



# FUTURE NORTH – A PROVINCE AT WORK

JANUARY – FEBRUARY (2022)

## 1. Women's Affairs

- a. Opening ceremony of the branch building for Development at the Head office to carry out the activities related to cooperative societies declared to open on 19th of January 2022 with the PSDG allocation of 2.5 Million. This event chaired by the Commissioner Mr. M. Nandagobalan and the Chief Secretary M. S Bandulasena graced this occasion as Chief Guest.



- b. The programme of providing fresh milk to the students organized by the Co-op Societies and headed by Commissioner Mr. M. Nanthagobalan to the districts and dates are mentioned below. This fresh milk distributed by the chief secretary M. S. Saman Bandulasena for the expectation of better outcome.

i. Mullaitivu – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

ii. Jaffna – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

iii. Kilinochi – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022



- c. Under ILO's project of Sustainable Resettlement and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka (SURAR), twenty kilograms of groundnut seeds have been offered to each member in Maritempattu Groundnut Producers Co-op Society Ltd in order to motivate groundnut production and promote the standard of living. This programme was inaugurated on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the chairmanship of Commissioner Mr. Nandagobalan and the Chief secretary S.M.Saman Bandulasena graced this occasion as chief guest. Secretary of Ministry of Women's Affairs also participated to this event.



- d. Sales outlets have been organized and initiated with the advice and leadership of the commissioner to sort out any issues arising during the distribution of building materials to the public. These were initiated by the Velanai MPCs, Karainagar MPCs and Kayts MPCs on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.



- e. A Business Development & Investment Programme supported by CBSL was held on 19.01.2022 at NPC Hall at Jaffna Library.



- f. According to the instruction given by the Secretary, State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Production, A Trade fair was organized by the Department of Industries on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 at Veerasingam Hall, Jaffna to provide marketing opportunities for the MSME competition in Northern Province. 45 sales stalls were arranged and 57 entrepreneurs participated.



- g. The selected items of our Provincial Industrial Exhibition which were exhibited at the SHILPA 2021 competition, was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at BMICH, conducted by National Craft council and out of those participated 10 Exhibits were awarded at the National Level.



- h. Dry fish equipments were provided to members of Vali North DS division woman entrepreneurs cooperative society through the project of ILO named 'Sustainable resettlement and reconciliation in Sri Lanka' on 05.01.2022.



- i. Through the department of industries several sessions such as:

- Training 13 youths in handloom weaving while providing employment opportunities to at handloom weaving centers to 76 weavers.
- Coir based production at centres in Pulopalao, Kachchai and Eluthumadduval for a total of 0.093 Million.
- Pottery based production for 0.0145 Million.

Were held on the period of  
01.01.2022 - 31.03.2022





- j. Paththameny weaving center organized a project aiming for skill development and equipment and raw material support for beneficiaries skilled and interested in pursuing self employment in the field. The project started on 11.01.2022 and 1.85 Million was allocated for this.



- k. 825 school tables and 1,910 chairs from 04 Zonal Education Offices were repaired and 14 employment opportunities were given at Kachchai, Manipay and Vavuniya Skill Development centers of Department of Industries using the sum allocated under PSDG by the Ministry of Education.



## 2. Health

- a. A Tree plantation programme was held at a certified school complex on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2022, implemented by a school at Atchuvvely with the support from Sri Lanka Police. Principal of the school, Police OIC of Atchuvvely Police Station, 30 police officers and 25 students actively participated in this event and the program is ongoing while the overall expenditure was Rs. 60,000.



- b. A Thaippongal Pandigai day was celebrated at the certified school complex of Achchuvvely on 14th January 2022 under the fund from the welfare society of the school. Total expenditure was Rs. 12,000. Principal of the school, 15 staff and 25 students took part in this event.





### **3. Local Government**

- a. The plaque of the Auditorium of the Chief Secretary's Secretariat, Northern Province was unveiled jointly by Hon. Jeevan Thiagarajah, Governor, Northern Province and Hon. C. V. K. Sivagnanam, Chairman, Northern Provincial Council and the auditorium was declared open by Hon. C. V. K. Sivagnanam, Chairman, Northern Provincial Council on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.



Construction of this auditorium was commenced during the period of former Chief Secretary, Northern Province Mr. A. Pathinathan in 2018 with the fund allocated by the Sri Lankan government. Hon. Governor addressed the opening session and at his addressing, the importance of the digitalization was pointed out, which is the best way to recover the losses in our war-torn divisions of Northern Province.



Financial Statement for the year of 2022 was presented by the Deputy Chief Secretary – Finance. The Chief Secretary, Northern Province handed over the financial statement – 2022 to the Hon. Governor, Northern Province and delivered a speech regarding the future development of the Northern Province.





- b. Field visit conducted by the Ministry of Local Government on 28-01-2022 to inspect the building Construction for Road Passengers' Transport Authority in Kilinochchi District. Total allocation for this purpose is Rs. 47.0 Million.



- c. 'Ammaachchi' is one of the few traditional food centers in the Northern Province, Kaithady which is under the tourism bureau. Hence the health monitoring team makes periodic visits to the food center in order to ensure quality and hygiene are up to standards. One such inspection took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.



- d. Ministry officials were sent out on 27.01.2022 to plan and obtain locations to clear out the garbage dumped in Chemmany road and to identify more places which are toxic and need clearing with the support of all departments under the ministry.



- e. This is the ceremony to inaugurate the new working day in 2022 at Northern Provincial Council Complex for all staff of Northern Province on 03.01.2022. The ceremony is headed by Mr.S.M.Saman Bandulasena – Chief Secretary, NP.The National Flag was hoisted by Mr.S.M.Saman Bandulasena – Chief Secretary, NP.The Northern Province Flag was hoisted by our Ministry Secretary and took oath by all the staff.





## **4. Agriculture**

- a. Field visit for Extension of Inland fisheries was conducted by the Secretary, Agriculture Mr. A.Sivapalasundaran and Deputy Director Planning, Mr. E. Surendranathan at valaipadu village in Kilinochchi District on 25-01-2022. They reviewed the current situation of the area and discussed with the inland fishermen. They pointed out that the organization called NAQDA has taken initiatives for the inland fishing but it was

not successfully done and the fishermen are happy to continue with the sea fishing. Further the above officers visited to the place in between Valaipadu and Etumaidevu where the sea cucumber cultivation is taking place. The fishermen further mentioned that the sea cucumber cultivation is doing under large investment and exported to outside.





## 5. Education

- a. Department of Cultural Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Cultural Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs of the Northern Province jointly organized the 102<sup>nd</sup> Thai Pongal Festival of the Northern Province in association with the Confederation of Organizations of Iranamadukula on 16.01.2022 at 8.30 am. Assistant Secretary Mr. C. Surendran presided over the function.

