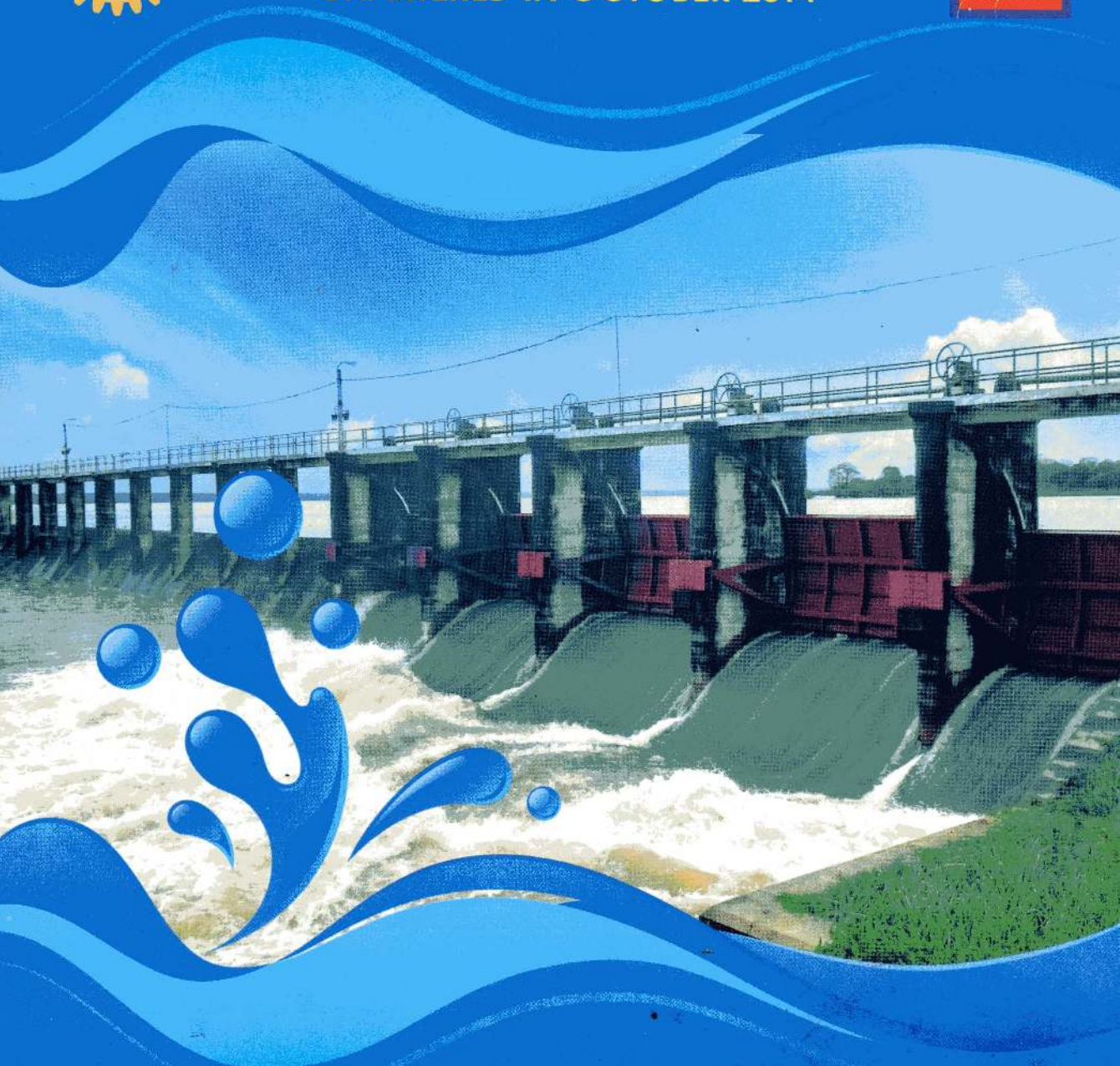
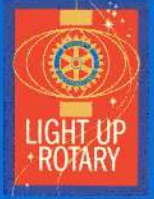




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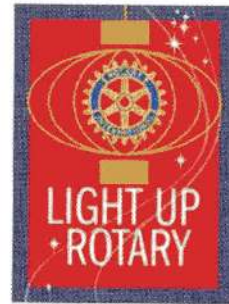
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always endeavour to build
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always seek to promote
the greatest good for the
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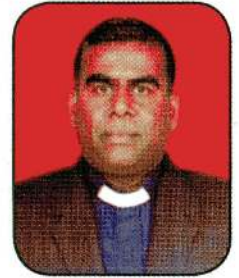
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Rotary International President Message

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am happy to congratulate you on your installation as an officer in the Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town for 2014-15. Your role is important not just for the tasks you perform, but for the leadership you provide. As officers in your club, you serve as an example of motivation, engagement, and service. Rotary's global leadership may help in set priorities and chart a course, but it is you, at the club level, who hold Rotary's future in your hands. It is at the club level that we succeed or fail, because it is at the club level that members become excited about service, and pull together to make change.

No one knows your members, or your community, better than you, do yourself and you have the opportunity to harness that knowledge and your leadership role to generate enthusiasm for Rotary's mission. In Rotary we find solutions, not excuses. Committed members make a strong club, and strong clubs make Rotary shine.

Each Rotary year is a new beginning, a new chance to strive for greatness. I wish you every success in your new role, as we work together to Light Up Rotary.

Sincerely,



Gary C.K. Huang

2014-15 President, Rotary International



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

“Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel.

If people believe in themselves, it’s amazing what they can accomplish.” —Sam Walton

Dear Best Class President Sathiyan,

I am delighted to send this message of warm felicitation on the occasion of the Charter Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Killinochchi Town which was chartered on 09th October 2014, and I am happy to welcome you to the beautiful world of Rotary.

This year, RI President Gary has come up with the concept of Rotary Day, which promises to be a fun activity for members, their families and friends. Rotary Day is any day of the year, chosen by your club members to organise a fun activity where non-members will also be invited making Rotary Day a means to bring about Rotary awareness. .

According to our RI President Gary Huang the Rotary way is the Confucius way. It is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness.” It is important that you Light Up Rotary by increasing your club membership and extend Rotary to areas where Rotary does not exist. More members means more hands; fresher ideas and more service. It is also important that you light up Rotary by increasing your club contribution to the Rotary Foundation that does good in the world and develop projects to address any of our 6 areas of focus – Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water & Sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, Economic and community development.

I wish you good luck to lead your club to ‘Light Up Rotary’ .

Let us together “ Light Up Rotary” during 2014-15



Gowri Rajan

District Governor – 2014-15

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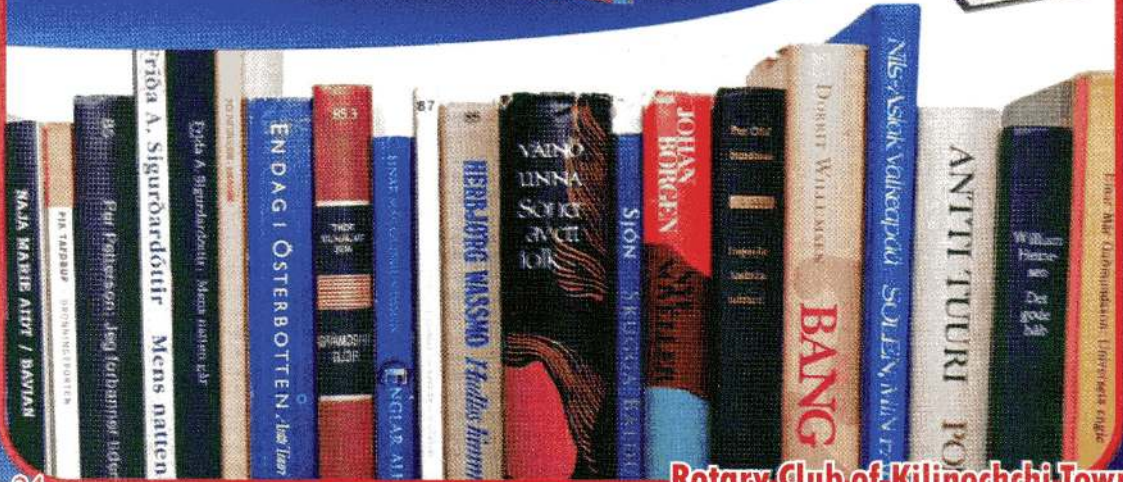
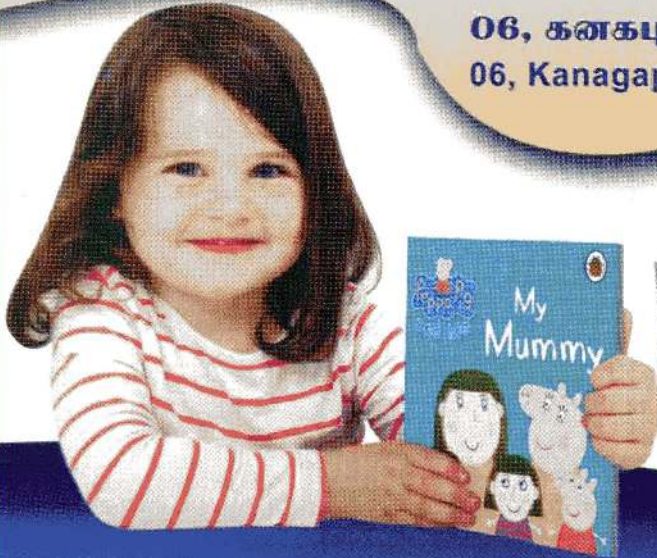


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MESSAGE FROM RTN. PDG. N PATHMANATHAN

It is with great pleasure that I send this message of felicitation to the Charter President and Charter members of the Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town on the occasion of the Charter Presentation by Rtn. DG. Gowri Rajan.



I am happy that I got an opportunity to help in the organisation of this Club. Rtn. PP. PHF. Henry Amalraj, of RC/ Kalmunai who was the Governor's Special Representative, was actively involved in the formation of the Club. He worked tirelessly and spent time and money in bringing up the Club. He deserves our praise and commendation for this great achievement. Rotary Clubs of Colombo South and Kalmunai deserved our praise equally. Our heartiest congratulations to them for adding one more club to our District. DG. Gowri Rajan was very enthusiastic in obtaining the Charter very fast and I congratulate her for achieving this feat in double quick time.

When the charter application was sent, there were forty-two (42) members in the Club. However, due to transfers and other valid reasons some charter members had to leave the club. However, the President, Secretary and other members worked hard and have filled the gaps. The club has a strong membership base. The members are leading professionals and businessmen in the Kilinochchi District.

Within a short period of three months the Club has implemented several valuable humanitarian projects. Donation of hearing aids to hearing impaired persons, drawing up a plan for the community and economic development of Kanchipuram, a remote village in the Kilinochchi District, are two of the valuable projects carried out by the Club. The Club has a strong leader in Charter President Dr. T. Sathyamoorthy. The Club Secretary Winston Thangarajah is a dedicated and effective leader. All members are very active and committed.

I wish the Charter President, Charter Secretary and all charter members every success in their humanitarian endeavours. I am sure the Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town will be an active and successful club in the Rotary map.

Rtn. N Pathmanathan

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MESSAGE FROM Rtn.HENRY AMALRAJ

District Governor's Special Representative

I am very pleased to send this message to your magazine on this occasion of your charter celebration of your club. It has been an exciting 2014 as we worked hard to establish the Rotay Club in Kilinochchi town with the good intention to support the most disadvantageous people in the district. I strongly believe that the Rotay Club is the best tool to heal the suffering of the people from this area.



Together, the vision, mission and values represent our collective passion, dreams and aspirations guide us in how we work with our community and partners to realize the full potential of our people.

The activities you organized in the last couple of months to support the vulnerable people in your area is very encouraging. Your ready response to address our people simply shows the interest and concern you have towards our people wellbeing, especially at this time when they are undergoing so much hardship.

I wish to congratulate the members of the Rotary Club Kilinochchi Town for all the good work you have done this last couple of months to foster goodwill amongst members and the support given to our people. I convey my sincere greetings and good wishes on this happy occasion of your charter celebration and also wish you all the best for the future too.

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Growing to Reach Top Through Fruitful Contribution.

Dear Friends, we have formed a wonderful nest. This nest has all variety of birds and all can fly very high to bring all necessary items for the development. We gathered frequently and made many commitments and executed.



Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town is newly formed club and quickly getting into the scene and we want to be the leading club in many aspect in the Rotary District 3220. It all depend on our continuous commitment. Making changes is starting with a small change at a point. That has been already happened. We are confident that we can do better to the people in these area.

Kilinochchi was heavily affected by the war and trying to get back to normal. Poor people and vulnerable are facing lot of problems. We have to support those who need urgently. Further, we have to take leading role to guide people and make path to them to grow well.

I am sure that we have enough experts and their tireless contribution make changes to their lives of needy people. Already we are going the right path and reached some targets even we face some difficulties. Keeping our friendship as a good tool, we have to contribute more to the area.

