



Senior Minister for International Monetary Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Sarath Amunugama was the chief guest at the International Tourism Day organised by the Chamber of Tourism and the Eastern Province Tourism Ministry at the Pacific Hotel, Arugam Bay recently. High Commissioner for the United Kingdom John Rankin, Senior Minister P. Dayaratne, Deputy Minister Sarath Weerasekara, Eastern Province Governor, Mohan Wijewickrama and Eastern Province Chief Minister, N.A. Majeed are also in the picture.



A function to felicitate well-known personalities in recognition of their contributions in Arts was held at the Vivekananda Society Hall, Colombo recently organised by the Krishna Kalalayam to mark its 38th anniversary. Here the chief guest, National Languages and Social Integration Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara presents a certificate to veteran Tamil artiste, N. Nadarajah. President International Hindu Religious Federation, Bala Ravi Shankara Kurukkal and Traffic Police Director, K. Arasaratnam look on.

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



The foundation stone-laying ceremony for a new building complex for the Karambe Buddhist Centre, Puttalam – Kalpitiya Road was held recently. Here Minister of Civil and Aviation Piyankara Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate-Development Victor Antony, and North Western Provincial Councillor Chinthaka Amal Mayadunne at a discussion with the prelates.

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



The 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Excise Inspectors' Union was held at the Colombo City Hotel recently. Here the chief guest, Senior Minister of International Monetary Cooperation and Deputy Minister of Finance, Dr. Sarath Amunugama addresses the gathering. Commissioner General of Excise, Vasantha Hapuarachi and senior officials are also in the picture.

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



Eighty political leaders from 33 countries who were here for the ICAPP conference at the BMICH visited the Galle town recently. Here the Governor, Southern Province, Dr. Kumari Balasuriya welcomes them. Minister of Cultural Affairs, T.B. Ekanayake, Deputy Speaker Chandima Weerakkody are Mayor of Galle, Methsiri de Silva are also in the picture.

Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.



The annual Navarathri Vizha organised by the staff of the Parliament and the Hindu Cultural Department was held recently, under the patronage of Deputy Speaker Chandima Weerakkody. Here the chief priest of the Dehiwala Vishnu Kovil, Sivasri Vaidheeshwara Kurukkal conducts the pooja. Ministers Tissa Vitharana, Dinesh Gunawardene, parliamentarians Ravi Karunaniyake, A. Vinayagamoorathi, V.S. Rathakrishnan, former Director of Parliament Legislative Services Department and Executive of the President Media Unit M.K. Rahulan are also in the picture.

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



The annual Hindi Diwas was held at the Indian High Commissioner's auditorium recently, organised by the Bharatiya Kala Kendra and the Assistant High Commissioner of India A. Natarajan. Here a group of children present a dance item.

Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Roving Cor.



The second stage construction of the Addalaichenai-Konawattia ferry was inaugurated by Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister A.L.M. Athaullah recently. Eastern Province Road Development Minister M.S. Udumalebbe, Education Minister, Wimalaweera Dissanayaka and Eastern Provincial Councillor, Ariff Samsudeen were also present.

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



A ceremony to mark the 75th anniversary of the Bank of Ceylon, organised by the Addalaichenai Branch Manager, A.C. Kiyasdeen and the staff was held recently. Here the Bank Officer, A.M. Azkar presents a certificate to a Abhiman account holder. Officers P.P.T. Kumara and S.L. Wijethunga were also present.

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



Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz presents a cheque for Rs. 50,000 to the leader of the Indigenous Community team, the winner of the 10-overs cricket match held between the Puttalam VIP team and the visiting team at the Puttalam Hindu Central College playground.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Is it possible to end all sorrow?' delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Beddagana, Duwa Road, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka inc.

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Transport Minister Kumara Welgama allocated new buses to the Badulla CTB Depot recently. Here the Minister inaugurates a new bus service. Ministers Basil Rajapaksa and Nimal Sripala de Silva are also in the picture.

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



The Mayor of Dehiwala-Galkissa and SLFP Organiser, Danasiri Amaratinga provided relief items to the poor in the Ratmalana coastal area recently. Here the Mayor presents a relief parcel to a beneficiary.

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



Wheel-chairs were distributed among differently-abled persons at Natpittimunai in Kalmunai recently. Here Eastern Provincial Councillor, A.M. Jameel presents a wheelchair to a beneficiary. Kalmunai Municipal Council Member, M. Saliheen is also in the picture.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



The Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat distributed sports gear, donated by Digamadulla district parliamentarians to the Kalmunai DS Division sports clubs recently. Here Development Officer A.B.M. Azhar presents sports gear to club officials. Assistant Planning Director, T. Mohanakumar and Sports Officer A.M.M. Razeen were also present.

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



The Medical Superintendent of Sainthamaruthu District Hospital, Dr. N. Aariff distributed several sound systems to Jummah mosques in Sainthamaruthu. Here Dr. Aariff presents a loud hailer to President, Safa Jummah Mosque, Maligaikadu. Sainthamaruthu Jummah Mosque President Y.M. Haniffa is also in the picture.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



The Ummu Zavaya, Colombo organised the annual Managibush Shazulee Thamamgram at the Ummu Zavaya premises recently. Here Kaleefathul Kulafa Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji) addresses the gathering. Kaleefas, ulamas and ikwans were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook.