

# Community



Over 1,500 mobile services programs were conducted in the Kurunegala district, during the past three months under "Deyata Kirula-2014" Development Program. Here Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils donates a wheel-chair to a differently-abled senior citizen, K.M. Panchibanda of Panduwasnuwara. Gunawardena Ratnayake, Co-ordinating Officer to the Deputy Minister, Ven. Siddhartha Thera, U.A. Kulasoorya, Divisional Secretary for Panduwasnuwara-West are also in the picture.  
*Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.*



The SAARC Cultural Centre, the regional centre of SAARC in Sri Lanka, and the Department of National Archives, Sri Lanka organised the SAARC International Conference on 'Development of Archives in South Asia and The Future of Archives and Archives of the Future' recently. Here Dr. Sanjay Garg, Deputy Director of SAARC Research Centre with the Governor of Southern Province, Kumari Balasuriya. Sohan Pal Singh, Dr. M.A. Haque, Ms. Tahmina Akter, Raju Rimal, Kunzang Delek and Ms. Nireka De Silva are also in the picture.  
*Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



The redesigned, expanded and renovated church of St. Martin De Porres at Galedudugoda, Horana was blessed and opened by the Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo, Most Rev. Dr. Maxwel Silva, on an invitation from the parish priest of the Horana Church, Rev. Fr. B.D. Anton Canisius Neris recently. Kalutara parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayake was also present.  
*Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.*



The Social Services Ministry and the Pokuna Ekathuwa Foundation, Kerawalapitiya, Wattala organised a medical camp at Vidyaloka Vidyalaya, Kerawalapitiya recently. Here the chief guest, Minister Felix Perera with the President of the Foundation, Shervan Fernando proceeding to the venue. Former Deputy Minister Neil Rupasinghe, Janaka Sooriyabandara, WPC and Wattala Police, OIC Indika Koluheetteg are also in the picture.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



An Islamic religious ceremony was held at the Dewatagama Jumma Mosque, Colombo to mark the 88th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation. Here President's Islamic Religious Affairs Coordinator, As Seyed Hassan Moulana drapes a golden shawl around SLBC Chairman, Hudson Samarasinghe. Western Province Governor Alavi Moulana, A.H.M. Azwer MP, Dewatagama Jumma Mosque trustee, Al Haj Naizer Cader, Chief Imam, Moulavi Moulavi Ahamed Faleel and Muslim Service Director, Hafiz S.M. Haniffa were also present.  
*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



The Head of the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences of the University of Rajarata, Dr. Faiz Marikkar won the Prof. MTM Jiffry Memorial Award for popularising science and technology in 2013, awarded by the National Science Foundation. Here Dr. Marikkar receives the award from Minister of Technology, Research and Atomic Energy, Champika Ranawaka at a ceremony held at the BMICH.  
*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*

## EVENT

**Krishnamurti talk**  
A recorded public talk on 'The difference between the mind and the brain' delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

## OFFICE-BEARERS

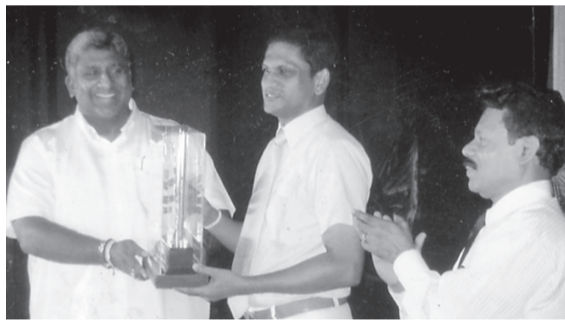
**Sri Lanka Masters Athletics Association**  
**President:** Tissa Samarasinghe  
**General Secretary:** N. Christie Mendis  
**Treasurer:** S.P. Rupasinghe  
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**Asst. Treasurer:** M.I.M. Hashim, B.D. Weerasena  
**Meet Secretary:** W. Cyril Perera



Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayake acknowledges the greetings of the Daham Pasela students of St. Martin de Porres church.  
*Pic: V. Moorthis, Ingiriya Tkn. Cor.*



