

Deputy Minister of External Affairs and chief SLPF Organiser for Chilaw, Neomal Perera was conferred with the honorary title, *Samajaseva Keerthi Sri Deshabhimani Lanka Puthra* by Most Ven. Napana Pemasiri Maha Nayaka Thera, the chief prelate of Sri Ramanna Chapter, in appreciation of his community services at the Sri Rathnasiri Pirivena, Chilaw, in the presence of President Mahinda Rajapaksa and the chief incumbent of the Kebellawala Rathnasiri Pirivena, Ven. Halpan Palatha Nayaka Thera. Here the Mahanayaka Thera presents the scroll to Perera. Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



A program to distribute 300,000 copies of the *Budusarana* newspaper, a fortnightly publication of the Lake House Group of Newspapers among Buddhist institutions islandwide was organised by the Economic Development Ministry and the *Divi Neguma* Development Department at the Kalutara Bodhi temple recently. Here the Deputy Director General, *Divi Neguma* Department, Bandula Thilakasiri presents the first copy to the coordinator of the Buddhist Affairs, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A newly constructed Buddha statue was unveiled at the Gangathilakaramaya, Hekitta, Wattala, under the guidance of Viharathipathi, Ven. Sarubima Seevali Thera on Vesak Full Moon Poya Day. Here Western Provincial Councillor, Mrs. Nirosha Athukorala, the chief guest offers a tray of flowers. The Viharathipathi is also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Additional District Judge and Chief Magistrate, Panadura, Ruchira Welliwatta and the unofficial bar of the Panadura courts accorded a grand welcome to Chief Justice Mohan Peiris at the Panadura Court Complex, when he arrived to open the new Additional District Court and the new Additional Magistrate's Court recently. Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



Justice Minister Rauff Hakeem with Batticaloa Magistrate, N.M.M. Abdullah, Additional Judge, A.M.M. Riyal, Batticaloa Bar Association President, Vinoba Indran, Secretary, Kannan inspect the new courts complex recently. Pic: Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Spl. Cor.



One hundred and forty two trainee graduates in the Kurunegala district received their letters of appointment to the State services, from NWP-PC Chief Minister, Dayasiri Jayasekara recently at a function at the Bingiriya Pradeshiya Sabha recently. Here a woman graduate receives her letter from the Chief Minister. Bingiriya SLPF Chief Organiser, Munidasa Premachandra looks on. Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



The "Muslim Traditional Wedding", staged by a group of youth at the first international symposium on "Towards the Integration of Islamic Knowledge with Human Sciences", organised by the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka was held at the FIA auditorium recently. Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



Provisions including rice, noodles and gram for over 100 *dansalas* in the Colombo district were donated by the R. Duminda Silva Foundation recently. Here Colombo district parliamentarian, R. Duminda Silva presents a bag of rice to a beneficiary at the Kolonnawa SLPF headquarters. Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



The opening of the newly constructed Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha office built at a cost of Rs. 15 million, funded by Local Government and Provincial Council Ministry was opened by Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister, A.L.M. Athallah recently. Here the Minister unveils the plaque. Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor, Mohamed Faiz donated sports equipment to the Dematagoda United Sports Club at the Old Town Hall, Colombo recently. President, Ismath Inoon, Secretary, M.Z.M. Zaffar, ITN Director, Hashim Omar, Balangoda Pradeshiya Sabha President, Abdul Hussain and President, Sri Lanka Football Referees' Association, Muhiseen Ariff were also present. Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



A Vesak *dansala* organised by the Catholics of Pambala, Chilaw was held in Chilaw. Rev. Fr. Jude Nicholas who spoke about cementing mutual bonds with all communities and fostering cordial ties with the Buddhist brethren, opened a Vesak *dansala* and invited all to share the food. Pic: Christie Fernando, Chilaw Spl. Cor.



