



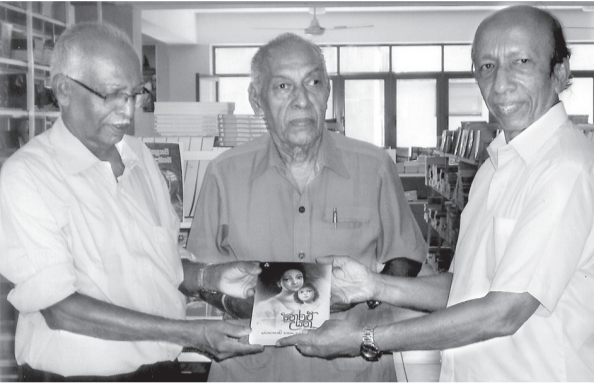
Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa unveils the plaque at the foundation stone-laying ceremony for the Civil Aviation Authority office at the Mattala Mahinda Rajapaksa International Airport. Minister of Civil Aviation Priyankara Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation Geethanjana Gunawardana and Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority General Rohan Daluwatte are also in the picture. *Pic: M. Irfan Zakariya, Hambantota TKN Spl. Cor.*



The beauty queen contest held during the Sports Festival, organised by the Central Bank and the Finance Houses' Association was held at the Bloomfield grounds, Colombo 7 recently. Roshika Perera was adjudged the Beauty Queen while P.R.K. Mendis (right) and Madhusika Muthumani (left) were the runners-up. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The compilations, *Dhammika Samaga Dhamma Sakachcha I and II* by former *Budusarana* Editor Daya Siriwardena was presented to Adhikarana Sanghanayake Ven. Dodangoda Assaji Thera by his son, Sarasaviya Deputy Editor Chandana Daya Siriwardena recently. *Pic: Mahesh Nishantha.*



Popular novelist Jayakody Seneviratne's latest Sinhala novel *Neralu Uyana* was launched at the Dayawansa Jayakody Bookshop, Colombo 10 recently. Here the publisher Dayawansa Jayakody presents a copy of the book to the author. Dr. Leel Gunasekera looks on.



President, S.M. Nazar and Life General Secretary, Mohamed Nagoorpichai of Central Tennekumbura YMMA, Kandy, at Malaysia's National Day celebrations with the High Commissioner of Malaysia, Azmi Zainudin and Mrs. Bashah Azmi Zainudeen.



Colombo Mayor A.J.M. Muzammil laid the foundation stone for a housing project at Paradise Place, Maradana, at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 million recently. Here the Colombo district MP Rosy Senanayake unveils the plaque. Deputy Mayor Titus Perera and MMC Ariyaratne Santiago are also in the picture. *Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.*



A special mass to mark the 147th Police Day celebrations, organised by the Police Headquarters, Colombo was held recently. Senior DIG, Gamini Navaratna, DIG C. Fernando, SP Denis Loos and Environment Director K. Quintus participated. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The academics of the University Utara Malaysia (UUM) headed by Asst. Professor (Dr.) Zulkifli M. Udin, Dean of the School of Multimedia Technology and Communication, who were on a visit to the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka held discussions with the staff of the English Unit headed by Dr. A.M.M. Navaz. UUM's Dr. Subramaniam Sri Ramulu, Dr. Rosli Bin Mohammed and SEUSL's Senior Lecturer M.A.M. Sameem were also present. *Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.*



Office-bearers of the Sri Lanka College of Venerologists: Seated from left: Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme (Editor), Dr.K.A.M. Ariyaratne, Dr. Lucian Jayasuriya (Founder President), Dr. Priyantha Weerasinghe (Treasurer), Dr. C.D. Wickramasuriya (Immediate Past President), Dr. Jayadarie Ranatunga (President), Dr. Himali Perera (President Elect), Dr. Manori Bandara (Secretary), Dr. K. Buddhakorale. Standing: Dr. Shyama Somawardane, Dr. Thilani Ratnayaka, Dr. Nimali Jayasuriya (Assistant Secretary), Dr. M.S.A. Rizwan, Dr. Manjula Rajapakse, Dr. Prageeth Premadasa, Dr. Ajith Karawita, Dr. G. Weerasinghe, Dr. Lilani Rajapakse, Dr. Nalaka Abeygunasekara (Vice President) and Dr. N. Punchihewa.



A ceremony to award Higher National Diploma certificates in local governance was held at the BMICH recently, organised by the Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance (SLILG). Here the chief guest, Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils A.L.M. Athallah lights the oil lamp. Ministry Secretary, R.A.A.K. Ranawaka and Director of Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance I.A. Hameed were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The *Thiruvilakku* pooja organised by the Shri Venkateswarar Maha Vishnu Kovil, Modera Colombo 15 was held recently to mark the Kovil's annual *Ratha* Festival. Here the ceremony is in progress. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



Thirty low-income housewives in the Bingiriya electorate in the Kurunegala district were provided with loans by the Bank of Ceylon, Bingiriya branch, to launch self-employment projects. Here M.A. Sumanaratne, NWP Regional Asst. General Manager presents a cheque to a beneficiary Mrs. Renuka Ratnakanthi. Bingiriya branch Manager looks on. *Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.*