On behalf of Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town, I greatly appreciate Rotarian Eng. Henry for the initial fuel and energy to our club. He worked tirelessly and gave all guidance to the club to the running stage. PDG. Pathmanathan joined with Rotarian. Henry gave good outline about Rotary. Therefore, we are giving our heartfelt thank to them.

I greatly appreciate DG. Gowri for her continuous guidance and necessary support to grow well to this stage and I have to thank many Rotarians who supported us by various ways. We are a lucky club to meet RI President and received certificate from him.

Finally, we will together make changes to the world.

Rtn. Dr.T.Sathiyamoorthy

Charter President

Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town

14 March 2015

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**Our Best Wishes To Newly Established
Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO SOUTH

It is with great pleasure I pen this message on the occasion of the charter ceremony of the Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town. I am very much delighted as the president of Rotary club of Colombo South being one of the two clubs that sponsored Rotary club of kiinochchi town.



The Rotarian who worked tirelessly to form the Kilinochchi Town club from our club is our eminent Past District Governor N. Pathmanathan. Forming a club is not an easy task. It involves lot of effort and dedication. All our club members wish to thank our PDG Paths for his great endeavours towards making the dream a reality. Our energetic governor Gowry Rajan played a major role in establishing the Kilinochchi club.

Becoming a Rotarian brings great pride to a person. Rotarians are great people in the society who enjoy good fellowship among them, deliver great humanitarian service and endeavour to build goodwill and peace in the world. Kilinochchi is an area which needs lot of humanitarian service now due to the recently concluded civil war. Many people in and around Kilinochchi live without basic necessities. All these days many clubs from Colombo were implementing some worthy projects for the upliftment of the suffering people in that area. Today we have a new vibrant club with about forty two members in Kilinochchi who are able to help the local people with the assistance of the rotary world. What a blessing to the Kilinochchi people!

I come to know the Kilinochchi club has got many professionals as members. I hope they will use their talents to run the new club effectively and implement many worthy projects to uplift the lives of the poor and downtrodden. I believe President Dr. Sathiamoorthy will lead the club to greater heights during his tenure as charter president. Our Governor has many goals for this year. I believe all members will work hard to achieve her goals. I wish Rotary club of Kilinochchi town will receive many awards and citations for the great service they do during the current rotary year.

I wish all Rotarians of Kilinochchi Town club a very successful rotary year.

Let us all light up rotary.

Rtn. P. Phelps Jeganathan

President 2014/2015

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KALMUNAI ROTARY CLUB

It is with great pleasure that I send this message of warm felicitation on the occasion of the charter ceremony of Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town to be held on 14th March of 2015. The work of Rotary is in the hands of the members, and it is through hands on service and active participation by each Rotarian in the club. That our work is meaningful and successful.



Dr Sathyamoorthy as a committed person who is determined to do good to the community which was proven by him in the past, is taking office as Charter president with 42 members is the great and remarkable achievement to the Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town. With his long experience in the public service and having worked with the under privileged he understands the potential for service activities.

I am certain that with the dynamic leadership of the charter president and the active support of the Board of Directors and the membership that your club will reach new heights. We Rotary Club of Kalmunai as a sponsor club are very proud and heartily congratulate the Charter President and members for all success.

I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the Governor Special Representative and our IPP Rtn Henry Amalrajah for the excellent work done in extending this club.

Let us together "Light up Rottary"

Rtn. M.Sivapathasundaram,

President, 2014/2015

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

On an August evening, a group of professionals residing in Kilinochchi invited by Immediate Past President Kalmunai Rotary and Governor's special representative Rtn. Henry Amalraj and Past District Governor Namasivayam Pathmanathan met at Friends Inn Kilinochchi to look at the possibility of forming a Rotary Club in Kilinochchi. There had been a club functioning in Kilinochchi once but had become inactive. Having this in mind those gathered decided to conduct weekly meetings for a month and then apply for charter.



We received our charter on the 9th October 2015. So that makes us one of the youngest clubs in the District and also one of the clubs away from Colombo that had a large number of charter members. We have on our roll qualified and experienced professionals who are an asset to the club. To be more specific, we have:

- 5 - Medical Practitioners including heads of divisions
- 8 - Engineers both Civil and Mechanical and heads of divisions
- 10 - UN and NGO officials
- 4 - Principals of schools
- 4 - Senior officials and heads of divisions in the fields of Agriculture and Livestock
- 2 - Academics from the universities
- 6 - Senior Bankers
- 2 - Business owners
- 2 - Religious leaders

With this impressive membership, within a short time of 4 months we have been able to undertake some ambitious humanitarian projects assisted by clubs from within the district and the district 3230 Chennai.

We express our gratitude to our sponsoring clubs – Rotary Club of Kalmunai and the Rotary Club of Colombo South and IPP Rtn. Henry Amalraj and PDG Namasivayam Pathmanathan in particular. A special thanks goes to our charismatic District Governor Rtn. Gowri Rajan who has given us special attention that enabled us to grow this fast.

Kilinochchi is a war torn area. Despite impressive infrastructure and housing which have become everyone's show piece, the lives of the people who returned to re-settle is that of a continuous struggle for mere existence. With our motto "Service above Self" we sincerely hope that the Rotary family will stand by us in our endeavour to uplift the tormented lives of the people of Kilinochchi.

Rtn. Winston Thangarajah,

Secretary

Our Activities...

Hearing aids donation phase 1

At a special Club meeting held in Kilinochchi on 10th November 2014, President Rtn. Dr. T. Sathyamoorthy and the members handed over twelve (12) sets of hearing aids to hearing-impaired persons under District's 'Gift of Hearing' Project. This is one of the dream projects of our DG. Gowri Rajan.



Rtn. Dr.T. Sathyamoorthy, chaired the meeting which was attended by a large number of members from Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town. Eng.PP. Henry Amalraj and PDG. N. Pathmanathan also took part in this function.

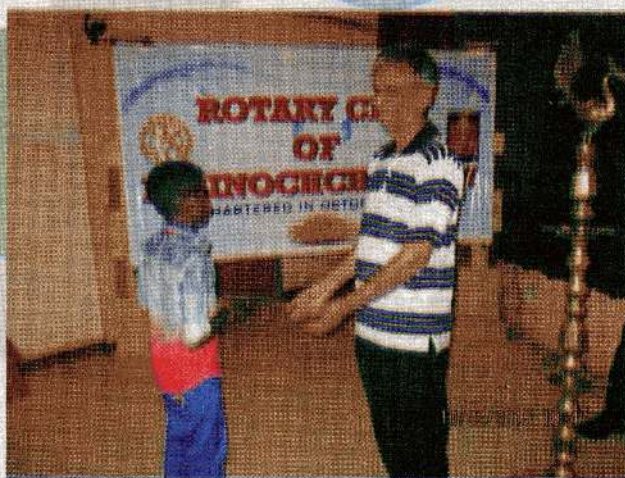
A total of 52 persons were screened Rtn. Dr. S. Suganthan, Medical Officer (ENT) of the District General Hospital Kilinochchi recommended for the donation of hearing aids. There was a large number of children from 'Iniya Vaazhvu Illam', a Home where un-accompanied children with physical disabilities are accommodated and looked after. Unfortunately twelve persons were considered over aged, We have screened.



Hearing aids donation Phase 2

The members of rotary club of kilinochchi town arranged hearing aid donation phase 2 function at Iniyavazhvu illam on 26th of January 2015. 24 sets of hearing aids were donated in this function.

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Hearing aids donation phase 3

Four sets of hearing aids were donated to the beneficiaries on 10th of February 2015. The Club conveys it's sincere thanks to all those who assisted the Club for successful implementation of this project. Our (Gift of Hearing) will be a long term project which will continuously donate hearing aids to our people with hearing impairment.

Spectacle donation project

Ten sets of spectacles were doneted to the eye clinic DGH Kilinochchi on 10-02-2014 .



Mobile Medical Camp

The club conducted a medical screening program in “Iniya vazhvu illam – Puthukkudiyiruppu” on 2015.01.26. That is a home for differently able children who are with visual & hearing impairment and speech difficulties. Around 50 students were screened & treated.



Blood donation programs

The Club had arranged a mobile blood donation camp as part of our “rotary day” activity on 2015.02.10. More than 40 donors donated blood including our members & their colleagues. Second camp arranged with UN-havitat staff in Mullaitivu on 3rd March 2015. We have adapted a plan to continue mobile blood donation camps in collaboration with blood bank attached to district general hospital, Kilinochchi.

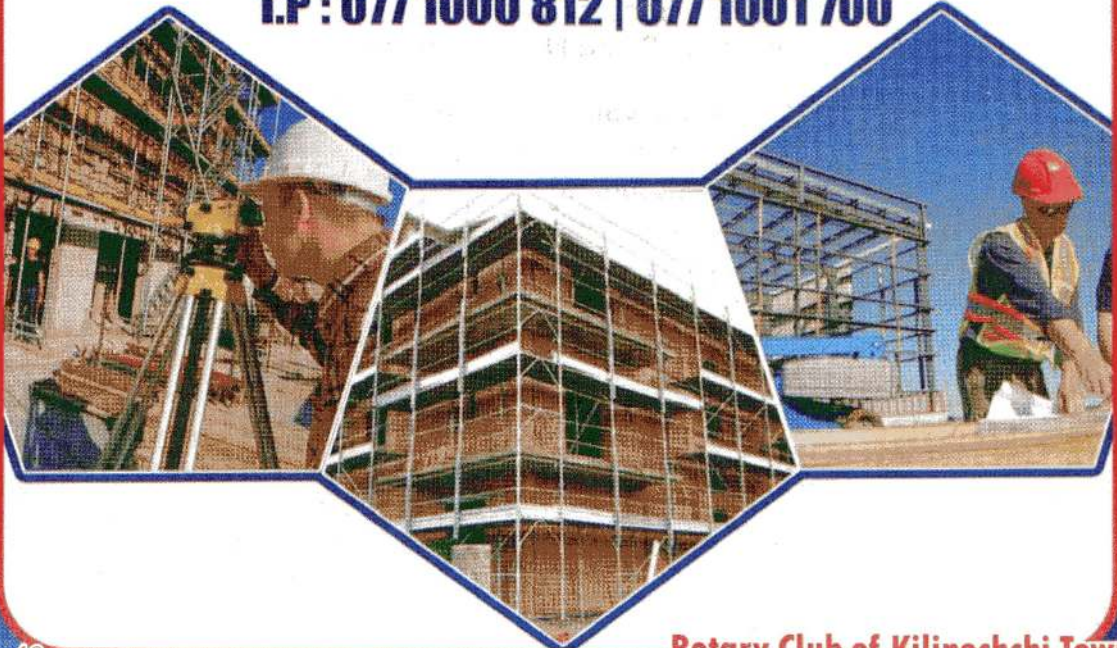




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POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF KANCHIPURAM VILLAGE

The Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town has decided to evaluate the possibilities of adopting Kanchipuram Village in the Kilinochchi district of Sri Lanka.

This is a resettled village, located about 3 Km from A9 Road along old Paranthan Poonakary Road with a population of 74 Families. These people are living with extremely poor sanitation, basic education and literacy level of very low percent and a screaming poverty level of more than 95 percent.

The lie of the land is flat, low with unnoticeable undulation, the average ground level being about 4 feet above Mean Sea Level, sloping down from the A9 Road in the west towards east and about 2 Kms North from here is the Jaffna Lagoon.

Due to the wave action of the sea water during the latter part of rainless North-East monsoon last couple of years, caused by the strong winds pounding on the embankment closure and while on its sudden return with an impulse return meets the oncoming waves from the western sea and the resultant force rushes the water into the southern side of the low lying land through its minor streamlet estuaries, which enter the inland and fills up the shallow water holes in these areas which are very close to the maanavari paddy fields where these resettled people are engaged in tilling for paddy cultivation.

The soil in this area is silty sand of ash brown colour and is saline. This soil has to be reclaimed from salinity by Salt Water Exclusion Dykes with suitable regulating structures for this reclamation.



families have 103 males and 121 females. They are engaged in labour work in the paddy fields of Irnamadu scheme Irrigated paddy fields around Paranthan and Kunchuparanthan for their financial requirements. They also engage in paddy cultivation in their maanavari lands, rear cattle and go fishing in the Jaffna lagoon. Cottage type homes have been built by some non Government Organizations where they are living now but good fresh water in the vicinity is not available and they have to trudge far to fetch water for their drinking needs.

To identify their urgent needs a rapid PRA / PNA session was organized and their urgent needs were prioritized by them.

1. Improvements to their living cottages and providing drinking water facilities.
2. Construction of village road network for easy transport and access outside to transport their Agricultural Products to the market and for other commuting necessities with outside Areas.
3. For training in practical Vocational works for men and women such as Carpentry, Masonry works, Smithy works, knitting works, Stitching garments for young women, Community center with Reading rooms, Making natural fertilizers in homes, Electrician apprentice works and for educated youths even Computer Training programmes.
4. Restoration of the abandoned Minor Tank Kunchukulam now named as Arumugathan Kulam which would hold about 5 ft of water with a capacity of about 150 ac ft. sufficient to irrigate about 50 acres of this maanavari paddy field area.
5. Repairing and Reconditioning the Salt Water Exclusion Bund along the southern



coast of Jaffna lagoon from the Railway Track Embankment at Elephant Pass extended westwards. This bund has to be supported by suitable structures with lifting arrangements for flood discharging from inlet and preventing sea water entry during the dry season when the sea is at high tide.

