



The traditional oil-anointing ceremony for the New Year was held at the auspicious time of 11.16 a.m. on Wednesday. Here the chief incumbent of Kande Vihara, Alutgama, Ven. Batuwahene Buddhakkita Nayaka Thera anoints the temple elephant 'Kumari'.  
*Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



President Mahinda Rajapaksa opened the Manmunai Bridge in Batticaloa recently. Here the President in conversation with Buddhist, Hindu, Christian and Islamic religious leaders prior to the opening. Deputy Minister Vinayagamoorthy Muralitharan is also in the picture.  
*Pic: Sivam Packianathan, Batticaloa Spl. Cor.*



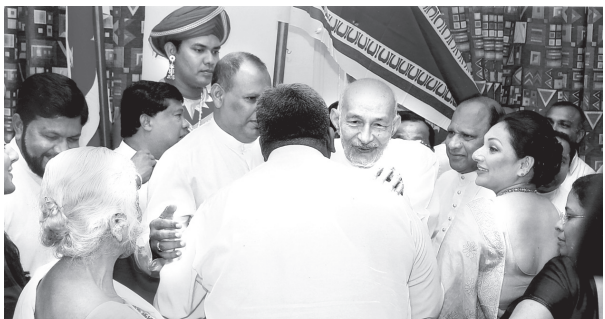
Sri Sunethra Kulangana Samithiya, affiliated to the Sri Sunetharama Vihara, Kotte distributed dry rations free among 300 low-income families at the Vihara recently, organised to mark the Sinhala and Hindu New Year, for the eighth consecutive year. Chief incumbent Ven. Elikewela Seelananda Thera, Chairperson of the Samithiya, Mrs. Malathi Vedamulla, Secretary, Mrs. Daya Silva and members were also present.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



North Western Province Chief Minister Dayasiri Jayasekera visited the 'White Bureau' of the Puttalam Urban Council recently. Here the Chief Minister in discussion with Puttalam Urban Council, Chairman K.A. Baiz.  
*Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.*



A junior cricket team from Melbourne, Australia played a friendly cricket match at the Asgiriya grounds recently, organised by Athula Unantenne. Here former President of the Old Trinitians Sports Club, Deva Amunugama (Second from left) with some of the parents of the Australian players.  
*Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.*



Western Province Governor, Asseyed Alavi Moulana greets WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatinga after the latter assumed duties for the second term. Mrs. Maureen Ranatunga, Chief Secretary, Jayanthi Wijetunga, Provincial Councillor, Merril Perera and other officials are also in the picture.  
*Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



The Deaf School Past Pupils' Association, Ratmalana organised the Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations at the school grounds, Ratmalana recently. Here one of the competitions in progress.  
*Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.*



The Colombo district branch of the Sri Lanka Scout Association organised the eighth Cub Scout Holiday Camp recently at Ananda College and Nalanda College. The chief guest Major Gen. Prasad Samarasinghe, Ananda College principal Kithsiri Liyanagamage, Chief Scout Commissioner, Prof. Nimal De Silva, Deputy Chief Commissioner, Shiraz Sally and District Commissioner, Riza Azoor look on.  
*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



The new WPC Health Minister Ranjith Somawansa assumed duties at the Provincial Health Ministry, Nugegoda recently. Minister of Fisheries Dr. Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Small Crop Export Promotion Minister, Reginald Cooray, former Provincial Health Minister Jagath Angage are also in the picture.  
*Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



The foundation-laying ceremony for a new parish hall of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, New Chetty Street, Kotahena, Colombo 13 was held recently, under the patronage of Rt. Rev. Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo, Dr. Maxwell Silva. Here the chief guest accompanied by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Anthony Marcella being conducted to the venue. Chairman, Building Committee, Edmond Fernando and Development Committee members are also in the picture.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



A peace march was held on Easter Sunday to invoke blessings on the President, country and its people organised by the 'Jesus Lives' International Evangelical Ministry, Aluthmawatha, Modera, Colombo 15.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



Chief Minister of the North Western Province, Dayasiri Jayasekera unveils the plaque of the new building of the Puttalam Base Hospital, funded by Holcim Cement Co. Ltd. Provincial Minister D.B. Herath, WP members N.T.M. Thahir, Chinthaka Amal Mayathunna, Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz and Medical Superintendent, Ashok Perera are also in the picture.  
*Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.*



