



Dr. Nimal Sedera launched his new book, a collection of international folk short stories titled *Dedunu Kumari* in Brisbane, Australia. Here Dr. Sedera and his wife Swarna Sedera present the first copy to Ven. Sitanimaluwe Sugathasara Thera, the chief incumbent of the Goodna Buddhist temple in Brisbane.



The 64th annual feast Our Lady of Good Health, Akkaraipattu was celebrated recently. Here Rev. Fr. Anthony Jeyaraj officiates at the High Mass attended by Rev. Fr. C. Noel Emmanuel, Rev. Fr. Ignatius and Rev. Fr. Suhanthan. A large number of devotees participated.

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



The Ampara District Journalists' Federation felicitated Akkaraipattu MPCs President Saa-masri M.I.M. Rafeek for his valuable services rendered to journalists in the district at the Alayadivembu Swami Vipulananda Children's Home auditorium recently. Here Rafeek is being sashed with a golden shawl by Director Editorial, Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., Seelaratna Senerath. Digamadulla district parliamentarian P.H. Piyasena and Associate Editor, *Thinakaran K. Kunarasa* look on.

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



The Bank of Ceylon, Central Province Pensioners' Association made a cash donation to the King George the Fifth's Silver Jubilee Memorial House for the Elders, Mahaiyawa, Kandy recently. Here the Association's President A.B.W. Jayasundera makes the presentation to Sister-in-Charge, Rev. Sr. Sisilya Anthony Pillai. Secretary Chitra Wimalasena and Treasurer H.M. Jayaratne are also in the picture.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



The Transport Ministry allocated new buses to CTB depots in the Sabaragamuwa province recently. Here Transport Minister Kumara Welgama presents the keys and a replica of a new bus to the Depot Manager, Ratnapura.

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



Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Dr. Rajitha Senarathne opened the 142nd fisheries stall of the Sri Lanka Fisheries Corporation in Ariyalai, Jaffna recently. Here the Minister makes the first purchase. Deputy Chairman of Parliament Committees, Murugesu Chandrakumar MP is also in the picture.

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



Books worth Rs. 150,000 were donated to three remote government schools in the Kurunegala district by the students of Kuliyapitiya Central College, to mark October, the Month of National Reading. Here the Head Prefect presents books to a senior prefect of Weerapokuna MMV in Bingiriya.

Pic: S.M. Wijayarathne, Kurunegala Cor.



The Ministry of Productivity Promotion will implement the National Productivity Project in the Northern Province shortly. Preliminary discussions were held under the patronage of Ministry Secretary Upali Marasinghe. NPC Chief Secretary Rupawathi Wijayalakshmi, National Productivity Secretariat Director, W.M.D. Suranga Gunaratne are also in the picture.

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



Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister A.L.M. Athaullah organised several religious and development programs in his electorate, Pottuvil to mark the 14th commemoration of the late Minister and SLMC founder M.H.M. Ashraff recently. Here Minister Athaullah opens the newly constructed Palamunai road. Eastern Province Road Development Minister M.S. Udumalebbe and Provincial Councillors M.T.A. Ameer, Ariff Samsudeen were also present.

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



Prabath Mirihagalle's *Tarzange Gaveshanaya* was launched recently at the Dayawansa Jayakody Bookshop. Here the publisher, Dayawansa Jayakody presents a copy of the book to the author. Palitha Jayakody, Vernon Perera, W.K. Gunadasa, Anne Sriyani, Gongitota Sarath, Ranjan Fernando, Sukitho Gunasena, Kanchana Savanthi Gunasena and Madurangi Gunasena look on.



Floral tributes were laid to mark the 97th birth anniversary of former Housing and Construction Minister and former Communist Party General Secretary, Pieter Keuneman near his statue in Maradana, Colombo, organised by the Pieter Keuneman Commemoration Committee. Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie, Committee Secretary and Attorney-at-Law, M.A. Razvi, Mrs. Quida Keuneman and members participated.

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



The Nintavur branch of the Bank of Ceylon has adopted the Japanese 5-S system to ease customer care, under the supervision of the Eastern Province Assistant General Manager K.P. Ananda Nadesan and Ampara Area Manager J. G. Priyanda Kumara. Here Deputy General Managers G.H. Chandrasiri (Support Services) and K.E.D. Sumanasiri (Human Resources) who had followed the 5-S system with the Manager M.I.M. Haniffa.

