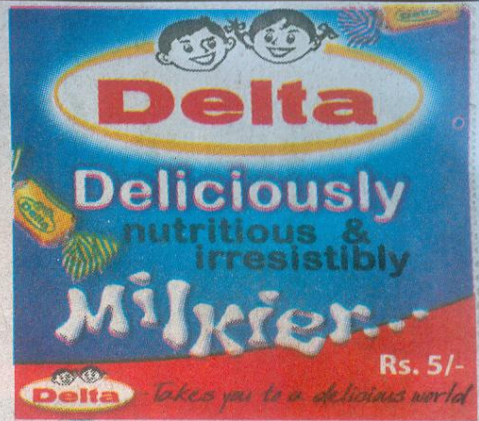


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Gotabaya Rajapaksa, SLPP Presidential Candidate, speaking to Ven. Kotugoda Dhammawasa Thera, Mahanayake of the Amarapura Nikaya before lighting the *dolosmahe pahana* at the Urumayaka Ulpatha Foundation headquarters. Ven. Ittapane Dhammalankara Thera, Mahanayake of the Kotte Sri Kalayani Samagri Dharma Maha Sangha Sabha, Ven. Banagala Upatissa Thera, Chairman of the Mahabodhi Society of Sri Lanka and the Chief Sangha Nayaka of Japan, and Ven. Meegahathenne Chandrasiri Thera attended the event. Urumayaka Ulpatha Founder Milinda Moragoda, Chairman Lalith Weeratunga, Secretary R. A. D. Sirisena, and others were present on the occasion.

SLPP Presidential Candidate Gotabaya Rajapaksa visits Urumayaka Ulpatha headquarters

Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Presidential Candidate of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) visited the headquarters of Urumayaka Ulpatha. He met its Founder Milinda Moragoda, Chairman Lalith Weeratunga, Secretary R.A.D. Sirisena, and others associated with the organisation. To mark the occasion of his visit, he lit a *dolosmahe pahana* (lamp of eternal light), which was fuelled with an oil specially presented for this occasion by Ven. Bengamuwe Dhammadinna Thera, Chief Incumbent of the Sri Pada Temple. Rajapaksa also interacted with and expressed his appreciation to the Urumayaka Ulpatha teams who were



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engaged in a special outreach programme on his behalf to carry his message to over 12,000 temples across the island, including personal visits by team members to nearly 1,000 temples.

Ven. Kotugoda Dhammawasa Thera, Mahanayake of the Amarapura Nikaya; Ven. Ittapane Dhammalankara, Mahanayake Thera of the

Kotte Sri Kalayani Samagri Dharma Maha Sangha Sabha; Ven. Banagala Upatissa Thera, Chairman of the Mahabodhi Society of Sri Lanka and the Chief Sangha Nayaka of Japan; and Ven. Meegahathenne Chandrasiri were present to provide their blessings on this occasion.