The villagers yet living amid poverty, devastation and social trauma after 30 years of war, they look with hope to the assistants for industrial and commercial development to resume their progress to prosperity.

Our club planned to implement a master plan during which the villagers are the subject of various degrees of intervention. The interventions are so designed that the villagers would slowly evolve to a level of sustainability and continue their developmental progress even after the institutions systematically withdrew from direct participation in their daily affairs. The basic needs such as health, sanitation, water, and literacy will be addressed.

Our goal is to venture the village people in beneficial productive activities of miscellaneous nature for their consumption and to improve their economy to a sustenance level, raise their social status and also make them self-reliant to fulfill the required basic infrastructural Vocations of the Village.

The possibilities are limitless.

As a confidence building measure among villagers our club members implemented recently one sub-project, thatching the nursery with the participation of the beneficiaries, fulfilling one of their basic and urgent longstanding need.

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Memories...



Our Inaugral Meeting



A Weekly Meeting

Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town

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President receives charter certificate from RI president



Our members with RI president

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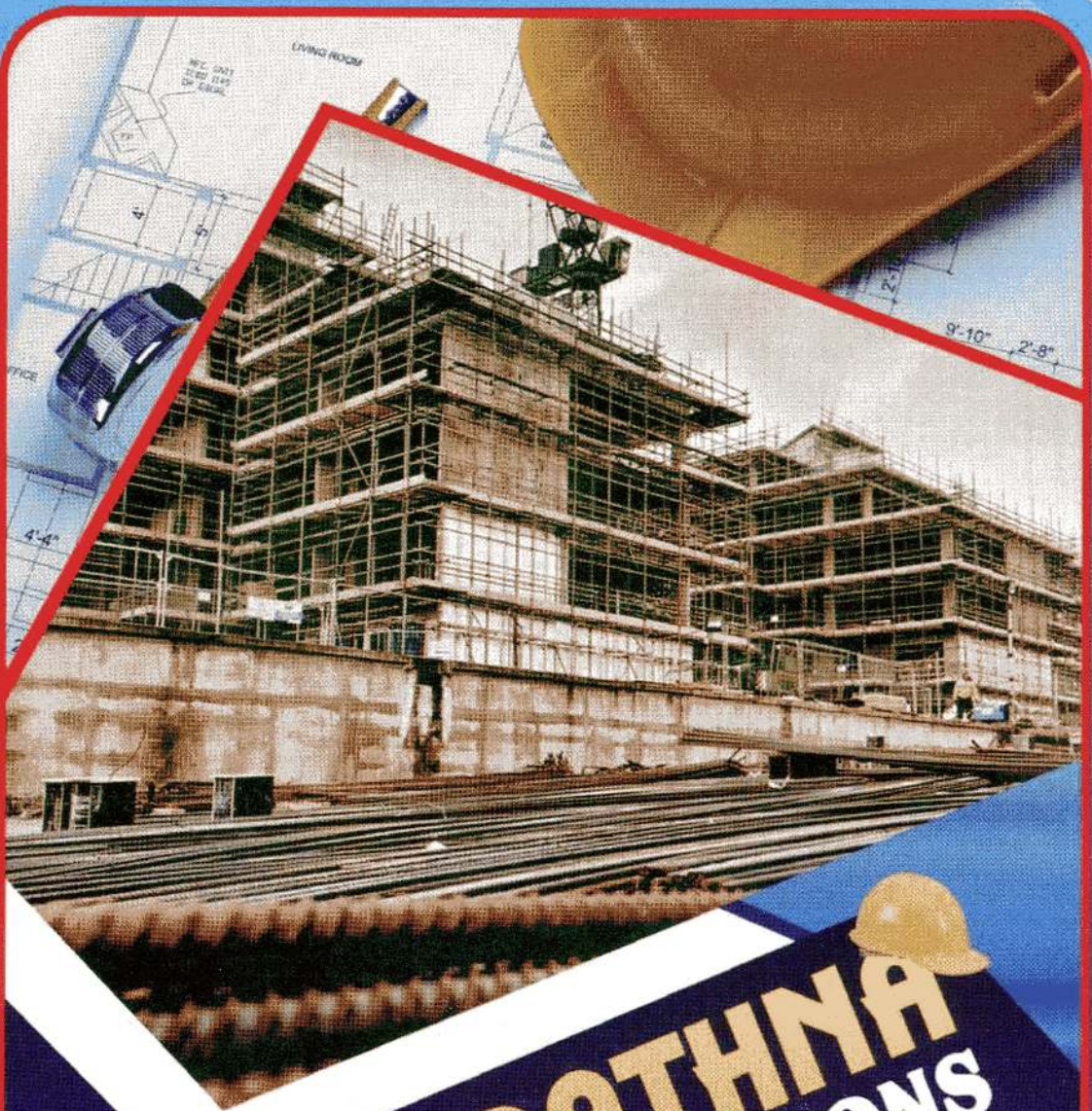


Our members at the engineering faculty following an orientation program about rotaract club to students



Weekly meeting held at engineering faculty, University of Jaffna, Kilinochchi.

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CURRENT STATUS OF EDUCATION IN KILINOCCHI DISTRICT



Rtn. A. Pangayarselvan

Education is a right:

The right to education has been recognized in a number of international and regional legal instruments: treaties (conventions, covenants, charters) and also in soft law such as recommendations, declarations etc). The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), adopted in 1948, states in Article 26: "Everyone has the right to education". Since then, the right to education has been reaffirmed in various international treaties including: UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education (1960), International Covenant on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1965), International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (1966), Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979), Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their families (1990) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006). The right to education has also been recognized in ILO Conventions and international humanitarian law as well as in regional treaties. The Constitution of Sri Lanka provides for education as a fundamental right.

Since education is the fundamental human right various interested parties including government, social institutions, national and international non-governmental institutions, the UN and individuals are focusing on development of education. Social, economic, cultural and political development of a society greatly depends on education. Because of this, level of education is being used as an indicator amongst other indicators to measure the development of the country. It is witnessed that the countries which ensured better education are showing better social and economic growth.

Introduction to Kilinochchi:

Kilinochchi is one of the five districts in the Northern Province. The table given below illustrates some information in educational statistics in the district.

Area	1237.11 Km
Number of Schools	104
Number of Students	31,902
Number of Teachers	1707

After the resettlement in 2010, many initiatives taken by the government, national and international non-governmental institutions and the UN to rehabilitate and reconstruct the educational assets destroyed by three decades long war in this region. Though the recovery and reconstruction was very challengeable many schools were provided with needed physical resources. However there are existing gaps to be filled.

With the provisions of physical resources and other software inputs teaching and learning activities improved gradually. As a result, the kilinochchi zone, which was last amongst all other zones in the north, is able to perform well in the G.C.E O/L and Grade five scholarship exams and the rate of achievement in the public exams in kilnchchi is better than that of national level. This is an indication how the children in kilinochchi are reaching essential learning competencies. They show better performance even in the extra and co-curricular activities and able to secure their places at the provincial and national level competencies.

Remaining challenges in the education sector in Kilinochchi district

Despite the improved performances in the curricular and co-curricular activities the district facing the following challenges and which are the bottlenecks for further advancement in education. Unless the undermentioned challenges are addressed the district cannot show better performance.

- Teacher shortage particularly for Science, Maths and English language.
- Unable to get the required number of teachers from kilinochchi itself and depend on other districts.
- Limited accessibility and transport facilities in between town and the remote areas.
- Malnutrition particularly amongst the children from socially and economically marginalized groups and communities.
- Limited facilities for guidance and counselling. Still some children are unable to come out from the war trauma and the consequences.

- Due to inability of many disadvantaged groups in securing income and food unable to fulfill children requirements for education and show lack of interest on education.
- Drop outs particularly in the remote areas due to various social, economic and cultural reasons.
- Limited availability of resources for additional learning for the students in the G.C.E A/L classes.
- Limited facilities for learning of IT, English language and on line learning.
- Lack of basic amenities such as roads, electricity hinder the learning environment and opportunities in the remote areas.
- Lack of career guidance facilities particularly for the children who sat for the G.C.E A/L and O/L and these students are facing many challenges in getting vocational trainings and securing their jobs.
- Still there are gaps in physical resources in many schools to create conducive learning environment for better education.

Conclusion

If any initiatives taken to address the above mentioned challenges there will be no doubt the level of education in kilinochchi can be improved further and which will lead for better social and economic growth of the district to sustain it in future.



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LIVESTOCK FARMING IN KILINOCCHI



Rtn (Dr).S. Gowrithilagan

The livestock farming in Kilinochchi can be divided into three periods.

1. Pre-war
2. During the war
3. Post war with the re-settlement

In the pre-war scenario, residents of Kilinochchi were dependent on farming and livestock was part of their livelihood. Kilinochchi district was not only self-sufficient in eggs, meat and milk but also provided around 25,000 liters of milk for consumption in the south of the country. Livestock industry was the second highest revenue source in Kilinochchi district. Apart from being a high revenue earner, the industry was self-sufficient in livestock produce.

During the war, the livestock industry in Kilinochchi faced a decline. People had to depend on the local varieties that withstood the adverse conditions created by the war. The population of livestock also declined. The supply of livestock produce such as eggs, meat and milk also was in short-supply during this period. This rationally should have led to higher prices. However the war situation also kept the demand low. This period recorded a sharp decline in the livestock population but also was a very dark period in economic levels of people.

When people began to re-settle post war, the livestock officers had to identify and handover the remaining livestock to rightful owners. The livestock that were un-identified were given to people who needed them.

The country's budget included the livestock development in its allocations. Due to this a meaningful development was possible. The programs included:

- ⇒ A guaranteed price of Rs. 60.00 per liter of milk at farm gate
- ⇒ Loans at low interest for livestock farming
- ⇒ Reduction in selling price of locally produced spray dried milk, yogurt thus increasing sale leading to demand in milk.

- ⇒ Duty concession for equipment required for the dairy industry
- ⇒ Import of high yielding milking cows
- ⇒ Training for livestock officers
- ⇒ Appointment of livestock officers.

This has led to a rapid growth in the livestock industry.

Artificial insemination with a special focus on sex selection method that produces more female calves has led to a vast improvement in livestock farming in the district. Furthermore, introduction of Total Mixed Ration by using small amount of compounded feed, bypass protein and high nutrition grass such as fodder shorgam, CO-3 & hybrid Napier also is a reason for this positive situation.

The livestock farmer cooperatives are being revamped and required equipment is also being provided through these institutions. In addition to the technical training to livestock farmers, marketing assistance is also being provided.

The present milk production is 18260 liters/day. Out of that 6290 is formally collected. Around 6000 liters are informally collected. From Kilinochchi now daily supply of 6,000 liters of milk to the south of the country clearly indicates the achievements of the livestock farmers in the district with the help of the livestock officials.

We need to recognize the goal of the Kilinochchi farmers to achieve daily production level of 28,000 liters of milk by 2016, with the assistance of both state and private sector to reach the self reliance of milk in the district

Finally as everyone understand the Kilinochchi having a very good potentials such as Land, Water, Experienced & dedicated labour force Money in the form of soft lone, Departmental & Government policy support. Shall we put our hands together to improve the quality os life our reemerging Kilinochchi people

Our Activities...



Donation of Elbow Crutches

Based on the information given by Rtn.V.Varathithasan (physiotherapist) at District General Hospital Kilinochchi found that there was a need for the crutches. As a result 12 pairs of crutches were donated on 10th of February to the physiotherapy unit at District General Hospital Kilinochchi.

Orientation program at the engineering faculty

The club conducted an orientation program in engineering faculty in view of forming a rotaract club on 2015.01.20. Many students participated from each batch and showed their interest in our objectives.



Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town

Visit by Dhanvanthri team to Kilinochchi on 2015.02.18

We had the honour of receiving a Dhanavanthri team of Rotarians from District 3230 on the 18th and 19th February 2015. The members of the team were :

- Past District Governor Rtn. Sampathkumar
- Past President Rtn. Balasubramaniam
- Past President Rtn. Inthira Subramaniam
- Past President Rtn. Dhanashekar

We had a dinner meeting on the 18th at the Friends Inn Kilinochchi with the visiting team. The following were discussed at the meeting.

- Setting up of an artificial limb and vocational training centre in Kilinochchi.
- Possibility of assisting adoption an impoverished village Kanchipuram by the host club.

The next day Dhanavanthri Team visited the Muhavil Government Primary School in Iyakachchi in Kilinochchi district. The visiting team gifted school bags to 31 students on roll. The principal and staff were moved as this was a gesture that never took place in their lives. PDG Sampthakumar spoke in midst of the students and we could observe the delight in the eyes of the little ones.

PP Rtn. Balasubramaniam recorded his gift of funds towards our projects.





