



Ven. Kiribathgoda Gnanananda Thera's *Namo Buddhaya 6,7* and *Milindas Raja Prashnaya - 2* were launched recently at the Mahamevula Meditation Centre auditorium, Polgahawela. Here the publisher Dayawansa Jayakody presents the copies of the books to the author. Dayawanthi Jayakody, Mali Pieris and Sujatha Ratnavali Gunatilleke look on.



Principal of Sri Chandanada Buddhist School, Ven. Dr. Mangala Thera presents the school souvenir to the chief dayaka of the Sri Bodhiraja Vihara, Kandy, P.D. Hemapala at the principal's office recently.

Pic: Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



The A.J.M. Muzammil Foundation and the Kanthasaviya Women's Organisation organised the International Women's Day at the New Town Hall, Colombo recently. Here the chief guest, Mrs. Petra Morhard, wife of the German Ambassador lights the oil lamp. Mayor of Colombo, A.J.M. Muzammil and the President of Kanthasaviya, Mrs. Feroza Muzammil look on.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A blood donation campaign was organised to celebrate the 44th birthday of former WPC Minister Udhaya Gammanpila at the Jayasekaramaya, Rajagiriya recently. Here MP Namal Rajapaksa and Gammanpila donate blood.

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



The award ceremony for winners of the Blind Chess competition was held at the National YWCA auditorium, Rotunda Gardens, Colombo 3 recently, organised by the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind (SLCB) to mark its 39th anniversary. Here the first prizewinner, L.A. Vipul Indrajith of Ranaviru Sevana, Ragama receives his certificate from the chief guest, Central Bank Governor, Ajith Nivard Cabraal. Chairman, Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital, Nimal Bandara and President, SLCB, Amaradasa Gunawardena look on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister W.D.J. Seneviratne presents a *Rambima* title deed to a beneficiary in Mapalagama, Ratnapura. Divisional Secretary, Ratnapura, Chithra Kotewatha is also in the picture.

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



The Regional Development Bank, Batticaloa opened a branch at Amirthahaly Sri Sriithy Vinayagar Vidyalayam recently, to mark the Bank's third anniversary. Here the principal Mrs. N. Tharmaseelan presents a gift item to a student. Uva Regional General Manager, D.D.M.S. Kumara looks on.

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



A batch of 99 new students were registered at the Engineering Faculty of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka recently. Here Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.M. Mohamed Ismail speaks to the parents who had come from various parts of the country. Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr. S.M. Junaideen was also present.

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



The Wellampitiya branch of the National Savings Bank awarded prizes to women account holders to mark International Women's Day recently. Here an account holder, Mrs. Seetha Ranjini Botteju lights the oil lamp. NSB Colombo District Divisional Manager P. Wastuhewa, Branch Manager, P. Palihakkara and Publicity Officer, Padmasiri Gunawardena were also present.

Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



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



The Tamil book titled *Moli Veli Kadanthu* authored by popular novelist, Memon Kavi was launched at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here the publisher, Sirisumana Godage presents the first copy to ITN Director, Hasim Omar while well-known writers Teliwatta Joseph, K. Durairaj and the author (centre) look on.

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



The Sir Razeek Fared Pre School, Akkaraipattu Town Division No.3 organised a welcome ceremony for new students at the school premises recently. Here Assistant Director of Education, N. Jamaldeen addresses the gathering. Ampara District Rural Development Officer, H. Kaleel Ur Rahman, RDS President, P.T. Zainulabdeen, principal S.L.A. Raheem and Development Officer M.A. Aroos are also in the picture.

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



The foundation stone for a bridge across Kadiran-dola on the Dangala-Banagala Road in Pitabeddara Pradeshiya Sabha area was laid recently. Here Deputy Minister of Economic Development S.M. Chandrasena cuts the first sod. Deputy Minister of Public Administration, Wijaya Dahanayake is also in the picture.

Pic: Theja Vidyarupa, Akuressa Gr. Cor.



The Nenasala Centre, Kalmunai held its annual certificate-awarding ceremony at Kalmunai Mahmud Ladies' College Hall recently. Here the Medical Superintendent of the Kalmunai Ashroff Memorial Hospital, Dr. A.L.M. Nazeer presents a certificate to a student. Nenasala Director, Mohamed Haja looks on.

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



The Eastern Province Director of Education, M.T.A. Nizam was honoured by principal, staff and students of Kalmunai Al-Misbah Vidyalaya at a ceremony at the school auditorium, in appreciation of his contribution to the education sector in the Eastern Province. Here the principal A.M.M. Fared presents a souvenir to Nizam.

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



The Airline Academy held its awards ceremony at the Grand Oriental Hotel recently. Here a participant receives an award from the chief guest, Mrs. Dayamal Fernando, Senior Reservations and Ticketing Supervisor, Saudi Arabian Airlines. Mrs. Mayoni Perera, Airline Cabin Crew Instructress who conducted the course was also present.



The Accountant of the Akkaraipattu Zonal Education Office, K. Rizvi Yahzar assumed duties as acting Accountant of the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council recently. Here Municipal Commissioner, A.L.M. Azmi receives the letter from Yahzar. Municipal Council officials were also present.

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



The Batticaloa Cultural Centre organised a certificate-awarding ceremony for women in the Ampara and Batticaloa districts at the Centre recently. Here the Divisional Secretary, Manmunai North, S. Kiritharan presents certificates to a group of women.

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



A meeting was held recently between Akkaraipattu Mayor A. Ahmed Zackie and the fish vendors of the Akkaraipattu fish market to discuss shortcomings.

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



A computer was donated to the Public Library of Hendala, Wattala by the Readers' Circle recently. Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha member, Neil Shantha, Librarian Mrs. Rajitha Gangan and members participated.

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

## Events

### AGM of ISF on March 28

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Industrial Security Foundation (ISF Sri Lanka) will be held at the Capri Club, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 3 on Friday, March 28 at 6.00 p.m.

### Sing-A-Long on March 22

The Sri Lanka Housewives' Association will hold its annual fund-raiser, Sing-A-Long 2014, on March 22 at the BMICH Banquet Hall, Colombo 7 from 6.30 p.m. Chandi Hettiarachchi and her C&C band will be in attendance.

A part of the proceeds will be donated towards the Cancer Transit Homes, Maharagama and to the orphaned, differently-abled and mentally retarded children. The event is coordinated by Yasmin Packeer (2449715) and Ameena (0774747298, 2363953).

### Thamam program on March 23

The Refai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka held its flag-hoisting ceremony to mark the 137th year Rifai Feast flag-hoisting ceremony recently to commemorate His Holiness Sulthanal Aarifeen Seyyidna Ahamadul Kabereer Rifai at the First Mosque Lane, Colombo. In this connection the *Thamaam* program will be held on March 23 at 10.30 a.m. under the patronage of His Holiness Rifai Moulana Al Haj U.P. Seyyed Muhammad Ashique Thangal.

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded power talk on "Can one slow down the ageing process of the mind?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m.

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

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