

PICTORIAL



To mark the swearing-in of President Mahinda Rajapaksa for the 2nd term in office, the foundation stone for the proposed cultural centre at Karandeniya Borakanda was laid with the participation of Southern Provincial Council Members Lasantha Wijenayake and L S Jayaweera.



Governor, Northern Province, Major General, G A Chandrasiri met the nurse trainees of Vavuniya Nurse Training School and discussed their problems. 250 nurses are expected to pass out after completing their training shortly. *Picture by T Vivekara, Vavuniya spl corr.*



A felicitation ceremony was held at the Vidyaloka Maha Vidyalaya, Balangoda organized by the Balangoda Urban Council Public Library Advisory Committee to appreciate the services rendered to children's education by P B Ratnayaka and his wife as teachers and principals who retired recently. Here a committee member and Balangoda MPSC Vice Chairman Nimal Elaipola presents a memento to Ratnayake. *Picture by A M Gunasekera Banda Balangoda Central Group Correspondent*



Ariyawansa Maha Vidyalaya of Beruwala annual scouts festival was held under the patronage of Kalutara District Scout Commissioner L B Weerasinghe along with the Chief of Cubs Padmini Kularatne. Here the principal D Mahakumara, the Commissioner of Scouts and the scout officials who participated along with the teachers. *By Divakara Mohotti Kalutara Group Corr.*



Uva Chief Minister Shashendra Rajapaksa cuts a ribbon to open the renovated Hambegamuwa Rural Hospital in the Uva Province recently. Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development Minister Jagath Pushpakumara and Provincial Health Services Directress Neelamati S Geeganage are also in the picture. *Picture by Sandarawala Group corr.*



Indian High Commissioner Asok K Kantha visited the Uva Province to study the living conditions of the estate community. He also met Uva Province Governor Nanda Mathew and had a discussion about the development program of Uva Province. Uva Province Chief Secretary P B Amarasekera is in the centre. *G P A Weerasuriya Picture by Badulla South Group Corr.*



Akkarapattu Al-Munawara Junior College held its Awards Ceremony to felicitate Students who excelled in the year Five Scholarship Examination at the College Hall recently. Here the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils ALM Athullathil who participated as Chief Guest at this ceremony is taken in a procession along with the Guest of Honour Provincial Minister (EP) MS Uthumalbe, and other special invitees Zonal Director of Education MM Munsoor and Asst. Director of Education AS Kiyas to the venue of the ceremony MY Thasneem Nuthaisa who excelled in the year five Scholarship Examination receives her Award from the Chief Guest. *Picture by MA Phakudeen - Adalalichena Group Correspondent*



North Central Province Chief Minister Berty Premalal Dissanayake unveiling the commemoration plaque at the new children's and women's Bureau building attached to the Tantihiima police station. The "Plan Sri Lanka" bears the construction expenditure for the new buildings to be attached to every police station in Anuradhapura district. Anuradhapura senior SP Mervin J. Karunaratne and Nuwaram Palatha (Central) Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman PB Jayasundara were also present. *Photograph - Nimal Wijesinghe Anuradhapura Additional District group correspondent*



Miss Shashikala Sandamal Gunawardene, a Grade 11 student of Kandy Swarnamali Balika Vidyalaya who won an inter-school photographic competition held at the Dharmaraja College Arts Festival receives her medal and certificate from, President of the Dharmaraja College OBA Senarath Jayasundara at the prize distribution which followed. *Picture by Gamini Ramanayake*



The new office complex adjoining the Galle - Nagoda divisional secretariat built at a cost of Rs 2.6 million was declared opened under the patronage of the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs WDJ Sewewaratne recently. Here the Minister cutting the ribbon with the participation of Minister Piyasena Gamage, Nishantha Muthuvelthigama MP, Galle District Secretary MC Dissanayake and Nagoda Divisional Secretary KU Chandralal.



The Kitulgala police with public assistance built a house at a cost of Rs 6 lakhs and donated to a very poor family in the area. The family was living in a make shift hut with six children. At a ceremony held, the chief guest ASP Bandusena Kagalle, complimented the good work of the Kitulgala police and to those who extended their services voluntarily. Here the new house built by the police. *Picture by Dehewila special correspondent*



Four Senior Scouts of Southern Province were honoured with "Wood Badges" at a ceremony held at Scout's Headquarters, Galle recently. Here the Asst. Commissioner of Scouts (National Training) MAS Jayasinghe pinning the Badge to a Scout. *Picture by Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Group Corr.*



'Rajarata Praja Kendraya' distributed Drinking water tanks among the villagers in No. 6 village at Elayapattuwa, recently. Here Field Observation officer Wasantha Jayalath Mahanama handing over a tank to a recipient. *Picture by Water Dayarathna Anuradhapura District Special Corr.*



Governor of the NWP, Tissa R Balalla pinning a badge on the Head Prefect H J Malik Dewaka of Ibbagamuwa Maha Vidyalaya at a ceremony held to appoint new prefects, recently.



A stock of roofing sheets valued at Rs 2 million and 500 bushels of seed paddy were distributed among 92 re-settled families in Urewa and Omarakada in Padaviya under a program to mark President Mahinda Rajapaksa's swearing in for the 2nd term organized by Child Development and Women's Affairs Minister Tissa Karalipadda recently. Here a beneficiary under the program receives his quota of roofing sheets from the Minister. Anuradhapura District Secretary H M K Herath and other officials were also present. *Picture by Amila Prebath Wanasinghe*



A musical show organised by the Elders Society of the Kenilworth Estate at Ginigathena in the Nuwara Eliya district was held at the adult recreation hall in the estate recently. Here the Director of the Berendina Stichting Foundation in the Netherlands, Schoels who was the chief guest for the occasion lighting the traditional oil lamp to start the adult musical show. The Director of the Berendina Development Service Jagath Harischandra (second from right), Manager of the Berendina Development Service (Ginigathena) B M Rajesem (right) and Miss Stafey (Netherlands) are also in the picture. *Picture by G A Gunaseena Ginigathena special corr.*



Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobekaduwa cuts a ribbon to open the renovated access road to the St Zavier's church in Kadugannawa recently. Parish Priest Rev Fr Ignituous Samarakoon was also present. *Picture by Sanjaya Asela Matara*



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Special religious ceremonies and several other programs to celebrate the second term in office of President Mahinda Rajapaksa were held at many places in Akuressa, Morawaka, Nelawa and Deniyaya areas from November 15 to 21. Here the tree planting program in Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat area taking place. Matara District MP Wijaya Dahanayake planting a sapling at Daugala Kamista Vidyalaya premises. *Picture by Thea Vidayarupa Akuressa Group Correspondent*



To mark the swearing in of President Mahinda Rajapaksa's 2nd term in office, Regional Manager Water Supply and Drainage Board Matara, W K Dharmadasa plants a sapling at their office premises in Nupe Matara. *Picture by W Gunawardhana, Matara Central correspondent*