



Damayanthi Jayakody's *Gauthama Buddha Charithaya - 2 Asirimath Siddhartha Kumarayano* was launched recently in Kentucky, USA. Here the author's grandson Sukhitha Rukshan Gunasena presents a copy of the book to the Maha Sangha.



A batch of Grama Niladharis who were appointed to the Badulla district recently, received their appointments at the Badulla District Secretariat auditorium. Here Irrigation, Water Resources Management Minister, Nimal Siripala de Silva presents the letter to a new official. Uva Provincial Councillor, M.P. Leelasena and Additional District Secretary, M. Gamini Jopiaz look on. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



Senior Minister for International Monetary Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Sarath Amunugama addresses the delegates of the G24 during the IMF/World Bank Meeting in Washington, USA recently. The minister is flanked by representatives of South Africa and Swaziland. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



The opening ceremony of M. Manimuttu Hall donated by the chairman of the Malbo Trading Company, M. Manimuttu was held at the Sapugoda Maha Vihara, Beruwala recently. Here the Leader of the Opposition, Ranil Wickremesinghe, the chief guest addresses the gathering. *Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



Southern Province Governor Dr. Kumari Balasuriya views the exhibits after opening the Samadhi Granite Craft Shop in Baddegama recently. *Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



The WPC Agriculture Ministry won second place in the National Productivity Award 2012-13 contest with the first position not awarded. Here Minister Udaya Gammanpala presents the NPS Award to the chief guest, Western Province Governor, Alavi Moulana. Addl. Secretary, S.T. Kodikara, Actg. WP Chief Secretary, Daya Senarath were also present. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*

EVENTS

Anagarika Dharmapala lecture today

Former Asst. Director of the Department of Archaeology and former Co-ordinating Secretary to the Ministry of National Heritage Sirisarnam Wijetunge will deliver a lecture on 'Anagarika Dharmapala and the Sinhala Buddhist Society' at the YMBA auditorium, Piliyandala on today at 2.30 p.m., to mark the 15th birth anniversary of Srimath Anagarika Dharmapala.

Annual Family get-together

The Annual Family get-together of the Old Andians '89 Group will be held on November 2 at the Village End Holiday Resort, Bope, Padukka. The event is coordinated by Nalina (077-7311725), Roshan (072-5254308) and Kamantha (072-7863937).

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Meditation and the thinking machine' delivered by the late Indian sage Jiddu Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nuruge School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m.

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

Muharram at Hijra MV

The Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs and the Borella Ahadiyyah School have organised the Islamic New Year (*Muharram*) celebrations today at 9.30 a.m. at Al Hijra Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo.

OFFICE - BEARERS

Bentota Bodhi Protection Society

President: T.S.C.S. Dharmaratne
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Development Committee Chairman: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera
Secretary: S.L. Sirisena
Committee: Ranjith Kumarasiri, Vajira Walallawita, H.D. Premaratne, R.L.G. Jayasekera, M.P.S. Siriwardena, G. Gunasinghe.



The World Congress of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation (AAPSO) was held at the Grand Oriental Hotel recently, organised by the Sri Lanka Peace and Solidarity Council. Here Council President Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Minister, Dr. Rajitha Senarathne inaugurates the ceremony. President, AAPSO, Dr. Noorri Abdul Razak, Senior Minister Human Resources, D.E.W. Gunasekara and General Secretary, M.A. Rasvi look on. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



Twenty-one Grama Niladharis were appointed to the Mannar district recently. Here Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs W.D.J. Seneviratne presents the letter of appointment to a new recruit. Minister of Trade and Commerce Rishard Badiuddin, Ministry Secretary, P.B. Abeykoon look on. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



Ath Pehakam - 2014, the handloom textiles exhibition organised by the WPC Industrial Department was held at the Colombo Art Gallery recently. Deputy Minister of Water Supply and Drainage, Nirupama Rajapaksa was the chief guest. WPC Industrial, Art and Cultural Minister Udaya Gammanpala, acting Chief Secretary, Western Province, Daya Senarath are also in the picture. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Dr. Rajitha Senarathne unveils the plaque of the Halkandavila Sub Town Project, in Beruwala, built at a cost of Rs. 225 lakhs. Director of Health Services, Dr. Sujatha Senarathne, Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, Kushman de Silva and Vice Chairman Neville Ranjith are also in the picture. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



Senior Minister for International Monetary Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Sarath Amunugama met Naoyuki Sinohara, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, during the IMF and World Spring Meeting 2014 in Washington recently. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



