



# FUTURE NORTH – A PROVINCE AT WORK

MAY – JUNE (2022)

## 1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT



a. In accordance to the Hon. Governor's instruction a mobile service was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 at the ACLG Office in Mannar from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm where officers served the public on their needs.



b. Meeting held with the RDS and WRDS at Madu DS division on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at the Madu Divisional Secretariat, Mannar.



## 2) HEALTH



a. As per the Statute of Department of Probation, NP's vision, an individual development programme was organized on 22/05/2022 at Hindu Board Child Development Centre, Thirunelvely. Probation Officer in-charge of the CDC, Probation officer / Headquarters and the other 03 probation officers participated in this event. Analyzing children's individual capacity and skills and determining the ways of their personality developments individually to propose a specific career development were the themes of the programme.



b. A field visit was organized on 30/05/2022 to the proposed building, which belongs to the Department of Probation in Atchuvely to establish a section for the drugs manufacturing centre of Department of Indigenous Medicine and to shift the District Sidha Hospital, which is located at a rented building at Gurunagar. Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Health, NP, Provincial Commissioner of Indigenous Medicine, NP and some Medical Officers from the Department of Indigenous Medicines participated in this visit.



### 3) AGRICULTURE

a. While the International Environment Day was observed on 5th June, the Union Ministry of Environment declared 30th May to 5th June as 'Environment Week' and different environmental activities were carried out on each day of the week. As a part of the said event, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Northern Province, on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, with the participation of the Ministry's office, conducted an environmental survey.





b. As International Environment Day is observed on 5th June, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Northern Province conducted an office display activity on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2022, from 9 am to noon with the participation of the ministry officers in the office, to expand the office garden. It is noteworthy that crops including corn are being cultivated and maintained.



c. Turmeric harvesting and processing took place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022, at 9.30 am at District Agricultural Training Center, Tirunelveli under the leadership of Mrs. Srirangan, Deputy Provincial Director of Agriculture, Jaffna.



The Secretary of ministry of agriculture & agrarian services, animal husbandry, irrigation, fisheries, water supply and environment, Mr. Sivabalasundharan was the Chief Guest and, Mr. Sivakumar, Provincial Director of Agriculture, Northern Province was the special guest. Turmeric farmers, Small business owners, representatives from agrarian organizations and departmental officers were present at this event.





For individual consumption 600g turmeric powder is needed per year while 360t of turmeric is needed annually only for the consumption of the Jaffna district. Hence to meet this demand 36 hectare of turmeric cultivation is being undertaken.



- d. The meeting between the members of the Jaffna Business Council and Northern Province Ministry of Agriculture and the department heads under the Ministry of Agriculture was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2022 under the leadership of the Secretary of the Ministry Mr. Sivapalasundharan at the Jaffna District Agricultural Training Center.



The above meeting was organized to explore the contribution of the Jaffna business council to agriculture and farm activities in the current economic crisis.

In the discussion, the measures taken by the Northern Province Agriculture Department regarding the current economic crisis were expressed through electronic submission by the Provincial Director of Agriculture, Mr. Sivakumar. He also stated that the traders should take steps to create the necessary institutions to enrich the agricultural products.

Provincial Director of Animal Production & Health, Dr. S. Vaseeharan stated that although milk production has become self-sufficient in the Northern Province, there are insufficient arrangements to process and produce the products. Also, due to the current economic crisis, the shortage of fodder for livestock is a major challenge and even though alternative measures have been taken to face it, a complete solution cannot be found.



Further, the Deputy Director of Irrigation Eng. Navaratnam Suthakaran stated that he has taken steps to increase the area under cultivation due to the availability of water for small and large-scale irrigation, and delay in the availability of fertilizers and pesticides may have an impact on the yield.

Commenting there, the Department of Industries official said that the Northern Province Department of Industries is taking measures to promote local production at the rural level and requested the business council to make arrangements to provide the necessary market opportunities to the traders.



## 4) WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

- a. Awareness programmes on the importance of sign language were conducted to 300 government officers who are closely working with the public from District Secretariats, Divisional Secretariats and Provincial Offices. These programmes were conducted in all 5 Districts of Northern Province with the participation of 30 officers in each programme. The importance, basic concepts and different types of sign language were introduced to the participants. Further the basic of required sign language to communicate with those of disabilities in speech and hearing was also covered through this programme. This programme is supported by the International Labour Organization (ILO) under LEED+ project with the collaboration of Department of Social Services, Northern Province.
- Awareness programme on Sign Language was held on 05<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at District Disable Vulnerable Training Centre , Mullaitivu.



- Awareness programme on Sign Language was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Conference Hall, Department of Social Services, Northern Province.





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- Awareness programme on Sign Language was held on 04<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at District Disable Vulnerable Training Centre , Vavuniya.



- Awareness programme on Sign Language was held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at District Disable Vulnerable Training Centre , Mannar.



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- Awareness programme was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at District Disable Vulnerable Training Centre , Kilinochchi.



- b. A sign language training programme for 16 Social Service Officers were started on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to provide intense sign language training. This programme is planned to be conducted for 7 days comprising 14 sessions. The purpose of this training is to address the difficulties faced by people with hearing and speaking impairment due to the communication gap. In future, assistances can be provided by a district level sign language interpreter from these trainees for each district of the Northern Province through a hotline number via any social media platform.







c. Re-opening of rice mill in Karaichchi North MPCS on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2022



d. 26.05.2022. The meeting was held on 'Violence against women' in the Northern Province with District Women Development Officers and Assistant Secretaries from the District Secretariats in the Northern Province at the Ministry of Women's Affairs Conference Hall. This meeting was headed by Secretary, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Northern Province. At this meeting Assistant Secretaries and Staff of the Ministry also participated. On this day 213 number of Emergency packs for affected and pregnant women were handed over to District Women Development Officers. Each Districts received the following number of Emergency Packs:

- Jaffna – 65
- Vavuniya – 65
- Killinochchi – 26
- Mullaitivu – 32
- Mannar – 25





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These Emergency pack provisions were implemented by Ministry of Women's Affairs, NP with the utilization of CBG fund of Rs. 2.5 Million.

