



The Melad-un-Nabi celebrations in Beruwala were held at the Beach Sports Ground recently organised by Minister Dr. Rajitha Senarathne recently. Here Prime Minister, D.M. Jayaratne being conducted to the venue by Deputy Minister M.K.D.S. Gunawardene, M.S.M. Aslam MP and former Provincial Councillor M.M.M. Amjad.

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



President Mahinda Rajapaksa takes part in Hindu religious observances to mark *Thai Pongal* at the Bogambara Grounds, Kandy recently. Here the Chairman of the Kandy Tamil Traders' Association, S. Pream Rajkumar drapes a golden shawl around the President.

Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Roving Cor.



The Cultural Section of the Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran held a seminar on 'Hajj, the Symbol of Islamic Unity' at the Cultural Centre auditorium, Colombo recently. Here the representative of the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamanie for Hajj and Pilgrimage Affairs, Ayatollah Seyed Qazi addresses the gathering. Head of Hajj and Pilgrimage Affairs in Iran, Dr. Ohadi and Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs Director M.H.M. Zameell were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



UPFA candidates in the Kalutara district for the Western Provincial Council election held a meeting in Kalutara under the patronage of Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister, W.D.J. Senviratne recently. Here the minister addresses the gathering.

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



The distribution of sewing machines and generators worth nearly Rs. 8 lakhs to *Divi Neguma* beneficiaries, by the Ministry of Economic Development was held at a ceremony at the Cooperative Conference hall, Eheliyagoda recently. Here Cabinet ministers, Vasudeva Nanayakkara and Pavitra Wanniarachchi present the equipment.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The 66th Independence Day celebrations were held at the Kalutara District Secretariat with Transport Minister Kumara Welgama as the chief guest. Here Kalutara District Secretary, U.D.C. Jayalal, the chief organiser receives Minister Welgama. Kalutara district Additional Secretary, Sirisoma Lokuwithana is also in the picture.

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



Footwear and Leather Fair '14 was held at the BMICH recently. Here Managing Director, Rite Shu (Pvt) Ltd., Ameen Aslam Thowfeek receives an award of appreciation for the services rendered to the industry, from Minister Rishard Badurdeen. Chairman IDB, Nawaz Rajabdeen and Secretary to the Minister, Anura Siriwardane are also in the picture.

Pic: Vipula Amerasinghe

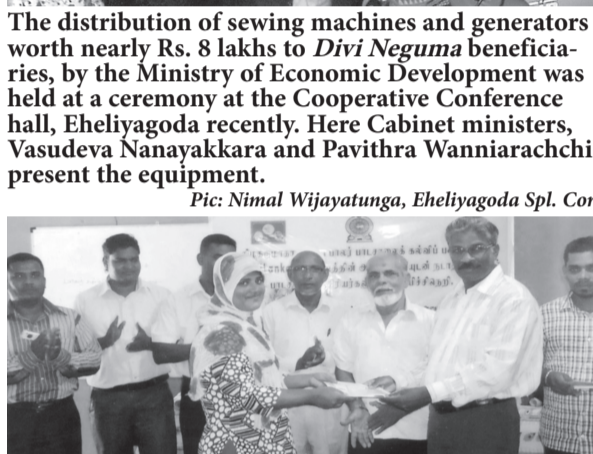


A ceremony to unveil photographs of the two late active members of the School for the Deaf, T.M. Somapala and Bandula Peiris was held at the Stanley Hall of the School at Ratmalana recently. Here the family members of the late Bandula Peiris garland his photograph. President, Deaf School Past Pupils'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



A seven-member team of officials of the Ratnapura District Malaria Prevention Unit with Eheliyagoda PHI, Tharanga Jinaseena inspected Eheliyagoda, Wiyalagoda-Thibbotuwawa areas recently to detect dengue-prone areas.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The certificates-award ceremony of pre-school teachers in the Kalmunai Zonal Education organised by the Western Province Pre-school Education Forum was held at Sainthamaruthu Al-Hilal Vidyalaya recently. Here Director of the forum, Pon. Selvanayagam presents a certificate to a teacher.

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



The annual dealer convention of Abro Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was held under the patronage of the International Sales and Marketing Manager, Sasan "Sonny" Sohrab of the USA at the Hotel Galadari recently. Here the chief guest lights the oil lamp. Chairman Abro Lanka, K. Ramamoorthy and Managing Director Murali Ramaratnam look on.

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



A former member of the Western Provincial Council, Al-Haj M.M.M. Amjad presents sports items to the Atulugama Sports Club at Al-Gazaly M.M.V. recently.

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



The Addalaichenai Divisional Cultural Festival - 2013, jointly organised by the Cultural Affairs Department and the Divisional Secretariat, Addalaichenai was held at the Lloyds auditorium, Addalaichenai recently, presided over by Divisional Secretary, I.M. Haniffa. Here the chief guest, Batticaloa District Judge N.M.M. Abdulla presents a prize and certificate to a student. Cultural Officers, A.H. Amjath and T.M. Rinzan were also present.

