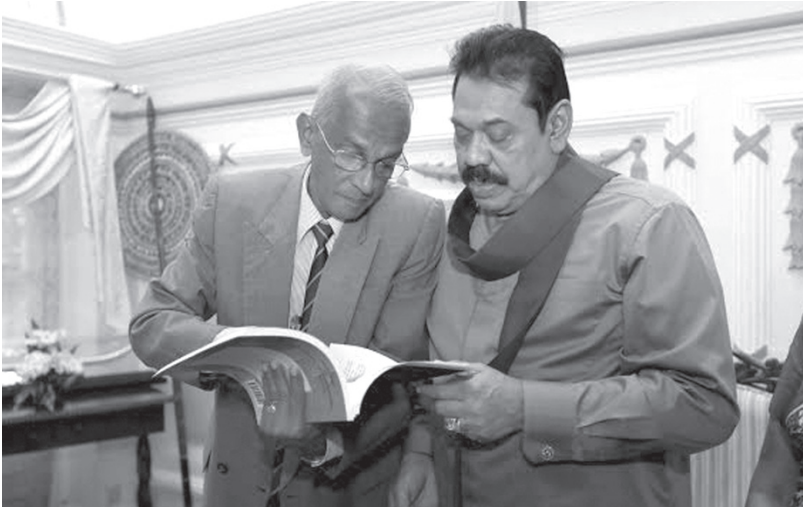




A ceremony to distribute textbooks among children of Parliament employees was held at the Parliament Complex recently, organised by the Parliament Employees' Union. Prime Minister D.M. Jayaratne presents a CD by Visharada Deepika Priyadarshani Peiris to a student. Parliament Secretary General Dhammika Dissanayake, Visharada Peiris and Union President, Dayaratne Perera look on.

Pic: Tilak Perera



The first copy of the book titled *Roadmap to Criminal Investigations* authored by Dr. M.A.J. Mendis was presented to President Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees recently. Dr. Mendis, a former Government Analyst, in his book deals with all aspects of modern Forensic Science, which is the first publication in English on the particular subject in Sri Lanka.



The awards ceremony of the Bhikkhu Free Educational Institute of the Mohan Lal Grero Foundation was held for the 2013 batch recently. Here Ven. Kotugoda Dhammawasa Thera presents a certificate to one of the bhikkhus who had successfully completed the English course. Principal and Administrator of the Sunethradevi Pirivena, Ven. Dr. Medagoda Abhayathissa Thera looks on.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "The brain is always recording" 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.



The Governor of the Southern Province, Dr. Kumari Bala-sooriya unveils the plaque to open a two-storeyed building of Ihalagoda Sumangala Model School, Akmeemana. Principal, I. Jagoda, Akmeemana PS Chairman, Anil Priyadharshana Jagoda and PC member Sisira Kumaratna are also in the picture.

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



The launching ceremony of two Tamil books titled *Pulachitharal Nenchan* and *Eliyan Kathaigal* authored by Mrs. Kokila Mahendran and Praveenan Mahendram was held at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here copies of the two books are being presented by Mrs. Raji Kenkatharan, Joint Secretary, Kalai Elakkiya Kalam to a staffer of Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena Mrs. Sumathi Nadanamainthan while the authors look on.

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



Additional District Judge, Ratnapura, M.H.M. Fareekdeen the chief guest at the *Alaikal* release ceremony of FDCC Movement of the Madawala Bazaar presents an award to A.H.M. Shaheed for his dedicated service to develop science, at the Ashraff Memorial auditorium, Madawala recently.

Pic: H.A. Shakoor, Pathadumbara Spl. Cor.



The distribution of spectacles, organised by the Western Provincial Councillor, A.M. Yusuf was held at the Beru-wala Maligahena Zam Rifai Hajiyyar M.V. recently. Over 500 pairs of spectacles were distributed among the needy.

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



A teacher-trainee, Gajani Amirthalingam of the Addalaichenai National College of Education won the first prize in the essay competition, *Reading maketh a full man* recently. Here the President of the College, M.I.M. Nawas presents a merit certificate. Library Development Committee President and Lecturer, M.I.M. Jauffer and Media Co-ordinator and Lecturer, F.M. Anzar Moulana were also present.

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



Youth who completed a housewiring course conducted by the Youth Empowerment Centre, Puttalam with the Divisional Secretary of Puttalam, M.R.M. Malik. Officer-in-charge of the Centre Ash-Shaikh M.S.M. Faris and the Chief Trustee of Puttalam Grand Mosque. Al-Haj S.R.M. Muzamil were also present at the auditorium of the Puttalam Divisional Secretariat.

