



The Navaratri Pooja Festival organized by the Bank of Ceylon Milagiriya branch took place recently. Here Hindu Priest Sivashri Jegatheswaran Kurukkal hands over the offering to branch Bank Manager M Mendis. Assistant General Manager Western Province South Nimal Fernando and officials look on. *Picture A Maduraveeran*



Sri Sumangala Central College Radampala Past Students Association together with staff and students felicitated past teachers. The Chief Guest Southern Province Agriculture Minister Bindu Weerasinghe and other invitees being led to Sumangala Hall. *Picture by Priyan de Silva, Matara Sports Corr*



The launching ceremony of the Journal Magazine (Sinhala-Tamil) titled *Theepam* published by the Sinhala-Tamil Writers Association took place at the Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapitiya recently. Here the maiden copy being presented by writer Thikkuvella Kamal to Minister Douglas Devananda. Minister Dullas Alahapperuma and Prof Seba Jayarajah look on. *Picture A Maduraveeran*



The annual church feast of St Mary's church, Yatiyantota was held recently. Children are seen going towards the altar to offer flowers. *Picture by Dehiwita Special Correspondent*



The International White Cane Safety Day, "October 15" was marked in Kandy with a march at Kotugodella street. *Picture by H A Shakoor, Pathadumbara special correspondent*



A variety show to mark the World's Children Day was held at Sanath Jayasuriya Stadium, Kotuwegoda, Matara recently with the participation of schoolchildren. *Picture by A W Gunawardhana, Matara central correspondent.*



Ten Outstanding Young Persons (TOYP) awards ceremony organized by HSBC - Junior Chamber International (JCI) was held at the Waters Edge, Battaramulla recently. Here Ferozshah Kamardeen with his award for Contribution to Arts and Culture. The Chief guest Central Bank governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal, HSBC Sri Lanka and Maldives CEO Nick A Nicolau, JCI National President Azard Ishak and Project Chairman Jiffy Zuffler were present. *Picture by Ruzaik Farook*