



Damayanthi Jayakody's latest book *Gauthama Buddha Charithaya - 3 Asirimath Sri Gautama Sambuddha Rajyaya* was launched recently. Here the author presents a copy of the book to Ven. Kiribathgoda Gnanananda Thera at the Mahamevuna Bhavana Asapuva. The publisher Dayawansa Jayakody looks on.



The Chamber of Tourism Industry, Sri Lanka felicitated Senior Minister P. Dayaratne for his unstinted services to the public, at the Pacific Hotel, Arugam Bay recently. Here the chief guest, Senior Minister, International Monetary Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Sarath Amunugama presents a memento to Dayaratne. President A.M. Jawfer looks on.



The foundation stone-laying ceremony for a new building of St. Anne's Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Kochchikade, Colombo was held recently. Here Rev. Fr. M. Mariadas, blesses the stone. Principal Rev. Sr. Mary Mabel Fernandopulle and Deputy Telecommunication and Information Technology Minister Praba Ganesan are also in the picture.

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



The United Nations Association organised the National Observance of the 69th United Nations Day at the Bishop's College Auditorium, Colombo recently. Here Assistant Secretary General, United Nations Association, M.M.M. Rushanudeen receives a token of appreciation for his voluntary services from the President of the Association, Dr. Lakshman Marasinghe.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A *Seva Piyasa* and an open art pavilion will be built in Bombuwala, Kalutara. Minister of Minor Crops Export and Promotion, Reginold Cooray has allocated Rs. 5 million for the project for the purpose. Here the Minister addresses the gathering at the foundation stone-laying ceremony.

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



The senior consultant of the Australia International Institute of Labour Organisation, Clive Thomson, Secretary of Senior Ministers, Mahinda Madihewa held a discussion with Public Administration Minister W.D.J. Seneviratne to introduce National Dispute Settlement Mechanism Development of Social Dialogue System to the public sector. Here the Minister stresses a point. Public Administration Ministry Secretary, P.B. Abeykoon is also in the picture.

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



The Jebamala Feast was held recently in Modera, Colombo with a large gathering of devotees. Here the statue of Mother Fatima is being carried by devotees from St. John's Church to St. James Church, Modera in a procession.

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



The People's Bank, Kotahena celebrated the Deepavali festival recently at the Bank's premises. Here Sivashri Vigneswara Kurukkal performs the pooja. Deputy General Manager (Operations), Boniface De Silva and Branch Manager, V.T.R. Vasanthakumara were also present.

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



The annual 'Achievers Day' organised by the Nintavur Socio Economic Renaissance Organisation was held at the auditorium of Al Mazhar Vidyalaya, Nintavur recently, presided over by the A.B. Abdul Gaffoor. Deputy Minister for Labour and Labour Relations Sarath Weerasekara was the chief guest. Here Eastern Provincial Councillor, Ariff Samsudeen is being sashed with a golden shawl for his outstanding services rendered to the public by Deputy Minister Weerasekara. Kalmunai Zonal Education Director M.S.A. Jaleel was also present.

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



The People's Bank, Addalaichenai Branch organised a ceremony to honour senior citizens at the branch premises recently, to mark World Elders Day. Here the chief guest, Ampara Assistant Regional Manager, A. Samsudeen addresses the gathering. Deputy Director of Education, A.S.A. Kiyas and Branch Manager, A.M.A. Samad were also present.

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



The Senior Citizens Association of Madawala Bazaar, Pathadumbara celebrated 'World Elders' Day' at the Madina Central College Auditorium recently. Here a cross section of senior citizens, ex-state employees who were felicitated on that day.

Pic: H.A. Shakoor, Pathadumbara Spl. Cor.



Forty primary teachers from eight schools in the Kalutara Educational Zone were trained at a 'Computer Awareness Program', organised by the Kalutara Zonal Education Office (Primary Education Unit) at the 'Computer and IT Centre' at Wadduwa Central College recently. Here IT and Computer Section Head, Mrs. Chandani Pushpakanthi instructs the primary teachers.

Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Central Spl. Cor.



