



The Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation launched the *Vyaparika Kirula* at the Kandyan Reach Hotel, Kurunegala under the patronage of President Mahinda Rajapaksa, to coincide with the eighth Deyata Kirula exhibition. Here President Rajapaksa presents an award to Ajith Karunaratne, Managing Director, South Tyre Centre (Pvt) Ltd, Kurunegala, who was adjudged Second Best Entrepreneur.



A flower exhibition and workshop on 'Cultivation of Flowers and Foliage for Export' was held at the Bingiriya Agri-Export Zone premises in Kurunegala recently. Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa was the chief guest at the expo, which was organised by the Sri Lanka Export Development Board and the Bingiriya Development Foundation. Here the chief guest is being welcomed by a "Flower Prince". President, Bingiriya Development Foundation, Sampath Dissanayake and SLEP Chief Organiser for Bingiriya Munidasa Premachandra are also in the picture.
Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



The new Paradise Garden filling station at Gurugoda, Horana run by the Raigam Udugahapathu Multi Propose Co-operative Society was opened recently, at a cost of Rs. 50m, on an initiative by Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities Minister, Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and the Governor of the Western Province, Alavi Mowlana. Here the VIPs and well-wishers at the opening ceremony.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Traditional and Small Industries Development Minister Douglas Devananda visited the proposed site for a marketing centre and handicrafts at a cost of Rs. 28 m at Kaithady, Jaffna recently. Here the Minister, Secretary to the Ministry, V. Shivagnanasothy and Provincial Secretary, Mrs. Anjanadevi Sathyaseelan at the site.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Tamil book titled *Tharisanam*, authored by the Chief Editor of *Virakesari* (Weekly) Publications, R. Prabaganih was launched at the Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapatiya, Colombo 4 recently. Here the author presents a copy of the book to Justice Minister Rauf Hakeem at the ceremony.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Former WPC Minister, Udhaya Gammanpila presented the book *Pradeepaya* authored by him, to Economic Development Minister, Basil Rajapaksa at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute recently.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Dambadeniya Central exhibition

An educational exhibition organised by Dambadeniya Central College will be held on April 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school premises.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on, "Is there something sacred in life?" 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.

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Two philanthropists, Mrs. Swarnamali Rodrigo of Panadura and T.A. Rathnayaka of Nugegoda donated an Echo Cardiogram and an E.C.G. Treadmill machine valued at Rs. 7.9 m and Rs. 4.9 m to the Panadura Base Hospital recently. Here Mrs. Swarnamali Rodrigo with the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Piyal Samaraweera. Dr. Nisha Fernando and Dr. Samantha Ranasinghe with the Eco machine.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Sarvodaya leader Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, Prof. J.B. Disanayake and well-known artist Sybil Wettasinghe conferred the *Mathru Prema Abhinandana* on Kala Bhooshana Chandralatha Liyanage, in recognition of her services as a teacher training college lecturer, principal and writer at a felicitation ceremony at Pitakote recently.



The birthday of Lord Baden Powell, the founder of the Scout Movement was commemorated by the Scouts Movement of Negombo district. Here Rev. Bro. Sunanda Alwis, Principal, Maris Stella College, Negombo garlands the statue of Lord Powell. District Commissioner of Scout, Negombo, A.C.B. Fonseka was also present.
Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The Sainthamaruthu Baithulmal Fund built a house for a low-income family in the Sainthamaruthu Divisional Secretariat area. Here the President of the Fund, Y.M. Hanifa and Sainthamaruthu Divisional Secretary A.L.M. Saleem open the house.
Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



Manager of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Kalmunai branch, J.M. Siddique was felicitated for his services in the banking field at the Akkaraipattu T.F.C. Auditorium recently, organised by the Branch Customers' Association. Here a customer, A.L. Yahya presents a memento to Siddique.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Samurthi officers of the Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat organised a function to honour Ampara district Samurthi Deputy Director, U.P.S. Anurudha Piyadasa recently. Here the chief guest, Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister, A.L.M. Athallah presents a memento to Anurudha. Eastern Provincial Councillor, A.L.M. Nazeer looks on.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Kalutara district Regional Manager of the People's Bank presents the investment plan to a customer of special Vanitha Vasana Money Planner investment project at the main branch of the People's Bank, Panadura recently. Assistant Regional Manager, Kalutara, Prasad Ariyawansa and Manager, Ananda Prematilake are also in the picture.
Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.



