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'Govt to make Sri Lanka trilingual'

(DailyNews.lk) - The government has implemented a programme to make Sri Lanka trilingual and every child of the country should learn Sinhala, Tamil and English to accomplish this mission, President Mahinda Rajapaksa said. The President was addressing a gathering at Jaffna Central College after opening a swimming pool at the school premises. The new swimming pool of the Jaffna Central College was constructed at a cost of Rs.17 million by the Tharunyata Hetak Organization to help develop the skills of local swimmers in Jaffna peninsula. The Tharunyata Hetak organisation provided Rs. 13 million for the project while the balance Rs. four million was borne by the Northern Provincial Council. Addressing the students on the occasion, the President said that the facilities enjoyed by the students in the South will be made available to those in the North as well. "In addition, the children in villages should also receive equal facilities that are enjoyed by the students of Colombo schools", he pointed out. President Rajapaksa also pointed out that

necessary steps will be taken to increase educational opportunities for the next generation and to create a better atmosphere to augment the health facilities of the future generations. The President said that sports help promote peaceful coexistence. He said that sports also helps create a person who can accept victory and defeat in the same stride. Speaking in Tamil, the President pointed out that he has never forgotten the Motherland though a certain segment is engaged in a futile attempt to deter the ongoing development drive by resorting to various tactics. He requested the public to be cautious about such activities. Jaffna Central College is the only school in the region that has a swimming pool. The school was founded in 1817. At present, around 1,800 students are studying in this school with an academic staff of 114. The President thanked the Tharunyata Hetak

organization for the contribution they made in helping construct the swimming pool. He also spoke to the students of the school. The welcome address was delivered by Jaffna Central College Principal Ellilvendan. Jaffna Bishop Thomas Saundranayagam, Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development Minister Douglas Devananda, Northern Province Governor Major General G.A. Chandrasiri, Hambantota District Parliamentarian and Tharunyata Hetak organization chairman Namal Rajapaksa and MP Lohan Ratwatte were present.

Buddhist devotees at Kelaniya

Tuesday was Nawam Full Moon Poya Day. devotees are seen engaging in religious activities at the Kelaniya Raja Maha Viharaya. Pix by Pradeep Dilrukshana (DailyMirror.lk)



India beat Sri Lanka by 4 wkts

Ravichandran Ashwin (30 not out) and Ravindra Jadeja (24 not out) played sensibly in the end to help India beat Sri Lanka by 4 wickets in the second ODI as they opened their account in the tri-series at the WACA in Perth. Chasing 234-run target, India lost Virat Kohli (77), MS Dhoni (4) and Suresh Raina (24) in quick succession to put pressure on themselves in the final 15 overs of

the match. India were still 53 runs behind the modest target when top-scorer Kohli ran himself out trying to steal a cheeky single off the last ball of 36th over after hitting previous ball for a massive six. Ashwin and Jadeja added unbeaten 53-run stand for the seventh wicket to steer India to an important victory with 19 balls to spare.

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