- PEACE ACTIVITIES -

NEW YEAR FESTIVAL.
Excellence through Diversity.

Tsunami Displaced Celebrate the New Year.

This particular New Year Festival was held on 17th of April 2006 is specially held for the Tsunami victims. This festival mainly organised for the people who resides between Ambalangoda and Goviyapana, Help-O community groups who were affected by this Tsunami disaster. The time which allocated for this new year Festival was insufficient. First of all we had to make the community aware of this. Therefore through community leaders we made the communities aware of this and we had to exhibit the posters. Further we had to seek the volunteer's support as well. Their assistance was essential.

Usually the new year festival is being celebrated by, Sinhalese and Tamil people but this time new year festival was for all four religions Sinhala,Tamil, Muslim,Burghar and Malay. All four religions participated for this festival. This New Year Festival unexpectedly a massive crowd was present.

Objective of the programme.

1. Due to the current situation of our motherland Sri Lanka this way of programming a celebration among the nations brings unity and integrity among the nations.

2. Without any cast distingtions among the nation rather than working individually work in unity is appreciated.

3. The festival which was celebrated by Tamil Sinhalese in the past was transformed in to one nations common cultural festival.
Activities.
This new year festival had been filled with various kinds of cultural activities. Among the activities there were special items for competitions that were very particular for Hindus and Muslims named as Pallamkuli and Kolam. The item Pallamkuli was played in a piece of plank with seven holes in each side and each holes with seven seeds. This has to be played by two people in either side of the plank. As we created all the games groupwise. So this Pallamkuli game also participated by five competitions. As the pictures shows we made all the games represent by all four religion. We made this compulsory.

Hindu game Kolam was a design decorated with different kinds of colourful dye. This has to be done by each competitors. Even this game we made four participants represent by all four religions. By different communities among these competition most special and fascinating ones were the competition that were performed by the Hindus and Muslims.

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