Kanchipuram preschool roof repair

As a confidence building measure among villagers our club members recently implemented recently one sub-project, thatching roof of the nursery with the participation of the beneficiaries, fulfilling one of their basic and urgent longstanding needs.



Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town

Memories...



Weekly meeting held at 'Iniya Vazhvu Illam'



Weekly meeting held at 'Iniya Vazhvu Illam'

Rotary Club of Kilinochchi Town

Memories...



Enjoyed dinner at 'Iniya Vazhu Illam' following medical camp



A weekly meeting with visited well wisher
Dr. V. Sarveswaran from the UK

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Our members in Kanchipuram village to asses the situation of village



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Rtn. K. Pathmanathan

காலகீ கதிரவன் கதிரீ வீச்சில்
காலஃப் ஃபென் கண் விழிப்பாளீ
காரிருள் கணவன் கலவி மயக்கம்
கலையப் பகல் ஆடை புனைவாளீ!

வானம் வியர்த்து மழையாய்த்தழுவ
மானம் விடுத்து மண்மணக்கும் நெடு
வானம் பார்த்த வன்னியில் மீள
வாழ்வு தொடங்கும் வண்பு நிலைக்கும்!.

குளம் நிரம்பித் தளம் தட்டும் நீர்
வளம் கொழிக்கும் மண் செழிக்கும்
களம் கட்டிப் போரடிக்க நெல்
கலம் நிறையும் காலம் பிறக்கும்!.

நுரைபாடை விலகிக்கரை நாட
அம்மண அருவி அலறி ஓடும்
அம்மண அழகில் மனம் காய்ந்து
மருவகீ குனிந்த மரம் முறியும் !

இடை முறிந்த மரம் பார்த்து
கிடை ஓடி கிடந்தது சிரிக்கும்

ஓடிச்சிரிப்பில் கூட்டுச்சேர்ந்து
பாடிப் பறக்கும் பட்டாம்பூச்சி !

தலைப்பா கட்டிய மயிலாடும்
கலைப்பா மீட்டியே குயில் பாடும்
மலைப்பாகும் மந்தியாட்டம் மனம்
களைப்பாறிக் காற்றில் பறக்கும்!.

வாய்க்கால் ஃபென்ணீன் இடைதழுவீ
வாலிப வர்ப்பு நடை போடும் அதன்
நடையழகில் மனம் வழக்கி
நாணிக்கவிழும் நெல் குமர்கள்!.

நெளிந்து நடக்கும் பாதை மருங்கில்
ஒளிந்து கிடக்கும் மான் மருளும்
பார்வை பட்டு புல்லினங்கள் பனிப்
போர்வை விலக்கி முகம் காட்டும்!.

புல்லினம் காட்டும் முகம் பார்த்து
புள்ளினம் பாடும் தாலாட்டு
இசை கேட்டு மயங்கிப் பாம்பினம்
அசைந்து எழுந்து ஆடி கலக்கும்!

கலந்து களைத்து கிடக்கும் பாம்பை
கயிறாய் நினைத்து குரங்கு விடிக்கும்
குரங்கு விடியில் பாம்பு சீற
குதித்து குரங்கு குளறி பாயும்! .

குரங்குகீ குளறல் குளம் வரைகேட்க
குளிக்஑ம் ஂருமை ஁ரு஁ீடு புர஁ம்
ஂருமை புர஁ தெறிக்஑ம் ஁ேறு
ஂடுத்஑்ப்பு஁ ஁ய஁்கை ஁வக்஑ம்!

விரிந்த மடி மாடு நடக்க
஁ொரிந்த பாலில் காடு ஁லிர்க்஑ம்
஁லிர்த்஑ காட்டினீ ஁ற஑்பை ஁஁றி
஁ல்வ஁ீடுகள் பாடிப்பறக்஑ம் !

஁ழுகிய வ஁்஁ியில் ஁மைந்த வாழ்வு
஁னாந்தம் ஁துபோல் ஁வ஁ியிலில்லை
பழுகிய பல஁ம் பரவ஁ப்பட்ட஁ர் ஁வருடன்
பகையும் ஁ேர்ந்து பரபரத்஑து !

஁஁மைன் பு஑ந்த ஁஁ோகவ஁மாய்
஁னாது வ஁்஁ி ஁க்கி஁ி தி஁்றது
ஂரிந்த ஁ா஑்பர் ஂழுந்து பறக்கவ஁்஁ி
ஂழுந்து மீ஁ீடும் ஁ோ஑்பல் முறிக்஑ம்!

முறிக்஑ ஁ோ஑்பலில் ஁ோகம் கலையும்
மறிக்஑ பலவும் மறுபடி கிடைக்஑ம்
஑றிக்஑ ப஁஁யாய் கிடக்஑ம் ம஁ீ஁ி஁ீ
வெறிக்஑ பார்வை விட்டு வில஑ம் !

IMPORTANCE OF AWARENESS ABOUT HIV/AIDS IN KILINOCHCHI



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Introduction

Though in 1981 the HIV epidemic was introduced to the world with fear, disease and death, scientific advances in the field had made considerable hopes and enormous developments at present world over.

HIV, which is stand for Human Immune deficiency Virus, infects only human in three ways from an infected individual; unprotected sexual intercourse, from mother to child while in uterus, during delivery and breast feeding, and through sharing needle and syringes in drug use.

HIV gradually affects the immune system of human over the period of years which would vary depending on the immune status of the individual. When the individual does not know his/her HIV status, with time HIV jeopardizes the immune system. This stage is called AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) where, the immune system of the body is affected to the extent that the infective organisms and cancers affect the body easily.

HIV in Sri Lanka

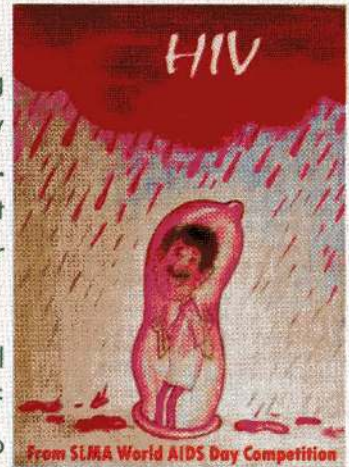
In Sri Lanka sexual transmission plays a major role in HIV transmission; among them majority are heterosexual (Sexual intercourse between man and women) while homosexual mode of transmission play a major role in many parts of developed world. Further, very important to point out that infected individuals are from every provinces, districts ethnic and religious groups all over Sri Lanka.

In Jaffna, 13 patients were found to have HIV positive in 2014, but only one patient was diagnosed as HIV positive in 2013. Though 2 HIV positive patients are living in Kilinochchi, 17 HIV positive patients are living in Jaffna. So, risk for HIV transmission among our population is not minimal.

Prevention of HIV

In view of Preventing sexual transmission, Delaying sexual exposures and each partners being sexually mutual to each other are culturally sound strategies. However, most people lack skill to practice this. Consistent and correct use of condoms would prevent HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI).

The virus is concentrated in blood, semen, vaginal secretions, and breast milk. Therefore non-involvement of such substances like social activities & social contacts do not spread HIV.



HIV testing

HIV testing (screening) is available at the STD clinic in Kilinochchi general hospital for free of charge. The information about the individual and test results is confidential, and reported to the individual concern in person.

If any one think that he or she may be exposed to HIV infection by unprotected sexual intercourse, he or she may walk to any government hospital & clear your doubt by doing blood test.

Prevention is better than cure, but when you are failed in prevention early detection of HIV infection in your body plays major role in quality of life after exposure to HIV infection. So, go for HIV test without delay for better quality of life.

மக்கள் பேணும் நிகழ்த்துகலை மரபு (ஓர் அறிமுகத்தோடு)



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நிகழ்த்துகலை மரபு

நிகழ்த்து கலை மரபு குறித்து நாட்டார் வழக்காற்றியல் மரபில் இருந்து பிரித்திட முடியாதபடி ஒன்றோடு ஒன்று இணைந்ததாகவே இருக்கின்றது. நிகழ்த்து கலை என்பது அரங்கொன்றில் கலைஞர் ஒருவர் அல்லது பலர் தமது முகம், உடல் அல்லது இருப்புக் கொண்டு நிகழ்த்துவதற்குரியதான கலை வடிவங்கள் நிகழ்த்து கலைகள் எனப்படும். இதில் ஓவியம், சிலைவடிப்பு, சிற்பம், இசை, மாயவித்தை போன்ற விடயங்களும் அடங்கும்.

குறிப்பாக நாட்டார் வழக்கியலோடு கிராமிய பண்பாட்டோடும் அதிகம் தொடர்பான நிகழ்த்துகலையாக இருப்பவை

1. கூத்து
2. கிராமிய நடனங்கள்
3. இசை நிகழ்ச்சிகள்
4. இசை நாடகங்கள்

மேற்குறித்த இந்த நான்கு நிகழ்த்துக் கலைகளும் மிக நீண்ட காலத்தில் இருந்தே தமிழர் வாழ்வியல் மரபுகளோடு இணைந்து வந்திருக்கின்றன. குறிப்பாக கிளிநொச்சி மாவட்டத்தின் நான்கு பிரதேச செயலக பிரிவிலும் இந்த நிகழ்த்து கலைகள் மிகச் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்று வருகின்றது.

➤ கூத்து

நிகழ்த்தல் செய்யப்படும் நிகழ்த்து கலைகளின் பிரதான பங்காளர் அண்ணாவி யார் என்று அழைக்கப்படும் நெறியாள்கையாளர்கள், வேறு நிலைகளில் முக்கியம் பெறும் இவ் அண்ணாவிமார் கிளிநொச்சிப் பிரதேசத்தில் பல இடங்களில் இருந்து தமது பாரம்பரிய நிகழ்த்து கலைகளை நடத்தி வருகின்றார்கள். கிளிநொச்சி மாவட்டத்தில் பொதுவாக நடாத்தப்படும் கூத்துக்கள், இசை நாடகங்கள் பின்வரும் கதைகளை அடிப்படையாக கொண்டதாக காணப்படுகின்றது. காத்தவராஜன், வள்ளி திருமணம், பவளக்கொடி, சத்தியவான் சாவித்திரி, அரிச்சந்திரன், காமன்கூத்து, ஞானசவுந்தரி மற்றும் கிறிஸ்தவ புனிதர் கதைகள்.

பூநகரி, கண்டாவளை, பளைப் பிரதேசங்களில் பல நூற்றாண்டுகளாக கூத்துக்கள் பரம்பரை பரம்பரையாக ஆடப்பட்டு வந்ததற்கான சான்றுகள் உள்ளன. தற்போதும் இப் பகுதியில் கூத்துக்கள் ஆடப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

➤ கிராமிய நடனங்கள்

கிராமிய நடங்களைப் பொறுத்தவரை பூநகரிப் பிரதேசத்தின் கறுக்காய்தீவு பிரதேசத்தில் பொம்மலாட்டம் நடனத்திற்கான பாரம்பரிய வரலாறு உண்டு. மேலும் கரகாட்டம், கிராமிய மற்றும் சும்மி நடனங்கள் பிரதேசத்தின் பல்வேறு பகுதிகளிலும் கோவில் திருவிழாக்களின் போதும் பிள்ளைகளால் அரங்கேற்றம் செய்யப்பட்டு வருகின்றது.

இசை நிகழ்த்துகையை பொறுத்தவரையில் பிரதேசத்தில் நட்டுவர் மேளம், உடுக்கடி, மூப்பன் மேளம் போன்றவை தொடர்ந்து நடைபெற்று வருகின்றது. குறிப்பாக உடுக்கடி மற்றும் மூப்பன் மேளம் குறித்து இப்பகுதியில் பதிவுசெய்ய விரும்புகின்றேன்.

➤ உடுக்கடி

கிளிநொச்சி மாவட்டத்தில் சகல பிரதேசங்களிலும் உடுக்கடி கலையில் ஈடுபடுகின்ற கலைஞர்களை நாம் சந்திக்க முடியும். இவர்கள் உடுக்கடி கலையை இரண்டு காரணங்களுக்காகப் பயன்படுத்துகின்றார்கள். இசை மற்றும் கூத்து நாடகத்திற்கும் இசையாக அத்தோடு கிராமிய தெய்வங்களின் பிரசன்னத்தை உறுதிப்படுத்துவது அல்லது அத்தெய்வங்களை அழைப்பதற்கு ஊடகமாக உடுக்கு இசையை பயன்படுத்துகின்றார்கள்.

இவ் உடுக்கடி கலைஞர்கள் அதிகமாக மாடன், ஐயனார், நரசிம்மன், அம்மன், காளி, வைரவர், போன்ற காவல் தெய்வங்களுக்கு தமது உடுக்கடியை அர்ப்பணம் செய்தே தமது இசையை ஆரம்பிப்பார்கள்.

பொதுவாக உடுக்கில் இரண்டு பக்கங்கள் உண்டு. ஒரு பகுதி இறைவனுக்கும் மறுபகுதி கலைக்கும் என்று அர்ப்பணிக்கப்பட்டு, அவை பாவிக்கப்படுகின்றன.

