Deputy Minister V. Puthrasigamani (L-4) with the visiting scouts and the scout masters from the north came here for training. Training Camp in Meerigama. There Thawalampitiya Scouts 10 visited the Thihagoda Corr. by Aruna Palolpitiya

But once the war started the scouts are desperate as they are unable to transform their island started visiting this place once by Aruna Palolpitiya

Thihagoda Malimbada, Akuressa, Thihagoda Corr. excessive flooding is a grave problem, below the Hettiarachchi excessive flooding is a grave problem, below the construction of a Lord Vishnu Temple in the area was initiated. The result is many areas including Thihagoda, Akuretta, Kadduwa, Aluthanna and Pitabaddera in Matara district, get flooded affecting paddy cultivation. A round 300 acres of paddy land in Kadduwa remain fallow he said.

Remote villages neglected

There are several remote villages in the Talawakelle District in the Baddegama electorate. The Provincial council has so far not taken any steps to improve these villages. Roads have not been land with concrete and are not illuminated at night.

Nothing has been done through the village awakening and road improvement schemes. Rev. Wathogala Jinashantha Thero of Sinhala and Buddhist temple. He states that there are about 300 families living between Nalapadawa and Talyangahagama, which have no transport facilities at all and have no way to keep up with their official duties.

H. G. Dayananda and Aruna Seneviratne two residents in the area like to bring the area for the past several years, but had not been given deeds for their land. They work as labourers in tea, rubber and coconut estates, earning small income. Their children have no way of attending schools in town. If the roads are repaired and a bus assigned to the route, it’s only then that they would be able to send their children to school.

Appreciation

It is one year since you passed away. Though we all miss you, the loving memory of your presence will remain in our minds all the time. We recall your friendly attitude and kind nature. You bravely faced up to your terminal illness and bore the house chores as normal. You were very close to the two children - Sithum and Vindi who have been finding it difficult to cope without you. Little Sithum believes that you are some where up there and would return on one day when she is grown up, but Sithum can understand that you are no more with us.

As you know when you were with us we performed various meritorious acts together but while you ill, you continued in the same manner. We used to release a calf as a meritorious act on your birthday which falls on 1st June, we continue with this act, even though you are not here to join us. We light your lamps in the temple in keeping with our belief that it would brighten up wherever you are. Again in the Hidu month we held a Bana and Sangkha dana with the attendance of Ven Maduluwawe Sobitha Thero and 30 other monks.

Pussellawa town in darkness

Pussellawa town and the surrounding areas have been in darkness in the last one month due to a dispute between the Ceylon Electricity Board and the Udapalatha Postal Electricity Board. Residents in the area said there is a tug of war between these two institutions as to who should supply the street lights. Although the matter has been brought to the notice of highest authorities concerned, it has not been resolved yet and the people living in the area has to bear the brunt of the dispute, a resident said.

The bungled Nilwala project

Irrigational facilities are unplanned and erratic. The present problem is an excess of water on the fields. More coordination is needed between the authorities and the farmers when working out a plan. This is lacking, so said a veteran farmer Dharmasena Hettiarachchi excessive flooding is a grave problem, below the Akuretta region, in the Nilwala river valley. The Irrigation Department has started dredging the river at the Mahabana bridge at Matara, said Environment Drainage Senior Deputy Director Bandula Kumaru P. Nugawela.

The Kadduwa Farming Organization’s Chairman Prayanama Kandambli said that the Nilwala water supply project was launched in 1987. Since then the construction of a munkar was to be plan. The result is many areas including Thihagoda, Akuretta, Kadduwa, Aluthanna and Pitabaddera in Matara district, get flooded affecting paddy cultivation. A round 300 acres of paddy land in Kadduwa remain fallow he said.