



Bodhi pooja and pinkama to invoke blessings on President Maithripala Sirisena, country and the people were held at the Sri Kalyani Gangarama Vihara, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15 recently. Viharadhipathy Ven. Karaputugala Revatha Thera, Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake, former MMC Gamini Hemachandra and Mattakkuliya UNP Organiser, Aluthgedara Chaminda participated.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A multi-religious ceremony was organised by the Bank of Ceylon, Nintavur branch recently, presided over by Branch Manager, M.I.M. Haniffa. Ampara Area Manager J.G. Priyanda Kumara was also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The new Divisional Secretariat building of Marunthaneni in Vadamarachchi was opened by Minister of Home Affairs and Fisheries, Joseph Michael Perera recently. Here the Minister, Deputy Minister of Women's Affairs, Wijayakala Maheswaran, Western Provincial Councillor, Srinath M. Perera being conducted to the venue by senior officials.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Norwegian Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Ms. Grete Lechen called on Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake at the Ministry recently. Here the Minister welcomes the Ambassador while a senior embassy official looks on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Deputy Minister of Justice and Labour, Sujeewa Senasinghe received a warm welcome from the residents of Malegawatte Apple Garden.
Pic: Mohamed Imitiyas, Colombo Central Spl. Cor.



The **Theer** (Chariot) of the Arulmigu Sri Bathrakali Amman Kovil, Paradise Place, Colombo 12 was held recently. Here invitees and the kovil's Board of Trustees in front of the chariot before the commencement of the procession.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk
A recorded public talk on 'What is right action in this chaotic world?' 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.



Attorney-at-Law M.M. Zuhair PC who assumed duties as the Director-General of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) recently signs the first document. Chairman, Sri Lanka Telecom, Kumarasinghe Sirisena, member of the TRCSL, Bandara Dissanayake and senior officials look on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



His Holiness Asseikh Mohammed al-Fassy Al-Makkie Ashatiazuli, Holy Makkah, the spiritual leader of Shazuliya Thareeka paid a visit to the Ketchimala Dharga, Beruwala recently. Asseikh Kalib Alavi Alim looks on.
Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz addresses a public meeting at the Puttalam Town Hall, to resolve legal problems faced by the mosques in Puttalam.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.



The office of the Assistant High Commissioner of India, Kandy organised the 'World Hindi Day' at the Assistant High Commission auditorium, Kandy recently. Here the Assistant High Commissioner, Ms. Radha Venkataraman lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the event.
Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Roving Cor.



Prof. Bandusena Gunasekara's latest historical novel **Deeghabhaya Kumaraya** was launched recently at the Dayawansa Jayakody Bookshop, Colombo 10. Here the publisher Dayawansa Jayakody (L) presents a copy of the book to the author. Champa de Silva, Kalasuri Sathischandra Edirisinghe and Kalakeerthi Edwin Ariyadasa look on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



A group of twenty-six final year students and lecturers from the Faculty of Leadership and Management at the Islamic Science University, Malaysia visited Rifayiya Ladies Arabic College, Weligama and held a workshop "Sufism is an authentic way of Reform" recently. Here Principal Moulavi M.S. Abdullah presents a token of appreciation to Lecturer, Dr. Ahmad Najaa Bin Mokhtar. Ladies College Vice President Al Haj Haniffa Ishak, Rifai Thareeq Association Secretary, M.F.M. Naufer and Moulavi Ahmed Azwer were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



