



Ven. Vanawasi Rahula Thera, the pioneer of the National Namal Uyana project launched a scheme to donate houses to 25 low-income families in the area, on the instructions of National Namal Uyana Trust, Chairman and Hambantota district MP Namal Rajapaksa. Here the Ven Thera lays the foundation stone for the first house at Rajapaya. Commander of the Galkiriyagama Civil Defence Training College, Major Marasinghe looks on.



The Nintavur branch of the Bank of Ceylon celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Bank of Ceylon recently. Branch Manager M.I.M. Haniffa presided. Here the chief guest, Ampara Area Manager, J.G. Priyanda Kumara addresses the gathering.

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



Mohammed Cassim Jiffrey Mohammed Nijad, a past pupil of St. Aloysius' College, Galle who had found 11 packets of gems to the value of Rs. 6.5 million at the China Fort Gem Market, Beruwala and had returned it to its owner, Mohamed Riyal of Eheliyagoda. Here Nijad receives a reward of Rs. 150,000 from Riyal.

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



A discussion on Budget 2015 organised by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development was held under the patronage of Minister Dr. Rajitha Senarathne with the Secretary to the Treasury, Dr. P.B. Jayasundara at the Ministry Auditorium recently. Deputy Minister Sarathkumara Gunarathne, Ministry Secretary, Dr. D.M.R.B. Dissanayake and Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Pushpa Wellappili were also present.

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



Central Province Governor, Tikiri Kobbekaduwa was the chief guest at the P.T. Rajan Memorial Cricket Tournament held recently at the Asgiriya grounds recently. From left: Nihal Ellegala (Captain, Digana Rotary Club), Ajith Jayasinghe (Member of the organising committee), Suri Rajan, chief organiser and chief sponsor and John Baskaran (member of the organising committee).

Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs W.D.J. Seneviratne commissioned the Thunandahena drinking water project in Ratnapura recently. Here the Minister unveils the plaque.

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



The Eastern Province Rural Development Department conducted a two-day workshop on 'Livelihood awareness programs for women' in the Ampara district at the Akkaraipattu Cultural Centre auditorium recently. Here the chief guest, Eastern Province Chief Ministry Secretary, U.L.A. Azees addresses the inaugural session. Ampara District Rural Development Officer, H. Kaleel ur Rahman and Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat Rural Development officer A.B.M. Sheriff were also present.

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



A school on the Silavaththurai-Puttalam road, Hunais Farook Mixed School was opened recently. Here Minister of Commerce and Industry Rishad Bathiudeen, Hunais Farook MP and Member of the Northern Provincial Council Rifkhan Bathiudeen at the unveiling ceremony.

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



Business entrepreneur Jayasiri Silva who was appointed Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka by the Government of Botswana is being greeted by the Botswana High Commissioner Losego Ethal Motsumi at a ceremony at the Hotel Taj Samudra recently.

Pic: Mohamed Imthiyas, Colombo Central Spl. Cor.



Regional Director of Health Services, Kalmunai Dr. A.L. Alawdeen gets his blood pressure checked at the non-communicable diseases medical camp held for its employees at the Kalmunai RDHS office, recently.

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



The Bank of Ceylon, Akkaraipattu branch presented gifts to customers recently. Here the Manager M.A.M.A. Naseer presents a gift to an account holder. Asst. Manager I.M. Munawwar looks on.

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



The fortieth day memorial Kathamul Quran and Dua Recital Majlis of Masjids Trustee of Panadura, Thotawatha and industrialist. Al Haj A.W.M. Makeen was held at the Wattalpole residence, under the patronage of Colombo Grand Masjid Chief Katheeb, Kaleefathul Kulafa Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed Bahji recently. Here Asseyid Alavi Mowlana Mursi conducts the Dua recital. Thotawatha Grand Jumma Masjid, Chief Katheeb, Kaleefathu Shazuli Moulavi M.T.M. Ilyas Bahji, Milfer Makeen and guests are also in the picture.

