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MIC assembly gets wide coverage

AS expected, the Tamil newspapers went to town with stories from the 58th MIC annual general assembly in Shah Alam on Saturday.

Besides Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's opening address and party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu's speech, the newspapers also gave wide coverage to issues raised by delegates.

Malaysia Nanban quoted a delegate as suggesting that a stamp be issued to remember the contributions of former MIC president and Cabinet leader Tun V.T. Sambanthan.

The delegate had said that this should be done to record Sambanthan's role in national development.

The newspaper also ran a story on how former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had been honoured at the general assembly.

It stated that Dr Mahathir had been garlanded by Samy Vellu to resounding applause from delegates.

Malaysia Nanban had also stated that the MIC chief had in his opening address referred to Dr Mahathir as the father of modern Malaysia.

The newspaper also noted that several delegates spoke in fluent Bahasa Malaysia at the assembly.

Tamil Nesan quoted Samy Vellu as thanking Abdulah for giving the party an additional deputy minister and parliamentary secretary's post.

It said the party had done exceedingly well in the March 21 general election winning all the constituencies contested.

The newspaper also carried a story on how Southern Park branch head R. Govindasamy had been felicitated by Samy Vellu for his long service in the party.

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