



The *Ther* (Chariot) Festival of Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Devastanam, Mattakkuliya, Colombo was held recently. Here the chief priest, Sivasthri Chandrabhan Sarma, President's Coordinator for Hindu Religious Affairs, R. Babu Sarma, S. Sivaneshan Kurukkal and the Devastanam trustees in front of the chariot before the commencement of the procession.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The SLFP's Matugama Women's Representative Federation meeting was held recently at the Matugama Pradeshiya Sabha auditorium, under the patronage of Transport Minister and Matugama SLFP Chief Organiser Kumara Welgama. Here the Minister lights the oil lamp. Malini Fonseka MP and Maharagama UC Chairman and SLFP Organiser, Kanthi Kodikara look on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Army Commander Lt. Gen. Daya Ratnayake toured Aluthgama and Dharga Town to inspect the reconstruction work on the buildings which were damaged recently. Here he speaks to a few Muslim residents. The Commander is flanked by other high ranking Army officers.
Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Central Spl. Cor.



The Sri Lanka Malay Association Rupee Fund distributed dry rations to mark Ramazan, among needy families at the Association's premises in Colombo recently. Here the chief guest, Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie presents a bag to a beneficiary. ITN Director, Hashim Omar and members of the Association are also in the picture.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Governor of the Central Province, Tikiri Kobbekaduwa, the chief guest at the Provincial Sports Carnival at the Bogambara Stadium is being conducted to the venue by Additional Director, Mrs. S. Mayadunne, Director, E.P.T.K. Ekanayake, Asst. Directors, Athula Jayawardena and Jayantha Bandara.
Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Chief Minister, Central Province Sarath Ekanayake is being received by the principal, St. Anthony's Girls' College, Katugastota on his arrival, for the opening of the school pavillion recently.
Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.

EVENTS

Moratuwa Methodist get-together
The 17th annual get-together of the Past Pupils' Guild of Methodist High School, Moratumulla, Moratuwa (1936-1969 student group) will be held at the Golden Carriage Reception Hall, Moratuwa today at 9 a.m.

Housewives' fund-raiser
'Home Makers Haven 2014', a fund-raiser organised by the Sri Lanka Housewives' Association for the 27th consecutive year will be held on Saturday, August 16 at the Kingsbury Hotel. It is coordinated by Yasmin (2449715, 0774747298 or 2363953).

Seminar on 'Graphic Designing'
The Sri Lanka Institute of Printing has organised a free one-day seminar on 'Computer Graphic Designing' to guide school-leavers and professionals who wish to gain knowledge in graphic design skills on Saturday, August 16 from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing, Government Printing Department, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 8.

Krishnamurti talk
A recorded public talk on "Breaking the pattern of conditioning" delivered by the late Indian sage Jiddu 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.



Members of the Welfare Society of the Maharagama Divisional Secretariat visited Medirigiriya in the Polonnaruwa district recently to distribute water storage cans and dry food rations to peasants who were affected by the drought. Here Divisional Secretary, Maharagama, Mrs. Buddhi Taranga Karunasena presents dry rations and water bottles a beneficiary.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Sarees were presented among women at Nawam Mawatha, Slave Island by the Colombo Journalists' Association (CJA) recently. Here CJA President M.I.M. Aslam presents a saree to a woman beneficiary.
Pic: Colombo Central Spl. Cor.



Puttalam Urban Council Chairman, K.A. Baiz inspects the construction work on the new auditorium of the Town Hall recently.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.



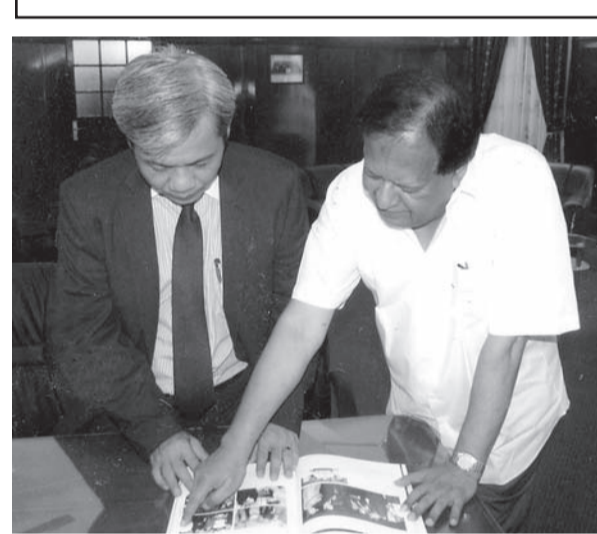
Digamadulla district parliamentarian P.H. Piyasena went on a pilgrimage to Kataragama on foot, along with other pilgrims. Here the MP with his security personnel and supporters set out to Kataragama from the Uhanda Rock temple, where the pilgrims stop over and rest.
Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



Dry rations were distributed among Muslim residents at Mahinda Mawatha, Maradana, Colombo by Jassim Travels' Managing Director, Mohamed Hanif and his wife to mark Ramazan recently.
Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



The Divisional Development Committee meeting of the Pottuvil Division was held at the Divisional Secretariat auditorium, Pottuvil recently. Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister, A.L.M. Athaullah presided. Eastern Province Road Development Minister, M.S. Udumalebbe, Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, M.S.M. Washid and Divisional Secretary, M.A.M. Musarath were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Vietnam's Ambassador to Sri Lanka Ton Sinh Thanh paid a courtesy call on Senior Minister International Finance Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance, Dr. Sarath Amunugama at the Finance Ministry recently. Here the Minister shows a pictorial book, a recollection of parliamentary proceedings.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The 14 Vas Aradana Pinkama was held at the Base Hospital Panadura recently. Here Medical Superintendent, Dr. Piyal Samaraweera and hospital staff participate in the Pinkama.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Director, Social Service Training Division, Nawala, Redni Jayasinghe presents a certificate to a trainer who had completed the diploma course in Eldercare. The chief guest, Minister of Social Services Felix Perera is also in the picture.
Pic: Nanda Ekanayake, Kotte Central Gr. Cor.



