St. Voyage Church anniversary feast



The 208th anniversary feast of Our Lady of St. Voyage at Bar Road, Amithakali, Batticaloa was held on Sunday, Sept. 25. The festive Mass was concelebrated by His Lordship, Bishop of Batticaloa, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Ponnaiyah, Parish Priest Rev. Fr. C.V. Annathas and Rev. Fr. Jelston Winston.

Pic: Sivam Packiyanathan, Batticaloa Spl. Cor.

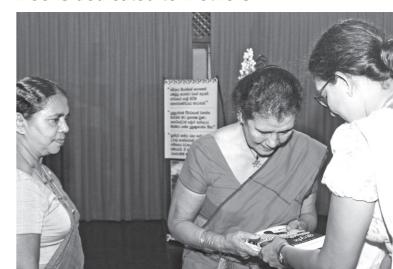
New wing for Helan Ranawaka Aramaya



WPC Chief Minister Isuru Devapriya unveiling the name plaque of the new wing in the Kottawa, Rukmale Helan Ranawaka Aramaya, donated by the Kottawa YMBA President and ex-Chairman of the Maharagama Urban Council. Deshabandu Chandirasena Masakorale and Prema Kariyawasam was opened. Western Province Pradana Sanganayake and Ven. Nikapotha Chandrajothi Thera participated.

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

Books dedicated to mothers



Senior journalist of the Silumina newspaper, Aruni Muthumalie dedicated her two books, *Arama* and *Ali Aththui Athapaththu* to her mother, Pemsiri Perera and her mother-in-law Geetha Lokuge at the launch held at the Mahaweli Centre auditorium on September 19.

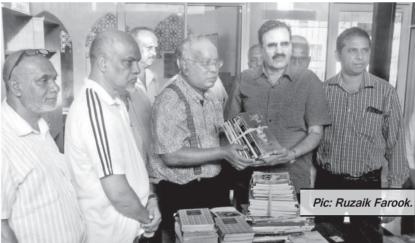
Pic: Sudam Gunasinghe.

Investment, export facilitation forum in Batti



Development Strategies and International Trade State Minister Sujeewa Senasinghe presided over at the Investment and Export Facilitation Forum of Eastern Province 2016 held at DERBA Hall, Batticaloa on Sept. 25 Chief Minister of Eastern Province Hafiz Nazeer Ahamed, Batticaloa district TNA parliamentarian G. Sirinesan, Batticaloa Government Agent P.S.M. Charles, Director, Investment Board of Sri Lanka, Sunil De Silwa and Director, Export Development Board, Dhammiga were present.

Book donation to YMMA Library



Former ITN Director Hashim Omar donated a set of books to the SBC Halaldeen Library, YMMA Maligawatte, Colombo, and presented to the Patron of the YMMA, S.B.C. Thassim. Irshad A. Cader, A.H.M. Mahir, A.H.M. Iqbal and members of the YMMA were present.

SDB bags Runners-Up trophy



SANASA Development Bank PLC was the runners-up in the Governor's Trophy – Six-a-Side cricket tournament organised by the Credit Informationa Bureau of Sri Lanka (CRIB) held at the P. Sara Stadium. The team, from left: Pramod Dilhana – (Ambalangoda Branch), Anjula Dissanayake Vice Captain – (Nuwara Eliya branch), Subash Kumarage – (Kalutara branch), Anuranga Karunadasa Captain – (Card Centre), Dilip Gunarathna – (North Central Region) and Nuwan Perera – (Chilaw Branch).

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Paal Abhishekam at Hekitta temple

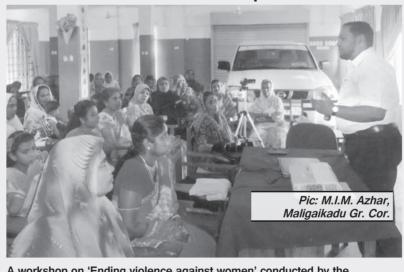


The *Paal Abishekam* ceremony was celebrated in all Hindu kovils in the island to mark Krishna Jayanthy Festival. A ceremony in progress at the Arulmigu Sri Aathi Parasakthi Devasthanam, Hekitta, Wattala.

M.O.H's Office holds workshop

organised the Scout Camp at Sammanthurai.

Scout Camp at Sammanthurai



Deputy Director of Education, Sammanthurai Umar Moulana awards a

certificate to a scout at the Akkaraipattu-Kalmunai District Scout Association

A workshop on 'Ending violence against women' conducted by the M.O.H., Sainthamaruthu for members of women societies was held at the Sainthamaruthu Youth Centre. Dr. A.L.M. Farook addresses the participants.

Environment seminar at Polgolla



The Central Environment Authority and the Ministry of Education organised a two-day residential seminar for Environment Commissioners of the Eastern and Northern Provinces, at Polgolla National Co-operative Development Centre recently. Director, Environment Education, Neil Perera presents the certificate to Zonal Environment Commissioner, Akkaraipattu, Mathari.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.

Kanchikudiyaru tank projects



Eastern Provincial Council Health Minister A.L.M.Naseer unveils the plaque to inaugurate the Kanchikudiyaru Tank Irrigation Development project, at a cost of Rs.61 m funded by the EU-SDDP program. Eastern Province Agriculture, Animal Production & Health, Irrigation and Fisheries Minister Krishnapillai Thurairasasingam is also in the picture.

Ayurvedic consultation camp



A free mega ayurvedic consultation camp organised by the Addalaichenai District Ayurveda Hospital was held at the Hospital, presided over by the Addalaichenai District Medical Superintendent, Dr. K.L.M. Nackfer.

Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.

Datamy Club installation



Pic: M.I.M. Azhar,

Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.

The installation ceremony of the second President of the Rotary Club of Batticaloa Heritage was held at East Lagoon Hotel, Batticaloa on Sept.24. Newly elected President Rtn. K. Jeganathan was presented with the insignia by the chief guest, District Governor Rtn. M.D. Gowri Ranjam and Immediate Past President Rtn. S. Giritharan.

Pic: Sivam Packiyanathan, Batticaloa Spl. Cor.

Blood-donation at BMICH by the staff



A blood-donation campaign, organised by the BMICH Staff Welfare Society, to mark the death anniversaries of S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike and Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike was held at the BMICH.

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

Annual *Ther* in Mattakuliya



The annual *Ther* (chariot) festival of Shri Kalyani Kanapathy Devastanam, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15 took place at the temple. Chief priest, Sivashri Subeshak Kurukkal, Chief Trustee V. Nagadevan and the trustee board are in the picture.

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