



Provincial journalists in the Kurunegala district were presented with free bus permits for travel in the NWP by the North Western Province, Transport Minister Gunadasa Dehigama at a ceremony held to felicitate media personnel in Kuliyaipitiya recently. Here Minister Dehigama presents a permit to a provincial journalist, K.A. Jayasooriya. *Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.*



Senior members of St. Vincent De Paul Religious Council, affiliated to the Wattala branch were felicitated in recognition of their unstinting services to the Council. Here the members with Rev. Fr. Rohan De Alwis and Rev. Fr. Rosan Prasad. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



Ven. Godaimbara Wijayawansa Thera presents his book *Sarala Sinhala* to WPC Agriculture and Cultural Minister Udaya Gammanpila at the WPC Cultural Ministry recently. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



A scholarship awarding ceremony organised by the Abraar Education Foundation, Maradana, Beruwala was held at the Shazaliya Zavia recently, under the patronage of Al-Haj M.A.M. Hanafi, Chairman, Masjidul Abraar, Jamath Council, Abraar Mosque, Beruwala. Kamal M. Benalashri, Charge de Affaires, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya was the chief guest. A.G. Abdul Bary, former Media Minister Imthiyaz Bakeer Markar and former Chairman, UC Beruwala Al-Haj M. Mazahim Mohamed were also present. *Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



A parliamentary delegation of the Balochistan Provincial Assembly of Pakistan led by its Speaker, Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Janali called on the Southern Province Governor, Dr. Kumari Balasuriya at her official residence in Galle recently. Here the group with the Governor and officials of the Governor's Secretariat. *Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



Chairman, Western Provincial Council, Sunil Wijeratne assumed duties on his second term at the WPC Secretariat, Sethsiripaya recently. WPC Secretary, Hemantha Samarakoon, Provincial Councillor, A.J.M. Faiz, Chairman's mother, Seelawathi Liyanage and his wife, Mrs. Ramani Wijeratne look on. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*

EVENTS

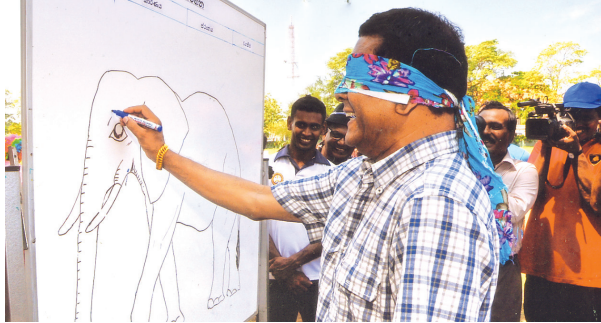
Creative writing workshop on May 30

The State Literary Panel, in collaboration with the Department of Cultural Affairs, has organised a workshop for those interested in developing their creative writing skills, on May 30 at the auditorium of the Ministry of the Arts and Cultural Affairs, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Attention has no centre" 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 *Bakmaha Ulela* of the Public Administration Ministry was held at the Sports Ministry Grounds, Colombo recently. Here Deputy Minister, Public Administration and Home Affairs, Vijaya Dahanayake participates in one of the events. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



Spectacles were presented free at a ceremony sponsored by the Western Provincial Social Service Department, at the Cloth Weaving Centre, Ingiriya recently. Here Divisional Secretary, Ingiriya, Champa Upasena tries on a pair on a beneficiary. Vice Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Ashoka Ranathunga looks on. *Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.*



The billiards Sports trophy organised by the Moors Islamic Cultural Home, Dematagoda, Colombo 9 was held at its premises recently, organised to commemorate World Billiards Champion, the late A.J.M. Lafir. Here Chairman, Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Prof. Ranjith Bandara presents the Challenge Trophy to the champion, S.H.M. Aslam while the members look on. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



A fruit stall was opened by the Old Girls of Mahamaya Girls College, Kandy recently in the College premises. Here Chief Minister, Central Province, Sarath Ekanayake lights the oil lamp. Principal Indra Withanachchi, staffers Uthpala Seneviratne, Nelu Wijekoon, Disni Mothgoda and past pupils were also present. *Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.*