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



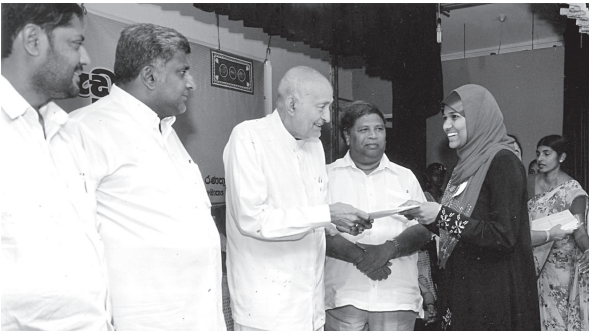
Ad-Diyathush Shazuliyathil Fassiya of Sri Lanka felicitated Khalifahul Khulafa Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji) at the Panchikawatte Zavia, Colombo recently. Here the President of the Shazuliya and SLP Colombo district Organiser Al Haj Fawzan Anver drapes a golden shawl around Moulavi Abdul Hameed. Seyyed Ali Hus-sain Moulana and Moulavi Abeebur Rahuman were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



Sainthamaruthu Hospital Road Sub-Post Master M.M.A. Mubarak was adjudged the Best Sub-Post Master 2013 in the Eastern Province at a ceremony held in Trincomalee recently. Here Mubarak receives the certificate from Post Master General D.L.P.R. Aberatna.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



Ninety Tamil graduates received their letters of teaching appointments at the Western Province Chief Secretary's auditorium recently. Here Western Province Governor, Alavi Moulana presents a letter to a recipient. Former WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga looks on.

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



WPC Health Minister Jagath Angage unveils the photograph of the founder of the Panadura P.C.H. Dias Memorial Women's Hospital (Kethumathi) and former Member of Parliament Dr. Neville Fernando. Medical Superintendent Dr. Piyal Samaraweera, Pradheshiya Sabha Chairman, Sunethra Lal Fernando and Hospital Committee member T.D. Gamini Peiris are also in the picture.

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



Digamadulla district parliamentarian H.M.M. Harees organised a New Year get-together for media personnel at the Maligaikadu Bismillah Hotel recently. Here Harees presents a memento to journalist, Julfika Sheriff, Secretary to the parliamentarian, Jinnah is also in the picture.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



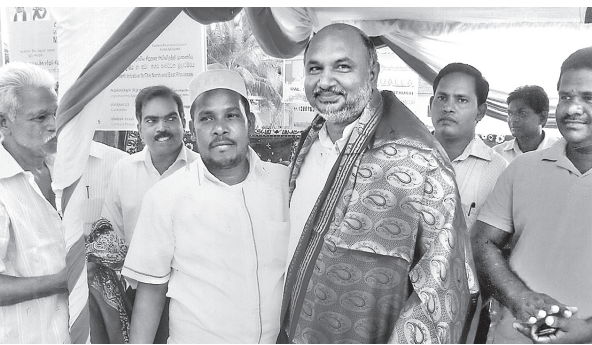
The A choir group of St. James Church, Modera, Colombo 15 sing during the Christmas program at the Modera police station recently.

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



A new emblem of the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council was approved recently. Here Municipal Commissioner, A.L.M. Azmi presents the emblem to Mayor, A. Ahamed Zackie.

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



Residents of Sammanthurai felicitated Sammanthurai Pradheshiya Sabha Chairman, A.M.M. Nowshad for his unstinted services rendered to the village of Sammanthurai. He was draped with a golden shawl during the ceremony.

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



Elders present an event at a concert for the elderly organised by the Puttalam Divisional Secretary, at the Deer Camp in Puttalam town recently.

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



A seminar for Inland Revenue Collectors and businessmen in Panadura was held at the River View Hotel recently, conducted by the Inland Revenue Dept. Senior Commissioner General, Dr. A.D. Seneviratne, presided.

Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



Colombo district parliamentarian, Praba Ganeshan organised a free eye camp in Mattakkuliya recently. Here the MP presents a pair of spectacles free to a beneficiary.

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



A religious prayer program to invoke blessings on the country and people for the New Year, was held at the Covenant of Shalom Christian Assembly, Kotahena recently. Pastors, Mohan C. Lazarus and Marison Rodrigo also participated.

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



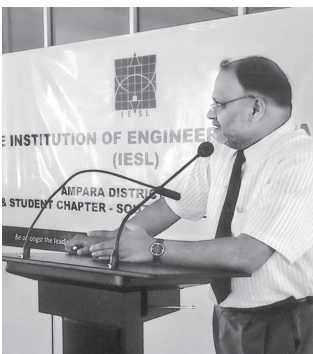
The distribution of plastic chairs, fruits and kitchen utensils among voluntary organisations in Kurunegala was held at the Galwala Housing Scheme, on an initiative by the Livestock and Social Community Development Minister, Arumugam Thondaman recently. Here Deputy Minister of Economic Development Muththu Sivalingam is also in this picture.

Pic: Francis Warnakulasooriya, Pothuhera Spl. Cor.



A new water supply scheme was inaugurated by the Eastern Province Road Development, Irrigation, Housing Construction, Water Supply and Rural Electrification Minister M.S. Udumalebbe at Hilur Nager village in the Akkaraipattu DS Division recently. Here Minister Udumalebbe lays a pipeline. Akkaraipattu Pradheshiya Sabha Chairman, M.A. Razeem, Divisional Secretary, M.Y. Saleem and NWS & DB officials were also present.

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



The Institute of Engineering Sri Lanka (IESL) opened its Ampara District Centre and the Students' Chapter at the Faculty Engineering at the Oluvil Campus of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka recently. Here Chairman, IESL Eastern Province, Eng. A.L.M. Nizar delivers the guest speech on "Who is an Engineer?"

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