



A ceremony to felicitate senior personalities in recognition of their contribution to the literary field at the *Sahitya Visha* was held at the Central College premises, Kotahena, Colombo 13 recently. The event was jointly organised by the Colombo Divisional Secretariat and the Cultural Authority Council. Here Mrs. Amara Nilangani Dhanaseeli receives the *Kala Pradeepa* award from the guest of honour Dharmadasa Galaboda, Principal, Central College, Colombo 13. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Samaye Geethaya, the song of Peace under the Mega Inter Cultural program was held at Christ Church auditorium, Galle Face, Colombo 3 recently, to celebrate World Children's Day, organised by the Christian Affairs Unit of the Presidential Secretariat and the Child Foundation for Inter Religious and Ethnic Harmony. Here the First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa, the chief guest is being greeted on arrival by Rev. Sarath Hettiarachchi, President of the Foundation.



The commemoration ceremony of the late Rev. Fr. Thaninayagam was held at St. Benedict's College Hall, Kotahena, Colombo 13 recently, organised by the St. Benedict's College Literature Forum and the Thuramarai Kala Mandram. Here Rev. Sr. Mary Anucia lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the ceremony. Rt. Rev. Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo, Emmanuel Fernando, Rev. Fr. Yogaraj and Kalamadram Co-ordinator Ambrose Peter are also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Dr. A.M.A. Azeez Foundation organised the A.M.A. Azeez oration at the YMAA auditorium, Colombo 9 recently. Here veteran journalist P. Balasingham presents a book titled 'A.M.A. Azeez - Early Life and Tributes' to the guest speaker, Dr. M.A. Nuhman, Professor Emeritus in Tamil, University of Peradeniya. Foundation President S.H.M. Jameel, YMAA President K.W. Deen and Prof. A.M. Ishaq were also present. Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The annual feast (*Varusabisekam*) of Arulmigu Sri Ilanga Maha Kaliyamma Kovil, Ratnam Road, Kochchikade, Colombo 13 was held under the patronage of the President's Co-ordinator for Hindu Religious Affairs, R. Babu Sarma. Here the Chief Priest, S. Maheswaran Kurukkal conducts the special pooja. Chief Trustee S. Sathyanathan and the board members are also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Floral tributes were laid at the statue of Pieter Keuneman, former Housing and Construction Minister at the Maradana junction organised by the Pieter Keuneman Committee. Here the Committee Secretary, M.A. Razi addresses the gathering. Senior Ministers A.H.M. Fowzie, Prof. Tissa Vitharana, Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Deputy Mayor, Titus Perera and Committee Member Rajah Collure are also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Why is our house in disorder?" delivered by the late Indian sage, Jiddu Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 am. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

Holy Trinity Church's annual convention

The annual convention of the Holy Trinity College will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Prince of Wales Avenue, Grandpass, Colombo 14 from October 17-20. The sessions will be from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm each day, followed by an Evangelical meeting till 7.30 pm.

OFFICE-BEARERS

Sri Lanka Federation of Visually Impaired Women

Chairperson: Mrs. Violet Yakandawala, **Secretary:** Mrs. Padma Kumari Karunathilake. **Vice President:** Mrs. Shalika Rajapaksa **Asst. Secretary:** Mrs. Dhammika Priyadharshani **Treasurer:** Mrs. Deepali Karunanayake **Working committee:** Mrs. Sumana Pathirana, Mrs. A.M.D. Lalitha, Mrs. B. Ranga Devi, Mrs. A.K. Rajapaksa and Mrs. Nesansala Peiris.



A ceremony was held by the Health Department of the Southern Provincial Council recently at the Matara Co-operative Hall to present awards to midwives in the Matara district. Here the Chief Minister, SPC, Shan Wijeyal de Silva presents an award to a midwife. Pic: A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Cor.



The Aharam Social Organisation, Pandiruppu released a CD film *Vimosanam* at the Pandiruppu Cultural Hall recently, presided over by S. Thuyjandan. Here parliamentarian Pon. Selvarasa presents the first issue of the CD to S. Srirangan, the Technical Officer to the DS Office, Kalmunai. Parliamentarian P. Ariyanenthiran, Eastern Provincial Councillor, M. Rajeswaran and film director, Akkaraipakkian are also in the picture. Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalachenai Central Cor.



The launch of the Tamil book titled *Ethanai Venduvom* authored by Mrs. Sumadhi Kugadasan was held at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here Tamil novelist, Neervai Ponnaian presents the maiden copy to well-known social worker, Mrs. Sakundaladevi Nithyanandan while the author looks on. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The ceremonial opening of the renovated Staff Development Centre (SDC) of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka was held recently under the patronage of the Vice Chancellor Dr. S.M. Mohamed Ismail. Here Chairman, SDC of the Universities, Prof. H. Abeygunawardena, the chief guest opens the building. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mohamed Ismail, Registrar H. Abdul Sathar, Staff Development Centre, Director S.M. Ahmed Lebbe and CEDPL Director A.M. Mustapha were also present. Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalachenai Gr. Cor.



The awards-presentation ceremony of the Drama Diploma course conducted by the National Youth Services Council and the Youth Affairs and Skills Development Ministry was held recently at the Sri Lanka Youth Theatre, Maharagama. Here Director Operations, Ajith Navagala presents a certificate to a diploma holder. Pic: Wehella Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The certificate-awarding ceremony organised by the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council was held at the Athaula auditorium recently. Here the chief guest, Mayor A. Ahmed Zackie presents a certificate to a member of the Solid Waste Management committee. Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalachenai Central Cor.