உடுக்கடி கலைஞர்கள் கிராமப்புறங்களில் பேயோட்டும் பூசாரிகளாகவும் தொழில் செய்து வருகிறார்கள். பேய் பிடித்திருக்கும் ஒருவரில் இருந்து பேயை வெளியேற்ற உடுக்கிசையைப் பயன்படுத்தி அப் பேயுடன் கதைத்து அதை அச்சுறுத்தி வெளியேற்றும் வேலையையும் செய்து வருகின்றார்கள்.

தற்போது உடுக்கடி கலை மிகவும் அதிதாகி வருகின்றது. இக் கலையை இளைய சமுதாயத்தில் எவரும் முன்வந்து கற்பது அரிது. குறிப்பாக உடுக்கடிப்பவர்களை சிலர் பேயோட்டிகளாக பார்க்கும் பார்வை இக் கலைப் பக்கத்தை மறைக்கும் ஒரு செயலாக இருக்கிறது எனக் கூறலாம்.

மூப்பனார் இசை நிகழ்த்துகை

பறை இசையை இசைப்போரை "மூப்பனார்" என கிளிநொச்சியின் பல பிரதேசங்களில் அழைக்கும் வழக்கம் இருந்து வருகின்றது. பறை இசை ஒரு சமூகத்தின் தொழில் கலையாக தமிழ் சமூகத்தில் பேணப்பட்டு வருகின்றது எனக் கூறினாலும் கூட பறை இசையின் தற்போதய நிலையில் பறை இசை பயன்பாட்டை இரண்டு வகையாக பார்க்க முடியும்.

1. தொழில்சார் பறை இசை
2. கலை சார் பறை இசை

கிளிநொச்சி மாவட்டத்தில் பல பிரதேசங்களிலும், தொழில்சார் பறை இசைக்கும் சமூகத்தினர் மிக அரிதாகவே இத்தொழில் ஈடுபடும் நிலையில் தற்போது உள்ளனர். பல்வேறு அம்மன் வழிபாடுகளிலும், வேறு சில தெய்வ வழிபாடுகளிலும் பறைஇசை இசைக்கும் வழக்கம் இருக்கும் போதிலும், இறப்பு நிகழ்வுகளுக்கு பறை இசைக்கும் கண்களோடு மட்டுமே பறை இசை தற்போதும் அதிகமாக பார்க்கப்படும் சூழ்நிலையில் இத் தொழில் செய்வோரின் சமூக பெறுமானத்தின் நிலையில் அதை புதிதாக கற்று பரம்பரை தொழிலாக செய்ய முன்வராத நிலை காணப்படுகின்றது.

எனினும் தொழில் ரீதியாக இவ் இசையை பறை பிரதேசத்தில் நீண்ட நாட்களாக பயன்படுத்திய பாரம்பரியம் இருந்திருக்கின்றது. அதாவது “மூப்பன்வலம்” என்னும் நிகழ்வு ஒரு வருடத்திற்கு ஒரு முறை நடைபெற்று இருக்கின்றது. இத் தொழில் செய்வோர் குழுவாக கிராமந்தோறும், வீடுகள் தோறும் சித்திரை புதுவருடத்திற்கு முன்வரும் நாட்களில் வீட்டு முற்றத்தில் பறை இசைத்தல் நிகழ்வு மிகச்சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றுள்ளது. இந் நிகழ்வுக்கு இசை வாசிப்பதற்கான வெகுமதியாக ஒரு பறை நெல் கொடுக்கும் வழக்கம் இருந்ததாக சொல்லப்படுகின்றது.

மேலும் இரட்டைக்கேணி அம்மன் கோவிலுக்கு பக்கதிலிருக்கும் பிரசவ விடுதியில் முற்காலங்களில் பிரசவத்திற்காக பெண்களைக் கொண்டு வந்து விடும்போது இசைத் தொழிலாளர்களை அழைத்து அந்த வைத்திய விடுதியையும், கோவிலைச் சுற்றியும் மூன்று முறை பறை இசைக்கும்படி கேட்கப்படும். அப்படி செய்வதன் மூலம் சுகப்பிரசவம் உண்டாகும் என்ற நம்பிக்கை நீண்ட காலமாக இருக்கின்றது.

கிளிநொச்சி மாவட்டத்தின் பறை இசை தொழில் ரீதியாக பின்நிற்கும் நிலையிலும் மறுபுறம் கலைசார் நிலையில் பறை இசைக்கும் இளைய சமூகத்தை கரைச்சிப் பகுதியின் மளையாளபுரம் கிராமத்தில் காணமுடியும். இந்த பறை இசை தொழில்சார் பறை இசை நிலையில் சற்று வேறுபட்டதாகவே காணப்படுகின்றது. குறிப்பாக இவ் இசை வாசிப்பவர்கள் மலையக சமூகத்தை சேர்ந்தவர்கள். பொதுவாக மலையக சமூகத்தில் ஆடப்படும் காமன் கூத்தோடு தொடர்புடையதாக இல்லாமல் கலை கண்களோடு அணைத்து சமூகத்தினரும் இதை செய்கிறார்கள். இந்த பறை இசையில் ஆட்டமும் இணைந்ததாக காணப்படுகின்றது. ஆட்டத்துடன் இணைந்து இசைக்கப்படும் இவ் இசை ஒரு பாரம்பரிய நடனமாகவும் பார்க்கப்படுகின்றது என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. மேலும் இசைத்தல், ஆடுதல், பாடுதல் என்ற முப்பரிமானத்துடன் வெளிப்படுத்தப்படும் இவ் இசை மரபு மெழீர் தோல் இசைப் பயன்பாட்டின் மூலம் என்று சொல்லப்படுகின்றது.

இவ் கிராமிய நிகழ்த்து கலைகள், கூத்துக்களாக, இசை நாடகங்களாக, கிராமிய மாவட்டத்தின் பல பகுதியிலும் மரபு ரீதியான கலையாக பேணப்பட்டு வருகின்றது என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.



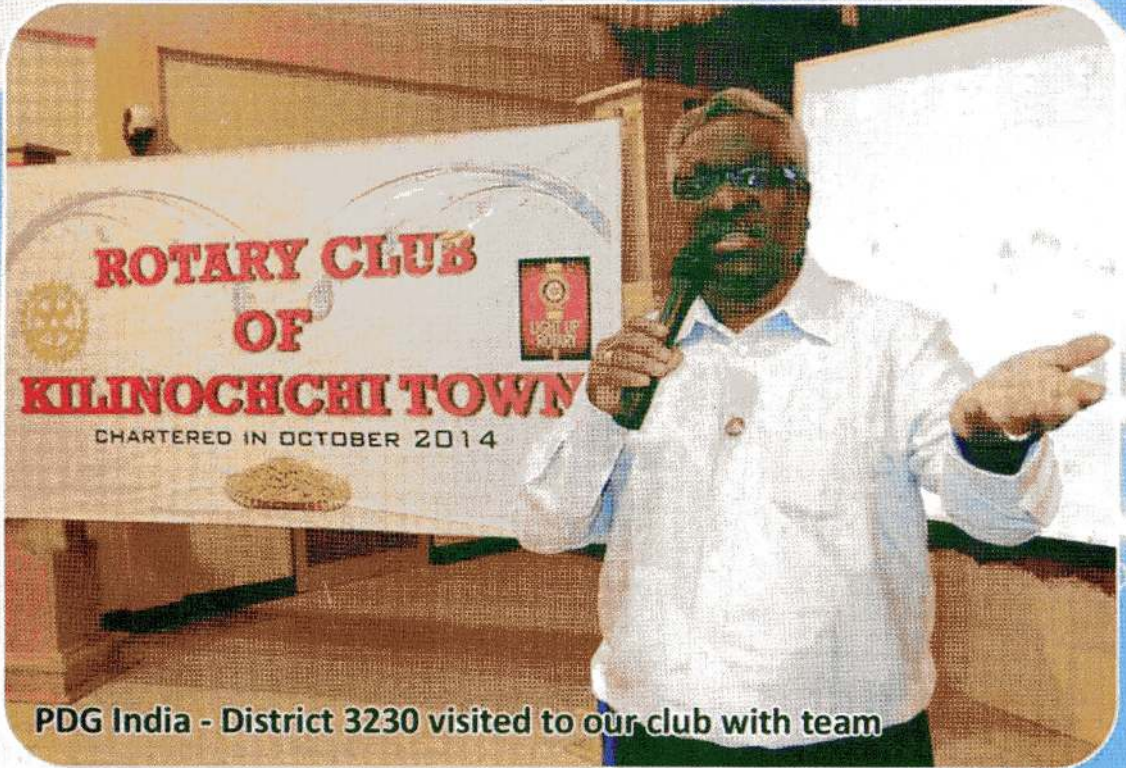
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The move towards new trends in secondary education A case of Kilinochchi District



Rtn Perumal Ganeshan

Background of the new trends

Dr CWW Kannangara's report emphasized on how educational opportunities must be widened or given to all citizens in order to enjoy social changes.

Soon after the introduction of free education in this country the middle class communities benefitted from it. In due course all others had the opportunity to use the free education that led towards social mobility. The direct influence of the central school system has contributed to economical mobility too. The medium policy also had contributed to social mobility and attitudinal changes, values and perspectives of the citizens of Sri Lanka.

Then the introduction of Science education for all in 1972 gave path to prestigious education for the ordinary citizen. This impacted in the population of Science education in the universities. However, the studies undertaken in different times revealed that the educated youth had not sufficient job opportunities in Sri Lanka. Further, the studies confirms the education they obtained in all the levels were not able to support them for finding jobs. Whereas brain drain has minimized the jobless issue certain amount.

All these experiences has compelled to educational reforms that would produce youths to fulfill the expectations of entrepreneurs in the country. This is the root of the new trends in Sri Lankan education system.

Globalization also has influenced educational reforms in many states in order to enable the countries to meet the pros and cons of globalization. Hence, Sri Lanka has to get its education changed with regards to globalization. Globalization must be our concern to realize the instability of education system and contents in this country. Globalization has four main objectives

1. To link among the communities in the globe
2. To connect the distances to produce things and services to suit beyond the bounties
3. To combine world labors divisions
4. To disregard merely the national economic aspects

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The scholars for globalization believe that it would provide ample job opportunity for the youth of the developing countries. Therefore, the components in our education system have to be suitable for the international job market. The propaganda for power in the agenda of globalization give prominence to produce citizens to suit the global citizenship. From globalization, the unique cultural aspects are weakened. Hence the local school is not able to produce students with indigenous culture what has much humanitarian values. On the other hand the parental demand is highly entertained at present day school system and it has been changed to certain extent to satisfy the client's market expectation like private organizations. The education standards are now being compared to other countries unlike the early days where they had intra and inter country comparison as the tradition. The new focus in education is to create knowledge based economy to suit the new world.

A research of Prof John Mayer reveals that the education performance is the outcome of the curriculum. Therefore, the improvement in curriculum of many countries have the same features mostly. They are

- To agree with the globalization by discarding the ethnic differences among the states.
- The curriculum of many countries priorities Mathematics.
- They consider natural science while social science is also given importance
- They include Aesthetic subjects
- They give less importance to religious, morality, practical and health education.

It is obvious that there is a theoretical change in the curriculum widely which wish to turn to job oriented education.

Competencies required for job market

In general the entrepreneurs are expecting the following competencies from our youths:

- I. English language competencies
- II. IT competencies
- III. Communication competencies
- IV. Leadership competencies
- V. Team sprit competencies
- VI. Problem solving competencies
- VII. Inventive competencies
- VIII. Competencies for facing the life challenges

IX. Accepting the changes and new opinions

Scholars criticized the prevailed GCE O/L education is not able to satisfy all the above. It is just to improve memorization which is not able to satisfy the present expectations in the job markets. It produced unemployable youths. If the education can produce suitable persons they simply be attracted by job opportunities with satisfactory high wages internationally. Though the conventional education qualification is high one will not be considered the literate, due to the lacking of the competencies of information technology in them. Hence the reformation is automatically entertained in the education path way in Sri Lanka. As part of the reform, IT was introduced in 1983 to GCE O/L students and the Asian development bank supported to create computer resource centers to accelerate the computer education.

Challenges faced by youths in Kilinochchi district

Though many initiatives and reforms took place in the education systems regards to secondary education in this country to enhance IT related knowledge and communication and other skills, unfortunately considerable amount of secondary students in Kilinochchi district, particularly the students from socially and economically marginalized groups did not get an adequate and appropriate opportunities to learn and / or enhance their IT knowledge and communications skills due to various reasons. Also, they are having very limited avenues and opportunities to acquire other competencies which are important to secure their places in the job market. Therefore, they are unable to compete with others who are from other parts of the country in securing their places in the job market .Failure in gaining required knowledge/competencies and securing their places in the job market created an unemployment amongst the youth in Kilinochchi.

