



A seminar organised by the Gampaha district SLFP lawyers was held at the Wet Water Resort Hotel, Gampaha recently. Here Senior Minister of International Monetary Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance Dr. Sarath Amunugama addresses the participants.

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



A delegation of the Sri Lanka Press Association led by Muditha Kariyakarawana represented Sri Lanka at the 68th National Council Sessions of the Indian Federation of Working Journalists (IFW) held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh recently, under the patronage of Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Akhilesh Yadav. Here Yadav presents a souvenir to National Secretary, Sri Lanka Press Association, Harsha B. Abeykoon. President, Indian Federation of Working Journalists Wickram Rao, Secretary General, Paramanand Pandey, President, Uttar Pradesh Accredited Journalists Association, Hemant Tiwari and President, Sri Lanka Press Association Muditha Kariyakarawana look on.



A community service project organised by the Divisional Secretariat, Horana and the Civic Ayurvedic Officers was held at the Raigam Korala Elders' Home, Horana recently. Here students of Taxila Central College, Horana bathe some elders with medicated water. Divisional Secretary, Horana, Nishanthi Jayasinghe was also present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister W.D.J. Seneviratne unveils the plaque after laying the foundation stone for the proposed building complex for the Homagama Divisional Secretariat recently. Education Minister Bandula Gunawardene, WPC Leader of the House, Gamini Tilakasiri are also in the picture.

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



The eighth annual celebrations of the 'Blessed' Joseph Vaz Association, Grandpass, Colombo 14 was held at the Tower Hall, Maradana recently. Here the annual souvenir is being presented by Director, J.P.S. Ferington to the guest of honour, Ms. Malsha Kumaratunga WPC while Director Mrs. Subashini Mariyadas looks on.

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



A ceremony to felicitate Sinhala cinema song composers was held at the Tower Hall, Maradana, Colombo organised by the Sri Lanka Kala Rasika Foundation recently. Here the chief guest veteran journalist Dr. Edwin Ariyadasa presents the Prathiba Pranama award to well-known composer Wimaladasa Perera while Foundation Secretary Mrs. Hemamalani looks on.

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



The presentation of 129 title deeds in the Kuruna North and South, Kottiyawatta, Dombagaskanda and Wagawatta Grama Niladhari Divisions of Ingiriya was held at the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya recently, under the patronage of Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayake. Here Divisional Secretary, Champa Upasena presents a deed to an owner.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A range of equipment to the value of Rs. 68 lakhs were distributed for self-employment projects under the 'Divi Naguma Livelihood Program' at the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya recently. Over 350 beneficiaries received equipment such as sewing machines, spray machines and scales were distributed. Here Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayake presents a sewing machine to a beneficiary.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A commemorative ceremony of Saiva saint Srilashri Arumuga Navalar was held at Saraswathie Hall, Bambalapitiya recently, organised by the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC) and the Srilashri Arumuga Navalar Sabai. Here former President, ACHC, V. Kailasapillai and Mrs. Abirami Kailasapillai light the oil lamp. President, International Hindu Priests Forum, K. Wytheswara Kurukkal and members look on.

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



Mrs. Ratna Rupasinghe, wife of Wattala SLFP Chief Organiser and former Deputy Minister Neil Rupasinghe opens the refurbished public library of the Wattala Municipal Council recently. Mayor of Wattala-Mabola, A.H.M. Nausad, Council Secretary, Mrs. D.P.H. Samarawickrama and Librarian Mrs. V.R.P. Inoka Manori look on.

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



Five-hundred families in the low-income groups in Galgamuwa in the Kurunegala district received roofing sheets to the value of 2 million rupees, collected by Kurunegala district parliamentarian and Deputy Minister Indika Bandaranayake at a ceremony recently. Here the Deputy Minister presents roofing sheets to the low-income rural folk under Mahinda Chinthana program.

Pic: S.M. Wijayarathne, Kurunegala Cor.