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



The diploma awarding ceremony of the Ceylon-German technical training institute was held at the BMICH recently. Over 350 trainees received their diploma certificates. Here Milind Laxan receives his diploma in Airconditioning from the Secretary to the Ministry B. Wijayarathne. Director/Principal Santha B. Karunaratne was also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



A committee member of the Dharmaraja College Old Boys' Association, Anura Fernando speaks at the monthly meeting of the General Committee recently. President Sarath Fernando (third from left), Treasurer, Tissa Karunaratne (second from left) and the Secretary, Walter Ranasinghe look on.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Senior executives of the Bank of Ceylon head office including the Deputy General Manager G.H. Chandrasiri (Support Service), K.E.D. Sumanasiri (Human Resource), Senarath Bandara (Planning), S. Jayasooriya and Business Process and Re Engineering Project Manager, T.A.L. Jayakody visited the Nintavur branch to inspect the 5-S system and its progress. Branch Manager, M.I.M. Haniffa, Assistant Manager, M.Y.A. Naseer, Customer Service Manager, A.R.M. Thawfeek were also present.

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



The new Southern Provincial Councillor Kankanam Gamage Kapila (UNP) took his oaths before the Governor, Southern province, Dr. Kumari Balasuriya at the Governor's Secretariat, Galle recently. The vacancy was created following the death of member Kapila Jayantha Wellappili. Governor's Secretary, Lal Samarasekera and Asst. Secretary, E.P.I.G. Pathirana are also in the picture.

Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.



Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka-Indonesia Friendship Association 2014/2015: From left (seated): Marleena Laxana, Joe Karunaratne, Adinda Minardi (Embassy), Alaa Cicilia Warandy (Embassy), Patrick Rodrigo, M. Baharin Haled (President), H.E. Harimawan Suyitno (Ambassador for Indonesia), Hilmi Junaid (Secretary), Wazir Sourjah, Iqram Cuttilan (Treasurer), Mallika Edema, Felicia Sallay, Anura Perera (Asst. Treasurer). (Standing): Nihal Gooneratne, Ifthikar Aziz, Tony Saldin, Gamini Ranasinghe, Dr. Vijaya Corea and Major (Rtd) Chandana De Zoysa.



The 100th anniversary of the First World War was held at the Cultural Section of the Embassy of the Russian Federation, organised by the Military Attache. Here Military Attache Dimitry A. Mikhailosky addresses the gathering.

Pic: Vipula Amerasinghe



The 16th Godge National Literary Awards ceremony was held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute recently, under the patronage of Sirisumana Godge. Here popular Tamil writer *Deniaan* (Kandiah Nadesu) receives an award for his latest book *Kudimaigal* from Prof. Maunaguru.

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



The officer-in-charge of Islamic Affairs of the Saudi Arabian Embassy Asheik Salih Abdullah Al-Barrah congratulates a student during the annual prize-giving of Cassimiya Arabic College, Puttalam held recently at the Marhoom Mahmood Hasarath Hall. Principal Asheik Abdullah Mahmood Asslim looks on.

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



The *Varaladchumi* pooja was held at the Pandieruppu Sri Manikka Pillayar Hindu temple in the Kalmunai DS Division recently. Here the chief priest Sivasri M.K. Sabaret-nam Kurukkal conducts religious observances.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Thought and disorder" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School, 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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A farewell and felicitation ceremony for employees of the Samurdhi Division Secretariat's Office, Kelaniya who had retired from service, was held at the Pradeshiya Sabha Hall, Hunupitiya recently. Here the employees with Samurdhi Manager, Divisional Secretariat Office, Mrs. K. Pathmalatha, Pradeshiya Secretary, Kelaniya, Mrs. Pubuthika S. Bandara and Assistant Secretary Mrs. P.D. Rajika.

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



The 17th M.A. Bakeer Markar comemoration was held at the Royal College Skills Centre recently. Here Productivity Promotion Minister Basheer Segu Dawood addresses the gathering.

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