

1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT

a. The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Local Government has selected 25 low-income and women-headed families under housing project in the Northern Province under the Provincial Specific Development Grant fund for the year 2022.

In the second phase, 04 beneficiaries in Vavuniya District, 02 beneficiaries in Mullaitivu District and 02 beneficiaries in Mannar District were briefed the introduction and the procedures about the project chaired by the Secretary to the Ministry and an agreement was signed between the Ministry and the beneficiaries at ACLG Office, Vavuniya on 15th March 2022.



2) EDUCATION

- a. Celebration of cultural event held at Tellippalai Mahajanak College, organized by the cultural association of Tamil and Sinhala artists of the Northern and North Central provinces with the assistance of the department of Cultural Affairs on the 5th of March 2022. The Chief Secretary of the Northern Province Mr.Saman Bandulasena graced the event as the Chief Guest and was accompanied by Liaison Secretary to the Chief Secretary and Commissioner of Revenue. Director senior cultural officer Mrs.Sukunali Vijayaratnam delivered the welcome address while Deputy director of department of Cultural affairs Mrs.Rajamallikai Sivasundarasarma delivered the keynote address.



- b. The Northern Province Maha Sivaratri festival jointly organized by the Ministry of Education and Oddusuddan Divisional Secretariat was held on 1st March 2022 at the Oddusuddan Thanthonreeswara Temple. This festival progressed under the chairmanship of the Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mr.E.Varatheeswaran. The Hon. Governor Jeevan Thiyagarajah attended the event as the Chief guest and the Chief Secretary of the



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Northern Province, Mr. Saman Bandulasena and Mullaitivu District Secretary, Mr.K. Vimalanathan were the Special guests of the event.

The event was enriched by several performances from the students of Adiganapathy Moral School, Karbhaka Moral School, Bharatha Narthanalaya Dance Academy (Vavuniya) and Mulliyawalai College of fine arts along with the Hon. Governor engaging in worship.



3) HEALTH



a. Provincial Department of Indigenous Medicine and Indian High Commission jointly organized a Free Siddha Medical Camp at Don Bosco Tec Hall - Murunkan in Mannar district on 23rd of March 2022 from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm.

Consulate General of India, Commissioner of Provincial Department of Indigenous Medicine Northern Province, District Secretary – Mannar, Director of Don Bosco Tec, Community Medical Officers and District Ayurvedic Coordinating Officer took part and encouraged the event. 190 Beneficiaries were benefited in this Medical Camp.



b. The International Women's Day was celebrated by Provincial Department of Indigenous Medicine, Northern Province on 8th of March 2022 at the Central Community Center auditorium in Viswamadu, Mullaitivu.



Community medical officers arranged awareness programmes for women, on healthy lifestyles which should be followed in important stages of life through the use of indigenous medicine. Doctors were honored in this event and furthermore nurseries of herbs were also provided to the guests. Department officers and the public highlighted this occasion.

- c. The auspicious foundation stone laying ceremony for Nutritional Hut at Rural Siddha Hospital – Keerimalai was held on 3rd March 2022 under the Budget proposal allocation for Grama Niladari's Division. This Project is implemented under the initial allocation of Rs. 250,000 and expected to benefit 1000 beneficiaries. Foundation stone was laid by the Provincial Commissioner of Indigenous Medicine, Northern Province. Medical and Department officers as well as the public participated in this occasion.



4) AGRICULTURE

- a. The grape harvest festival conducted jointly by the Kilinochchi regional agricultural research institute and the Jaffna deputy Provincial agriculture workshop was celebrated on the 9th of March 2022 at Ilavalai, Mullanai. The Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Province, Mr. Sivabalsundharan graced the occasion as the Chief guest. The fact that this method of cultivating grapes under the weather protection tent in order to protect the vines from illness, is progressing with success is admirable.





b. Considering the Women's Day 2022 the Ministry of Agriculture in collaboration with its well-wishers organized a blood donation campaign on the 8th March 2022 at the Northern Province Ministry of Agriculture hall. Several donors including ministry staff contributed for this campaign.



5) WOMEN'S AFFAIRS



a. The committee of 'Panai Maanmiyam' organizes events annually in the month of July by the PDCSs and this year it is expected to be held from the 22nd to the 26th of July at Sangilien Park, Nallur, Jaffna. Events such as cultural performances, publishing of the 'Thalam' magazine by the Co-operative development and winners of the art competition, exhibition where visitors can purchase products made by the society and furthermore were discussed in the meeting held on the 24th of March by the guidance of the Commissioner.



b. Fresh milk issuing project was organized by the Co-op societies in the lead of Commissioner Mr. Nanthagobalan and contribution of the Chief Secretary Mr. Saman Bandulasena on the following dates, looking forward for student wellbeing.

1. Mullaitivu-17.12.2021
2. Jaffna-18.01.2022
3. Kilinochi-09.03.2022

c. International women's day was celebrated by the Ministry of Women's Affairs on the 8th March 2022 to encourage everyone to share responsibility through collective action to create an environment with gender equality.



d. Programme for persons with disability which was organized by the Indian High Commission and conducted by Jaipur Organization, India at Training Centre of Divisional Secretariat Jaffna was held from 19th to 30th March 2022. Prosthetics were issued in this occasion and around 200 persons benefited.



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e. The 1st phase of contributing emergency packs for the affected and pregnant women was held on 8th March 2022. The contributions were given to Jaffna district women development officers. Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of women's affairs and departmental staff were present at this event.



f. The mobile service organized by the Deputy Chief Secretariat was held in Vavuniya District from 21.03.2022 to 24.03.2022. In which 34 SME entrepreneurs participated in the trade fair organized by the Department of Industries, Northern Province.



g. The Women's Market organized by the Hon. Governor Secretariat was held on 31.03.2022 at the Governor's office. 7 female entrepreneurs from Jaffna district selected by the Department of Industries participated in this event. They received a total income of Rs. 64 620.



h. New year market was organized by the Department of Industries on March 2022 in the Jaffna District where 145 entrepreneurs participated.



i. Rs. 53 750.00 had been collected by the Department of Industries beneficiaries participated at the mobile service event on the 24th March 2022 in Jaffna district.

