



An all-night Pirith Chanting ceremony conducted by Kelaniya University Chancellor Ven Dr. Welamthiyye Kusaldhamma Nayaka Thera to invoke blessings on President Mahinda Rajapaksa, the Government and the people, organized by Kelaniya Divisional Secretary W. H. V. Pushpamala and her staff was held at the Kelaniya DS Office recently. Picture by Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Group correspondent



Ave Maria Convent, Negombo held its Prefects Investiture at the school grounds under the patronage of St. Peter's Church, Negombo Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Lester Wijayasingha. Here Ave Mariya, Negombo Principal Rev. Sr. Francine Muthugala pinning the prefects badge on Hashini Dulakshika, the school's games captain. Picture by H. Fernando Negombo Special Cor



The Centre for Islamic Studies (CIS) organized a lecture on the "Character of Muslims and the Importance to Dawah" held at the MICH Auditorium, Wellawatte, recently. Here a lecturer from Nigeria Noordeen Lemu addressing the gathering. MICH President Omar Kamil, Director CIS Furqan Munsoor, and President CIS M. Liyaudeen were also present. Picture by Ruzak Farook



The Buddhist temple in Eravur destroyed in 1990 due to terrorist violence has been renovated with the patronage of the Helping Mind Organization (HMO). A German based Buddhist monk Ven. Punnyarathana Thera has been appointed as incumbent. Here voluntary group of the HMO with Ven. Punnyarathana. Picture by M. I. Farook, Batticaloa district group correspondent

Ananda College Past Teachers' Association

Executive Committee

The 18th Annual General Meeting of the Ananda College Past Teachers' Association was held at 'Capital Mall', Thalawathugoda with over hundred members participating. Discussions were held to inaugurate a fund raising campaign titled '100 days 100 lakhs' for the welfare of the Past Teachers and the Grade 5 scholarship holders under our care. The main item on the agenda was selection of the office bearers for the year 2010. The following office bearers were elected unanimously to the Executive Committee.

President - Lionel Gunasekera
Vice President - Mrs. Chitra

Rajapaksha, Mrs. Soma Sooriarachchi, K. L. F. Wijedasa, Berty Wijesinghe, D. K. Withanage, K. M. D. S. Jayatilake.
Secretary - Nelson Wijesena
Asst. Secretary - Mrs. Manel Perera
Treasurer - S. G. Dharmasena
Asst. Treasurer - G. B. Wijesinghe
Committee Members - Upali Rathnayake, Bertie Fernando, W. Weerasakera, G. L. Ariyapala, V. L. S. Jayasekera, Sri Somarathne Weerakoon, Ariyawansa Muthugala, K. D. H. Ranaweera, P. A. D. A. Theodor, Mrs. Sumana De Silva, Mrs. Hilda Jmadasa, Mrs. Ranjini Wijerathne, Mrs. P. S. Alhanda Seneviratne
Auditors - S. H. Bandula, L. L. Padmasena



The Eravur Educational Development Board (EDB) honoured students who passed Grade 05 Scholarship examination from the Eravur area. Here the Quazi of Eravur A. M. Ibrahim awarding a prize to a student. Picture by M. I. Farook, Batticaloa District Group Correspondent



The annual prize-giving of Al Fathimiya Vidyalaya, Akkaraipattu was held recently. Here Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Al Thasam who was the chief guest presenting a prize and certificate to a student. Akkaraipattu Divisional Education Officer AB Sarifdeen and School Principal M A Kaleelur Rahman were also present. Picture by L. L. M. Rizan Addalalchena Central Cor



The Annual Leaving ceremony of the ACE Club Pre-School of Akkaraipattu was held at the Zahira Vidyalaya, Akkaraipattu recently. Here Asaf Ahmed receives a certificate from the Chief Guest Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha member A. B. Dawood. Picture by L. L. M. Rizan, Addalalchena Central Correspondent