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



A special Iyyappa Swamy pooja celebration organised by the Krishna Kalalayam Art Culture and Social Centre was held at the Sri Sithi Vinayagaram devasthanam, Maligawatte, Colombo 10 recently, under the patronage of Deputy Telecommunication and information Technology Praba Ganeshan recently. Kalalayam President, K. Mohankumar, devasthanam's chief trustee, P. Parasuraman and members were present.

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



A felicitation ceremony for senior citizens in the Bentota Pradeshia Sabha area was held at Bentota Elakaka Maha Vidyalaya, organised by the Bentota Divisional Secretariat and the Bentota Cultural Association recently. Here Education Officer (Rtd.) L.C. Jayasekera receiving a special reward from Southern Provincial Councillor, Geetha Kumarasinghe. Bentota Divisional Secretary Wasantha Withanage is also in the picture.

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



A Rs. 44 m fire-tender and a Rs. 30 m pick-up were handed over to the Batticaloa Municipal Commissioner M. Uthayakumar by Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils A.L.M. Athaullah recently. Deputy Minister of Resettlement Vinayagamoorthy Muralitharan, Batticaloa District Secretary, Ms. P.S.M. Charles, Chairman, Eravur Town Council, Alisahir Mowlana, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils (Administration), A.A. Majeed were also present.

Pic: Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Spl. Cor.



The Annual General Meeting of the Muslim Women's Social League was held at Eden Cafe, Colombo 4 recently. Here President, Qadrunnissa Nazeer Sangani with Vice President, Mrs. Nathan Carimjee, Secretary, Ms. Farida Jinnah Sherifdeen, Asst. Secretaries, Marliya Sideek and Hawwa Kareem and Treasurer, Ms. Munas and Aysha Hameed.

Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt. Lavinia Spl. Cor.



The foundation stone-laying ceremony for a Mahindodaya Technical Faculty at Ananda National School, Puttalam was held recently. Here North Western Provincial Councillor Chinthaka Amal Mayadunna and Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council K.A. Baiz lay the foundation stones.

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



Hayleys Agriculture Holdings Ltd., the agribusiness arm of the Hayleys Group commenced operations on its dry seaweed project in the Mannar Sea Basin recently. Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Minister Dr. Rajitha Senarathne, the chief guest inaugurated the sale of seaweeds. Here Hayleys Chairman Mohan Panidhage addresses the gathering. Agriculture Managing Director Rizvi Zaheed was also present.

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

EVENTS

SLFUW AGM

The 73rd Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Federation of University Women will be held on Saturday, October 25 at 9.00 a.m. at the SLFUW Headquarters, Kithulwatta Rd, Borella, Colombo 8.

The SLFUW Hostel for Women Undergraduates will be opened on that day. New office-bearers will be elected at the AGM followed by a fellowship, lunch, said SLFUW President Indra Puvimanasinghe in a media release.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk "On the nature of love" 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.

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A cultural program for elders was held at the Kotagala Drayton *Kala Bawana* recently, organised by the staff of Drayton Estate and the Berendina Development Service. Here the Superintendent of the estate, R. Sri Ganesh addresses the gathering.

Pic: Aruna Ponnambalam, Kotagala Gr. Cor.

Elected ACWBC President

Ms. Jeevani Fernando Sugunadasa has been re-elected President of the All Ceylon Women's Buddhist Congress (ACWBC) for the year 2014/2015. She served for nearly two decades in the Executive Committee of the Congress in various positions.

Jeevani Fernando is the only daughter of the late W. Lionel Fernando, former Director of Information and one time Editor of the *Sunday* and the *Evening Observer*.

Jeevani is the wife of L. Sugunadasa, Secretary to the Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Ministry of Indigenous Medicine and one-time Commissioner of Ayurveda and the Director of Cultural Affairs.



The Provincial Literature Festival, Ingiriya organised by the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya was held at the Secretariat's auditorium recently. Director, Tower Hall Foundation, Douglas Siriwardena, Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka were also present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The three-day Group Leadership Practical Course organised by the Panadura-Horana Scout District was held at the Seelaratana Central College, Dombagoda recently. Seventy scouts from 25 schools participated. Here Assistant District Commissioner, Panadura-Horana Scout District, Kasun Jayathunga presents a gift to a scout. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A community centre for people in the Katuwana Pradeshia Sabha area in Hambantota will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 2.5 million by the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils. Here Deputy Minister, Local Government and Provincial Councils and Kurunegala district parliamentarian Indika Bandaranayake lays the foundation stone for the centre. Chairman of Katuwana PS, Mahinda Gamachchi is also in the picture.

Pic: S.M. Wijayarathne, Kurunegala Cor.