

**Oil-anointing ceremony at Kande Vihara**



The traditional oil-anointing ceremony for the New Year was held at the auspicious time of 9.06 a.m. recently by the chief incumbent of the Kande Vihara, Aluthgama, Ven. Batuwahane Buddharakkita Nayaka Thera. Here he anoints the temple elephant, Kumari.

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

**New Year gifts**



The Welfare Society of the Multi Purpose Co-operative Society, Kelaniya donated gifts to the staff to mark the Sinhala and Hindu New Year. Here President, H. Nandasiri presents a gift parcel. Director, K.D. Jayawardana, General Manager, Vajira Kodituwakku and the Secretary, Aasiri De Soya were also present.

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

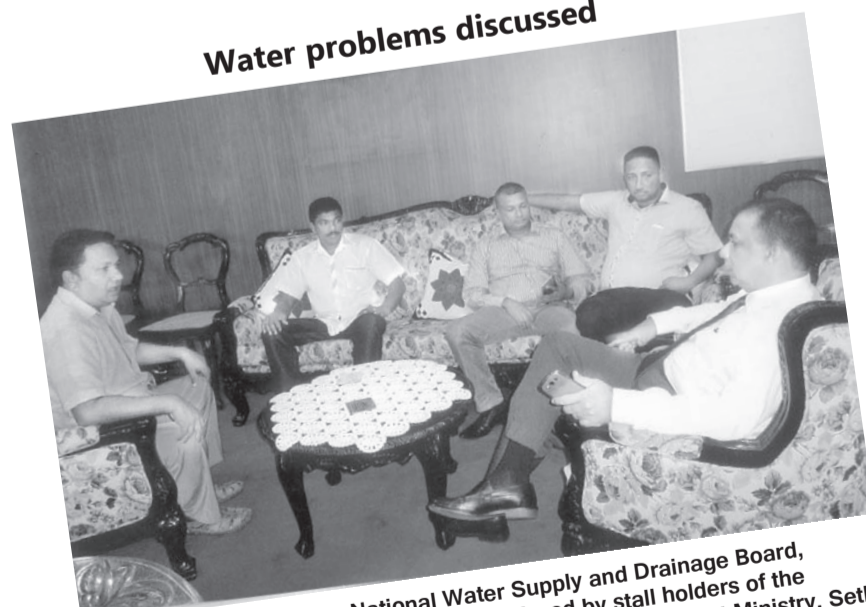
**Media Circle of Ananda MV Kottawa**



The 15th anniversary and Charter-presentation ceremony of the Media Circle of Ananda Maha Vidyalaya, Kottawa was held recently. Here the guest of honour, the News Editor of *Hiru TV* Sudewa Hettiarachchi pins a charter badge on an office-bearer. The Principal Ubeysena Paligadene and teacher-in-charge of the Circle, S.K. Vimalaratne are also in the picture.

*Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.*

**Water problems discussed**



The Vice Chairman of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Sabia Rajabdeen discusses the problems faced by stall holders of the weekly fair in Hanwella town at a meeting at the Development Ministry, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla recently.

*Pic: Mohamed Imtiyas, Colombo Central, Spl. Cor.*

**CMC's 150th anniversary**



An Islamic religious ceremony was held at the Town Hall to mark 150th anniversary of the Colombo Municipal Council. Here the Vice Principal, Ihsaniyyah Arabic College, Moulavi M.F.M. Farood addresses the gathering. All Ceylon Jamiyathul Ulama President, Moulavi M.I.M. Rizvi Mufthi, Mayor of Colombo, A.J.M. Muzammil, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Colombo Dewatagaha Jumma Mosque, Al Haj Riyaz Sally, Moulavi Quari Abdul Jabbar and the ulamas were also present.

*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*

**Golden shawl for social worker**



The *Thantai Chelva* Welfare Society felicitated teachers and social workers for services rendered to the community, at a ceremony to commemorate the death anniversary of S.J.V. Chelvanayagam at the Vivekananda Society Hall, Kotahena recently. Here the chief guest, Leader of the Tamil National Alliance, R. Sampanthan drapes a golden shawl around well-known social worker, R.T. Sirisoma.