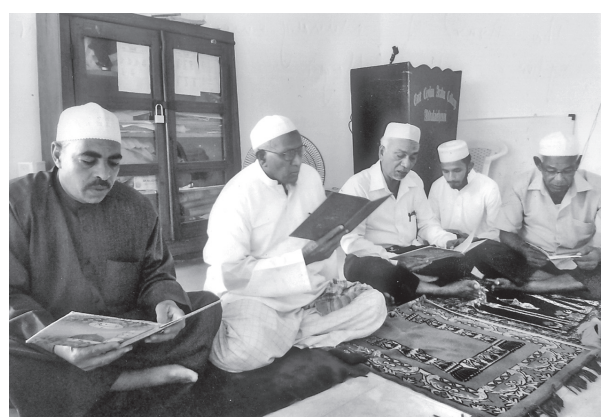
The short story book 'Yarilihal' authored by retired Deputy Editor of Parliament Hansard, K. Gopalapillai was released at the Colombo Tamil Sangam recently, under the patronage of Prof. Saba Jeyaraja. Here the professor presents a copy to former Deputy Commissioner of Co-op Development, Uduvai S. Thillainadaraja. The author's daughter Kanthikaiyini Gopalapillai looks on.  
*Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



The Vice President of the Residents' Committee forforcibly Evicted North Muslims Yaalavan Nazeer addresses the media at the Thillaiyadi Rishad Bathiudeen Clinic Auditorium, Puttalam recently.  
*Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.*



The women owners of tourists hotels in Arugam Bay, Pottuvil were felicitated by Digamaddula district parliamentarian, H.M.M. Harees recently, organised by the Chamber of Tourism and Industry. Here Star Dust Tourist Hotel owner, Mrs. Goon Man receives her award from parliamentarian Harees. Chamber Chairman, A.M. Jawfer and Divisional Secretary, N.M.N. Musaraf were also present.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



Former Vice President of the Board of Management of East Ceylon Arabic College, Addalaichenai, J.M. Samsudeen Moulana passed away recently. The members, principal and staff of the College recited the Holy Quran, in his memory followed by a speech on his services rendered to the college from 1954 to date.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



Plastic chairs were donated to Muayyad Al-Islam Arabic College, Dharga Town recently. Here parliamentarian M.S.M. Aslam presents the set to principal Al-Haj M.H.M. Abdul Haleem. Moulavi M.S.M. Ahammed and Al-Haj M.M. Ansar are also in the picture.  
*Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



The Human Link Disabilities School, Maruthamunai celebrated its anniversary recently and a souvenir was released by the chief guest, Eastern Province Minister of Health Services, Cooperatives, Information Technology and Sports, M.I.M. Mansoor. Here the Minister presents the first issue to S.M. Rafiudeen.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*

## EVENTS

**St. Anthony's get-together**  
The '92 GCE A/L batch of St. Anthony's College, Wattala will hold its annual family get-together on May 1 from 8.00 a.m. at the Sea Flower Resort, Bopitiya, Hendala.

**Krishnamurti talk**  
A recorded public talk on 'You are violence' 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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Zahira College Group of 2003 Old Boys donated furniture to the College Counselling Centre recently. Here the Principal Trizvi Markkar with the Head of Social and Counselling, A.M. Mihilar, Head of Primary, Mrs. Shihana Aslam, members of the Group, Mohamed Wasim, Tariq Hidayathulla, Althaf Yakoob, Infaz Slahudeen, Irfan Uwais and Zaharan Nawaz.  
*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



The Kattankudy Media Forum celebrated its 15th anniversary at the New Qaddafi Rest Inn, Kattankudy recently. Forum President and senior journalist, M.S.M. Noordeen presided over the event and the anniversary souvenir was released by the chief guest, Vice Chancellor, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Dr. Kidnan Kovintha-rajha. Forum Secretary, S.M.M. Musthafa and Treasurer, S.M.K. Faleelur Rahman were also present.  
*Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The Senior Old Boys of Dharmaraja College, Kandy held their committee meeting, followed by fellowship lunch at the Kandy Club recently. Here the President addresses the gathering. Others from left: Jaliya Medagama, G. Ellepola, A. Giriagama, L. Fernando, A. Jayasundara, K. Kulatunge (Treasurer), Walter Ranasinghe (Secretary), A. Amarakoon and Vijaya Karunatilake.  
*Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.*



The Central Ahadiyyah Federation launched its website at the S.de S. Jayasinghe Hall, Dehiwela recently. Here the President Shibly Aziz PC launches the website. Director, Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs, M.H.M. Zameel and Ahadiyyah officials are also in the picture.  
*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology, Ranjith Siyabalapitiya inspects development work at Zahira College, Puttalam with K.A. Baiz, Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, Puttalam District Secretary, Kingsley Fernando, Provincial Councillor of NWP, Chinthaka Amal Mayadunne recently. Principal, A.C.M. Yacoob is also in the picture.  
*Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.*