

Community



Venuri de Silva, daughter of the late Lt. Cmdr. Nalin Wijesinghe of the Sri Lanka Navy donated her share of money from her father's largesse to the dependents of dead war heroes, at a ceremony at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo recently. Here the chief guest, President of the Defence Ministry Seva Vanitha Unit, Mrs. Ioma Rajapaksa greets a recipient.



A memorial ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of the tsunami was organised by the chief incumbent of the Sri Arahata Buddhists International Buddhist Centre, Ven. Dabaraye Samitha Thera at Bragmanagama, Pannipitiya recently. Deputy Chief, Subadrarama Pirivena, Nugegoda, Ven. Omare Punnyasiri Thera conducted the pinkama. Assistant Director, Sangaramaya Buddhist Centre, Nepal, Ven. Ananda Thera, Ven. Ushe Sumada Thera of Japan, Director General Aroggya Foundation for Disabled Persons, Ven. Unapane Ariyadhamma Thera and Mrs. Rachana Dangolla of Nepal are also in the picture.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Padma Edirisinghe, a regular contributor to the *Sunday Observer*, received the *Kalabhooshana* award at the BMICH recently. She is also a former Director of Education, well-known bilingual author and member of the Royal Asiatic Society. Here she receives the award from Cultural Affairs Minister T.B. Ekanayake.



The new bridge at Mapalana-Elakanda in Balangoda was opened by Minister W.D.J. Seneviratne recently. Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councillor Prabha Mahesh Alwis is also in the picture.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Transport Ministry allocated 180 new buses to CTB depots in the Gampaha district at Katunayake recently. Here Ministers Kumara Welgama, Basil Rajapaksa and parliamentarian Dr. Sudarshani Fernando-pulle launch a bus service. Deputy Minister Lasantha Alagiyanawanna is also in the picture.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils launched a project built at a cost of Rs. 50 million, for a new bus stand and a multi-purpose office complex in Madampe recently. Here Minister A.L.M. Athaula and Deputy Minister of External Affairs Neomal Perera unveil the plaque.
Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



The Maha perahera of Galgoda Sri Maha Vihara, Panadura organised under the guidance of the chief incumbent, Ven. Ratnapura Pothupitiye Pannasekara Nayaka Thera was held recently.
Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.



North Western Provincial Council Minister, Sanath Nishantha Perera opens the newly constructed science laboratory in Pambala.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.



A religious pooja was held at the Shri Selva Vinayagar Kovil, Navakelanipura, Wellampitiya to invoke blessings on President Mahinda Rajapaksa for his help to devotees of the Sabarimalai Iyyappa Swamy Hindu to go on a religious tour this year. President's Co-ordinator for Hindu Religious Affairs, R. Babu Sarma, Kovil's chief priest, S. Sivanesan Kurukkal and devotees are also in the picture.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Freedom, love and responsibility' 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.



Parliamentarian Faizal Cassim opened a children's library in Pottuvil recently. Eastern Provincial Councillor A.L.M. Naseer and Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, M.S.M. Washif were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The Brilliant Creations Cinema Producers Organisation presented a Roll of Honour to ITN Director Hashim Omar for his contribution to the art and literary fields at its cinema festival at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here the chief guest, former IGP, T.E. Anandarajah presents the award to Omar while the Director, A.R.M. Razeem looks on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The launching ceremony of the Sinhala book titled, *Amma Seva* authored by Srimala Lalani was held at the National Library and Documentation Services Board auditorium, Colombo 7 recently. Here the publisher S. Sirisumana Godage presents the first copy to the author. Mrs. Nanda Godage is also in the picture.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Local Government and Provincial Councils Ministry distributed pickup vehicles worth Rs. 240 million to 30 local authorities in the island recently. Here Minister A.L.M. Athaulah presents the relevant documents to a chairman.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The fifth anniversary and get-together of the Sri Lanka Nidahas Sevaka Sangamaya of the Sri Lanka-German Technical Institute, Moratuwa was held recently. The office-bearers of the Union presented food rations to the 15 newly joined low-income earning members during 2014.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The foundation stone-laying ceremony for the Sheeradi Sai Centre at New Chetty Street, Colombo of the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre was held recently. Here the founder of Sri Sathya Sai Baba temple and well-known social worker, Siva Selvaratnam unveils the commemoration plaque while President, Sai Baba Centre, S.N. Udayanayahan looks on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The families of low-income groups in the Colombo district were given financial assistance to obtain electricity, from the fund allocations of Western Provincial Councillor, A.J.M. Faiz recently. Here some of the beneficiaries with the Councillor.
Pic: M.U.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Puttalam Urban Council Chairman and chief SLFP organiser for the Puttalam electorate, K.A. Baiz opened the third Nenasala for the Puttalam town in the 9th zone, Puthukkudiyiruppu recently. The Nenasala was opened under the theme 69 Nenasalas throughout the country to celebrate President Mahinda Rajapaksa's 69th birthday.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.