The Vannathavillu village in Puttalam was provided with electricity recently. Here the Minister of Civil Aviation, Piyankara Jayaratne and North Western Provincial Councillor, Chinthaka Amal Mayadhunne commission the scheme.

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



A software training program for the librarian and library assistants was held at the Puttalam Public Library, to computerise the system. Here the librarian and his assistants at the program.

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



A cricket tournament for Ramco Cement Trophy was held at the Naleem Hajjiy Stadium recently. Here Senior Manager (Marketing) D. Ramakrishnan of Ramco Cement Ltd., awards the trophy to the winning team captain of the Stadium Sports Club, Mohamed Ilham. M. Rajan, Dr. M.Z.M. Nizar, Al Haj M. Mirzook Faleel, M. Kisan Hashim and S.R. Zufikar are also in the picture.

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



One hundred and ten minor employees in Local Government Authorities in the Ampara coastal area were made permanent recently, at a meeting held at Sainthamaruthu Lee Meridian Auditorium, presided by the Kalmunai Mayor Nizam Kariyapper with Eastern Province Chief Minister Najeeb Abdul Majeed as chief guest. Here one of the employees receives the letter of appointment. SLMC parliamentarian, M.T. Hasanali, Provincial Ministers, M.S. Udumalebbe, M.I.M. Mansoor, Provincial Councillors, A.M. Jameelo, Ariff Samsudeen, A.L.M. Naseer and the Chief Ministry Secretary, U.L.A. Azees were also present.

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



A four-day workshop on 'Making ladies' hand bags and school bags' for the youth in the Ampara district was conducted by the Eastern Province Rural Development Department, at the Akkaraipattu Cultural Centre recently. Here Chief Ministry Secretary, U.L.A. Azees presents a certificate to a participant. Eastern Province Rural Development Director, K. Arunthavarajah and Ampara District Development director, H. Kaleelur Rahman were also present.

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



The Islamic Centre for the Physically Handicapped, Thihariya donated a *Oxygen O-2* machine to the Wathupitiwala Government Hospital, Gampaha at the Centre recently. Here the International Advisor of the Centre, Hashim Omar presents the machine to the Director of the Hospital, Wilfred Wijesinghe. DMO Sisira Wijesinghe, Nizam Haji and members were present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Plastic chairs and cupboards were presented to the Barbareen Society, Maradana, Beruwala recently, from the funds of parliamentarian Al Haj M.S.M. Aslam. Here the MP presents the furniture to the President of the Society.

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



The *Sahithiya Prasadhini* Award was presented to journalist Wehelle Piyatilleke in recognition of his services to art, drama, cinema and social service at the Art Festival 2014, organised by the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha recently. Here Mrs. Gunawardane, wife of Education Minister, Bandula Gunawardane and Chairman Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha, Ruwan Praboda Peiris make the presentation.

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



A poetry book titled *Sithuvili* authored by the Assistant Secretary of WPC Agricultural, Industrial and Cultural Art Ministry, Chandira Jayasooriya was launched at the Chief Ministry Auditorium recently. Here WPC Agriculture, Industrial and Cultural Minister Udhaya Gampampila presents a copy to Ministry Media Secretary Kushan Sameera. Ministry Secretary, S. Nilwala is also in the picture.

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



The election of office-bearers for the Co-operative Society, Horana was held recently and the nine candidates, who had contested in the former Chairman D.N. Gunasena's group won the posts. Here the Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusingha with the winners at the Purwarama temple, Horana.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor, Vijitha Priyantha Silva allocated Rs. 100,000 to renovate the Dig-gala Road leading to Panadura Henamulla (Oormanai) Jum-mah mosque following a request by Nawshard Mansoor. Former Principal, Jeelan Central College, Al-Haj Ahamed Ismail is also in the picture.

Pic: M.K.M. Azwer, Moratuwa Central Spl. Cor.



A book on C.V. Velupillai was launched recently by the '*Kalai Elikya Wattam*', Kotagala at the Nuwara Eliya Pradeshiya Sabha Conference Hall. Here the chief clerk of the Town Council of Thalawakelle, Kingsly Kommas speaks at the meeting.

Pic: Aruna Ponnambalam, Kotagala Gr. Cor.