



The editions of *Budunwahansege Deshanakrama Ashritha Janasan-nivedana Vidhi* and *Dhammika Samaga Dhamma Sakachcha I* and II, authored by the former *Budusarana* editor, Daya Siriwardena were launched recently. Here President Mahinda Rajapaksa receives copies of the publication from the author's son Sarasaviya Deputy Editor, Chandana Daya Siriwardene.



The book titled *The Glory that was Gandhara (Journey in Search of Buddhist Ruins of Pakistan)* authored by veteran journalist Chandana Wijekoon was released at the National Library and Documentary Services Board auditorium, Colombo recently. Here Mrs. Indira Lopez Arguelies, Charge D' Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Cuba lights the oil lamp. Ven. Batapola Nanda Thera, Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms Minister Chandrasiri Gajadeera and the author are also in the picture.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The Asoka Foundation, Ingiriya distributed school stationery at a cost of Rs. 10 lakhs among low income families and Samanera bhikkhus at Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat at the Ingiriya Deepaloka temple recently. Here Kalutara district MP Vidura Wickramanayake presents a parcel of books to a Samanera.  
*Pic: Milton Dharmasinghe, Bulathsinhala Spl. Cor.*



The certificate-presentation ceremony of the free English courses conducted by the Shakthi Foundation was held recently at the Sri Lanka Youth Centre, Maharagama. Here the chief guest, Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardane awards a certificate to a student. Over 1,000 students received their awards. The founder of the Foundation, U.C. Member Nishantha Wimalachandra and the Chief Instructor, Sriyananda S. Egodawewa were also present. *Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.*



Youth Services Officer, Batticaloa, M. Shashikumar was felicitated as the Best Youth Officer 2013 at a contest held among 1,250 National Youth Services Officers islandwide at the Sri Lanka Youth Centre, Maharagama recently. Here Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dullas Alahapperuma presents the key of a motor cycle to the winner. Secretary to the Ministry, B. Wijeratne and Chairman and Director General of the NYSC, Lalith Piyum Perera are also in the picture.  
*Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.*



The Samurdhi Bank of Kuruwita, Delgamuwa was opened by Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister W.D.J. Seneviratne recently. Kuruwita Divisional Secretary, N.W. Kulathilaka is also in the picture.  
*Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



A foundation stone was laid for a new Bank of Ceylon building complex in Mutur recently, presided over by Regional Manager, A.M. Zubair. Deputy General Managers, H.M. Mudiyanse and G.H. Chandrasiri and Eastern Province, Assistant General Manager, K.P. Ananda Nadesan were the guests of honour. Here a religious ceremony in progress.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



A book of religious songs titled *Sasthamirtham* published by the *Harihara Puthran Dharma Sastha Peedam*, for devotees who have been nominated for a pilgrimage at the holy shrine of Sabarimalai in India was launched at the Sri Kathirvelautha Swamy kovil, Pettah recently. Here the maiden copy is being presented by S. Duraisamy to a devotee, Pitchai Samy. Chief Priest Sri Ramachandra Sivakumara Kurukkal is also in the picture.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



An exhibition of craft products of 20 trainees who had completed a one-year women's progressive training course organised by the Vidatha Resources Centre, Pitabeddara was held at the Centre recently. Here visitors view some of the exhibits.



Former Deputy Commissioner of Inland Revenue, L.L. Premawardana Alwis distributed new clothes to those in the low income group to mark his birthday at Sanasa Building, Kalutara recently. Here Alwis presents a parcel to a beneficiary.  
*Pic: Divakara Mohotti, Kalutara Gr. Cor.*



Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs, W.D.J. Seneviratna turned 72 recently. Here Kuruwita Divisional Secretary, N.W. Gunathilaka presents a gold-framed photograph of the Minister, to mark the occasion. Other staffers look on.  
*Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



The Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha honoured tea producers in the Morawak Korale who had rendered valuable services to the tea industry at a ceremony at the Kotapola PS auditorium. Here a tea producer on behalf of Andaradesiya Estate (Pvt) Ltd., receives an award from Deputy Minister of Public Administration, Wijaya Dahanayake.  
*Pic: Theja Vidyarupa, Akuressa Gr. Cor.*