Six persons from the Colombo North area were rewarded for their valuable services rendered to the community recently at a ceremony organised by the Community Development and Socio-Cultural Integration Committee of the CMC at St. Mary's Church, Mattakuliya, Colombo 15. Here a well-known social worker M.M. Maria Savarie receives his award and certificate from Colombo Mayor A.H.M. Muzammil. Committee Chairman Douglas Seneviratna, Deputy Mayor Titus Perera look on. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



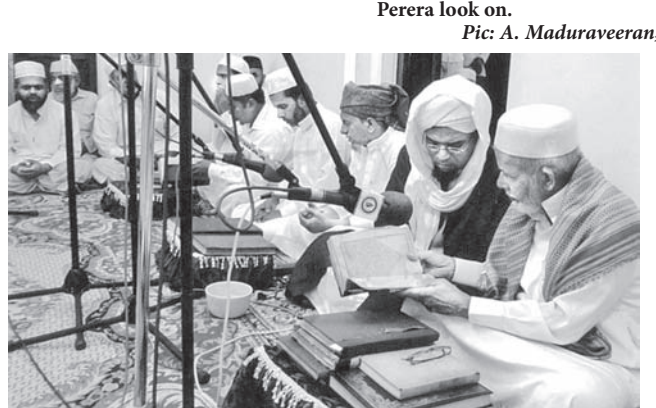
The Local Government and Provincial Councils Ministry allocated a JCB vehicle to the Municipal Council, Akkaraipattu recently. Here Senok Trade Combine (Pvt) Ltd, Marketing Executive, Niruban Balasubramaniam hands over the vehicle keys to the Mayor Athaulah Ahmed Zackie. Municipal Commissioner, A.L.M. Azmi and Municipal Engineer, A.M.M. Hakeem were also present. Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalachenai Central Cor.



The YMAA, Matara "Bodu Pubuduwa" Pamburana and the Matara Bodhi Araksaka Sabawa jointly commemorated the birth anniversary of Anagarika Dharmapala at the Matara Bodhi statue. Here Matara Municipal Councillor Raj Chandralal garlands the statue. Pic: A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Cor.



A ceremony to felicitate Abdul Sameem Mohamed Rauf Hajjiyar for completing 30-years of service at the U.C. Beruwala, was organised by the Welfare Society of the U.C. Beruwala. Here U.C. Secretary, H.H. Indrani de Silva presents an award to Al-Haj Rauff. Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The annual Saheehul Buhari Majlis of Kechimala Darga, Beruwala was held recently. Ash Shik Kalib Alavi Alim, Moulavi A.R.M. Silmi Alim Moulavi Ahmed Zaki Alim are also in the picture. Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



An awareness program on the new vehicle stopping system in the Ingiriya Town was held at the Deepaloka Temple, Ingiriya recently, organised by the Ingiriya police. Here OIC, Ingiriya, Udaya Kumara and others at the awareness program. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Directors of Sri Lanka held its 354th meeting at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, under the patronage of Prof. Mahinda S. Rupasinghe, Vice Chancellor, Sabaragamuwa recently. Here Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jaffna, Prof. (Ms) Vasanthi Arasaratnam plants a sapling. Vice Chancellor of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Dr. S.M. Mohamed Ismail is on her right. Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalachenai Gr. Cor.



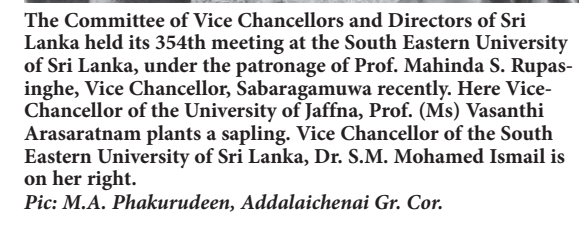
The staff of Eheliyagoda Post Office conducted a blood donation campaign to mark the 139th World Postal Day, during which 139 pints of blood were donated to the Blood Bank, Ratnapura. Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The social welfare organisation "The friends" of Mahara close to Eheliyagoda held a festival to mark World Elders' Day at Mahara Purana Vihayaya hall. Here the Eheliyagoda District Medical Officer, Dr. U.D. Premaratna and the guests light the oil lamp prior to the commencement of a special medical clinic for elders. Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



A shramadana campaign organised by staffers of the Representative Office of the Provincial Service Centre, Colombo and Singer Sri Lanka was held in Nachchimale in Ingiriya recently with assistance from the Environmental Unit of the Ingiriya police and the Horana Pradeshia Sabha. The Chairman of the Horana Pradeshia Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusinghe, Divisional Secretary, Ingiriya, Champa Upasena and over 100 volunteers participated. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Campaign huts and plastic chairs were presented to the Gampaha District Media Forum, from the fund allocations of the Western Provincial Councillor, Meril Perera recently. Here WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga and Provincial Councillor Meril Perera present the items to the President, District Media Forum, A. Jayathilake. Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Santha Ketherinewatte Road in Kaduwela, Hokandara South which was repaired with the Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmaga's allocations was vested with the public. Kaduwela Municipal Councillor Manoj Bethmaga and office bearers of the social societies were also present. Pic: Wehella Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The seven-a-side Football Tournament organised by the Ragama Diyagala Boys' Town to mark its 50th anniversary was held at the Boys' town grounds, recently. St. Benedict's College Football Team won the championship, beating Naganathan College Team of Mannar (4-2). Here the team captain Ishan Shanaka receives the Challenge Trophy from the chief guest, Rev. Bro. Denzil Perera. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A one-day awareness program for betel cultivators in Horana area was held at the Divisional Secretariat auditorium, Horana recently, organised by the Distribution Officer of the Minor Export Crops, Horana Division, Dilrukshi Rathnayaka. Here an officer of the Betel Investigation Centre, Halani Chandrarathna speaks to the cultivators. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.