

Higher ordination of four monks



The four monks who received higher ordination at the Ganewatte Purana Raja Maha Viharaya, are taken in a colourful procession parading the streets of Nugagoda, Waskaduwa and Delduwa.  
Pic: Kalutara Central Special Cor. H.L. Sunil Shantha.

WP Chief Minister's political silver jubilee



Western Provincial Chief Minister Isuru Devapriya celebrated his 25 years of political life at the BMICH. Chief Minister presents the book on his political life *Nonime Watha* to former President Chandrika Kumaratunga. Ministers Champika Ranawaka, Duminda Dissanayake, Media Secretary to the Chief Minister Suranimala Perera are present.  
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

Sports Meet of St.Joseph's Vas Nursery



The annual Sports Meet of St.Joseph's Vas Nursery School, Grandpass was held, under the patronage of parish priest of St.Joseph's Church, Grandpass, Rev.Fr. Sunil Kumara Peiris at the Sugathadasa Stadium. The chief guest and invitees are conducted to the venue by Principal, Mrs. Subashini Mariadas. Child Affairs State Ministry staffer, M. Krishnan and Grandpass Police OIC, Wimal Shanatha are also in the picture.  
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

Memento to State Defence Minister



The Forum for National Unity organised a felicitation ceremony in honour of State Minister of Defence, Ruwan Wijewardene at the Excellency, Colombo. State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation, A.H.M. Fowzie presents a memento to the Minister. Ministry Secretary M.M. Zuhair and Forum President N.M. Ameen look on.  
Pic: Ruzaik Farook.

Foundation for Gramodaya Clinic



The foundation stone for the Gramodaya Clinic Centre at Thaqwa Nagar, Muttur was laid by Urban Planning, Water Supply and Drainage Minister and SLMC Leader Rauff Hakeem, at a cost of Rs. 6.5 million, funded by the Eastern Provincial Health Ministry. Minister Hakeem unveils the plaque. Eastern Province Chief Minister Hafis Naseer Ahamed, Eastern Province Health Minister A.L.M. Naseer and parliamentarian M.S. Thowfeeque are also present.  
Pic: I.L.M.Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.

Sumagul Abhiman presented



*Sumagul Abhiman*, a collection of creations compiled by the girl students from Grade 6 to Grade 11, of Sri Sumangala Girls' School, Panadura, was launched at a special ceremony organised by the principal, Mrs. W.A.D.D. Sampathi Nepala, in the school hall. Principal Mrs. Nepala presents the *Sumagul Abhiman* to the chief guest, renowned author and artist, Most Ven. Batuwangala Rahula Thera.  
Pic: Kalutara Central Spl.Cor., H.L. Sunil Shantha.

'Samatha Mandalaya' office bearers appointed



The appointments of chairmen and members to the Batticaloa and the Trincomalee *Samatha Mandalayas* were held at the Trincomalee District Secretariat. Minister of Justice Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakse presents the letter of appointment to a new member. Secretary to the Ministry, P. Jayamanne, Trincomalee Dist.Secretary, K. Pushpakumara and Batticaloa Addl. Dist.Secretary, S.Giridaran also participated.  
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

Japanese gift of garbage clearance trucks



The Government of Japan presented 12 waste-collection trucks to the Colombo Municipal Council. Kenichi Sukanuma, Ambassador of Japan official hands over the vehicles to WPC Chief Minister and Local Government Minister, Isuru Devapriya. Municipal commissioner V.K.A. Anura, Deputy Commissioner, L. Wickramaratne, Director, Solid Waste Management, Yogarani Silvester, Municipal Secretary H.B.C. Janaki look on.  
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Death is not at the far end of life?' by the late Indian sage, Jiddu Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today, August 14 at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

Kalutara MP presents award



Parliamentarian and Chairman, District Coordinating Committee of the Kalutara District, Lakshman A. Wijemanne presents an award to the Director, Lanka Wine Pvt.Ltd., Arsha Kularatne. Chairman, Lanka Wine, Ranzo Montinaro and Deputy Commissioner of Labour, Kalutara, R.W.M. Podinilame look on.  
Pic: Sugath Narayana.

Swami Vipulananda's death anniversary



The 69th death anniversary of Swami Vipulananda organised by the Vipulanandar Society of Matale was held at the Sri Muthumariamman Kovil Hall, Matale. The chief guest, State Education Minister V. Radhakrishnan presents a memento to the coordinator of Kandy District Human Rights Organisation, V. Sithambaranathan.  
Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Rowing Cor.

Sri Lankan envoy meets Palestine Minister



Sri Lankan Ambassador in Palestine, Fawzan Anver called on Palestine Minister of Waqf and Religious Affairs, Sheikh Yusuf Adeis at his Ministry. Fawzan Anver at discussion with Minister Sheikh Yusuf Adeis.  
Pic: Ruzaik Farook.

MoU with Kerala Institute



The Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance and the Kerala Institute of Local Administration India signed an MoU at the Institute of Local Governance, Colombo recently. Chairman of the Institute, Kamal Padmasiri and the Director of the Kerala Institute, Dr. P.P. Balan sign the MOU. Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government Faiszer Musthapha, Director Sujeewa Samaraweera and Chief Executive Officer Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance and officers of the Kerala Institute of Local Administration in India and Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance were present at the event.

Maha Yagna poojas at kovils



*Guru Peiyarchi*, a special Maha Yagna pooja was celebrated at all Hindu kovils and societies islandwide. A pooja was conducted by the chief priest, S. Somasundarak Kurukkal at the Sri Sithi Vinayagar Devasthanam, Modera, Colombo 15. Trustees and board members were also present.  
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

New plastic bottle in market



Petform Pvt.Co.Ltd. launched its latest product, widemouthed bottles at a function held at the factory in Delgoda. The Managing Director, P. Mathythan presents a sample gift to Godakanda Herbal Pvt.Co.Ltd., Managing Director, Tony Ranasinghe. Petform Director, Thayana Mathythan, Marketing Manager, Dharshana Jayaweera, Production Manager, L. Nagulan, Project Manager, S. Ravindran, Human Resources Manager, Priyantha Wijekoon were also present.  
Pic: Malwana Gr.Cor., Mahanama Vithanage.

Health Services building complex in Ampara



Deputy Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine Minister Faizal Cassim lays the foundation stone for the Ampara Regional Director of Health Services building complex. Health Ministry officials were also present.  
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.