

Katina Cheevara ceremony held in New Delhi

The annual Katina Cheevara ceremony of the New Delhi Buddhist Vihara was held on October 22-23 under the patronage of Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Milinda Moragoda. A Special Sutta Chanting by the Maha Sangha was held as part of a two-day long Katina Cheevara Dana ceremony, led by the Joint Secretary of the Mahabodhi Society of India Ven. Rathmalwala Sumithananda Thera, the Chief Incumbent of the New Delhi Buddhist Vihara, Ven. Yudaganawe Seelawansa Thera and Administration Secretary of the Sri Lanka Buddhist Pilgrim Rest New Delhi, Ven. Pallegama Vijitha Thera.

Staff members of the High Commission, a large number of Sri Lankan and other Buddhists residing in the city participated in the Pinkama.

Katina refers to the offering of the special robe (Katina Cheevara) prepared and presented to monks who have completed the three-month period of retreat called Vas in Sinhala, and Vassana in Pali, meaning the period of rain. The Katina Ceremony is over 2560-years-old.

It is a monastic tradition preserved and observed by Buddhists all over the world because it is an extraordinary opportunity to acquire merit.



Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Milinda Moragoda participating in the annual Katina Cheevara ceremony at the New Delhi Buddhist Vihara.