



A Dhammesana organised by the Hidogama Civil Defence Committee was held at the Hidogama Police Station to invoke blessings on the President, Government, country and its people and the success of the new police station building project. Here Nuwaragampalatha East Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman D.P. Bandulasena offering Pirikara to Ven. Nalanda Pavara Thera at the conclusion of the Dhammesana. Picture by Hidogama Group Corr.



Industrial Development Minister Kumara Welgama unveiling a plaque to open the concreted Sri Gangaramaya Temple Road at Remunagoda, Kogoda recently. Chief Incumbent of the temple Ven Athuraliya Somananda Thera, Ven. Badugama Sri Niwasa Thera and Western Province member Chandrabu Athikaram were also present. Picture by K.A. Perera - Wadduwa Special Correspondent

Urban Development and Sacred Area Development Minister Dinesh Gunawardena called on Vipassana Meditation teacher, Shri Satya Narayan Goenka in Mumbai recently. Shri Goenka told the Minister that Government officials, police officers and even prisoners in India were being given meditation courses. Minister Gunawardena told Shri Goenka that there were already two Vipassana Meditation Centres in Sri Lanka. He invited Shri Goenka to open another centre in the North to help the people who were traumatised by the recent conflict. The Minister presented a gift from Sri Lanka to Shri Goenka.



A blood donation campaign organised by Agromart Foundation Chitlaw Branch in memory of its founder, Beula Moonesinghe was held at its Chitlaw office recently. Here the blood donation campaign in progress. Picture by Arachchikattana Group Corr.

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The annual Inter-School Quiz contest organised by the Sri Lanka India Cultural Association of the Central Province (SLICA) was held at the Assistant Indian High Commission auditorium in Kandy.

Assistant Indian High Commissioner in Kandy, second Secretary O.P. Srivastava in his address congratulating the winning team and other participants emphasized the need to improve their general knowledge.

He said students should keep abreast with the current affairs by reading newspapers.

He praised SLICA efforts in organizing this annual event.

Earlier the Quiz Master and SLICA Vice President Tissa Wirasinghe traced the history of the Quiz contest.



Winners Kingswood team and runner-up Dhammaraja team with the chief guest Assistant Indian High Commission in Kandy Second Secretary O.P. Srivastava (seated fourth from left) and officials. Picture by Nimal Dissanayake - Senkadagala Group Corr.

Twelve teams - Kingswood College, Mahamaya Girls College, Mowbray, Pushpadana Girls' College, Badiuddin Mahmud College, Ranabima Royal College, St. Sylvester's College, Good Shepherd Convent, Swarna-

male Girls' College, Hillwood College, Mahanama and Dhammaraja College participated in the Quiz contest. Eight teams turned up for the contest. From three rounds of contests Kingswood College emerged the winners of the

C. Nadarajah Memorial Shield while Dhammaraja College won the runners-up cup awarded by SLICA. The members of the winning team and runners-up team were awarded replicas, while all participants were awarded certificates.



An inter-school new inventions exhibition and competition among schools in the Yatinuwara electorate was opened at the Yatinuwara Divisional Secretariat auditorium by Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa recently. Here Governor Kobbekaduwa at one of the stalls after the opening ceremony. Picture by Sanjaya Asoka Muttara



Power and Energy Minister W.D.J. Seneviratne opened the Gangodakanda Electrification Scheme in Kalawana Electorate at a cost of Rs 22 million under the Lighting Ratnapura program. Provincial Council Road Development and Tourism Minister Janaka Wakkumbura and Pradeshiya Sabha members were present.



A ceremony to issue certificates to pre-school teachers was held in Talawakelle organised by the Community Development and Social Inequality Eradication Ministry. Here Minister P. Chandrasekaran, Secretary Malika Karunaratne, Director S. Vijayachandran and participants.



Byigama Pradeshiya Sabha member P.W. Saman Weerasiri donated a new house to disabled soldier G. Ramesh Lakmal (23) of Giyambalape, Dalukkeleewatta recently. He is a father of one. Here Byigama SLFP Chief Organiser and Gampaha District MP Duleep Wijesekara hands over the keys of the house. Western Provincial Council member Gunasiri Jayanath and Byigama Pradeshiya Sabha Opposition Leader Nalin Senaka Dissanayake were also present. Picture by Mahanama Vithanga, Mahawa Group Correspondent



Akkaraipattu HICMA Institute of Technology held its 16th Convocation at Athaulah Arangam, Akkaraipattu recently with Water Supply and Drainage Minister A.H.M. Athaulah as the Chief Guest. Here, the Minister hands over a Certificate of Merit to a student who completed the course. Managing Director M.I. Ishadi, Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman A.L. Thawani and Minister's Coordinating Secretary A.B. Daswaw were also present. Picture by M.A. Piskurdesen - Adalalchenai Group Correspondent



The Vavuniya Traders' Association presented Rs 150,000 to the Vavuniya General Hospital Maternity Unit. Dr Saravanabavan received the cheque from Traders' Association president P.S. Abdullah. The money will be used to purchase equipment for the maternity unit. Picture by T. Vivekanasa, Vavuniya Spl Corr.



The Inter-Cultural Education Centre, Eideniya, Kadawatha held its annual Song and Speech Festival at its centre recently. Here children perform an event. Parents were among those present. Picture by Edward Weerasinghe - Kelaniya Group Correspondent



The Pasbage Korale Sahithya Uthsavaya organised by the Pasbage Korale Divisional Secretariat was held at Nawalpalitaya Town Hall. Here a Pooja item presented by Kathireson M.V. pupils. Picture by P.B. Nirmadeniya - Nawalpalitaya Group Corr.



Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services Minister Maithripala Sirisena presented a cheque for Rs 454,000, the collection of sales proceeds from wrist-bands among employees attached to Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority to Additional Secretary Wilee Gamage of the Defence Ministry recently. SLMA (Labour Relations) Director S.M.B.J. Silva was also present at the ceremony held at Mahaweli Centre, Colombo.