Recommendations

Therefore, it is important to create an opportunities and avenues for the children/youths from marginalized groups in Kilinochchi district to enable them to acquire appropriate and adequate knowledge to compete with others in the job market. Provision of hard and software supports to the schools in Kilinochchi district, particularly for the schools in the remote areas is essential to raise the awareness to realize the need of gaining more job related competencies and to provide an opportunities to learn the required knowledge and skills.

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Tourism in Kilinochchi



Rtn. Joy Piyaseelan

Kilinochchi is the last born infant among it Srilankan districts. But it has been enriched with land, water fauna and flora. It has a traditional and ancient historic elements too not just a district with modern time. Though it has been erected recently as a new district it has evidence of primitive colonies from the archeological justifications.

The long lasted civil war has damaged the thought of tourism in Kilinochchi. Kilinochchi tourism is combined to tanks lagoons channels and sea shores .with regards to water and jungle, paddy fields, primitive villages and ancient structure are the land marks too.

All these can be considered as the base of tourism in Kilinochchi. I have been motivated to write this composition by three important aspects that are as follows

1. The continuous encouragement of Rotarians of kilinochchi town
2. The article of prof. P. Pusparatnam's in the volume published by the district secretariat, Kilinochchi on "Thonmayin Moolangal"
3. The feelings and views of scholars on the vacuum treated in tourism in Kilinochchi

It is very much appreciable to start our views on tourism from the significance of the heart like aspect Iranaïmadu reservoir.

Not only the picturesque view of the reservoir but also the archeological findings that this is the oldest human habitat in Srilanka and is a vital and remarkable aspect. It is evident that primitive men had lived here that is 125 thousand years ago upper palaeo-licthic people lived.



Poonerinn division

In Poonakari we find the fort built by Dutch and the bridge that connects the peninsula to kilinochchi land mass .

The Mannithalai Sivan temple that exposes the sculpture tradition of Chola kingdom

The higher sandy hills, the white sandy valley, the shallow sea the bushy garden of Palmyra's ranch which enhance the scenic beauty at Gawtharimunai.

We can also see the 75 feet statue of good Vinayagr here .All these demarcate that this is a place for tourism.



In Uruthirapuaram the Sivan temple with sprinkle water pool and the "Sivalingam" is found in the time of Sir William Twynam Government Agent of jaffna in 1882 is remarkable .

In D 8 colony a huge vessel of 4 feet high and 8 feet in circumference was found is an evidence for the primitive colony that existed in kilinochchi district. The vessel was kept at the museum of Jaffna. The well that does not dried up ever can be seen in Ootupulam beside Konavil large village. There are very significant features of the district to proof that this was a primitive colony.



Therefore a museum could be erected in this district to preserve all the antiques of this land .

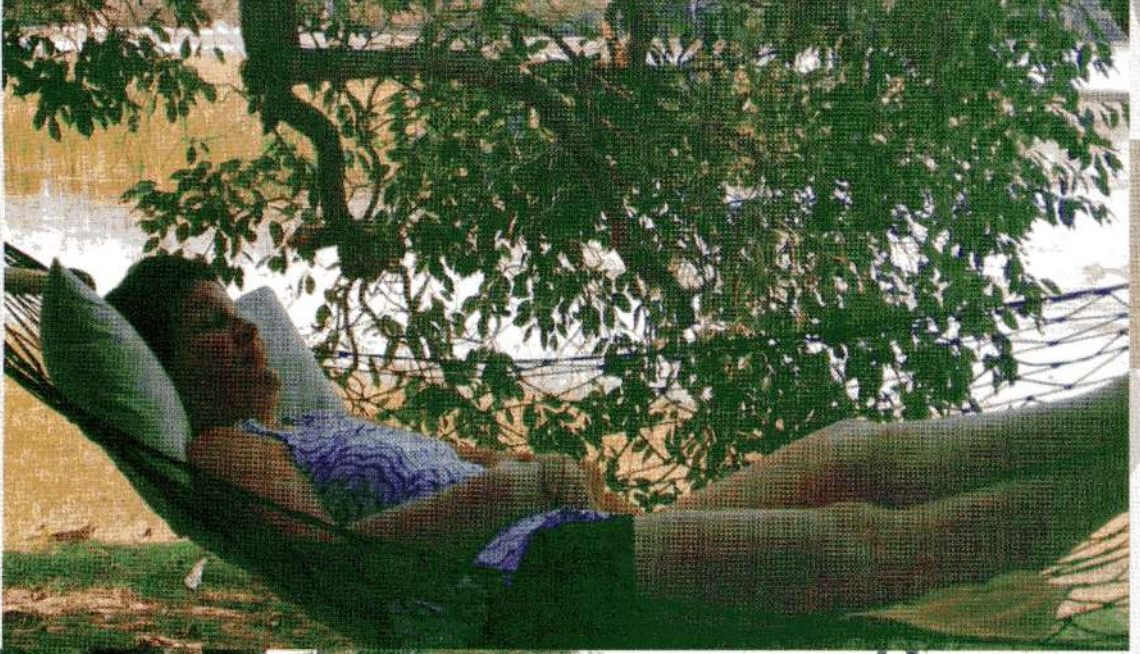
Though the fort in elephant pass and the circuit bungalow are ruined, Poonakary fort and Iyakkachchi fort are considered a tourist site as well .

The lagoon with birds sanctuary

Vannaerikkulam could be modified as a tourist site which has picturesque view. The bushy trees exist beside the catchment area of the vast tank. The boat rowing scenes the trees inside the water and the birds habitat mostly in the evenings and mornings give the marvelous heart tugging feelings. It is a luscious place for all. Akkarayan tank is another tourist attraction in this area.



The Chundikulam area flourished with fauna and flora that can give an enhancement to the nature. More over the birds sanctuary here and the lagoon adorn the area. The holiday resort among the palmyrah jungle has been existing on the sandy hill. It is told that it was a court of kings period . The palce has two significant directions one is the sea view and the other is lagoon of Chundikulam that give dual scene . Some areas are man free and nature bond so far which rises the natural beauty further. Foreigner are attracted here now a days too. Very idea place for bird watching that could attract the foreigners.



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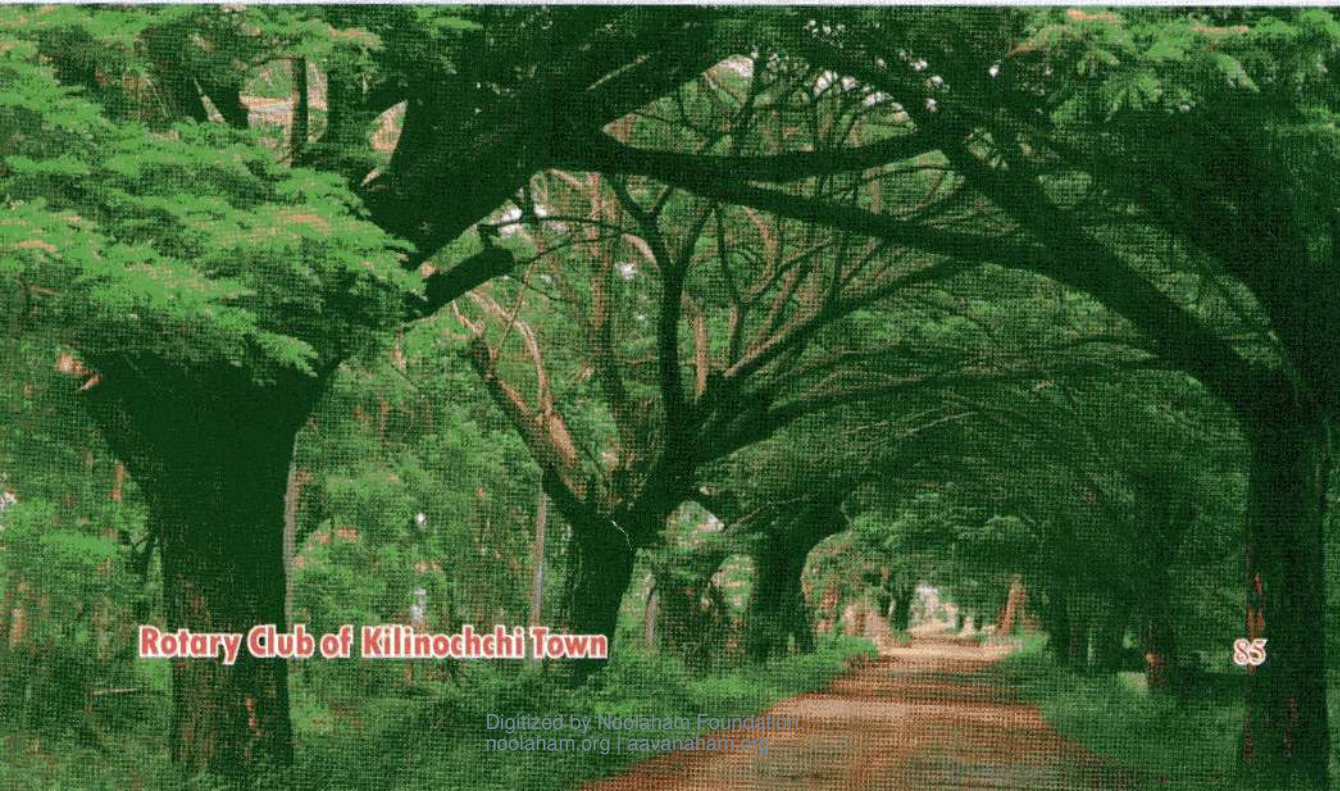


Nature Park
HOLIDAY RESORT
CHUNDIKULAM



From small kinds of plants to large and tall trees are remarkable too, the iron tree can be found at large here. The herbal paints, aquatic birds and reptiles are very significant.

The sea food is largely available. As Kilinochchi has been surrounded by sea and lagoons the export quality fish prawns & crabs are rich sources of food available here. In all pieces of forests, the peacocks, jungle wolf, cheetah, owl, wild elephants, fox, leopard, deer, antelopes, pigs, and so on are being commonly seen in Kilinochchi jungles .



The cultivation land especially the paddy land of Irranaimadu irrigated area is an attractive sight too.

The tank view hotel was built on the Irranaimadu junction and the area surrounded by Kanagamabikai kulam catchment area along the A 9 road stimulate the beauty of the area too. As this is the gate way to Kilinochchi the strangers can take pleasure of this tank after Murugandy, a famous Hindu temple.



The article has pointed out some important tourist sites, which could be absorbed by the administration concerned to develop and preserve it as an asset of this historic land. The tourism in Kilinochchi can be identified as an important source of revenue in this district.

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Agriculture in Kilinochchi

Kilinochchi is one of the most beautiful areas in the Northern Province. Situated in the middle of the province, Kilinochchi is on the main A-9 highway and is connected to districts of Jaffna, Mullaithivu, Vavuniya and Mannar by modern roadways.



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- Extent: 1,279 sqkm
- Number of DS Divisions: 4
- Grama Niladhari Divisions: 95
- Number of Villages: 329
- Population: 76,984
- Number of families: 24,728

Kilinochchi district consists of the following Divisional Secretariate divisions:

- Karachi
- Kandawalai
- Poonakary
- Pachchilaipalli

Table - 01 : FOOD CROPS in Ha

CROPS	EXTENT [HA] 2010/11	YIELD [MT] 2010/11
Chillie	94	94
Cowpea	205	164
Green Gram	216	172
Black Gram	323	258
Ground Nut	368	257
Sesame	22	19
Maize	133	133
Vegetables	558	5,580
Red Onion	60	N/A

Table - 02 : FRUIT CROPS in Ha

CROPS	EXTENT 2010/11 Ha
Banana	109
Lime	30
Orange	2
Mango	160
Guava	40
Pomegranate	20
Jak	108

Table - 03 : LIVESTOCK STATISTICS

KIND OF LIVESTOCK		2011	
NEAT CATTLE	COWS	Milk at present	10,815
		Other Cows	11,318
		Calves (2 years)	3,850
	BULLS	Calves (2 years)	6,130
		Other Bulls	3,650
GOATS	HE	1,054	
	SHE	2,641	

Table - 04 : AVERAGE ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION

DS DIVISION	PRODUCTION IN LTRS.
Karachi	800,000
Kandawalai	300,000
Poonakary	100,000
Pachilaipalli	N/A
TOTAL	1,200,000

Despite these figures given by the state and much talked about infrastructure showcase, the majority of farmers who came back to re settle in their old dwellings find it difficult to run their day-to-day lives. Most of them are subsistence farmers.

With very little guidance from officials they cultivate what is traditionally cultivated. The produce when harvested does not fetch a reasonable price pushing the farmer into a debt trap. Financial institutions are not prepared to assist these

farmers as their investments cannot be secured as per their financial regulations. This has led to social problems too.

The farming practice of small holders needs to be looked at from a new angle. There need be a paradigm shift in the attitude towards farming in the district.

Private sector involvement is the only solution for this issue. So called CSR projects of companies are like grazing the top of the pasture. NGOs also sometimes fail to understand the real issues. As such Rotary aided by the Foundation should embark on a livelihood project revolving around agriculture.