The seventy-fifth anniversary of the Bank of Ceylon was celebrated at the Andiambalama branch recently. Seventy five customers received loans during the ceremony. Here Branch Manager J.P. Hettiarachchi presents a loan document to a customer, Ranjani Rajapaksha. Former Senior Manager, Y.C. Samarathunga (right), Bank Officer, Vijini Dissanayake (left) and other officers are also in the picture.
Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



Former DMO of the Panadura Base Hospital and retired Deputy Director General of Health Services, Dr. Sarath Samarage paid a visit to the Panadura Base hospital recently. Here Dr. Samarage in conversation with Medical Superintendent, Dr. Piyal Samaraweera.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Annual feast of St. Anthony's Church, Grandpass, Colombo 14 was held under the patronage of the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Marcus Fernandez recently. Here the choir sing hymns before the commencement of the feast.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



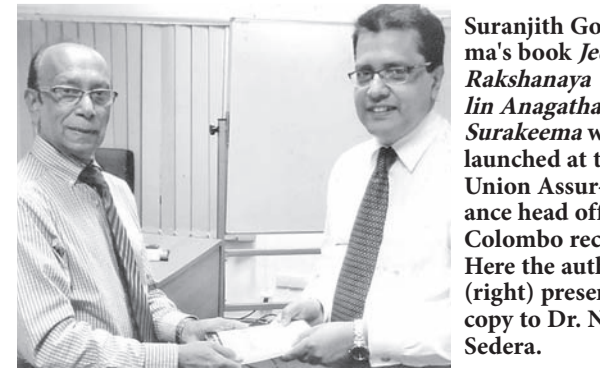
A Seven-a-Side Six Limited Overs cricket tournament conducted by the Air Wing Organisation was held at the Irakamam public playground recently. Air Wing Organisation's Eastern province Project Manager, A.S. Munas presided with former Kalmunai Mayor, Dr. Siraz Meerasahib was chief guest. Here Meerasahib is being welcomed by the players. Irakamam Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, U.K. Jaber and Pradeshiya Sabha member, M.S. Jameel Kariyapper were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council and chief SLFP organiser for Puttalam electorate, K.A. Baiz greets M. Faizal, the champion of the Body Building competition for 75 kg competitors held recently at Dehiwala, organised by the Sri Lanka Body Building and Fitness Association.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.



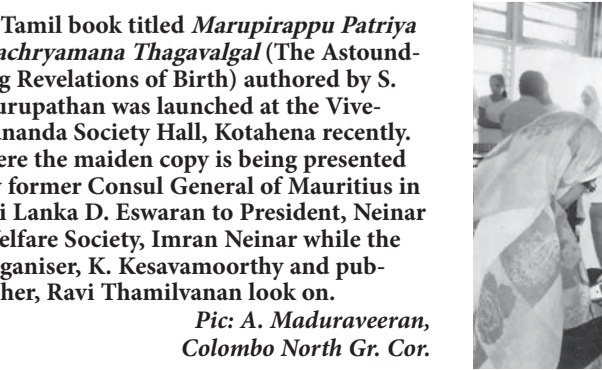
The Bank of Ceylon, Nintavur branch donated a computer to the Samurddhi Bank Society, Nintavur recently. Here the Branch Manager, M.I.M. Haniffa presents the unit to the society's officials at a ceremony.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



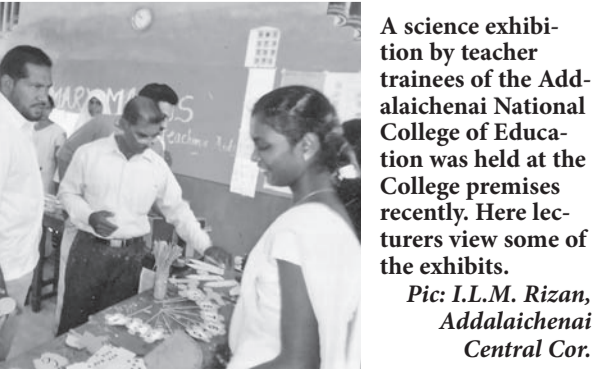
Suranjith Godagama's book *Jeevitha Rakshanaya Thulin Anagathaya Surakeema* was launched at the Union Assurance head office, Colombo recently. Here the author (right) presents a copy to Dr. Nimal Sedera.



A Tamil book titled *Marupirappu Patriya Acharyamana Thagavalgal* (The Astounding Revelations of Birth) authored by S. Kurupathan was launched at the Vivekananda Society Hall, Kotahena recently. Here the maiden copy is being presented by former Consul General of Mauritius in Sri Lanka D. Eswaran to President, Neinar Welfare Society, Imran Neinar while the organiser, K. Kesavamoorthy and publisher, Ravi Thamilvanan look on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



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