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A Shanthi Karma ritual was held recently at Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo, under the patronage of Education Minister Bandula Gunawardana, Education Ministry Secretary Gotabaya Jayaratne, Western Province Education Director Illapperuma and Principal Pradeepa Samar-

asinghe. Transferring of merits to the deceased who served the school also took place, under the patronage of Ven Debava Sri Vanarathana Thera of Wimalajothi Pirivena, Padukka. The event was organised by the school's Dance section.

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The chief gurunanse Ranjith Rathnasiri blesses the acolyte.



Education Minister Bandula Gunawardene speaks to Principal Pradeepa Samarasinghe and Sagarika Haputhanthri.



M Rajapaksha, a well-wisher, offers contribution with principal.



Chamalee Kahandava, Anusha Dias, Namal Weveldeniya and Principal Pradeepa Samarasinghe along with Sagarika Haputhanthri talk to Devol ritual members.



The dramatic procession that marks the arrival of the 'God of Devol' in Sri Lanka



Gurunnanse Ranjith Rathnasiri blows the conch.