STRATEGIC FOCUS

- Develop a long-term based innovative product portfolio
- Develop an innovative out-grower program.
- Build a responsive program respected by the industry & customers
- Make accountability and social responsibility the core of the project

STRATEGIC PATH

- Develop an integrated self-sustaining model farm that would be a training facility and would distribute planting material and provide field advice within the designated time span consisting of:
 - Grown for export:
 - Field crops
 - Vegetables
 - Horticulture
 - Floriculture
- Cattle in homesteads with silage prepared with African Tall maize.
- Small milk collecting centers
- Value adding for farmer produce and providing marketing support

VISION

Farming practices and systems should change the way farming is looked at; creating a Green atmosphere, zero pollution, optimum return from the land, organically enriched soil while helping the less fortunate residents in the neighbourhood enrich their lives. The motto should be "We farm differently."

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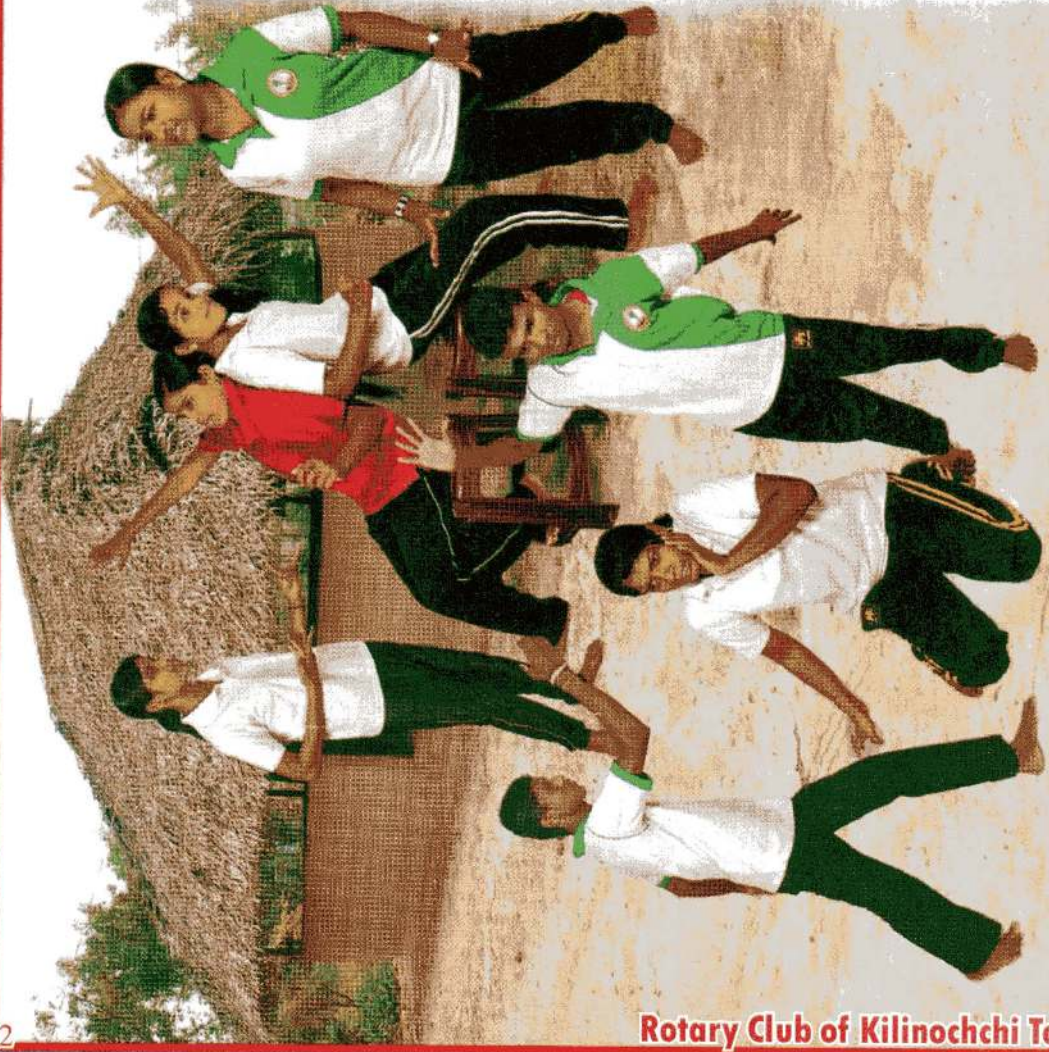
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IRRIGATION SECTOR REVIVAL IN KILINPOCHCHI IN NEW ERA

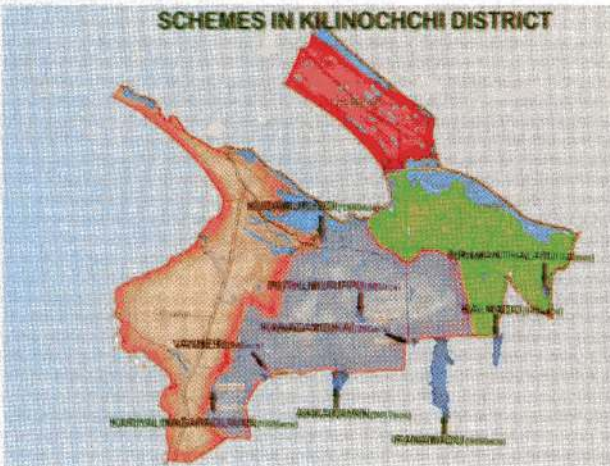


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Overview/Background

Kilinochchi District being an primarily agricultural, is contributing to national GDP through agricultural activities that will largely depending on the irrigation network for its growth and development and hence Irrigation sector plays a vital role in the development of this district.

Irrigation has been practiced in Kilinochchi since ancient times and is almost exclusively used for the cultivation of paddy. The cultivators in this district solely depend on rainfall for their irrigation through Irrigation Schemes or rainfed cultivation , as there is no other source for supply. The average annual is about 1250 mm and most of time is received during North – East Monsoon period. Irrigation Schemes in the Kilinochchi have storage reservoirs which assure supplemental irrigation during dry spells in the Maha season and assure irrigation facilities to limited areas during the Yala season.



Kilinochchi has 7 river basins and there are 5 medium tanks and 4 major tanks including Iranamadu Irrigation Scheme are being maintained by the Irrigation Department, Northern Province while around 464 Minor tanks/Ponds maintained by Agrarian Development Department. These schemes primarily provide irrigation water to 15,000 Ha. benefiting more than 18,000 farming families in this region. The coastal area of the

district has no. of Salt Water Exclusion (SWE) schemes providing saltwater exclusion facilities to 1500 Ha.

Status of Irrigation Sectors before new Era

Due to the turbulent situation prevailed in this district, satisfactory maintenance of these schemes could not be carried out for more than two to three decades. In addition to this, severe damages caused by the heavy floods have worsened the situation. As a result, most of the schemes were found to be in dilapidated

condition. Since the Irrigation Head Works were in hazardous stage, there was potential threat of failure. Due to the dilapidated condition of channel system, the water losses were very high and hence the resource utilization was well below the designed level. The malfunctioning of Salt Water Exclusion Schemes has caused Salt Water intrusion into the cultivable lands and ground water. The farmers were facing lot of hardships in transporting the commodities to and from their paddy fields due to the poorly maintained channel roads.

Development Intervention in new Era

After end of conflict, Government of Sri Lanka had initiated Rapid Development Programme to support its effort for rapid resettlement of internally displaced people (IDP) of Northern Province. As primary livelihood activity of them is agriculture, it was strongly felt that the revival of Irrigation schemes are also a must for successful resettlement of IDPs in this region. These schemes not only provide irrigation water under gravity and lift, but also recharge the groundwater aquifer enabling abstraction of water for drinking, domestic uses and raising cattle. Groundwater augmentation is also important to maintain home garden and perennial trees.

Reactivation of Operation & Maintenance Activities

Realizing the importance of its services in this crucial stage, the Irrigation Department voluntarily marched forward into the war affected region, setting an example for other agencies to follow. The immediate challenges faced by the department were re-establishing its own organizational structures and providing irrigation facilities to the resettling farmers to help them to restore their livelihood.

The irrigation department was successful not only in establishing its own infrastructure from the ruin, but also was successful in providing basic irrigation facilities by reactivating its operation and maintenance activities in irrigation schemes to ensure irrigation facilities under these Major / Medium Irrigation Schemes in Kilinochchi and trouble free water issues were ensured for all resettled farmers. As a result of this effort considerable extent of cultivable lands were assured irrigation facilities and were brought under cultivation.

Urgent Improvements / Safety Measures

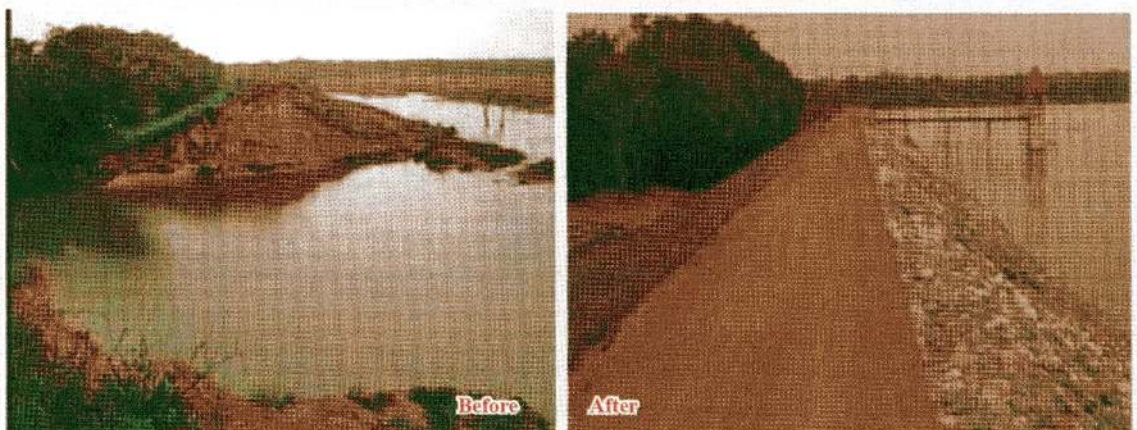
Most of the irrigation schemes in Kilinochchi are in a dilapidated hazardous condition and functioning below its designed levels. As a consequence, the next laborious task assigned to the irrigation department was to take immediate measures to safeguard the most dangerous schemes that were about to breach. In spite of security threat caused by land mines, the Irrigation department bravely tackled this challenge and ensured safety of these schemes.

Rehabilitation / Restoration of Irrigation Schemes

Attending urgent repairs with the limited funds are not sufficient to bring the schemes back to their original operational stage. Since most of the schemes were not rehabilitated for the past three decades, they are functioning well below their potential and the risk of failure is considered to be unacceptably high in their present state. Almost all the channels and channel structures are in dilapidated conditions. Due to such uncontrolled system prevailed, the water losses are very high, depriving cultivation of significant extent during yala by farmers. Therefore there is a need for full rehabilitation to bring the tank parameters back to the original designed profile.

Realizing this urgent need, irrigation rehabilitation is included as a component under many projects supported by the donor agencies like World Bank, Asian Development Bank, JAICA, International Fund For Agriculture Development (IFAD). Under these projects, Iranamdu, Akkarayan, Kalmadu, Piramanthalaru, Puthumurippu, Kariyalanagapaduwan, Kanagambigai & Kudamuriddy Irrigation Schemes are implemented or being implemented to bring the schemes back to their original designed profile and to ensure satisfactory irrigation facilities to the specified cultivable lands. In order to achieve this objective, activities such as rehabilitation of head works, rehabilitation of distribution channel system, rehabilitation of drainage channels, and rehabilitation of agricultural roads are carried out.

Kalmadu Restoration



Restoration of Kalmadu Tank - Kilinochchi

Kalmadu Restoration was identified as the priority over all other works, as it was breached during high escalation of the war in January 2009. These restoration activities were commenced in August 2010 and successfully restored in October 2011 for the benefit of 1025 families.

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During Monsoon rain in 2011, it was able to store to its full capacity and maha cultivation has been successfully completed in 4250 acres, after 8 seasons from Maha 2008/2009. At present this tank has sufficient water and the farmers are cultivating both season regularly.

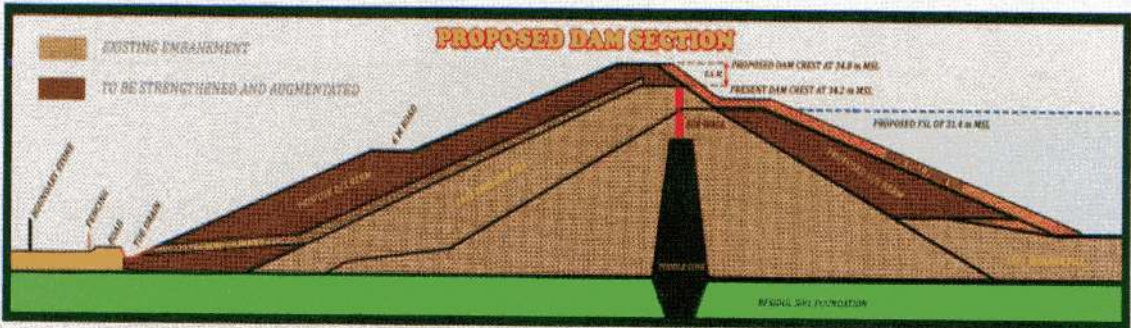
Iranamdu Strengthening and Augmentation



The Head works of Iranamadu Major Irrigation Scheme is also in hazardous stage for the last so many years and due to this, full capacity of the water could not be stored since year 1984 as severe slippage occurred in downstream of embankment at the middle section. With the commitment of the department & farmers, calamity was prevented without allowing breach.