The All Ceylon YMMA Conference organised the future leaders' program, "Challenges and Opportunities" at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Colombo recently. Here Ambassador of USA in Sri Lanka, Michele J. Sison the chief guest presents a certificate to a participant. Press, Cultural and Educational Affairs Director of the Embassy, Christopher Teal, President, YMMA, K.N. Deen, Secretary, Razmara Abdeen, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Khalid M. Farook and Project Chairman, Haleem A. Azeef were also present. Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The "Sakkath" Foundation conducted an awareness program for pre-school teachers in the Eastern Province at the Paradise Reception Hall, Sainthamaruthu recently. Here Provincial Director of Education, Eastern Province, M.T.A. Nizam presents the pre-school teachers' guide to a teacher. Pic: M.L.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



The new Quazi Court building complex at Irakkamam was opened by Justice Minister, Rauff Hakeem recently. Digamadulla district parliamentarians, Faizal Cassim, H.M.M. Harees, Eastern Province Health Minister, M.I.M. Mansoor, Eastern Provincial Councillors, A.M. Jameel, A.L.M. Naseer, A.L. Thavam and Irakkamam Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, U.K. Jabber were also present. Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The past pupils and the tutorial staffers of Mahamaya College, Kandy were instrumental in opening a fruit stall in the school premises recently. Principal Indra Withanachchi, Deputy Principal Uthpala Seneviratne, Senior staffers Nilu Wijekoon and Dilsin Molligoda are also in the picture. Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Permanent Zonal and Divisional Education Environmental Pioneer Commissioners were appointed in the Ampara district at a ceremony at the Central Environmental Authority office, Ampara recently, under the patronage of Central Environmental Authority Deputy Director M.A.C. Najeb. Eastern Provincial Education Director, M.T.A. Nizam was the chief guest. Here Sainthamaruthu Commissioner, M.L.M. Azhar receives his letter of appointment. Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



A religious procession, organised by the Social Development Foundation of Samurdhi *Divi Neguma* Development Temple, Kalutara district proceeded to the Kalutara Bodhi temple from the District Secretariat, Kalutara recently. Officials of the Secretariat and a large number of students participated. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Kotahena branch of the People's Bank celebrated Hindu New Year presided over by the Manager, V.T.R. Wasantha Kumara. Here the Assistant Regional Manager, P.D.A. Dharmasiri presents a *Sisu-Udana* accountholder with a gift. Pic: A. Maduraveeran.



The annual certificate-awarding ceremony of St. Judy Homenursing International Associate was held recently. Here the Head of the zone for UNICEF, Nifal Alarudeen awards a certificate to a student. Pic: M.L.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



The Eastern Province Social Service Department distributed wheel-chairs among differently-abled persons in Samanthurai recently. Eastern Province Health Minister, M.I.M. Mansoor, Council Member, M.L.A. Ameer, Samanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, A.M. Noushad and Samanthurai Divisional Secretary, A. Mansoor are also in the picture. Pic: M.L.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



The annual *Ther* (Chariot) Festival of the Sri Venkateswara Maha Vishnu Kovil, Modera, Colombo 15 was held under the patronage of Livestock and Rural Development Minister, Arumugam Thondaman recently. Here the Minister, Kovil Trustee, D. Venkateshan Chettiyar and Senthil Thondaman observe religious rites before the commencement of the procession. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

## EVENTS

### AGM on May 30

The Annual General Meeting of the 'Old Peterites' Group of Pre-1970' will be held on May 30 from 6.45 p.m. at the OBU Lounge on Duplication Road, Colombo 4, opposite the rear entrance to the College. A fellowship will follow.

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "The energy in emptiness" 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.

