ahlissunnathi Wal Jamaa-athi looks on.

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



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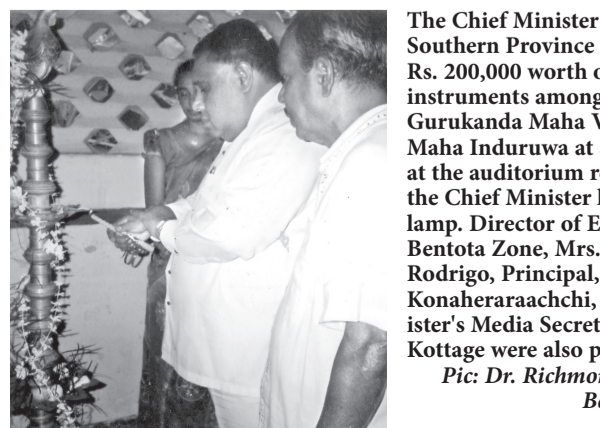
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Mrs N.K. Pilapitiya, Principal, Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy (1981 to 1990) was felicitated by the 1981 Batch recently, with a *Dharmadeshanaya* by Ven. Aluthgama Dhammananda Thera at the College Vihara. Mrs Pilapitiya is seated second from left in the last row.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



The Chief Minister of the Southern Province distributed Rs. 200,000 worth of musical instruments among students of Gurukanda Maha Vidyalaya, Maha Induruwa at a ceremony at the auditorium recently. Here the Chief Minister lights the oil lamp. Director of Education, Bentota Zone, Mrs. Nayanamali Rodrigo, Principal, Kandamali Konaheraraachchi, Chief Minister's Media Secretary, Ruwan Kottage were also present.

Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.



Five members of the Akkaraipattu Pensioners' Association were appointed Justices of the Peace recently. Here Ampara District Pensioners' Association President, O.W.D.B. Wijeya Gurusingha presents letters of appointment at a ceremony in Akkaraipattu, Munawwara Junior College auditorium. President, A.A. Azees, Secretary, A. Ahamed Mohideen, Treasurer, A.B.M. Hashim were also present.

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



Veteran writer Bodhithunga Madalakanda's latest book *Adhiwegi* was launched at a ceremony in Ingiriya recently. Here the writer presents the first copy to Ports and Highways Project Minister Nirmala Kotalawala and the Chairman, Horana Pradeshhiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusingha. Veteran musician Rohana Beddage was also present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.