A meeting to discuss development work in the Akkaraipattu Municipality area was held at the Municipal Council, Akkaraipattu recently, presided over by Mayor, A. Ahamed Zackie. Municipal Commissioner, A.L.M. Azmi and other officials were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



Vice Chancellor of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Dr. S.M. Mohamed Ismail presents a memento to the Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Ms. Thamara Dissanayake, the chief guest at the "International Women's Day", organised by the University at the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Languages auditorium recently. *Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.*



The tenth anniversary of the Area Guides' Association, Bentota was held at the Bentota Beach recently. Here the President of the Bentota-Beurwala Hotels Association and General Manager, Bentota Beach Hotel, Sanjewa Perera presents a set of uniforms to a guide. Advisor to the Area Guides' Association, Ven. Dr. Talawa Sangarathana Nayaka Thera, Divisional Secretary, Bentota, Wasantha Withanage and hoteliers in the area also participated. *Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



A media workshop was held at the Kattankudy Media Forum recently. Here Eastern Provincial Councillor, Zibly Farook presents a certificate to a participant at the workshop. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The Resettlement Authority with the assistance of the Asia Foundation donated books to the South Eastern University library recently. Here Director General, T. Nimal and the Deputy Director (Finance) of the Authority, M.J. Jiffy present the books to the Registrar, H. Abdul Sathar while the Librarian, M. Rifaudeen and SDC Director, S.M. Ahamed Lebbe look on. *Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.*



The staffers of the Puttalam Base Hospital hold placards at a rally to create public awareness on "The easiest way for a healthy life" recently. *Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.*



The Sinhala and Hindu New Year celebrations organised by the Talawakelle-Lindula Urban Council was held at the UC grounds, Talawakelle recently. Here the UC Chairman, Asoka Sepala presents Madiya Pradeep award to a journalist in Talawakelle, P. Thiruketheswaran. *Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Roving Cor.*



Hatton National Bank held a book donation campaign islandwide, in collaboration with the Education Ministry, National Library Services Board and the Library Association, to assist school libraries, under the HNB's *Nena Pubuduwa* program. Here Chairman, Godage Publications, S. Sirisumana Godage presents a set of books to Managing Director, HNB, Jonathan Alles, during the launching ceremony at the Bank premises. Country Representative, Asia Foundation, Mrs. Denesha De Silva and Assistant G.M. (Human Resources), HNB, Mrs. Shiranthi Cooray look on. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The Sri Lanka Youths' New Year 'Prince' Dilan Madusanka receives a gift from the Director, National Youth Service Council, Ajith Naragala. Working Director, Milinda Rajapaksa looks on. *Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.*



The Ceylon Estates Staffs' Union held its May Day rally in Matara. Here the Union leader, Dhammika Jayawardena, General Secretary, Kingsley Rajendran Robert and members parade along the streets of Matara. *Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Roving Cor.*



An art exhibition organised by Naleem Latheef was held recently at AL-Hilal Vidyalaya, Sainthamaruthu. Here the chief guest, Eastern Provincial Councillor, A.M. Jameel inaugurates the exhibition. Principals M.H. Nawas and A.B. Mujeeb are also in the picture. *Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.*



The get-together of the GCE (O/L) batch of 1959 students of Zahira, College, Kalmunai was held recently at the Mamas Restaurant, Kalmunai. *Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.*



The Agrarian Service Officer, Sainthamaruthu, M.L.A. Raheem was felicitated by the Sainthamaruthu Farmers' Association at the Maligaikadu Bismillah Hotel recently. Here Agriculture Instructor of Sainthamaruthu, M.M.M. Jameel presents a memento to Raheem. *Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.*



North Western Province Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Production and Development, Minor Irrigation and Agrarian Sanath Nishantha Perera is being conducted to the venue by the principal and teachers the opening of a new building at Aththanagala Vidyalaya, Chilam recently. *Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.*