The elders, who collect their monthly allowances from the post office, Ingiriya were served refreshments by Sanath Gunawardana and Indra Irangani, former residents of the Ingiriya town. Over 250 elders enjoyed the treat. Here Irangani offers refreshments to an elderly person. *Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.*



The Manikkavasagar Guru pooja of Sri Sivasakthi Vinayar Kovil, Dematagoda, Colombo 9 was held under the patronage of Director, Hindu Religious Cultural Affairs Department Mrs. Shanthi Naukarasan. Here the chief priest, S. Balachandra Sarma presents an offering to the guest of honour, Vice President, All Ceylon Hindu Congress, Sathuraj Dhanabala. Principal, Vipulananda Tamil Vidyalaya, K. Shanmuganathan looks on. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The Asia Foundation is implementing a program in local economy and local governance in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils with financial assistance from Australian Government. Here Kalmunai Mayor Dr. Siraz Meerasa-hib presents a copy of the charter hand book to Justice Minister Rauff Hakeem recently. The Foundation Program Officer M.I.M. Valeeth and Kalmunai Municipality Accountant, L.T. Salideen were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



Deputy Minister of Investment Promotion, Faizer Mustapha participated in the 82nd Izmir International Fair in Turkey recently. Here Minister Mustapha receives a memento from Science, Technology and Industries Deputy Minister of Turkey, Prof. Davut Kauranoglu. Sri Lanka's Ambassador in Turkey, Mrs. Barathi Wijerathne is also in the picture. *Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



A road in Wellampitiya has been named after former UC member, P.S. Perera, in recognition of his services to the people for 54 years. Here Kotikawatte-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, Prasanna Gunasinghe Solangaarachchi welcomes him. Mrs. P.S. Perera was also present. *Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.*



The Minuwangoda Urban Council absorbed temporary staffers into the permanent cadre recently. Here UC member Nihal Senarathna presents a letter of appointment to R.P. Thissa Rathnayaka. Minuwangoda UN Chairman Federick Alahakoon looks on. *Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.*



The Vihara Gala village at Watawala in the Ambagamuwa DS division was thrice affected due to flooding of the Mahaweli river during the past few months. Here the President of the Nuwara Eliya District Sinhala and Tamil Women's Organisation Mrs. Wimali Karunaratne who visited the affected areas recently (extreme right) listens to the grievances of the victims. *Pic: G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena Spl. Cor.*

Events

Dr. A.M.A. Azeez Oration on Oct.4

The Dr. A.M.A. Azeez Oration will be held on Friday, October 4 at 4.30pm at the YMMA Auditorium, Dematagoda Road, Colombo 9.

Dr. Azeez was the first Muslim Civil Servant, a one-time, Principal of Zahira College, Colombo, Senator, founder, YMMA and the Ceylon Muslim Scholarship Fund. Dr. M.A. Nuhman, a retired Professor of Tamil, University of Peradeniya, will speak on "Language and Education of Sri Lankan Muslims - Problems and Prospects".

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Dr. A.M.A. Azeez Foundation, S.H.M. Jameel and National President of YMMA, K.N. Deen. A book titled "A.M.A. Azeez - Early life and tributes" will be released on the occasion. It is open to the public.

Ranweli World Children's Day celebrations

The Ranweli World Children's Day celebrations will be held at the Public Park, Ruwanwella on October 1 at 3 p.m. It is organised by the Pradeshiya Sabha, Ruwanwella.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Ending Sorrow' (Part 2) delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School Hall, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 am. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.



An eye clinic was held for inmates of the Suva Sevana Elders' Home at Algoda in Dehiowita, organised by Jayasinghe Optical of Rajagiriya recently. Here the Grama Niladharini of Napawala Nilani Hettiarachchi puts on a pair of spectacles on an elderly person while the Warden of the Home, Neetha Balasuriya looks on.



Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz presents a certificate of participation to Fathima Shihara, who attended a workshop organised for youth in Puttalam at the Public Library. *Pic: M.U.M. Sanon, Puttalam Cor.*



The Jamiyathul Fassiyathul Shazuliya College launched *Irai Arulaip Peruwom*, a book by Principal Moulavi M.M. Asmi Kaan (Muaiyathi) at the China Fort Fassiya Mosque recently. Here Al Haj Nowfel S. Jabir, Chairman of China Fort Mosque Society, Kaleefathul Kulafa Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed Alim and Moulavi Asmikan receive a copy from the President's Coordinating Secretary Asseyed Abdul Cader Mashoor Moulana. *Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



Sober Sports Club, Addalaichenai beat Hard and Soft SC, Akkaraipattu in the finals to emerge champions in the Seven-a-Side Limited 5 Overs cricket tournament conducted by Steps (Pvt) Ltd, Akkaraipattu at the Akkaraipattu public grounds recently. Here the winning team with their supporters. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



A ceremony to launch the teachers' manual on 'Early Childhood Care and Development' was held at the East Lagoon Hotel, Batticaloa recently with Chief Minister EPC, Najeeb Abdul Majeed as the chief guest. Here Majeed is being conducted in a procession to the venue. Road Development Minister M.S. Udumalebbe, Councillor M.L.A. Ameer and CM Secretary, U.L.A. Azees were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*