Regional Manager, Commercial Bank of Ceylon, S. Ganesan was felicitated for his services in the banking field at the Akkaraipattu T.F.C. Auditorium recently, organised by the Commercial Bank's Akkaraipattu Branch Customers' Association. Here a customer presents a gift to Ganesan.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Akkaraipattu Mayor A. Ahamed Zackie felicitated CEB Engineer, M.A.M. Riskhan for his unstinted services rendered to the community, at the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council recently. Here the Mayor presents a memento to Riskhan. Municipal Commissioner A.L.M. Azmi was also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The Practical Action Organisation donated two wheelbarrows to the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council to be used for garbage collection. Here the project Manager, Prasath Rathnayake presents the units to Akkaraipattu Mayor, A. Ahamed Zackie. Municipal Commissioner A.L.M. Azmi, Municipal Councillor A.L. Junaideen, Feed Sri Lanka organisation, Chairman, S.M. Sahir Hussain, Development Officer, S.T.M. Yakoob and Technical Officer, M.A.M. Irfan are also in the picture.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Cor.



A medical officer puts on a pair of spectacles on a patient at the free eye camp held in Peliyagoda organised by the Health Department, under the 2020 *Thekma* program recently. Project Co-ordinator, Dr. Asitha Abeydeera, Project Officer, Mrs. Ayesha Udeni Dias and Department officials were present.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The 179th birth anniversary, *Jeyanthi Vizha* of Bhagwan Sri Ramakrishna organised by the Colombo Ramakrishna Mission was held recently. Here a procession with the portrait of Bhagwan Ramakrishna, wends its way from the Mission Hall, Wellawatte. Head of Mission, Srimath Swamy Sarwa Rupanandaji, Srimath Swamy Pathmas Danandaji Maharaj of Chennai, India and President, International Hindu Religious Priests Forum and K. Wytheswarak Kurukkal are also in the picture.
Pic: A Maduraweeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The annual *Ther* (Chariot) Festival of Sri Ponnambalawaneswarar Sivan Kovil, Kochikade, Colombo 13 was held recently. Here the deities being taken in a procession by the devotees before being placed on the chariot.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

Chamathya at UN Headquarters

President Guide, 20-year-old Chamathya Fernando, a past student of Visakha Vidyalaya and a youth member of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association and Girl Scouts for the second consecutive year, as a coordinator addressed the UN Conference 58th Commission on the 'Status of Women' recently at the UN Headquarters, New York. Chamathya held discussions on the challenges and achievements of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls.



Bicycles were donated to the Cycle Racing Club, Jaffna at a function organised by the Sri Lanka Cycle Federation and sponsored by the Abans Group of Companies. It was organised to mark the *Guwan Hamuda Papedi Sawariya 2014*, a cycle race from Colombo to Jaffna for the 15th consecutive year, coinciding with the 63rd anniversary of the Sri Lanka Air Force. Air Vice Marshal Bulathsinghala, Secretary, Sri Lanka Cycle Federation, Sujeewa Senarathne and President, Cycle Racing Club, Jaffna, A.Y. Kailanathan participated.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A shramadana campaign under the Dengue Prevention Program to clean the drains in Akkaraipattu was organised by the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council recently. Here Municipal Commissioner, A.L.M. Azmi inspects a clogged drain on Mudaliyar Road.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The annual free eye camp organised by the Sri Lanka Association of Administrative and Professional Secretaries (SLAAPS) was held for the sixth consecutive year, at the V&E Eye Centre, Kalubowila. Here one of the members tries on a pair on a beneficiary.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook