



Chief Justice Mohan Peiris laid the foundation stone for a new District Court complex in Vavuniya recently. Here Mullaithivu District Judge Manicavasagar Ganesharajah, President's Counsel Murugesu Sittampalam and other judges in discussion with the Chief Justice.

Pic: Point Pedro Cor.



An Adhistana pooja and Navagraha pooja to invoke blessings on the government and the people was held at the Galgoda Sri Maha Vihara, Panadura recently. Here the chief prelate of the temple Ven. Ratnapura Pothupitiye Pannasekera Thera conducts his 5,000th Adhistana pooja.

Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.



The inter-house sports meet of Carmel Fatima National School, Kalmunai was held at the school playground recently, with Eastern Province Governor, Rear Admiral Mohan Wijewickrama as the chief guest. Here the principal, Rev. Bro. Stephen Maththew presents a memento to the Governor.

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



The first copy of the 23rd edition Neethiya, the Sinhala law magazine was presented to Attorney General Palitha Fernando PC at the Attorney General's Chambers by the Patron of the Editorial Board of Neethiya. President's Counsel Upali Gooneratne and members of the Editorial Board are also in the picture. Neethiya was first published in 1990 and its inaugural issue was launched by the then Chief Justice Parinda Ranasingha.



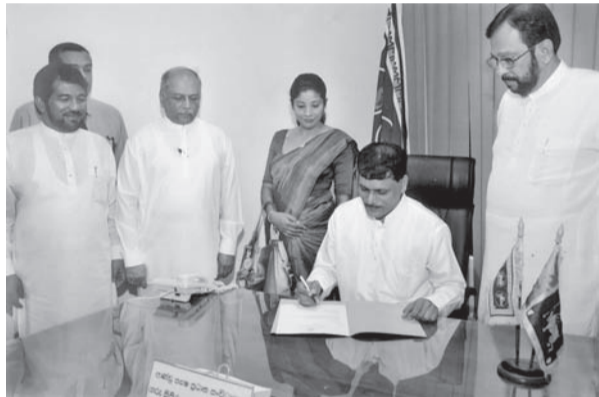
Dodangoda Pradeshiya Sabha member of the Jathika Nidahas Peramuna, K.H. Wickramasinghe joined the SLFP recently. Here he offers a sheaf of betel leaves to Transport Minister and Kalutara district parliamentarian Kumara Welgama at a meeting in Matugama recently. Western Provincial Councillor, Senal Welgama and PS Chairman, Keerthi Perera look on.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The 67th Independence Day celebrations will be held at Weeraketiya, Hambantota. Here Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs, W.D.J. Seneviratne inspects the proposed area for the celebrations. Deputy Minister Wijaya Dahanayake is also in the picture.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The new Chief Whip of the Western Provincial Council, Sisira Jayakody assumed duties at the Provincial Council Office, Sethsiripaya recently. Mrs. Imali Jayakody, Minister Dinesh Gunawardane, Provincial Health Minister Ranjith Somawansa, WPC Chairman Sunil Wijeratne and WPC Secretary, K.H.D.K. Samarakone look on.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



One hundred and thirty six graduate teachers were appointed to the Kalutara district recently. Here Western Province Governor, Alavi Moulana and Chief Minister Prasanna Manatunga present the appointment letters. Parliamentarian Praba Ganesan, WPC Chairman Sunil Wijeratne, Provincial Councillor A.J.M. Faiz, Education Ministry Secretary, Daya Senanayake are also in the picture.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



SriLankan Airlines Ticketing Division opened its eighth branch office at Trinco Road, Batticaloa recently. The Traveller Global (Pvt) Ltd. Chairman/Managing Director, Rizmi Royal presided over the function with Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie as the chief guest. Here SriLankan Airlines Chairman, Nishantha Wickramasinghe presents a memento to the minister.

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



The Dalu Tea Centre, a centre to popularise Sri Lanka tea among tourists visiting the Sinharaja Forest was opened at the Lumbini Tea Factory premises, Pallegama recently. Here Plantation Industries Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe and Investment Promotion Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeywardana open the centre. Southern Provincial Cultural and Sports Minister Weerasumana Weerasinghe is also in the picture.

Pic: Theja Vidyarupa, Akuressa Gr. Cor.



Equipment was distributed among visually-handicapped persons was held at the YWCA auditorium, Rotunda Gardens, Colombo, organised by the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind and the Korean Businessmen's Association in Sri Lanka. Here the chief guest, Ambassador for the Republic of Korea in Sri Lanka, Shang Won-Sam presents a set of equipment to a beneficiary. The guest of honour, Y.K. Chung is also in the picture.

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



The launch of Bharatha Natyam, A Divine Dance authored by Subashini Pathmanathan and sponsored by the India-Sri Lanka Foundation was held recently. Here Deputy High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka, Arindam Bakshi presents the first copy to former Deputy Minister for Hindu Religious Affairs, P.P. Devaraj. Former Director of Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo, M. Ramachandran and the author look on.



The Divisional Development Committee meeting of the Irakkam Division was held recently at the Divisional Secretariat auditorium, Irakkamam. Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister A.L.M. Athaulah presided. Eastern Province Road Development Minister M.S. Udumalebbe, Irakkamam Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, U.L. Jabeer, Divisional Secretary A. Mansoor and the department heads were also present.

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



The 50th anniversary celebrations of Sri Pannananda Dharmayathana, Pattiya Junction, Kelaniya was held recently. Here Chairman, Peliyagoda Urban Council, Amila Kumarasinghe lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the ceremony. Secretary, Trustees Board, Anura Nissanka and the members look on.

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



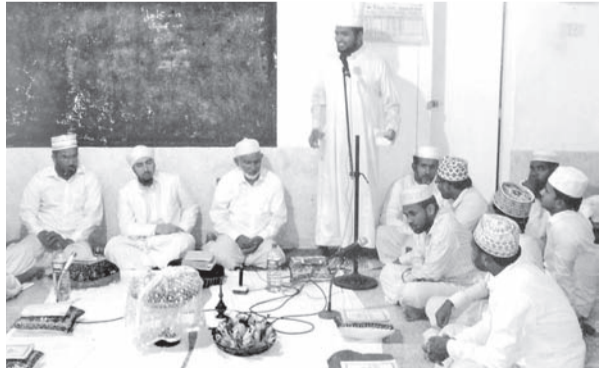
A dengue-prevention shramadana campaign organised by the office of the Medical Officer of Health, Ingiriya, the STF Training School, Katukurunda, the Navy Headquarters, Welisara and the Ingiriya police was held in Ingiriya recently. Here the residents clean an area on the advice of officials.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Ministry of Health launched a dengue prevention campaign in Kandy recently. Here Governor, Central Province, Tikiri Kobbekaduwa inaugurates the campaign at the George E. de Silva Park, Kandy. From left: District Secretary and Add. Secretary, Minister of Home Affairs Gamini Seneviratne, Minister of Health Central Province, Bandula Yalgama, MOH, Kandy Municipal Council, Dr. S. Senarath and Secretary, Health Ministry, Central Province K. Kekulandara.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



An awareness program for farmers in Ingiriya on traditional yams was held at the Public Library auditorium, Ingiriya recently, organised by the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha. Here seeds of yams being presented to a farmer by Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusingha.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.

## EVENTS

### Krishnamurti Talk

A recorded public talk on "The cause of conflict in relationship" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Duwa Road, Beddagana, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.



Health Minister, Western Province, Ranjith Somawansa paid a visit to the District Hospital, Ingiriya recently. Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, member, Priyantha Ratnasekara, District Medical Officer, Ingiriya, Dr. O.A.M.E. Ekanayake and the staff of Ingiriya Hospital are also in the picture.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Mayor of Kandy, Mahen Ratwatta was a participant during the sale of Ranaviru Flags in Kandy town recently with other officials. Senior Member of Kandy Municipal Council Ilahi Abdeen is also in the picture.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Plastic chairs were donated to Dharul Uloom Qran Madarasa, Egodawatha, China Fort, Beruwala recently, from the funds of Al Haj A.M. Yusuf, a former Member of WPC. Here Yusuf presents the chairs to Al Haj M.I.M. Faleel. Al Haj M.J.M. Razik, Al Haj S.M. Faleel, Al Haj A.R.M. Salaman, Al Haj M.S.M. Sabir and Al Haj M.C.M. Iqbal are also in the picture.

Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Well-known Tamil writer and Chief Editor of Malligai journal, Dominic Jewea was felicitated by the Canada Tamil Library Garden recently, at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte. Here a member, N.K. Mahalingam presents an award to the writer while Prof. Thilainathan and writer Dikkwella Kamal look on.

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

### Sri Lankan wins Asia Pacific prize

Kandage Kiyara Chenuli Perera won this year's Asia Pacific prize at the annual International Children's painting competition jointly organised by the UNEP, the Japan based Foundation of Global Peace and Environment and Nikon Corporation. The competition was held under the theme, "Food Waste - Save the Planet - Save Food, Wasting Food is Wasting the Planet." Kiyara's painting beat over 63,700 entries from the Asia Pacific. She said, "As a little girl I have a habit of saving money (coins) in a little till. This inspired me to draw that painting. Through my painting I would like to tell children of the world that we should save food for the future just like little ants." Kiyara's entry will move on to the global level to compete with entries from other regions.



Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The Holy Palkudam procession (Palkudam Bawan) of the Arulmigu Sri Sivasubramaniam Swamy Devasthanam, Slave Island was held recently. Here devotees of the Saiva Munnetra Sangam in a procession from the Sri Sitti Vinayagar Kovil to the devasthanam.

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



A seminar for students sitting the forthcoming GCE A/L exam in the Arts section, organised by the Abhinandana Readers' Society, Ingiriya was held at the Public Library, Ingiriya recently. The workshop was a concept of Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusingha.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Dragons Big Bash Sports Club, Puttalam organised a cricket tournament recently at the Ijithma ground. Here Chairman, Urban Council, K.A. Baiz, the chief guest presents a cheque to the champs, Puttalam Kalladi Prabhutha team.

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