Fifty families in the Mohoththogoda model village in Panduwasnuwara were provided electricity at a cost of Rs. 25 million. Here the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils Indika Bandaranayake and Chief SLEP Organiser for Panduwasnuwara commissions the project.  
*Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.*



The National Council of YMMA, Maligawatte organised a certificate awards ceremony for embroidery and dress-making trainees at SBC Thassim Hall, YMMA recently. Here the chief guest, former Western Provincial Councillor Nawzer Fowzie views some of the exhibits. YMMA President, M.M. Mohamed, ex-President S.B.C. Thassim and Project Chairman Naushad Jainudeen were also present.  
*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



A farewell function for Brand Manager of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Akkaraipattu J.M. Siddique who has been transferred to the Kalmunai branch, was held at the Akkaraipattu TFC auditorium organised by the Customers' Association recently, presided over by Dr. S.M.A. Jabbar. Here Siddique is sashed with a golden shawl by a customer, A.K. Rifkan. Regional Manager S. Ganeshan is also in the picture.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The 23rd annual celebrations of the Saviya Development Foundation was held recently at the Saviya Head Office at Wewelwala Road, Galle with the Vice Chancellor of the Ruhunu University, Ven. Pallaththara Sumanajothi Nayaka Thera as the chief guest. Here the Secretary to the Ministry of Culture and Arts Wasantha Ekanayake receives a special award from the Chairman of the Foundation, Dr. Winston de Silva.  
*Pic: Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



Plant saplings were distributed among home gardeners at Maligaikadu in the Karaithivu Divisional Secretariat Division under the *Divi Neguma* program recently. Here Karaithivu Deputy Director of Planning at the Divisional Secretariat, M. Mohana Kumar presents a sapling to a beneficiary at the Maligaikadu Al-Hussain Vidyalaya.  
*Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.*



Laptop computers were distributed among members of the Independent Media Organisation, in the Southern Province recently funded from the decentralised budget provision of the Balapitiya SLFP Chief Organiser and Presidential Coordinating Secretary Sajin Vaas Gunawardene. Here the beneficiaries with the Chief Organiser's Secretary Hemapala Warusawitana, Public Coordinating Officer Dasun Layan and Balapitiya P.S., Chairman A. Dayaratne.  
*Pic: Wimal Karunatileke*



The ceremony to unveil photographs of the two late active members, T.M. Somapala and Bandula Peiris, was held at the Stanley Hall, the School for the Deaf, Ratmalana recently. Here the family members of the late T.M. Somapala after garlanding his photograph. President, Deaf School Past Pupils' Association, Ratmalana, Shivantha Vivekanandan was also present.



Logos Hope, the floating library ship docked at the Galle Harbour where the Southern Province Governor Dr. Kumari Balasuriya was the chief guest at the inauguration ceremony. Here the Managing Director of the ship, Lloyd Nicklos greets the Governor.  
*Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Group Cor.*



Zahira College, Colombo organised an awards ceremony for Cub Scouts at the College premises recently. Here the teacher-in-charge of the Eleventh Colombo Zahira College Cub Scout platoon Dinush Perera receives the certificate from Assistant District Commissioner, Swarna Senevirathne.  
*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*

## EVENTS

### Krishnamurthi talk

A recorded public talk on 'An intelligence beyond cause' delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurthi 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.

### Panadura Thotawatte annual Majlis tomorrow

The annual Muhiyaddeen Mowlood Thamam Majlis of Panadura Thotawatte Rawlathul Athkiya Jumma Masjid will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m., after Isha prayers, under the patronage of Kaleefathush Shazuli Moulavi M.T.M. Ilyas. The Mowlood recital commenced last Saturday under the patronage of Thotawatta Grand Masjid Katheeb Moulavi A.H. Muhajireen (Nulari), with the participation of Treasurer, Masjid Administration Society and Mukammadush Shazuli S.C.M. Anverhaji.

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A souvenir was released by the Old Boys' Union of Dharmaraja College, Kandy, to commemorate Sir Henry Olcott who was instrumental in establishing Buddhist schools. Here the Co-Editor Senaka Peiris presents the first copy to C.H.A.P.A. Weeraratne, the co-sponsor of the Olcott celebrations, organised by the Old Boys Union of Dharmaraja College.  
*Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.*