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



The Chief Minister of Wayamba, Dayasiri Jayasekera along with Minister Sanath Nissantha Perera and Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz participates in a meeting of the District Development Committee at the auditorium of Puttalam District Secretariat recently.

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



The *Sisu Udana* Children's Saving Accounts holders raffle draw was held at the People's Bank branch, Addalaichenai recently. Here Addalaichenai Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, M.A. Anzil, the chief guest, draws the prize winners. Ampara Area Manager, E. Somachandra, Assistant Regional Manager, A. Samsudeen, Retired Divisional Secretary, A.L. Ibralebbe and Branch Manager, M.M.A. Samed were also present.

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



The Centre for the Islamic Handicapped, Thihariya organised the Meelad-un-Nabi celebrations at the auditorium recently. Here the Chairman of the Zeenath Trading Co. Ltd., A.H.M. Mahir presents uniform material to a student. Director of the Centre, Jiffry Haniffa and Moulavi Mubarak Abdul Majeed were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Foreign Affairs Monitoring MP and Balapitiya SLFP Chief Organiser, Sajin Vaas Gunawardene donated 10 computers to Balapitiya Siddhartha Maha Vidyalaya from his decentralised budget funds. Here Balapitiya P.S. Chairman A. Dayaratne presents a unit to Principal Janithalal. MP's Secretary, Hemapala Warusawithana, PRO, Dasun Layan Duminda and PS member Anil Priyantha were also present.

Pic: Wimal Karunatileke.



The Kalmunai Municipal Council organised its annual get-together to mark the *Thai Pongal* day celebrations at the Kalmunai Iruthayanather Hall recently. Here Kalmunai Mayor, M. Nizam Kariapper presents a gift to an employee.

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

EVENT

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "What is it to listen, to learn, and to observe?" 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 annual *Kamban Vizha* organised by the Colombo Kamban Kazhagam was held recently under the patronage of a large number of devotees. Here the procession with the statue of poet Kamban winds its way from Kamban Kottam to the Ramakrishna Mission Hall, Wellawatte. Chief Trustee, Sri Kathereshan Swamy Kovil, Bambalapitiya, Subramaniam Chettiyar is also in the picture.

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



The Kandy YMCA with several youth from the Taiwan YMCA and the Kandy Municipal Council organised a shramadana at the Kandy Municipal General Cemetery recently, under the patronage of Mayor, Mahen Ratwatte. Fifty-eight teenagers from Taiwan and Kandy YMCA participated. Mayor Ratwatte is also in the centre.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



The Jayasiri Raffle draw of the People's Bank, Addalaichenai was held at the branch premises recently. Here Area Manager, Ampara, E. Somachandra presents a cheque to a winner. Assistant Manager A. Samsudeen, Addalaichenai Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, M.A. Anzil, retired Divisional Secretary, A.L. Ibralebbe and Branch Manager, M.M.A. Samad are also in the picture.

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



The Gampaha District National Youth Services Cooperative Union launched a low-interest loan scheme for self-employed entrepreneurs the Kelaniya Nahena Ranthara Youth Club. Fifteen youth received Rs. 225,000. Here a beneficiary receives a cheque for Rs. 15,000 from Treasurer, Sri Lanka Youth Clubs Federation, Isanka Chaturanga. Chairman/Director General, NYSC, Lalith Piyum Perera looks on.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



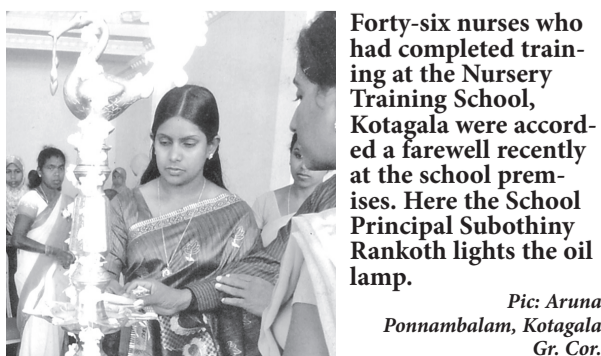
The annual Saheehul Buhari Majlis Al-Mirathushshazuliya Zavia, China Fort, Beruwala was held recently. Here Kaleefathul Kulafa Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed Alim (Bahji) addresses the gathering.

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



A welfare service program was held at Kallalgoda to mark the birthday of the Treasurer of the MEP and former chairman of Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha, Sripani Jayaratne recently. Here Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardane presents kitchen utensils to elders in the area.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Forty-six nurses who had completed training at the Nursery Training School, Kotagala were accorded a farewell recently at the school premises. Here the School Principal Subothiny Rankoth lights the oil lamp.

Pic: Aruna Ponnambalam, Kotagala Gr. Cor.