The Centre for Disaster Management at Ratnapura handed over Rs. 550,000 worth emergency equipment to 17 Divisional Secretaries in the Ratnapura district. Ratnapura District Disaster Management Centre Coordinating Officer Lt. Col. S. M. P. B. Abhayaratne said that the Ministry of Disaster Management provided these equipment on a request made by the Divisional Secretaries whose areas are prone to natural disasters. Among the items distributed were gas cylinders, mosquito coils, rain gauges, rechargeable torches, rakes and mattresses. Here Lt. Col. Abhayaratna making a symbolic presentation to the Godakawala Divisional Secretary. Text and Pix by N. P. Rajaburai, Ratnapura special correspondent

Kurunegala Samurdi Kekulu Children's clubs excel

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Fourteen national level places have been achieved by the 'Samurdi Kekulu Children's clubs' in the Kurunegala District at the Islandwide Children's Literary competition held at the Embilipitiya Rural Leaders' Training Centre recently.

This competition was organized by the Samurdi Development Authority of Sri Lanka.

There are four first places, seven second places and three third places among these achievements. Apart from that ten merit certificates have been obtained by these clubs at this competition.

Names of the winners in the Kurunegala district are as follows:

Sinhala medium
Singing: Age group 5-9 - 1. Madushika Seneviratna, Alawwa DS division

Folk Dances: Age group 15-18 - Samurdi Kekulu Children's Club, Kuliyaipitiya DS division

Singing: Age group 10-14 - 2. W. D. Manjula Prabhath, Mavathagama DS division

Folk Songs: Age group 15-18 - 2. W. M. M. Yashoda Priyadarshani, Pannala DS division

Oratory: Age group 15-18 - 2. R. O. Tharaka Ubaya Ratnayake, Uththothana DS division

Classical singing: Age group 10-14 - 2. Anuradha Sadeepa Bandara Atanayake, Pannala DS division

Singing: Age group 15-18 - Merit certificate, Madushan Ratnayake, Wariyapola DS division

Folk songs: Age group 10-14 - Merit certificate S. P. D. Chandramali, Bingiriya DS division

Oratory: Age group 10-14 - Merit certificate, Hunshani Wickremasinghe, Rideegama DS division

Short drama: Merit certificate - "Kalpanakshaya" drama, Ambanpola DS division

Arts: Age group 15-18 - Merit certificate, Madushanka Adikari, Pannala DS division

Tamil Medium
Oratory: Age group 10-14 - 1. H. I. M. Inshad, Rideegama DS division

Singing: Age group 10-14 - 2. A. S. M. Sifan, Rasnayakapura DS division

Singing: Age group 15-18 - 2. U. L. M. Sameen, Rasnayakapura DS division

Announcer: Age group 5-9 - 3. M. N. F. Fareena, Rideegama DS division

Oratory: Age group 5-9 - 3. Y. F. Predosa, Rideegama DS division

Folk songs: Age group 5-9 - Merit certificate, J. M. F. Murashida, Rideegama DS division

Folk songs: Age group 15-18 - Merit certificate A. W. Asma Kuliyaipitiya East DS division

Announcer: Age group 10-14 - Merit certificate, M. S. F. Masna, Rideegama DS division

Oratory: Age group 15-18 - Merit certificate, M. Munshifa Rideegama DS division

Arts: Age group 10-14 - Merit certificate, M. M. N. Asna, Kuliyaipitiya East DS division

Singing: Age group 15-18 - 2. U. R. Musfir, Rideegama DS division



Students of the House of English pre-school at Akkaraipattu held their annual concert. Here, a dance recital which was a highlight. Picture by L. L. M. Rizan, Addalalchena Central Correspondent



A. R. N. Ameenkan's "Raaga Thalangal" musical program was held at Brighton Rest, Colombo 12 in aid of Silver Stars Sports Club, Modera. Here the singers Janet, Vasuki, Mukesh and Sanjith presenting an item. Picture by Sugath Narayana