The foundation stone laying ceremony for the frontal kopuram of the Sri Bathrakali Amman Kovil, Kadirana, Mattakuliya was held recently with President, Navodya Youth Foundation, A.K. Krishna was the chief guest. Here the chief priest, S. Sivanesan Kurukkal presents an offering to the chief guest.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The livestock entrepreneurs of the Western Province were felicitated at a ceremony held at the Town Hall, Negombo recently. Here a special award is being presented to Western Province Livestock Minister Nimalansa by the Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga.  
*Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.*



Akkaraipattu Municipal Council entered into an agreement with the Asia Foundation to conduct development activities in the city. Here Mayor, A. Ahamed Zackie hands over the agreement letter to the Asia Foundation Program Officer, M.I.M. Waleeth. Municipal Commissioner A.L.M. Azmi is also in the picture.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



An ayurvedic medical clinic, set up by the Ranawiru Sansadaya, Ingiriya with funds released by the Western Provincial Councillor Wikum Gunasekara was inaugurated at the Deepaloka temple, Ingiriya recently. Here Councillor, Wikum Gunasekara in conversation with the medical officer, Dr. Dinesha Vidyaratna.  
*Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.*



The seasonal gifts distribution among child patients at the Colombo National Hospital, during Christmas and New Year was held recently organised by the Hospital Committee. Director, Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Committee Chairman, Risvi Farook, Committee Member, Hasim Omar and Organiser Sarath Gunasekara were also present.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The bust of the founder of Gamini Central College, Ingiriya late Mr. S.P. Sooriyaarachchi was unveiled at a ceremony held at the school premises recently. Here his elder son Deepal Sooriyaarachchi unveils the sculpture. Director of Education (Administration), Horana Division, Ranjith Premasiri looks on. Senior Minister Rathnasiri Wickramanayaka, Seniro Lecturer, Sinhala Section of the Peradeniya University, Attanayaka M. Herath were also present.  
*Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.*



The office of the Amana Takaful Development was opened at No. 77, Main Street, Akkaraipattu recently. Here the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager (Life), Riyas Jeffrey accepts the first application form from one of the customers. General Manager, Athil Hashim is also in the picture.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The launch of the CD of religious songs, titled *Sthothirapali* by Sri Ganesharajah was held at the Sugathadasa Sports Hotel Complex, Colombo 14 recently. Here Ganesharaja presents a copy of the CD to Rev. Fr. Ignatius Warnakulasingham while Rev. Fr. Joy Pradeep Kumar, M.S. Satheskumar and ITN Director Hasim Omar look on.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



An exhibition and a fair organised by the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority, under the direction of the Ministry of Economic Development was opened by the Eastern Province, Health Services, Cooperative, Information Technology and Sports Minister M.I.M. Mansoor at Sammanthurai Al Marjan Ladies' College recently.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



Principal of I.L.M. Samsudeen Maha Vidyalaya, Mahagoda, Beruwala, M.M.M. Zubir who retired recently was felicitated by Al-Haj A.Z.M. Zawahir. WPC member Al-Haj M.M.M. Amjad looks on.  
*Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



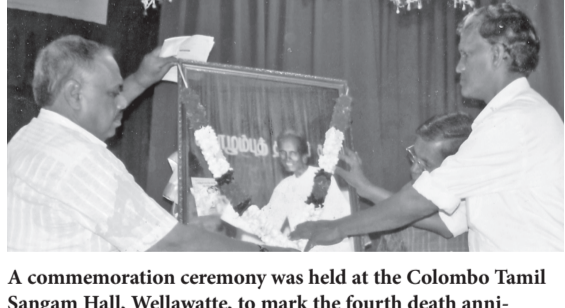
The Local Government and Provincial Council Minister, A.L.M. Athaulah was sashed with a golden shawl by artist Kalai Chelwan at the SLBC Ananda Samarakoon Studio recently. The event was organised by the *Thendral FM* Announcer, Mohamed Ifran during the *Pon Malai Poluthu* musical show. Praba Ganeshan MP and ITN Director Hashim Omar are also in the picture.  
*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