SIP Academy Sri Lanka opened its Rajagiriya Centre at Kreedapitiya Mawatha, Obeysekerapura recently. Here the chief guest, Principal, Sri Jayewardeneperu Hindu Vidyalaya, K.R. Sharma opens the Centre with Rishard Raheem, Country Manager, SIP Academy Sri Lanka. Course Instructor Mrs. Manaal Mubarak and M. Mafaz look on.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The foundation stone for the Ranaviru Museum at Kingswood College, Kandy was laid recently by Director, Infantry Regiments of Sri Lanka Army Headquarters, Maj. Gen. L.W.C.C.B. Rajaguru. Here B.M. Bandara presents a memento to him. Brigadier Jaliya Senaratne and Patron, Old Kingswoodians Cadet Association, M.I.M. Mihlar were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A road race to mark the 67th Independence Day celebrations organised by the Colombo North Hindu Youth Society was held at the Muthuwella playgrounds. Here the winners (from left) Wignesvararajah Daniel (Runner-up), Vijayaraj Mayooran (Winner) and M. Dhuvveshan (2nd Runner-up).
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Mast. Cedric Eyerkauffer of Main-Kinzig-Kreis, Germany donated two water filters to the Maradana Clinic Beruwala recently. Karl Eyerkauffer looks on.
Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The 152nd birth anniversary of the Saiva saint, Swamy Vivekananda was held at the Vivekananda Society Hall, Kotahena, Colombo 13, under the patronage of Rishi Thondunathan Swamigal. Here President of the Society, Colombo, A.A. Surendran PC addresses the gathering. First Secretary, (Press Information and Culture), Indian High Commission, Ms. Esha Srivastava and President, All Ceylon Hindu Congress, Kandiah Neelakandan are also in the picture.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The residents of Beruwala gave a rousing welcome to the newly appointed Health Minister Dr. Rajitha Senaratne recently. Here the Minister addresses the gathering. Ifthikar Jameel, Member of WPC, M.M.M. Amjad, former member of WPC Beruwala, Urban Councillors M. Mazahim Mohamed and M. Usman are also in the picture.
Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The Three-Wheeler Drivers' Welfare Association was set up in Arugam Bay in the Pottuvil Division recently. Here former Minister and National Congress leader, A.L.M. Athaullah MP opens the Association Office.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The Chamber of Tourism and Industry, Sri Lanka distributed books among school libraries in the Ampara district recently, presided over by the Chamber President A.M. Jawfer. Here the chief guest, Eastern Provincial Councillor, A.L.M. Naseer presents books to a librarian.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Principal, Mahamaya Girls' School, Kandy, Indra Withanachchi presents veteran Sri Lankan film actor Amarasiri Kalansuriya, with a memento with his picture drawn by a student. Kalansuriya was the chief guest at the **Kala Ulela** held recently at the Mahamaya auditorium.
Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



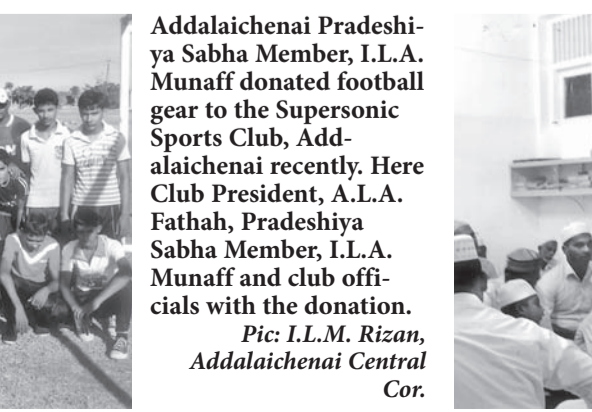
A cricket match referee of the elite ICC Panel, Roshan Mahanama was the chief guest at the Colours Awards ceremony of Sita Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Kandy at the auditorium recently. Here Mahanama presents a memento to the Prefect of Games, D. Bandaranayake.
Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



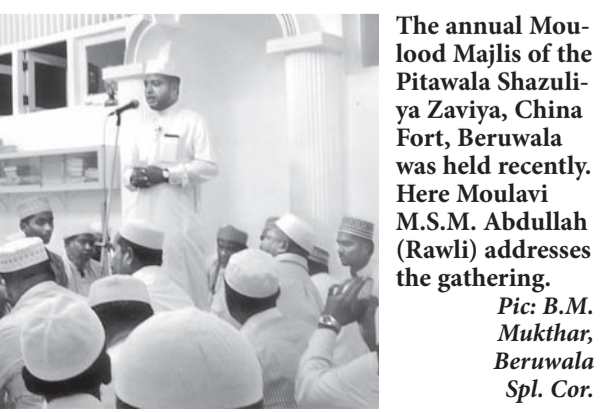
Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz and North Western Provincial Councillor Chinthaka Amal Mayadhunna present fishing nets and safety kits to fishermen in Puttalam.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.



Addalaichenai Pradeshiya Sabha Member, I.L.A. Munaff donated football gear to the Supersonic Sports Club, Addalaichenai recently. Here Club President, A.L.A. Fathah, Pradeshiya Sabha Member, I.L.A. Munaff and club officials with the donation.
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