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## President pledges to take measures to eradicate kidney disease

(FT.lk) - President Maithripala Sirisena emphasised that all possible measures will be taken by his Government to save the entire society from the Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) that has become a challenge not only to the North-Central Province but also to the entire country. The President speaking at an event held at Padaviya Mahasen College on Monday evening under the theme 'Prevention of Causes for Kidney Disease,' said the present Government had identified the causes of the disease and would take measures to eradicate the disease. He further said that a clear decision would be taken to accept only

standard pesticides and agro-chemicals that are best for the country as a measure to prevent the disease among the farmers. The President also stressed that the Government would not bow down to the demands of multinational organisations. Speaking further, he pointed out the importance of using carbonic fertiliser. The President noted that the general public received fewer benefits from the massive development projects that were implemented by the previous Government. He pointed out that under the new Government's development drive, priority would be given to short and mid-term development projects that eradicate poverty of the rural

community. The President thereafter laid the foundation stone for the Kidney Disease Preventive and Cure Unit at the Padaviya Hospital. The President also handed over ambulances, blood leak detector devices and chemical equipment for the North Central Province hospitals. Ministers Rajitha Senarathne, P. Harrison, Tissa Karaliyadda, MP, Secretary to the Ministry of Health D.M.R.B. Dissanayake, and other senior officials were present. **Our picture shows President Maithripala Sirisena laid the foundation stone for a Kidney Disease Preventive and Cure Unit at the Padaviya General Hospital on Monday - Pic by Sudath Silva**

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### Miss World 2015, Rolene Strauss, at Pinnawala

Miss World 2015 Rolene Strauss at Pinnawala bathing an elephant during a trip organised in partnership with the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau. Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau Chairman Rohantha Athukorala said yesterday that very soon Sri Lanka would have a new 'Open Range Zoo' in Pinnawala, which would be a first for the country.



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