## Community

# Sunday Observer

## Ashirvada Pooja at Paramitha Bodhimalu



Gothatuwa Paramitha Bodhimalu Viharadhipathi Ven. Arama Sri Dhammatilleke Nayaka Thera held an *Ashirvada pooja* and *Ganadevi* and *Saraswathi deva* poojas to invoke blessings on students in the Kolonnawa and Gothatuwa areas, who sat the Year Five Scholarship examination recently. Ven. Nayaka Thera ties the 'pirith nool' on a student.

## 'Katina' at Bellanwila



The 'Katina pinkama' of the Bellanvila Rajamaha Viharaya was held with the attendance of Justice Minister Dr. Wijayadasa Rajapakshe, WPC Chief Minister, Isura Devapriya, Prof. Ven. Bellanvila Wimalaratana Thera, WPC Provincial Minister, Gamini Thilakasiri and the Chairman of the National Youth Services Council, Eranga Weliyange.

Turkey Islamic leader on a visit

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

## **Church anniversary**



The 122nd anniversary of Our Lady of St. Rosary Church, Periyakallar, Batticaloa was celebrated last Sunday (28). Parish Priest Rev. Fr.S. Liyo and Vakarai priest, Rev. Fr. Merushan Hendric concelebrated the Festive Mass.

Pic: Sivam Packiyanathan, Batticaloa Spl. Cor.

Ahamed Munawwar's book presented to minister



SLBC's Muslim Service retired director and author M.Z. Ahamed Munawwar's book 'History of the Radio Caylon Muslim Service' was was presented to Minister of Media Gayantha Karunathilaka at the Ministry. Director of Information Hilmy Mohamed is in the picture.



The world leader of the Naqshabandi Sufi Way of Turkey, Mowlana Shaikh Seyed Mehmet Adil Rabbani visited Sri Lanka recently to participate at the 199th flag-hoisting ceremony of the Shaikh Usman Waliyullah Shrine and Masjid at the Dewatagaha Jumma Mosque, Colombo. Chairman of the Mosque, Reyyaz M. Salley and Treasurer Falah Mowlana in conversation with the Mowlana.

Kalmunai Zahira Hostel opening



The first Muslim Lady High Court Judge in Sri Lanka and past pupil, Mrs. Mymuna Ahmed opens the new Kalmunai Zahira College Hostel Cultural Hall Complex, built on an initiative by the OBA.

## **Provincial Council Minister opens pavilion**

## New look for Navagampura playgound



The renovated, Navagampura playground, Colombo was vested with the public by WPC Chief Minister, Isura Devapriya. Chief Minister and the Colombo District UNP parliamentarian Mujibur Rahaman unveil the plaque. Colombo Municipal Council Commissioner V.K.T. Anura is also present.

## 'Environment Week' at Ninthavur



## Seetha Ranjani to be feted

Renowned poet and social activist Seetha Ranjani will be felicitated on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at the Mahaweli Centre auditorium. She is known as one of the few female poets in Sri Lanka who had touched on controversial social issues

#### and women's rights.

The chief guest will be Jayantha Rukmani Siriwardana. A panel discussion will also follow with the participation of Dr. Sunil Wijesiriwardena, attorney G.S. Punchihewa, eminent author Jayathilake Kammellaweera, Prof. Sena Nanayakkara and attorney and rights activist Nimalka Fernando. Her latest book of songs 'Mal Warusa' (flower rain) will also be launched on that day.

## Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'What is the future of mankind?' by the late Indian sage, Jiddu Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Beddagana, Duwa Road, Kotte, today, September 4 at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

## Flag-hoisting ceremony at Keerimadu





The newly-built sports pavillion at Getulawa Govt. School, Kurunegala was opened by NWP Minister of Education, Sandya Kumara Rajapakse, NWP Councillor, Somasiri Gunathilaka, Principal of Weerapokuna Vijitha MMV, Laksiri Sudasinghe and Principal of Getulawa Govt. School, R.M. Nilantha Ratnayake were present.



The Environment Bridge of Al-Ashraq National School, Ninthavur launched a tree planting campaign to mark 'Environment Week'. Principal, S.M.M. Jabeer plants a sapling in the school garden together with the teacher-incharge, M.T. Nowfer Ali.

The annual flag-hoisting ceremony of Keerimadu Sri Sithi Vinayagar temple, Batticaloa was held last Sunday (28). The chief priest with other priests performed the rituals. *Pic: Sivam Packiyanathan, Batticaloa Spl. Cor.* 

#### **OKI Pre-School annual concert**



Students of OKI International Pre-School, Wattala held its annual concert at the Junior School Hall. The chief guest, senior teledrama artiste Thilaka Ranasinghe and Psychology Lecturer Rev. Sr. Selinta Fernando are conducted to the venue by Chairperson, Nirmalie Saparamadu. Directors, Hemal Abeysekara, Denum Abeysekara, Nimani Saparamadu and Network Principal, Mona Dharmawardhana.

> Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor. Mahanama Vithanage.

### Mowlood recital at Thotawatte, Jumma Masjid



The 147th annual Shazuliya Mashaik Manakib Mowlood recital of the Panadura Thotawatta Jumma Masjid was conducted under the patronage of the chief Imam of the Masjid Kaleefathush Shazuli, Moulavi M.T.M. Ilyas Bahji. Moulavi M. Hussain, Moulavi M.S.M. Safraz, Masjid Administrative Society's Treasurer, S.L.M. Anver Haji and Thotawatta Y.M.M.A. President, A.G.M. Rifdhy are in the picture.

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

### Blood donation campaign at Kelaniya



The 18th consecutive blood donation campaign organised by the Eksath Welfare Society, Singharamulla, Kelaniya was held at the Society premises.

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

## Symposium at Karuwakerny



A symposium was held at Karuwakerny Community Care Centre on Monday (29) by career guidance teacher, A. Jeganathan, to guide the youth affected by the conflict. Valaichchenai Divisional Secretary, S. Vasudevan and Assistant Divisional Secretary Niruba Birunthan took part.

Pic: Sivam Packiyanathan, Batticaloa Spl Cor.