Poet A.L. Thowfeek of Akkaraipattu released a book of poems titled *Then Kuliya* at the Akkaraipattu Cultural Hall recently. Here the chief guest, Ampara District Additional District Secretary, K. Wimalanathan receives a copy from the author. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The Mayor of the city of Rodenbach in Main-kinzig-Kreis, Germany, Schejna Klaus built eight houses for needy families in Maradana in Beruwala recently. Western Provincial Councillor, Ifthikar Jameel Marikar and M. Irsan Mohamed are also in the picture. *Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



The International White Cane Safety Day celebrations organised by the Social Services Ministry and the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind (SCB) was held at the Colombo Public Library auditorium recently. Here the chief guest, Senior Minister for Human Resources, D.E.W. Gunasekara presents a safety white cane pack to a beneficiary. President, SCB, Amaradasa Gunawardana and Asst. Secretary, Mrs. M. Mangala Weerasooriya are also in the picture. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



Senior citizens and former BoC officers in the Nintavur Division were felicitated recently by the Bank of Ceylon Nintavur branch, to mark the 75th anniversary of Bank of Ceylon recently. Branch Manager M.I.M. Haniffa presided over the function. Here the chief guest, BoC Ampara Area Manager J.G. Priyanda Kumara presents a memento to a retired officer. Assistant Manager, M.Y.A. Naseer, Customer Services Manager, A.R.M. Thawfeek were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The presentation of appointment letters to members of the Bentota Mediation Board was held at the Bentota Divisional Secretariat auditorium recently. Here Vice President of the Board, J. Induruwege receives his letter from the Divisional Secretary, Bentota, Wasantha Withanage. *Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



Twenty selected Tamil artists in Colombo were felicitated, to mark the death anniversary of the former Sri Lanka Tamil artist, U.P. Ganeshan, at the Sugathadasa Sports Hotel, Colombo recently, organised by the Thanthai Selva Welfare Society. Here Secretary, *Velli Nila Kalalayam*, Mrs. R. Helen Kumari Rajasekaram garlands a senior artist, Mallika Keerthi. Kalalayam President, R. Rajasekaram looks on. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



Prof. Bandusena Gunasekera was felicitated at a ceremony at the Galle M.C. auditorium, organised by the Municipal Council and the Dr. Richard Pathirana Library. Here Galle Mayor, Methsiri de Silva presents a memento to Prof. Gunasekera. *Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



The Local Government and Provincial Councils Ministry donated a fire and rescue vehicle worth Rs. 80 million to the Jaffna Municipal Council recently. Here Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister, A.L.M. Athaulah presents the keys of the vehicle to Mayor, U.D. Yogeswary Patkunarajah. Ministry Secretary R.A.A.K. Ranawakka, Coordinating Secretary, Eng. M.S. Naseer and Director, Eng. N.T.M. Sirajudeen were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



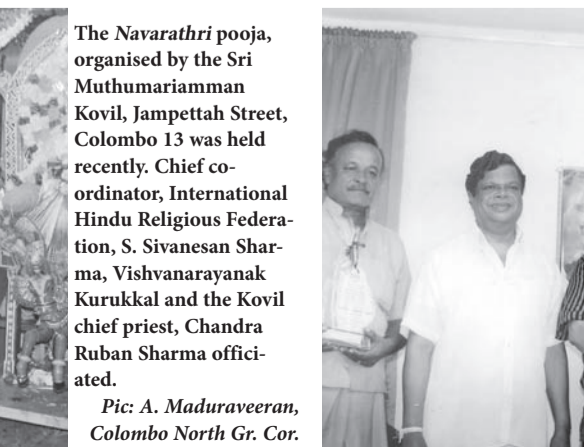
Minister of Civil Aviation Piyankara Jayaratne and the North Western Provincial Councillor Chinthaka Amal Mayadunne lay the foundation stone for the proposed weekly fair building at Aandigama at a cost of Rs. 11 million. *Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.*



The Past Prefects' Association of Zahira College, Colombo organised a football match between All Stars and the Cricket Stars at the College Grounds recently. Here the winning team captain of Cricket Stars, Mahela Jayawardena and team members with the trophy. *Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



The *Navarathri* pooja, organised by the Sri Muthumariamman Kovil, Jampettah Street, Colombo 13 was held recently. Chief co-ordinator, International Hindu Religious Federation, S. Sivanesan Sharma, Vishvanarayanak Kurukkal and the Kovil chief priest, Chandra Ruban Sharma officiated. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The awards presentation ceremony of the Pamunugama Poets' Association was held at the Pinbima Dharmayatana, Homagama recently. Education Minister Bandula Gunawardana and Cultural Minister T.B. Ekanayake were the chief guests. From left: The Best Poet, Podivatne Angamale, Minister Bandula Gunawardana, T.B. Ekanayake, Ananda Chandrapala and E.M. Thilakarathne Ekanayake. *Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.*