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

**Praja Samithi Avurudu Kumari**



The *Avurudu Kumari* competition organised by the Hendala Praja Samithi was held at the Hendala playground recently. Pumali Kawsalya (centre) was adjudged *Avurudu Kumari* while Amali Sesha (left) and Nimeshika Sewandi (right) were the runners-up.

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

**Sai Baba death anniversary**



A special religious service, *Aradhana Mahotsava* was held to mark the death anniversary of Sri Sathya Sai Baba at the *Sai Nilayam*, New Chetty Street, Kotahena recently, organised by the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre, Colombo and the Bhagvan Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithi. Here President, Sai Centre, S.N. Udayanayagam, founder, Siva Selvaratnam, President, Sai Seva Samithi, K. Shanmugaratnam and other members at the service.

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

**Dharmaraja Sports Festival**



The Dharmaraja Old Boy's Union organised the annual sports festival and the Children's Day for the families at the College grounds recently, under the patronage of the principal, S.M. Keerthiratne (Fourth from left). From left: Senarath Jayasundara, Weerasena Kalupahana (Past President), Sarath Fernando, President, Sadara Tennekoon (Former Secretary) and Dr. Waruna Wanasinghe (Committee member.)

*Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.*

**Bentota SC Bak Maha Ulela**



The 43rd *Bak Maha Ulela* organised by the Bentota Sports Club was held at the P.S. Grounds, Bentota recently. Here the Media Minister Gayantha Karunatilake awards the prize to a bicycle race winner.

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

**Provincial journalists felicitated**



Provincial journalists of Sathkorale Nidahas Madya Sansadaya in the Kurunegala district were felicitated at a ceremony at the Padeniya Raja Maha Vihara, Wariyapola recently, sponsored by the Regional Office of the People's Bank, Kurunegala. Here the Regional Manageress, Nissanka Kumari presents a gift to Lake House provincial journalist, U.A. Premadasa. Branch Manager, People's Bank, Wariyapola R.B. Rajaguru was also present.

*Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.*

**Maj. Gen. Bhani Soysa appointed SPMC Project Manager**

Maj. General W. Bhani Soysa, KSV (ret'd), the first and only Ananda Sastralian to be promoted to the rank of Major General in the Sri Lanka Army has been appointed Project Manager of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka (SPMC) recently. Maj. Gen. Soysa was the former Deputy Commandant Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force and the first Volunteer Engineer Officer from the 4th Sri Lanka Engineer (Volunteer) Regiment to achieve the highest ranks. Earlier he had served as Infrastructure Coordinator of the Industrial Development Board of Sri Lanka and General Manager, Link Engineering (Pvt) Ltd.



**EVENTS**

**Past Visakhians 'Back to School' on May 16**

Past Visakhians will 'relive' their school days at an event organised by the Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girls' Association (VVOGA), at the get-together, 'Back to School' on May 16 from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm at the school premises.

The participants have been called upon to wear their school uniforms with ties, house badges and the prefects' badges. Past pupils over 75 and expectant mothers could wear suitable white attire.

The Day will enliven a typical school day, starting with an assembly conducted by a past principal followed by a short classroom session.

Two school buses will ply, one from Kottawa along the High Level Road and the other from Ratmalana along Galle Road. It is coordinated by Maya (0774772167) and the bus service by Nayana (0773165279).

School ties and house badges are available at the OGA Secretariat from 8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. on school days.

**OFFICE - BEARERS**

**Wellawatte-Pamankade Residents' Association**

- President: T. Thangarajah
- Vice Presidents: P. Paramanathan, K. Gnanasegaram
- Hony. Secretary: M.H. Mishkath Zaid
- Assistant Secretary: M. Kumarakuruparan
- Hony. Treasurer: Neela Thimbiripola
- Ex Co. Members: Tennyson Gunawardena, V. Maheshwaran, K. Bhuwaneswary, Indrajee Gunathilake, D. Chandrasekaran

**Inter-Squadron sports meet**



The annual inter-Squadron sports meet of Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Ratmalana was held recently at the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Stadium, Diyagama, Homagama. Deputy Chancellor (Administration), Prof. T.R. Weerasuriya was the chief guest. Here the Best Woman Athlete of the Year 2015, O.S.S. Dankotuwu receives her trophy from Deputy Chancellor (Management) M.G.T.R. Kulathunga.

*Pic: Maharagama Spl. Cor. Wehelle Piyathilake.*