



A meritorious act of releasing four head of cattle was held at the Deepaloka temple, Ingiriya recently. Here the employees of Bodyline Factory, Horana who helped save the cattle with Ven. Mudunkotuwe Shantasi Thera. **Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.**



The May Day rally of the Ceylon Workers' Congress was held in Ginigathena Town. Here Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa and Livestock and Rural Development Minister Arumugam Thondaman greet the cheering crowd. **Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN Cor.**



The annual *Bath Dansala* organised by the Deepaloka Welfare Association of Balagala was opened on Vesak Poya Day by the Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Fr Shiran Dasa. President of the Association Meril Wickramasinghe and members look on.



The Sri Lanka Graduates' Society, Horana recently visited the inmates of the Horana Elders' Home and gave them a shave, bath and a hair cut. New clothes and toiletries were also presented before the tea party. **Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.**



A Buddhist flag measuring 140 feet in length and 50 feet in width was hoisted by Minister of Water Supply and Drainage Dinesh Gunawardena at Baseline Road, Dematagoda during the Vesak season. Colombo district Parliamentarian Thilanga Sumathipala, Chairman, All Ceylon Young Men's Association Yadamini Gunawardena, Working Director, National Water Supply and Drainage Nimal Piyaratne and the producer of the flag Hemapala participated in the function. **Pic: Mohamed Imthiyaz, Colombo Central Thinakaran Cor.**



Paints for white-washing Buddhist temples in Kolonnawa were distributed by the Bharatha Lakshman Foundation at a ceremony at the Kolonnawa Raja Maha Vihara recently. Here Sumana, widow of Presidential Trade Union Advisor and Colombo district Parliamentarian, Bharatha Lakshman Premachandra, lights the oil lamp. Her daughter Hirunika Premachandra, WPC member Hector Bethmaga and Asoka Lankatilleke, Ajmal Mawjood and Kolonnawa UC member Saliya Wickremasinghe were also present. **Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.**



A five-member Iranian delegation visited Sri Lanka recently, led by His Eminence Ayatollah Thaskiri, Secretary General of the Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought and a member of the Assembly of Experts of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Here Ayatollah Thaskiri (centre) addresses the gathering of religious scholars on "The importance of unity among the Muslims", organised by the Cultural section of the Iranian embassy. Ambassador for Iran Dr. Nabi Mohamed Hasani Pour and Ayatollah Shafini look on. **Pic: Ruzaik Farook**



The 95th anniversary celebrations of Girl Guiding in Sri Lanka, organised by the Girl Guides in collaboration with Little Friends of Lyceum International School, Nugegoda, was held recently at the school premises. Here the chief guest, President, Seva Vanitha, Sri Lanka Army branch, Mrs. Manjulika Jayasuriya, Coordinating Principal Mrs. Kumari Grero and Chief Commissioner, Sri Lanka Girl Guides' Association Mrs. Shantha Jayalath cut the anniversary cake. Founder, Lyceum International Schools Mohan Lal Grero, Principal, Ms. Wenuri Hettiarachchi and parents were also present.



Palitha Jayakody's latest book *Ma pem bendi Bharathaya* was launched at Dayawansa Jayakody Bookshop, Colombo 10 recently. Here publisher Dayawansa Jayakody hands over the first copy to the author Chandrasiri Dassanayake. Prabhath Mirihagalle, W.K. Gunadasa and V. Ashokananda look on.



The "Buddha Rashmi-2012" Vesak Zone organised by the Pugoda South Asia Textile Private Co., was held at the company's premises recently. Here the Western Provincial Councillor Ravi Wijesekera commissions the illuminations. Company Chairman Sithendra Senarathne, CEO, Prithiv Dorei, HR Manager Naroshan Weerakom and Dompe PS Member Ajith Sisira Kumara were also present. **Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor.**



A cash donation ceremony for five differently-abled persons was held at Modera, organised by the Navodya Youth Foundation (NYF), to mark May Day. Here a child receives his gift from the President of the Foundation S.K. Krishna while the members look on. **Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.**



Traditional Rabana beating was one of the highlights at the Eheliyagoda Yovun Bak Maha Ulela at the public grounds, Eheliyagoda. **Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.**



