

Avurudu Time...



AVURUDU SIRITH: President Mahinda Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa observed the "Aluthavurudu Sirith" at Carlton house and Medamulana house in Weeraketiya. Here President Rajapaksa paying obeisance to his elder brother Minister Chamal Rajapaksa in keeping with tradition. - Picture by Sudath Silva



RACING TO HAPPINESS: Students of Jingle Sanguine International Pre-school, Kelaniya-Pattiya Junction participating in a kiddies bicycle race at the Aluth Avurudu Festival organised by their principal Miss Jeevani Priyanka Dissanayake. - Malwana group correspondent, Mahanama Vithanage



POWER: A tug-o-war event for women was a highlight of the Bak Maha Ulela organised by a group of youth from the Ginigathena town in collaboration with the Ginigathena Police held at the Ginigathena MMV ground recently.

Pics by G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena special corr.



TAMING THE ELEPHANT: An Avurudu Festival was held at the Horawala playground. Here a young boy participating in the fun any games trying to mark the elephant's eye.

GAMES: Some of the Avurudu games - pictures by Sudath Nishantha



DRAMA: The New Year Festival of Lyceum International School, Nugegoda was held recently at the school premises. Here students presenting the 'Sokari Nadagama' at the festival. - Maharagama special correspondent, Wehelle Piyathilake

AVURUDU IN MANNAR: The Sri Lanka Army and Police jointly organised Avurudu celebrations in Vilankulama, Murukkan, Pul-leadi-irakkam and Nanavitau in the Mannar District.



WEAVING AWAY: A Bank Maha Ulela was held at Dagampitiya. Here one of the highlights of the new years festival, the women's cadjan weaving contest in progress.

- Pic by G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena special corr.



AVURUDU IN JAFFNA: Army personnel attached to the Head office of the Security Zone in Jaffna holding the Avurudu celebrations.



AVURUDU KUMARAYA: The Singithi Avurudu Kumaraya contest of the "Bak Maha Ulela" organised by the Sri Saranankara Pre-school, Dope, Bentota was held at the school grounds. Priya Shantha (middle) was adjudged Singithi Avurudu Kumaraya 2007. He is flanked by the runner-up Danushka (left) and second runner-up Chatura (right).

- Picture by Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota group corr.