



The opening ceremony of a new block of the Mission Christ Church, Wattala was held recently. Here Archbishop of Colombo, the Most Rev. Dr. Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith opens the building while the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Basil Wickramasinghe and the Principal St. Anthony's College, Rev. Fr. Mal Fernando look on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Cor.



A felicitation ceremony for Dayawansa Jayakody who has completed 50 years in book publishing was held at the Vishva Bookshop, Yakkala recently. Here the proprietor of the bookshop Dharmadasa Panditharatne (left) presents the award to Jayakody. The Chief Incumbent of Kelaniya Rajamaha Vihara, Ven. (Prof) Kollupitiye Sangharakkhitha Thera, well-known authors Dr. Leel Gunasekera, Jayakody Seneviratne, Prabhath Mirihagalle and Damayanthi Jayakody look on.



The All Ceylon Muslim League Youth Front launched *Muslim Neethiya*, a book by Attorney-at-Law Karunaratne Herath at the BMICH recently. Here Moulavi M.S.M. Thassim receives a copy from Supreme Court Judge, Justice Saleem Marsoof. Chief guest Faisz Musthapha PC, Attorney General Palitha Fernando PC, former Minister of Information Imthiyaz Bakeer Markar, Youth Front President Rasheed M. Imthiyas and former MMC Azath Salley look on.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The skeleton of Heiyantuduwa tusker, Raja who carried the sacred Tooth Relic for several years was exhibited recently at the National Museum, Colombo. Here Minister of Cultural Affairs Jagath Balasuriya presents an award to the taxidermist, Mrs. Chamalka Kotalawela.



A blood donation campaign was organised by the Samadhi Padanama to mark the 42nd birthday of Western Provincial Council Minister Udaya Gammanpila. Here the Minister donates blood.

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



The newly built dental surgery for children in the age group 1 1/2 to 13 years at the Maharagama Oral Health Institute was opened recently by the Deputy Director General (Training and Education) Dr. Sunil De Alwis. Here Dr. Alwis lights the oil lamp while the Dental Assistants look on.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



A ceremony to mark Prophet Mohamed's birthday and a prize-giving for the winners of an oratory contest organised by the Islamic Cultural Institute was held at the P.A.M. Merlin Hall, Wellawatte recently. Here former Colombo Mayor and Special Commissioner Omar Kamil presents a memento to the United Arab Emirates Ambassador in Sri Lanka, Abdul Hamid Almulla, the chief guest. Mayor A.J.M. Muzammil looks on.

Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



Indrani Rathnasekara conferred with the Civil Order of Merit by the King of Spain Juan Carlos to promote bilateral relations between Sri Lanka and Spain. Here the Spanish Ambassador in India, Gustavo de Aristegui presents the silver medal to Rathnasekara at a function held recently at the Consulate Office in Colombo. The Chancellor of the Foreign Ministry of Spain, Javier Salido and Hony Consul of Spain in Sri Lanka Priya Jayawardena look on.



A new building of Ganeshimulla Primary School, Minuwangoda was opened by WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga recently. Ruwan Ranatunga MP and Western Provincial Councillor, Lionel Jayasinghe are also in the picture.

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



Fathimath Zahira Ladies Arabic College, Kalmunai organised the Meelad-un-Nabi celebrations at the Kalmunai Town Hall recently. Here Makkathar Majeed hoists the flag.

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



The 65th Independence Day celebrations were held at the Kalutara District Secretariat with Transport Minister Kumara Welgama as the chief guest. Here WPC member Sugath Mathugamage puts on a pair of spectacles on a beneficiary. WPC member Sumith Lal Mendis, Kalutara GA, U.D.C. Jayalal, Kalutara Additional District Secretary, Sirisoma Lokuwithana and WPC Councillor, Chandrabanu Dissanayake are also in the picture.

Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Daily News Cor.



The drinking water project at Akkara 40 in Kurana South, conducted by the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority got off the ground with a ground-breaking ceremony by Kalutara district Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka recently. The project will cost around Rs. 2,500,000 and 150 families will benefit. Ven. Kabellekande Seelarata Thera and Vice Chairman of the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha Ashoka Ranathunga were present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz accompanies the District Secretary of Puttalam M. Kingsly Fernando and other guests to the venue for the opening of the upper floor of the Puttalam Public Library.

Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



Minister of Agriculture, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana paid a visit to the office of the Asst. Director of Agriculture, Addalaichenai, in the Ampara district recently. UPFA parliamentarian P.H. Piyasena, Eastern Province Minister of Road Development, M.S. Udumalebbe, Secretary to the Ministry, W. Sakalasooriya, Addl. Secretary, G.A.M.S. Emathiyagoda, Public Relations Officer and Media Secretary Robinsanga Amarasesa, Deputy Director of Agriculture, A.R.A. Latheef, Retired Divisional Secretary A.L. Ibralebbe and Asst. Director of Agriculture M.F.A. Zaneer were also present.

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



A three-day leadership workshop and camp for youth of the Kottawa Youth Clubs Federation was held recently at Ananda Maha Vidyalaya, Kottawa, with the decentralised funds of Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardene. Here the Minister presents a certificate to a trainee. Urban Councillors Jagath Pathirana, Pradeep Liyanage and Divisional Secretary Mrs. Buddhi Taranga Karunasena were also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



His Holiness Moulana Sheikh Afeefdin Al Jailany who was the chief guest at the final ceremony of the Golden Jubilee celebrations organised by the Galle Muslim Cultural Association (Inc.), Senior Minister of Urban Development, A.H.M. Fowzie, the guest of honour and guest speaker from Yemen, Founder Al-Razi Institute, Boston, Shaykh Imadudeen Abu Hijleeh, being conducted from the Galle Fort Meeran Mosque to the venue at the Galle ramparts.



The Viludhu Ladies Welfare Association of Thilliyadi, Puttalam, celebrated Thai Pongal at its office and all three communities; Tamil, Sinhala and Muslim participated. Here the office is being decorated.

Pic: A.S. Bulki, Puttalam Central Gr. Cor.



The Sri Lanka Jamat-e-Islami (Colombo Central branch) organised the 65th Independence Day celebrations at the R. Premadasa Memorial Hospital, Maligawatte. Here the District Medical Officer Dr. R.M. Subasinghe hoists the national flag. Attorney-at-Law M.R.M. Salman, M.I.M. Irshad, Head Sister Chandra Gunarathna and the hospital staff are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook

## EVENTS

### Prof.H.V.J. Fernando memorial oration on Feb 23

The Prof. H.V.J. Fernando memorial oration will be delivered at the 11th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka on February 23 at the Lionel Memorial auditorium of the Sri Lanka Medical Association, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7.

Former Attorney General of Sri Lanka C.R. De Silva PC will be the chief guest while Secretary, Ministry of Health Dr. Nihal Jayathilaka will be the guest of honour.

Head and Senior Professor of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, University of Colombo, Prof. Ravindra Fernando will deliver the inaugural Prof.H.V.J. Fernando memorial oration on "The Concept of Grievous Hurt in the Penal Code of Sri Lanka."

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Can I strip myself of the network of language?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Amla Nursery School Hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m.

It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.



Social Services Minister Felix Perera opens the latest branch of the Atamie International School at Kanuwana, Ja-ela recently. Director Dr. Azad Udumman and Branch Principal Mrs. Navaneetha Rajendran are also in the picture

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



The President of Puttalam District Tamil Correspondents' Association, J.Z.A. Namaz briefs the North Western Provincial Minister of Fisheries, Electricity, Road Development and Housing, Sanath Nishantha on the 'e-paper' of the local newspaper *Puththelil* at the website launch ceremony.

Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



A training program for unemployed women in Ward No.5 of Puttalam Town, was conducted by the Ministry of Economic Development recently. Here the trainees turn out footwear.

Pic: A.S. Bulki, Puttalam Central Gr. Cor.



The annual prize-giving of Alif Qran Madarasa, Galle was held recently. Here Minister of Justice Al-Haj Rauf Hakeem addresses the gathering.

Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Around 200 electronic and print media journalists of the Sabaragamuwa Province received free bus passes by the Provincial Council recently at the PC auditorium. Here Sabaragamuwa Chief Minister, Mahipala Herath addresses the journalists prior to the distribution.

Pic: Nimal Wijayaratna, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



A certificate-presentation ceremony to students, who had completed the Bridal Dressing and Beauty Culture Course, conducted by the Ministry of Traditional Art Affairs was held at the Sri Sumanajothi College, Ingiriya recently. The course which was held at the Traditional Centre, Ingiriya was conducted by Mrs. Vipuli Mahesha Wellala.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.