Thereafter, no of attempts were taken by the department to rectify this failure. But, it is not materialised. However, this scheme was taken up for strengthening and augmenting by 2ft. with the assistance of Asian Development Bank with the investment of 24.0 Mn.US\$ in year 2012. Thiruvaijuru Lift Irrigation scheme will revive under this project.

At present, Investigation & Design Phase has been completed by deploying hired Consultant. Now, the Procurement of Civil Contracts are about to commence and bids are proposed to invite before end of this month. Project is expected to complete by end of year 2017.



Iranamdu Downstream Development

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) financed 22.22 Mn US \$ Iranamadu Irrigation Development Project (IIDP) with co-financed by Government of Srilanka (GOSL) would improve the downstream irrigation infrastructure that is in disrepair due to the lack of maintenance and destructions over the last three decades.

Project commenced in year 2012 and expected to complete by end of March 2017. Irrigation Infrastructure development activities are being implemented from

year 2013 while crop diversification programme also being implemented under this project. Beneficiaries have started to realize the impact of this Project.

At the completion of these two Mega projects, entire cultivable lands of 21,985 Acres could be brought under cultivation with high intensity benefiting 6495 farm families directly.

Outcomes of this intervention

Due to this Project intervention in new Era, the living standard of the people has increased tremendously and food security is also assured. The summary of results is shown below.

Extent cultivated under Major/Medium Schemes in Kilinochchi in new Era

2009/ 2010	2010	2010/ 2011	2011	2011/ 2012	2012	2012/ 2013	2013	2013/ 2014
Maha (Ha)	Yala (Ha)	Maha (Ha)	Yala (Ha)	Maha (Ha)	Yala (Ha)	Maha (Ha)	Yala (Ha)	Maha (Ha)
1,000	1,445	10,280	4,840	10,573	4659	11,706	5257	11,706

Table - 01

Development Targets 2010-2016

Development Target	2010	2013	In 2016	
			District	National
Average cropping intensity	1.01	1.3	1.5	1.8(major)
Paddy production (mt/ha)	3.80	4.2	5.0	6.5(major)
Water use efficiency & productivity by reducing water usage for paddy cultivation (Ac/Ft)	9-10	7-8	5-6	3-4(major)

Table - 02

Referring these tables, considerable achievement has been observed against development targets set out nationally and now being reached national targets. This clearly shows that this region is revitalizing drastically and the gap created due to prolonged conflict would be minimized.

Conclusion

Fortunately, Mother Nature has given water resource which is valuable commodity and economic assets, to our district. As such improving the availability and productivity of water resources are given priority to improve mainly on the living standards of poor war affected people.

However, god gifted source has not been fully utilized or even not tapped in some river basins. During the wet season, lot of water flows without being used or stored. As the Great King Maha Parakramabhahu told that "a drop of water should not be allowed to go in to the sea without being used by human.

In this direction, Irrigation Department, Northern Province has committed to achieve in systematic way by introducing new technology like " Bulk Water system " in Water Management and it has outlined Short, Medium and Long Term Master Irrigation Development Plan for Kilinochchi District in cooperating all future needs in sustainable manner without affecting the global environment.

Challenges in restoring livelihoods in Kilinochchi District



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Introduction to kilinochchi.

Extent: 1,279 sqkm

- Land -1,205 km2 (465 sq mi)
- Water- 74 km2 (29 sq mi) 5.79%

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Population: 76,984
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Population (2012 census)

- Total 112,875
- Density 88/km2 (230/sq mi)

Ethnicity(2012 census)

- Sri Lankan Tamil-109,528 (97.03%)
- Indian Tamil-1,682 (1.49%)
- Sinhalese-962 (0.85%)
- Sri Lankan Moors-678 (0.60%)
- Other -25 (0.02%)

Religion(2012 census)

- Hindu-93,084 (82.47%)
- Christian-18,118 (16.05%)
- Buddhist-945 (0.84%)
- Muslim-678 (0.60%)
- Other-750 (0.04%)

Brief History of Kilinochchi District

Between 5th century BC and 13th century AD present day Kilinochchi District was part of Rajarata. Much of Kilinochchi District was thereafter part of the pre-colonial Jaffna kingdom. The district then came under Portuguese, Dutch and British control. In 1815 the British gained control of the entire island of Ceylon. They divided the island into three ethnic based administrative structures: Low Country Sinhalese, Kandyan Sinhalese and Tamil. The district, which was then part of Jaffna District, was part of the Tamil administration. In 1833, in accordance with the recommendations of the Colebrooke-Cameron Commission, the ethnic based administrative structures were unified into a single administration divided into five geographic provinces. Jaffna District, together with Mannar District and Vanni District, formed the new Northern Province.

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The district was colonised in 1936 by residents from Jaffna Peninsula as part of a scheme that sought to ease overpopulation and unemployment. At the time that Ceylon gained independence, Jaffna was one of the three districts located in the Northern Province. Parts of Jaffna District were transferred to newly created Mullaitivu District in September 1978. Kilinochchi District was carved out of the southern part of Jaffna District in February 1984.

Post war impact on livelihoods in Kilinochchi District

Post war impact in livelihoods could be categorized as follows,

- Loss of social /civil entities: destruction of social networks, distortion of interpersonal and social relationship, destruction of social institutes such as CBOs, RDSs etc, destruction of service delivery.
- Loss of public entities: destruction of schools, community infrastructure, roads, basic amenities, irrigation system, minor and major tanks, hospitals and houses.
- Loss of economic entities: loss of market and marketing facilities, loss of employment, cultivation, fishing, loss of income generation activities, inaccessibility for financial services and banks, loss of belongings and assets use to generate income, vehicles, livestock, farming products and loss of trades and change in trade patterns.

Livelihoods groups/patterns and existing livelihood issues in Kilinochchi District

The major livelihoods groups are fishermen, farmers and agriculture workers. The other larger group is daily wage laborers. Meanwhile smaller percentage of people are involving with petty trade to medium scale business activities and very small percentage is with salaried jobs in both government and cooperate sector. As fishing is seasonal occupation most fishermen also engage in ancillary occupations such as agriculture and small business.

The farming communities are remote from urban centers and are surrounded by forest or arable land. Farming is a primary occupation for an important section of the population, and a secondary one for those who are involved with fishing. Petty traders and small businesses in these communities keep the pipelines for groceries and household necessities and a few luxuries. Animal keeping is gaining in importance, especially among women, as an income supplement, with goats and poultry preferred. Other smaller vocational groups provide service functions in the village (eg. bullock cart owners).

A significant group that emerged from the result of war is the plight of widows (particularly young widows) and abandoned women. They need to be considered a separate socio-economic group, as their social position over the years of conflict has deteriorated, and the spaces for economic activity are also proscribed by society's attitudes.

The presence of impoverished widows in every village also points to the poor status of women. Most widows are in perennial debt to financial institutions and relatives and need working capital to keep their businesses going. The loans have been taken from banks and other financial institutions at high rates of interest, worsening their profitability. The loans also meet educational expenses, health expenses, and transport costs. The unstable incomes have led to high indebtedness and consequent food insecurity for their children.

The economic security of the many households (except the few salaried and those receiving remittances from outside) indirectly depends on the income and employment generated in the village also (i.e., the level of economic activity in the village). However, the level of economic activities in many villages are not up to the accepted level, these households are facing any hardships.

There is significant number of socially and economically weaker households e.g., female headed households, elderly headed households, disabled headed households, households with no regular income or employment, households with more dependents (children, disabled persons and elders) are still struggling in securing their food and income security.

Considerable number of households lacked ownership of land/house of their own, generally excluded from most of the local socio-economic institutions like fishing or farming cooperatives, banks, finance institutions etc., and have low quality of life.

The economics of the small businesses run by many people (tailoring, food preparation) depend on turnover and ability to service short credit cycles. With the slowed economy after the war, and the loss of equipment, many from this group have slipped into debt. Maintaining family finances became more and more difficult.

Another important socio economic group is children and the issues related to children because of livelihood issues are given below.

- Reduced Income of Households lead to:

Reduced Attendance in Schools, Worsened the learning environments at home, Irregular and inadequate supply of food, clothes and other basic needs, Poor Health care, increased social risks for children.

- Reduced Employment for the Adults /parents lead to:

Reduced household income and the effects as noted above, Employment of adults /parents at distant places (greater chances of abuse of children), Food security for children is under threat

- Seasonal child labor is a common phenomenon in many geographical pockets as children are pulled out of school to assist parents with their vocations.
- Children of widows are under stress as they balance an education with the need to support their mothers in income generation.
- Some children are heads of households now because of the war and many of them are engaging in income generation activities

Priorities in livelihoods recovery

- Build strengths and provide opportunities rather than focusing on their problems and issues. Moving from issues/problems to needs. The needs could be incorporated with village development plans.
- Replacement of lost assets among all socio economic groups. so that income generation can resume, and employment to assure a minimum family income is assured.
- Addressing the working capital needs of the different socio economic groups (through community organization) and reducing the influence of intermediaries.

- Intensification and diversification of livelihoods through different means (training, skill up gradation).
- Focusing attention on the marginalized (disabled, widows) is important to reduce social inequity and prevent anti-social behavior.

Strategic implications

1. Improving the factors of production and increasing productivity in the fisheries sector by providing infrastructure: landing sites, workplaces for fish processing, access roads to beaches, etc; networking with other agencies; providing equipment: asset replacement ,supporting value addition initiatives: fish processing, storage, packaging; market development: outreach, transport, pricing and market presence, etc.
2. Improving the factors of production and increasing productivity in the agriculture sector by providing quality inputs; encouraging crop diversification and animal husbandry for sustainable agriculture; developing value addition activities (storage, agro-processing, etc); market development: outreach, transport, pricing and market presence, etc.
3. Developing the infrastructure for long term livelihoods development by developing workplaces, training institutions; internal roads and connectivity; irrigation channeling system, renovation of minor and major tanks, transport services.
4. Addressing food security concerns of children by providing safety nets for children, encouraging home food production (home gardening, etc), and evolving a long term perspective of the impact of livelihoods on children.
5. Encouraging vocational diversification and enterprise promotion by skilling and reskilling communities, training and exposure, assisting them in identifying new opportunities and market scanning, and training in enterprise development and management.
6. Providing financial support by initiating microfinance activity for a savings and credit base, encouraging rural banking, providing working capital and cash grants for startup, and providing venture and risk capital for medium sized enterprises.
7. Developing community organizations such as women groups, self-saving groups, marketing groups, training teams, etc.
8. Building bridges between actors by connecting with other agencies and local communities for joint action. For ex Donors, private sector, ministries, community-based organizations and international organizations.

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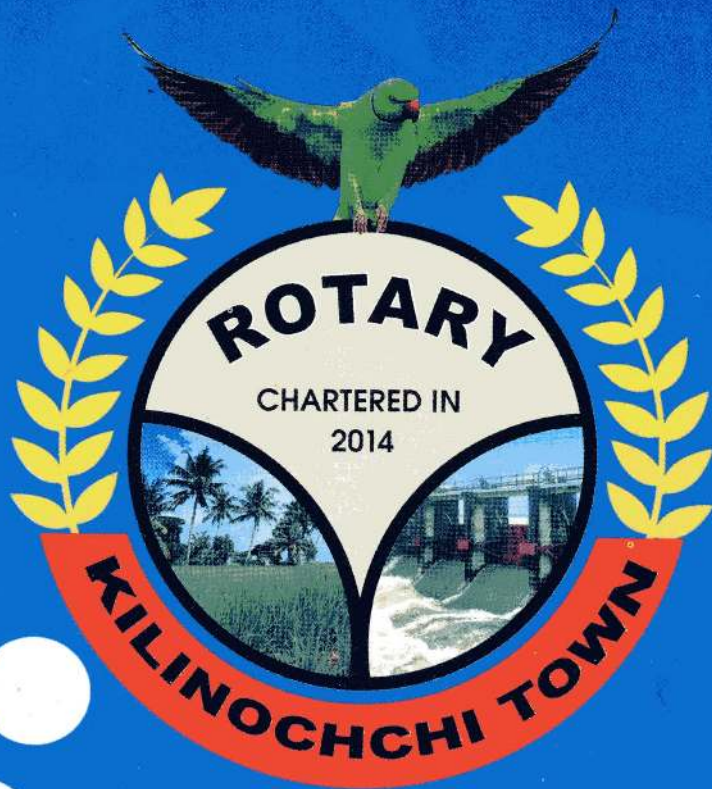
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