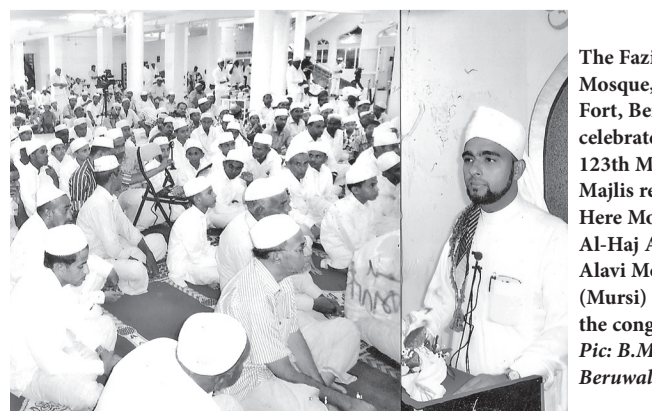
The ninth anniversary celebrations of the Blessed Joseph Vaz Association, Colombo 14 was held at the Tower Hall, Maradana recently. Here the Consultant of the Association, A. Thasan Fernando presents a souvenir to former MMC, Gerald Raj Fernando while former parliamentarian P. Radhakrishnan and Director A. Joseph look on.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The recommendations on 'Climate Change Adaptation' held at the BMICH, organised by the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society was presented to the Secretary, Environment and Renewed Energy, B.M.U.B. Ekanayaka by Deputy Director General, SLRCS, Col. Sudath Madugalle recently. Project Manager, Tissa Bandara is also in the picture.  
*Pic: Ranjith Ampitiyawatta, Biyagama Spl. Cor.*



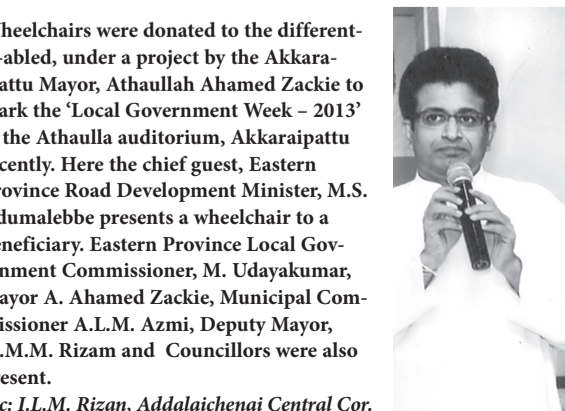
A commemoration ceremony was held at the Colombo Tamil Sangam Hall, Wellawatte, to mark the fourth death anniversary of its former Secretary, Tamil Vel E.K. Kandaswamy recently. Here a family member M. Sadacharan garlands the portrait of late Mr. Kandaswamy. President, Colombo Tamil Sangam, M. Kathirkamanathan and Secretary, A. Kandaswamy are also in the picture.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



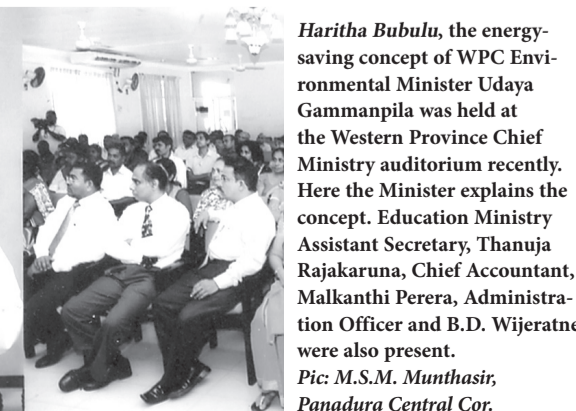
The Faziya Mosque, China Fort, Beruwala celebrated its 123th Manakib Majlis recently. Here Moulavi Al-Haj As Seyed Alavi Moulana (Mursi) addresses the congregation.  
*Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



Wheelchairs were donated to the differently-abled, under a project by the Akkaraipattu Mayor, Athaulah Ahamed Zackie to mark the 'Local Government Week - 2013' at the Athaulah auditorium, Akkaraipattu recently. Here the chief guest, Eastern Province Road Development Minister, M.S. Udumalebbe presents a wheelchair to a beneficiary. Eastern Province Local Government Commissioner, M. Udayakumar, Mayor A. Ahamed Zackie, Municipal Commissioner A.L.M. Azmi, Deputy Mayor, M.M.M. Rizan and Councillors were also present.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



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*Haritha Bubulu, the energy-saving concept of WPC Environmental Minister Udaya Gammanpila was held at the Western Province Chief Ministry auditorium recently. Here the Minister explains the concept. Education Ministry Assistant Secretary, Thanuja Rajakaruna, Chief Accountant, Malkanthi Perera, Administration Officer and B.D. Wijeratanne were also present.  
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Cor.*