



The sun was overhead Sri Jaywardenepura on April 7 at 12.12 p.m. and the shadows of people and buildings disappeared for a moment. Here astronomer Anura C. Perera demonstrates the phenomenon to Viharadhipathi, Sri Jayawardanamaya, Cotta Road, Borella, Ven. Devahandiya Pannasekara Thera. Ven. Godamunne Lankananda Thera, principal, B.J.F. Dhahampasala, K.S. Nawarata, principal, S.W.R.D. Bandaranyake Vidyalaya, Borella, staff and students look on.



Economics analyst and Central Bank Director, Vincent Mervin Fernando's *Economics 1 & 2*, an important source of information for GCE A/L students, was launched at the Bank auditorium recently. Here the author presents the maiden copy to the Governor, Central Bank, Ajith Nivard Cabraal.



Colombo district parliamentarian, R. Duminda Silva donated Rs. 5 m to build houses for families who were rendered homeless due to a fire recently. Here the MP presents the keys of a new house to a beneficiary. Wellampitiya Parama Dharmodaya Viharadhipathi, Ven. Witiyala Kavindhaja Thera and Acting Chairman, Kolonnawa Urban Council, Suresh Kodagoda look on.

Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



Chief Minister north Western Province, Dayasiri Jayasekara distributed pre-school equipment to the value of Rs. 45 m, among the 450 pre-schools in the Kurunegala and Puttalam districts recently, at the Hettipola Community Centre, Kurunegala. Here the Chief Minister presents the equipment to a teacher.

Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



A road project in Inigala was launched recently by the Minister of Justice, Rauf Hakeem with funds from his decentralised budget. Here the Minister is being conducted to the project site. Inigala Jummah Mosque President, H.M. Ismail Ismath is also in the picture.

Pic: K.A. Aleem, Gampola TKN Cor.



A ceremony to provide pensions to farmers in the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat Zone was held recently at the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya, on an initiative by the Special Project Minister and Deputy Minister of Economic Development Affairs, S.M. Chandrasena. Over 275 farmers received pensions from the total allocation of Rs. 550,000. Here a farmer receives his pension from Kalutara district parliamentarian, Vidura Wickramanayaka.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



North Western Province's Sports Minister D.B. Herath awards a medal to an athlete at the prize-giving of the 'Walking Race' held in Puttalam recently. North Western Provincial Minister Sanath Nishantha Perera and Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz look on.

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



The 16th anniversary celebrations of *Shakti Illam*, Ratmalana was held at the Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapitiya recently. Here former President, All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC), V. Kailasapillai lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the ceremony. Secretary, ACHC, M. Kathirkamanathan, Treasurer, K. Kandasamy and Mrs. Abirami Kailasapillai are also in the picture.

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



A photo exhibition highlighting the past and the present situation in the country with emphasis on the reconciliation, organised by the Centre for Reconciliation and Co-existence (CRC) was held at the Akkaraipattu Athaullah auditorium recently. Here Vice Chancellor, South Eastern University Dr. S.M.M. Ismail and Akkaraipattu Mayor A. Ahamed Zazkie view some of the exhibits.

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



The Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) and S. Srisumana Godage Bros. organised a ceremony to honour 15 veteran artists at the SLBC's Samarakoon auditorium recently. Here SLBC Chairman, Hudson Samarasinghe and ITN Director Hasim Omar present an award to popular Tamil writer, Mrs. Pathma Somakanthan, after sashing her with a golden shawl.

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



A religious journal titled *Hindu Oli* published by the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC) was released at the Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapitiya, organised to mark the 50th Jayanthi Vizha of Saiva Saint, Sivayoga Swamikal was held recently. Here the maiden copy is being presented by Directress, Hindu Religious and Cultural Department, Mrs. Shanthi Naukkrasan to a social worker K. Thavayogajah while Secretary, ACHC, M. Kathirkamanathan looks on.