The May Day rally of the Ceylon Estate Staff Union was held in Badulla Town. Here (from left) D.M. Piyathilaka (Vice President), S.S. Jayakumar (Vice President), Anton Warnakulasuriya (Deputy President), D.K. Jayawardena (President), G.K. Karunaratne (Treasurer) and E.G. Ratnayake (General Secretary) leading the parade. **Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN cor.**



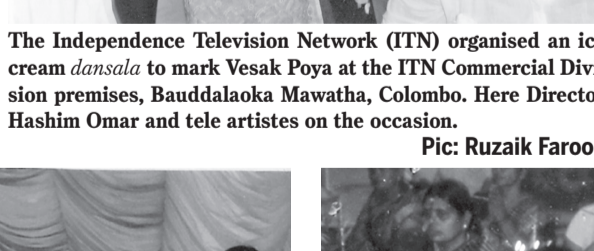
The Independence Television Network (ITN) organised an ice cream *dansala* to mark Vesak Poya at the ITN Commercial Division premises, Bauddalaoka Mawatha, Colombo. Here Director Hashim Omar and tele artists on the occasion. **Pic: Ruzaik Farook**



"A Handful of Nails" organised by the Ceylon Bible Society with "CHRAFT" and directed by Jerome L. de Silva was staged recently at Christ Church Hall, Galle Face, Colombo 3. From left: chief Guests Mrs. Lilanie Schaffter, Chandra Schaffter, Deputy Chairman, Janashakthi Insurance PLC Maj. Douglas President, Ceylon Bible Society, Mrs. Gita Wijesinha, Mrs. Priyanti and Rev. (Dr.) A.W. Jebanesan, Vice President, Ceylon Bible Society.



Karl and Marion Eyerkauser of Main - Kinzig - Kreis of Germany donated medical items to the Naleem Hajjar dental clinic, Beruwala recently. **Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.**



The New Year festival for senior citizens in the Kurunegala district was held at the Bingiriya Divisional Secretariat under the guidance of Divisional Secretary, Bingiriya. Here M.D. Somaratne womenfolk take part in the competitions. **Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.**



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A "Yovun Avurudu Kumari" contestant displays her dancing skills at the New Year celebrations held on a grand scale at the public grounds, Eheliyagoda. **Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.**



The *Thiruvilakku* pooja was held in all Hindu kovils and societies islandwide on Vesak Full Moon Poya Day. Here a similar ceremony is being held at the Sri Venkateswarar Maha Vishnu kovil, Modera, Colombo 15. **Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.**



The Sri Lanka Chamber of the Pharmaceutical Industry, a broad alliance of manufacturers, importers, marketers, wholesalers and retailers, trusted healthcare industry presented their Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices at the BMICH recently. Here President of the Chamber Vish Govindasamy hands over the updated version to Minister of Health Maitripala Sirisena in the presence of a large gathering of industry representatives, Health Ministry officials and the media.

EVENTS

Seminar on 'Graphics and Multimedia' at SLIP

The Sri Lanka Institute of Printing (SLIP) has organised a workshop on Graphic Design and Multimedia education on May 20 from 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the institute. The seminar will give an understanding of the use of essential graphic software packages in the industry.

Benefit show

G.D.L. Perera's "Lakshmi, Maya and Sugath" will be screened at Sausiripaya, Wijerama Road, Colombo 7 on May 20 at 6 p.m. The proceeds will be in aid of scholarships from the Alumni of the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya (1960-1969) for needy undergraduates of the Peradeniya University.

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MEP organiser for Homagama Yadamini Gunawardena and Director, National Archives of Singapore Eric Tan Huck Gim discuss possible collaborations between Singapore and Sri Lanka to initiate cinematic and film archives in Sri Lanka. **Pic: Mohamed Imthiyaz, Colombo Central Thinakaran Cor.**

Sai Home for care and comfort at Hanwella

"Sathya Sai Suva Sevana", the Centre for Symptom Control of Cancer patients provides accommodation, comfort and loving care for cancer patients. The home is in Hanwella surrounded by a pleasant countryside. It has the features for patients to have care and comfort in a spiritual atmosphere. Accommodation is available for about twenty women and twenty men. All facilities for cancer patients are supplied free. The Sarva Dharma Shrine Room provides an opportunity of prayer and religious observances. The website is www.sri-sailanka.org