



FUTURE NORTH – A PROVINCE AT WORK

JULY – AUGUST (2022)

1) EDUCATION



Shri Rakesh Natraj, Consul General of Consulate General of India graced the function as the Chief Guest. Furthermore, the occasion was graced by the presence of Senior Assistant Secretary of Ministry of Education, Assistant secretary, Chief Accountant, Director of planning, provincial Director of Education, NP and Zonal Director of education of Jaffna Educational Zone as special guests.

a. The 'AADI PIRAPPU VIZHA 2022' of Northern Province organized by Department of Cultural affairs of Ministry of Education, Cultural Affairs, Sports and youth affairs, of Northern Province was held on Monday 18th July 2022 at the yard of "Saraswathy Statue". Under the officiation of Mr.R.Varatheeswaran, Secretary of Ministry of Education.



The Occasion was ceremonially started with the singing of Hindu prayers (THEVARAM) and with the lightening of oil lamp by guests. The welcome speech was delivered by Mrs. Rajamaligai Sivasuntharasarma, Deputy Director of Department of Cultural Affairs. The President's speech was presented by the Secretary of Ministry of Education, and Chief Guest's speech was presented by the Consul General of Consulate General of India. Then the Chief Guest was

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graced by garlanding and draping of Ponnadai. Then the singers of Hindu Prayers were gifted by the Consul of India.

Following the events, the Aadi Pirappu song was sung by students of Saranga Music Institute which was organized by Mrs. Wasaapathy Rajeenthiran, then Kollattam was performed by the students of Birunthavanam Art Institute which was directed by Dr. Arun Babu Sharmila. All the participants of the event were gifted by the guests.



The Aadipirappu special oration was done by Mr Laleesan, Deputy principal of Kopay Teacher's Training College. At the end of oration Mr. Laleesan was honored by the Secretary, Ministry of Education. The Event was anchored by the Cultural Officer Mr.M.Arulchadran. The Event ended happily with the Vote of Thanks of Mrs. R. Pathmarani, Senior Cultural Officer of Department of Cultural Affairs.





b. 'Aadi Amavasai' – Prayers for souls who passed away due to violence – was conducted at Keerimalai Temple by Department of Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Education; Cultural Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs of Northern province on 28th July 2022 from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm under the supervision of the Deputy Director of Department of Cultural Affairs, Mrs.Rajamalligai Sivasuntharasarma.



Under direction of the Chief Priest Shivashri Naguleswara Kurukkal in association of other priests of the temple special prayers were conducted for the souls which passed away due to violence, to reach heaven. Then the Chief Priest together with other priests of the temple made offerings to the souls at the bank of Keerimalai. Furthermore, Department of Cultural Affairs offered gifts to the old devotees who stayed at the temple. The staff of Department of Cultural Affairs, Cultural officers of Tellipalai Divisional Secretariat, staff of Divisional secretariat also accompanied in the event.



2) HEALTH



a. A field visit was made to a selected land in Allaipiddy in order to establish a Resort/ Retirement wellness home. It was arranged on 14th of July 2022 to observe the nature of the land and surrounding for the preparation of the roadmap for the Retirement Homes.





b. Mobile service of District Siddha Hospital – Jaffna was started at Achchuvely Certified School on 18th of July 2022. As an initial stage of transferring District Siddha Hospital from Kurunagar – Jaffna to the school in Achchuvely the mobile service was started and continued every Fridays. Mobile clinic was conducted by the doctors and staff of District Siddha Hospital – Jaffna. At the end of July 128 patient visits were recorded.



- c. 14 Food vouchers worth Rs. 10,000.00 each were donated to the guardians of orphaned children by Leads organization – Jaffna. A total of 14 most vulnerable persons from Chavakachcheri and point Pedro judicial divisions received the benefits. Leads Jaffna coordinator, probation officers, Probation officer in-charge and fit persons participated in the program that was held on 16th July 2022 at Probation Unit Chavakachcheri and 15th July at Probation Unit Point Pedro.



The program was arranged by the DPCCS-NP with the coordination of Leads organization to assist the defenseless orphaned children during the current difficult situation.

3) WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

- a. By the initiation of the Hon. Governor, Northern Province with the guidance of the Chief Secretary, Northern Province and the support and recommendations by the Nutritionist from the Department of Health, dry food was distributed to malnourished pregnant and lactating mothers in the fishermen families in 22 MOH divisions altogether from Jaffna, Killinochchi, Mullaitivu and Mannar districts in the Northern Province on the 20, 21 and 22nd of July 2022.

In the first phase 924 dry food packs were given to malnourished pregnant and lactating (1-6 months) mothers for two weeks by the Ministry of Women's Affairs, Northern Province to improve the child health.

The inauguration programme was held at the MOH office, Nallur. This event was chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Northern Province. The Chief Secretary, Northern Province was invited as the Chief guest and the Provincial Director, Department of Health, Northern Province and the Medical Officer, Nallur were invited as Special guests to this event. Further Assistant Secretary, Chief Accountant and staff of the Ministry of Women's Affairs, Northern Province participated in this event.

• Jaffna District



- **Killinochchi District**



- **Mannar District**



• Mullaitivu District



4) CHIEF SECRETARY



a. Event of handing over of Successfully completed classroom building complex among the selected 13 schools considering the urgent activities was held on 26th of July 2022 in Kilinochchi district under the direction of Hon. Governor-NP, Chief Secretary-NP and the Ministry of Education, it was initiated under the KOICA-UNICEF project, funded by the Korean Government and implemented by UNICEF with the allocation of Rs 270 Mn.

In this event Hon. Governor-NP, Chief Secretary-NP, Ambassador of Korea, representatives of KOICA and the team, UNICEF representatives and the team, Secretary of Ministry of Education-NP, Provincial Director of Education-NP, Zonal Directors of Kilinochchi North and Kilinochchi South, School Principals, Teachers, students, past pupils, parents, police officers and the public were also present.



The opening ceremony of building complex of KN/ Iyakkachchi G.T.M.School was ceremonially held at 8.30 am that day. The welcome speech was addressed by the school principal and the welcome event was held with the musical band after that the Chief guests hoisted the flags and Chief Secretary –NP and the UNICEF representatives unveiled the plaque and ribbon cutting ceremony of newly built classrooms was held respectively. Finally, the event came to an end with the speeches addressed by the guests and the vote of thanks.





Handing over of KN/ Mukkompan M. V was ceremonially opened by Hon. Governor at 11.30 am on the same day. After the welcome speech delivered by the school principal, the welcome event was held with the musical band. After that the Chief guests hoisted the flags. Following it, Hon. Governor of NP unveiled the plaque and the ribbon cutting ceremony of newly built classrooms was held respectively.

To achieve the higher educational goals to all the students including the differently abled children is the key purpose of international KOICA project. This handing over event of classroom complex had been initiated in 2018 and only 13 schools in Kilinochchi district had been selected to this project with the allocation of 270 million for the purpose of implementing urgent activities. UNICEF- KOICA project functions to identify the needs of students. Secretary of Ministry of Education pointed out that the government acts to enhance the educational level of Kilinochchi district and thanked to the KOICA-UNICEF project for the continuous assistance and he added that this project will be a gate way for the students to fulfil the essential needs. Following it, memorial signs were presented finally, and the event of handing over the classroom building complex at KN/ Mukkompan M.V came to an end with a vote of thanks.



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- b. The Hon. Governor of the Northern Province, Jeevan Thiagarajah visited the Jaffna International airport on the 25th July 2022. At his visit, discussions were made on the activities and development projects of the Jaffna International airport.