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

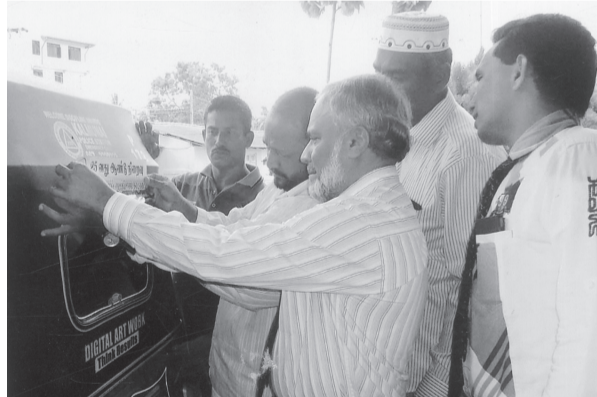


Fathima Shamila of Hindu College, Ratmalana who passed the GCE (O/L) 2013 examination with 9As was felicitated by the Colombo Journalists' Association recently. Principal S. Jeyakumar, M.Asalam, Asroff Samad and M.M.M. Imtiyaz of the Association are also in the picture.



The Ampara District Journalists' Federation organised a ceremony to honour the Managing Director of 'My Hope', Siddique Nadeer recently. Here Nadeer being draped with a golden shawl by the Federation President and senior journalist Kalaboosana Meera M. Ismail.

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



The Ashroff Memorial Hospital, Kalmunai will celebrate its 25th anniversary (Silver Jubilee) this year. Here the Hospital Medical Superintendent, Dr. A.L.M. Nazeer fixes a sticker on a three wheeler, to mark the occasion.

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



The Hajjar Appa Dharga Welfare Association, Shantha Yehiya Mawatte, Matara organised the 134th annual Mowlood and Grand Feast, to commemorate Qutub Sheikh Yehiya Yemani Hadjar Appa (Rali) at the Dharga Sheriff recently. Here Moulavi M.N.M. Ikram addresses the gathering. Minnathul Fassiya Arabic College, Principal Kalifathush Shazuli, Moulavi M.S.M. Ifthikar, Ulama and Muhbeens were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Annual General Meeting of the Group of '80 Zahira College, Colombo was held at the college hall recently. Here the President Milhan Laffir with the Executive Vice President, M. Ashroff Rumi, Hony. General Secretary, A.C.M. Ayoob, General Treasurer, A.L. Anver and the Executive Committee members.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A *Maha Yagna* pooja was conducted at the Sri Kamachchi Amman Kovil, Obeysekara, Rajagiriya recently, under the patronage of the chief priest, Ravindra Sasithri Kurukkal, to invoke blessing on President Mahinda Rajapaksa, country and the people. Here the chief priest performs a pooja.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'The fear of being nothing' 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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Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Dr. Sujatha Senaratna, the chief guest at the opening of the SriLankan Airline office at Kaluwamodera, Alutgama in conversation after presenting the first ticket to a customer.

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



A free eye camp organised by the Chamber of Tourism Industry was held recently at the Pacific Hotel, Arugam Bay, under the patronage of Chamber Chairman, A.M. Jawfer. Here an eye surgeon examines a patient at the camp.

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



The Disaster Risk Reduce Unit office was opened at the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council recently. Here the chief guest, Akkaraipattu Mayor, A. Ahamed Zackie examines the documents after opening the office. Municipal Commissioner, A.L.M. Azmi, UN Habitat National Project Manager, Indu Weerasooria, UN Habitat Program Officer, Manju Vidana Gamachchige and Municipal Councillors were also present.

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



Sewing machines were donated recently to women engaged in self-employment in Horana, on an initiative by Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities Minister Rathnasiri Wickramanayaka. Here a section of the beneficiaries with the sewing machines.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Maruthoor Art Circle celebrated its first anniversary at Sainthamaruthu Al-Hilal Vidyalaya Hall recently. Here A.R.M. Jiffry, Principal, Panadura Jeelani M.M.V. drapes a golden shawl around M.I.M. Thowfeek, Divisional Secretary, Pottuvil.

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



Kalmunai Islamic Social Association organised an awards ceremony at Kalmunai Al-Bahriya Maha Vidyalaya Hall recently. Here Eastern Provincial Councillor Aariff Samsudeen presents the first prize to the winner of the Meelathun Nabi Essay Competition, A.J.M. Nifras.

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