



# FUTURE NORTH – A PROVINCE AT WORK

APRIL – MAY (2022)

## 1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT



a. An unoccupied building in Mandaitivu since 2015 was repurposed by the Rural Department to conduct a weekly market in the Mandaitivu area. This reopening was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 with the participation of HDOs and ministry staff.



b. As a result of 25 Million fund allocation by the PSDG for housing, 25 beneficiaries were chosen from women headed families, low income extended families and war effected persons with disability and non-curable diseases. Thus periodically the housing monitoring team visits these building sites to release part payments by the ministry. Such a monitoring took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



## 2) EDUCATION

- a. The National Drama Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> April was celebrated by conducting a Drama Training Workshop by the Department of Cultural Affairs. Mr. C. Raghavendan, Assistant lecturer, graced this event and awarded participation certificates.



- b. Vacant schools in the Northern Province will be given priority and appointment letters will be issued to the 355 National Teaching Diploma holders related to teaching who have been selected and sent by the Central Ministry of Education for appointment as teachers in the Northern Province schools. Letters of appointment were issued at the National College of Education, Jaffna on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

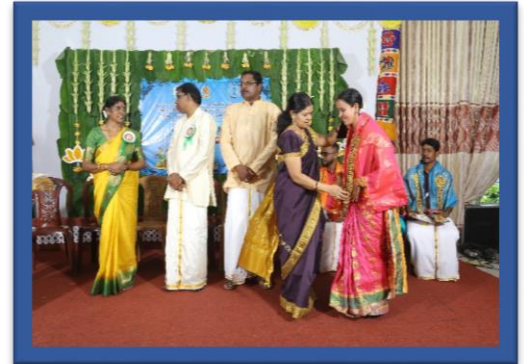




- c. With the assistance of the Department of Cultural Affairs, celebration of the Cultural Festival 2022 jointly organized by the Jaffna Divisional Secretariat and Jaffna Cultural Association on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 at the Jaffna Divisional Secretariat conference hall.

The festival was exclusively adorned by the presence of the Chief Guest, District Secretary, Mr.K.Mahesan, the Special Guest Assistant Director, Department of Cultural Affairs, Mrs. Rajamalligai Sivasuntharasarma and Guest of Honour Mrs. Vasanthi Kunjithapadham, dancer at Yazh Rathna.

Several performances including the cultural procession of the students under the division, launch of 'யாழ் பாடி 6 மலர்', awarding of artists, flute recitation by Geethavakini music school and 'பூதத்தம்பி' folk dance by the entertainers beautified the occasion.



- d. In association with the ministry of Education of Northern Province and under the leadership of Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mr.E.Varadeeswaran , an Iftar celebration was held on the 27th of April 2022 at the Mannar District Secretariate hall.

The Chief Guests for the occasion were Chief secretary of the Northern Province, Mr. Saman Bandulasena and Mannar District Secretary, Mrs. A. Stanley De Mel while the Special guests, Mannar city Divisional Secretary, Mr. M. Pradeep and Madhu Divisional Secretary, Mr. K.P.Nijakaran were accompanied by the other department heads, Mannar District office barers and representatives of Muslim organizations.



Moore Street Mosque Chief Moulavi Janap S.A. Azeem delivered a speech on the "Virtues of fasting". The fast was opened with the recitation of the Adhan and Dua. The event concluded at 6.30 pm with a vote of thanks from Mr. E. Nithiyananthan, Cultural Officer, Mannar District. Mannar District Director of Maritime, Mr. U. Aliyar addressed the



gathering. It was followed by a keynote address by the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Northern Province, following a speech by interfaith leaders. The keynote address was delivered by Mrs. Rajamallikai Sivasundarasarma, Deputy Director, Department of Culture, Northern Province. School bags were also provided to children in need.



### 3) HEALTH

- a. Critical care medical equipment worth 100,000 USD were donated to the ICU and HDU of the District General Hospital in Mannar by the International Lions Club and more donors on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.