

Prelate conferred Kolonnawa Pradeepa title



The Gothawa Paramitha Bodhimalu Viharadhipathi, Ven.Arama Dhammatilleke Thera was conferred the title, *Kolonnawa Pradeepa* in recognition of his contribution to Sinhala literature during the last 50 years, at the Literary and Arts Festival organised by the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat, under the patronage of the Department of Cultural Affairs. The Ven. Thera receives the title from Colombo District MP, S.M. Marikkar and Provincial Councillor, Anurudha Wimalaratne. Kolonnawa Divisional Secretary Mrs. A.U.K. Dodanwala look on.
Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.

Surekha presents first copy to Speaker



A popular writer Surekha Nilmini Ilangakone presents the first copy of her latest book *Sasala Mandiraya* to the Speaker of Parliament, Karu Jayasuriya at the Speaker's Office in Parliament.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central

Medical clinic at Peliyagoda



Dr. Lalith P. Halambarachchige examines a patient at a medical clinic organised by the Western Provincial Councillor, U. George Perera was held at the Child and Maternity Centre of the Peliyagoda Municipal Council. Provincial Development Minister, Sarath Fonseka WPC, George Perera, Chief organiser and former Municipal Councillor Susantha Lakshan were present.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

National Day of Malaysia



Life General Secretary, Central Tennekumbura Y.M.M.A., Mohammed Nagoorichchai greets High Commissioner of Malaysia, Wan Zaidi Bin Wan Abdullah on the occasion of the National Day of Malaysia held on Sept.12 at the Hilton Hotel, Colombo. Madam Abdullah, wife of the High Commissioner looks on.

Fertiliser subsidies disbursed



The *Pohora Sahanadara* (Fertilizer subsidies) for rubber cultivators in the Moneragala District, under the *Wewill Saviya Gamini Gamata* project of the Plantation Ministry were distributed the Minister of Public Administration, Ranjith Madduma Bandara. Plantation Minister Naveen Dissanayake looks on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

Prof.Dayantha Wijeyesekera reappointed UNIVOTEC Chancellor

Vidya Jyothi Emeritus Professor Dayantha Wijeyesekera, has been reappointed as the Chancellor of the University of Vocational Technology (UNIVOTEC) for a second term of 5 years by the President Maithripala Sirisena. In addition to having served as Vice Chancellor in two Universities namely, Open University of Sri Lanka and the University of Moratuwa for an unprecedented total period of 15 years, he has also been the Secretary of the Ministry of Skills development, Vocational Training and Technical Education, Chairman of Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) and Institute of Construction Training and Development (ICTAD). He has also been the President of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka.



International Trade Expo in Batticaloa



The inauguration ceremony of the 3rd edition Batticaloa International Trade Exhibition 2016 was held at Kallady Sivananda Grounds on Sept.30. Chief Minister of Eastern Province, Habiz Nazeer Ahamed, Batticaloa District TNA Parliamentarians, G. Srinesan, S. Yogeswaran, Eastern Province Agriculture Minister, K. Thuraiarajasingam and Treasurer of Batticaloa Tamil Sangam, V. Ranjithamoorthy opened the stalls.
Pic: Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Spl. Cor.

Certificate awarded at leadership program



187 youths from Batticaloa district were awarded certificates for Leadership Development program under a project funded by the EU, on Oct 4. Batticaloa Government Agent, P.S.M. Charles, Additional Government Agent, S. Giritharan, Dean, Faculty of Management, Vavuniya Campus, Dr. A. Pushpanathan, Senior Lecturer, Eastern University, S. Andrew and Project Coordinator, UNDP, K. Thanaraj presented the certificates.
Pic: Sivam Packiyathan, Batticaloa Spl. Cor.

Agri-scientist award to Agriculture Director



The Agriculture Award 2016 of the WPC Agriculture Ministry was held under the patronage of Chief Minister, Isura Devapriya at the Chief Ministry's auditorium. The chief guest Chief Minister presents the Best Agri-Scientist Award to Director of Agriculture, Western Province I.W. Mendis. WPC Agriculture Minister Gamini Thilakasiri looks on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

Book launch at Sainthamaruthu



A book titled *Samugaviyal Ennakkarakkal* authored by senior lecturer of the South Eastern University, Ramees Aboobucker was released at Paradise Hall, Sainthamaruthu. the Vice Chancellor, Dr. M.M.M. Nazim presents a copy to Moulavi S.H.M. Athambawa, President of the Jammiyathul-Ulama, Ampara district.
Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.

Bentota Police help the needy



Bentota Police celebrated the 150th year anniversary by distributing dry rations to 150 needy families. O.I.C., Bentota, Asoka Karunaratna distributes a parcel to a beneficiary.
Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr.

Rotarians in Sweden in exchange program



A group of 12 Rotarians from the Rotary International District 3220 Sri Lanka and Maldives comprising Rtms. Chathurka Wickramasinghe, Marshad Barry, Gihan Panditaratne, Nishantha Jayamanna, P. Maheswaran, Arunajindrajith Yapa, Mohomad Shiyam, Warnathilaka, Deepal Jayasekara, T. Sandarasekaran, Pujitha Marasingha and Kasun Attanayaka, left for Sweden to take part in the Rotary Friendship Exchange with RI District 2400 Sweden.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook

Shreethva Sanganatham at Kandy Girls' High School



The Tamil Literary Union of Girls' High School, Kandy organised the annual Kalai Vizha-2016, *Shreethva Sanganatham*, at the Constance Mallet Hall. The chief guest, State Minister of Education, V. Radhakrishnan, Principal M. Abaya Gunasekara and teacher-in-charge (Tamil), Sivantheney Nandakumar are conducted to the venue.

Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Roving Cor.

Sound system unit donated



A sound system unit was donated to Fathima Islamic Ladies' College, Addalaichenai by the Divisional Organiser of the All Ceylon Muslim Congress (ACMC), A.C.M. Sameer. The College trustees receive the donation from Sameer.

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

Haj organisers felicitated at Kattankudy



The Federation of Kattankudy Mosques, Muslim institutions and Haj Travels and Tours was felicitated with a memento in appreciation of their exemplary services. Muttawiffy Ash - Sheikh Kaleel Mohamed Rafeeb Al-Faazy in-charge of No. 67 presents the memento to the officers.

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

Identity cards for street artistes



Provincial Councils and Local Government Minister Faiszer Musthapha presented identity cards to 58 street artistes at Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 7 issued by the Colombo Municipal Council. Secretary, Open Air Art Gallery Association of Street Artistes, Vishwajith Yasera, officers of the Ministry, CMC and the Tourist Board were present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook.