

President celebrates New Year at Tangalle

President Mahinda Rajapaksa performed New Year rituals, along with the entire nation, at Carlton House Tangalle last Thursday. Traditional milk rice was prepared by First Lady Shiranthy Rajapaksa at the auspicious time of 1.06 pm. The President's sons, Namal, Yoshitha and Rohitha Rajapaksa also participated in these traditions. The President had the first meal at the auspicious time of 3.18 pm and proceeded to the People's Bank and Bank of Ceylon to perform New Year transactions. Shown here are some of the highpoints of the New Year proceedings. *Pictures by Sudath Silva*