## OFFICE-BEARERS

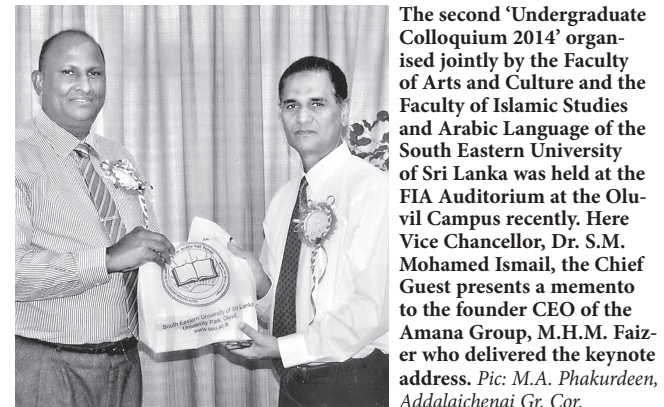
### Arogya Foundation for the Disabled

**Patrons:** Most Ven. Thalagala Sumanarathana Thera, Ven. Dr. Sumanasiri of Singapore, Ven. Thalapatthiye Punnyaloka Thera, Ven. Eryo Sugiwaka of Japan, Ven. Yushi Sumada of Japan Ven. (Dr) Bikkhuni Swarnamala, Jagath Sumathipala, Sumith Bandara Medawala, Chow Chong King of Singapore, Soh Boon Swee Andy of Singapore and William Chia of Singapore.

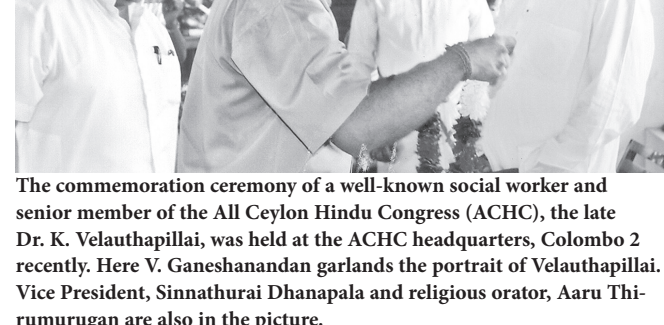
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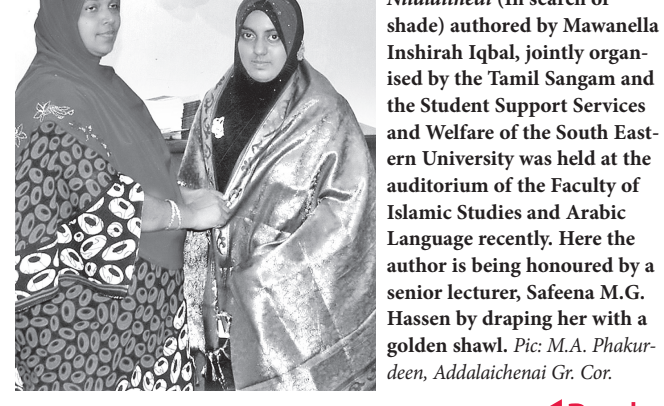
A Rural Bank branch of the MPSC (Multi Purpose Co-operative Society), Madampe was opened at Medagama, Madampe recently. Here External Affairs Deputy Minister Neomal Perera in a bank transaction. Wayamba Provincial Councillor Palitha Rohana looks on. Pic: Christie Fernando, Chilaw Spl. Cor.



The second "Undergraduate Colloquium 2014" organised jointly by the Faculty of Arts and Culture and the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka was held at the FIA Auditorium at the Oluv Campus recently. Here Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.M. Mohamed Ismail, the Chief Guest presents a memento to the founder CEO of the Amana Group, M.H.M. Faizer who delivered the keynote address. Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



The commemoration ceremony of a well-known social worker and senior member of the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC), the late Dr. K. Velauthapillai, was held at the ACHC headquarters, Colombo 2 recently. Here V. Ganeshanandan garlands the portrait of Velauthapillai. Vice President, Sinnathurai Dhanapala and religious officer, Aaru Thirumugan are also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The launch of social novel, *Nilalithedi* (In search of shade) authored by Mawanella Inshirah Iqbal, jointly organised by the Tamil Sangam and the Student Support Services and Welfare of the South Eastern University was held at the auditorium of the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language recently. Here the author is being honoured by a senior lecturer, Safeena M.G. Hassen by draping her with a golden shawl. Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.