A job bank for youths in the Ingiriya Divisional Secretary area was set up at Gamini Central College, Ingiriya recently. Here a cross-section of youth, register with the Job Bank. Principal, Damayanthi Mahanama is in the foreground.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Islamic Banking Unit (An-noor) of the Bank of Ceylon, Panadura Super Grade branch was opened at Al-Fahriya Central College, Totawatta, Panadura recently. Here Senior Area Manager, BoC, H.K.A. Karunadasa presents the first savings pass book to a student. Principal M. Paramanayagam, Vice Principal, A.J. Ahamed Lebbe, Manager, BoC Panadura Super Grade Branch, Lal Pushpa Kumara, Assistant Manager Miss Imali Jayasinghe and Executive Officer BoC, Ananda Gunatilake were also present.

Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.



A felicitation ceremony for Attorney-at-Law, Y.S. De Silva on his completion of 50 years as a lawyer, organised by the Bar Association of Kalutara was held at the Kalutara Lawyers' auditorium. Here the chief guest, Supreme Court judge, Buvenaka Aluvihare presents a memento to De Silva. Former President of Kalutara Appeal Court, A.M.M. Hamza, Siri Perera and Bandula Weerasinghe are also in the picture.

Pic: Mohomed Imithiaz, Colombo Central Spl. Cor.



The Chamber of Tourism and Industry, in collaboration with Productivity Promotion and the Ministry of Eastern Province, Agriculture, Animal Production and Health, Rural Industries, Fisheries and Tourism Ministry organised a 'Job Market', at the Arugam Bay Pacific Hotel recently, presided over by the Chamber President, A.M. Jawfer.

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



Senior citizens and former BoC officers in the Nintavur Division were felicitated for their services in the banking field, at a ceremony at the Nintavur branch, to mark the 75 anniversary of the Bank recently. Branch Manager M.I.M. Haniffa presided. Here the retired employees in the picture.

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



Arethusa Vidyalaya, Colombo 6 will be further developed by the Education Ministry and the Western Province Education Ministry. Here Western Provincial Councillor, A.J.M. Faiz, Education Ministry Muslim Schools Development Unit Director, Z. Thajudeen, Deputy Director, WPC Education Ministry, K. Karunadasa inspect the school environment and the buildings.

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



The foundation stone-laying ceremony for a new civil defence soldiers' office building in Vanathavillu was held recently. Here the chief guests, Minister of Civil Aviation Piyankara Jayaratne and North Western Provincial Councillor, Chinthaka Amal Mayadhunna being welcomed by the soldiers.

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

EVENTS

Christmas and New Year Services

Union Church, Welisara
21st December Carol Service - 6.00 p.m. Guest speaker: Rv. Perry Brohier, Archdeacon of Colombo.
24th Midnight Service - 11.30 p.m. (bilingual) conducted by Rev. Reggie Ebenezzer and Bro. Chamill Fernando. Guest preacher: Dhanan Senathirajah.
25th Christmas Bilingual Service: 8.00 a.m. conducted by Rev. Kingsley Perera.

Meelad-un-Nabi from Dec 24 to Jan 3

The Board of Trustees of the Ummu Zavaya Mosque, Colombo 12 has organised the Shamail Muhammadiya program, to mark Holy Prophet Muhammad's birthday from December 24 to January 3 from 7.30 am at the Mosque.
It will be held under the patronage of Kaleefathul Kulafa Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji). The SLBC Muslim Service will broadcast the program live from 7.40 am to 8.10 am and on January, 4 Thamam day program will be from 8.30 am to 10.30 am, according to Chairman, Religious Committee, Ummu Zavaya, Al-Haj Fawzan Anver.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Can a conditional mind free itself?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be played 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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Blood donation campaign on Dec. 25

The eighth blood donation campaign organised by Bandaragama M.M.V. will be held on Thursday, December 25 from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the School premises.



Parliamentarian Al-Haj M.S.M. Aslam takes part in the rehabilitation work on the road leading to Askvali Estate, Agalawatha recently.

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



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