



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa handed over a cow which was rescued from an abattoir in Welisara to the Sri Sugatha Viharaya, Wellawatte. Here, the freed cow which subsequently gave birth to a calf being fed by the First Lady. Sri Sugatha Viharaya Chief Incumbent Ven Urumutte Sugathananda Thera and Tharunyata Hetak Organization Secretary Nimal Weerasekera were also present. *Picture by Lalith Weerasingha*



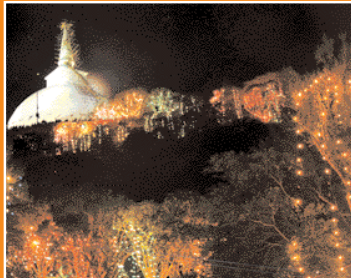
A Poson 'Bakthi Gee' by Members of the Sri Lanka Association of Senior Citizens of the Kandy Branch was held at the Kandy Club, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Kandy on June 25. *Picture by Upananda Jaysundera-Kandy Sports Special Correspondent.*



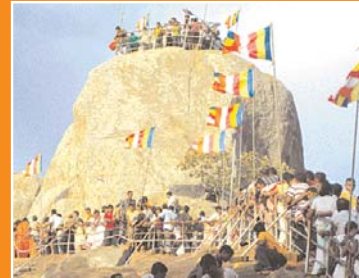
Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa at the Poson Kalapaya in Kalutara



The wrapping of the saffron robes around the Jethawanaramaya to mark Poson



Mihintale with all its illuminations



Devotees at Mihintale

ANCL Aloka Pooja



Food for devotees

The Lake House Aloka Pooja was organized by The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL) for the 48th year in succession sponsored by the Ceylon Electricity Board and Abans (Pvt) Ltd. The Aloka Pooja was held under the patronage of Mihintale Raja Maha Viharaya Chief Incumbent and Deputy Sanghanayaka of Nuwaragam Palatha Ven Namalweve Dharmakirithi Sri Ratanasara Thera.

Pictures by Kithsiri Wanasinghe and Chittraratna Kaluarachchi



Religious observances at Mihintale



Power and Energy Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka inaugurating the first day of the ANCL Aloka Pooja on Thursday



ANCL Director Editorial Seelaratne Senarath inaugurating the Aloka Pooja on Saturday. CEB Anuradhapura District Manager Lasantha Dassanayake and Anuradhapura District Secretary H.M. Herath were also present



Mass Media and Communication Minister Keheliya Rambukwella inaugurating the ANCL Aloka Pooja on Friday



Poson Bakthi Gee at Mihintale