

Api Wenuwen Api

Ayurvedic medicine by STF

Be polite, WP Chief Minister tells officers

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Treating a patient in need

The illusive warriors of the Special Task Force are known for trekking through jungles to hunt terrorists - like their recent spectacular raid on the group of miscreants who had been wreaking havoc on the Buttala road.

They found the group and went into action so swiftly that the terrorists did not know what hit them.

It will come as a surprise to most people to find out that in addition to these deadly skills, there are officers in the STF who are experts, among other things, in Ayurvedic medicine.

These officers offer free Ayurveda clinics to villagers in the remote jungles. Here we see STF officers treating patients in the Ampara district.



Providing medical attention to a child



Giving a medical checkup



Western Provincial Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga advised subordinate officers to make every effort to solve the problems of Local Government bodies without red tape and citing provisions of Administrative Regulations (AR) and Financial Regulations (FR) of the Government.

The Chief Minister asked them to be polite enough to send a reply within one week to say whether their request could be accommodated or not.

Ranatunga made these statements, while addressing the Heads of the local bodies of the Western Province held at the new auditorium of the Chief Ministry to identify the problems of local bodies.

Many complaints concerning stamp revenue to be received by the local bodies from Provincial Council, filling vacancies in the local bodies, allocating funds for uncompleted constructions, maintenance of roads within the local body limits and shortage of machinery for garbage collection and disposal were put forward by the officers who participated in the discussion.

The Chief Minister having directed his attention to the above problems and shortcomings of the local bodies issued the necessary instructions to the relevant officials for immediate action.

He assured Heads of the local bodies that he would at least provide telephone facilities for them.

He reserved each Monday and Wednesday for officials to put forward complex problems to the Ministers to be discussed.

He said that he will take stern action against corruption and malpractices in local bodies.